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How To Survive the Plagues

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Right now, unobserved by most of the world and clueless in a lot of Christianity, there is a warning message being proclaimed and it has been proclaimed for some time. It includes a warning about those that do not adhere to the prior messages, the call to action of all Christians: "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God" (Revelation 14:10). So, if one does not respond positively to the call, the other option is to suffer the wrath of God.

The next logical question would be, what is the "wrath of God"? It is not a random act of anger from God. We get the biblical answer, and not man's guess, in the very next chapter: "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God" (Revelation 15:1). Just in case it was missed, the wrath of God is the seven last plagues.

The good news is that not everyone will suffer these plagues for "I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the

vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and [upon] them which worshipped his image" (Revelation 16:1-2). So, those who have the mark of the beast or worship the image of the beast will receive the plagues.

But what about those who did not participate in the mark or the image worship? What of the ones that heeded the warnings and the call to action? That is where the biblical survival comes in. In Psalms 91, the Bible states, "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling" (verse 10). After reading all of Psalms 91, it turns out to be the road-map for surviving the plagues. So, let us look at the entire chapter.

Psalms 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Being told, "when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when

thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:6), we discover that in the "secret place" are those who regularly enter into prayer with God and are the ones on the path for survival. We are also told, "Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen" (Lamentations 4:20), therefore, to "abide under the shadow of the Almighty" is to not live like the heathen, the worldly people, but live according to God's ways instead. The heathen eat and drink and are merry trying to get as much out of life as they can instead of putting into life as much as God has blessed them with. The heathen follow sports, celebrities, rush to the movies or their televisions, get caught up in the politics and listen to the brain-destroying music. The survivors avoid those things, are performing their responsible duties, spending time in studying and reading of God's Word, and are finding opportunities to share what they have learned.

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Psalms 91:2 I will say of the LORD, [He is] my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Trust is a challenge at times, but those who will survive will trust in God's ways instead of their own. Too many times we want to do things our way. Sometimes we do not understand the benefit of doing it God's way. But the survivors will, even if it appears more challenging to do it God's way, do it His way anyways for "Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalms 119:105). And the survivors go to God with everything especially when tempted, for He truly is our refuge, our fortress. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

Psalms 91:3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, [and] from the noisome pestilence.

Now, the fowler is symbolic of Satan as he sets traps and snares by setting temptations in our way to tempt us to choose to leave God's protective hand and participate in the sin, but as long as we have that close relationship in the first two verses along with some other items yet to be listed, our soul shall be safe: "Blessed [be] the LORD, who hath not given us [as] a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped" (Psalms 124:6-7). And therefore, we shall not give in to the pressures of the Mark of the Beast nor be coerced into worshipping the image of the beast. We shall not be going along with political activities nor societal acceptance of sin. As a result, we

shall not receive the first plague of "noisome pestilence" or in other words, "noisome and grievous sore" (Revelation 16:2).

Psalms 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth [shall be thy] shield and buckler.

This is what Jesus longed for during the first advent. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, [thou] that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under [her] wings, and ye would not!" (Matthew 23:37). It seems that some will take advantage of the protection as we near the second advent.

Now, those that do not believe in absolute biblical truth are in danger for that is to be our "shield and buckler". Therefore, to survive the very last days, knowing and having absolute truth is vital. Even Paul encouraged "having your loins girt about with truth" (Ephesians 6:14). Therefore, truth is another item on the survival list.

Psalms 91:5-7 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; [nor] for the arrow [that] flieth by day; [Nor] for the pestilence [that] walketh in darkness; [nor] for the destruction [that] wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee.

As the rest of "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26), the survivors will not suffer

a heart attack over these issues. They adhere to the words of Jesus: "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). "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34).

Psalms 91:8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

We shall witness the seven last plagues and survive to see it through. Not only that, we shall witness "the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch" (Malachi 4:1).

Psalms 91:9-10 Because thou hast made the LORD, [which is] my refuge, [even] the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

That is the promise! The seven last plagues shall not come nigh where we are dwelling, but it is because we have made God our refuge, not just because we see the signs of the end coming, but every day of our life.

