

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

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### *Eternal Life - Jerry O'Donnell*

Here are some thoughts that the Bible reveals regarding eternal life. This is not an exhaustive study, but sufficient to encourage us to want to experience it.

To start with, let us identify when eternal life begins free from the lost and free from the chance that Satan can ruin it. Although we consider eternal life beginning at the second coming, for we shall not ever die again, it will not be the eternal life of peacefulness forever just yet. Revelation 20:7-9 tell us, "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Therefore, true eternal life, free from Satan disrupting it ever again, starts after the millennium.

We know this to be true and that we will never have to face the sin issue ever again because Nahum

1:9 informs us of, "What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time." Affliction, which sin causes, does not happen a second time, and "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Titus 1:2).

With that said though, there will be a reminder throughout eternity of what did happen. Zechariah 13:6 reveals that there will be people who lived up to all the light they had yet did not know of the sufferings of Christ. They will see wounds upon Jesus and wonder what happened. "And [one] shall say unto him, What [are] these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, [Those] with which I was wounded [in] the house of my friends."

What happens to all of the results of sin here on earth? 2 Peter 3:12 answers with, "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?" It all gets burned up. Not a trace shall remain.

But what about the effects of sin upon the human race that may

cause us to miss loved ones who are not part of the saved? According to Revelation 21:4, we are told, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." We will not remember the missing loved ones nor the experience of our sins, especially since the only reminder is that of the results of the crucifixion.

The purpose of what is happening now is a proving ground. Can those of this sinful planet in which "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23) be able to populate Heaven and guarantee that "affliction shall not rise up the second time" (Nahum 1:9)? Our works, though they do not save us, reveal the answer. All Heaven watches how we deal with every temptation for it was a temptation that Lucifer gave in to that started this. And if we are easily persuaded by temptation, excusing it as "I can't help myself", then we shall not be part of the group that populates Heaven. We do not need to remember any of the experiences here when we are in Heaven or while enjoying

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eternal life. Everything we have experienced has a taint of sin to it anyways. Even animals that we have loved as pets have a taint of sin. None of it serves a purpose when God makes all the former things to pass away.

Therefore, with a well-charcoaled planet, according to Revelation 21:5, "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful." Everything will be made new except something that we experience now will not be available then. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." We are not going to have oceans separating us as a people anymore. It will be one large land mass. Further, Isaiah 60:18 tells us, "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise." Of course, we do not expect violence but also no wasting nor destruction. That includes the fact that we will not have dead leaves, rotting fruit, etc.

Now, I do not know if there will be a sun and moon, but "The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory" (Isaiah 60:19); "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof" (Revelation 21:23); and "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of

the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Just because we do not need them does not mean they will not exist.

And as stated earlier, everything has a taint of sin. Since nothing shall hurt in all the land, that means even the plants will be thornless. "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign [that] shall not be cut off" (Isaiah 55:13). And the animals will be encountered without fear: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:6-9).

But the new earth is not for everyone's enjoyment. Not every human being will get to experience it. "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27). So, let us make sure our names stay in the Lamb's book of life by the grace of God!

All of this sounds wonderful, but

let us stop and think for a moment. Earth, despite being recreated, was the home of Satan and the fallen angels. It was the original planet in which all the redeemed had experienced sinning. It is most notably identified with crucifying the Savior. So, even after recreating this planet, it could carry the stigma of its original history. However, God has a solution, for in Revelation 21:2-3, it says, "I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God." Heaven gets relocated to earth! Therefore, earth cannot carry the stigma, or that stigma would apply to the capital of the universe as well. Praise God! To go from quarantined to the location of the capital of the universe is breathtaking. It is probably where all these unconverted story tellers and movie producers come up with things like Cinderella, as they copy that which God has already stated.

