

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

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Signified It by His Angel (Revelation 1:1) - Jerry O'Donnell

Using the King James Version of the Bible, the title of this message is significant. The word "signified" means that the content of Revelation is spoken in symbolic language. That means that most of the items contained in the book are not literal but symbolic, representing the literal. Most translations do not convey that, therefore, are in error. They state that the words were "communicated", "made known", "shown", "made it clear", "showed it".

In addition to the King James Version of the Bible, there are several other translations that do get it right and if your translation is not one of them, I would seriously consider setting it aside, because you are being misled. The proper translations include Holman Christian Standard Bible, New King James Version, American King James Version, American Standard Version, Darby Bible Translation, English Revised Version, Webster's Bible Translation, Literal Standard Version, Berean Literal Bible, Young's Literal Translation, Smith's Literal Translation, Literal

Emphasis Translation, Douay-Rheims Bible, Catholic Public Domain Version, Aramaic Bible in Plain English (actually uses the word "symbolized it"), Lamsa Bible, Godbey New Testament, Mace New Testament, Worrell New Testament, and Worsley New Testament. Now, before you run out and trade in your NIV for one of the ones in the list, be careful. We take issue on many of those versions regarding other, even more, significant verses with their translation errors. But that is not the subject of this article.

With Revelation 1:1 stating, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified [it] by his angel unto his servant John", let us look at Revelation 13 from the surface point of view, using the knowledge that it is symbolic and how when people try making symbolic things literal, ultimately they are messing up prophecy.

Revelation 13:1-2 describes what is commonly referred to as the antichrist beast. "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a

beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as [the feet] of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." There is no such literal creature that looks like that, nor will there ever be. That is because that conglomerate beast represents the literal by using symbolic language. Now remember, this article is just staying on the surface of things.

Moving on to Revelation 13:3, it says, "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast." Sure, there is a bit of literal language used. "All the world", except the hundred and forty-four thousand, will wonder after the beast. But it is very little literal language. Since the beast is symbolic, that means the head that is wounded and healed is symbolic. And with the head being symbolic, that action of wounding

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would be symbolic along with the healing process. Therefore, do not look to the hospitals for someone with a head wound!

Looking at Revelation 13:4, it says, "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who [is] like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" The "dragon" is symbolic of Satan (Revelation 12:9); power was given to a non-literal beast, therefore the power is symbolic of something else, like "authority"; and even the word "worship" is symbolic as people cannot worship a non-literal beast, physically. By the way, worship and obedience in the Bible are synonymous. Even the phrase "who is able to make war with him?" is not literal, but is symbolic of challenging the authority once again.

Revelation 13:5 states, "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty [and] two months." With the beast being symbolic, we ought to then consider the mouth not being literal either, but again, representative of something else, like "laws", seeing that beasts represent kingdoms (Daniel 7:23) or nations. So, it would be laws that proclaim great phrases and blaspheme God, but moving on to the timeline of forty-two months, it is once again not literal, despite way too many people thinking it is literal and participating in the sin of date setting along with looking for a future forty-two month reign of antichrist. All those who submit to such also submit to the seven-year tribulation period from Daniel

9:27. There, the word "week" appears. Of course, we know that there are seven days in a week. So, what some denominations believe in is what is called an "each day for a year" principle found in Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6. They then apply it here in Daniel to mean seven years, but they inconsistently leave the forty-two months alone without any scriptural support. The bottom line is, if Daniel 9:27 is symbolic of seven years, then that means the forty-two months is symbolic also, representing one thousand two hundred sixty years (42 months x 30 days per month and day for a year principle).

Continuing with Revelation 13:6, it says, "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven." This is pretty much literal, minus the symbolic use of the "mouth" once again. It parallels Revelation 13:5 by expanding the specific blasphemies used.

Revelation 13:7 states, "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." This verse is quite a bit literal.

Now Revelation 13:8 may appear literal, but read it carefully: "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Once again, worship is actually obedience, and the Lamb is a symbolic reference to Jesus. Jesus is not a literal lamb.

Revelation 13:9 saying, "If any man have an ear, let him hear", is a standard warning that is literal.

