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ABOUT THE GAY LIFESTYLE"?





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The Door Is Shut

hen one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last" (Luke 13:23-30).

One who is familiar with his New Testament will recognize that these verses are similar to the ones in Matthew 7. Verse 24 is similar to Matthew 7:13 and verses 25-27 are similar to Matthew 7:21-23. Nevertheless, there are some significant differences, which we need to observe.

The narrative begins with a very relevant question, "Are there few who are saved?" Most

Americans believe that almost everyone is going to be saved. Hell is reserved for only a few of the world's most horrible people – Adolf Hitler, Charles Manson, child molesters, and a few others. Jesus did not teach that. Rather, He taught that few would be saved (Matt. 7:13-14)!

THE NARROW GATE

The entrance to heaven is through a "narrow gate" that many will seek to enter and will not be able to enter. The word narrow is from *stenos* which means "narrow, strait" (Thayer, 587). Think about driving your full-sized car through a narrow gate or, perhaps, parking your car in a space between two cars that are butted up against or actually have crossed the marked lines. The parking space is tight; one can hardly open his door to get out of the car. The entrance into heaven is likewise narrow. The "narrow gate" emphasizes that entrance into heaven requires compliance with a divine standard that is marked and defined; only those who comply with the standard can enter the gate.

Therefore, one must "strive" to enter the narrow gate. The word "strive" is from agōnizomai, the Greek word from which the English word "agony" is derived. The word is used in the following senses: (1) "to enter a contest; contend in the gymnastic games" (1 Cor. 9:25); (2) "to contend with adversaries, fight" (John 18:36); (3) "to contend, struggle, with difficulties and dangers antagonistic to the gospel" (Col. 1:29; 1 Tim. 4:10; 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7); (4) "to endeavor with strenuous zeal, strive to obtain something" (Luke 13:24; Col. 4:12). The word draws from the image of competing in an athletic contest. My athletic experience is very limited, but I still remember the two-a-day practices in August for high school football and the many miles we ran to prepare ourselves for the district track meet. One does not win a contest without making strenuous effort. The same is true spiritually. The idea that one can do nothing and yet receive the benefits promised to those who "strive" is mistaken. One is not



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The President's Position On Same-Sex Marriage

he Bible says, "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4).

Barack Obama made history on May 9, 2012 by becoming the first sitting U.S. president to publicly voice support for same-sex marriage. Excerpts from a news article titled, "Obama Declares Support For Gay Marriage" released on that date report the following:

In an interview with ABC News' Robin Roberts, the president described his thought process as an "evolution" that led him to this place, based on conversations with his own staff members, openly gay and lesbian service members, and conversations with his wife and own daughters.

"I have to tell you that over the course of several years as I have talked to friends and family and neighbors when I think about members of my own staff who are in incredibly committed monogamous relationships, same-sex relationships, who are raising kids together. . . . It's interesting, some of this is also generational," the president continued. "You know when I go to college campuses, sometimes I talk to college Republicans who think that I have terrible policies on the economy, on foreign

policy, but are very clear that when it comes to same sex equality or, you know, believe in equality. They are much more comfortable with it.

"This is something that, you know, we've talked about over the years and she, you know, she feels the same way, she feels the same way that I do. And that is that, in the end the values that I care most deeply about and she cares most deeply about is how we treat other people and, you know, I, you know, we are both practicing Christians and obviously this position may be considered to put us at odds with the views of others but, you know, when we think about our faith, the thing at root that we think about is, not only Christ sacrificing himself on our behalf, but it's also the Golden Rule, you know, treat others the way you would want to be treated" (http://news.yahoo.com/obama-announceshis-support-for-same-sex-marriage.html).

Consider the following in response to the president's declaration in favor of same-sex marriage:

1. Culture is not the acceptable standard. While the president has appealed to cultural shifts in how same-sex marriage is viewed by the public as playing a deciding role in the shift in his own thinking on the matter, the world's views are not to be relied upon as a standard by which to determine right and wrong behavior. The apostle Paul writes, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2). The growing acceptance of homosexual relationships among those of the world should not sway the thinking of the child of God. Instead of using public opinion as a reliable standard, the Christian must conform to God's standard, which states, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will

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inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:9-11). The president, like so many, has adopted the wrong standard.

2. The "golden rule" does not encourage sin. Jesus said, "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise" (Luke 6:31; cf. Matt. 7:12). This statement of Christ is regarded as the "golden rule" to which the president has appealed in insisting that the principle of treating others the way you would want to be treated demands that one approve of two members of the same sex marrying one another. However, proper application of this principle actually demands that we encourage those engaged in sin to repent so that they will be saved, rather than encourage them to continue in their sin. The one who encourages his neighbor to remain involved in a lifestyle which God's word describes as "uncleanness," "dishonor," "vile passions," "against nature," and "committing what is shameful" (Rom. 1:24, 26, 27) is not treating his neighbor in a loving manner, for, "Love does no harm to a neighbor" (13:10). One cannot practice the "golden rule" and encourage others to engage in sin at the same time. Like so many others, the president has chosen to twist and misuse the words of Christ in an effort to encourage sin.

3. The president is not the King. While the president has voiced his opinion in support of same-sex marriage, a higher authority has already ruled it out. Jesus Christ, the King of kings, defined marriage, saying, ...

"HAVE YOU NOT READ THAT HE WHO MADE THEM AT THE BEGINNING 'MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,' AND SAID, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'? SO THEN, THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO BUT ONE FLESH. THEREFORE WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER. LET NOT MAN SEPARATE"



(Matt. 19:4-6). According to Christ, the only arrangement that can lawfully and truly be viewed as a marriage is one that includes a "male and female" and that involves "a man" being "joined to his wife." Though the president's views may have changed on the matter, the view of the King of kings has not, and will not change. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). Lest someone suppose that the Lord's position on the matter needs to be updated or changed to keep up with the times, notice that Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Matt. 24:35). Like others before him, the president has chosen to exalt his word above that of the Lord. However, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

CONCLUSION

The president's agenda concerning homosexuality and same-sex marriage is one that is incompatible with the word and will of Almighty God. Let us be reminded that, whether or not they take part in a government-sanctioned "marriage," the Bible lists those who insist upon being "sexually immoral" as among those who "shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8). With whom will you side? The president, or the King? Choose wisely!



CRAIG THOMAS

What's So Gay About the "Gay Lifestyle"?



ne would have to be living in a cave to have not heard the buzz in the media concerning the "gay marriage" issue. Just recently the Vice President of the U.S. voiced his

support of "same-sex marriage" (i.e., a man marrying another man or a woman marrying another woman). Then within a few days the President experienced his own epiphany and now supports it as well.

Against my better judgment, I read some of the news stories concerning this matter on various news-related internet sites. I was particularly amazed at some of the comments made by various readers. Not a few of readers' comments were supportive of this as a grand "civil rights" triumph and many went so far as to claim Jesus would be pleased. In fact, according to them, Jesus would not only be pleased, He would approve, and yea, even celebrate the "gay lifestyle" and same-sex marriage.

First, let's stop using euphemisms and call the "gay lifestyle" what it is and "samesex marriage" what it is. The "gay lifestyle" is the practice of homosexuality and "same-sex marriage" is the marriage of two homosexuals.

Second, despite the claims of homosexuals and their supporters, Jesus

never approved of homosexuality. In fact, through the words of the Holy Spirit, He denounces homosexuality using some of the most direct and stark language of the New Testament. What people do not realize is that just because this condemnation is not in red letters does not mean that Jesus approves of homosexuality.

Just before His crucifixion, Jesus promised the apostles that He would send the Holy Spirit to "teach you [apostles] all things, and bring to your [apostles] remembrance all things that I said to you [apostles]" (John 14:26) and "guide you [apostles] into all truth" (John 16:13). Furthermore, we find out from the apostle Paul that he and the other "apostles and prophets" wrote these revelations down so that "when you [that is us!] read, you [that is us!] may understand my [inspired apostles and prophets] knowledge in the mystery of Christ" (Eph. 3:3, 4). The Holy Spirit's guidance of the apostles and prophets into "all truth" was completed by the end of the first century so Jude could write, "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

Thus, good Bible students should be able to read the New Testament and find the truth: Does Jesus approve of homosexuality? One does not have to look very far to answer that question in the negative. In Romans 1, the apostle Paul gives a scathing examination of the character of the Gentile world of the first century. The prevailing attitude of those folks was one of "ungodliness" and "unrighteousness" (v. 18a). In fact, they were not just satisfied to live ungodly and unrighteous lives; they went even further and sought to "suppress the truth" in their unrighteous living (v. 18b; NIV). Their ungodly and unrighteous lives led them to a point that they refused to "glorify Him as

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God," "nor were thankful" despite the fact that God's "invisible attributes . . . even His eternal power and Godhead . . . are clearly seen" (v. 20).

Where did all this "ungodliness," "unrighteousness," and suppression "of the truth" lead them? First, it led them to become "futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened" (v. 21). In other words it led them to reject the one true and living God (vv. 22-23) and practice gross immorality in their personal lives. First, Paul says their depravity caused them to profess "to be wise," but in reality "they became fools" (v. 22). The first result of this foolishness in which they rejected the one true living God was turning to rank idolatry (v. 23).

What was God's response? "Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves" (v. 24). How did this "uncleanness," "lusts of their hearts," and dishonoring of "their bodies" manifest itself? The very first manifestation was a giving of themselves over to homosexuality.

In verses 26-28 Paul very graphically describes the sordid state of their behavior as they practiced homosexuality. Those today who celebrate homosexuality need very carefully to consider Paul's graphic and sordid description of the degradation of homosexuality. This passage describes homosexuality as:

- **1. "Uncleanness" (v. 24).** Behavior that is "unclean" is impure. Therefore, homosexuality involves one in conduct that God considers morally impure or filthy.
- 2. "Lusts of their hearts" (v. 24). The source of homosexual behavior originates in the "heart" as an expression of one's "lusts." The word "lust" means "desire, craving, longing or inclination." In and of itself, lust is neutral, it is neither bad nor good and only the passage's context determines its

connotation. In this context it is obviously bad. Here the desires (lusts) of the people's hearts drove them to engage in this degrading behavior. The "gay community" and their supporters would have the world believe homosexual behavior, like blue eyes and blond hair, is determined by genetics. This passage, however, reveals the truth of the matter: Homosexuality, like all sin, is a conscious decision made by man's free will.

