

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

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### *“I Die Daily” (1 Corinthians 15:31) — Jerry O’Donnell*

The notion that we are eternally saved once we believe, being at the point referred to as “born-again”, or uttering the magic words, causes one to have to discard other verses of the Bible, and that is not how the Bible works. “God is not [the author] of confusion” (1 Corinthians 14:33) where He would inspire the writers to write all the books of the Bible and then have a few verses negate it all.

Take for instance what Paul just stated and is the title of this article: “I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily” (1 Corinthians 15:31). If he were eternally saved, why would he pen the fact that he dies daily? In fact, it appears he is upset with all those who seem to be rejoicing that they are eternally saved. We know this because of the context: “And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?” (1 Corinthians 15:30). Not only daily did Paul stress that our souls are in jeopardy but every hour, in fact, one could say every minute or even every second. What many “just believe” Christians fail to comprehend is that their theology makes them give up the freedom to choose. If a person does not

want to be saved anymore, for whatever reason, too bad.

Peter tells born-again Christians to “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). That is because Satan is looking among the Christians to find those who are weak in the faith and can easily be lured away from their experience. Oh, do not worry, “no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father’s hand” (John 10:29). Although that is true, it is only true if we comply to the condition Jesus Himself placed on it: “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27). So, Satan lays the foundation for a temptation and if we give in to his snare, we cannot say, “The devil made me do it!” He does not have that power. He cannot take us out of God’s hands. All he can do is cause us personally to choose to leave the Father’s hand.

Upon being born-again, we have the freedom to stop being born-again which is what the Bible explicitly states: “If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to

themselves the Son of God afresh, and put [him] to an open shame” (Hebrews 6:6). “For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog [is] turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire” (2 Peter 2:20-22).

Oh, it is said that such people were never converted in the first place, but that would be a lie. That negates the whole concept of temptation, as we have stated in the past. Only Christians are tempted, for those of the world who do not believe are the ones that cannot be tempted. There is nothing to tempt a smoker to smoke for they are already smoking. A glutton cannot be tempted into gluttony for they are already a glutton. An adulterer

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cannot be tempted into adultery for they are already in adultery. A thief is not tempted to steal for they are already a thief.

And as stated before, temptation comes with consequences. If there is not consequence, there is no temptation, and the devil would not spend time tempting people. What would there be to gain? "Oops, devil. You win. Haha, that's a good one. You got me to say a bad word, and I even liked it, so now I will continue to use it regularly, but I still have eternal life!" Are you joking? If Satan can tempt people to live a different lifestyle from what the Christian committed to upon being born again, the consequence is indeed the loss of eternal life.

Please take note that it is the continued lifestyle thereof. A "born-again" person who is tempted and does participate does not immediately lose eternal life, though it is God's desire that we do not give in to the temptations, especially carelessly, thinking grace is so plentiful to cover careless acts. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1).

Our apologies to those who have heard this for at least the seventh time since the start of our publication, but we have people newly signing up that if these paragraphs were not included, they would excuse their sinful lifestyle away and think this article is not for them.

Now continuing on with true Christians being expected to "die daily", Jesus said to pray, "Give us

this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). That is because God gives us only that which is sufficient for each day. Those who believe they are eternally saved believe that it is all given at the time they become born-again. But just as we eat several times each day, our daily bread, which is more than literal bread, we receive from God to meet our daily needs.

Jesus also stated, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34), which is met with Paul's statement, "I die daily". Each day we have new evils or temptations to face. The good news is that Jesus says to us, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). And with that grace, it is "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:3-4).

Jesus further taught, "If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). That is every single day for we are met with temptation the very moment our eyes open up until they are closed again at night.