Revelation 13:10 is a combination of literal and symbolic. "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints." People were led into captivity, literally, in some cases, but mostly they were led into spiritual captivity by trapping the vast majority in error. Now the beast going into physical captivity indeed is literal. And, many faithful have been cut down by the sword where the symbolic beast suffered a symbolic use of the sword, not a literal one.

Revelation 13:11 describes another animal, representing a nation. "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." Animals like this just do not tunnel up out of the earth, therefore, the word "earth", the opposite of water, would be symbolic along with it overall being symbolic because, outside of a buffalo, there is no such beast. By the way, buffalo do not speak, but nations do speak through laws.

Revelation 13:12 is symbolic because the beast is not literal. "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." Again, nations pass laws that are expected to be obeyed. Evidently, the second nation eventually combines the

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separation of power into the same combination that the first nation exercised.

Revelation 13:13 tells us, “And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.” The word “he” refers to the second beast, which is not literal, but symbolic of a nation. The fire coming down from heaven is not literal, but nations can do that these days, especially with drones. It is not that impressive, but it will be impressive for what the symbolic representation happens to be.

Revelation 13:14 states, “And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.” This, once again, makes reference to the symbolic beast as well as the symbolic image. A literal image is not going to be erected, but rather, when this nation enacts a law and compels the world to follow suit, then the image will be completed.

Revelation 13:15 says “And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.” This verse is full of symbolism with reference to the symbolic beast once again, therefore, the image of the beast cannot be literal, but symbolic, the speaking cannot be literal, as images or statues are not able to speak, so it, again, must be referring to legislative action, and

more worship or obedience is demanded. Those non-compliant may face a literal death decree, but spiritually, people are already being silenced with cancel culture.

Revelation 13:16 tells us, “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.” With all the symbolic language from verse one through verse 15, it is only Hollywood and sensationalism that has crept into the church that makes the mark, or mark of the beast in the full title, to be literal. Again, since it is the mark of the beast, and the breast is not literal, that means the mark cannot be literal either. We cannot have one object literal and the other symbolic. Either they are both literal, which the beast is not, or they are both symbolic.

Revelation 13:17 further describes the mark by stating, “And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” Again, the beast is symbolic and the same argument from the prior verse applies. We are not looking for the literal name of the beast but a symbolic name, like a title. The name and beast are either both literal, which the beast is not, or they are both symbolic. Being symbolic means the “number of his name” is also symbolic, as in being a number of the title he holds while ruling over the nation. We already declared the mark to be symbolic from verse 16, so what about literal buying and selling, or could that be inclusive of being symbolic too?

To unlock any symbolism of “buying and selling”, we conducted a search of the

scriptures for the similar wording instead of relying upon human sensationalism of interpretations. It does not take one very long to find a reference to “buying and selling” in the Bible, for Proverbs 23:23 states, “Buy the truth, and sell [it] not; [also] wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.” Therefore, what is being suggested along with the financial challenges is that those with the mark of the beast are the only ones that will be able to buy into the truth and receive the seal of God, or to sell the truth, which means to get rid of it, or reject it.

If someone is contemplating the truth, they are not yet sealed. That means they can reject it, which is a form of selling it, or, as stated, getting rid of it. The reason why only those with the mark of the beast will be able to do this is that by this time, all those having the Seal of God will be solidified and judged as “let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still” (Revelation 22:11). They will not lose the Seal of God and sell the truth. It will only be those in the valley of decision that can either fully buy into the truth and be sealed, or get rid of it by the symbolic selling of it.

It is something to consider in light of all the symbolism found in the verse and in the prior fifteen verses, but then it is not something that is dogmatic. Basically, it is a lesson in letting the scripture interpret itself, as opposed to human interjection.

Now, to finish out the chapter, Revelation 13:18 tells us, “Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number [is] Six

hundred threescore [and] six.” This verse makes reference again to the symbolic beast, symbolic man that can be in a position held by numerous leaders, in succession, along with the symbolic number. Although it is literally six hundred sixty-six and can be found in the official names in multiple languages, it is also symbolic of sun worship, which is involved in all that Babylon exercises, as depicted in Revelation 17 and 18.

As a side note, the understanding of the forehead and hand can easily be found in similar wording of Deuteronomy 6:4-8: “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God [is] one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.”