Now as people read verses in the Bible about eternal life, many are bothered by Isaiah 65:20, which says, "There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner [being] an hundred years old shall be accursed." No, children will not be dying during eternal life, for God said, "there shall be no more

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death, neither sorrow, nor crying” (Revelation 21:4). It simply means that childhood ends at one hundred and not nine, ten, or eleven or even eighteen, as we declare eighteen-year-olds to be considered adults.

And do not worry about reconnecting with a spouse, especially if multiple spouses have been involved. Matthew 22:30 tells us, “In the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.” But understand this... we shall be like angels!

Though we do not know what your neighbors are like, many report to us of how rude their neighbors have been. Let us look forward to what Isaiah 32:18 tells us: “And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.”

And did you know that we shall have two dwellings? John 14:1-3 tells us, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again,

and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.” But in addition to the mansions, Isaiah 65:21-22 says, “And they shall build houses, and inhabit [them]; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree [are] the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.”

How that will work out is that according to Isaiah 66:23, “it shall come to pass, [that] from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD”, therefore, it is understood that the mansions will be used over the Sabbath hours while we enjoy our country estate, built with our own hands, during the week, if we are not out exploring the universe at the time.

Revelation 22:2 tells us of some of the food we shall eat: “In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, [was there] the tree of life, which bare twelve [manner of] fruits, [and] yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations.” We will have to wait until we get to Heaven to see if that is twelve

fruits each month, or if each month for twelve months it is a different fruit appearing before the cycle repeats.

There will be a special designation bestowed upon the final generation facing the great tribulation and yet were faithful in giving the last day message. According to Revelation 7:14-15, it says, “And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.”

And nothing is going to please God more than to see His children enjoying all of this. “But be ye glad and rejoice for ever [in that] which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying” (Isaiah 65:18-19).

So, despite Hollywood doing a pretty good job in creating special effects, when it comes to the spectacular experiences awaiting us, “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9).

That should make us want to be there, and by God’s grace, we can be.



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# Heavenly Health

## “What Can I Take?”

That is, by far, the most asked question that comes across my screen or through my phone. Of course it is always accompanied by a specific ailment, or discomfort, and this one is amazingly common – “What can I take for indigestion?”, otherwise known as dyspepsia. It is usually not a matter of finding something to “take”, unless it is an absolute emergency, but making simple daily changes in our eating habits.

Being moderate, or temperate in everything we do is a good rule to live by in all areas, especially when it comes to our eating and drinking. Everything we put into our systems affects everything in our lives. Our general health, our mood, our intellect and even our morals are affected by what we eat. Do you know someone who has a sour, negative, hateful disposition? Most of us know at least one. You can bet that person is intemperate in at least one area of his life, and the easiest one to fall into is food or drink. It is everywhere! Most people eat three meals a day when two will suffice in almost every case. Try that, always leaving 5 - 6 hours between meals. The stomach needs a break for optimal performance!

Even good food when prepared in the same manner with little variation day after day, can even disrupt the digestion. We have been given a wide variety of foods to choose from which is for our pleasure and benefit. We need the various nutrients from that variety

that our Creator has supplied. Genesis 1:29, 30, “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. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein [there is] life, [I have given] every green herb for meat: and it was so.” Look around! Have you actually tried many different fruits or vegetable varieties in your local market? “The Kew Royal Botanic Gardens has documented over 390,000 vascular plant species. Of these, around 2,500 are fruits and over 1,000 vegetables are edible.” While the precise figure is elusive, it is clear there are thousands of fruit and vegetable varieties in the world.” So, there is no excuse for us to eat the same meals over and over even though every variety is not available to us in our locale, we still have an abundance to choose from.