Psalms 91:11-12 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in [their] hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

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

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To have angels commissioned to protect us during those days should leave nothing to question. We shall survive.

Psalms 91:13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

All of these are references to Satan and we shall be able to trample him under our feet for “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8), “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:9).

Psalms 91:14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Regarding loving God, which is not all about feeling, in fact, it has little to do with feelings, Jesus asks, “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15), and “If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him” (John 14:23). So, those who keep the commandments and His Word, the Bible, will be delivered, will survive by the grace of God. We shall be on high in that “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 4:17). That is pretty high up there.

But it is not for everyone, even if they call themselves Christian. It is for those who “hath known God’s name.”

Just remember, “I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads” (Revelation 14:1). And to have the Father’s name in the forehead is to realize “another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads” (Revelation 7:2-3). It is being sealed, unmovable.

And what are we sealed with? “In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise” (Ephesians 1:13). It is with the truth. More specifically, “Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples” (Isaiah 8:16). So, all of the denominations that teach that the commandments are done away with, especially at the cross, that pit grace and faith against commandment keeping are leading their congregations away from the seal, and all who listen will not survive despite being told that they are saved.

No wonder the Bible says, “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy

still” (Revelation 22:11). We ought to want to be holy and righteous while letting this world alone.

Psalms 91:15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I [will be] with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

Then “whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21) becomes a bit narrower in understanding. Many think that such is all that one has to do to be saved. Just call Jesus Lord and you are in, in the club, in the saved group, etc. The Bible does not put on a clarification to the word “whosoever” because true Christians are to know that restrictions are in place to the use of the word. Satan even calls upon Jesus. He will not be saved though. So, “whosoever” is not a blanket covering all people. If God had the writers always clarify every word, the Bible would be volumes larger. So, “whosoever calls upon Him” has loved Him by keeping the commandments, keeping His Word, trusting in His ways, making time each day in prayer, abiding in His ways, etc. They will survive because He will be with them in the time of trouble and deliver them, even honoring them with what is found in the next verse.

Psalms 91:16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

We do not only survive the seven last plagues; we get eternal life!



Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

The Fruit of the Spirit – Joy

As a reminder, having the fruit of the Spirit is also a health benefit. The second part of the fruit is that of joy.

According to *Huff Post*, “research shows that joyful people have less chance of having a heart attack, healthier blood pressure, lower cholesterol, weight management, and decreased stress levels” [A Joyful Life Supports Good Health, January 25, 2014.]

Being joyful is that outlook of being content with not only what one has but what one is experiencing, even when things are less desirable. Even the Bible says, “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations” (James 1:2). Temptations are not just about avoiding sin, but the last thing that Satan wants to allow is for a joyful Christian to exist. He is bent on death and destruction. Joyfulness brings life and healing.

Once one realizes that stressing out over a matter not only complicates matters, but adds injury to the heart, potentially leading to a heart attack, the better one will be able to cope with challenges. No won-

der when stressful situations occur, heart attacks increase, but it should be different for a Christian. A Christian should have a strong relationship with God, knowing that there is a purpose, a lesson to be learned, a goal to achieve, etc. in whatever is being experienced.

The Christian's outlook upon life ought to be quite different from those who have no relationship with God. The life should be spent looking at positives of a situation, actively making a choice, as everything contains both positives and negatives. That is why they call it a decision. If a choice had to be made between something with all positives or something with all negatives, there would be no real decision to make, but the fact that often we cannot have all the positives we want on one side makes it so that whatever choice we make that we also have to live with the negatives that come with it.

People who focus upon the negatives are the ones who quickly are persuaded when things do not go right to point out with, “I knew it!” The one with joy will see the challenge and work around it. Frustration is then avoided and enjoyment

can resume. For instance, if the highway is backed up and someone suggests taking the slower back roads, and there happened to be a fallen tree blocking the chosen alternative road, the negative person will finally pipe up and utter, “I knew it. We never should have left the highway.” Really? This same person, if they had stayed on the highway and not moved for two hours, would have been quick to utter, “I knew it. We should have gotten off on that last exit and taken the back roads!”

