

# *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 11 – Jude, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Revelation**

In the conclusion of our project of really understanding all of the New Testament uses of the word “law” and “commandment” as in the concept that the law is done away with, we continue our search with four quick epistles and finally, the book of Revelation.

The book of Jude is our next time sequential epistle and is an easy study as it is but one chapter that contains no use of any form of the word “law” or the word “commandment”. Therefore, we shall move onto John’s three epistles, where there are eleven references in 1 John, three in 2 John, and zero in 3 John.

1 John 2:3 states, “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.” Looks like we have a verse that points to uplifting the keeping of the commandments. In fact, we can say that we know God if we are commandment keepers, but we pretend to know God when we do not keep His commandments.

In contrast, the very next verse tells us the opposite side of things.

1 John 2:4 tells us, “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” Those who have nailed the Ten Commandments to the cross, replaced the Ten Commandments with accepting grace and faith, or use any other excuse to not adhere to the Ten Commandments, not only have been deceived, but they are liars when they tell people why they do not keep the Ten Commandments. The Bible goes further and states that the truth is not in that person either. Therefore, do not be listening to such Christians that tell other Christians, “Lighten up. Those commandments have been done away with” or “Those commandments were for the Jews”. Do not believe them. They are liars.

Now we combine 1 John 2:7 and 1 John 2:8 since they are very similar. “Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.”

“Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the

darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.” The “new commandment”, like loving your neighbor, is not new. It is the same commandment as in the Ten Commandments which tell us how to love our neighbors. Now, it is new because people had forgotten that the two commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor are mere summaries of the Ten Commandments. Therefore, we conclude that both of these verses also encourage commandment keeping.

1 John 3:4 is a statement of fact. “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” The “whosoever” refers to the “saved” and the “lost”. When we sin, we break the commandments, therefore, since we do have sin still in the world, the Ten Commandments must still exist.

1 John 3:22 brings into question who is answering our prayer requests. “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.” Commandment keepers get their prayers answered by

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God. Commandment breakers, therefore, get their prayers answered by some other being, of which we suspect would be the devil, otherwise, this verse would be lying to us.

1 John 3:23 appears to replace the Ten Commandments with those two commands of loving or believing in Jesus and loving one another. "And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment." As a reminder, Jesus said, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:40). Again, we love God by keeping the first four commandments and we love one another by keeping the last six.

1 John 3:24 rewords what has already been stated: "And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." We have a right relationship with God when we are keeping His commandments. Those who are breaking the commandments do not have God abiding in them, even if they think they do. Again, we are not the ones stating that but the Bible, specifically penned by John. Yes, "the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30), meaning, if someone is breaking the commandments unknowingly but does have the best possible relationship with God, their prayers are answered by God; however, if it comes to their attention, even now, and they refuse to adhere to the commandments, the winking

of God ceases, which means God is now holding the person responsible for what they do not know, and that person is now held accountable for allowing the devil to be answering their prayers.

1 John 4:21 is again a different wording of the same theme and that is to love God and love our brethren and sisters too. "And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also." And again, the Ten Commandments tell us how to do that.

1 John 5:2 clarifies all of those similar verses that refer to loving God and our neighbor, brethren, sisters by saying, "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments." See? When we keep the commandments, we love God. When we keep the commandments, we love the children of God, which are our brethren and sisters.

1 John 5:3 tells us the difficulty level in keeping the commandments, which many Christians use today as an argument against commandment keeping. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." They are not hard to keep. They are only hard to keep if a person does not want to keep them and is looking every which way to avoid keeping the commandments.

Moving on to 2 John, we find all three verses snuggled together regarding the word "law" or "commandment".

2 John 1:4 is actually not regarding the Ten Commandments but the command to walk in truth: "I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy

children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father."

2 John 1:5 is a repeat of the "love one another" theme, which numerous has been pointed to being a mere summary of the last six commandments: "And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another."

2 John 1:6 is a similar wording of prior verses, "And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it." This is another way of saying again, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:40).

That leaves just one more book in the New Testament. Could it be that this book not only reveals the future but also reveals a time that the commandments would not be important or would the opposite exist? We will take a look at all three references to determine the final result.