The average person has temptations from which they need to die daily. They are not even aware how easily Satan is ready to

devour them. It begins with, "How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man" (Proverbs 6:9-11). Are you tempted to waste time by not getting out of bed right away? Do you hit the snooze, and hit it again and again? Do you waste weekend hours in bed instead of being consistent in rising at the hour appointed? Has society brainwashed you into thinking that the weekends are made to sleep in? And from this, we can see that temptation begins without even getting out of bed. It is a sin to waste the God given hours of the day just because the blankets feel so comfy, or you think you can still make it to work on time.

Next in line is rushing into the day without God. In fact, most Christians wake up and go to work without even a spoonful, not of cereal, but of the Word of God.

The next temptation is breakfast. Many have treated their bodies in such a way that they do not participate in the most important meal of the day, or they just grab something to drink. Speaking of which, part of the breakfast temptation is to drink down body-destroying chemicals in the form of a caffeinated beverage. They have been convinced, even as Christians, that a regular morning involves this liquid and is acceptable. Not to God! "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile

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

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the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).

And God forbid if in our morning routine we encounter someone. Right there begins the first confrontation. Are you tempted to bite someone's head off just because you are still a little drowsy? Are you tempted to be short with people, push people off, etc., until you feel selfishly "good and ready" to deal with others?

We haven't even left the house yet and already we see the numerous temptations. Now, for those who get on the road to go to work – what is that like? Despite the Bible saying, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake" (1 Peter 2:13), many will ignore the speed limit. We are not talking about going a few miles over to stay with the flow, we are talking about fifteen, twenty, even thirty miles over the speed limit, weaving in and out. Of course, that speed only continues until the backups during rush hour occur where, despite the Bible describing true Christians as "the patience and the faith of the saints" (Revelation 13:10) many turn to impatience, start complaining and murmuring, and many even go as far as expressing it with the shake of the head, laying on of the horn, staying on the bumper of the next person so others cannot merge, running red lights, just for starters.

Now that we are finally at work, what is the character expressed, especially on a Monday? When people ask, "How's it going?", do we retort with, "It's Monday.

What do you expect?" Or, "I haven't had my coffee yet."

Then, God forbid, if it is a Monday after a football weekend, the temptation to steal time from the company by rehashing all of the mistakes made or even the great plays made during each of the games. They call it "water cooler talk". Employers are not paying employees for seven or six hours of work but all eight. No, employees are not expected to slave over their desks these days, but just hanging out for lengths of time with fellow workers is not right either.

Finally, we made it to lunch. How long is lunch? Oh, we are not referring to the half hour or hour that is scheduled. Are we tempted to extend the time?

And next up, the day is over, or at least "close enough". Are we tempted to cut out early? Have we completed an honest day's work?

So, we make our way to our vehicle and head home. This time, the anger is usually worse than the morning because every traffic jam, fender bender, etc., means that it is cutting into our personal time. But somehow, we make it home to be greeted with, "How was work?" "Oh, you would not believe the day I had..." The

children, who were excited to see you come home know to turn around and go the other direction. So much for those hugs and kisses being ready. And never mind that the spouse has had a challenging day too. We are tempted to bring the attitude from the office home, be selfish by expecting others to give us attention and wait on us, etc. All for what? Have a good meal and then spend the evening wasting away in front of the television or on the computer? And then there is the occasional, "Oh man, the trash needs taken out", as if the trash planned to interrupt the evening of wasting away.

As we see, temptation to show any character that is not that of Christ follows us all the day long. "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:6). Would Jesus have acted in any of those ways if He were walking the earth today? Of course not. Therefore, we are given over to Satan's temptations and do not see that a dying daily, all the day long, is expected.

So, how is your walk with Christ? Does your life reflect His image or not?



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## Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

### God Our Source of Health

Psalms 43:5 states, “Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, [who is] the health of my countenance, and my God.”

Hopefully you read it slowly and especially the acknowledgment that God is the one responsible for our health. That does not mean we have no role to play for the Bible says, “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of

God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are” (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).