Joyful people, assuming that it is not the exaggerated type who turns people off, but genuinely joyful people are a source of encouragement. They will find more friends than those who are not so joyful, and even negative.

It may take effort at first to train the mind to look for things that bring joy, but once put into practice and developed, it will be as natural as breathing.

Again, do not leave God out of the equation. Pray that God will open the eyes to see the joy in things and have them closed to focusing upon the negatives.



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- 2 medium sweet potatoes (about 1 pound), peeled and cubed
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 can (15 ounces) chickpeas or garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained

Directions

- In a large bowl, combine the sweet potatoes, oil, and salt; toss to coat. Transfer to a 15x10x1-in. baking pan coated

with cooking spray. Roast at 425° until tender, 20-25 minutes, stirring once.

- In a large bowl, combine chickpeas and cubed sweet potatoes. In blender, whiz the dressing ingredients below till smooth. Add to sweet potato mixture; toss to coat. Serve over salad greens of your choice.

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- 2 tablespoons - **Lemon Juice**
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Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

1 Peter 5:8 states, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” To be devoured by Satan is to be lost, therefore, being mentally sober, as well as physically, and being vigilant is the expected holy and sanctified life of a Christian. Those that are caught up in the world thinking they are saved are inebriated, which is to be drunk. So, are you drunk with the worldly ways or do you live soberly?

1 John 5:18 states very directly and plainly, “We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.” This is the definition of a holy and sanctified life of a Christian once a person becomes “born again”. So, do you justify your sins in your life, or are you, by the grace of God, avoiding sin, keeping yourself from temptation taking hold, and having all of Satan’s attempts to cause sin to happen to become fruitless? In other words, do you “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7)?

Revelation 22:14 states, “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.” Other versions of the Bible teach error because we do not just wash our robes. This is clear about the

holy and sanctified life. It is expected that we keep His commandments since “not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified” (Romans 2:13). Forgiveness and justification do not come upon Christians that have no intent to keep God’s commandments but upon those that had an “oops” moment while keeping the commandments that are forgiven that is because we are expected to keep the commandments. So, are you?

Matthew 10:38 says, “And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.” Taking up the cross by facing temptations and resisting sin is the expected holy and sanctified lifestyle along with following, doing, adhering to the teachings of Jesus. In other words, “If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). So, are you denying yourself the things this world has to offer that are the opposite of what Jesus taught to partake in, or are you just going along with whatever is acceptable in society?

Luke 12:45 says, “But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for [him], and at an hour when he is not

aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.” It is expected that a Christian would not act or be like unbelievers. Part of the list of making that separation includes watching what one eats and drinks. In other words, they would follow God’s laws on what is allowed to be eaten and avoid that which is unhealthy, and such a person would definitely avoid all alcohol (Proverbs 20:1). Not living as, or eating as unbelievers is part of the holy and sanctified life. So, how are you living?

Romans 8:7 states, “Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” To stop being carnally minded is the holy and sanctified life. Such people who are carnally minded permit themselves to participate in worldly things while still claiming to be a Christian. Those into sports love to see a good boxing match where two human beings bloody themselves, a sack or hit where the opponent is just flattened on the football field, a fight breaking out on the hockey rink, etc. Those into movies and TV make allowance for sexual situations, foul language, violence, etc., because they just have to watch it. Those listening to music excuse suggestiveness, demonic lyrics, rebellion, etc. Those that cannot control their taste buds will eat and drink even that which God forbids. And the list goes on. So, are you carnally minded, or has your mind been

sanctified and you think godly instead?

Ephesians 5:26-27 states, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." We are the church. To have a spotless, wrinkle free, glorious church, the members are to be sanctified and cleansed of their sins. So, are you contributing towards this type of church, or are you living the life that matches what we are to be sanctified from?

