

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

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### *Predestination – A Puppet Theory - Jerry O'Donnell*

Ever run into someone who basically believes that they are just going to live life however they feel like it because in the end, if they are saved, it is on God, and if they are lost, that is on God as well? No effort on their part is going to change their final destination. This is one form of believing in predestination, where we are nothing but puppets in a play.

Though the Bible uses "predestination", or the form thereof, in four verses, read properly, there is no predestination determining who is saved and who is lost. In fact, this is the most ridiculous concept ever invented by human beings, yet it is believed by quite a few. It is just another lie that confirms people in their sins and therefore, no need to get so serious about becoming born again. In fact, predestination completely negates the concept of being born again.

Angels and human beings, in fact all those created with a mind to freely choose options intelligently as opposed to instinct, would be a contradiction to the predestination theory. If predestination were true, then we really do not have free choice in

any matter, yet people claim to have favorite "this, that, and the other" things. The excuse that certain people were predestined to love dogs, mint chocolate chip ice cream, walks along the river, and the employment of being an accountant, is utter nonsense. The variety of likes and dislikes among the human race provides an argument against predestination. If predestination were a thing, then we have one sick God. With the fact that "there was war in heaven" (Revelation 12:7), to have created a being, on purpose, that would cause great misery in the universe, and specifically to this planet, is utterly sick. How many innocent angels and human beings would have been sacrificed for this game called predestination? What would God's end game be then? Does He enjoy death and destruction?

Specifically, regarding that war in Heaven, if God created robots to perform unalterable commands which result in certain beings saved and other beings lost, why would God ruin perfect bliss? Think about it – all was peaceful and blissful "till iniquity was found in" Lucifer (Ezekiel 28:15). Why

would God, if predestination were a thing, permit six thousand years of sin to ruin lives? Instead, God should have wiped Lucifer out right away, even before he started poisoning other angels with his thoughts. Therefore, the theory of predestination is just an attack on the character of God, of which the Bible says, "God is love" (1 John 4:8, 16). There is nothing loving with predestination.

Furthermore, predestination, in the form of not having a choice to be saved or lost, also is an attack on the Bible. Why study the Bible if we cannot choose to leave our predestination of hell? In fact, why study the Bible if we are already predestined for Heaven? And if the Bible were to be something to entertain us by, why are there so many verses that directly, and indirectly, declare that we have a free will to make a choice? – "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15); "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16); "Envy thou not the

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oppressor, and choose none of his ways” (Proverbs 3:31).

So, what is the proper understanding of predestination then? It is like the word “chosen”, which is often also used to substantiate the predestination theory. 1 Peter 2:9-10 seems to explain the word “chosen” quite well. “But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past [were] not a people, but [are] now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.” God did not choose a certain generation of people; these people chose God. These people were in darkness, as everybody is on this planet, but the difference is that these people came to the light. They were not God’s people, but through repentance, they have obtained mercy.

The same is true with predestination. The first two occurrences of the word, out of a total of four verses, are found in Romans 8:29-30: “For whom he did foreknow, he also did

predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”

The Being that was willing to conform Himself would be predestined to a certain life. That turned out to be Jesus. Jesus did not exist in any way to be predestined, as if Jesus had no choice. Being God, He most certainly had a choice. And Jesus chose to follow the predestined path which would lead to the cross to offer salvation for all. With that in mind, not all would respond positively. But for those who listen to the call, there is a predestined result – eternal life. Every one, in one form or another, has been called. Those who respond to the call positively are the ones who are then justified. Those who keep to their justification, and do not backslide, will eventually be glorified to live eternally. This path is predestined for all who will receive eternal life. But this predestination is not for those who ignore the call.

Now, Ephesians 1:3-6 is tougher to see because it refers to God’s

pleasure and His will, seemingly, as if God truly is the puppet master; but as you read these verses, approach it from the fact that God’s will is for all mankind to spend eternity with Him. It would be God’s pleasure that everyone would be saved. However, we know that the vast majority will not be saved, leaving the choice of responding positively to His call upon ourselves. “Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly [places] in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.” According to verse 4, why did God choose us? Because we have chosen Him and live in obedience to Him. God does not choose the practicing prostitute, or thief, but if they cease their activities, as did Mary Magdalene and Matthew, and obey all of the

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commandments, then they are chosen. And the chosen are then predestined, or set on the path, to become “the adoption of children”.

