

Have One Mind (in Christ) - Philippians 2:5

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He That Doeth Truth Cometh to the Light (John 3:21)

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Part 1 - There Was War in Heaven (Revelation 12:7)

Many Christians live by catch phrases not realizing what the implications are, if they are biblical or not, or if they should be used or not. Most Christians do not have time outside of church to devote to studying things out; most do not even go to church; and some go as far as saying, "That's what I pay my pastor for!"

Catch phrases include, "Only Jesus is perfect", which is true, but the usage is to cancel any desire on our part to live in obedience, basically, living with the desire to be saved while sinning, ignoring the plethora (tons) of verses calling us to obedience.

Another catch phrase is that "I am under grace", implying that grace is competition with obedience, specifically with the commandments, despite Paul penning, "What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid" (Romans 6:15). "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace

may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1-2).

"I'm saved by faith" is another favorite catch phrase that is also used to cancel out obedience and the commandments, despite Paul, once again, penning, "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law" (Romans 3:31).

"I believe, therefore I am eternally saved and no one can take me out of God's hand!" is a very popular and deceiving phrase. The ramifications include dismissing the commandments once again, avoiding any "striving" against evil, despite Jesus saying "Strive to enter in at the strait gate" (Luke 13:24); casting away the need to do Bible study because it does not matter if we do the dos or not, and it does not matter if we don't do the don'ts; and concluding with, "Why even attend church?" It is just like the devil, who used scripture against Christ in the wilderness to cancel out the rest of God's words. Yes, the scriptures

say those things but never is one scripture to cancel other scriptures out.

With much confusion leading millions upon millions of Christians into perdition while all along singing songs to the glory of God, it is time to declare that "God is not [the author] of confusion" (1 Corinthians 14:33), that Jesus did not "come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" (Matthew 5:17), that the expectation to keeping His Word and Commandments in no wise an attempt to work one's way to Heaven. To accomplish this, from the Bible perspective, let us take a walk through the history of time as it is revealed through God's Word, even before the earth was formed, and see what God's intention really is regarding grace, commandments, faith, and much more. How many articles we will complete the walk through, God only knows, but we do pray for your patience because if what we present is right, which we most seriously believe it is, the prophecy that declares that

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a whole bunch of well-intentioned Christians are going to be lost (Matthew 7:22-23) is going to come true. "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Therefore, if we touched already on one of the catch phrases upon your lips and you are offended, let us look at the whole picture instead of simply trying to quote verses here and there pitting the Bible against itself, and really be honest.

Let us begin with declaring that "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence" (John 18:36). Further, Jesus said, "But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:29). Let us agree right up front that God the Father and Jesus Christ have a kingdom that even existed before all created beings, for that is God's home.

Next, how is a kingdom established? By its laws of course, but some argue, there is no need of laws in Heaven. Everyone is just perfect. Well, according to our subtitle, things did not always remain perfect. In fact, it resulted in "the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast

out with him" (Revelation 12:9). So, the devil and one third of the angels (Revelation 12:4) were cast out of Heaven. Why? If Heaven is simply a place where you get to do whatever you want, then where is the justification for God to just arbitrarily cast out these beings?

The answer to this question is found in first, a Bible principle. "Where no law is, [there is] no transgression" (Romans 4:15). In other words, a kingdom without laws would have no transgressors and the devil would still be enjoying the streets of gold today, but he is not. Therefore, the opposite principle is true. God's kingdom does have laws, and to break those laws is to be in transgression, subject to being expelled.

Seeing that none of us has been to Heaven, it could be said that we have no clue what those laws are. Again, that is but an assumption upon many minds of the lax Christian for we are told, "Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, [that] thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount" (Hebrews 8:5). Basically, the temple, the sanctuary, the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place along with the courtyard, the furniture, all of it that was created, was a copy of the original that is in Heaven.

That includes the most important piece of furniture that John was able to peek into. "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail" (Revelation 11:19).