- 3. "Dishonor their bodies" (v. 24). Men and women who practice homosexuality shamefully insult their own bodies through their licentious behavior. In 1 Corinthians 6:18, Paul warns Christians, "Flee sexual immorality." Why? Because anytime a person commits any form of sexual immorality, he "sins against his own body" (1 Cor. 6:18). God designed and reserved sexual intercourse for a man and a woman who are married to one another (Heb. 13:4). Thus, to engage in fornication is to "dishonor" your body by using it for a purpose contrary to God's design.
- 4. "Vile passions" (v. 26). According to Trench, "vile passions" are those having a dishonoring or shameful effect. The passions under consideration are those that cause women to lust after women sexually and the same for men with men. The world is promoting homosexuality as that which is good and honorable. However, this verse and verse 24 make it crystal clear that God considers homosexual behavior to be shameful conduct that dishonors those participating in it.
- 5. "Against nature" (vv. 26-27). In verse 26 lesbian conduct, sex between women, is under view. The "natural" mode of sexual intercourse is between a man and woman (legitimately married to one another, Heb. 13:4). Homosexual behavior, whether a woman with a woman (v. 26) or a man with a man (v. 27), is "exchanging" the "natural"

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use" for "what is against nature" (v. 26). One has only to consider the anatomy of the man and the woman to know men and women are anatomically compatible for sexual intercourse. However, in order for two women to engage in sexual intercourse the "natural use" must be abandoned and sexual intercourse can only be "simulated." I regret being so graphic, but that is what it is. The same is true for men. In order for men to have sexual intercourse with each other they must abandon "the natural use of the woman" and engage in anal intercourse (i.e., sodomy, pederasty). When one truly considers these unnatural acts it is easy to see why Paul describes them as unclean and dishonoring to one's body, a vile passion. No manner of politically correct rhetoric can rehabilitate such behavior into that which is honorable and commendable, unless one totally abandons every principle of decency set forth by God's word.

- 6. "Shameful" (v. 27). In this verse, through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul calls sodomy (i.e., anal intercourse between two men), as that which is "shameful." This means such behavior is "degrading." When one contemplates the act of sodomy, what better word could describe it than "degrading"? No amount of verbiage can rehabilitate such acts into something good and acceptable unless one first casts God and His principles for righteous living completely aside.
- 7. "Error" (v. 27). Vine defines the word "error" as "lit., 'a wandering, whereby those who are led astray roam hither and thither, is always used in the NT, of mental straying, wrong opinion, error in morals or religion." Today's cockeyed society promotes homosexuality as the "norm." Those brave enough to speak out against it are labeled as bigots and intimidation is brought to bear to ostracize them. However, as long as we speak "the truth in love" concerning this issue we are not the one in "error." The "error" is homosexuality and those supporting it. Truly the "gay community" and

their supporters "call evil good, and good evil . . . put darkness for light, and light for darkness . . . put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isa. 5:20).

8. "A debased mind" (v. 28). One of the saddest statements in the Bible is repeated three times in Romans 1: "God also gave them up" (v. 24); "God gave them up" (v. 26); and "God gave them over" (v. 28). If we do not allow God to guide our lives He will give up on us! Free will is a wonderful gift God has given man. However, our choices have consequences. Thus, when we get to the point where we turn our backs on God there is a serious consequence: He allows it to happen and turns His back on us! When that takes place, we are on the slippery slope to more and more base and degrading sins (vv. 29-31). Society would have us believe those practicing and condoning homosexuality are liberated and enlightened when nothing could be further from the truth. For example, consider these sobering statistics (from the Trevor Project: www.thetrevorproject.com):

- Lesbians are two times more likely to attempt suicide that straight women
- Gay and lesbian youth account for up to 30% of all "completed" suicides
- Gay teens are 3 times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers
- Gay teens are 4 times more likely to make a suicide attempt requiring medical attention
- Gay men are 6 times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers

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Research also reports rates of depression and drug/alcohol use are greatly elevated in the "gay community." These statistics are tragic and, unfortunately, totally avoidable if men and women would allow God to direct their lives.

9. "Not fitting" (v. 28). Finally, homosexual behavior is "not fitting." One commentator put this idea succinctly by saying, "The idea is then that the deeds done by those of a rejected or reprobate mind are not fitting or proper in relation to God's standard of morality" (Clinton Hamilton, Truth Commentary: Romans, 96). Anytime we allow our lifestyle to stray from the path of righteousness defined by God's

word we will not fit the truth but will be in error. Sin's attractiveness is deceiving! Ultimately it is a hard taskmaster that leads us to do increasingly vile and dishonorina acts that inevitably

enslave and destroy us (cf. v. 32).

CONCLUSION

Homosexuality is a degrading and horrific sin the "gay community," and the world in general, wants all of society to accept as normal. In reality they want even more; they want to force all of society to "celebrate" the "gay lifestyle" and same-sex marriage as a great triumph of civil rights. However, God throughout all time has considered homosexuality a sin (Gen. 19; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9-10). Furthermore, samesex marriage will require a complete redefinition of marriage, one which is entirely contrary to the biblical principle that "a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall

become one flesh" (Matt. 19:5).

The laws of man may change and "legitimize" such unions according to the laws of man, but God's laws will never change. Homosexuality will continue to be a sin, and just like all sins, will condemn one's soul to an eternal hell if one does not repent. Furthermore, society in general will suffer as we collectively draw our society further and further away from God's principles of righteousness. As the wise man said, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34). Our nation is already spilling an ocean of innocent blood due to legalized abortion. Legalization of homosexual marriages

is surely another step in the direction of God's righteous judgment for America.

Neither God or His people are homophobic. Homosexuals are no more. or no less

lost than those guilty of other sins. "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards. nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:9-10). God and His people's desire are one and the same, that "all men [might] be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4). We plead with homosexuals, and all sinners, to repent and obey the gospel of Christ so their sins might be forgiven, they may live a new life in Christ and have the hope of eternal life (Rom. 6:23; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 2 Cor. 5:17; Tit. 2:11-14).



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The Risk of Rejecting the Bible

any people, including myself, believe the Bible is a collection of documents written by men but inspired by God.

All Scripture is **breathed out by God** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16–17, ESV).

. . . For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but **men moved by the Holy Spirit** spoke from God (2 Pet. 1:21, NASB).

There are many different types of believers: educated and non-educated, rich and poor, from religious and non-religious families, etc. However, it is no secret that there are also people of all types who reject the Bible. The fact that there are diverse types on both sides of the issue suggests that belief in the Bible does not depend on any of those factors. The decision usually has to do with one's reasoning process. Many people simply disregard the Bible if they believe its contents *might* conflict with presuppositions or life-goals they have. I would like to point out what I believe are obvious weaknesses in some of the common objections to believing the Bible is from God. Then, we will consider the serious risk one takes when he does not take the time to come to a solid, educated decision about the Bible. This is not written to convince you to believe in God and the Bible but to convince you it is worth the time and effort to seriously consider.

"THE BIBLE IS OLD AND COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE RELEVANT TODAY"

Imagine you are suffering from severe depression. You go to the bookstore to see if you can find a book to help you overcome it. As you are looking at the books on depression, an employee asks if you need help. You confide in her what you are looking for and why. She pulls two books from the shelf and tells you these two are the only ones that cover your specific situation. One was published in 1913 and the other was published last year. You conclude that the newer book must be better because it would naturally be more relevant and contain newer research. The bookstore employee offers some advice. "I understand why you would come to that conclusion. However, this newer book sold quite a few copies in the first month but barely any since then. However, the 1913 book has enjoyed steady sales and great reviews since its original publishing date. I know people who say this book changed their lives and it's obvious that is not an overstatement by the visible change in them. The book may be old but ninety-nine years of success and the continued recommendation of psychologists and patients don't lie. This is the book you want." Likewise, there must be good reason why one-third of the world's population still believes the Bible is God's word and the answer for their lives nearly two thousand years after its completion. We use discoveries and history from hundreds and thousands of years ago as the foundation for how we conduct scientific research and political decisions today. Why can't we apply ancient biblical principles to modern life? Besides all this, if God is the Creator, doesn't it make sense that His purposes should still be our purposes and His instructions would be timeless?

"I DON'T THINK WE CAN TRUST THE BIBLE TO BE RELIABLE HISTORY"

How did you come to that conclusion? Did you accept what someone told you or have you considered the evidence for that statement

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yourself? Did you know that, if all ancient texts were expected to fill some requirements skeptics want the Bible to fill, **none would pass?** Did you know that most of the biblical documents, certainly the gospels, are the best-attested documents of ancient history? Don't take my word for it. Check out books like F.F. Bruce's *The New Testament Documents: Are they reliable?* or Craig Blomberg's *The Historical Reliability of the Gospels* to read the evidence for yourself!

"SCIENCE ALREADY EXPLAINS LIFE WITHOUT GOD, SO WHY BOTHER?"

When people are fed information and tested to see if they retained that information throughout their youth, it is difficult to imagine that information could be false. We are taught to view teachers and textbooks as if they were the fountains from which all truth flows. However, teachers are people and textbooks were written by people who, like us, make mistakes, fail to be as diligent in their research as they should, and have presuppositions with which they are unwilling to part no matter where the evidence points. Facts are theories that have been proven beyond a reasonable doubt. Have you tested the things you consider factual, or have you just accepted what has been fed to you? There are many credentialed scientists who would say that the only way to explain the complexities of the universe is that they are the product of a Great Designer. If you think that science and the Bible contradict each other, you would do well to check out the book, I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be An Atheist by Norman Geisler and Frank Turek. However, understanding these questions of origin is not *necessary*. If the Bible is proven historically reliable and, thus, events like Jesus' resurrection are proven to be historically true, then Jesus' claim to be the Son of God is substantiated and all other biblical truth is validated by his endorsement of it (cf. Rom. 1:4).