Now, keep in mind, God goes the extra distance to help us to choose Him, “For if there be first a willing mind, [it is] accepted according to that a man hath, [and] not according to that he hath not” (2 Corinthians 8:12). And “it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of [his] good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13).

Ephesians 1:11-12 follows the same logic as mentioned. “In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.” We first develop a trust and a choosing of Christ to be in our lives. When that is done, then we are predestined to obtain an inheritance. God does not randomly choose people to participate in the inheritance. He predestines those who choose Him, prompted by the Holy Spirit.

One more thing about predestination to consider. If certain people are predestined for Heaven, and many others are predestined for Hell, and there is no altering either destination, then what was the purpose of Jesus coming in the first place? Look at the Bible reason and predestination just does not fit: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). There is no love in predestination – there

is programming. After God shows the love, every one has the opportunity, by their free will, not by having been pre-programmed, to be a believer, confessing their sins, and living a Christian life to reveal their choice.

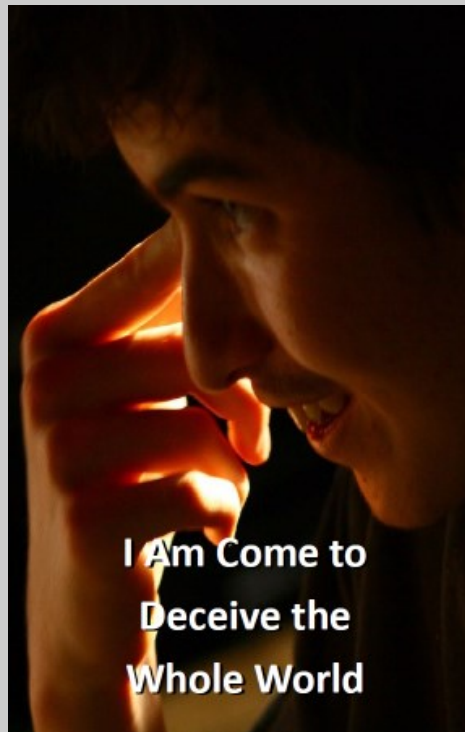
Predestination gets rid of the need of the cross, because that implies that sin is a choice to all those who cling to the cross, who claim that the blood of Jesus washes away all sin, etc.

So, predestination is a word used in the Bible. That, we all agree upon. God has predestined everyone for Heaven, but it is our choices that determine if we fulfill that predestination or not. If we persist in choosing sin, we do not fulfill it. If we choose Christ, then we are on the predestined path for eternity. It is our choice, for we are not emotionless robots.



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# Heavenly Health

## Just what is “Heavenly Health”?

...asks a reader. Let us go to Mark 5:25-34 to ascertain the best answer to this question.

Mark 5:25, And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse”, 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in [her] body that she was healed of that plague. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

So, was it just a mere touching of the garment that Jesus was wearing that healed the woman? No, for right there in verse 34 Jesus explains very clearly “thy

faith made thee whole”, and we know from previous articles in this magazine that 'health' and 'whole' are interchangeable words. And not only that, but in that same verse Jesus says for her to “be whole”, in other words, “continue in your life in perfect health”. It was to be permanent. In the account of this healing in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, I find it interesting that in Strong's Concordance the number assigned to the word “touch” or “touched” is the #680, meaning “to attach oneself”, and also refers us to #681 which says “to fasten to, i.e., to set on fire: – kindle, light”. This was much more than just a common every-day touch – this touch made a connection with the inherent power source of Jesus and ignited an immediate healing process in this woman. Verse 30: “And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him” – virtue = power. So, if Jesus felt a loss of power, where did that power go? – into the woman for her healing by her faith. But do not be misled into believing that we humans can deplete Jesus of all His unlimited power; that authority will never be relinquished to us. Matt. 28:18 “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” It was not through the visible contact with Him, but through the faith which took hold on, or fastened to, His divine power, that the cure was performed.