In Heaven, there is an ark, which was created here on earth. Placed into the ark, not on the side like the "book of the law", was something very important. According to Deuteronomy 10:1-5, Moses was to "Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first", while God said, "I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark." "And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me." The bottom line is that the Ten Commandments are in the ark, which means, once again, Moses received a copy of the commandments and not an original set. Too many Christians believe that Moses received the Ten Commandments and then God made another copy. That is not a true statement. Even the Ten Commandments were a pattern of what is in Heaven, except, instead of relying upon human hands, God wrote both copies of the words that are in Heaven onto the two sets of tables. The first copy Moses broke. The second copy made it into the ark. We are not going to discuss semantics of the language of Heaven for if the language is different, God was able to take care of His own translating.

After all of that, God, Who has a kingdom, governs His kingdom by laws. The laws that God has for Heaven are those of the Ten Commandments. Without causing an automatic negative reaction upon

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The mission of *Have One Mind (in Christ)* is to encourage the desire of “Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat” (2 Peter 3:12), “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15), and to “abideth in the doctrine of Christ” (2 John 1:9) by following the words of Jesus, “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him” (John 14:23).

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anyone who reads this, an honest studier of God's Word would step back for a moment and look at these things sincerely and conclude that it makes sense. Here is why – for us to dwell with holy beings, we are not going to arrive in Heaven and learn a new set of rules. Further, Adam and Eve were actually holy beings at one point living under those laws, but upon their breaking those laws, would it make sense that a new set of laws were created just for sinful beings? We are going to abide in Heaven by rules that were first established in Heaven and governs all of His kingdom, which includes the universe and earth as well, earth being part of the universe. In other words, it is God's desire to have all of His subjects, as they say, on the same page. He wants us to abide in His Word (John 15:7) and in His commandments (John 15:10).

Now, someone may bring up, "What do the angels need the commandment for that forbids adultery when they do not marry (Matthew 22:30)?" Adultery covers more than sexuality. We are told, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). That means that overall, the commandment on adultery applies to being disciplined.

Now, what caused that war in Heaven? "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in

thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High" (Isaiah 14:12-14). The last part of the quote quickly reveals that Lucifer broke the first commandment in wanting to be like God, for God said, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3).

But that is not the only commandment that He broke. He wanted a position beyond his assigned position denying the reality that his desired position was unattainable; therefore, Lucifer broke the tenth commandment by His coveting.

Now, being told by Jesus that "He was a murderer from the beginning", referring to Satan, though there was not a recorded death in Heaven, we conclude that the spiritual aspect of the sixth commandment regarding, "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13) did transpire because of what Jesus told us, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment" (Matthew 5:21-22). It would not be a stretch to believe that Lucifer wanted God dead, especially since he was so willing to put Jesus to death on the cross.

In looking at other transgressing activities, to have a third of the angels turn from God and side with Lucifer in the war, surely Lucifer informed the angels of his position. If he were completely honest,

he would have drawn none to his side, therefore, even in the smallest alteration of the truth, Lucifer broke the ninth commandments of bearing false witness.

We are up to four commandments already that were involved in this rebellion. It would not take long to apply even more based upon the simple analysis of the situation. Technically, God is the parent to Lucifer and so that takes care of the fifth commandment about obeying one's parents, inclusive of even rightful authority. Maybe, this is where that adultery commandment also comes into place, but nonetheless, through his lies, Lucifer stole eternity from every angel that he deceived. Having on the title of being an angel of the Lord broke the third commandment, and so the principle of "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all" (James 2:10) is applicable in this case.

Now, do keep in mind that God did not create a rebellious creature. "Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of

thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee” (Ezekiel 28:14-17). Ezekiel saw in vision additional details as compared to Isaiah. The “mystery of iniquity” (2 Thessalonians 2:7) is what started this. It was accepted into Lucifer transforming Him into the devil, Satan, that old serpent even. The heart being lifted up is reference, as already stated, to coveting setting in. He became self-deceived, which is a type of lying, as his wisdom became corrupted. He admired himself so much so that he transgressed even the second commandment that regards reverence towards objects going beyond just idols made by human hands.