"I DON'T AGREE WITH SOME OF THE BIBLE'S TEACHING"

Honestly, what do our opinions have to do with determining whether or not the Bible came

from God? Let's say you wrote an essay about why you think football is the best sport and I read it. What if I disagree and think basketball is the best sport? Does my opinion change the fact that you wrote the essay? Should you change your opinion because I disagree? Does it mean God did not inspire the Bible because you do not agree with everything it says? Does it mean God should change His will because you disagree with Him? Whether you or I disagree with anything in the Bible would not change whether or not it is actually from God.

"CHRISTIANS ARE HYPOCRITES"

Yes, some certainly are. It's a shame to them and a disgrace to God. However, how does hypocrisy among Christians prove the Bible is not from God? Some might say, "If it were from God, it would be more effective in changing people." Have you read the Bible to find out if it actually promises that?

And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect (Rom. 12:2, NASB).

God said that His people should not be like the rest of the world, but be transformed by changing the way they think. So, "renewing [one's] mind" by God's word should result in the accomplishment of God's will in one's life. But, how does this renewing work? Does it magically happen as one reads?

Therefore, **putting aside** all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility **receive the word implanted**, which is able to save your souls. But prove yourselves doers of the word, and **not merely hearers who delude themselves**. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, **and abides by it**, not having become a forgetful hearer but **an**

effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does (James 1:21–25, NASB).

First, a person has to begin the process by determining to "put aside" evil from his or her life. Then, the word must be "planted," whether by hearing someone read it or reading it themselves. At this point, God's desired result is still not produced. He said it must be "received." Hypocrites are those who "delude themselves" into thinking "as long as I show up on Sunday and talk the talk, everybody, including God, will think I'm the real deal." God knows our hearts and even most people can see right through a fake. Receiving the word, James wrote, means using the Bible like a mirror. We all know that simply looking into a mirror will not fix our appearance. We have to acknowledge what is out of place and fix it. God's word will not magically change us into who He wants us to be. We read it to find out God's will for us but we must take the initiative and fix what is out of place!

So, hypocrisy among Christians does not mean God is not the source of the Bible. It means He doesn't want to make us robots. He wants us freely and purposefully to come to know Him and His will and accept it as the guiding force in our lives. In fact, hypocrisy actually serves as evidence that Jesus is the Son of God because He prophesied that "many" would be hypocrites (Matt. 7:20-23).

"I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW"

"I just want to enjoy this time of my life." "I'll think about it when work slows down or I retire." "I've got four kids, a mortgage, two car-payments, and my marriage is on the rocks, when do you expect me to find time to figure this out?" I don't want to sound unsympathetic, because I believe all of these, including enjoying life, are important and worthwhile endeavors. However, I'm not asking you to live in a cabin in the mountains for a year to study the Bible. Nor am I asking you to quit your job or even take a vacation day. I am not asking you to neglect your family responsibilities. I am asking you to take 10-20 minutes a day to consider something serious. Maybe you could do some research on your lunch break. I am asking you to use some of the time you normally use for

TV or a magazine after the kids are in bed to find out if your life and family should be headed in another direction. It's funny how we can squeeze something into our schedules if we *want* to but become extremely busy when someone else suggests something we *need* to do.

THE RISK

So, why should you *want* to find out if the Bible came from God or not?

Then He will also say to those on His left, "Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me." Then they themselves also will answer, "Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?" Then He will answer them, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me." These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life (Matt. 25:41–46, NASB).

But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Rev. 21:8, NASB).

But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into **hell**; yes, I tell you, fear Him! (Luke 12:5, NASB).

The possibility of being sentenced to eternal punishment is just too great a risk to take! Now, I know this actually brings up another common objection to believing in God and the Bible. Many say, "I refuse to believe in a god who would send people to a place of eternal fire and torment." However, we are again faced with this question: Is it reasonable to reject an idea simply because we do not like it? Of course not. The existence of hell depends upon the validity of the Bible, which,

The Solemnity of a Death & Funeral

NETAGENE KIRKPATRICK

Ever think about what happens at a death?

Visitors to the house or hospital are so quiet that it can be almost eerie. Lights are dimmed. People are quiet where a sick person lies nestled in blankets, sleeping or laboriously breathing. Family and friends talk in whispers, and walk as if on little cat-feet in and out of the room. Someone may hold the sick one's hands or wipe his/her brow.

After the last breath has been taken, and the family says goodbye to their loved one, they do so in hushed tones. As they leave the room, they may cry quietly, and walk almost on tip-toe.

Of course, there are exceptions, but in general, the visitation at a funeral home also is unusually calm for such a gathering. People are on time, sitting silently, remembering. . . .

The actual funeral service and the graveside interment also has a calmness to it – no loud talking, children being told to "be quiet, stay put, and don't run." Decorum and best manners are the case with everything that is said and done. Things are done orderly.

BUT – get these same people together elsewhere, and you may have rowdy behavior and a sound like so many raucous crows – maybe for pot luck supper or a ball game . . . or at the church house.

In I Corinthians 11:7ff, Paul told some Christians that they didn't meet to remember Christ's death! They had their little cliques, they took sides, and they came together to have a party! Even though the meeting house is not sacred, it is set aside for remembering that Christ died for us!

People can get noisy. Yet at some congregations, a few minutes until time for worship to start, someone dims the lights. That is a sign for everyone to go to their seats, get quiet, and think of why they are there. One of the men will begin a song, and everyone reverently sings. Sometimes the song is Habakkuk 2:20 put to music.

Why are we quieter at the death of a friend or family member than we are when we remember Christ's death? I don't know, unless it has to do with the fact that we can physically see humans – but only Deity can save us. How much more important to revere God! "He sent redemption to His people. He has commanded His covenant for ever. Holy and reverend is His name" (Psa. 111:9).

"The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him" (Hab. 2:20).

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like all other ancient documents, depends on the strength of the evidence, not our opinions.

So, what if God does exist? What if the Bible is true? What if God expects you to live a certain way? What if there is a heaven and hell? Are you willing to risk your eternal future on flawed reasoning? I am not asking you to believe because I believe. I am asking you to honestly consider the evidence and make an educated decision. I'm writing this because I do believe the Bible is the word of God and your eternal future is important to me. It must also be important to the

one who made sure you read this article. I hope it is important to you!

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News +NOTES

STAN ADAMS

DEBATE: A debate on the subject of "once saved, always saved" will be held at the 46th St. Church of Christ in Ft. Smith, AK on July 23-27, 2012. The disputants are Bruce Reeves of Conway, Arkansas and Steven Garrett, a Baptist debater. For more information, contact Shawn Chancellor at shawn.chancellor@gmail.com.

DEATH: FRANK JAMERSON of Killen, AL departed this life on May 6, after a long struggle with brain cancer. He was 75 years old. He had preached the gospel for 53 years along with his wife of 50 years, Joyce. They had done located work in VA, KY, GA, AL, and Florida and he made fourteen overseas trips to Romania. The funeral was in Dothan, Alabama on May 9. Fraqnk leaves behind his wife, Joyce, and three sons. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jill, who died suddenly while a student at FC several years ago. Our sympathies to the family at this difficult time.

A PREACHING SCHOOL was held in Oklahoma City, OK July 15-22. John Isaac Edwards, Brett Hogland, and Harry Osborne conducted a preacher training program in Oklahoma City.

OVERSEAS NEWS: John Cripps will be leaving the states to labor in his native South Africa in the Durban area. He is in need of support; if any is interested in helping, he can contact him at *sapigmy2@aim.com*. Brother Cripps is going over with only \$500 per month secured at this time.

NEW ON-LINE MAGAZINE: After securing the permission of Irvin Himmel, Stan Adams and John Gentry resurrected *Apostolic Doctrine* in June of this year. The paper will be a quarterly to begin with and totally on-line. It will be free to all who can use it. It will follow the original format of basic first principle articles for use mainly with new converts and with the alien sinner. The paper will deal with issues from time to time and will not shun to declare the

whole counsel of God, but the emphasis will be mainly on reaching the babes in Christ and strengthening them in the doctrine of Christ. We thank brother Himmel for his permission to do this and also thank

Bennie Johns for permission to use his archived issues of *Apostolic Doctrine* on the website. We hope all will utilize the good articles from the past and the ones that will be forthcoming.

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The Deity of Christ.

Christopher W. Morgan and Robert A. Peterson, Editors. Crossway, 2011. 311 pages hardback. ISBN: 978-1-58134-979-5

A basic and foundational doctrine of the Bible is the deity of Jesus. If Jesus was not God in the flesh as the Bible claims, then both the Bible and Christianity are untrue. Many today are challenging this basic Bible truth saying that Jesus was not the divine Son of God. One recent challenge comes from the publication of the so-called "Lost Gospels" (made popular by Dan Brown's DaVinci Code) which assert that Jesus was human, but not divine. Another challenge comes from Islam and cults like the Jehovah's Witnesses which teach that Jesus was not divine. In The Deity of Christ, the Bible doctrine of Jesus' deity is set forth in a clear and convincing way. Beginning in the Old Testament and going through to the book of Revelation, the various authors survey the key texts that clearly teach the deity of Jesus. They expound the Biblical text and defend the deity of Jesus without overstating their case. The large amount of material on this subject is well-written and well-organized. The authors are thorough and tackle the difficult issues related to this study. but their writing style is readable and accessible to those who are not scholars. Two helpful chapters dealing with how the deity of Jesus relates to modern cults and world evangelism are also included. A large number of footnotes, a selected bibliography on the deity of Jesus,

and a scripture index also add to the value of this work. The Deity of Christ is a recommended resource for those who wish to defend the deity of Jesus in a modern world that denies it.