And how about piling your plates high, even with those good foods, and then going back for seconds! Overloading the stomach can actually become a deadly habit to develop. The average stomach can hold about 2 cups of food and one litre of liquid, but realize that cannot be at the same time. There should not be any liquid taken with a meal as it only dilutes the digestive juices and enzymes, thus hindering digestion which of course is going to lead directly to indigestion. When the stomach is over this capacity the food cannot

possibly be digested completely so the person is not going to receive proper nutrition from that meal. In this case more is definitely not better! It is no surprise that our American diets are nutritionally deficient due to farming practices, but we even add to that problem in our own mouths; we over-stuff our stomachs by eating too much, not to mention not taking our time chewing enough. If we do not thoroughly break down our food with mastication our body cannot use it as is intended. Before swallowing each mouthful, the food should be reduced to a creamy texture before it enters into the next phase of digestion; we are robbing ourselves of the nutrients available in that mouthful of food if it is not completely processed by the mouth, teeth, and tongue.

Actually, we should mention that the first phase of digestion takes place before you even take a bite of food. Our bodies are intricate communication systems which signal and prepare the digestive organs to be ready to do their jobs when the food finally arrives on the scene. The smells associated with meal preparation set the wheels in motion to assure good digestion. Intricate neurological and hormonal messages take place between the brain and digestive system. If you are in a hurry, or are angry, or tense you could be robbing yourself of vital nutrients by interfering with this delicate process and setting yourself up for disease, indigestion being the least of these. We might believe that we have little or no



control over disease in our bodies, but if we focus on the right attitude coming to the table, chewing our food thoroughly to insure getting all the nutrition from it, and not overloading the system, not eating to be “full”, but satisfied and no longer hungry, pushing that plate away, we have

actually taken a good foundational step in setting up our body for health, not disease.

We can only address a few primary things concerning our digestion in this limited space, but if you need additional help, or have questions, feel free to

contact us and we will work with you. The best answer to “What can I take for indigestion?” is take charge!! You are in control of what goes into your system.



## Healthy and Delicious Recipes

### Blueberry Bagels

#### Ingredients:

- 144 g (1 c) Frozen Blueberries
- 1 tsp Lemon Juice
- 2 Tbsp Sugar
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 520 g (4c) bread flour
- 1 packet of instant yeast (2 ¼ tsp)
- 1 ½ tsp salt
- 8 c. Water
- 2 Tbsp light brown sugar
- Plant based milk of choice

#### Instructions:

1. Thaw blueberries and then mash with a fork to release juices.
2. Place in a small sieve over a measuring cup and pour the blueberries into it to separate the juices from the berries.
3. Set mashed blueberries aside and to the measuring cup add enough warm water to the

juice to measure 1 and ¼ cup of liquid.

4. Add the lemon juice
5. To a small bowl add the sugar and lemon zest and rub mixture together with your fingers to release the lemon oil into the sugar.
6. To a large mixing bowl add flour, lemon sugar, and salt and whisk to combine.
7. Pour blueberry juice and mashed blueberries in and stir well until thick dough is formed.
8. Either by hand or with a stand mixer, knead the dough at least 10 minutes. If dough is too sticky add a Tablespoon of flour. If the dough is too dry add a Tablespoon of water.
9. Form dough into smooth ball and transfer the dough to a greased bowl.
10. Cover and set in a warm place to rise for at least 1 hour.

11. Once dough has doubled, punch it down and roll into ball.
12. Cut into 8 equal sized pieces and form into balls.
13. Poke a hole in the center with a floured finger or wooden spoon handle.
14. Place on a parchment lined sheet to rest.
15. Meanwhile preheat oven to 425.
16. Bring 8 cups of water to a boil, adding brown sugar.
17. Once boiling, drop bagels into the water bath 1-2 at a time letting them boil for 1-2 minutes each side.
18. Remove back to tray and brush bagels with plant-based milk.
19. Bake for 25 minutes.
20. Cool for 10 minutes before cutting.