Revelation 12:17 states, "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." According to Revelation 12:9, the "dragon" is "Satan". Therefore, those who do not want to keep the commandments of God in the last days will attack those who are keeping the commandments. Therefore, it looks like the last days will be a battle between commandment keepers

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and non-commandment keepers as God's side is identified as those keeping the commandments.

Likewise, Revelation 14:12 identifies who survives the antichrist beast, the image, and even the mark of the beast: "Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." So, that is two out of three verses that show that the world is headed towards a battle over the Ten Commandments. Therefore, those who do away with the commandments may want to reconsider their position before being lumped underneath the devil's side.

And those who say that the Christians will be raptured out of here before this happens and this is only for the Jews have a whole other set of problems to deal with. They do not realize, according to the King James Version of the Bible, the Book of Revelation is symbolic. Just because the word "church" does not appear throughout the remainder of Revelation, but then references are made to Israel, does not make for a rapture scenario as Paul tells us that a Christian "is a Jew, which is one inwardly" (Romans 2:29) and

"if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:29). Israel is a spiritual word for a converted Christian. It is not a reference to the *nation*, but it is to the character, even a converted character as that of Jacob upon his conversion when he was given the name Israel.

Finally, Revelation 22:14 sums up all of the New Testament by clearly stating, "Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."


Now, we just concluded a word search throughout the New Testament for all verses with a form of the word "law", or the form of the word "commandment", and there is no place whatsoever that removes the obligation, the glorifying of God, the obedience even to the requirement of the Ten Commandments by Christians. It took eleven articles to accomplish this, but we have done it.

Those who insist on dismissing the importance of the Ten Commandments in a converted person's life, in a born again person's life, in a real Christian's life, do so to their own destruction for "even as our

beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; as also in all [his] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as [they do] also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction" (2 Peter 3:15-16).

Grace did not permit it (Romans 6:15). Faith did not permit it (Romans 3:31). Even doing away with the schoolmaster did not do it (Galatians 3:25) as all that live by faith are establishing the law and are walking by the commandments not needing to be taught since they are living it. Hardly an adult needs a schoolmaster for doing simple math. That does not do away with simple math; we just do not need to be taught as it is part of our everyday life, especially while out shopping.

We gave it an honest search. Jesus did not simply die to give us Heaven. He came to "save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21), "divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3), "is able to keep you from falling" (Jude 1:24).

Will you glorify God showing what great things He has done by transforming you from what worldly person you used to be into a person "that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (2 Peter 3:14), having "the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23)? 

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## Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

### Exercise

Genesis 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

If man had nothing physical to do, why did God not put Adam and Eve (man in general sense referring to humans) on a couch, in a mansion twenty-four-seven watching the angel network or some other viewing-only pleasure? Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions" (John 14:2), and "I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also" (John 14:3)? Do not think that will be our only activity, for eternity involves the fact that "they shall build houses, and inhabit [them]; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them" (Isaiah 65:21).

Again, if man had nothing physical to do, why did God not put Adam and Eve in a bed and let them sleep the time away?

It is because physical exercise is beneficial for the health of the body. Physical exercise is not mere movement but that which uses the muscles and even causes the waste material of the cells to wash out of the body in the form of sweat.

Although some people take exercise to the extreme which the Bi-

ble condemns "For bodily exercise profiteth little" (1 Timothy 4:8), which means, if one is exercising for the purpose of showing off the abs, the muscles, just to become leaner, etc., all for appearance's sake, one should realize that "godliness is profitable unto all things" (1 Timothy 4:8).

Let us not shun exercise as it has been proven that exercise results in a longer life and a healthier one. Those that say, "Oh, I do not care to live all that long" ought to also care what the end of their life will be when it comes to the quality of life. Besides, we are responsible for the length of our lives as "any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:17). Lack of exercise would defile, degrade, damage the temple.

The best exercise is that which involves the largest number of body parts possible. Simple weed pulling for a few minutes on a hot summer day generating sweat is not true exercise. Digging with a shovel, using a pick, hauling soil, clearing sod, etc., is gardening with exercise involvement.

