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Abide With Jesus

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With all the purposeful intent of craziness and control attempts going on right now using everything as an excuse as to why they are doing what they are doing, it is easy to get caught up in the headlines instead of making sure one is in right relationship with God. Things are only going to get worse and more challenging, but there is one thing that is consistent throughout – the abiding relationship with Christ.

If we are going to be saved in the end, for “he that endureth to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 10:22), which ought to be one of two of main focuses in our life, we need to know what that relationship looks like. The other thing we ought to focus on is the relationship that others have with God, more specifically, their lack of relationship, which ought to prompt us to move into witnessing mode.

Jesus said, “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much

fruit; so shall ye be my disciples” (John 15:7-8). Now, here we see the relationship forming, and we see both things we ought to be concerned about – our relationship being right by abiding in His words, and bearing fruit, which is the witnessing aspect that flows from the first responsibility.

Again we see in John 12:24 both relationship interests we ought to have. “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” Although this parable applied to Jesus dying on the cross, there is still an aspect that applies to us. Jesus said, “If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). Paul applied those words as, “I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily” (1 Corinthians 15:31). If we do not die daily to our selfishness, looking out for number one, then we shall be left alone, left to physically die the second death. But if we do die dai-

ly, we shall once again bring much fruit.

Jesus went on to say, “I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness” (John 12:46). Therefore, we shall neither be willfully ignorant nor satisfy curiosity in the dark things of the world.

People have wondered what the hype is regarding certain movies only to find out magic is the key element to the films. Oh, they may have avoided the typical nudity, foul language, and violence, but magic seems to be a thrust today in the entertainment world. And there is no such thing as good or white magic. It is all dark.

And those that say, “Don’t tell me anymore because I don’t want to be responsible for what you tell me”, are in darkness already and are held responsible. Jesus said, “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil” (John 3:19).

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John 14:15-17 states, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." So, one sure way to break the relationship with God is to reject the Comforter, which includes the rejection of truth. As we abide in the truth, as we allow the Holy Spirit to aide with us, we are in good standing, but also realize that commandment keeping is involved as well. In fact, one cannot have a relationship with God

without keeping the commandments for they define the relationship.

John 15:1-11 captures everything that has been stated: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every [branch] that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye [are] the branches: He that abideth in me,

and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast [them] into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things

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have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and [that] your joy might be full.” Do realize that if we are abiding in Jesus, bearing fruit, in His Word, keeping His commandments, receiving His love, the relationship includes purging (John 15:2).

1 John 2:6 states, “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.” Our walk reveals if we abide or not. We can say all about being saved, but the results of that saving relationship as expressed in our walk with Him reveals if we truly are abiding with Christ.

1 John 2:10 again reveals that second important aspect of the Christian, “He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.” Remember, “Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Matthew 19:19). So, if we love eternal life, we shall want it for our brother, our neighbor as well.

1 John 2:14, 17 reveals two things that one who abides with Christ will do. “I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him [that is] from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and

the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.” They overcome the wicked one by God’s divine power (2 Peter 1:3) and do the will of God. And “Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him” (1 John 3:6).

And now back to our crazy world, as we began this article with. Everything happening is pushing people into one direction that we call Sunday law. There will be only two sides in the end – those that follow antichrist and those that follow Jesus Christ. It will be a doctrinal issue. “For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son” (2 John 1:7-9).

Jesus’ main concern at the end of time is the deception. May we suggest, it is the deception away from abiding with Jesus through His Word. “Take heed that no man deceive you” (Matthew 24:4), “For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many” (Matthew 24:5), “And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many” (Matthew 24:11), and “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect” (Matthew 24:24).

The last statement is most interesting. What makes a person considered “very elect”? Is it the arbitrary choice of God? No. It is the ones that are closest to Him, through His Word, following His ways, just as we have been encouraging all along with this message of stressing the importance of abiding in God’s Word, resisting all of the arguments, even from Christians, to condemn the Bible usage and reliance, and be encouraged to stand on the Word of God even if one has to stand alone.

So, how are you abiding?