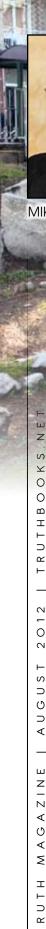
Men of Whom the World Was Not Worthy: Heroes of Faith in Hebrews 11. Rand Zuber. Guardian of Truth Foundation, 2011. 52 pages softback. ISBN: 978-158427331-8

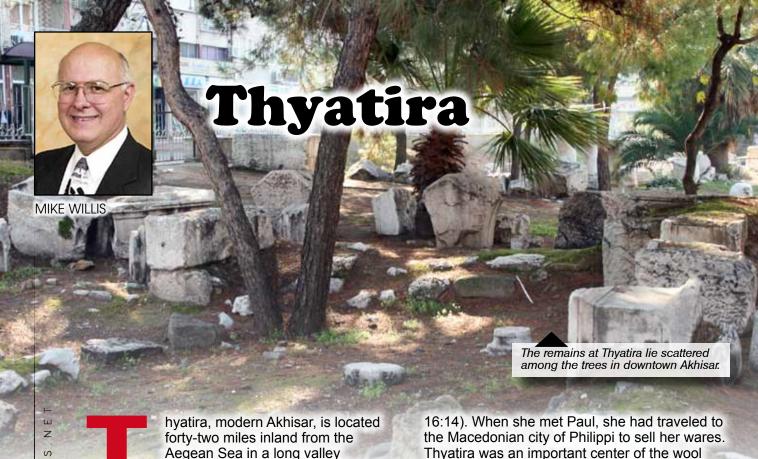
We all, young and old, look for role models to follow. Unfortunately, most people around us look to the world for their role models instead of looking within God's word for men and women to follow. As a result, many simply follow and foster the examples of the world and end up ruining their life in the process. In a new class workbook, Rand Zuber has written about the great heroes of faith in Hebrews 11 and he encourages Christians today to follow these heroes instead of the world. Brother Zuber has used his talents through the years for the Lord as a medical doctor, a Bible class teacher, a preacher, an elder, and now as an author. He has a special interest in world history and so he works in ancient secular history with the Biblical record as he writes about the stories of Hebrews 11. He does this, in part, to demonstrate the historical accuracy of the biblical record and to help the Bible student understand the living conditions of these Old Testament heroes. Brother Zuber's workbook covers the heroic and faithful lives of Abel, Enoch. Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Rahab, the Judges, Samuel, and David. I am happy to recommend this workbook

on Hebrews 11 written by a brother in the church whom I consider a faithful teacher of God's word and personal friend.

The Many Sides of Jehovah God. Philip North. Privately published, 2009. 211 pages softback. ISBN: 978-1-58427-281-6

There are still many people in the world who believe in the existence of God and they believe the Bible's message about God, but often their picture of God is skewed and flawed. For example, they believe God is love, but are unwilling to accept that God is just and will punish unrepentant sinners in hell. They believe in the goodness of God, but not the severity of God. The fact is, the God of many today is simply the God of their own imagination and not the God of the Bible who actually exists. In a recent book by Philip North titled The Many Sides of Jehovah God, the author examines a more complete picture of God using the biblical data. Brother North, a gospel preacher from Missouri with a Broadcasting Communications background, surveys much of the biblical data about God's nature and character in 22 chapters. The many sides of God, either downplayed or ignored altogether by the world, are completely revealed and examined by brother North. The author states that he wants the reader to become "acquainted with this awesome. wonderful, majestic Creator" (page viii). The Many Sides of Jehovah God is a recommended study of our great God.





hyatira, modern Akhisar, is located forty-two miles inland from the Aegean Sea in a long valley connecting the Hermus and Caicos Valleys. In the middle of the valley is a very slight rising piece of ground that became the acropolis of Thyatira. Its physical location was one of military weakness, not a city with a strong, impregnable fortress. Major excavations have never been done at Thyatira, so relatively little is known about the city.

Little is known about the early history of

Thyratira, but the city grew in importance in the third century B.C. when Seleucus Nicanor refounded it. It was never a great city.

The city became a trading center. Blaiklock said, "More trade guilds, those ubiquitous ancient associations of businessmen and craftsmen, have been identified in Thyatira than in any other Asian city" (1983, 450). One will remember that Lydia, a seller of purple, was from the city of Thyatira (Acts



Dictionary, VI: 546).

trade. A guild of wool workers is mentioned in

an inscription, and others name several dyers

neighboring cities of Laodicea, Hierapolis, and

who deals in purple dyes (Anchor Bible

and fullers in and around Thyatira, as well as the

Colossae. Also an inscription from Thessalonica

tells of a resident there from Thyatira, Menippus,

Blaiklock comments on the danger these trade guilds posed to Christians saying,

The trade guilds must have been anxious problems to the Christian craftsman. He hardly could have attended the formal meetings and banquets without witnessing licentiousness and implicitly condoning pagan rites. It was the old Corinthian problem of "sitting at meat in the idol's temple" which confronted the struggling church (1983, 450).

William Ramsay described the effect separation from those guilds might have: "To hold aloof from the clubs was to set oneself down as a mean-spirited, grudging, ill-conditioned person, hostile to existing society, devoid of generous impulse and kindly neighborly feeling, an enemy of mankind" (1909, 348).

"Prominent among the deities worshiped at Thyatira was Tyrimnos, who became identified with Apollo the sun-god, and Boreitene, a goddess identified with Artemis. It is possible that the references to the Son of God with 'eyes like a flame of fire' and feet 'like burnished bronze' are a conscious reference to the claims of the sun-god at Thyatira (Rev. 2:18)" (Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, IV: 638).

Like the church at Smyrna, the church at Thyatira was affected by compromising teaching (Rev. 2:18-29). They tolerated a false teacher, a Jezebel, in their midst who was seducing the church's members to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols.





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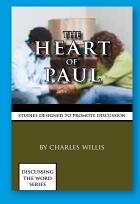
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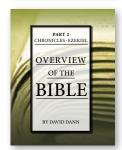
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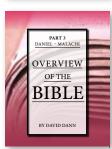
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Christinternetity

WILLIAM BEASLEY

o, the title is not a misprint. It is a contrived word to suggest the perversions of Christianity on the Internet. The Internet is a marvelous thing. It permits almost instant communication, and gives us the ability to teach the word of God to multiplied millions of lost souls whom we will never meet in person. Of course, as soon as something with such potential comes along, our adversary, Satan, throws a monkeywrench into the works to mess it up.

Not only is the teaching of denominational (false) doctrine prominent on the Internet, but it seems that many people have sought new perversions to spice things up. Many people act as if lying on the Internet is acceptable. What other explanation could there be for the hundreds (perhaps thousands) of false stores which fly around the world with regularity. It does no good to think that it isn't really a lie, I just forwarded it believing it was true. First, someone had to start the false story (i.e., lied). Second, there are ways to check the veracity of what is received. If you chaff at the word *liar*, then you must accept, since you forwarded the lie without checking the truthfulness thereof that you are an unmitigated gossip (referred to in the Bible as slanderers, evil speaking, backbiters, revilers, railing, busybodies, etc.), willing to spread the lies of others. Many of the stories sound so good. You know, like the one of the believer who put the Islamic Khalif to shame in a meeting to promote fraternity between Christians and Muslims. Or the college student who bested his professor by proving(?) that evil does not really exist, that it is just an absence of God . . . in the same way that cold does not exist, it is the absence of heat. Did this really happen? Or is it just a lie (that many would like to believe), so it is innocently (?) forwarded to everyone in one's address book?

A step down from the liar (in my opinion) are the ones who present a lovely story that teaches a needed truth and then writes, "If you love Jesus, you will forward this to ten people," or "If you are not ashamed of Jesus, you will. . . ." Some of these are the very ones who would *pitch a fit* if told, "If you love Jesus you will be at all services of the Lord's church," or "If you are not ashamed of Jesus you will conduct Home Bible Studies in **your home**."

Stepping on down we come to the arrogant CHRISTINTERNETERS who have a god-complex. These are those who send/forward messages which promise a miracle, wish come true, etc. if the email is forwarded to ten people within ten minutes. Oh yes, they are lying in God's name, making promises and expect God to fulfill the promises made. How Satan must rejoice as he sees how easy it is to get believers (so-called) to do his dirty work.

My heart aches for those who have been duped and believe that they are showing their faith in God, their love for Christ, by forwarding email messages. Instead of turning to God's word ("Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work," 2 Tim. 3:16-17) they forward a few email messages and think, "Oh, what a good Christian am I." My heart also goes out to the poor soul who follows the directions (i.e., forwards the email to ten people in the allotted time), but does not receive the promised wish fulfillment / miracle . . . and then concludes. "There is no God." Yes. he/ she reached a dumb conclusion, but only after following the directions of an equally dumb article produced by a liar with a god-complex. Each and every person who would make a promise in the name of the Almighty without Book, Chapter and Verse (in context) is a liar. "But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8). TM



STEVEN J. WALLACE

The Facts of Christ

regarding Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ and Son of God:

1. Jesus existed before the world was created. "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was" (John 17:5). "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and

ome undeniable facts to consider

was" (John 17:5). "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made" (John 1:1-3).

- **2. Jesus came to the earth.** "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."
 - He came to give us an example of how man should live. "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15).
 - He came to provide atonement for sin that we might live. "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him" (1 John 4:9).
 - He came to destroy the works of Satan. "He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned 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).
- **3. Jesus died, was buried and rose again.** After His resurrection, Jesus interacted with man. These acts were viewed and verified by many, by rich and poor, male and female, friend and foe. "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also

received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time" (1 Cor. 15:3-8).

- 4. Jesus ascended into heaven where the Father is. "Let not your heart be troubled; you 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" (John 14:1, 2). The disciples saw Him ascend; "Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9).
- 5. Jesus will return to raise the dead, ushering in judgment and rewarding those who are His with paradise while rejecting those who are not with punishment. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10; see also 2 Thess. 1:7-10).
- 6. Jesus will only save those who obey Him. "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Heb. 5:9). There is no promise of blessing made to any person who will not obey the Master. Water baptism is a command to be done in order to be saved, "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15, 16; see also Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3, 4; 1 Pet. 3:21; etc.).

To learn more facts about Jesus Christ, come and visit the church of Christ!

Why I Believe in Organized Religion

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ome folks are fed up with the megachurch concept and have rejected "church" altogether. They believe they can "free-lance" and "free-wheel" their version of Christianity and have severed themselves from assembling altogether. Perhaps you've heard the old country song, "Me and God Got A Good Thing Goin'."

God gave a simple plan of organization for his church consisting of elders, deacons, and saints (Phil.1:1), and we should respect it and not oppose it. He had congregations established because He wants us to congregate. He wants us to assemble together regularly to worship Him and to edify, encourage one another, and work together (Heb. 10:24, 25). There are a number of "together" passages and "one another" passages that show there are some things He wants us to do that can be accomplished in no other way but "together."