What it means is that we can be careful of what we eat, what we drink, get our right rest, bathe as often as one should and in a proper manner, exercise correctly and as often as one should, be temperate in all things, be exposed to sunlight, get enough fresh air, etc., but when it comes down to it, it is still God that keeps us in health.

Jesus once healed a man’s withered hand. The main part of the story states, “Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched [it] forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other” (Matthew 12:13). Did Jesus just make the hand whole? No. Did the healing come from within the person with the withered hand? No, otherwise he would have been healed on his own long beforehand. But, in faith the man with the withered hand had to stretch his hand first, and as he exercised that hand in faith, it became whole.

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Likewise, when we eat the proper food and avoid that which hurts our bodies, we trust that the nutrients which were placed in the food by God will keep us healthy. Likewise, when we drink the proper liquids and avoid that which is detrimental to the cells of our bodies, we have faith that the cleansing process will work and hydration will take place. When we wash, we have faith that the particles that we cannot see that

our bodies have pushed out of the pores will be sent down the drain. The same is true with the exercise in which we have faith that it will be beneficial to our bodies. The sun, not only providing warmth, but providing vitamin D which will be sufficient and stored up in our bodies to continue our life. The same is true with the air we breathe. We should be very appreciative and in complete trust of God because quite a few people

have vitamin D absorption problems, have no ability to easily get fresh air, or other challenges, but they do the best they can and God blesses.

God is the Creator of the foods, the water, the sun, the air, and even our bodies, and just like David, let us praise God recognizing that He is the health of our countenance.



## Healthy and Delicious Recipes

### Cashew Tofu Stir Fry

#### Ingredients

##### For the Sauce

- ½ cup water, more as needed to thin
- 1 ½ tablespoon cornstarch
- ½ cup soy sauce (see substitute below)
- ½ cup vegetable stock
- 2 Tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

##### For tofu and veggies

- 14 oz block extra firm tofu
- 1-2 tablespoon cornstarch
- 3 tablespoon olive oil, divided
- 1 head broccoli florets
- 8 oz sugar snap peas
- ¼ teaspoon salt, more to taste
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 3-4 tablespoon water

- ½ teaspoon fresh ginger, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup roasted and unsalted cashews
- sesame seeds, for garnish
- green onions, chopped, for garnish

#### Instructions

1. Add water and cornstarch into a bowl and whisk together. Add liquid ingredients and whisk together again.
2. In a medium bowl, add tofu cubes, cornstarch and stir a few times to combine thoroughly then set aside. Next, add in 2 tablespoon oil into a large skillet over medium heat. Add the tofu and fry, flipping occasionally, until golden brown and crispy

(about 6-8 minutes). Remove to a towel lined plate.

3. In the same skillet, add 1 tablespoon oil if needed. When hot, add in broccoli and sugar snap peas. Stir to combine, then season with salt and pepper to taste. Let veggies cook undisturbed for about 1-2 minutes until slightly charred. Add 3-4 Tablespoons of water then cover to steam the veggies for 3-4 minutes. Add peppers and stir, then garlic and ginger and stir, letting cook until fragrant.
4. Next, add roasted cashews, whisk the sauce mixture a stir, and pour over the veggies in the skillet. Stir around to coat and after a few minutes the mixture will begin to thicken. Add in the tofu and mix to combine. Serve warm topped with sesame seeds and green onions.

## Soy Sauce Substitute

### Ingredients

- ½ cup sugar or sweetener of choice
- Glass of water
- Salt
- Lemon

### Instructions

1. Sauté ½ cup sugar or sweetener of choice on low flame until golden brown.
2. Add a glass of water.
3. Stir continuously.
4. Add a touch of salt when it begins to evaporate.
5. Still stir continuously.
6. Turn off the flame.
7. Add a squeeze of lemon to taste.