Frontlets and hands are connected to being taught. Where a person is taught, behind the frontlet, or forehead, is the mind. It is where we choose to accept the teaching, or not.

The hand, referenced in both Deuteronomy and Revelation, specifically is defined in Ecclesiastes 9:10, which says, “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do [it] with thy might; for [there is] no work, nor device, nor

knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.”

In conclusion, accepting the mark of the beast is done by accepting the authority of the beast in the hand, or in action. The beast does

not care which one a person chooses, as long as he supports the agenda.

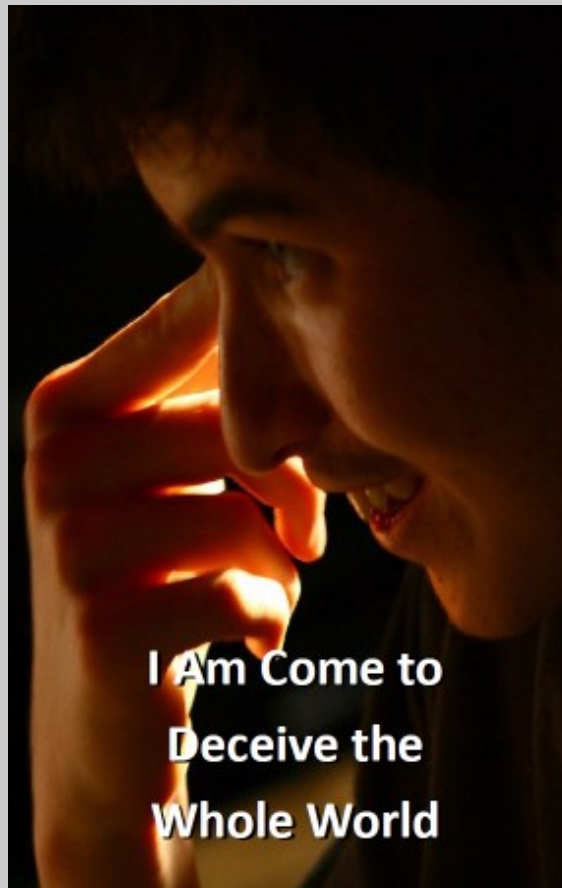


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Heavenly Health

Change Your Tune

The title phrase, in case you are not familiar with it, has been around for centuries to describe a sudden shift in attitude or one's opinion. I've read that it had its roots in music, specifically in the idea of changing melodies. I can recall a few particular incidents during my childhood and youth in which I heard that phrase from my Dad, but I can assure you it had nothing to do with music, and I'm pretty sure it was always prefaced with "You had better...", indicating that an attitude adjustment was in order. And pretty quick! So I learned how to change my tune at an early age. Can we still learn to do that?

I'm sure we all know the song from childhood, "Jesus Loves Me", and many probably still know all the lyrics. I'm not suggesting we change all the words, but how about exchanging just one so the message in the song would be, Jesus *heals* me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. We have already learned that love and healing go together, but there is not much evidence that we do *know* that, and we desperately need to know it in these troublous times in which we live. I just wonder, if we begin to sing it this way, would we see any changes in our own health since we would be feeding ourselves absolute truth repeatedly; would we begin to believe it after awhile, and would our bodies respond positively? I believe they would.

If we are Christians, that adjective (no, I am not diminishing Christ here) is to reflect our own likeness to Christ in all our ways, not just a few chosen ones. So this question needs to be addressed – Was Jesus ever sick? There is not even a hint of that taking place in scripture, but it probably would have made headline news if it had happened since people generally kept a pretty close eye on the life of Jesus, looking for anything negative to report about him, and the scribes and Pharisees would have jumped into action to broadcast it, if he had been. Therefore, I believe we are safe in saying that Jesus was never sick. So, why are so many of his followers sick? Have we not taken hold of healing according to Bible principles? Do we just not believe the Word of God? Are we afraid of changing from illness to being well?