1 Peter 5:10 says, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle [you]." The goal of God is to make us perfect in character (Ephesians 4:13), established in the faith that we be not moved through temptation (Colossians 1:23), and strengthen to resist the devil (James 4:7). All of that is the holy and sanctified

life, and it begins once we are born again. Please note that those on the pathway to the goal are under grace, therefore these "works" do not negate grace, nor does grace negate works for "faith without works is dead" (James 2:20). Now, are you cooperating with God's work in you to reach that goal?

1 John 5:21 closes with, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen." Again, the Bible does not have to state "or else you will be lost". If we do not keep ourselves from idols, there will be a consequence, is well suggested. Again, if the consequence is trivial, God would not have inspired it to be written out, therefore, it is a serious warning. Having an idol in one's life that causes loss of money, job, house, etc. is not really a big deal, but to lose eternal life makes it more serious. Idols may be in the form of statues, pictures, and other physical objects, but making idols of people, including our favorite preacher, is inclusive of the warning. Anything that comes between God, His ways and ourselves, is an idol. Therefore, if there is an unbiblical doctrine cre-

ated by a church, that is a type of idol. If there is a command of God that is excused away by a preacher, that person is a type of idol. So, what idols are in your life that need to be removed?

Revelation 22:15 is one of God's lists of people not going to Heaven. "For without [are] dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." It does not say, "Except if you believe!" Anyone who lies, among other items listed, will be cast out of God's kingdom. Therefore, when Christians tell their children about Santa and the Easter Bunny or they participate in practical jokes that involve deception, they are throwing away eternal life. When Christians, let alone the rest of the unbelievers, use lying to get out of situations they do not like, they are casting away eternal life. Not lying, always telling the truth, is part of the holy and sanctified life. So is not being a murderer, idolater, whoremonger, sorcerer, or a spiritual dog, but these are not as often practiced among the believers as much as lying is. Now, are you on God's list to be cast out, or do you not participate in any of those things including the avoidance of lying?

Matthew 12:31 tells us, "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy [against] the [Holy] Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men." Therefore, to not blaspheme the Holy Ghost is to live the sanctified and holy life, but what does such blasphemy look

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like? Well, according to John 16:13, the Holy Spirit “will guide you into all truth”, therefore, to say there is no singular truth or no truth at all or the truth does not matter is to blaspheme against the Holy Ghost. Likewise, “he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8), so to say that sinning will not keep us out of Heaven, ignoring the righteous life has no consequence, and that there is nothing to worry about regarding the judgment because once a person is saved they are saved eternally, then they are blaspheming the Holy Ghost. And where sin is identified means that “sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4), then to speak against keeping the commandments is blasphemy. So, do you blaspheme the Holy Ghost or do you accept the truth, stopping the sinning or transgressing of God’s law, living the righteous life, and are readying for the judgment?

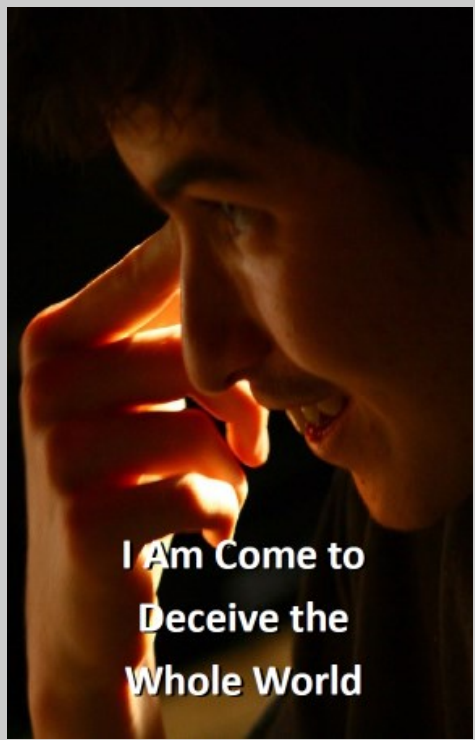
Luke 13:3 tells of Jesus’ words not only for the immediate listeners back then but for even us today: “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” To repent is to cease from the sin that we are sorry for, not merely to confess it. We do not tell a bank teller, “I’m sorry for robbing the bank yesterday” while holding a gun on them demanding more money. And remember, “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4). Many Christians are being lied to about the Ten Commandments. The commandments will be used to judge everyone (James 2:10-12) – Christian or not! So,

have you truly repented or just confessed? Or do you not bother at all since you think you are already saved?