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## Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

1 Peter 1:3-5 says, “Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” Notice the smooth transition. In verse 3, we have the free abundance of mercy with the free incorruptible inheritance of verse 4. In verse 5,

the condition of who receives it quite explicitly laid out, but do realize that all three verses make up one complete sentence. These free gifts are only for those that are kept by the power of God, which is the sanctified or holy living. If we are still breaking the commandments and sinning, we are not being kept. That is pure resistance of the power of God, which is exactly what the last generation on earth would be doing: “denying the power” (2 Timothy 3:5). So, do you deny the power to overcome by

continuing in sin, or do you use the power to stop sinning?

2 Peter 1:4 says, “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” The great and precious promises, like forgiveness of sin and eternal life, are all references to the free gift of justification. Once we receive justification, then we become partakers of the divine nature. Our

old sinful, selfish ways die. We then escape from corruption and the lusts of the world, which the slightest effort for gain is classified by lust. It is not the sex addict, the drug addict, the billionaire seeking more money, those seeking power, etc., but it is the simple sinning as well. To set all of the excuses to sin aside having a new nature, that is sanctification. Again, this is yet another verse that clearly teaches and obviously teaches that the free gifts are only part of the whole salvation process. If we are not living a fit life for heaven now, we are not going to be there. So, are you partaking of the divine nature giving up those things the world seeks after, or are you making excuses to continue being entertained by the world, gaining things of the world, etc.?

1 John 1:6, states clearly, "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." Alright, it may not be clear to some. So restated to the modern wording and application, "If we say that we are saved, and continue in the darkness of sin, we are liars and are not telling the truth because we are to do the truth." The "we are saved" or "have fellowship with Him" is the free gift of justification. Failing "to do the truth" is the expected life of sanctification or holy living. So, are you a liar still sinning, claiming to be saved, or are you telling the truth by obeying the truth?

2 John 1:5 states, "And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I

wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another." The word "lady" can be symbolically a reference to the church, comparing Jeremiah 6:2 to Isaiah 51:16, and no one is part of the church without first receiving the free gift of grace. Then, in today's verse, we see that we are to keep a commandment. It is the one referring to loving one another. Now God does not leave it to us to determine what love is because even acts of kindness can be used in an evil way, so Jesus said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:39) and quickly followed with "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:40), which means we are to keep the Ten Commandments. The last six tell us how to love our neighbor, but in the context, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37) also, which are the first four commandments. That is holy or sanctified living. So, do you really love God and one another keeping all Ten Commandments, or do you simply make up your own definition of love allowing sin in people's lives thinking it is the loving thing to do?

3 John 1:11 states the call to sanctification so clearly, and the consequences of not having it. The verse begins with "Beloved," which is the free justification because unbelievers are not addressed this way. To be a "believer" is to have been forgiven of one's sins (Mark 1:15). Then the

verse continues "follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God." Now sin is evil (1 Kings 16:19). Therefore, everyone who says they are saved but still sin, have not seen God, therefore, the consequence is that they are lost. Those who do righteous deeds are doing good and are of God. Those who try to mix up the two even to the point that they mostly do good deeds are still not having the understanding of God, for it is not a matter of being "mostly good". It is a matter of having all of the evil put away. So, are you of God, doing only that which is right and good before God, or are you evil, sinning here or there thinking you know God?

Jude 1:3 states, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort [you] that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Having faith "once delivered unto the saints" is the free gift of justification because "by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). However, people read so quickly and miss the sanctification part. We are to "earnestly contend". That means to give every effort – not just effort, but "earnest" effort. That is a daily battle, and if we do not, we have then lost our faith; and so much for "once saved, always saved" because we are not. Only "he that endureth to the end shall



be saved” (Matthew 10:22). So, are you earnestly contending each day as Paul did (1 Corinthians 15:31), or do you just accept the deliverance of faith and going about a mediocre Christian life, which is not the life of Christ or a Christian or of a saved person?