Many people believe they are sick because they are simply doomed, or destined, to catch some sickness. Long before I ever really studied the Bible, or health, I worked for an older lady who was diabetic. In her late 70s she was quite active and ran her business very efficiently. One day I came into the office and heard her talking to our accountant about her condition, which was also his condition, so they had a lot in common, and they were sort of comparing notes in an amusing fashion and they began including me in their conversation because,

according to them, I needed to know about diabetes since that is just what happens when you get old – everyone gets it. Well, I knew that was not a fact since I knew many other older people who were not diabetic, but I could see they were both very committed to that mindset, and who was I to challenge that? I did say to them that I did not want to make plans to become diabetic and they informed me that I had better make plans so I would know how to live with it. Seriously?? I could not buy into that line of thinking; I still see this scenario being propagated in commercials and advertisements for various drugs, and it makes me shudder.

Other people believe they get certain illnesses because "my momma had it" or "my daddy had it" so "I'm going to get it" or they already have it for the same "reason". Yes, they believe that is the real cause of their being sick. This is one of the most common mindsets I hear; it is no easier to deal with than the "everyone gets it" mindset. Both scenarios have enough truth in them to almost make them gospel. They have made up their minds and anyone thinking outside of that mindset will be hard pressed to get through that barrier. The mind can be a powerful force in either right or wrong and when it seems that an illness has become part of a person's identity, they simply do not want to give it up and they have no intention of doing so. It is

like their own personal pet, or security blanket, and some would not know how to navigate life if they did not have that illness that they, and everyone associated with them, have to navigate around, so they cannot afford to let that illness go. It is usually the main topic of discussion in any situation, almost worn like a badge of honour.

One more illness owner that is sadly common is the person who uses their condition to control other persons. The reason I make that plural is that it is rare that only one person would be controlled unless they lived in total isolation; tho there is usually one primary controlled individual such as a care-giver, and a string of other supporting cast members such as neighbors, friends and

relatives. Or maybe even the mailman, if he will stop and listen to this person's plight.

Now, I am not talking about genetics, or birth defects, accidental injuries of any nature, etc.; these few (and there are many more that would fit into this category) illnesses here discussed are those that the owner has the ability to sometimes completely eliminate by change, and that is the key element, or common thread, needed in each of them – change. They could change their attitude, change their outlook, change their diet, change their lifestyle, change their mind, which would all go a long way in changing their relationships with others. It would free others and free themselves from a bondage

that is not meant for any of God's children. "Let my people go".

If you see yourself in either of these illness scenarios, I hope you will consider changing your tune. It could literally save your life, and even change your destiny.

Dear Reader, please know that these health messages are written for myself as well as everyone else – there is no finger-pointing at anyone.

2 Cor. 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad." Are we prepared for this?



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Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

From Luke 6:27 to 34, Jesus describes how a Christian is to interact with others, especially our enemies. Then He summarizes, “But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and [to] the evil” (Luke 6:35). That great reward is Heaven. That means if we do not do those things, Heaven is not ours. So, how do you treat those that hate you, curse you, use you, smite you, steal from you?

At first, John 5:24 may appear to be a message of “just believe and you shall be saved”, but it is not. “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” To hear the word of God and then

believe on Jesus is more than acknowledging that Jesus is the Son of God and provides eternal life. Even the devil believes that (James 2:19). If we really believe on Jesus, we would obey what He says. “If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). “Blessed [are] they that hear the word of God, and keep it” (Luke 11:28). “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). It is like a mother scolding a child and says, “Do you hear me!” That is not about words going into the child’s ears; it is about obedience to those words. So, are you obedient to the words of Jesus or not?

Acts 14:22 says, “Confirming the souls of the disciples, [and] exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through

much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.” To continue in the faith is not merely telling the people, “Continue to believe in Jesus.” If it were all about belief, then why the tribulation? That implies actions are being observed. And to be exhorted means that this is a command that determines the expectation of a true Christian. Only actions, like avoiding idol worship, following the commandments of God instead of the pagan gods, etc. does tribulation occur. But today’s Christianity is all about accepting people of all religions, including paganism, and leaving them in their religion claiming that we all serve the same God. All who participate in such are not really Christian. So, are you one of God’s witnesses living a Christian life, or are you living a life that simply blends into society so no one knows if you are a Christian or not?