Proper exercise is also a matter of quantity of time. Five to ten minutes to plant a shrub, tree, or other plant is not sufficient time. Spending a good portion of the day in physical activity is definitely a good quantity. But for those that only can go for a walk to get exercise, which is one of the best forms of exercises when there are

no other options, then at least a half hour each day is recommended.

The use of a gym to be lifting weights, building muscle, etc. is not necessary, in fact, that can actually be damaging to the body. The exercise that uses the muscles and is productive at the same time, like yard work, is much better.

Since the move of employment to having people work in offices, behind a desk, sitting in a chair, etc. has created many more health issues as compared to the field worker. Of course, those that do exercise all day for employment should learn to relax those muscles outside of work. Being active in sports after a hard day of exercising at work is not recommended. There is something about too much exercise. Typically, though, it is the lack of exercise that seems to be most concerning.

Many patients have even seen a more rapid healing, a reduction in medication dependency, and many other benefits. Proper exercise also results in a better night's sleep for most individuals, better attitudes, more positive outlook, etc.

So, let us make sure that we are active enough to generate beneficial results.



# Healthy and Delicious Recipes

## Chickpea Tuna Salad

### Chickpea Tuna Ingredients

- 2, 15-ounce cans chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup celery, very finely diced
- 1/4 cup onion, very finely diced

### Salad Dressing Ingredients

- 2 Tablespoons capers (optional)

- 1/4 cup chopped parsley (optional)
- 2 Tablespoons Dulse Flakes
- 2 teaspoons Old Bay Seasoning
- 1/2 cup vegan mayo

### Chickpea Tuna Salad Instructions

1. Rinse and drain chickpeas and put them in a food processor with a large blade.

2. Pulse until partially mashed (some will still be in halves); you don't want it mushy.
3. Add celery, onions, parsley, and seasonings.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk together 1/2 cup vegan mayo of choice with dulse flakes, capers (if using), parsley, and Old Bay seasoning.
5. Stir dressing into the chickpea salad and refrigerate until ready to eat.



## Natural Vitamins

### Lemon

As part of a morning routine, it is beneficial to have some lemon water – not lemonade. Squeezing a fresh lemon into a cup of water has some positive advantages. Here are just seven of them:

1. It starts the day off with a bit of hydration.
2. It is a good source of vitamin C while breaking out of the mold thinking that vitamin C comes only from oranges, which was a successful campaign of the orange industry.
3. It helps with weight loss, but do not complain that you are gaining weight as it can be easily offset by other bad habits throughout the day.
4. It improves skin quality as it slows down the development

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of those wrinkles and in some cases, tightens up the skin.

5. It aids in digestion as compared to simply drinking plain water first thing in the morning.

6. It freshens breath as your mouth and throat now have been cleansed with a natural cleaning agent leaving behind that sweet lemony sensation.
7. It helps prevent kidney stones

as the citric acid aides in breaking them down.



## Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

1 Timothy 4:16 says, “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” Here we most definitely see that we are not just saved eternally in one moment of time. We are to continue in the doctrine. If we do not continue, we will not be saved in the end, hence why Jesus said, “he that endureth to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 10:22). Continuing in the doctrine is the holy and sanctified life. So, do you even have the doctrine? And if so, are you daily continuing in it?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, “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.” The goal is to make us holy and sanctified, perfect citizens of the Kingdom of God. We are not taking sin with us into the kingdom. It is stripped off here and now for “the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved

blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23), and “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not” (1 John 2:1). Also, “Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God” (1 John 3:9). So, do you allow the scriptures to define what is and is not acceptable in the eyes of God, or have you cast the Bible aside, believing the many lies of Satan regarding the Bible?

Luke 6:46 says, “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” Those that call Jesus “Lord, Lord” are followers of Christ, whom we call Christians today. In these words, Jesus rebukes all who claim to be Christian, who claim to be saved, and are not doing what Christ says to do, which is the holy and sanctified life. They are rejected, actually unsaved. So, do you do the things that Jesus tells us to do, or do you just claim salvation and go live your own life?