Revelation 2:2 says, “I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars.” Today, we can say that many claim to be Christian but are found to be liars. Why? Because they are evil. Continuing in sin and making excuses for sinning is evil (Genesis 50:17). Therefore, this verse clearly teaches to live the holy or sanctified life, but one does not desire such a life unless they were justified. Yes, the justification is well hidden but the focus of these messages is to call upon the many liars to come out of the stupor of being saved only by justification (grace) into the holy life (obeying the commandments). And if you did not take notice, every New Testament book has now, at least twice (since we have reached

Revelation again), the same theme – be justified freely, but then live in “holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). When we start with Matthew again, for round three, will you shed off that lie of pitting grace against commandment-keeping, holy living, and actually live a holy life that God wants to empower you to have?

Matthew 4:7 says, “Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” This is after Satan tempted Jesus to perform a purposeful and sinful act of “cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in [their] hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone” (Matthew 4:6). Christians tempt the Lord with their unholy living all of the time by ignoring the Ten Commandments and living carelessly, yet claiming to be saved by grace and are expecting God to simply allow us to walk into Heaven with a history of a ton of sins without repenting for a single one. Keep I mind this is the same God who cast out Adam and Eve for the slightest offense to

God’s commandments, and cast the devil and his angels out of Heaven for coveting the throne of God. Many Christians claim to be able to purposely “minister” in questionable places, like bars, parties, and such. Many Christians purposefully ignore God’s statements to casting away every evil before our eyes and every evil entering into our ears, claiming that it is powerless entertainment. To avoid purposeful acts of sin and temptation is holy living. We are to do everything that is in our power of control to avoid placing ourselves in tempting situations while claiming God will keep us. So, do you purposely tempt God, or do you do as Jesus says and keep yourself from purposeful and careless exposure to sin?

Mark 2:17 says, “When Jesus heard [it], he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Repentance is not just forgiveness (1 John 1:9) but deliverance (Galatians 1:4) – being given a holy life. That is what Jesus calls all of us to do. So, have you

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repented, or are you still in your sins?

Luke 1:68 says, “Blessed [be] the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people.” Seeing that “there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek” (Romans 10:12), we, too, have been redeemed by the free gift of Jesus Christ for the sake of our salvation. But so few understand what the word “redeemed” truly means. It means “deliverance” according to the Bible Lexicon. Luke 11:4 says, “deliver us from evil”. Isaiah 38:17 says, “Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul [delivered it] from the pit of

corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.” Psalms 79:9 says, “Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name’s sake.” Galatians 1:4 says, “Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.” Basically, we are delivered from our sins, not just the record in Heaven being wiped clean, but also from the effects that sin has upon us by stopping it so we do not continue to destroy our bodies. In other words, God does not just wipe clean the sin of smoking and doing drugs, but delivers us by causing

us to cease the smoking habit. Not only does God wipe off the record of lying to people, but He removes the lying habit from us so we are not on the constant run from our lies being found out. To truly be redeemed causes us to stop doing the sin in the first place. Yes, we are freely forgiven to be permitted to enter the freely offered place called Heaven having the free gift of eternal life, but the gospel is more – the holy life so we do not continue to live the results of sin. Now, are you living out that “more” part by stopping the thing that causes so much harm to the body – sin?



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

### **The Bad Woman**

1. What is the ultimate bad woman called? **Revelation 17:5**
2. Who played one of them showing that a harlot is not always referring to a literal woman? **Hosea 4:15**
3. What did Israel do to earn the recognition of committing adultery? **Jeremiah 3:8**
4. Who were the people of Israel?  
**Exodus 5:1**
5. Despite being God’s people, what are the backsliders filled up with? **Proverbs 14:14**
6. What would a backslidden group of people try to do in covering up their backsliding?  
**Jeremiah 3:11**
7. What does a backslidden group try to hold on to in order to continue in their ways?  
**Jeremiah 8:5**
8. What is backsliding considered?  
**End of Jeremiah 14:7**
9. What does a backslidden group trust in? **Jeremiah 49:4, Revelation 3:17, Revelation 17:4**