There is a danger in going from one extreme to another. We should not oppose the biblical plan of God's organization. If one opposes all organized religion then the only other kind left for him to favor is unorganized (or disorganized) religion.

SO HERE IS WHY I BELIEVE IN ORGANIZED RELIGION:

- 1. Because disorganized religion causes confusion and God is not the author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33).
- 2. Because God wants all things done decently and "in order" (1 Cor. 14:40). If there is an "order" then it is organized.
- 3. Because unorganized or disorganized religion takes authority away from God and gives more to man. Do you think God doesn't know what man has up his sleeve in opposing organized religion?
- 4. Because God wants us to know how to behave (conduct, NASV) ourselves in the house of God which is the church (1 Tim. 3:15). If there is a certain way to conduct ourselves then there must be some kind of order or pattern that God wants us to follow.
- 5. Because unorganized or disorganized religion leads to a "free-for-all" as man chooses to do his own thing in religion. Opposing organized religion is a copout and an escape mechanism used for man to have his own way.

If by "organized religion" one is opposing the hierarchy of elaborate "super-church" organizations with their headquarters and officers unknown to the Bible, then he (she) is right and should oppose *that*. But we must be careful that we don't go from one erroneous extreme to another that is equally erroneous. If we would just let the church be the church like it was in the New Testament. we wouldn't be having this problem.



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Patternism: Plague or Pleasure?

series of short articles called "The Plague of Patternism," written by Edward Fudge, came recently into the hands of this writer. Reading it brought a fuller explanation of the antipathy of Fudge toward a Biblical pattern, as he referred to it in the language of the Scriptures as a plague. At least he consistently spoke of it, because he also seemed to concur with the sentiment of others whom he quoted, as they called their escape from patternism a delivery from Egyptian Bondage. He also got in another "jab" at patternism in his reference to it as a peculiarity, something of an anomaly in religious circles.

Approximately fifteen years ago this writer received a request from an editor of a journal published by brethren that he submit an article dealing with "pattern theology." After considering this request, I decided not to write the article. It wasn't because I did not believe in a pattern that I did not write the article, nor was it some personal objection to the journal or the editor that kept me from doing so. I simply did not fully comprehend at that time all that was involved in the term I was to define and describe; perhaps I had not then read widely enough to understand what brethren were beginning to write against the practice of adhering to a pattern. Soon I was to see precisely what some were saying and writing about this entire matter! Now it is quite the rule for such progressives as these three antipatternists to think "outside the box"; but it has always been so among those unwilling to abide in the teaching of Christ, who have progressed beyond the teaching (2 John 9). For this reason Paul warned young Timothy concerning those

unwilling to endure sound teaching, thus turning aside from truth to fables (2 Tim. 4:1-5). Antipatternists did not originate in the late Twentieth Century. Mark it down, brethren: When anyone turns away from truth, what he turns to is always a fable!

PLAGUE-GERM-PRISON

Though he is not the first to write about this matter, Fudge certainly is correct in his assessment of patternism as a "peculiarity," because such a view of the Scriptures is not usually found among religious people; truly it is a departure from the religious norm. In this attitude toward the need to adhere to the apostolic pattern, he had plenty of company, including others who once, like Fudge, gave at least lip service to the need for a pattern. Dallas Burdette referred to "pattern theology" as the *germ* which causes division among God's people, particularly in conjunction with the emphasis on a set way of worshiping on the first day of the week (Oddities in Pattern Theology). Rubel Shelly, another erstwhile patternist, berated the idea of using Acts of the Apostles as a pattern as making it into a prison.

There you have it, a veritable stream of unbelief flowing from the uninspired pens of men who once had enough faith in the veracity and authority of the Scriptures that they accepted God's rule over human life through those Scriptures. Is it not still true that humans cannot direct their own steps (Jer. 10:23)? Is it not still accurate to state that human wisdom is foolishness with God, and man's thoughts and ways as much lower than God's as the earth is lower than the heavens (1 Cor. 1:18-31; Isa. 55:8-9)? Is it not always true that men must not think beyond what is written (1 Cor. 4:6)? Is faith in God, faith in Christ, and trust in the writings of the Bible not still essential for one seeking to please God (Heb. 11:6)? Does not faith in God still require that we follow the leading of God through what He has said (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11)? Will it not remain true even in the judgment of the last day that all, even those who have rejected them, will be judged by the words spoken by Jesus (John 12:48)? Does that

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sound like patternism or anti-patternism?

THE PLEASURE OF FOLLOWING THE DIVINE WAY

How in the world then can anyone submit to divine wisdom or think "within the box" of divine revelation without holding to the pattern of sound words (2 Tim. 1:13)? Not all teaching is sound (healthful, nutritious, hygienic), but all sound teaching must be our authoritative guide. Paul's writings to Timothy and Titus make this last statement very clear and easy to prove.

This matter is the first and last discussed in Paul's First Epistle to Timothy (1:3; 6:20). Notice the frequent references to "sound doctrine" in these letters to preachers:

- 1 Tim. 1:10 Sound doctrine is assumed in this passage as the divine standard of lawful conduct.
- 1 Tim. 6:3 Sound doctrine here is the doctrine "according to godliness," that which manifests devotion to believing and obeying God; to teach otherwise reflects selfish pride and encourages a "Pandora's box" of evils in teaching, practice, and life.
- 3. 2 Tim. 1:13 The doctrine that was apostolic in source and Timothy was required to adhere to, is here styled sound doctrine.
- 2 Tim. 4:3 Sound doctrine is often viewed as intolerable by many, resulting in their turn to fables. (Anything to which one resorts when he leaves truth is fiction, pure and simple, nothing more, and nothing less!)
- Tit. 1:9 Sound doctrine is the message taught to elders for their employment to exhort and to convict those contradicting apostolic teaching.
- Tit. 2:1 In contrast to the vain talkers of chapter one, Titus was required to teach what befitted sound doctrine. What one sincerely believes does not qualify, even in an age when "anything goes."
- Tit. 2:8 Besides teaching others to behave themselves according to sound doctrine (2:1-7), Titus must also behave himself in an exemplary way, so the opponent might be unable to prove any charge against him.

The Spirit also called attention to some trustworthy statements in these letters and mandated their acceptance in each context noted (1 Tim. 1:15; 3:1; 4:8-9; 2 Tim. 2:11; Tit. 3:8).

Apostolic prohibition of other teaching/ requirement of its use in dealing with the gainsayer also establishes the necessity of sound doctrine (1 Tim. 1:3; 6:3; Tit. 1:9).

One attempting to eliminate the idea of a pattern from New Testament teaching must first cut out of the Bible Paul's Letters to Timothy and Titus. They teach too much about a pattern. teaching it, speaking it, holding to it, and not departing from it, for the anti-pattern nonsense to stand. One who loves the Lord must love what the Lord has taught. One who loves what the Lord has taught will view God's will (law) "as the apple of his eye," as Proverbs 7:2 says. Love for the words of the Lord is not the problem identified by Fudge as a plague and an anomaly, but rather an affinity for something else. Men who have been fed on Ketcherside and nurtured by Garrett always turn out this way. On the other hand, those fed on Jesus Christ and nurtured by Peter and Paul turn out loving the law of God, delighting in His testimonies, and rejoicing in the instructions of the Bible. Which is with you, brother or sister?

THE ROLE OF PATTERNS IN GOD'S DEALINGS WITH MEN

The statements earlier quoted and the broader writings of these progressives and others leave the impression that God had a pattern only in the Mosaic Law, of which books like Exodus and Leviticus were a part. Not having any such book as these in the New Testament, Fudge claims that the New Testament has no pattern. In other words, God's pattern would be limited to such literature as that found in Leviticus or Exodus. Let's examine that contention.

When God gave Noah the plan for constructing the ark in Genesis 6-9, did he state that plan in terms like the ones found in Exodus or Leviticus? No, but He did reveal a plan, which Noah was required to observe. He also commended Noah for his adherence to the pattern divinely given

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(Gen. 6:22; 7:5; Heb. 11:7). What about the offering of sacrifice by Abel, whose offering was acceptable while that of Cain was unacceptable (Gen. 4:1-8; Heb. 11:4)? The Genesis record contains no such legislation as that found in Exodus or Leviticus, though Abel's faith makes it imperative to conclude that God gave sufficient instruction about Abel's task (Rom. 10:17).

Moving to the New Testament, the section where such a pattern is disclaimed by progressives, let us stop first at the Great Commission. Does it contain a pattern for the apostles in their work of preaching the gospel to the world? What about a pattern for those hearing the preaching, in their response? Did the statement of Jesus, as found in Matthew 28, Mark 16, and Luke 24, provide instruction for the hearers to follow; or did the Lord have to put it in the same form as He did in the Old Testament Law before the people were required to obey it? Is instruction from God the same as a divine pattern? Remember that even Old Testament patterns did not always come from writings like Exodus and Leviticus. Let me here state something that all must remember: It is a serious breach of the divine-human relationship for any human being to insist that God must follow human terms or conditions in any matter! God is free to approach such matters according to His own will and way, is He not? When God directs humans to obey Him in any matter, by means of a simple command, an example of apostolic teaching or practice, or even a necessary conclusion (one demanded by the other facts present), it becomes a pattern for us to follow, though it might not be in the form of legislation like that of the Old Testament. (This current article is not an analysis of this CENI-S-Command, Example, Necessary Inference—tool of interpreting the Scriptures nor of the prohibitive nature of divine silence, though I am willing to defend both. The sole design of this article is to deal with the fact of a divine pattern reflected in the New Testament Scriptures.)