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Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

It Shall Be for Meat (Genesis 1:29)

Let us do an honest Bible study upon a sensitive subject. This is meant as a strong suggestion for you to evaluate, recognize the matter, and consider for better health. Too many people die of cancer, heart disease, and many other chronic issues. Additionally, numerous people are taking one pill after another to deal with what people consider the natural course of aging. And we are constantly reminded how people are overweight.

We begin with the counsel in 1 Corinthians 10:6, which says, “Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.” So, we are not to lust as certain other people lusted.

So, who lusted and what did they lust after? In tackling the first question, 1 Corinthians 10:1-2 reveals the answer. “Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.”

Thus far, we are not to lust like the people did in the time of Moses. Now, what did they lust after? Keep in mind, we may say they lusted after all kinds of things, but what does the Bible, and the Bible only, state? And remember, it is the children of Israel that lusted. We are not concerned about the enemies of Israel lusting (Exodus 15:9). With that in mind, Numbers 11:4 gives us the answer. “And the

mixt multitude that [was] among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?” It is the flesh of animals they wanted to eat. They were sick of being vegetarians by eating only manna for years.

Now, God indeed gave them what they lusted for but that was not a good thing. “And while the flesh [was] yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague. And he called the name of that place Kibrothhattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted” (Numbers 11:33-34). So twice now we see the word “lust” associated with animal meat eating. But it does not stop there. Deuteronomy 12:15 states, “Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after...”, “thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after” (Deuteronomy 12:20), “thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after” (Deuteronomy 12:21), and “thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep” (Deuteronomy 14:26).

And David confirmed that the matter that the children of Israel lusted after was meat eating. “And they tempted God in their heart

by asking meat for their lust” (Psalms 78:18), and “They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat [was] yet in their mouths, The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen [men] of Israel” (Psalms 78:30-31).

But why did God give them the quail in the desert then? “I [am] the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: [and] they walked in their own counsels” (Psalms 81:10-12). In short, God gave up on them. They wanted the meat so much, He let them have it, only to be lost for eternity. The same is true in Romans chapter 1 of a particular lifestyle that those who participate in it, God has given up on them and handed them over to it. So, God does give up on people when they persist in their ways and there is no sign of changing their minds.

The original diet had no such creature to be used as meat. “And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat” (Genesis 1:29).

Now, meat was permitted temporarily because of the flood (Genesis 9:1-7), with the same restrictions stressed in the New Testament that Christians seem to ignore. “But flesh with the life

thereof, [which is] the blood thereof, shall ye not eat” (Genesis 9:4). “But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and [from] fornication, and [from] things strangled, and [from] blood” (Acts 15:20) and “That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well” (Acts 15:29). It is

mentioned a third time in Acts 21:25.

Do also consider that scientific evidence reveals that God’s diet is the healthiest. It not only adds years to one’s life, but it also reduces the need for medications, reduces the tendency to die of anything short of simply going to sleep and not waking up until the second coming, and provides plenty of energy, just to name a few benefits.

Personally, after switching from a meat filled diet, including pork products, to God’s healthy choices, aches and pains disappeared, energy increased, and weight entered into the range as expected, meaning, the being overweight ceased. These are the benefits you may experience, just “taste and see that the LORD [is] good: blessed [is] the man [that] trusteth in him” (Psalms 34:8).



Healthy and Delicious Recipes

Almond Rosemary Lemon Crusted Tofu

Ingredients

- 1 block extra-firm or firm tofu drained, pressed*, and cut into 8 slices
- ½ cup raw almonds
- 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary (about 2 sprigs with stems removed)
- ½ cup bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup full-fat coconut milk (or other plant-based milk if preferred)
- lemon wedges for serving

Instructions

1. OVEN: Preheat your oven 400F (200C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. To make the almond rosemary crust, add the almonds and rosemary to a food processor or high speed blender, grind until the almonds are finely chopped but some larger chunks remain. Add the bread-crumbs, lemon zest, salt, garlic powder; pulse to combine.
3. Take 3 medium bowls. In the first bowl add the all-purpose flour. In the second bowl pour in the coconut milk. In the third bowl, pour in the almond rosemary mixture.
4. Now take a tofu slice and dredge the tofu in the flour. Shake off excess and then dip the floured tofu into the coco-

nut milk. Finally, dip the coconut milk covered tofu into the almond rosemary mixture to coat. Place the coated tofu on the parchment paper and repeat with remaining slices until they are all coated.