10. Despite backsliding, just as Judas was in the early church, what does the harlot, the backslidden woman, the backslidden group call people towards? **Hosea 11:7**

now that Christ is the head of?  
**Ephesians 5:23 "the church"**

10. What does the bride invite people to do? **Revelation 22:17 "Come"**

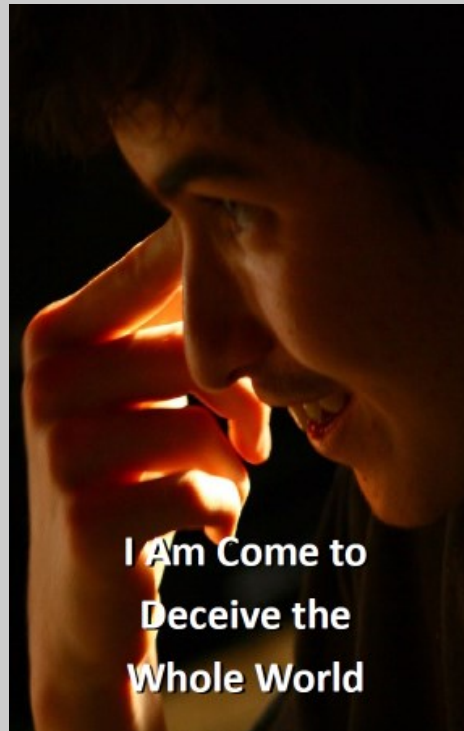


**June 2023**

**The Good Woman**

1. What does God compare to a woman? **Jeremiah 6:2 "daughter of Zion"**
2. What does that word mean by Bible definition? **Isaiah 51:16 "Zion, Thou [art] my people"**
3. What are we considered when we become "born again"? **2 Corinthians 11:2 "a chaste virgin to Christ"**
4. Who are they married to? **2 Corinthians 11:2 "espoused you to one husband" "Christ"**
5. Where will God's people be found? **Revelation 21:2 "the holy city, new Jerusalem"**
6. What is that place, which is filled with God's people, called in relationship to the husband? **Revelation 21:2 "bride"**
7. Whose wife is she belonging to? **Revelation 21:9 "the Lamb's wife"**
8. Who does this creature point to? **John 1:29, 36; 1 Peter 1:19 "Jesus" "Christ"**
9. In the reality of things, what do we call the bride here and

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# Questions & Answers

**QUESTION:** Why did Jesus eat fish after He rose?

**ANSWER:** Let us read the account of John 21.

John 21:2-14 states, "There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the [sons] of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt [his] fisher's coat [unto him], (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes. As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so

many, yet was not the net broken. Jesus saith unto them, Come [and] dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead."

The entire account was provided to show that there is not a single reference to Jesus eating the fish, for that matter, it does not say that He ate anything. Inviting the disciples to dine implying that Jesus ate with them is nothing more than an implication. He did hand them the bread and fish, so Jesus did touch the dead creatures, but that still does not mean He ate any.

The glorified body will not be feasting on dead creatures, but He allowed it here because He met them where they were at.

**QUESTION:** Can God only remove curses? Can a curse be placed upon the whole family or over only a few who brought on the curse? Can practicing witches place curses upon people?

**ANSWER:** In the event of a real curse being placed upon a person or family, yes, God only can remove the curse. That does not mean human beings cannot be involved, but all credit belongs to God because it is God Who would be working through the human being. Even though Paul cast out the spirit of divination from a damsel (Acts 16:16-20), it was God using Paul

that accomplished the task.

Curses can be placed upon whole families and not just the few who brought it on. So, a couple children sneaking the Ouija board into the home will not only suffer the curse but it can affect the whole family. This is no different than Achan in Joshua 7, where, because of one person, Israel lost the battle to Ai. After removing the curse through the death of Achan and his family, Israel won the next round in the battle.