# Natural Vitamins

## Benefits of Eating Peaches

1. May aid in digestion because of their fiber content, both soluble and insoluble.
  2. May lower the risk of high blood pressure since they are high in potassium.
  3. May lower bad cholesterol levels.
  4. May help skin retain moisture from the vitamins A, C, and E along with lutein and zeaxanthin, copper, and zinc.
  5. May prevent certain cancers by eating 2 peaches a day, for
- they are rich in carotenoids and caffeic acid.
  6. May reduce allergy symptoms.
  7. May boost immunity due to the vitamin A and E levels along with iron and zinc.
  8. May protect against certain toxins, like nicotine.
  9. May reduce blood sugar levels.
  10. May help wounds heal faster since they contain vitamins C and K.
11. May reduce inflammation because they contain carotenoids.

## More on Cayenne

1. Useful as a blood vessel dilator, which relaxes the muscular walls, contributing to better heart health
2. Helps regulate the electrical activity of the heart



## Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

1 Peter 1:14 clearly states, “As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance.” That is not obedient some of the time or most of the time. As Paul writes, “not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:27), referring to the people that make up the church. Obedience, or holy living, or sanctified living, is the expected reaction upon having a saving relationship because others “have not all obeyed the gospel” (Romans 10:16), “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not

the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thessalonians 1:8), and “what shall the end [be] of them that obey not the gospel of God?” (1 Peter 4:17). Obeying is not about accepting Jesus as the Savior – that is belief. Obedience is action, following a set of doctrines, for “All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). And the specific set of instruction to obey is called the Ten Commandments. “A blessing, if ye

obey the commandments of the LORD your God” (Deuteronomy 11:27). So, will you obey, or be selfish and disobey, especially under the cloud of, “I deserve this moment”?

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). Clearly, if a person is not “born again” they will not go to Heaven. The “born again” experience is the holy and sanctified life, because the Bible defines the experience as: “Whosoever is born of God doth

not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God" (1 John 3:9). "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, [even] our faith" (1 John 5:4). "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" (1 John 5:18). In comparison, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). Mouthing the words that a person is "born again", or saved, means nothing. If we are continuing our sinful life, enjoying the distractions of the world, especially in wasting away time being entertained by it, we are of the devil no matter how much money we donate or how loud we sing. It is the fruit that reveals if we are "born again". The fruit of sinning reveals we are not "born again" while the fruit of obedience reveals that we may be "born again". The reason it only "may" reveal is because if someone thinks that obedience earns Heaven, although they are obeying, they are a legalist. Obedience reveals a saving relationship; it does not earn salvation. So, do you excuse sin and continue therein, or have you overcome your sins, overcome the world even, by the grace and power of God?

Acts 3:26 tells us straight out, "Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless

you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities." Being turned from our iniquities is the holy and sanctified life. Iniquity is any sinning. Therefore, if we are truly blessed of Jesus, we will not continue in iniquity because He has turned us away from the excuses to allow us to sin, the practices thereof, and even the desire of it. It is called being converted. So, have you been blessed by Jesus, even converted, and ceased sinning, or do you just claim the blessings with your mouth while sinning as you allow yourself to sin?

According to 1 Corinthians 2:12-16, sanctified people will mind the things of God and not of the world. Those who are very much into sports, TV programs, movies, music of the world, are referred to as the "natural man". Yes, we have a natural tendency to love entertainment. We naturally are drawn to those things that gratify the senses, hence why there is high tendency to sensuality, be it by sex, food, drink, exciting vacations, and more. The things of God are foolishness to them. Many Christians will go through the motion of Christianity, like go to church and give to the church, but they are not into living it throughout the week. Bible study is foreign to them, and if they dare open the Bible, they are easily confused. Basically, we are not to stay as a natural person, but become spiritual. That is the born-again experience. That is the sanctified life. So, are you still gratifying the flesh or seeking after spiritual things? Is your

conversation in the world or on eternal things?

When we read that we are to "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:1, 4), and then we read, "Wherefore remember, that ye [being] in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:11-13), we see that this is actually a call to walking, or living, in Christ, i.e., the holy and sanctified life. If we are in Christ, we cease acting like Gentiles in the flesh, which is our old "past" sinning. So, are you still acting like a Gentile or are you acting in Christ, "to walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:6)?

