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“Shall We Continue in Sin, That Grace May Abound?” (Romans 6:1) — Jerry O'Donnell

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:20). “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Romans 6:1-2). “Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law” (Romans 3:31). “For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified” (Romans 2:13). “Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin” (Hebrews 12:4). “Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin” (John 8:34). “Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and

he cannot sin, because he is born of God” (1 John 3:9). “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4). “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth [it] not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17). “And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more” (John 8:11). “Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee” (John 5:14). “But Jesus beheld [them], and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). “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). “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all

unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). “And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as [his] eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke 18:13). “We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not” (1 John 5:18). “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8). “Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him” (1 John 3:6). “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God” (Revelation 2:7). “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second

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death” (Revelation 2:11). “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth [it]” (Revelation 2:17). “And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations” (Revelation 2:26). “He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels” (Revelation 3:5). “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] my new name” (Revelation 3:12). “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne” (Revelation 3:21).

“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God” (James 4:4). “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, [even] our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?” (1 John 5:4-5). “Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of [his] time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God” (1 Peter 4:1-2).

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16). “For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake” (1 Thessalonians 1:5). “Be not thou therefore ashamed of the

testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God” (2 Timothy 1:8). “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thessalonians 1:8). “For the time [is come] that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if [it] first [begin] at us, what shall the end [be] of them that obey not the gospel of God?” (1 Peter 4:17). “Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel” (Mark 1:14-15). “Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth” (Luke 15:10). “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:32). “And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?” (1 Peter 4:18). “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the

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world” (John 1:29). “For this [is] my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins” (Romans 11:27). “And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin” (1 John 3:5). “This [is] a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief” (1 Timothy 1:15). “But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life” (Romans 6:22). “Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness” (Romans 6:18). “For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness” (Romans 6:20). “Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14).

“Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die” (Ezekiel 18:4). “For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23). “Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death” (James 1:15).

“He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (1 John 2:4). “For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly

men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ” (Jude 1:4). “What shall we say then? [Is] the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet” (Romans 7:7). “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace. Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” (Romans 8:3-7). “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear” (1 Timothy 5:20).

“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins” (Hebrews 10:26). “Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened [bread] of sincerity and truth” (1 Corinthians 5:7-8). “For then must he often have suffered since the foundation

of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself” (Hebrews 9:26).

“If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). “Jesus answered and said unto him, 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. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me” (John 14:23-24). “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18). “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof” (Romans 6:11-12).

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:7-8).

“For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27).



Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

God's Gym

Let us compare man-made gyms to God's gym. Now, of course not everyone has access to God's gym for one reason or another, but to those who do, we hope you would consider working out in God's gym over the man-made gym.

First, God's gym is free, unlike man-made gyms which require a monthly or annual membership fee.

Man-made gyms offer a treadmill. For those who can take advantage of going for a speed walk out of doors will reap greater benefits than on a treadmill. Between the open air and sunshine, God's gym already has the advantage. Those who are in the city and cannot get out in the country, maybe there are things in the apartment you can think of, like walking up and down the stairs.

Man-made gyms are typically enclosed relying upon regulated heat and cooling systems to maintain that perfect temperature. Granted, God's gym may fluctuate in temperature, however, that is actually much better for the lungs to have periods of cool air and periods of warmer air. Of course, that means God's gym is usually outside where weather and temperature can impact the frequency.

Speaking of air, man-made gyms consist of recycled air. That means, the stench of sweat is ventilated through the air ducts. The germs follow suit and can be a reason why gym members encounter more illnesses than those that stay away from the

gyms. God's gym provides fresh air, and as long as there are no stinky vehicles driving by, it can remain that way. God's gym provides a natural perfection of the air, known as the sun, so it is less likely that one will pick up an illness outside.

Speaking of the sun, man-made gyms offer artificial lighting, which may not be the healthiest upon brain, muscle, or eyes. Sure, you do not want to stare directly up at God's lighting, the sun, but the natural lighting provides vitamin D, which is lacking in man-made gyms. Some may be concerned about sun causing cancer. Do be careful about listening to everything "scientists" tell you. Not even all doctors can be trusted. Wearing proper clothing can help reduce such concerns.

Man-made gyms offer various weights, some of which are coated in artificial material like plastic or rubber, known to be a mild health concern when the pores are wide open during a workout. Though the equipment is to be wiped down before or after use, many members neglect that step or do an inefficient job at it. That means there is a high probability of coming in contact with other people's sweat and germs. God's gym also provides various weights. Try carrying a bag of topsoil, stones, logs, even the lesser weight of leaves. Try splitting wood with a maul and an axe. Using a bow saw may take a lot longer than a chainsaw, but it really works the muscles.

Man-made gyms offer tracks to go around either by jogging or

speedwalking. If anyone has a large property, use a push mower and ditch the riding lawnmower to take advantage of getting the most out of the exercise of cutting the grass.

Man-made gyms offer a variety of exercises, usually involving pushing or pulling something. God's gym offers different exercises working all kinds of muscles. There is the deep knee bends to pickup leaves. There is the motion of raking up the leaves. Again, ditch the leaf blower to benefit from the exercise of cleaning up the leaves. All those gadgets may make work easier and faster, but they take away from the experience and benefits. Again, there is the pulling of heavy loads using a wagon and not a tractor. There is digging, sawing, carrying, twisting, and many other exercises in God's gym out in nature that just cannot be beat.

For most, God's gym does not involve travel time, unlike a man-made gym, hence the road block that man-made gym members struggle with. It is not the exercise at the gym that is a drudge, but the travel time there and back that seems such a waste of time. Interestingly, God's gym seems to accomplish things around the house while working out. A win-win situation.