In the Acts of the Apostles, as the Lord's twelve men were executing the Great Commission, did they present a binding pattern concerning salvation through Jesus Christ? I do not mean did they state such in some legal form, as in Exodus and Leviticus. By now, I believe that Fudge and his associates would have to back off their earlier insistence that a New Testament pattern be like the two OT books. As the apostles taught people in different locations at varying times, did they provide essential conditions of obedience: (a) in their statement that salvation is available only in Christ, (b) in their direction that people believe in Jesus Christ, (c) in their instruction that they also repent, (d) in the Acts examples of people believing in Christ, repenting of their sins, confessing their faith in the Lord Jesus, and being baptized into Christ—apart from legal-form instruction being given in that passage, (e) in the constant occurrence of gospel preaching in all cases of conversion to Christ, is teaching shown to be necessary? (f) in the constant element of baptism in all such examples of conversion, is baptism a necessary practice for one to be saved? These questions concerning matters taught in Acts become highly relevant as we attempt to discern a pattern, though it is not stated in the format some would expect, based on their writings. The larger question remains: Has God mandated that humans obey Him in certain matters, when he provided instruction in the form of statements, conditional promises, commands, hortatory statements, approved examples, and necessary inferences/conclusions?

A CHALLENGE TO ANY OBJECTOR

It would be interesting to hear from some who differ on these matters. In fact, I challenge some to respond to these simple questions:

- 1. Is a conditional promise one way that God sometimes used to state conditions of human obedience? If so, did He here bind obedience by means of a pattern?
- Have you ever learned anything from the Scriptures apart from direct statement (sometimes in the form of command, promise, exhortation, etc.), approved example, or necessary inference? If you have, clearly state what you learned and how you learned it.
- 3. Have you ever learned anything in any field of learning (geography, geology, spelling, literature, basket-weaving, diesel mechanics, basketball, medicine, landscaping, gardening, or law) that you did not learn by means of statement/command, example, or necessary inference? Please specify what it was and how you learned it differently. Please specify what it was and how you learned it differently.

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OBEDIENCE DEMANDS A PATTERN

This writer contends that the nature of divine revelation, being a making known or an uncovering of God's mind (thinking), requires a response of faith in every man. Without this response of trust in God, what good could any man realize from the revelation? To continue the course of faith, given its nature, would it not dictate a course of obedience in man's life? The matter comes down to the question of obedience to God. Is each human required to obey God (Matt. 7:21; Luke 6:46; Rom. 6:17; Heb. 5:9)? How could one obey, unless God revealed a pattern for that obedience? How could anyone know what constitutes obedience apart from some means of discerning God's will? Why would some insist on commands being the only way for God to direct people to do His will, when Jesus Christ clearly utilized other means to accomplish the same end (approved example of God's interaction with Abraham in Exodus 3; the expectation that His hearers draw the proper necessary conclusion that Abraham. Isaac, and Jacob, being alive in spirit, could look for a resurrected body, without which the spirit would have no use, in Matt. 22:31-33)? Jesus' Sadducee audience understood His import and drew the proper conclusion, as seen in their astonishment at his doctrine in verse 33. Who now would deny that necessary inference is a means employed by the Lord to teach people His will? Who would deny that example is a proper way to teach what God wants people to know or to do?

PATTERN DEMANDS DISCERNMENT/UNDERSTANDING

Friend, if God uses such means to teach people, then it becomes the responsibility of people to learn how to use the divine means to respond to God's teaching! Instead of criticizing such means used by God and men in teaching others, would it not befit the humble position which humans occupy to accept such as His way and learn better how to obey Him? The problem with too many of us is that we think we know better than God. Our arrogance is appalling. It shows readily in the epithets like "plague," "germ," and "prison" hurled at the idea of patterns. Humans must learn from the Lord, and it is not the role of learners to question God's means or ways! In matters important to life, such as sewing,

house construction, electrical engineering, and machine-shop work, even human patterns occupy a critically important place. Human patterns are subject to change by humans, but divine patterns must never be changed by humans. Why did God place curbs and restrictions around His Word (add not, subtract not, substitute not, think not beyond what is written), if He did not intend it to provide abiding patterns for people to observe?

PATTERNS NOT OBSERVED

In the practical world of religious teaching and practice, it follows that various groups resort to different governmental/organizational schemes (papal, episcopal, district or synodical, congregational, one-man pastor, congregational pastors/elders), because they all do not follow the divine pattern of local-church independence. The means of becoming members of various religious groups (faith alone, subscribing to some human creed, allegiance to a church covenant, faith in Christ, and obedience to Him alone) vary for the same reason. Denominational division is the result of a failure to consider the divine pattern significant enough to follow it, not from the insistence that all honor the Lord by obeying His Word. God has always made such a demand of people. Is He responsible for division? **Did the** Lord encourage division when He revealed His law-pattern to Israel? There were always some who disobeyed, even as today. Was it God who created and encouraged this division between the obedient and the disobedient then? According to some, God did wrong! This must be the correct conclusion to draw, because objectors insist that it is the use of patterns in the New Testament that has led to division. Why would patterns be divisive in one instance but not in the other instance? A clear answer to this challenging question might help to resolve the difference between those who decry patterns as plague, germ, or prison and those who seek to observe them as a pleasure.

May God bless and use this article, written plainly but out of a spirit of love for God and concern for men. May we humbly admit our need for divine direction. May we adjust our thinking to conform to God's thinking. May we all concede that we can never improve on God's way.



 The meeting place for the Manhattan church.

Work Among Hispanic Congregations in the New York City Area GARDNER HALL

he apostle Paul longed to preach in Rome, the crossroads of the ancient world (Acts 23:11; Rom. 1:15). He knew that it was critical that God's people have a strong presence there. If there is an equivalent of ancient Rome in the modern world, it is New York City. Not only does it have twenty-two million people in the metropolitan area, but also a strong international presence. According to the *New York Times*, over 800 languages are spoken in the city making it the most linguistically diverse city in the world.

Of the many foreign languages spoken in New York City, Spanish is by far the most common, with almost two and a half million speakers. Unlike other cities with a large Hispanic presence (Miami – Cubans; Houston – Mexicans; Los Angeles – Mexicans), no one ethnic group predominates among Hispanics in New York. There are large numbers of Hispanics from the Caribbean (Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic), but also from Central and South America. There are pronounced cultural differences between the Spanish speakers, comparable to the differences in cultures among English speaking peoples (Australia, South Africa, India, England, Hillbilly, etc.).

BRIEF HISTORY

The first known Spanish-speaking church of Christ in New York City began meeting on 84th Street in Manhattan in the mid 1950s. Geronimo Suero, a Dominican who is still living, was a member there. He fondly remembers Mack Kercheville, a faithful preacher, who preached there for a short period of time in the 1950s.

Hispanic congregations formed in the Bronx and Brooklyn in the 1970s. In1980, a group of Christians from the Dominican Republic pulled away from the Manida St. congregation and formed the Upper Manhattan church.

In 1980, James Finney, who preached in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, invited Bill Reeves and Wayne Partain to visit Spanish speaking contacts in New Jersey. Reeves and Partain were also able to preach in several congregations in New York City. Geronimo Suero was able to open doors for them to preach in the Dominican Republic, and they also received contacts in El Salvador and other Central American countries.

Before the arrival of Reeves and Partain, the churches in the New York City area had

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Young people from the Upper Manhattan church.

never received any teaching about the dangers of denominational machinery, the sponsoring church, and other errors associated with mainstream churches of Christ, Brethren responded in different ways. Some like Miguel Rosario and Luis Segovia quickly saw the dangers of such trends and took a stand against them. Most others listened politely but didn't take a stand one way or the other.

The fact that no one ethnic group controls Hispanic churches in New York City churches is a mixed blessing. No one has tried to organize the churches with a sponsoring church type of arrangement. Such would be difficult because of the different ethnicities involved. However, the lack of such organizations makes it difficult for some to see how dangerous they are and the need to take a stand against them. Therefore, when we teach on church autonomy and the apostasy among mainstream churches, such lessons are sometimes seen as theoretical more than practical.

SOME HISPANIC **CONGREGATIONS WHERE WE** WORK

Upper Manhattan. This congregation is composed primarily of those from the Dominican Republic and averages about 75 - 100 in

attendance on Sunday mornings. Since our current building is too small (we often have over 100 in attendance). we hope to have a new building in the Bronx near Yankee stadium before the end of the vear.

56 Second Avenue.

The Second Avenue church has existed for a number of years and gone through a series of spiritual ups and downs. Currently it has about twenty members.

Flushing. Central Americans (mainly

Salvadorans) make up the majority of members in Flushing. There are about fifty to seventy five in attendance most Sundays.

Fair Lawn, New Jersey. The Hispanic congregation that meets in Fair Lawn, which runs between 40 and 60 in attendance, began in 1993 in North Bergen. After moving to Passaic in the late 1990s, it has been meeting for a number of years in the same building as the English speaking group in Fair Lawn. Fair Lawn is



Young Christians from New York City.

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The Fair Lawn, NJ church assembled.

about 10 miles West of New York City.

Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Brigham and Esther Eubanks started this Hispanic congregation a few years ago and it is beginning to grow. Brigham came from the Piscataway congregation where there are a number of Hispanics and where Jerry Falk teaches a class in Spanish and uses bilingual Power Point presentations in his preaching.

We have cordial relationships with other congregations that are influenced more by "mainstream" thinking than those mentioned above. These would include groups that meet in Brooklyn, Manida Street in the Bronx and Bathgate Ave. in the Bronx. None of these congregations has much to do with the Spanishspeaking church that meets in the building of the Manhattan Church of Christ on East 80th Street.

because it allows women to lead prayer and direct the Lord's Supper. Those practices have isolated it from others.

SPECIAL CHALLENGES

Illegal status of some members. Thankfully, most Hispanics we work with have attained legal status in this country, but some we baptize have not. It is hard for those who have not worked with those without legal documents to understand all the spiritual complications that arise from this situation. Simplistic solutions are not always practical and would often involve leaving unbelieving spouses or supporting parents in the case of teenage disciples. A few have returned to their countries, others are planning to return and still more are working to try to gain legal status.

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A high turnover rate. The population of New York City is in a constant state of flux. People move in and out at a steady rate. Therefore, many we baptize into Christ leave for greener pastures. Such makes it difficult to develop a base of well-taught and mature Christians.

Constant arrival of new members. We receive all who have been baptized for the remission of their sins, but many come to us with strange ideas from their home countries. The only solutions are constant teaching and vigilance.

The work in ancient Rome must have had similar challenges, but in spite of them, God's people grew there and eventually thrived. We pray the same outcome from New York. IM



Children's class from Fair Lawn, NJ.