Clearly Philippians 2:14-16 teaches that the fruit of a holy and sanctified life, even a blameless one, reveals if we are saved or not. "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." The world is perverse. They like



murder, bloodshed, even sex, having a worldly lifestyle, and yet we watch it as if it is acceptable in the form of sports, TV, and the movies. We listen to it in the form of music and accept it because it is the law of the land. Paul clearly intends to convey that only those that do or “observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:20), as stated by Jesus, being always without “blame and harmless” as we interact in the world, but not being of the world (John 17:16); being sons of God instead of sinning and being children of the devil (John 8:44); being lights of salvation in this dark world (John

8:12) instead of participating in their darkness; “holding to the word of life” as opposed to “the wages of sin” which “[is] death” (Romans 6:23). That is to be the end, or result, of Paul’s labor, which means, if we do live like the world, the words of the gospel are vain to us and we shall be lost. None of these things have a place in justification, the forgiveness and the gift of eternal life, but it has a whole lot to do with being converted into a being that can dwell with God, holy angels, and other saints for eternity where sin does not rise up a second time (Nahum 1:9). So, is the gospel vain upon you as you mouth the words

of salvation only and permitting sin in your life, or are you actually doing those things because you have received salvation?

Colossians 1:13 states, “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [us] into the kingdom of his dear Son”. The power of darkness is from the devil (Acts 26:18). The instrument to keep us in darkness is sin (Acts 26:18). To be delivered from the power of darkness is to be delivered from sinning, and to be translated into the kingdom is not referring to when we go to Heaven, but part of “the kingdom

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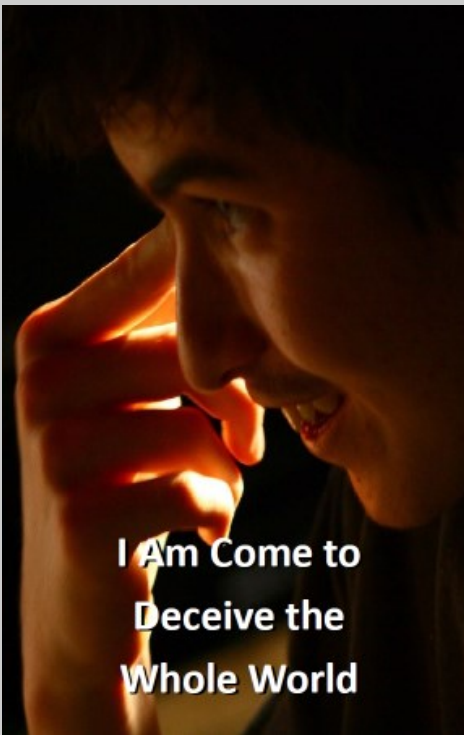
of God is within you” (Luke 17:21). And Jesus said, regarding His kingdom, “if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments” (Matthew 19:17). As a reminder, breaking the commandments even while claiming to be saved is a lost state. Keeping the

commandments to get into Heaven is a lost state. Keeping the commandments as a result of Jesus saving us is a saved state. Those are our only three options, of which the last one is the sanctified and holy life free from the darkness of sin and Satan and

is the expected lifestyle of a true Christian. So, have you been delivered from the darkness, or are you still living in the darkness, pretending to be in the light?