In the fourth and fifth chapters in the Book of Romans, Paul shows how Abraham and the descendants were saved by the same means we are saved, Jesus Christ, destroying the notion that Old Testament people were saved by the commandments and being circumcised but we are saved without the commandments and without circumcision. No one is saved by keeping the commandments. After concluding that, Paul then made it very clear: "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). Anyone sinning, which "sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4), is fooling themselves. It is expected that the Christian will live by grace where they fell short of keeping the commandments but no longer live in breaking the commandments. So, are you thinking you are saved by having lots of grace through your daily sinning, or do you see that we are not saved by the commandments, but grace does not permit us to break them, either?

1 Corinthians 6:18 says, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." So, all that are involved in any form of fornication are going against the expected holy and sanctified life. Many Christians would agree that engaging in adulterous relationships probably means that such a person was never truly converted, at least that is the excuse, but they forget that

fornication can be committed by anyone on different levels. The use of porn, lusting after the opposite gender, creating fantasies in the mind, watching nudity of any sort, participating in multiple sex partners while unmarried, etc. are all classed with fornication. That broadens the inclusion of those that enjoy such things. Paul does not have to say, "If you don't flee, you go to hell." Elsewhere we are told that (Jude 1:7, Galatians 5:19-21). So, is fornication out of your life, or do you justify it by some form of "once saved, always saved" because all you think you need to do is "believe" or even "believe and be baptized"?

Quick readers of the Bible, "in name only" Christians will not catch this phrase and apply it to mean the holy and sanctified life is expected of a born-again Christian, otherwise, they are not born-again and not saved. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." We see our hearts are to be ruled. To be ruled is to follow rules. What are the rules? Submitting to having the "peace of God". That is not a feeling, as so many people think it means for a feeling is not a rule. To have the peace of God is to have something else leave – sin. One cannot be sinning and have the peace of God. They do not coexist in a person. That is the devil's lie. This is why God demonstrated to the world that a "peace offering" was to be made for sin (Leviticus 4:26, 4:35, 7:37, 9:22, etc.) pointing to what Jesus would provide. This is

why Jesus is known as "The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6) "for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21) and why, after He rose, accomplishing the task, said, "Peace [be] unto you" (John 20:26). "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (John 14:27). The world thinks peace is settling an argument, while Jesus offers peace to have our sins that separate us from God to be put out of our lives, not just a penalty removal process while we keep sinning, but real victory. The drunkard can stop drinking. The drug addict can stop shooting up. So, does the peace of God rule your heart, or do you rule your heart doing what you feel like doing?

2 Thessalonians 3:7-9 starts with "For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you" and ends with "to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us." There is a standard to being a Christian. It is the holy and sanctified life. Being disorderly at all is not the example Paul set that we are to follow and it certainly is not becoming of a true Christian. Some will say, "I don't get drunk in public and cause issues or fall down!" Disorderly goes far beyond it. It includes the simple things like making sure one is living in a clean environment and not as a slob (Deuteronomy 23:14), not being slothful (many places in Proverbs), not being resistant to even the horrible government laws (Titus 3:1) as long as they do not conflict

with God's laws (Acts 5:29), etc. So, how disorderly in God's eyes are you?

James 2:11-12 states, "For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." We shall all be judged by the keeping of the Ten Commandments or the lack thereof, the law that liberates us from sin, which we are in bondage to. The law is not bondage. The law is freedom, for Jesus said, "Ye shall know the

truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32), and "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (John 8:34). Therefore, do you keep the commandments and are not guilty of breaking them by the grace of God, living the expected holy and sanctified life, or are you still in bondage to sin?

Matthew 5:31-32 tells us the only reason Christians ought to get divorced – fornication. Christians who get divorced and marry other people over non-fornication issues are guilty of committing adultery and need to repent because Jesus does not automatically clear the

guilty when it comes to forgiveness (Exodus 34:7). Further, if fornication took place and a divorce is the result, then anyone who marries the guilty party of that fornication becomes guilty of committing adultery as well. "It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." The "whosoever" covers the "saved" Christian. Therefore, "saved" Christians can become not saved if they join the society's

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allowance of “marrying and giving in marriage” (Matthew 24:38). So, are you guilty of either activities, and need to repent before it is too late? Have you given bad advice and bad support to such parties?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 states, “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” If we are failing to glorify God in our bodies, we are failing to have the holy and sanctified life that is required of a Christian. That means if we give in to “it feels good”, “it tastes good”, “it makes me feel...”, etc., then we are full of selfishness, which is the opposite character trait of a Christian. Consulting our body of what it wants, which is the flesh over the obedience to God, which is the Spirit, we are glorifying ourselves instead. So, are you glorifying God in your body, or not?