Romans 8:8 states, “So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.” Many Christians cast this off by saying, “Oh well, it is not like I don’t have eternal life. God is just displeased with me. No big deal. It’s not that serious.” On the contrary! 1 Corinthians 10:5 says, “But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.” These people who displeased God are eternally lost. And we are told, “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (1 Corinthians 10:11). That means that it applies to us. And with Jesus as our exam-

ple that we are to walk as (1 John 2:6), He said, “I do always those things that please him” (John 8:29). Therefore, pleasing God is the expected holy and sanctified life. So, are you living to please God because He saved you, or are you living in the displeasure of God and will be lost even if you think you are saved?

Ephesians 6:1-3 states, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.” Since Paul encouraged the keeping of the fifth commandment in such a way that it still exists, then that means the other nine also exist, and that further means that it is expected that all Christians are to keep the commandments, which is the holy and sanctified life. So, are



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Matthew 12:33 talks about fruit, which is actions, works, the way of life that is lived, which, for a Christian, is expected to be the holy and sanctified lifestyle. "Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by [his] fruit." After being born-again, the tree, the person, is to become good producing good deeds. If a Christian is still producing bad deeds of selfishness and sin, then they are fooling themselves. A tree with mixed food of good and corrupt is still corrupt because the

good is used to trick people into the corrupt while making everyone think they are not "so bad". So, what is your fruit like?

Luke 13:24 is addressed to everyone: "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." To strive is to work at living the holy and sanctified life because when one becomes born-again, that is when the devil offers the ways of the world in a stronger manner to pull us away from living the life Christ would have us live. So, have you continued to live the old life of sin and worldliness claiming to be a Christian, which is to be a person disciplined in the

ways of Christ? Have you moments of godliness in your life but have also enjoyed what you want to enjoy of the world, justifying your ways claiming to be saved anyways and cannot lose salvation? Or do you live the life in which every moment you "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)?

John 14:15 says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Keeping the commandments is part of the expected holy and sanctified life. So, are you keeping them?



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 2. What word did the Jews use to describe the situation? **John 8:33**
 3. What sets us free from this? **John 8:32**
 4. What are we to do with this object that sets us free? **1 Peter 1:22**
 5. Those who do not like obedience claim that Jesus gave us liberty, but in reality, what are they brought into? **2 Peter 2:19**
 6. What are such preachers, who exaggerate the purpose of grace, really doing to grace? **Jude 1:4**
 7. What is God's law also known as? **James 2:12**
 8. What is expected to be done with the law? **James 1:25**
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6. What two things were done so that people would not see or understand? **John 12:40 "blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart"**
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Questions & Answers

QUESTION: Did Jesus refer to the Second Temple or a Future Temple?

ANSWER: In Matthew 24:2, the Bible says, “And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

Those who advocate a future Anti-christ advocate that the temple that was destroyed in 70 AD was not the temple Jesus was referring to because not every stone was cast off of each other. What is called the wailing wall in Jerusalem today is an example of this.

Although we have no concrete verse to point to in the New Testament to confirm the destruction was the one Jesus spoke of like we have done to resolve other points of doctrine, we can point to the meaning of Jesus’ words.

First of all, we need to read the verse carefully. Jesus is addressing His disciples (verse 1). The disciples’ purpose was “to shew him the buildings of the temple” (Matthew 24:1). It was that temple in 31 AD that the disciples were pointing to and not talking about some general reference to the temple. That particular temple that the disciples were pointing at would be destroyed in 70 AD.

Further, Jesus’ own words in the verse in question state, “See ye not all these things?” Jesus is telling His disciples to use their eyes to look at the existing buildings in their day – not some future temple. These buildings in 31 AD are the ones that

will be destroyed. It would make no sense to point to the buildings before their eyes and say, “Some temple is going to be destroyed”, opening it up to possibly being the one in 70 AD or a future one.