This rebellion can be summarized in the words of Korah in his rebellion against Moses, “[Ye take] too much upon you, seeing all the congregation [are] holy, every one of them, and the LORD [is] among

them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?” (Numbers 16:3). In other words, Satan may have stated in one form or another, “We do not need any commandments to be telling us what to do and not do. We are all holy, every one of us.”

This rebellion in Lucifer created such an animosity against the Ten Commandments for “the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” (Romans 8:7). If it were not for those commandments, he would not have been considered a transgressor and he would still be in his position.

Therefore, he has come to earth to try to cause as many as possible to be lawless. This planet, which, through the transgression of Adam and Eve, has accepted the fallen angel. This planet was then set

forth to run the experiment of a lawless environment. Though God intervenes from time to time, He does so upon request by faithful followers, not just arbitrary actions. This planet pits the lawlessness of Lucifer through his continued rebellion against God’s perfect environment achieved only by obedience. We know this to be true for the war is now being fought here. “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 12:17).

We shall pause here and pick up next month with what the fall of Adam and Eve really meant, and the promises of God.

To be continued....



Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

[It Is] Not Good to Eat Much Honey (Proverbs 25:27)

In one place, we are told, “My son, eat thou honey, because [it is] good; and the honeycomb, [which is] sweet to thy taste” (Proverbs 24:13), and in two other places, we are told, “Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it” (Proverbs 25:16), and “[It is] not good to eat much honey: so [for men] to search their own glory [is not] glory” (Proverbs 25:27).

From these verses, which do not contradict themselves, but provide

a balanced picture regarding sugar, we see some important health principles to consider.

First, those who advocate that all sugar should be removed from the diet are deceived. Sugar, for whatever purpose of God, has been given to us to enjoy, as well as providing some type of benefit to the body. Completely cutting out all sweets, all sugar, etc. is an impossibility anyway. You will find, even in the natural state, that sugar is in just about everything. If sugar were not to be consumed, God would not have put

it into the simplest of foods known as fruits, even vegetables.

Second, those who are careless and consume too much sugar do not realize that such a quantity has a negative impact upon the body, as too much of a good thing can be actually bad. Eaten in large quantities, not only will it cause an upset stomach, but it is a proven fact that the immune system diminishes, making one susceptible to various ailments, including colds and flus, with even an increase in cancer risk. Therefore, sugar consumption in a balanced amount (not completely

cut out, but not so much to make one sick) is acceptable and even an allowable pleasure of God.

Third, most people consume sweets in the form of deserts. Another cause of stomach irritation that could even induce vomiting is that of consuming the sugars at the wrong time. Consuming sugars, especially large quantities, though not good anyways, does interfere with the digestion of food. Therefore, one ought to consider breaking the habit of eating sweets right after meals, especially heavy meals. The sugars slow down the process of digestion causing a fermentation that is recognized by the feeling of being gaseous causing much belching and even bloating. Deserts, if taken at all, should be consumed at a separate time away from a large

meal. We are not advocating eating a bowl of ice cream right before bed, mind you. What would be better is to have a large breakfast, a mid-day meal, and then if the desert is desired, have it as a small treat in the early evening.

Fourth, instead of consuming sugar through candies, cakes, sugar coated pies, etc., consider consuming the more natural sweets. Honey was recommended in the Bible to start this topic, but if someone is looking forward to a slice of pie, think about making it with more natural sweeteners, or even with limited amounts of sugar. It does not take much in the way of unnatural sugars, refined sugars that is, to knock out the immune system for hours.

Fifth, sweets are not something we ought to be consuming on a daily basis. Getting our fruits, nuts, grains, and vegetables into the body should be our primary concern. Having the body addicted to the daily deserts, especially that of candies, cakes, etc. has been compared to drug addicts needing a "fix". The affects of such consumption upon the brain have very similar effects.