2 Timothy 2:11 may initially not appear to be applicable, but it is. “[It is] a faithful saying: For if we be dead with [him], we shall also live with [him].” Being dead to something is the holy and sanctified life. Now, let us find out what we are to be dead to. Paul makes it quite plain in his own writings; therefore, he does not keep on redefining it every time he refers to being spiritually dead, like in 2 Timothy 2:11. He just states the words, and we are to recall what he means. We are to be educated in the Word, “rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15), which means to study it properly. Romans 6:7 clearly teaches “For he that is dead is freed from sin.”, as well as, Romans 6:11 telling us, “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” In fact, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Romans 6:1-2). Peter even chimes in with, “we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness” (1 Peter 2:24). And this process of being dead to our sins is a daily task, for Paul stated, “I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily” (1 Corinthians 15:31). I, too, protest towards everyone that claims to be saved while sinning still, for I, too, wake up each day

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committing my life to be dead to sinning and to glorify God in righteousness. So, are you dead to your sins and alive unto Christ, or is sin still active in your life creating a separation from Christ?

The words of James 1:21 is so direct. "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." If we do not lay off all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, then we shall not be saved, for "Ye

cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). Yet, many Christians claim to be saved while excusing a little naughtiness here and there and partake in filthiness, especially in the form of being entertained by TV, movies, and songs. "Oh, I know the song has lewd comments, but the beat is so good." "Oh, I know there is a bit of foul language in this movie, but they are just trying to keep it real." Remember, one day God will declare "he which is filthy, let him be filthy still" (Revelation 22:11). And no one ought to want to be like Ephraim chasing after

celebrities, "Ephraim [is] joined to idols: let him alone" (Hosea 4:17). To be "let alone" is to be lost. And by the power of God, it is possible to separate from all filthiness: "ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you" (Ezekiel 36:25). So, are you still attached to what God sees as filthy and naughty, or have you separated yourself from fitting in with the world?



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

### Jesus in the Old Testament

1. What did Jacob dream, and what were the angels doing?  
**Genesis 28:12**

2. Who did Jesus say the ladder applied to, and what were the

angels also doing? **John 1:51**

3. What was the name God used when He spoke to Moses?  
**Exodus 3:14**

4. What did Jesus call Himself?  
**John 8:58**

5. What was Moses to strike?  
**Exodus 17:6**

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6. What did it symbolize?  
**1 Corinthians 10:4**

7. What was Moses commanded to make? **Numbers 21:8**

8. What did that symbolize?  
**John 3:14-15**

9. What did the builders refuse to use? **Psalms 118:22**

10. What did that represent?  
**Luke 20:17-18, Ephesians 2:20, 1 Peter 2:6-7**

#### April 2022 – Be Ready

1. What are we, the church, represented by the wife or bride of Christ, to be ready for? **Revelation 19:7 “the marriage of the Lamb”, Matthew 25:10 “the marriage”, Matthew 22:4 “the marriage”**
2. What shall we be ready to experience? **Luke 14:16-17 “supper time”**
3. What can we not know, but always be ready for? **Luke 12:40 “Son of man cometh”**
4. What are we to be ready for when interacting with people? **1 Peter 3:15 “[give] an answer”**
5. The goal is not to just have the right answer, but what are we to make ready? **Luke 1:17 “a people prepared for the Lord”**
6. If we point to our weakness and fear to share the gospel,

what can God make ready?  
**Isaiah 32:4 “to speak plainly”**

7. What are we always to be ready to do? **Titus 3:1 “to every good work”**
8. What shall we be ready to experience if necessary? **Acts 21:13 “not to be bound only, but also to die”, Luke 22:33 “both into prison, and to death”**
9. What two things ought we to do to make our spirits ready? **Beginning of Mark 14:38 “Watch ye and pray”**
10. When we enter the House of God, what are we to be ready to do? **Ecclesiastes 5:1 “to hear”**



## Questions & Answers

**QUESTION:** When young ladies wear chokers, those thin bands of material around the neck, what does it really mean?

**ANSWER:** Like many articles of clothing worn today, many do not understand their origins and dark meanings. They just accept the fashion of society, which is usually pushed through Hollywood, most of who are out to corrupt the minds. Despite the ignorance on this matter, by continuing to wear

such clothing, it supports the deception being perpetrated upon society along with actually being deceived personally. So, it would be one of those things in which, “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 discard those things.