Romans 6:11 states very plainly, “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Being dead to sin is the holy and sanctified life. Seeing that we can only be dead to sin and alive to Jesus, that means if we are alive to sin then we are dead to Jesus, and lost. Now, a corpse cannot smoke, look at porn, use foul words, etc. So, are you dead to sin or alive to it?

2 Corinthians 13:5 states, “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” This is not a one-time examination. And those who say, “Just believe and you are saved”, how do you profess to be still in the faith? It is not a matter of saying, “Do I still believe?” for those who “just believe” also believe that a one-time belief is sufficient, but nothing could be further from the truth. The truth of the matter is that there is an expected lifestyle of a true Christian, once they believe. “Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed

remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God" (1 John 3:9). Therefore, the examination is to see if we are still committing sin or not. If we are excusing one sin by saying, "God will overlook it", we are fooling ourselves. Now, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1), and then "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). So, are you living a life where you "Strive to enter in at the strait gate" (Luke 13:24) but where you fall short, do you turn to our Advocate and confess the sin and get back on the narrow way (Matthew 7:14)?

Ephesians 4:31 tells everyone what is expected of a born-again Christian, the holy and sanctified lifestyle: "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice." There is no excuse for those who claim to be saved. If any of us is holding on to bitterness, uncontrolled anger, unjustified (non-religious) anger, is clamoring, even obnoxious, or is speaking evil, he is not born-again. So, are any of those items on your tongue, or by the grace of God, are you being kept from falling (Jude 24) because you have surrendered all selfishness to God (James 4:7)?

1 Timothy 5:7 summarizes bringing up the young, be they "children or nephews" (1 Timothy 5:4) by saying, "And these things give in charge, that they may be blame-

less." Why would such concern of raising the young to become blameless if a holy and sanctified life did not matter? And if perfection was not intended, why did Paul not simply encourage the children to do good? That is because the expected lifestyle of a Christian is to be without sinning (1 John 3:8-9). And if the children are going to take on the title of "Christian", they are to know what that expected lifestyle is. So, have you developed a blameless holy lifestyle, or are you living a worldly life pretending to be saved?

James 3:14 says, "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth." As a true Christian, we are not to have bitter envying or strife in our hearts, and we are not to lie against the truth, which means, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4). In fact, many Christians strive against the Ten Commandments trying to dismiss their requirements despite the numerous New Testament verses that promote commandment keeping. So, are you striving against the Ten Commandments or do you obey them?

1 Peter 3:14 says, "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy [are ye]: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled." If it does not matter about living a righteous life to glorify God allowing us to break the commandments at will, then why suffer? Why, when challenged by observers not just give in to their



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expectations? Further, if we are just fitting in with society and not standing out for lack of living a righteous life since, in the mind of many Christians, it does not matter, would any suffering actually occur? The bottom line is that we are expected to live a righteous, holy, sanctified life and may suffer for it, but we are not to fear what the attackers do. Be not troubled! So, are you living the righteous life, or are you avoiding suffering as a Christian because you act like the world anyways?

2 Timothy 4:1-4 says, "I charge [thee] therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will

come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." Timothy is told to exhort with doctrine. That is to the church, not to the outside world, but even so, doctrine is something obeyed and followed, which is the holy and sanctified life. The fact that there would come a time that people would not endure sound doctrine points to the church because endurance goes beyond the initial connection with Jesus. This is what is meant by "he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matthew 24:13). The doctrine is to be endured, which is not just a moment in time, however, many will flock to the mega churches instead because they promise softer doctrines of which

people are promised Heaven while not really following the doctrines. These are those who have "received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (2 Thessalonians 2:10). In fact, whatever their desires are, they can find a preacher that says, "It's OK if you can't stop sinning. You're already saved!" What fables! What lies! "For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (2 Thessalonians 2:11), the lie that people are saved in sinning and can go as far as not caring about the Ten Commandments. So, are you listening, obeying, and enduring sound doctrines of the dos and don'ts, or do you listen to those preachers that do not even like to use the word "sin"?