5. OVEN: Bake 18 - 23 minutes until the crust is lightly golden and crispy. Serve hot with a wedge of lemon for squeezing.

Notes

- You can press the tofu but it isn't required.
- Pressing it will make the tofu a little firmer and chewier.
- Leaving it un-pressed will result in a more tender tofu.



Natural Vitamins

Strawberries

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| 1. Protects your heart reducing the likelihood of having heart disease | 5. Guards against cancer | strawberries, provides more vitamin C than an orange |
| 2. May also reduce the likelihood of suffering a stroke | 6. Good source of fiber | 11. Improves insulin sensitivity |
| 3. Increases the good cholesterol – HDL | 7. High level of antioxidants | 12. May help metabolize other forms of glucose |
| 4. Lowers blood pressure | 8. Low in calories | 13. Reduces pain in osteoarthritis sufferers |
| | 9. Good source of manganese, phosphorus, folate, K, and potassium | |
| | 10. One serving, about eight | |



Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

Romans 6:21 states, “What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things [is] death.” Avoiding those things that lead to death, eternal death, is the holy and sanctified life. So, are you continuing in fruitless things, especially sin, in thought, word, or deed, or do you recognize the consequence for anyone that continues in those things, and choose to do only the things that lead to eternal life instead?

Matthew 7:15-20 is about bearing good fruit. Good fruit is the holy and sanctified life. And remember, “Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire” (Matthew 7:19). That fire is hell. Every Christian who does not bring forth good fruit, not some times, not mostly, but *always*, is going to be cast into the

fire no matter how loudly one proclaims to be saved. But get this – we are not saved by the good fruit. It is a product of being saved. It naturally comes from a converted heart exclaiming when faced with the opportunity to produce bad fruit, “how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Genesis 39:9). So, what does your fruit reveal?

Luke 10:25-28 directly tells us of the holy and sanctified life. “And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto

him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.” In Matthew’s version, the words “On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:40) are also stated revealing that the two love commandments are a summary of the Ten Commandments, in which to love God, we keep the first four commandments, and to love our neighbor, we keep the last six commandments. So, are you living according to the commandments or by the feelings you think define love, which is usually exaggerated kindness?

Acts 20:32 has two key words that refer to the expected holy and sanctified life once a person becomes born-again. “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and

to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.” Those words are “build” and “sanctified”. One was obvious and the other might not have been. According to this verse, the inheritance is for the sanctified, for “Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). Therefore, God builds us up from the depths of sin and selfishness into a holy and sanctified person “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25) through constant connection in God’s Word for it is said, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17). So, are you being built to form the sanctified character by the guidance of God and power, or do you think it is sufficient to just go around claiming to be saved while living an un-sanctified life?

Ephesians 5:7 gives us a direct command as born-again Christians: “Be not ye therefore partakers with them.” Now, referring to verse 6, it is “children of disobedience”, and we are not talking about being a minor either. Basically, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Romans 6:16). “Saved” or not, if a person is living in disobedience to God’s commandments, they are lost. Living in obedience shows that one is saved and is living the holy and sanctified life. So, are you partak-

ing in disobedience or living in complete obedience?

1 Peter 4:15-16 contrasts the lifestyle between a true Christian and those that are not, resulting in the fact that true Christians live the holy and sanctified life. “But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or [as] a thief, or [as] an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men’s matters. Yet if [any man suffer] as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.” The word “evildoer” covers all sinning, the breaking of God’s Ten Commandments (1 John 3:4). So, are you still an evildoer or even a busybody, assuming you are not a murderer or thief, or are you a true Christian avoiding all such things, especially any sinful practice?

1 John 5:2 says, “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.” In other words, as Jesus said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). And that is the holy and sanctified life of a Christian. When the love of God is in our hearts, the result is that we keep His commandments. When selfishness is in the heart, we do not keep His commandments. So, what is in your heart?