So, we have two contextual references that point to the temple in 31 AD, which would be destroyed 39 years later, but we also have the purpose of the destruction. It makes absolutely no sense to rebuild a temple just because the wailing wall was not destroyed in 70 AD, when God the Father carried into effect “the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent” (Matthew 27:51). The sacrificial service was “a shadow of good things to come, [and] not the very image of the things” (Hebrews 10:1), “Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ” (Colossians 2:17), and that Good Thing was Jesus to fulfill. To have Jesus’ words to mean a future temple would discredit the main purpose of the temple services ceasing. In other words, it makes perfect sense that immediately after the sacrifices became meaningless by God the Father, 39 years later, the rubbish of the temple existing was swept away. Basically, those advocating a future temple destruction are missing the whole spiritual application. The temple became spiritually empty in 31 AD and was physically swept away in 70 AD. A future temple would be built without any spiritual significance and would only have a physical reason to be destroyed then, which is com-

pletely meaningless and will not happen.

Now, regarding the wailing wall, that is nothing but foundation stone. When Jesus stated that the temple would be destroyed and not one stone left upon itself, Jesus was talking about the temple – not what was under the ground to hold up the temple. In 70 AD, not only was the temple burned, but in order to get to the melted gold, even the stones of the floor were uprooted by the Romans. Truly not one stone was left upon itself. The fulfillment of the prophecy was in 70 AD, and not some future event.

QUESTION: Did Jesus go to the Most Holy or the Holy Place upon ascending into the heavens in Acts 1?

ANSWER: According to the King James Version of the Bible, it says, “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption [for us]” (Hebrews 9:12). But according to many other versions, like the popular New International Version, it is stated, “He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.” So, how do we resolve the issue for those using the NIV?

First, simply stating that the NIV is wrong will only harden the heart. It must be shown from the NIV itself that the version is wrong. This is accomplished in two ways, but be-

fore we get to those two ways, we need to establish what constitutes the Holy Place as opposed to the Most Holy Place. Hebrews 9:2-5 tells us, "For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein [was] the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein [was] the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly."

Now, focusing upon the candlestick, realize that there are seven candles. Exodus 25:31-32 says, "And thou shalt make a candlestick [of] pure gold: [of] beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same. And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side." So, there is the main candle and three branches on either side making seven candles in all.

So, our first attempt is to look at the vision of John. "And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the seven candlesticks [one] like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle" (Revelation 1:12-13). Jesus is clearly giving the Book of Revelation from the Holy Place and not the Most Holy Place because Jesus is in the midst of the seven candles.

Our second attempt is to establish Jesus' sacrifice and process thereafter. 1 Corinthians 5:7 tells us that "Christ our passover is sacrificed for us", and John said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" and "Behold the Lamb of God" referring to Jesus (John 1:29, 36). Also, keep in mind "that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] profession" (Hebrews 4:14). Therefore, Jesus is to perform all of the activities of the sanctuary service, both as High Priest as well as the victim.

Where was the lamb sacrificed? Exodus 40:6 tells us, "And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the

tabernacle of the tent of the congregation." The answer is not in the Most Holy Place and not in the Holy Place, either. The lamb was sacrificed outside, known as the courtyard.

Now, did the priest take the blood from the courtyard right into the Most Holy Place? Of course not. Leviticus 4:7 refers to furniture in the Holy Place. "And the priest shall put [some] of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which [is] in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which [is at] the door of the tabernacle of the congregation."

Therefore, Jesus died in the courtyard and His blood was taken to the Holy Place. The process of the Most Holy Place will not be until much later according to Daniel 7:13.

Now, if you do not have a clue about this subject matter, that is sad because you are missing such a blessing knowing exactly what Jesus has done, is doing, and will do. "Thy way, O God, [is] in the sanctuary: who [is so] great a God as [our] God?" (Psalms 77:13.