Let us take note that the true faith of the Christian is represented in this woman, when she humbly

sought healing in the heavenly way, through faith in Jesus. Unfortunately, her prior attempts at healing reflect where most of us in this world are today, and the results are no different than hers were. I know of very few people who do not have overwhelming medical debts, and most have little hope of ever being medical-debt-free. The burden is forcing families to cut spending on food and other essentials. Millions are being driven from their homes or into bankruptcy, a 2022 poll by Kaiser Family Foundation reported. And not only are people still not well; they are sicker than ever.

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As Christians, Satan is after our minds. What better way to thwart his efforts than to make and keep ourselves in good health, so we can think and act in sound ways and make solid, right decisions? We are all bound by sacred obligations to God to care for our bodies. We have heavenly angels on our side, leading and directing us in right paths to health, if we call on them.



Our heavenly Father does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men. He is not the author of sickness and death; He is

the source of life. He would have men live; and He desires them to be obedient to the laws of life and health, that they may live. God

desires us to reach the standard of perfection made possible for us by the gift of Christ.



## Healthy and Delicious Recipes

### Vegan "Apple Cider" Donut Cake

#### Ingredients

##### Cake:

- 2 ½ c. flour
- ¾ c. brown sugar
- ¼ c. vegan cane sugar
- 1 ½ tsp cornstarch
- ½ tsp molasses
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp ginger
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp allspice
- 1 ½ c. apple juice
- ½ c. unsweetened applesauce
- ½ Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp vanilla extract

##### Topping:

- 4 Tbsp unsalted vegan butter, melted
- ⅓ c. vegan cane sugar
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp salt

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Grease a bundt pan (or a 9x13 cake pan).
3. In a large bowl, add the flour, both sugars, cornstarch, molasses, salt, ginger, nutmeg, and allspice. Whisk together.
4. Add in apple juice, applesauce, lemon juice, and vanilla. Use a spatula to fold together, just

until combined. Do not over-mix.

5. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 35-45 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.
6. Remove from oven and let sit for 15-20 minutes to cool then invert onto a cooling rack. Let cake cool completely
7. When completely cooled, melt the butter in a small bowl.
8. In a separate bowl, mix all the remaining topping ingredients together.
9. Brush on the melted butter and then sprinkle on the ginger sugar topping.

**\*Note:** The melted butter and topping should not be added unless eating within 4-6 hours.



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## *Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15*

The “just believe and be saved” crowd love to quote John 3:16, but fail to continue reading to understand what the word “believe”, and what the word “condemn”, really mean. “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil” (John 3:19). Everyone that simply acknowledges Jesus is not saved, as many think they are. We show our belief by our deeds. In fact, “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18). Saying, “I believe” does not save anyone. We are to then show that Jesus is truly in our hearts by doing those deeds that we have been enlightened to, continue to study God’s Word to receive more

light, continue to follow the additional light, and so on, and so on. This is called fitting people up to dwell with holy beings. People who do not want to study to find more light are condemned. That is what that verse is saying. The continuous growth in the light we follow is the expected holy and sanctified life. So, are you in the light and continue with more light, or has some light been too strong and you have chosen to stay with the darkness of evil deeds?

Acts 9:31 states, “Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.” To be walking in the

fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost are both references to the expected holy and sanctified life of Christians. Jesus said of the job of the Comforter, “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:7-8), which means we will be convicted of sin to the point of ceasing; of righteousness and be living it, and be ready to be judged. Further, to be in the fear of the Lord or fear of God, we are told, “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the



whole [duty] of man” (Ecclesiastes 12:13). So, how are you walking, and are you receiving the true Comforter?