So, if you find yourself to be sluggish, and you do not see that you have been a glutton at a meal, it is possible that sugar is interfering with the digestion, or too much sugar was consumed in one sitting.

Keep it balanced!



Healthy and Delicious Recipes

Veggie Stuffed Shells with Kale

Ingredients:

For the veggie "ricotta" (can be made ahead)

- 1.5 cups cashews, soak overnight & drain
- 2 cloves garlic
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- ¼ cup water (just enough to get the blade going)
- salt to taste
- ½ cup crumbled firm tofu
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 cup finely chopped raw kale (or spinach)
- handful of chopped chives and/

or other fresh herbs

- salt to taste

For the shells:

- 16 jumbo pasta shells
- a few cups of your favourite marinara sauce
- drizzle of olive oil

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- In a blender or food processor, puree together the cashews, garlic, and lemon juice. Add only enough water to help the blade going. Taste and add salt

to your liking.

- Scoop cashew cream into a large bowl and add the crumbled tofu, oregano, kale, chives, and another few pinches of salt. Stir & taste.
- Cook your shells in salty water until al dente.
- Prepare a baking dish with a good slathering of marinara at the bottom.
- Scoop a few tablespoons of filling into each shell, place them into the baking dish. Top each with a generous spoonful of marinara and a drizzle of olive oil. Bake for 25 minutes.



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Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

Luke 3:9 sets the holy and sanctified life by stating, “And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.” If we do not bring forth good fruit like “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance” (Galatians 5:22-23), we shall be lost no matter how loudly we sing, claim to be saved, or anything else that we call Christian. And if we are “having” to force good fruit, it is already tainted. Truly saved people bring forth good fruit automatically by the grace of God dwelling in the heart. Find out each of these words as defined by the Bible and not today’s dictionary to see from God’s perspective that the list of the “fruit of the Spirit” connects with obedience in all of them and most of them directly tie into the Ten Commandments. For instance, take the word

“love”, which the Bible says, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:37-40). There is the “joy” of obedience to God’s commandments (psalms 40:8). The peace through trials especially during persecution for living according to God’s commandments (psalms 119:165). The longsuffering through those trials as well (1 Timothy 1:16). Gentleness is submissiveness to God (2 Timothy 2:24), which is obedience, and resisting the temptation to explode in anger. Goodness is reflected in the obedience to the commandments (2 Chronicles 35:26). Faith includes not only to be saved for Heaven but to cease from sinning (Matthew 9:2).

Meekness is another submissive and obedient act resisting pride (Titus 3:2). And being temperate is yet another submissive and obedient act resisting appetite (1 Corinthians 9:25). So, are you bringing forth the Bible’s version of good fruit, or are you just declaring that you are a good person in general and that is good enough?

In John 3:5, Jesus does not say the word “Jew” but does say the generic application of the word “man”. So, when Jesus makes the statement, it is applicable for us even today. “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” To be born of the Spirit is to show forth the “fruit of the Spirit”. And “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temper-

ance” (Galatians 5:22-23). We are to have all of these pieces, for it is one fruit. And as stated previously, they all tie into obedience and many tie into the Ten Commandments. Therefore, to be born of the Spirit is to obey God without which, Jesus just said, “he cannot enter into the kingdom of God”. Obedience, the fruit of a saved relationship, is the holy and sanctified life. So, are you truly born of water and the Spirit, or do you claim the ability to speak in tongues as your evidence negates completely what it means to be born again? By the way, God is not going to care if you can speak in tongues, but He will care if you are going to possibly taint Heaven with holding onto sin.