With that said, looking at the choker specifically, of which mostly consists of wearing of a ribbon or

cloth material but they can take the form of actual jewelry, we find what it really symbolizes, and it is not all that good. According to Agape Studio, they define chokers as being “associated with high fashion, elegance, and sometimes rebellion.” That sounds a bit prideful and we know that “Pride [goeth] before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18)



But let us dig deeper. According to Urban Dictionary, “A tight fitted necklace around a person’s neck. Women wore plain red ribbon chokers to indicate that they were prostitutes. Plain black choker necklaces sometimes signified secret lesbianism. These necklaces transformed into a regular necklace worn for fashion purposes. Choker necklaces were very popular in the 90s as celebrities started to wear them more and more. It is still a trend to this day.” Additionally, “For some, it might even be seen as sexy or provocative.”

Thicker chokers are also known as dog callers (Gatsby Jewelry), which means that a human wearing such articles of clothing have been reduced to a dog and are subject to be commanded like a dog. That sounds quite degrading. Additionally, “It became popular in the late 1990s as part of the ‘Goth look’” (Fetch the Love), which is not a look established by God, but of Satan.

**QUESTION:** Did God perform an abomination comparing Proverbs 12:22 to 1 Kings 22:23?

**ANSWER:** Proverbs 12:22 says, “Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord”, while 1 Kings 22:23 states, “The Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee.”

It is clear from the Bible that “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour” (Exodus 20:16). Even Proverbs 12:22 brings out the abomination of the matter. But then 1 Kings 22:23 brings forth God’s activity of what

appears, at a glance, to be God putting into the prophets a lying spirit.

This appears to be not only two verses contradicting each other, but seems to show God participating in an abomination! Obviously, that cannot be so.

To unpack the apparent contradiction, let us place 1 Kings 22:23 in proper context. 1 Kings 22:20 states, “And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab...”. 1 Kings 22:39 states, “Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, [are] they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?” What we have established is that the prophets were to support the desires of King Ahab.

We also know that “Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that [were] before him” (1 Kings 16:30). “Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword” (1 Kings 19:1).

Further, we know that acts of God are not always received well, for “he hardened Pharaoh’s heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said” (Exodus 7:13). God did not arbitrarily cause Pharaoh’s heart to be hardened. That was simply the result of the plagues. If Pharaoh would have acknowledged God right away or after the first few plagues, it would not have taken ten plagues and a drowning to cause Pharaoh’s heart to become unfeeling.

There is a saying, “the same sun that melts wax hardens clay”. Even David experienced this: “my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels” (Psalms 22:14).

We also know that God has stated, “My spirit shall not always strive with man” (Genesis 6:3). So, by Ahab’s continual desire towards evil, the prophets surrounding Ahab being Baal worshippers, that means not one had the Holy Spirit within him. That means that another spirit inhabited them all – obviously, a spirit of lying.

Now, God did not commission an angel from Heaven to go and fill the mouths of these prophets with lies, as that is an abomination. What God did was to allow that which is found in a parable spoken much later by Jesus: “When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth [it] empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last [state] of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation” (Matthew 12:43-45).

Now, since God created all angels, 1 Kings 22:23 simply says God is taking responsibility for the waywardness of the evil ones. That is all that 1 Kings 22:23 is stating.





# News and Comments

## March 5—UPI

### Study finds sweetened drink consumption may be linked to atrial fibrillation

Even the Bible states that a person should not consume too much in sweeteners: "[It is] not good to eat much honey" (Proverbs 25:27). In this case, a mere 67 fluid ounces per week of drinks containing artificial sugars, or actual added sugars, contributed to the risk of atrial fibrillation by 20% while natural sugar drinks like natural sweetened drinks "such as 100% orange or vegetable juice" actually reduced the risk by a mere 8% but still, it was a reduction.