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 states, “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech [you] by us: we pray [you] in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” If there were not something to do towards God, we would not be commanded to “be ye reconciled”. To reconcile is to come to an agreement, like balancing a checkbook. Usually, the monthly bank statement and the checkbook do not match, but doing the math between each record of the expected balance regarding missing transactions, we come to an agreement about the amount of money we actually have. Those who use only a bank statement to tell them the balance can end up writing out more checks than there is money available, for many times checks we write are delayed a few days and do not appear on the statement. Those who use only the checkbook also do not get a true picture of the balance because there are bank fees and interest paid that are usually not recorded in a checkbook until seen on a statement. Now, with God, money is not the issue. The issue is revealed in the second verse quoted, which involves sin. As we participate in sin, we are not reconciled to God. As we allow Christ’s righteousness to work in us, replacing the transactions of

sinning with right-doing transactions, we become reconciled, just like John penned, “Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous” (1 John 3:7). So, are you doing right, or still sinning?

Galatians 6:1 states that eternal salvation is not a guarantee: “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” Practicing sinners are not overtaken by a fault, for such people live in the state of being overtaken. Being told to be careful unless we join them in being overtaken by the temptations involved, matches what Jesus says, “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed [is] willing, but the flesh [is] weak” (Matthew 26:41). Therefore, all day and every day, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7), and if we do not, and instead we give in to temptation, and stay in that state of enjoying that sin, we shall be lost. That, again, is what temptation is all about. If there is no risk of loss of salvation, temptation really does not exist, but Jesus says that it does, and we need to not give ourselves over to it. If it were to happen, “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1). Confess it to the Advocate and stop doing it as quickly as possible. We are to live in a state of constantly resisting temptation, which is the

holy and sanctified life. So, are you successfully resisting temptations so that you are not overtaken, or are you so convinced that there is no temptation, (despite what Jesus and the rest of the scriptures teach), and you are secure for Heaven?

1 Thessalonians 4:2 tells us, “For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.” Commandments are not optional. We are commanded by Jesus to live according to the commandments, which is the holy and sanctified life. Yes, Jesus brought us grace, however, “not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified” (Romans 2:13). Grace washes away our sins to “present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 1:24) not to continue in sin, but to “save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). So, are you following Jesus’ commandments?

1 Timothy 3:8-13 describes the characteristics of becoming a deacon. Those characteristics are not something a person is to turn on to become a deacon and turn off when they are not. They are to be lived always by everyone, technically. Even the wife of a deacon is to be “grave” (1 Timothy 3:11), which means “to be venerated for character, honourable: of persons, of deeds”. This does not give permission to the rest of the congregation who are not interested in such a position to become lax in character, as we eventually shall see. Again, what does your

character show to the world about Christ? Has Christ “destroyed the works of the devil” in you?

2 Timothy 2:21 describes the conversion of a true Christian and not one that just says mere words. “If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, [and] prepared unto every good work.” We are to be purged from sin and be a vessel unto honor, which means, to receive eternal life, for the Bible says, “To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life” (Romans 2:7). From there, we become sanctified, or holy, and become a useful instrument to win other souls into the gospel message. These things are not done by our effort, they simply flow from a converted soul. We hate the sins that crucified Jesus. We want to honor Jesus by becoming holy people, which is different from being a stuck-up person. And we want to allow opportunity for others to participate in what God offers. Those who merely mouth words and then go on with how they were living before knowing Jesus, are not truly saved. The devil “hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with [their] eyes, nor understand with [their] heart, and be converted, and I should heal them” (John 12:40). So, are these things happening in your life?

Hebrews 5:13-14 compares the unskillful user of the Word to the skillful in discovering what is good

and what is evil. “For every one that useth milk [is] unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, [even] those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” That discovery of good and evil and the ability to discern is not a matter of agreement, but of practice. In other words, the expectation of a Christian is to discern what is good and do it, and what is evil and avoid it, which is the holy and sanctified life. In fact, if a person believes they are filled with the Holy Spirit, then “he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8). Sin is the evil, where the Holy Spirit convicts us not to do it. Righteousness is the good which the Holy Spirit convicts us to do. So, are you discerning between the good and evil in the way you live your life, doing the good and avoiding the evil, or are you just careless, not concerned about that effort, or are you going as far as allowing a little evil now and then?