Colossians 2:6 states, “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, [so] walk ye in him.” Here is brought out the justification, which is receiving Christ Jesus the Lord, and the expected sanctified life afterwards, which is to walk ye in Him. In other words, act like Christ would act. Stop just saying, “I am a Christian” and be a Christian. That is what the name Christian means. It means to be like Christ; follow Christ’s example, “I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). So, are you walking as Christ walked in character?

2 Thessalonians 2:14 is a verse for the investigator. The holy and sanctified life is not easily apparent, but we shall do our best to reveal this gem in an as easy a

manner as possible. “Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The response to the gospel by believing brings on the justified or forgiven state, even the free gift of salvation. The obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ is obtaining the holy and sanctified life. That is because the word “glory” is not some bright light experience or a euphoria of heavenly bliss. In Exodus 33:18, Moses requested to see God’s glory. Exodus 33:19-23, God said that He would shew His glory but will have to place His hand of protection upon Moses because to receive the full appearance in Moses’ current human condition would destroy him. Exodus 34:5-7, God’s glory is presented to Moses. “The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear [the guilty]; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth [generation]” (Exodus 34:6-7). God’s glory is His character. Therefore, the word “glory” is synonymous with “character”. And the conclusion is that once we receive the gospel, we then obtain the “character of our Lord Jesus Christ”. In other words, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God” (Galatians 2:20). Now, many, many Christians have received a gospel message, but are you part of the few who have moved on to obtaining the character of our

Lord Jesus Christ by His grace and divine power?

In Titus 2:1-5, we are told that “sound doctrine” is involved. We see that so far “aged men” and “aged women” are addressed but this is only the beginning. The expectation of aged Christians is set, which is the expected sanctified life and a life of “holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). We are not freely saved to live our own lives but to “be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience” (Titus 2:2), have a “behaviour as becometh holiness” (Titus 2:3), to be “obedient” (Titus 2:5) so “that the word of God be not blasphemed” (Titus 2:5). In other words, many Christians are blaspheming the Word of God thinking they are saved while living in disobedience, living worldly lives, disregarding the expectations set forth in the New Testament of what a Christian really is, let alone the whole Bible; also dismissing God’s commandments. So, do you blaspheme the Word of God, or do you live it?

Hebrews 4:12 states, “For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” The Word of God is the standard for Jesus even said, “If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed” (John 8:31). Seeing that there is no difference between Jew and Gentile (Romans 10:12), this is for all of us. To con-

tinue in the Word of God is to live the Word of God every day. That means that God measures our thoughts and intents of our hearts every day. Another way of saying it is what we have been saying for 200 times now, God expects when we are “saved” that we then become a “new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). The new thing is living according to God’s Word as every time we open the Bible, something new should be revealed if studied properly. So, are you living according to God’s expectations by the grace (2 Corinthians 12:9) and power (2 Peter 1:3) that He provides for the willing mind (2 Corinthians 8:12), or are you just claiming to be a Christian in name while living the old worldly life?

Those who claim that once a person is saved there is no way to lose salvation, are pitting the Bible against itself. Verses do not cancel each other out, for the Holy Spirit that inspired Paul to pen is the same One that inspired James to pen. Most Christians forget that the Author of the Bible is God. Paul, James, and others are mere writers. So, when God says that we are saved “by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8) using Paul to pen it, that is a correct statement, but equally true is that we are then to be “doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves” (James 1:22). In other words, the free justification of our souls is something just about every preacher teaches and the world of Christianity eats it up. And why



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not? What a wonderful gift! But if it is preached to the ignoring of the requirement to then live a sanctified and holy life, that preacher may not have stated error but is considered a false prophet for not revealing the rest of the gospel. So, do you hear only the wonderful words of grace, or are you also a doer of God’s Word?