News and Comments

August 10

Virtual Binder

Addressing restrictions on access to gender affirming care

"The Episcopal Church to advocate for access to gender affirming care in all forms (social, medical, or any other) and at all ages as part of our Baptismal call to 'respect the dignity of every human being';

affirms that all Episcopalians should be able to partake in gender affirming care with no restriction on movement, autonomy, or timing; the protection of religious liberty extends to all Episco-

paliars who may need or desire to access, to utilize, to aid others in the procurement of, or to offer gender affirming care."

If people believe that we are created in the image of God, then "God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27). This gender choice was not just set in motion for Adam and Eve but science takes over today, rather God still has His hand involved as God said, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee" (Jeremiah 1:5). Further, we know that in the last days that the churches would become socially conforming and this is evidence thereof. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Timothy 3:1-5). And religious liberty is not liberty to sin, to mutilate our bodies, to do whatever we want. We have liberty in obedience (James 2:10-12).

August 31

Fox News

Pelosi calls restricting abortion 'sinful'

Please put politics aside and look at the stupid, contradictory, social-

ly accepted but not godly accepted statement. Since when is denying the killing of life sinful? She is completely flipped, backwards, etc. on this subject. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20). For those that believe that life does not begin until the birth when they breathe on their own are fools. Is the "breath of life" (Genesis 2:7) simply oxygen? The body uses oxygen, as well as food, sunlight, water, etc., but the breath of life is not the air we breathe. God did not put the breath of life into the air but into beings. Inside the womb, breathing is happening; it just also takes in fluid with each breath. In humans, when the breath is removed, we stop using the oxygen as well as no longer digesting food, absorbing water, receiving sunlight, etc. Not only can we not breathe, but we cannot taste, touch, sense, etc.

September 3

Telegraph

Walk on water and perform your own miracles with the Jesus Christ simulator

Is this preparing for an army of people who could eventually fulfill Mark 13:22, which says, "For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if [it were] possible, even the elect."

September 3

Insider

A North Carolina school baptized more than 100 kids without parental permission or attendance:

'Mama, can you bring me some dry clothes?'

Yet, society accepts a gender change, abortion, etc. without parent permission. Baptism is a personal decision. Yes, as a parent, I would be disappointed not being invited. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" (Romans 6:3).

September 14

Yahoo News

'Betrayal and injustice': U.N. secretary-general says global climate change response is falling short

More aggressive? The current inflation is because of the New Green Deal, the forcing of no new gasoline vehicles to be made in California in a decade or so, the limited food supply and supplies being hard to get to on certain products, and other restrictions. "When the wicked rise, men hide themselves" (Proverbs 28:28).

September 16

Daily Beast

It's Time to Call MAGA a National Security Threat

The constitution allows for every political voice. To cause society to silence one voice, even if everybody else disagrees with that voice, is aligning with the dragon side of the two horned beast of Revelation 13:11. It starts out with lamb like horns but finishes with dragon like speech as it "spake as a dragon". The dragon like speech squashes opposing speaking.

September 22

Daily Beast

Man Released After Running Over Teen He Deemed a ‘Republican Extremist,’ Court Docs Show

The man was released on bail, was above the drinking limit, so he was drunk, and shared conflicting testimony; but the point is, the hatred that would drive a person to murder by labeling them a "Republican Extremist" is just the beginning. This is the attitude that will be fostered in society until "that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15).

September 19

CBS News

Biden says COVID-19 pandemic is over

So, just like that, the pandemic is over? There are deaths, illnesses, variants, etc. The reason it is over is that it has accomplished the goal, and it is time to move on to something else to control the people. "For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them" (Psalms 54:3).

September 29

Fox News

Planned Parenthood doctor tells Congress men can get pregnant: ‘This is medicine’

"A Planned Parenthood doctor told a House hearing Thursday that men can get pregnant and have babies." What utter nonsense, and we are told to "trust the science"! We ought to be "avoiding profane [and] vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Timothy 6:20).



Is Halloween Just a Game?

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Exodus 22:18 Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

Deuteronomy 18:10-11 There shall not be found among you [any one] that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, [or] that useth divination, [or] an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a conjurer with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

Micah 5:12-13 And I will cut off

witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no [more] soothsayers: Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.

Malachi 3:5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in [his] wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger [from his right], and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which

are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.



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