1 Peter 2:5 is difficult for many Christians to understand because it is symbolic language. “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” We are symbolic building blocks to build up a symbolic house where “Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone]” and “the foundation of the apostles and prophets” (Ephesians 2:20). The house is made up of the saved. We are to be a holy priesthood, unlike

those that indulge in sinning. Do keep in mind that we are not referring to an oops moment, but we are talking about those who make an excuse of not obeying all of God’s commandments, or regularly excuse a sin here or there, no matter how small we think it is. We are further told to “present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1). How do we do that? “Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:2). So, in everything that you do and think, is it acceptable and perfect, doing the will of God, or not?

2 Peter 2:21 is a continuation of the thought from 2 Peter 2:20, but as we are focused upon counting direct verses as well as the descriptive list of verses with one point, we will count this verse separately right now. “For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.” This is not a person who studies righteousness, knows about it, and then turns away from it. Just as “Adam knew Eve” (Genesis 4:1) to the point of conception, these are people who experienced the righteousness, which “all thy commandments [are] righteousness” (Psalms 119:172), and then turn away from obeying the commandments, back into sinning, “for sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4). It is better that they did not

know the righteous ways of God, for we are judged upon the light we have. Keep in mind, obeying the commandments does not bring righteousness, for “I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness [come] by the law, then Christ is dead in vain” (Galatians 2:21). Righteousness

comes through Christ in the form of justifying us, which includes forgiving us of our sins, and then setting us upon the path of a holy and sanctified life of obedience to His commandments, which is a life of living righteously – Christ’s righteousness flowing through us as opposed to Satan’s life of sin

flowing through us. We either show the world righteousness, or sin. There is no neutrality. So, have you turned away from the commandments, even for a religious reason?



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

### **What Do You Choose?**

1. What will a godly person choose, according to Joshua?  
**Joshua 24:15**
2. What will a godly person choose as servants, according to Paul? **Romans 6:16**
3. What will a godly person choose, according to Isaiah?  
**Isaiah 7:15**
4. What will a godly person choose, according to Moses?  
**Deuteronomy 30:19**
5. What will a godly person choose, according to Jesus?  
**John 14:23**
6. What will a godly person choose, according to John? **1 John 2:3-4**
7. What will a godly person choose, according to John once again? **3 John 1:11**
8. What will a godly person choose, according to Peter? **1 Peter 3:11**
9. What will a godly person choose, according to Ezekiel?  
**Ezekiel 18:4-5**
10. What will a godly person choose to walk in, according to Jesus? **John 8:12**

### **October 2024**

#### **The Wrath of God That Is Coming**

1. What does the future wrath of God lack (is without)?  
**Revelation 14:10 “mixture”**
2. What does God usually include with His wrath, in times past?  
**Habakkuk 3:2 “mercy”**
3. Destroying all but eight souls in the time of Noah was pretty wrathful, but what did God use during the hundred and twenty

years while the ark was being built? **2 Peter 2:5 "a preacher of righteousness"**

4. In the time of Sodom and Gomorrah, what would have spared the cities from being destroyed? **Compare Genesis 18:26, 28, and finally verse 32 "righteous"**
5. What did Paul predict God would do in the future when only a remnant will be saved

during a great time of trouble? **Romans 9:27-28 "cut [it] short in righteousness"**

6. What does God keep for thousands? **Exodus 34:7 "mercy"**
7. But what will God not clear? **Exodus 34:7 [the guilty]**
8. Why will a whole bunch of Christians be lost at the end of time? **Matthew 7:22-23 "work**

**iniquity"**

9. Those that do get to enter the Kingdom of Heaven are described as performing what action? **Matthew 7:21 "doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven"**
10. What will God's judgment in the end be without? **James 2:13 "mercy"**



## Questions & Answers

### QUESTION:

Is there anything wrong with watching religious movies like "The Ten Commandments", Luther, Jacob, and Ester, etc.?