1 Peter 1:22 says, “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, [see that ye] love one another with a pure heart fervently.” Clearly when we hear the truth of the gospel we are to do more than simply mouth the words, “I believe!”. Although that is a step in receiving salvation, the next is to “go on unto perfection” (Hebrews

6:1) by obeying the gospel truth. That is truly being filled with the Holy Spirit resulting in “Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Matthew 19:19) by obeying our parents (authority), not killing, not committing adultery, not stealing, not bearing false witness, and by not coveting, for on this principle of loving our neighbor as well as “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind” (Matthew 22:37) “hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:39) as these two greatest commandments summarize the Ten Commandments. Now, have you purified your soul through obeying the truth by the grace and power of God as we are unable to do so without such, or are you just loving “in word” and “tongue” “but” not “in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18)?

2 Peter 1:12 sets yet another expectation of Christians. “Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know [them], and be established in the present truth.” Just like the first day of work and successive days after, it is a learning experience to become successful on the job. An employee does not just sit there at a job doing whatever they want and get paid for it. It is wonderful that a person has accepted their

Savior, Jesus Christ, and it is wonderful that they were baptized having their sins washed away, but now, there is a growing knowledge of the expectation of what a Christian is to be. We are not to continue in our old life (Romans 6:6). How a famous Christian lived a hundred years ago, due to ignorance, does not mean we neglect present truth, which is present knowledge. Years ago, many did not know smoking was detrimental to health. Just because a

famous preacher got drunk like Martin Luther or smoked and yet is expected to go to Heaven does not justify such habits today when we live in the present knowledge that those things are condemned of God. To be established or to be living in present knowledge is the holy and sanctified life. So, are you established or purposely remaining ignorant?



Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God

Grace

1. What is the Bible definition of grace (take note that it is defined not only in the Old Testament but through Moses)? Exodus 34:9
2. Receiving grace through faith allows us to be what? Ephesians 2:5, 8
3. How shall we approach God for grace? Hebrews 4:16
4. Who receives grace? James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5
5. Like a baby becoming a toddler, becoming a child, becoming a teenager, becoming an adult, what are we to do through grace? 2 Peter 3:18
6. What does Jesus say to the really bad sinners? Romans 5:20, 2 Corinthians 12:9
7. Salvation has two parts two it. Sanctification is one part. What does grace cover? Romans 3:24, Titus 3:7
8. How does grace not come by? Galatians 2:21, 5:4
9. Does that mean grace permits sinning, breaking God’s law? Romans 6:14-15
10. What does God call grace being carried too far, allowing for all kinds of worldliness in a Christian? Jude 1:4
11. When we receive grace, evidently, we can fall away if we do not follow what two things? Hebrews 12:14

May 2021 Questions and Answers

Repent!

1. What two things follow repentance? Mark 1:15 says to “believe”, Acts 2:38 says to “be baptized”
2. What was John the Baptist’s message? Matthew 3:1-2 says that John called people to “repent”
3. What are those who repent to bring forth? Matthew 3:8 says to “Bring forth therefore fruits” as well as Luke 3:8 telling us to “Bring forth therefore fruits”. Acts 26:20 says to “do works”
4. What are we to repent of? Matthew 1:4 (should have been Mark 1:4) says “sins”; Acts 8:22 says “wickedness”; Ezekiel 18:30 says “transgressions” and “iniquity”
5. What was Jesus’ message? Matthew 4:17 says “Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”
6. Who are called to repent? Matthew 9:13 says “sinners”, while Acts 17:30 says “all men”
7. What is the consequence of not fully repenting? Luke 13:3, 13:5, 2 Peter 3:9 all say “perish”
8. What is experienced in Heaven when a person truly repents? Luke 15:7, 10 says “joy”
9. What do we become when we truly repent? Acts 3:19 says “converted”
10. What do we have access to when we repent? Acts 11:18 says “life” as in eternal life while 2 Corinthians 7:10 says “salvation”



Questions & Answers

QUESTION: What do you mean the devil answers prayer?

ANSWER: Evidently you are referring to the prior month’s question and answer section.

The Bible states that there ought to be “no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14). Satan can take on any form he desires to achieve his end goal. That would include answering prayers. Satan does not care what good may come from the answered prayer as long as the end goal of deception is achieved.