And curses do not have to come through practicing witches, though that is one way curses can come. Simply bringing material into the home thinking that there is no evil in an object is actually an invitation for Satan and his demons to make their abode. Collecting books on witches or witchcraft is one example of the invitation. Collecting statues of "other gods" is more obvious of an act. This is why there was a book burning in the time of Paul (Acts 19:18-20). It was not safe to just throw the material away or even give it away.

**QUESTION:** What is the difference between spying and detective work?

**ANSWER:** Spying, which is not necessarily evil, is a covert, secret activity that does not usually allow the people who are being spied upon to know that spying is going on. Detective work usually is a public activity trying to figure out a matter, of which may involve questioning a number of people. It usually includes an announcement

to the person being questioned as to the identity of the questioner: "Hi, I am detective \_\_\_\_\_". Both spies and detectives may be used to figure out secrets. It is just that one is more secretive than the other. One is neither sinful or not sinful in comparison.

**QUESTION:** Why did God use some countries to save Israel and

not others?

**ANSWER:** As one reads through the Kings and Chronicles in the Old Testament, we see certain countries coming to the aide of either Judah or Israel. We see that Babylon leveled Judah while Medes and Persians freed the Jews.

In all honesty, God may use and not use whoever He would like to

or not like to. There is no pattern given in the Bible for God's choice. We are not aware of any scripture that declares, "Because this nation has feared my name, I shall have them assist my people." Some were motivated to help by the usual methods: favors and payments. Therefore, there is no clear-cut answer for this question.



## News and Comments

**May 2**

**AP News**

**Loneliness poses risks as deadly as smoking, surgeon general warns**

This article is a bit misleading, for just about every adult has experienced loneliness at some point in their life, and with the simple question of "Have you ever felt lonely?" being asked, no wonder over half of the respondents have answered "Yes". Despite a room full of people, anyone experiencing a death in the family will feel lonely, as if no one understands. So, despite the potentially bad science behind this announcement, there is a solution. If this survey is showing that loneliness has increased over the years, then it probably has a connection with the fact that religious practice is down. In other words, by removing God from society, loneliness will increase, but with God in one's life, loneliness should decrease. And

just going to church or even declaring that a person has regular Bible reading time through the week is not the same as actually having God in their lives. Jesus said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14:16). So, is the Comforter in your life?

**May 14**

**MSN**

**19 Republican states accuse JPMorgan of closing bank accounts and discriminating against customers due to their religious or political beliefs**

"In a letter sent to JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon and reviewed by The Wall Street Journal, Republicans representing 19 states said the bank had canceled major organizations' checking accounts and had asked screening questions focused on religion and politics before reinstating them." We see clearly how easy it is to control

buying and selling despite constitutional rights. Yes, JPMorgan is getting their hands slapped but it took 19 states until a voice was raised. "That no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:17).

**May 3**

**Telegraph**

**Scientists witness what the end of the Earth could look like**

Instead of guessing, just read the Bible. There is what is called the second coming that will leave it as Jeremiah saw it: "I beheld the earth, and, lo, [it was] without form, and void; and the heavens, and they [had] no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, [there was] no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place [was] a wilderness, and all the cities

thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, [and] by his fierce anger. For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end." (Jeremiah 4:23-27). But that is not the full end because there is what is known as the "thousand years" for "the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished" (Revelation 20:5). Then the finality happens. "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them" (Revelation 20:9). That is when "ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do [this], saith the LORD of hosts" (Malachi 4:3).

**May 17**

**Telegraph**

**Sorority sues over admission of trans woman who got 'aroused in their company'**

It just goes to show that there is no test for this agenda where word of mouth is all that is necessary. "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so [are] abomination unto the LORD thy God" (Deuteronomy 22:5).