### ANSWER:

Although these may be wonderful productions, keep in mind, much of it is at the liberty of interpretation and alteration for engaging experiences. In other words, it is made more exciting to the unbeliever to draw them in. For instance, there were no such relations with the character known as Dathan in the movie *The Ten Commandments* creating so much jealousy and underhandedness. Dathan is in the Bible at the time of Moses, but not as portrayed on the screen.

The *Noah* movie from 2014 was almost a complete fabrication of events to exploit special effects, interject unbiblical theories, and much more.

Also, about the movie *The Ten Commandments*, the Bible stated that Pharaoh died at the Red Sea (Exodus 15:19), but not in the movie. Extra special effects were also provided to make miracles appear more spectacular than they really were. Overall, it is a telling of an account in the eyes of the makers of the movie.

Keep in mind, the errors and exaggerations that are brought into these films are preaching a message. In other words, it is an allowance, in some cases, for unbelievers to interject their form of preaching into a dramatic and impressionable representation. In

fact, the very blatant false message presented to the public is found in the movie *Jesus of Nazareth* (1977), where at the time to baptize Jesus in the river, John the Baptist bends down and cups together his hands to scoop up water to baptize Jesus with, using the form of sprinkling, which is nowhere found in the Bible. The very definition of the word "baptism" is to immerse. Nowhere does the Bible even hint at a symbolic method of baptism, either. The only symbolic practice revealed in the Bible for Christians is the communion service (1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

We may see through many of these errors, director's privileges, etc., but we ought to be sad to know that error is being taught to the masses. All those that believe sprinkling is baptism were confirmed in their belief as a

picture, especially a movie, is worth more than the words from even the Bible.

So, it is one thing for us to see through the obvious errors and pat ourselves on the back to have known the Bible truth over the alterations made in the show, but what of the subtle changes that are not so obvious? What seeds are they planting in us.

Now, this is not a forbiddance, but a great caution that should be exercised. Keep in mind also that it can be a stepping stone to permit other questionable shows and movies into one's life.

#### **QUESTION:**

Was it right for Christian churches, even politicians, to use a biblical reference out of context to encourage the "jab"? Are we to love our neighbors or treat our bodies as the temple of God?

#### **ANSWER:**

Many false preachers, teachers, and leaders of all denominations, along with politicians addressing Christians, told the public, "Do the Christian thing. If you love your neighbor (Matthew 22:39), you will get the jab, you will get vaccinated."

At the same time, we know biblically "that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost" (1 Corinthians 6:19). "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:17).

To address this apparent contradiction between loving our

neighbor and not defiling the body, we begin with realizing that Satan, when using scripture, uses it out of context. Just look at the second exchange between Christ and Satan during the wilderness temptations (Matthew 4:6). Satan used scripture on his second attempt to tempt Christ into sinning. Is that reference of Satan in the Bible? Absolutely. But was it substantiated by the rest of the Bible? Absolutely not.

Anyone can find a verse or two to justify almost anything they want. We have a few principles that guide us in justifying or condemning things from God's perspective. The first principle is the summary of Isaiah 28:9-10, in which we basically gather all of the verses on the subject. In this case, it is more challenging because a general application (love your neighbor) is being applied to a specific action (getting vaccinated or not).

The second principle is that God does not contradict Himself, "For God is not [the author] of confusion" (1 Corinthians 14:33). That means that both loving our neighbors and not defiling our bodies with poisons cannot be pitted against each other. We have to understand that loving our neighbor is limited by not defiling the body.

Some will say, "Love thy neighbor" is in the context of "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:40), and they would be correct; however, especially from the politicians, non-vaccinators are receiving the title of "murderers", which adds fuel to the fire.

Again, the only way to resolve this, knowing full well that in the last days, "for by thy sorceries [Greek word of pharmekia where we get the word "pharmaceutical" from] were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23), is to use the "not defiling the temple" argument. The worldwide effort to vaccinate every single person, which is still going on today, and for free, more than smells of a conspiracy with the beast, the merchants, and even the daughters of the "mother of harlots" that fulfills the prophecy.