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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)*

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# Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God—(2 Timothy 2:15)

## What Are Christians to Do with Sin?

1. What is sin? **1 John 3:4**
2. What is the result of sinning? **Romans 6:23**
3. What is dangled before people to lead people to sin? **Hebrews 4:15**
4. Who is the ultimate being responsible for trying to lead people to sin? **Matthew 4:1**
5. When faced with this enticement of the Devil, what are we to do? **James 4:7, 1 Corinthians 10:13**
6. While putting up a fight against these attempts of the devil, what are we trying to not let happen? **Romans 6:12**

7. How much effort are we to give against sin? **Hebrews 12:4**
8. If we do give into sin, thinking it is no big deal, who are we associated with? **1 John 3:8**
9. What do truly “born again” Christian not do? **1 John 3:9**
10. If temptation does overtake us and we sin, what hope is there? **1 John 2:1**

## March 2022 Bible Questions and Answers

### The Seal of God

1. What does the angel in Revelation 7 have? **Revelation 7:2 “the seal of the living God”**
2. What are the angels of destruction waiting for? **Revelation 7:2 [accidentally referenced verse 3] “sealed the servants of our God”**
3. Where are they sealed? **Revelation 7:2 [accidentally**

**referenced verse 3] “in their foreheads”**

4. What are they sealed with? **Revelation 14:1 “Father's name”**
5. What are we to hear first before the Holy Spirit seals us? **Ephesians 1:13 “heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation”**
6. What specifically are the disciples of God, Jesus, sealed with? **Isaiah 8:16 “seal the law”**
7. What is a synonym to the word “seal”? **Romans 4:11 “sign”**
8. In regards to the answer from question 6, out of the ten items in God’s law, which one acknowledges God as our salvation above the other nine? **Exodus 31:13, Ezekiel 20:12, Ezekiel 20:20 “sabbaths”**
9. Which commandment contains all three parts of a seal (person, title, territory)? **Exodus 20:8-11 “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy” [three pieces are: “the LORD”, “made”, and “heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is]”**
10. What is significant of properly being sealed? **Revelation 22:14 “that they may have right to the tree of life”**



# Questions & Answers

## QUESTION:

**Are we to keep the feast days that the Bible says is forever?**

## ANSWER:

Leviticus 23:20-21, "And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits [for] a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, [that] it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work [therein: it shall be] a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations."

Many use the phrase "for ever" to mean that we ought to be keeping the feast days today, but there are several problems with this.

First, several of the feast days require a visit to Jerusalem. It is doubtful that those who insist on keeping the feast days today could do such a thing. Now many will find ways to dismiss this requirement and yet still keep the feast days, but there are yet more issues.

Second, several of the feasts, especially Passover, require a literal meat offering, a lamb specifically. What do Vegetarians do?

Third, several places in the New Testament, we are told that the feast laws were a mere shadow, of which the word "shadow" is understood to mean that it was serving a purpose until the type meets antitype, the symbol meets the reality. And the antitype, or the real, showed up in the form of Jesus,

Who is our Passover, our Unleavened Bread, our First Fruits, our Pentecost, even our Trumpeter, Judge, and Harvester. "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, [and] not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect." (Hebrews 10:1). "Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things." (Hebrews 8:5). "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; [And] having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath [days]: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ." (Colossians 2:14-17).

Fourth, it is the misuse of the phrase "for ever" that is a big concern. The phrase "for ever" does not automatically mean non-ceasing, throughout eternity, for ever and ever and ever. We, as a people, cannot have it both ways because non-Seventh-day Adventists use Revelation 20:10 to justify the use of "for ever" to be an eternally burning hell. In teaching the truth on the matter, many verses are shown from the Bible how hell does not burn throughout eternity while the receiver still clings onto that one verse with the words "for ever" in it, but as good Adventist teachers, we do not ignore