One area of answered prayer that is very surprising is in regards to Bible study. Do not think for a moment that God only answers this type of prayer for “the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness

unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Corinthians 2:14). The natural man is synonymous with the word flesh (Ephesians 2:3), and we are told to “walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:4). If we approach the Bible asking, “Lord, help me find the verse that lets me do...”, guess what! More than likely that person will find the verse, but that person will not be guided by the Holy Spirit but Satan because the Bible ought not be studied by picking out supporting verses while ignoring all of the opposing verses.

Many Christians think that the Bible is contradictory and hardly, if at all, study it. In fact, according to ABC News, less than 4% of Christians accept the Bible as the Word of God. The other 96% or more that open the Bible looking for that

verse giving apparent permission for something are studying to the flesh. They want a godly reason to do something not knowing that there is a wrong way to study the Bible, led by Satan, and a way that God approves, which is to “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). There are only two possible spirits guiding our study – Satan or God. We get to choose which one we listen to.

So, Bible study is but one example of how Satan can even use religious material to provide answers. Another is when prayer is done in a heathen manner. “When ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen [do]: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking” (Matthew 6:7). “Lord, I need a new job, so I am going to,

every day, say this one prayer ten times in a row until I get my answer.” Heathen praying and paganism, the use of false gods, are very much connected (Zephaniah 2:11). Sadly, there are numerous false versions of Jesus, so it is not the name on the outside but the expectation of response from who we direct our prayers to and our manner of praying. Saying, “My Jesus...” is a false creation. “I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Corinthians 1:10). We are not to have our own individual versions of Jesus.

Although, a new job will allow the person to financially do good in the world, including taking care of the family, it is then used of Satan to solidify that soul in wrong beliefs. “All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). That means there is one truth for any given subject. Either eternal life is true, or it is not. Either hell is real, or it is not. Either God is true, or He is a creation of man. Either the Bible is inspired by the Author, God, or it is just a book by humans. And the list goes on even where there are multiple choices. If there is “One Lord, one faith, one baptism” (Ephesians 4:5), why do all of the churches not practice the same form of baptism?

With that said, because Satan is answering a person’s prayers, they may be in a religion that is not Christian, or they may be in a denomination that does not have the proper beliefs, especially regarding what constitutes sin. When such a person is approached with the proper doctrines from the Bible, their response, speaking from experience, is a list of how God has answered their prayers over the years so much so that they and God have a very close connection, at least in their mind. Satan loves to pit what appears to be God’s blessings against the Bible, yet the Bible says, “He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer [shall be] abomination” (Proverbs 28:9). So, breaking any of the Ten Commandments, God says that their prayers, except for repentance stated elsewhere, is considered an abomination. If that is the case, then God cannot be answering such prayers. “Lord, please protect me from getting pregnant as I go out to the bar and then enjoy intercourse later with whoever I meet.” This may be obviously exaggerated in that no one would pray such a prayer, but it proves the point on many prayer habits. It does not have to be sex. If employed Christians are regularly not putting in an honest day’s work, that is stealing. Now, if that Christian goes home and prays for something of need, who is answering that prayer? God says that it is an abomination to come to Him in that manner.

Name all of the Ten Commandments and many Christians are actually breaking them, yet, they think that all of their prayers are

answered by God. That, in itself, is an abomination.

QUESTION: What is the proper way to study the Bible?

First, we must realize that “All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). If we cannot find God’s doctrine, if we do not know what righteousness is, if we do not believe the Bible is good for anything or for much, there is no use in even attempting to study the Bible.

Second, prayer for guidance for “the things of the Spirit of God ... are spiritually discerned” (1 Corinthians 2:14). “Holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost” (2 Peter 1:21), therefore, to understand the scriptures, they must be approached in a spiritual manner and not haphazardly.

Third, realize that we are to “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). That means there are wrong ways to study the Word of God. Rightly means that there is only one correct way of study to get to the right understanding of God’s doctrines.