With that said, God never placed the responsibility of one person's health on another to the detriment of either; nor for that person who refuses the vaccine to then be breaking any of God's commandments so that the vaccinated person can feel better about themselves, nor are we to violate any of God's statutes and precepts.

If a person has a weakened immune system, it is *their* responsibility to limit their exposure in society, take the necessary precautions when out in public, and overall, accept one hundred percent of the responsibility. It is not society's responsibility for any carelessness or risky act on their part.

So, in light of these things, we ought to keep ourselves in the best health condition possible so that we are neither a carrier, nor susceptible to a virus, which includes not bringing down the immune system by some man-made creation that they want to inject into the body.





# News and Comments

September 13

Crux Now

**Pope in multi-faith Singapore says 'all religions are a path to God'**

The article states, "If you start to fight, 'my religion is more important than yours, mine is true and yours isn't', where will that lead us?" he asked aloud. "There's only one God, and each of us has a language to arrive at God. Some

are Sheik, Muslim, Hindu, Christian, and they are different paths [to God]." Jesus may disagree with that. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). So, we must go through Jesus to get to the Father – then that makes only followers of Christ to be the true religion. Yes, there are exceptions individually, but

not corporately. The teachings of all the other religions are, well, nothing short of pagan. Honestly, so is much of Christianity, but that is a different story. "But to us [there is but] one God, the Father, of whom [are] all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom [are] all things, and we by him" (1 Corinthians 8:6).



## Biblical Version of Thanksgiving

**Revelation 12:7-8** And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

How many angels on the side of the dragon? Revelation 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth...

Who is Michael? Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel...

What will the archangel do in the future? 1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first

Whose voice actually wakes the dead? John 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

[Son of God wakes the dead with His voice, yet the archangel wakes the dead. The Son of God is no angel, but He certainly is "the LORD of hosts" (Malachi 3:17).]

**Revelation 12:9** 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.

What caused Satan to be sent to the earth? Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. [Sin invited Satan to make his home here on earth.]

**Revelation 12:10** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and

the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

How did salvation come? 1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

[Jesus revealed salvation by successfully sacrificing Himself as the sinless offering.]

**Revelation 12:11** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

What does Jesus' blood do? Revelation 7:14 These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb

[Washes away our sins.]

**Revelation 12:12** Therefore rejoice, [ye] heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

What type of wrath shall we expect from Satan? Acts 14:22 we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God

[We ought to expect to go through tribulation and not escaping it.]

**Revelation 12:13** And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man [child].

What is a woman with all the symbolism happening throughout this chapter? Jeremiah 6:2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate [woman]. 2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ. Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

[God's people are represented by a pure or virgin woman.]

**Revelation 12:14** And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Just how long of a period of time is this? Revelation 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her. there a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days.

What principle does God have when time is provided and there is symbolism happening? Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:6 each day for a year.

[The time is 1,260 years.]

**Revelation 12:15** And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

What does the flood represent? Isaiah 59:19 When the enemy shall come in like a flood

[The flood is persecution perpetrated by the enemies of God, those that put tradition above His Word.]

**Revelation 12:16** And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

What is water symbolic of? Revelation 17:15 The waters which thou sawest,... are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

The opposite of water is the earth... unpopulated place on earth. Thank God for the pilgrims!

[An unpopulated place on the earth saved Christianity from going into extinction.]

**Revelation 12:17** And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

As a reminder, who is the dragon? Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world.

Why is Satan no longer after the woman? Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 6:1-2 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Who are successful in being faithful? Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. Revelation 22:14 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.

The United States is what provided for a safe haven to practice one's religion according to their own conscience, and we should appreciate that, even being thankful.



## Natural Remedies

### A Sweet Way to Whiten Your Teeth!

Just eating an apple helps scrub your teeth. Apples have a high concentration of malic acid, which is used in some toothpastes. Malic acid increases saliva, which cleans

your teeth and helps remove stains, according to some studies.

Another fruity enamel cleanser is pineapple, the only food that

naturally contains bromelain, an effective ingredient in a stain-removing toothpaste.