the reference to "for ever", but teach that the phrase is a comparative term. It is qualified by the object it is applied to. In other words, depending upon the object, it takes on various lengths of time. The word "tall" is a good example of such a word. If we declared that seven feet is tall measurement for a man, we cannot say that seven feet is the standard measurement for being tall for everything else. For instance, a house that is only seven feet tall is not tall at all, nor is a tree that is only seven feet tall. To use the Bible to demonstrate this understanding of the term "for ever", when comparing to God, "for ever" is eternity because of other verses that state such (1 Timothy 1:17: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, [be] honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."). When comparing to God's Ten Commandments, "for ever" is eternity. When comparing to the promise of eternal life, "for ever" is an eternity. But, Hannah said that Samuel would "appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever" (1 Samuel 1:22), yet Hannah really meant "as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:28). So, "for ever" there meant only as long as Samuel would live. Likewise, Jonah "went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars [was] about me for ever" (Jonah 2:6), but in reality "Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights." (Jonah 1:17). People sit in a doctor's office "for ever". It seemed like "for ever" until summer vacation from school came

around. And, finally, the feast days were “for ever” until there was no more purpose to point forward to Jesus.

#### QUESTION:

**Should a Christian wear or not wear jewelry according to the Bible?**

#### ANSWER:

Isaiah 61:10 says, “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh [himself] with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth [herself] with her jewels.”

1 Timothy 2:9-10 says, “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”

The principle of the Bible is to avoid “the pride of life”, which “is not of the Father, but is of the world” (1 John 2:16). Therefore, we conclude that the wearing of sparkly things, fake and real jewels, is nothing more than attention to the outward appearance, which is prideful. Further, the same God, yesterday, today, and always, already stated, “I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee” (Exodus 33:5). So, to defend

the wearing of jewelry is simply not learning the lesson, and even being bold about it, as well as being stubborn.

And God was not pleased with the family of Jacob over jewelry either: “And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which [were] in their hand, and [all their] earrings which [were] in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which [was] by Shechem” (Genesis 35:4). Besides, the woman of Revelation 12 is praised for natural beauty while the woman of Revelation 17 is identified with being “decked with gold and precious stones and pearls” (Revelation 17:4). Clearly God does not want His people wearing jewelry.

Some declare that modesty in jewelry is alright, but who is going to regulate that? Would a sixteenth of an inch size pearl in the ears be fine while an eighth inch is not? One piercing in the ear is fine but two are not? A simple thin necklace is fine but multiple ones or thicker ones are not? And besides that, we know full well each generation would expand the number and size of usage, and everything would be permitted. Oh, that is exactly where we are. No! God took the safe way and stated that it should all be put off.

Now, let us address Isaiah 61:10 more directly. First, the use of the word “as” for both the bridegroom and the bride is a comparison and not necessarily an endorsement. Further, who says that God approves when the bridegroom and bride decked themselves out? And one more point is that the bridegroom and bride are attending an event, that of mar-

riage. It is not showing an everyday practice. So, to use this verse to justify everyday use of jewelry is beyond stretching the intention of the verse.

First, to be clothed in salvation and wearing the robe of righteousness, both of which are spiritual matters, is what we are to deck ourselves with and adorn ourselves with, which goes along with 1 Peter 3:3-4, which says, “Whose adorning let it not be that outward [adorning] of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but [let it be] the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, [even the ornament] of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”

Besides, who is the bridegroom? Luke 5:33-35 declares that Jesus considered Himself the Bridegroom. The bride is the church; in fact, all those who belong to the church of the living God, will eventually be found in the New Jerusalem, the bride fully adorned. “And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband” (Revelation 21:2). Then Malachi 3:17 reveals what the ornamentation, even the jewels, specifically, really are: “And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.” They are the individuals who make up the church.



# News and Comments

January 28

Fox News

## Man claiming he was 'told by God to assassinate President Joe Biden' arrested in Maryland

This is clearly a false prophet. God in no way spoke to this person. There is nothing in the Bible that states that we are to kill the anti-christ. We are to turn from anti-christ unto Jesus Christ. That is all. Further, he is mistaken that anti-christ is Biden, in fact, he is mistaken along with many, many other Christians. Antichrist is not a person. Antichrist is the little horn in Daniel 7:8 and horns are nations (Daniel 7:24). Antichrist is the beast of Revelation 13:1-2 and a beast is a nation (Daniel 7:17). This is the problem with people running around quoting one out of the many, many verses that talk about antichrist. Their favorite verse is Revelation 13:18, which says, "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] six." They claim that there is a single man identified by 666 while ignoring all of the other verses that a single man cannot fulfill the role of antichrist. They forget that "the number of man" can also refer to the title or position held by only a man and not a woman, like a king. The title of that nation's leadership pointing to the man in charge actually qualifies and is the fulfillment of this verse. People need to study all of the verses and stop listening to Hollywood as well

as sensational-preaching-type preachers.