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 says, “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all [men]. See that none render evil for evil unto any [man]; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all [men].” It is expected that Christians be corrected of any sinful or unruly act showing that there is a standard of being a Christian, which is the holy and sanctified life. So, are you living

that standard, or are you one that is in need of warning?

2 Thessalonians 3:10-14 contain the words “we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies” (verse 11) and ends with “if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed” (verse 14). This clearly shows the high expectation of a Christian, and if we are not to have company with such a person here, certainly Heaven will not allow such into Heaven. So, are you disorderly in any way, misrepresenting Christ like calling yourself a Christian while participating in, and excusing sins in your life, are lazy, are a gossiper, etc., or do you represent Christ and His kingdom in the high standard of God's Word?

1 Timothy 4:12 states, “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” This is not directed to Timothy alone. The expectation of believers is to be an example of Christianity whose words, conversation that goes beyond mere words, charity, spirit, faith, and purity. Purity includes thinking to the point that “we have the mind of Christ” (1 Corinthians 2:16). Christ does not think of dirty jokes, how to slight someone, etc. So, are you an example of the believers, or unbelievers? Keep in mind that there are many unbelievers that attend church on

a regular basis, professing to believe.

Titus 3:14 says, “And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.” Maintaining good works is the holy and sanctified life. Becoming unfruitful is condemned by Jesus: “He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful” (Matthew 13:22). Many may become Christian but over time their demonstration of a saved life begins to dwindle where they starting participating in things that the world offers along with the Christian thinking they are missing out on. Eventually, the once fruitful life becomes unfruitful, and Jesus says, “Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?” (Luke 13:7). Has your life become unfruitful, or do you maintain those good works, realizing that those works do not earn Heaven, but are a result of Heaven being given to you?

Hebrews 10:14 states, “For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” Jesus' offering is for the sanctified, those whom He has made holy, but if we are choosing to sin instead, we are not being made holy and the sacrifice of Jesus will not be for us. So, are you being sanctified or being sinful by your choices?

James 2:24 tells us, “Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.” Paul says, “Not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified”. The works, even law-keeping, do

not justify us, but justification is not for those that want to break the commandments and who do not care to produce good works. The fruit of justification is a sanctified life of good works and law-keeping, which in no wise

earns Heaven, but reveals that we have received Heaven into our hearts. So, do you think you are saved by faith only, or do you see that works is a fruit of having faith?



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

Crucify

1. Who should we seek, though he was crucified? **Matthew 28:5**
2. What is Christ to the “called”, while being a stumbling block to Jews, and foolishness to Greeks? **1 Corinthians 1:23**
3. When we backslide and go back into a life of sinning, what are we crucifying? **Hebrews 6:6**
4. If we be of Christ, what ought to be crucified? **Galatians 6:14**
5. If we are of Christ, what gets crucified? **Galatians 5:24**

6. What causes Jesus to be crucified again, spiritually speaking? **Galatians 3:1**
7. If we are crucified, although we live, it is not really us that lives, but who? **Galatians 2:20**
8. Who should we crucify? **First third of Romans 6:6**
9. What does that (answer to prior question) mean? **Middle of Romans 6:6**
10. If we are successful, what will the result be? **End of Romans 6:6**

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What a Woman Symbolizes

1. What female invites people to come?
Revelation 22:17 “bride”
2. How are Christians presented to Christ?
2 Corinthians 11:2 “as a chaste virgin”
3. Who makes themselves ready for the marriage of the Lamb?
Revelation 19:7 “wife”
4. What is Zion likened unto?
Jeremiah 6:2 “a comely and delicate [woman]”
5. What is the symbolic definition of Zion?
Isaiah 51:16 “Thou [art] my people”
6. What activity is associated with backsliding?
First half of Jeremiah 3:8 “adultery”
7. What term is applied to a nation, for example, Judah, that turns to pagan nations for their practices?
Second half of Jeremiah 3:8 “harlot”
8. What does John see appear in natural beauty?
Revelation 12:1 “woman”

clothed with the sun”

9. What does the woman arrayed in purple and scarlet practice?

End of Revelation 17:4
“abominations and filthiness of her fornication”

10. What title does that woman

have?