Hebrews 12:4 emphatically states, “Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.” Many Christians are “born again” but they give little to no resistance towards sinning. That resistance is the expected holy and sanctified life. Paul expected people to give

all their might to the point of sweating blood, yet so many either say, “I just could not help myself” or worse, “I am already saved. It doesn’t matter.” And that is exactly what Satan wants people to believe. Instead of believing in the power to be delivered from temptation and sinning (Jude 24), they believe the opposite that it is impossible. So, do you “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:31) or upon an imperfect life and thou shalt be lost even if you claim to be saved?

Revelation 20:12-13 states not once, but twice, about works: “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.” Every person will be judged by their works. We do not want to “work iniquity” (Matthew 7:23) or sin, which are the works of the devil in us (1 John 3:8), but rather “he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him” (Acts 10:35) of which no righteous work earns Heaven but simply reveals if we have received the gift as God’s saving power that truly resides in a person will transform that person into a person that will only do good works. “By their fruits ye shall know them” (Matthew 7:20). Good fruit results

from a good tree and does not make the tree. So, what does fruit or works reveal in your life – that you are saved from sin or lost in your sins?

Matthew 7:21 tells us who enters into Heaven: “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” Doing God's will and not our own is the expected holy and sanctified life. Paul writes it 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, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). Basically, we are dead to living for what pleases ourselves and instead we live to please God in all we do. Our old life is dead but our new life is to live as Christ would have us live, doing His will. So, is your life the life Christ would have it, living His will, which is obeying His commandments (Psalms 40:8)?

Luke 11:4 contains several items that are expected of a Christian to live the holy and sanctified life. “And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.” If we are asking to be forgiven of our sins, that means we are not to go back into them after freely receiving forgiveness, and even then, it is conditional. If we do not forgive others who ask for forgiveness from us for committing an act against us, we shall not be

forgiven. And not being forgiven means we have sins on our account and no one enters into Heaven with such a record. Further, if we are praying for God to lead us away from temptation, that does not mean a true Christian is to go into temptations. Lastly, if we are praying to be delivered from evil, that means we shall also avoid the evil and not participate in it, like even watching content that sensationalizes evil. So, are you ceasing from your sins, taking the God-given escape out of temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13), forgiving others, and doing all to avoid participating in evil, or are you just being careless with your life thinking you are saved anyways?

Romans 6:22 tells us so much about the holy and sanctified life and what is expected to be lived out by a true Christian. “But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.” To be saved, one will be free from sinning. Then, all they do is for the service of God and holiness. That means they do not just do holy work. It

means that while at work, everything is done to the best of our ability, which is holiness in character. Serving God and having fruit unto holiness does not earn Heaven because fruit is a result from a converted heart. Therefore, those that are still allowing sin into their life, excusing it at all, they are not saved, nor will be, while continuing in sin. So, are you free from sin or does sin still have you enslaved?

1 Corinthians 15:31 says, “I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.” In a modern working, it would be said, “I protest all those that go around claiming, ‘I’m saved! I’m saved!’ while participating in worldliness and sin. I die to those things daily.” And that is the holy and sanctified life. Jesus even said more plainly, “If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). So, do you die to sin and the worldly attractions daily like Paul and as Jesus taught, or do you just go around claiming to be saved?



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

Psalm 15 and 144,000 parallel

15:3, Revelation 14:5

Revelation 7:14

Each question has two answers.