February 1

Huffington Post

## Hospitals Pull Unvaccinated COVID Patients Off Organ Donation Waiting Lists

This is so wrong. First, they say, "The American Society of Transplantation recommends that "all transplant candidates and their household members should have completed the full complement of recommended vaccinations," including vaccines for COVID-19." A recommendation is not a law or requirement. It has been scientifically proven that injected people are not protected from dying from COVID. Therefore, the premise is all wrong that unvaccinated people do not have "the best chances of survival". Basically, it is yet another step towards, "that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:17). Again, the shot has nothing to do with the commandments so it cannot be the mark since survival involves "they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). This is just a practice run for the actual mark.

February 6

Darik News

## A Tennessee pastor leads the burning of 'Harry Potter' and

## 'Twilight' books and tells followers to 'stop allowing demonic influences in your home'

"Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I [am] the LORD your God" (Leviticus 19:31). "Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all [men]: and they counted the price of them, and found [it] fifty thousand [pieces] of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed" (Acts 19:19-20).

February 9

MSN

## Why The Biden Admin Is Handing Out Free Crack Pipes

We are to "make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof]" (Romans 13:14). The principle is not just for Christians.

February 10

The Hill

## Frustrated Democrats amp up pressure on Biden over global vaccinations

Usually, we do not post "what could be" articles, but this one reveals the attitude and position that is prevalent and ready to fulfill Revelation 13. The two-horned beast that speaks like a dragon resembles the symbol of a buffalo that represents the United States. This nation will "causeth the earth" (Revelation 13:12),

"deceiveth them that dwell on the earth" (Revelation 13:14), and "saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast" (Revelation 13:14). Also, it will "cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15). This push for a global vaccination reveals that we indeed have the world influencing power along with the expectation to make other nations comply. The issue today is the vaccine, which "by thy sorceries were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23) in which "sorceries" is the word "pharmakeia" making the verse actually state "by thy pharmaceuticals were all nations deceived".

## February 11

### Finurah

#### **How U.S. Tax Code Disadvantages Black Americans But Privileges White Families**

There is a saying, "If you look hard enough to find the evidence for your opinion, you will find it." This is nothing short of causing division among people, to fuel the race wars, to cause problems between human beings and classes. Class warfare is a tool to tear the country apart, a way of taking down a nation from within. The notion that the tax rules are favoring whites because whites own homes more than blacks, and whites tend to have only one income is truly stretching, reaching to justify their claim. One income or two, tax is not based upon the quantity of incomes. It is based upon total income of the household. Because both couples work and tend to

make more than a single income household actually points to efficiency of the one income or a bonus to the two income family. If I were able to bring in more money but have to pay a little more in taxes because of it, I would still make out financially. It is like saying, if I give you a gift of \$10,000 but then you have to pay back \$2,500 of it, to complain and say, "Those that don't get the financial gift have an advantage. They don't owe \$2,500!" Dummy! Take the \$10,000 and pay to \$2,500 and keep the other \$7,500 that the people that reject the gift do not get. What utter nonsense! "These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling [words], having men's persons in admiration because of advantage" (Jude 1:16).

## February 10

### The National Pulse

#### **New Biden Nuclear Hire Is Drag Queen Who Wears Stilettos to Work, Discusses Sex With Animals, And Calls NIH Chief 'Daddy Fauci'**

Deuteronomy 25:16 states, "For all that do such things, [and] all that do unrighteously, [are] an abomination unto the LORD thy God." That means from the person making the selection on down to the person himself and those that confirm the person are all an abomination unto the Lord. Sin is no longer simply something done personally. It is bold and broadcast as being normal. It is rebellion against God!