**May 19**

**LA Times**

**Yucaipa High 'teacher of the year' accused of sex crime involving student**

This is the danger of praising people. "For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:43). She liked the attention but failed to keep from fornication or even adultery.

**May 16**

**Rollingstone**

**Taylor Lautner Is 'Praying' For John Mayer Ahead of Taylor Swift's 'Speak Now' Re-Release**

The actor ought to save his prayer because God is not listening. "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer [shall be] abomination" (Proverbs 28:9). As we are to "judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24) and "by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20), the participation in the movies shows that he actively supports Satan's side. God is not into vampires and werewolves.

**May 24**

**NY Times**

**Bill to Force Texas Public Schools to Display Ten Commandments Fails**

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11). This was a small-scale attempt to speak as a dragon by legislating a mandate to display the Ten Commandments when Jesus' way is always be invitation. Prayer, commandments, and everything associated with religion once was part of public schools but was removed during the 1960s. Though it should not have

been, to force it back in is just going to cause bigger problems that will lead to the rest of Revelation 13 fulfillment.

**May 24**

**The Federalist**

**It's About Time Christians Educated Themselves!**

"In contemporary parlance, to 'educate' oneself means allowing intellectually and morally stunted clowns — literally, in this case — to bully you. Because LGBT activists, like BLM activists, never need to be 'educated' about anything. They have achieved enlightenment." Basically, "The fear of the LORD [is] to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate" (Proverbs 8:13).

**May 25**

**Buzz Feed**

**These Stories About The Effects That Religion Has Had On People's Mental Health Are As Eye-Opening As They Are Heartbreaking**

Basically, this article is nothing short of declaring religion a mental illness and a subtle way to undermine discipline, in that, sin is good for the mind. Interestingly, Satan tried the same trick on Eve. He played upon the mind to have more knowledge, but it required sinning by eating the forbidden fruit. It is also the same argument in which they push for having no rules or to encourage lawlessness, a characteristic of the last days. So, "Submit yourselves therefore

to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

**May 26**

**People**

**Texas Girl Born in Jail Heading to Harvard After Graduating at the Top of Her Class**

She could have wallowed in her disadvantage, but she was able to make the best of things and ended up doing well. May we use this example to overcome every and all challenges, especially that of sin and temptation. May we not create an excuse for sinning based upon wealth or lack thereof, good

or bad parents, right or wrong part of town, etc. We can say that "having escaped the corruption that is in the world" (2 Peter 1:4).

**May 30**

**The Street**

**Chick-fil-A Is Latest Target of the Bud Light Boycott Movement**

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). In appearance to hold up "the Lord's day", which is not Sunday, by the

way, according to the Bible, they then turn around and go against another principle of God – promotion of the LGBTQ+ movement. Either we serve God completely or we don't. To stand firm on closure on Sunday for "godly reason" and then do an ungodly thing, they might as well open up their stores on Sunday then. By the way, "the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day" (Matthew 12:8). The Lord's day is the Sabbath. Maybe having the wrong day as "the Lord's day" is what is leading to the compromise with the LGBTQ+ support.



## *Change Is Coming*

**Philippians 3:20-21** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

**2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, [even] as by the Spirit of the Lord.

**Job 14:12-14** So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens [be] no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. O that thou wouldest hide

me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live [again]? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

**1 Corinthians 15:51-55** Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on

immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory?

**Daniel 2:20-22** Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what [is] in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.



## Natural Remedies

### Aspirin for calluses and corns

To create your own corn-softening compound, crush five or six uncoated aspirin tablets into a fine powder. Mix the powder thoroughly with one half teaspoon of lemon juice and one half teaspoon

of water. Dab the paste onto the thickened skin, lay a piece of plastic wrap on top, and cover the plastic with a heated cloth. Remove everything after 10 minutes and gently scrub away the loos-

ened skin with a pumice stone. Of course, you should not try this if you are allergic to aspirin.