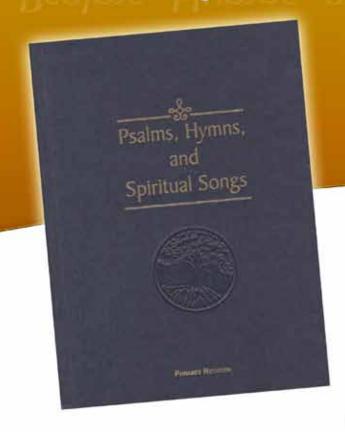
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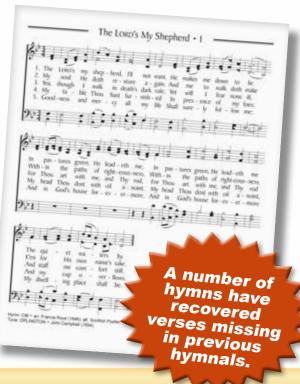
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An Eagle Creek Church Of Christ Hierarchy?

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n November 24, 2008, Clinton Williams of the Eagle Creek Church of Christ here in Indianapolis, mailed out a letter to area churches. It seems several brethren had gotten together and developed a vast program "for the building of God's Kingdom."

They've joined a web site started by the Fall Creek Parkway Church of Christ (here in Indianapolis) and have decided to enlarge it to a website to "help the lost *nationally* and *internationally* find a church home, *a place* to hear the gospel, hear acapella Christian singing, *unify the congregations* with a place to find local and *regional* calendar of events, *and links to individual congregation* web pages and web sites" [italic mine—DPA]. Shades of the Herald of Truth international TV program (launched under 5th and Highland, Abilene, Tex., in the 1950s and 1960s)!

They've begun with five minute daily inspirations, and want the *area churches* to assist them –"we know that they cannot bear the burden of recording and preparing 5-minute inspirations alone." Then why did they launch something they already knew was beyond their ability to handle? Is there any authority in the word of God that would make one congregation responsible for the lost all by *itself*?

Next, they conducted a city-wide gospel meeting to "seek the lost and bring the congregations together by working together." Isn't that what local congregations are already doing in their own communities as they preach the gospel? Thus, they are excited about "our vision" and are now soliciting "your support." To do this, they want to meet with the area churches' "leadership" and "form a committee to assist us." Thus, they seek area churches' time, support, and love for "their vision."

If this is an individual committee idea, where is the authority for a "committee" to oversee the work of the churches? Is this not the same error of the American Christian Missionary Society that led to the establishment of the Christian Church? The church is its *own* missionary society with its own leadership; autonomous, independent, and locally overseen by its own elders (Acts 14:23; 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-4, etc.). If this is a church project (since it was mailed out on church stationary), who gave this congregation the authority to launch a "vision" they knew was far in excess of their ability—and far beyond the scope of the local congregation (seeking to go "nationally" and "internationally").

Unfortunately, they did not consult the word of God for "their vision," and "their vision" is not for the "building of God's Kingdom." Rather it is for their own "vision"! There is nothing scriptural, nor for or from God for it! Brethren, you had better find God's vision instead!



going to accidentally stumble into heaven! Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people.

The base line is that "many will seek to enter and will not be able" (Luke 13:24). The entrance into heaven of the many is a strait gate; many are not willing to change their lives to enter the strait gate and to walk in the narrow path.

THE SHUT DOOR

Luke introduces an additional concept to what Matthew presents when he describes the Master of the house rising up and shutting the door, after which men stand outside the door and knock, begging to enter. The Lord, however, refuses to open the door to those outside because he does not know them. The gospel "door" is only open for a short time! Darrell L. Bock wrote,

Jesus develops the idea that some will not be able to come in. Access after a certain point becomes impossible. In fact, most of the imagery deals with this explanation, since it extends through 13:28. The fundamental point is that there comes a time when response is too late. The door into the banquet will be forever shut. The owner of the house will close it once and for all. Those left outside will try to get in, they will knock to enter, but the owner will refuse to let them in because he does not recognize who they are. . . . The warning is graphic and straightforward: without response now or soon, there will be no access later. They must listen now to sit at the table (Baker's Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament: Luke, II: 1235-36).

Those left outside and wanting entrance try to persuade the Master to the open the door saying,

"We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets." But, being around Jesus is not the same as believing in Jesus, obeying His precepts, and walking in His footsteps. Therefore, Jesus will say, "I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity" (Luke 13:26).

Will there be some outside the shut door who might say, "Lord, we went to church on Sunday morning, we partook the Lord's supper, we sang songs and prayed, and we listened to the preacher"? Indeed, there are some who go through the motions of worship without offering their homage to God, who hear the preacher preach but go ahead and live like they want. There are those who have been baptized whose lives cannot be distinguished from the worldly around them. When the door is shut, they, too, might seek entrance, but will hear the Lord say, "I do not know you."

JUDGMENT IS BASED ON THE DEEDS DONE IN THIS BODY (2 Cor. 5:10)

When will the door shut? Most certainly the door will shut at the second coming of the Lord. The day of God's gracious offer of salvation to the lost will end. There will be no invitations extended on judgment day! There will be no second chances to be saved when Jesus' second coming occurs!

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However, the door will also shut for an individual upon his own death. Judgment is based on the deeds done in this body (2 Cor. 5:10). When one dies, the door will shut for him. Experience shows that life's door can shut quickly and unexpectedly! Today's newspaper relates the death of an eighteen-year-old senior who died from massive head injuries suffered in a car wreck! Most of us would have thought that the young man had many years ahead of him, but suddenly and unexpectedly his door was shut! This could be the last day the door is open for you and me as well.

Unfortunately, the door shuts for some before death. Debilitating diseases and accidents can leave one in a vegetative state; Alzheimer's can destroy one's ability to make rational decisions. The door can shut even before the body shuts down.

OUTSIDE: WEEPING AND GNASHING

If one is outside when the door is shut, eternal damnation is his fate. "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." The lost will see the saved enjoying the blessings of fellowship in the Lord's kingdom; many will be present from all nations of mankind, but those outside will be lost. Jesus' statement was particularly poignant for His Jewish audience. How could it be possible for Gentiles to enter God's kingdom and the descendants of Abraham to be excluded? But that would happen!

Existence outside the door continues. Hell is not annihilation, but eternal weeping and

gnashing of teeth. The phrase "weeping and gnashing of teeth" depicts "the emotional and physical reaction to traumatic news, in this case exclusion from God's promise (Matt. 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30). The figure depicts remorse for rejection" (Bock, II: 1238). Eternal suffering is not the same as a momentary smiting one out of existence. The Apostle John writes,

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name" (Rev. 14:9-11).

Those outside are "tormented with fire and brimstone" and "the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever."

CONCLUSION

Significantly, Jesus does not directly answer the question, "Are there few who are saved?" What He does is refocus the question to "Will you be among the saved?" What will it be for you and me?



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Sunday Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship 10:30 A.M. Wed Bible Study Call for details

(401) 440-5117 Preacher: Robert Weltzin

ST. CHARLES, MN Church of Christ

636 Whitewater Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A M Worship 11:00 A.M. 7PM, call for loc Bible Study 2:15 P.M.

FREE Bible correspondence studies Evangelist: Robert Lehnertz (507) 534-2905 or 932-3521

MARION. IN

South Marion Church of Christ 3629 S. Washington St. Bible Study 10:30 A.M. Worship 5:00 P.M. Evening Wednesday 7:00 P.N. Evangelist: Alan Jones 7:00 P.M. (765) 922-7602 ww.southmarionchurchofchrist.org

LENEXA, KS

Lenexa Church of Christ 7845 Cottonwood Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. 6:00 P.M. Evening Wednesday 7:00 PM Evangelist: Jim Stauffer (913) 631-6519 or 764-9170

BOWLING GREEN, KY

West End Church of Christ 300 Blue Level Rd., 42101 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. Worship 5:00 P.M. Evening Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Lowell Sallee (270) 842-7880 www.westendchurch.com

LOUISVILLE, KY Church of Christ 4401 West Broad St.

Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Donald Wright, Jr. (502) 772-3026 or 491-9372

PORTLAND, ME

856 Brighton Ave. (Breakwater School) eave Maine Turnpike at Exit 48
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Study—Please call for times & places
(207) 839-3075 or 839-8409

BOONEVILLE, MS

Oakleigh Dr. Church of Christ 101 Oakleigh Dr. Bible Study 9:45 A M 10:30 A.M. Worship 4:00 P.M. Evenina 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Building: (662) 728-1942

MUNCIE. IN

Church of Christ 301 N. Calvert Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M. Worship Evenina 7:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M Evangelist: Kevin Sulc (765) 284-5299 or 286-5488

TOPEKA, KS

17th Street Church of Christ 5600 SW 17th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A M 4:00 P.M. Evening Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (785) 235-8687 or 273-7977 www.17thstreetchurchofchrist.org

BRANDENBURG, KY

Brandenburg Church of Christ 612 Broadway Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. 5:00 P.M. Evening Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Charles J. White (270) 422-3878

OWENSBORO, KY

Southside Church of Christ 2920 New Hartford Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A M 5:00 P.M. Evening 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 683-5386 or 264-7869

ARBUTUS, MD

Arbutus Church of Christ 5205 East Dr., Suite D (East Drive Shopping Center) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Church phone: (410) 247-1396 (410) 590-2852

CLINTON, MS

McRaven Rd. Church of Christ 301 McRaven Rd. (I20, exit 36) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M. Evenina 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Evangelist: Leonard White (601) 925-9757 or 924-2645

COLUMBUS, MS

Woodlawn Church of Christ

OOLITIC, IN Church of Christ

400 Lafayette Ave. P.O. Box 34 9.45 A M Bible Study 10:30 A.M. Worship 6:00 P.M. Evenina Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (812) 279-4332

(812) 967-3437 or 967-3520

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PEKIN, IN GRINNELL, IA Church of Christ Church of Christ (First St. & Karnes Ct.) 1402 Third Ave. Bible Study Bible Study 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. Worship 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Evening Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Wednesday (641) 236-1955 Evangelist: Jeremy Goen (641) 521-6485