Fourth, people ask and God answers, “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts. For precept [must be] up-

on precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little" (Isaiah 28:9-10). Proper Bible study requires gathering all that there is on the subject matter, be it a verse, a principle, even inside of a verse with many topics. Gather all of the verses to get the complete picture. That also includes broader terms that cover the topic at hand. To study up on coveting, the Ten

Commandments would be the broader term to search on. Of course, there are synonyms, like, the word "law" and the word "commandments".

Fifth, "God is not [the author] of confusion" (1 Corinthians 14:33). God will not tell one prophet one thing and another prophet a different thing concerning the same matter. God did not tell Moses that "thou shalt not

steal" (Exodus 20:15) and then tell Paul that the Ten Commandments are nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14) doing away with stealing. That means, what appear to be discrepancies need to be worked out. In that case, the Ten Commandments were not nailed to the cross but the ceremonial Book of the Law was (Colossians 2:14-16).



News and Comments

March 29

Reuters

Leaders of 23 countries back pandemic treaty idea for future emergencies

Now it is official. We have been saying that the pandemic excuse was creating a unification among the nations, which involves government response, much of which was overreaching. This is all in preparation for the Mark of the Beast just as predicted. "All nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3).

April 8

News Max

The Sabbath — A Gift from God

"Sunday as the Lord's Day is even found in the U.S. Constitution. The early Christians worshiped Jesus on Sunday because that's when He rose from the dead. Every Sunday is a reminder of Easter Sunday. It's sad enough to see commerce on Sunday; it is sadder to see it on Easter Sunday itself."

Can someone prove that Revelation 1:10 refers to Sunday? "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet," No day of the week mentioned at all.

Can someone show from the Bible where Sunday is actually called the Sabbath? According to scripture, "the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God" (Exodus 20:10).

Can someone show from the Bible where early Christians worshipped Jesus on Sunday? It is nowhere to be found. It is stated in the book of Acts that they kept the Sabbath (Acts 13:14, 13:27, 13:42, 13:44, 15:21, 16:13, 17:2, 18:4).

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April 12

NY Post

Pentagon develops microchip that detects COVID under your skin

The method of tracking people to see if in compliance to eventually the Mark of the Beast seems to just be multiplying, but again, do not get caught up in the trackers. Be aware of them but the trackers themselves are not the Mark of the Beast. Revelation 20:4 - "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not wor-

shipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

April 17

Humans Are Free

Vatican Hosting Fauci, Chelsea Clinton, Pfizer CEO, Big Tech Oligarchs At 'Health' Conference

We have religion, pharmacy, government, and merchants all represented in that title. Interestingly, the Bible predicts the union of these categories that brings on the world wide issues regarding the

Mark of the Beast and end time events. Revelation 18:3,23 says, "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries [Greek: pharmakeia] were all nations deceived."



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Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. (Daniel 6:10)

Let's face it, if we are serious about getting through Babylon, we need to take Daniel's example and also be praying at least three times a day.

To help direct one's thoughts on a subject, this website offers three Bible references a day: morning, afternoon, and evening.

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What Does the Bible Have to Say About “Grace”?

Exodus 34:9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it [is] a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:1-2 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Romans 6:14-15 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

1 Corinthians 1:4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God [is] able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all [things], may abound to every good work.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weak-

ness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Galatians 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness [come] by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God.

Ephesians 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

1 Timothy 1:14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called [us] with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come

boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

1 Peter 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace [that should come] unto you

1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ

1 Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle [you].

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him [be] glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you all. Amen.



Natural Remedies

Calcium Smoothie

- ¼ bunch of Parsley
- 1 cup of Pineapple Juice

Blend until completely smooth. Drink 1 to 2 cups a day to restore calcium levels. This drink has the correct calcium to magnesium ratio for maximum utilization in

the body. Also a great blood cleanser.