## March 22—Business Insider

### Tennessee is trying to ban 'chemtrails' from planes based on a wild conspiracy theory

Just because the public labels a theory as a "conspiracy theory" does not make it false. They state that "When the humidity is higher, the contrails linger in the sky for longer — which causes more alarm among the conspiracy theorists." The unfortunate thing is that when the sky is full of "chem trails" and normal trails, both cannot exist at the same time if it were a humidity issue. What actually fuels the "conspiracy theory" is the stupid reason to dismiss the belief in the "conspiracy" with falsehoods. The same applied to the COVID theories where they are now finally able to admit many of the "conspiracy theories" were

correct. "I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth" (1 John 2:21).

## March 17—New York Times

### Piety and Profanity: The Raunchy Christians Are Here

Basically, the article points out the hypocrisy, the lightening up of standards, the allowance of immorality while pointing out other immoral activities. It also pointed out how the attitude has changed over the decades and even centuries towards these things. Pretty much society has dictated to the church instead of the church to society. How many Christians are then truly born again? "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God" (1 John 3:9).

## March 27—The Independent

### Bernie Sanders says Israel is 'becoming a religious fundamentalist country'

We are not offering an opinion for or against Israel. We are focusing upon the language used. Labeling anyone as a religious fundamentalist, be it a country or person, is a method to turn the ungodly against the godly. Remember, the pope labeled all Ten Commandment keepers as religious fundamentalists [Eye of the Tiber, November 22, 2016,

"Pope Francis Calls Ten Commandments Too Rigid"]. Those that are against the commandments, even using religious reasons, are on board in condemning these so-called fundamentalists. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20).

## March 30—ABC News

### The Trump camp assails Biden for declaring March 31, Easter Sunday, as Transgender Day of Visibility

Although this has been going on for 15 years, why did they have to wait until what is recognized by many Christians as a high Christian day, to actually make the proclamation? Why have many other steps also made to down-play the day in a Christian manner? Nothing short of being a taunt. It is to instigate the right to cause the swing that leads to a moral enforcement that is coming. "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).



# What the Bible Says About Imaginations

**Genesis 6:5** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually.

**Genesis 8:21** And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart [is] evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

**Genesis 11:6** And the LORD said, Behold, the people [is] one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

**Deuteronomy 29:19** And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst:

**Deuteronomy 31:21** And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swear.

**1 Chronicles 28:9** And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all

hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

**1 Chronicles 29:18** O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:

**Job 6:26** Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, [which are] as wind?

**Job 21:27** Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices [which] ye wrongfully imagine against me.

**Psalms 2:1** Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

**Psalms 10:2** The wicked in [his] pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

**Psalms 21:11** For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, [which] they are not able [to perform].

**Psalms 38:12** They also that seek after my life lay snares [for me]: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

**Psalms 62:3** How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall [shall ye be, and as] a tottering fence.

**Psalms 140:2** Which imagine mischiefs in [their] heart; continually

are they gathered together [for] war.

**Proverbs 6:18** An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

**Proverbs 12:20** Deceit [is] in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace [is] joy.

**Jeremiah 9:14** But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

**Jeremiah 13:10** This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

**Jeremiah 18:12** And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

**Lamentations 3:60** Thou hast seen all their vengeance [and] all their imaginations against me.

**Lamentations 3:61** Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, [and] all their imaginations against me;

**2 Corinthians 10:5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;



## Natural Remedies

### Dried Gogi berries and eye health

A study shows that a small serving of the fruit increased protective pigments in the eye.

The pigments that increased in the group that ate goji berries, lutein and zeaxanthin, filter out harmful blue light and provide antioxidant protection. Both help to protect the eyes during aging as well.

“Lutein and zeaxanthin are like sunscreen for your eyes,” said lead author Xiang Li, a doctoral candidate in the Nutritional Biology program.

“The higher the lutein and zeaxanthin in your retina, the more protection you have. Our study found that even in normal

healthy eyes, these optical pigments can be increased with a small daily serving of goji berries,” said Li.