WICHITA, KS

Westside Church of Christ 2626 W. 47th St. South Bible Study 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. Worship 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 PM Evangelist: Mike O'Neal

(316) 729-9302 or 942-1649 www.cocwestside.com

(641) 236-3883

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(near the Dairy Queen)
AM Worship 9:30 A.M.
AM Bible Study 10:30 A.M.
AM Worship 11:30 A.M.
Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Lee stevelee4510@windstream.net (270) 789-1651

CAMPBELLSVILLE, KY

CANEYVILLE, KY
Caneyville Church of Christ Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 589-4167, (270) 274-3065 or (502) 724-2231

REGINA, KY

Road Creek Church of Christ 7 miles west of Elkhorn City on Route 460 & Route 80 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. 10:50 A.M. Worship Evening 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M Wednesday (606) 754-9883, 754-8642

BATON ROUGE, LA

Park Forest Church of Christ 9923 Sunny Cline Dr. Bible Study 9:00 A.M 10:00 A.M. Worship Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Crews 275-4684 or 273-1105

SEVERN, MD

Southwest Church of Christ 805 Meadow Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. Worship 6:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M. Evening Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Brandon Trout 410) 969-1420 or (410) 551-6549 www.swcofchrist.com

Wildercroft Church of Christ

6330 Auburn Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Antoine Holloway 301) 474-7460 or (301) 741-0012

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Worship

359 Sanders Mills Rd. Steen Bible Study 9:00 A.M. 9:45 A.M. 6:00 P.M. Evening 7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evangelist: Willis Logan (601) 356-6629

GULFPORT, MS

Morris Rd. Church of Christ 1 blk. N. of Dedeaux Rd. & 3 Rivers Rd. on Morris Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M. Evening Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steven Carmack (228) 832-5529

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MERIDIAN, MS Grandview Church of Chris 2820 Grandview Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (601) 482-0543 or (601) 679-8542 Contacts: Ron Cooper and Jim Young youngins@comcast.net

MERIDIAN, MS

7th St. Church of Christ 2914 7th St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M. 6:30 P.M. Worship Evening (601) 483-3101

SOUTHAVEN, MS

(Memphis area) Church of Christ 2110 E State Line Rd. (Exit I-55) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Evangelist: James A. Brown (662) 342-1132 - Church Building

BLUE SPRINGS, MO

Southside Church of Christ

4000 SW Christiansen

Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Brett Hogland

(816) 228-9262

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO

North Cape Church of Christ
121 S. Broadview St. Suite 2
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
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Bible Study

703 Harrison St. Bible Study Worship 11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M. Evening Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 888-6778 or (870) 650-1648 Nolan Glover, Preacher www.westsidechurchofchrist.us

LILBOURN, MO

PO Box 270 211 Benton St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Shane Williams (573) 688-2234 or 748-5204

RAYMORE, MO

Raymore Church of Christ 107 N. Woodson St. e Study 9:30 A.M. Bible Study Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening Wednesday 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ryan Boyer (816) 322-0042 www.raymorechurchofchrist.org

RAYTOWN, MO

Sterling Ave. Church of Christ 5825 Sterling Ave. (Near Sports Complex) Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M. Evening Wednesday Evangelist: Norman E. Fultz (816) 358-3096 or 554-0836 www.sterlingavechurchofchrist.org

County Line Church of Christ

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14273 County Rd. 307 (.7 mi. E of

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(816) 233-6485

Evangelist: Erik Smith

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COLUMBIA, MO ST. JAMES, MO

Eastside Church of Christ Church of Christ 5051 Ponderosa Columbia, MO 65201 685 Sidney St. Study 9:30 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Bible Study Worship 11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M. Evening Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Lynn Huggins Wednesday 7:00 P.M 445-5497 or 636-0224 (573) 265-8628

DONIPHAN, MO

Southside Church of Christ Hwy. 142 E. ½ mile (P.O. Box 220) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M. Evening 7:00 P.M. (573) 996-3251 or 996-3513

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Church of Christ 217 N. Orchard Blvd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M Worship 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Walter Myers 417) 830-8972 or (417) 736-2663

HALLSVILLE, MO

Hallsville Church of Christ 5855 E Hwy 124 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. Worship 5:00 P.M. Evening Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Raymond Breuer (573) 696-0003 Kenneth Shern (573) 442-8475

Nashua Church of Christ

11425 N. Main St.

Evangelist: Mark Broyles (816) 532-4270 or 734-4142

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Evening 6:00 P.M.
Monday 7:30 P.M.
Evencijst Pace Trielett Sr Evangelist: Ross Triplett, Sr. (775) 972-4911 retriplett@tripletweb.com

PISCATAWAY N.I

258 Highland Ave. 258 Highland Ave.
Bible Study 9:15 A.M.
Bible Classes 10:00 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Evangelist: Gary P. Eubanks
(732) 463-1323

VAUXHALL, NJ

Church of Christ Milbourn Mall Suite 6 2933 Vauxhall Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worshin 11:00 A.M. Worship Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Harry A. Persaud Home: (908) 964-8570 Church: (908) 964-6356

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Albuquerque Church of Christ 1908 Sunshine Terrace SE Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Bible Study 10:30 A.M Worship 6:00 P.M 7:00 P.M Wednesday (call to confirm time) 764-9277

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BUFFALO, NY

Greater Buffalo Church of Christ 3578 Walden Ave Lancaster, NY 14086 Bible Study 10:00 A.M 11:15 A.M Worship Tuesday Tuesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Daniel Bailey (716) 870-3259

CHARLOTTE, NC

Harris Blvd. Church of Christ 5424 E.W.T. Harris Blvd. 8:30 A.M. Worship Bible Study 9:30A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Various members of local congregations Don Moeller (704) 532-9242

5327 S. Tyron St. Worship Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Wendell Powell

(704) 525-5655 or 522-9971

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FREMONT, OH

Church of Christ 3361 W. State St mi. W. of Fremont on U.S. Rt. 20 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. 10:45 A.M. Worship 6:00 P.M. Evening 7:00 P.M Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (419) 849-3340 or 849-2980 ww.freemontchurchofchrist.com

HAMILTON, OH Westview Church of Christ 1040 Azel Ave. 9:00 A.M. Bible Study Worship 9:45 A.M. 6:30 P.M. Evening 7:00 PM Wednesday Evangelist: David A. Stansberry (513) 868-9988

HILLIARD OH

Church of Christ

4840 Cemetery Rd.

(614) 876-4089

10:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

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MARION, NC

Hwv. 70 Church of Christ 18 Peachtree St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Worship Evening Wednesday (828) 652-7504

BEAVERCREEK, OH Knollwood Church of Christ

1031 Welford Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. 10:20 A.M. Worship 3:00 P.M. Afternoon Wed. Afternoon 1:00 P.M. Wed. Evening 7:30 P.M. (937) 426-1422 www.knollwoodchurch.org

CINCINNATI, OH

Blue Ash Church of Christ Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. 6:00 P.M. Evening Wednesday 7:00 PM Evang:elist: Russell Dunaway, Jr. 891-3174

CLEVELAND, OH

Lorain Ave. Church of Christ 13501 Lorain Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M. Evenina Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (216) 476-0660 or (330) 725-3960, 723-0111

COLUMBUS, OH

Laurel Canyon Church of Christ 409 McNaughton Rd. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. 10:30 A.M. Worship Evening 6:00 PM 7:00 P.M. Wednesday (614)868-1375 www.lccoc.net

DAYTON, OH

West Carrollton 28 W Main Street Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Michael Grushon (937) 866-5162, 434-3090 or 848-3779 E-mail: www.wc-coc.org

FRANKLIN, OH

Church of Christ 6417 Franklin/Lebanon Rd. Evangelist: Eston Vandever

NEW LEBANON, OH

NEW CARLISLE, OH

Church of Christ

(Near Wright-Patterson AFB)

Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Randy Blackaby (937) 849-1643 or 845-8467 (bldg.)

9:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

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Church of Christ 1973 W. Main St 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M. Bible Study Worship Evening 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Evangelist: Marvin L. Eads (937) 236-6521 or 546-8828

NEW RICHMOND, OH Church of Christ 550 Washington St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A M 6:30 P.M. Evening 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Contact: Dave Wylie (513) 553-6414 www.nrchurchofchrist.com

NORTHWOOD, OH (Toledo Area)

Church of Christ 4110 Frey Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. Worship 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Donald Jarabek

893-3566 or 691-0688 UHRICHSVILLE, OH

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MANSFIELD, OH

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Church: 522-8982

TULSA, OK Woodland Hills Church of Christ 9119 E. 61 St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

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MEDFORD, OR Church of Christ

1850 Spring St.
(Roxy Ann Grange Hall)
Corner of Spring/Valley View
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Worship 11:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Evening Thursday Evangelist: Dean Blackwell (541) 773-2649

MARIETTA-RENO, OH Marietta-Reno Church of Christ

80 Sandhill Road Study 9:30 A.M. Bible Study 10:30 A.M. Worship 6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 740) 222-9160 (Daniel Ruegg) 473-9028 (Steve Foutty)

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Evening	5:00 P.M.	
Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	
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Evangelist: Dan King, Sr. (615) 952-5720 or 797-2280

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Evening 5:30 P.M.	Evening	5:00 P.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.	Wednesday	7:30 P.M.
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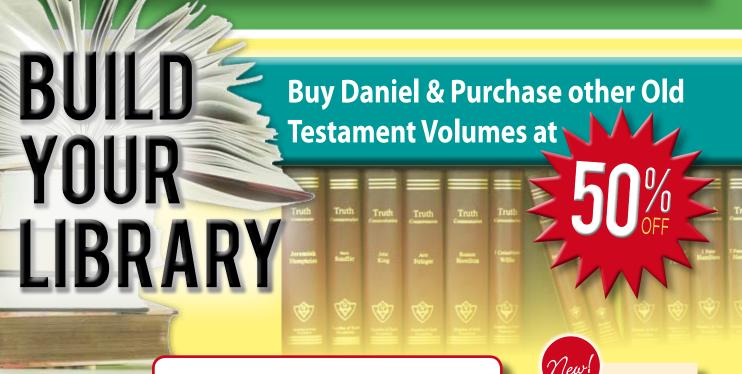
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