One from Psalms 15 and the other from the Book of Revelation.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Where does David ask that people abide, and where do the 144,000 enter? Psalms 15:1, Revelation 7:15 [Keep in mind that the two words are synonyms.]
2. Where does David see people dwell, and where are the 144,00 gathered? Psalms 15:1, Revelation 14:1
3. What does David see that the people work, and what is declared of God's last day people in addition to being holy? Psalms 15:2, Revelation 22:11
4. What does David see that the people speak, which means that something is not found in the mouths of the 144,00? Psalms 15:2, Revelation 14:5 [Looking for opposite words.]
5. What does David see that the people do not do to their neighbors, and the 144,000 are found without what? Psalms | <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. What does David see people not take up against their neighbor, while the 144,000 are not defiled by what? Psalms 15:3, Revelation 14:4
7. What type of person is held contemned, in disdain, despised, according to David, while the 144,000 are presented as what? Psalms 15:4, Revelation 14:4
8. According to David, who are honored, while in Revelation, what do the 144,000 preach? Psalms 15:4, Revelation 14:7
9. What characteristic does David see of God's people that is the opposite of people who cannot make up their minds, while Revelation sees a process that is performed upon the 144,00? Psalms 15:4, Revelation 7:3-4
10. What inducements do God's people avoid, and what do the 144,000 in general face that can be inclusive of that experience? Psalms 15:5, | <h3>July 2022 Bible Questions and Answers</h3> <h4>Symbolism of the Right Side</h4> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What are we to do with the right hand, but not the left, to avoid going to hell? Matthew 5:30 "cut it off, and cast [it] from thee"
2. What are we to do with the right eye, but not the left, to avoid going to hell? Matthew 5:29 "pluck it out, and cast [it] from thee"
3. What does the right hand give, but not the left? Matthew 6:3 "when thou doest alms"
4. While sitting on the right side, but not the left, what event is being waited for? Matthew 22:44 "I make thine enemies thy footstool"
5. Who is on the right hand? Matthew 25:33 "sheep"
6. What do they inherit? Matthew 25:34 "kingdom"
7. Who is on the left hand? Matthew 25:33 "goats"
8. Where do they go? Matthew 25:41 "everlasting fire"
9. What was Jesus doing on the right side of God when Stephen saw Heaven open in the middle of his stoning? Acts 7:56 "Son of man standing on the right hand of God" |
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10. What is received in the right hand, but not the left?

Revelation 13:16 “a mark”

[NOTE: With all the symbolism in using the right hand but not the left and seeing where the sheep on the right are approved for

Heaven while the goats on the left are not approved, and Revelation 1:1 telling us that the Book of Revelation is symbolic, not literal, why are so many thinking a physical mark is to be found only in the right hand or forehead, but

not the left hand? After showing a number of verses that reveal approved actions, the mark is an approved item or acceptable item either in action or thought.]



Questions & Answers

QUESTION: Is Jesus the Son of God or an angel?

ANSWER: 1 John 5:5 says, “Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?” Jude 1:9 says, “Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.”

First, some may not know that Michael refers to Jesus, just in a different name. This is concluded by scripture comparison. One power Michael has over other beings is that of raising the dead, as in the case of Moses. “Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee” (Jude 1:9). Angels do not have that power.

The Bible also states, “And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels” (Revelation 12:7). Satan, the dragon, has his angels. If Michael were pointing to just another angel, it would not make sense, for the controversy would not be between Christ and Satan, but between Michael and Satan. But since Michael

refers to Jesus, then Revelation 12:7 makes sense in light of the battle between Christ and Satan.

Further, we are told that “at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book” (Daniel 12:1). Here, we see Michael referred to as “the great prince”. There is only one Great Prince: “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6). And a mere angel standing up means nothing, but when our High Priest stands up, it is for the approval of the saints: “But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God” (Acts 7:55). And when Jesus stands at the end of time, Isaiah “saw that [there was] no man, and wondered that [there was] no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an

helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance [for] clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke” (Isaiah 59:16-17).

And the power that the archangel has that we are told, “the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). And compare that voice of the archangel with John 5:27-29: “And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” Clearly the voice of Jesus and the voice of the archangel both have the power to raise the dead and both transpire at the same time, so we can only draw one conclusion – the archangel is Jesus.

But does that make Jesus an angel then? Not at all. Jesus is the “Son of God” as the Bible states. One does

not have to be an angel to be an archangel, which simply means a leader of the angels. According to the dictionary, the term means “chief, leader, ruler”. Presidents Clinton, Obama, and now Trump, all are examples of being the Commander in Chief, but unlike other presidents, these three never served in the military. This shows that a person does not have to be a military person to lead the military. Likewise, Jesus does not have to be an angel to lead the angels.

QUESTION: Shall we play with snakes?

ANSWER: Mark 16:18 says, “They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

Many of the 'signs and wonders crowd' demonstrate before a live audience the ability to handle venomous snakes. Unfortunately, quite a few pastors have died in the process. But the verse states that we ought to be able to take up not just one but more than one serpent and not be hurt. This does not make sense. How can pastors who do what the scriptures literally state, taking up serpents into their hands, turn around, get bit, and die?