## February 11

### People

#### **COVID Booster Loses Potency After 4 Months, Fauci Says 'There May Be the Need' for Fourth Dose**

Washington Post: Booster effectiveness wanes after 4 months, but showed sturdy protection against hospitalization, CDC study shows (Feb. 11). Both Fuacci and CDC are A) lying to us and B) are showing ineffectiveness of the vaccine. Do the math people! The vaccines were not readily available until after March 2020. We have yet to complete a year and we are up to 4 boosters now. That is technically 5 injections in one year. That is barely 2 months of protection. What garbage vaccine requires being injected every 2 months? That is just it. It is garbage. We are told "by thy sorceries [Pharmakeia or pharmaceuticals] were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23).

## February 13

### Arkansas Online

#### **Faith leaders wary of religious exemptions for covid shots**

"From the Vatican, Pope Francis has defended the vaccines as 'the most reasonable solution to the pandemic.' The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America declared that its followers would not be offered religious exemptions. And Robert Jeffress, the conservative pastor of a Baptist megachurch in Dallas, voiced similar sentiments." We are told that the "man of sin" (2 Thessalonians 2:3) would be connected with the "sorceries [Pharmakeia or pharmaceuticals] were all nations deceived" (Rev-

elation 18:23) that goes with all religious bodies in apostasy, called harlots (Jeremiah 3:8). The Bible states, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). Injecting something into the body "just in case" or relying upon man-made concoctions instead of God's means of dealing with it is defilement. The fact that this is a universal push makes it all the suspect that deception is being perpetrated.

## February 14

### The Week

#### **Christians who oppose masking have 'the spirit of antichrist,' religion professor says**

The professor does not know his Bible. First, not everything is allowed under "love thy neighbor". For instance, if my neighbor asks me to do something illegal, I am not only going to refuse but may end up calling the authorities. Second, all scripture is to be used and so when the Bible tells us "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:17), I am not going to inject something like the controversial vaccine into my body. Third, when antichrist would be working with the "sorceries" or "pharmakeia", which is the pharmaceutical industry, to have "all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23), the spirit of antichrist would actually be cooperating with the enforcement of the

worldwide (all nations) push. It is just more liberal agenda, scare tactics being used.

## February 14

### USA Today

#### **A priest incorrectly performed thousands of baptisms for decades – by changing one word**

This is hypocritical. The Catholic church is quibbling over "WE" versus "I" -- "The Catholic Diocese of Phoenix on its website confirmed Fr. Andres Arango used the words 'we baptize you in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit,' instead of the correct phrase 'I baptize you in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit' in English and Spanish." The reason that it is hypocritical is because sprinkling or pouring, as is the form used in the Catholic church, is NOT baptism. Baptism means to immerse under water. Therefore, technically, anyone beyond the Catholic faith as well who have only been sprinkled or had water poured upon and it being called baptism are not really baptized. The supporters declare that baptism is symbolic. It sure is for the purpose of going through the physical motion outlined in Romans 6:3-4, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Pouring water and sprinkling does not reenact the symbolism of being buried with Christ.

## February 23

### Business Insider

#### **Ukraine's top diplomat tells the United Nations a full-blown war with Russia would be 'the end of the world order as we know it'**

Adding at least one more article from the many, we have from News Net Daily, "Why the war in Ukraine means the end of the liberal world order" (February 24, 2022). Russia is pushing back against the New World Order. Eventually, it will lose as nothing shall stop the advancement. All of these actions progress towards the fulfillment of Revelation 17:12-13: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

## February 27

### Yahoo News

#### **Putin orders nuclear deterrent forces on alert**

Russia fulfills both parts of "ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matthew 24:6). While at war with the Ukraine, Russia threatens (rumors) war with the west.



## Natural Remedies

### Wart Removal

There are many unpleasant and costly methods to wart removal including burning it off with liquid nitrogen or using a chemical-laden wart cream. But before exploring those options, consider using one of the most universally handy household supplies: duct tape. By

covering up a wart with duct tape, the seal will suffocate the skin virus responsible for the wart's growth. After about a week, take off the tape and exfoliate skin gently and repeat taping until the wart is fully removed. A study that compared patients who used duct

tape versus those who used liquid nitrogen found that 85% of duct tape patients got rid of their warts versus while only 60% of the liquid nitrogen patients did, further proving duct tape can be used for just about everything!