Revelation 17:5 “Mother of Harlots”



Questions & Answers

QUESTION:

I thought I knew a person of God, then I found out that they disobeyed God, though they repented, can they still be regarded a person of God?

ANSWER:

There is none greater as a recognized person of God than God’s own prophets. We will not try to discredit the prophets but bring a reality to this question. A person of God, prophet or not, are not perfect. The Bible says, “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). And to everyone, we are told, “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). To all, it is God’s intent that we walk perfectly before Him, but the reality is that there is a bit of selfishness that can and sometimes does come out.

With that said, we recognize Peter to be a person of God. And no, we are not going to refer to the denial of Jesus for even Jesus said to Peter, “when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren” (Luke 22:32). So, as a disciple, Peter was

not yet converted. It was not until after the resurrection did he become converted. Yet, later on, Paul penned, “when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision” (Galatians 2:11-12). Peter still showed prejudice.

Of course, we know all the incidents of David, yet we count him to be a person of God.

Then there is Moses, “gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?” (Numbers 20:10) stealing the credit from God. Sure, it cost him entrance into the Promised Land, but he still was regarded as a person of God.

So, since the person honestly repented, they probably should remain as a person of God in everyone’s eyes. Now, if they repented only because they got caught, that is a different story.

QUESTION:

Why was covid-19 allowed to be such a catastrophe when God could have stopped it?

ANSWER:

First, God is not able to just “willy-nilly” stop anything, or Satan would cry “foul!” This planet chose Satan. Satan’s plans, or experiment of a lawless environment, have to play out so as to starkly contrast those of Satan as opposed to those on God’s side. Yes, there have been moments of intervention, such as the flood. Sin has been put in its place, as in the dealings with Sodom and Gomorrah. But to fulfill prophecy, it has to run the course.

Jesus gave us warning, “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places” (Matthew 24:7). And then there is the worldwide deception involving the pharmaceutical industry, which cannot perpetrate its deceptions without first having a worldwide purpose to inject people “for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived” (Revelation 18:23),

where “sorceries” is the Greek word “pharmakeia”.

If God were to cause things like this to abruptly cease, He would be delaying the inevitable final events, even if it were man-made.

QUESTION:

Who will have the true Spirit?

ANSWER:

Ephesians 1:13-14 states, “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, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

Those who respond to the truth have the true Spirit. Those who refuse to be guided into truth (John 16:13) and reproved “of sin,

and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8) make up the lack by invoking demonic spirits that cause the speaking in tongues, false miracles, and many other physical manifestations to prove that they have the Spirit when they do not.

QUESTION:

Shall we accept vaccines without concern? I mean Paul was not affected by the poison of the snake.

ANSWER:

God has a principle: “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). And, “For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of

judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries” (Hebrews 10:26-27).

Now, let us pause for a moment. Those who ignorantly have gotten the shot, and even boosters, are not condemned, but “the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent” (Acts 17:30).

So, we return back to Paul and the snake. Paul did not purposely expose himself to the snake. The incident happened by accident. Satan, of course, tried to assassinate Paul by the venomous creature but Jesus’ protection prevailed: “They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover” (Mark 16:18).



News and Comments

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Telegraph

Gambling ad featuring porn star Bonnie Blue prompts call for crackdown

Here is a case of pointing out the immorality of the other when they are just as guilty. In God's eyes, both porn and gambling are

equally immoral. In many cases, both industries have had linked hands before. Just because one is a bit more blatant should not make it any more offensive. Both industries should be shut down. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 states, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither

fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."



Natural Remedies

Keep your feet dry and warm

In cold, wet, or damp weather it is especially important to pay attention to the feet. To avoid the onset of pneumonia or other lung

issues, the feet and ankles must be kept warm and dry as much as possible, and the head should be kept cool to provide good

circulation of the blood through the entire body.