Let us get Luke's wording on this: “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19). The context is the enemy bringing things upon us as opposed to “self-infliction”. In other words, like Daniel, if we were thrown into a pit, in our case, of venomous snakes instead of lions, because of

our faith, we may come out unharmed. If someone poisons our drink, we shall not die, not as long as God wants us alive.

What is really nice about the Bible is that there are examples of what God means by the words. So, when Mark pens, “take up serpents”, what does that really mean? Does it mean to hunt for rattlesnakes and hold a church service where the pastor pulls them out of the container expecting not to be harmed?

“And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid [them] on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the [venomous] beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god” (Acts 28:3-6).

God was not done with Paul. A little snake bite was not going to take down Paul. He should have died, but as Mark and Luke relayed the words of Christ, Paul was kept from the venom having any effect upon him.

A second reason that pastors who hold snake services are not protected is because of the purpose of such a service. It is a form of pride and bragging. That is not the way of Christ, in fact, Jesus was told to prove Himself and His abili-

ties on more than one occasion. How did Jesus handle the situations?

“And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in [their] hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God” (Matthew 4:3-7).

Yes, there is a third temptation but that was in a different manner. In both of these, the devil said, “If thou be the Son of God”, and Jesus did not take up the argument. Jesus practiced, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

On other occasions, we find Jesus being harassed to prove Himself, especially during His trial and crucifixion. Not once did He prove Himself in the requested manner. He did not perform a miracle before Herod (Luke 23:8-9). Jesus did not come down from the cross, either (Matthew 27:39-44).

Therefore, it is the sin of presumption that is being committed by pastors that purposely place themselves at risk.



News and Comments

May 26

Reddit

"Covid has been one of the most profitable products, ever."

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM:

"COVID has been one of the most profitable products ever... every 30 hours a new billionaire was minted during the pandemic". "For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23). COVID is a product!

June 1

National Review

Experts Warn of Summer Energy Blackouts during Biden's Green Transition

This shows two things. It shows first, despite the New Green Deal being defeated in Congress a couple or more years ago, it still can go forward as if ruled by a dictator. On the same note, and still point one, despite Trump pulling us out of the Paris agreement accord, which the green initiative is the active completion of the agreement, evidently such actions by Trump meant nothing. We are still moving forward. Now, the second thing is that of control. The existing electrical grid is not ready for the Green Initiative. There is no phasing it in. Therefore, the elite will not suffer their lack of need but who gets to have electricity and who does not can easily be controlled. And with everything being pushed away from oil, gas, even wood, strongly pushing all households to have some form of

electric heat dependency, not complying with other unrelated governmental rules will result in an outage. If they can roll blackouts at will, they can control the people in general and specifically. "With force and with cruelty have ye ruled them" (Ezekiel 34:4).

June 1

Star Telegram

Voters, here's what it will take for Texas GOP leaders to finally listen on gun violence

Does anyone sense that there is an agenda, possible set-up to try and get one of the most notable states that exercises the second amendment as broad as possible? How the shooting was handled in Uvalde leading up to and during the incident is all questionable. Although it may be nothing, the fact that the words "What it will take" implies an effort underway to get Texas to bow down to gun control. Like it or not, it is a constitutional right, just like those who use speech that is offensive is also a constitutional right. "The violent take it by force" (Matthew 11:12).

June 6

NY Post

CDC raises monkeypox alert to level 2, recommends masks during travel

CDC: "Monkeypox spreads between people primarily through direct contact with infectious sores, scabs, or body fluids." So,

why recommend mask wearing again for something that is transmitted physically. Goes to show that the agenda is afoot again. "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane [and] vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Timothy 6:20).

June 6

Today

It took leaving my strict religion at age 57 to realize that I deserve happiness

None of us "deserves" anything, including happiness. And if one thinks that happiness comes from a liberal lifestyle without restrictions, just remember, Satan thought the same thing and his end is certain. Last I checked, it is not the denomination or restrictions of man, but Jesus who declares, "strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:14). That is a strict discipline.

June 6

Fox News

Pro-choice activists strip during Joel Osteen church service: 'Overturn Roe, hell no'

Only Satan invades such a setting to disrupt a service such as this. The protestors are in the wrong environment and have no legal purpose to interject their opinions. There are other forums but

this is to be a place that should be free from such displays as this, assuming there is some type of dedication to God's way where abortion would not be one of those ways. In other words, most in attendance are against abortion. It is not a political environment or weight upon politics. It is a worship service. And to disrupt the service touting a different political view is unacceptable. If there was any reverence in the facility, that surely was not it. "Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I [am] the LORD" (Leviticus 19:30). We are not saying we support Joel Osteen, but certainly we are declaring that a church service is not a place to freely express one's political position.

June 13

Fox News

Religious watchdog groups warn secular society causing 'self-censorship' among Christians

Fox News: "Christians are practicing 'various forms of self-censorship' and find it increasingly difficult to express their faith freely even in countries that have historically been Christian, according to a new study from religious watchdog groups." Bible: Matthew 5:14-16 "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your

good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

June 14

AP News

Pope says traditionalist Catholics "gag" church reforms

2 Thessalonians 2:15 says, "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle." How dare the pope criticize people taking a stance on, what still may be erroneous doctrines, but it certainly better than what the pope has been teaching as new doctrine. And speaking of which, God says, "I [am] the LORD, I change not" (Malachi 3:6), so should not every denomination be teaching the unchanging doctrines of Christ and not be teaching doctrines that makes the church more acceptable into society? In other words, the denominations have changed instead of society, and that is not of Christ.

June 15

Yahoo

Poll: Half of Americans now predict U.S. may 'cease to be a democracy' someday

Eventually that will be true, but not until it fulfills prophecy: "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (Revelation 13:12). But yes, with the United States being the seventh world influencing power, the Bible says, "And there



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are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition" (Revelation 17:10-11). The fifth world influencing power will eventually take down the United States and then "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" (Revelation 17:12).

June 23

Rolling Stone

The Supreme Court Just Fused Church and State — and It Has Even Uglier Plans Ahead

And here is another title from the "Daily Beast": "Separation of Church and State Is Crumbling Before Our Eyes". Now, this may be liberals overreacting or there may be some truth to it. Either way, prophecy says about the United States that it "had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11). The two horns, the two principles separating

church and state would eventually turn into a country that fuses them together and speaks as a dragon causing people to even worship in a certain manner (Revelation 13:12, 15).

June 26

USA Today

LGBTQ books are being banned from schools. Here's how kids can still read them.

Proverbs 26:11 states, "As a dog returneth to his vomit, [so] a fool returneth to his folly."

June 27

Seventeen

***** Channels Barbie *****

From the magazine Seventeen, we obscured the title and content because we do not care to drive people to examining it, but this is the point — How does one channel Barbie? Channeling is usually connected with the spirit of the dead, usually by actors in thinking they can express the spirit's intent in character during filming. All of this is spiritualism, "seducing spirits" (1 Timothy 4:1), "spirits of devils"

(Revelation 16:14). Now, back to Barbie. Barbie is an inanimate object. It was never a soul and there was never a spirit involved. So, how can this celebrity channel an inanimate object? That is even worse than spiritualism. There is some serious mental issues on someone's part — actress or reporter.

June 28

Brownstone

The Normalization of Dishonesty in Medical Science

"in vain shalt thou use many medicines; [for] thou shalt not be cured" (Jeremiah 46:11).

June 28

Accuweather

Explosive, 'truly biblical' swarms of cannibalistic insects ravage crops out West

"There shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matthew 24:7).



Bible Thoughts

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed [is] willing, but the flesh [is] weak. (Matthew 26:41)

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Blessed [is] the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. (James 1:12)

Natural Remedies

Salt Water

A sore throat is most often caused by a viral infection, which usually resolves on its own. But the scratchiness is uncomfortable, and swallowing worsens the irritation. Speed up the healing by dissolving 1/2 -1 teaspoon of salt in an 8-ounce glass of warm water and

gargle several times a day. Salt acts like a water magnet and pulls out the excess fluid to reduce swelling and loosen mucus, helping flush out irritants or bacteria. Salt water also helps in relieving pain after a tooth extraction. Gently swish a mouthful to clean the

extraction site since you can't brush the area to keep it clean. Be careful not to dislodge the clot that's formed, as that could be painful and lengthen the recovery time.