So, hopefully you can take advantage of God's gym, in one form or another with ingenuity, and if not, no matter what, get off the couch, out of the office, and get some exercise!



Healthy and Delicious Recipes

Creamy Vegan Zucchini Pasta with Sweet Corn

Ingredients

- 10 oz uncooked spaghetti noodles
- 3 Tbsp vegan butter
- 1/2 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb zucchini, grated (do not drain) (up to 1.5lbs works)
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4-1/2 c. Nutritional yeast (add to your taste)
- 1 cup vegan parmesan, finely grated
- 1 cup sweet corn cut off the cob (or frozen)

- 1 cup Original Flavored Oat Milk or canned coconut cream or any thick vegan milk
- 3/4 cup vegetable stock

Instructions

1. Bring a large pot of water to boil. Cook the pasta to al dente according to package (do not overcook). Drain immediately.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium high heat, melt vegan butter. Add onions and stir. Saute until translucent about 3 minutes. Then add garlic, stir and cook 1 more minute until fragrant.
3. Add in the zucchini and salt and

stir. Cook for 3 - 4 minutes until it reduces in volume by about half.

4. Add in vegan Parm, nutritional yeast, corn, coconut cream and veggie stock. Let come to a boil then reduce heat to simmer. Let it reduce and thicken about 4-5 minutes.

5. Add pasta into the sauce and stir together well for another 2-3 minutes. The sauce will have thickened up a bit more and should be coating the pasta. If the sauce gets too thick, add a bit more broth.

6. Serve with more Parm, basil, salt to taste.



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Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

1 Timothy 1:8-11 states, “But we know that the law [is] good, if a man use it lawfully; Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was

committed to my trust.” For those that think the law of the Ten Commandments has been done away with, if a person commits a sin, these verses clearly teach that the law is intended for that person. Once we receive the blessings of the gospel as a free gift (justification), we are to become righteous people (sanctification). In other words, we are to be people who have been sanctified by the Word and made holy. We become righteous. The law then is no longer for us because when a person obeys the law, there is no condemnation

(Romans 8:1), but if we sin, the law is for us to point out our guilt and need of a Savior. That is all the law can do. The law cannot save us, but for sinners, it has a purpose to direct us to the Savior, who will freely forgive us upon the confession of our sins (1 John 1:9). So, are you sinning thinking the law has been nailed to the cross not realizing that that law reveals what a righteous person is like? Or have you gone to the Savior, entered into a saving relationship, and are walking before Him in a righteous manner now avoiding sin?

2 Timothy 1:9 says, "Who hath saved us, and called [us] with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." Obviously, the word "grace" is the reference to the free gift of justification. The word "holy" is in reference to sanctification, but things become unclear when followed up with the words "not according to our works". Many Christians misunderstand this to refer to being holy in title only but we shall continue in works of sin. That contradicts the number of times that Jesus commanded, "sin no more" (John 5:14). The reason it is not our own works is because even in sanctification, it is not us gritting our teeth and working at it. First, "his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). Second, Jesus "is able to keep you from falling" (Jude 1:24). Third, "we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Ephesians 2:10). In other words, the works are the result of a saving relationship, and it is Christ's righteousness showing forth because, of ourselves, "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing" (Romans 7:18). It is not natural for us to do "good works" unselfishly, but once we are connected with Heaven, we have "the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:20). So, do you have the power from Heaven to be holy, or are you "denying the power" (2 Timothy 3:5)?

Titus 1:7-9 tells us, "For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers." A list of dos and don'ts is clearly outlining a holy and sanctified life, but many skim over the verse and say, "I'm not desiring to be a bishop, so it does not apply to me." There are two problems with that. First, the reason a bishop is to be blameless is because he is to set the example for the church to follow, to obey. The second is that, unlike today, a bishop was simply chosen from the congregation, and these instructions were given to search among the congregation for one that fits this description. Today, people attend a religious school and upon graduation, they are put into position automatically despite the unconverted character they may have. So, are you following the example blamelessly, which means that there are no practiced transgressions towards God, or are you carelessly being a Christian in name only but not "in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18)?

Hebrews 2:1 says, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let [them] slip." If we were saved by justification alone, there would be no need for earnest heed. The earnest heed to the things heard is

the sanctification. When we hear that "your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own" (1 Corinthians 6:19), we treat it as a temple. To be careless and treat our bodies with gluttony, watching garbage TV, listening to worldly and suggestive music, enjoying life to all hours of the night, etc., we are not taking heed and shall be lost. There are many more verses in the Bible to take earnest heed of to become a holy and sanctified Christian that we are to become for we are commanded "be ye holy" (1 Peter 1:15), and remember, "holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). So, are you taking earnest heed of the things you hear, or are you still stuck on justification (grace) lets you sin?

James 1:13 states, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." What are people tempted to do? According to Hebrews 4:15, it is to sin. Therefore, to sin is to give in to the temptation. The expectation of a Christian is not to give in to temptation. Therefore, we are not to sin. And that is the sanctified and holy life of a Christian because we are not just saved but Jesus "shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21) and has. So, do you just sin thinking there is no such thing as temptation? Do you think that giving in to temptation is no big deal? Or do you overcome

temptations by the power of God living the holy life?

1 Peter 1:6-9 says, "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see [him] not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, [even] the salvation of [your] souls." Before we get started, the phrase "end of your faith" means "result of your faith", which equates to faith being something exercised and not simply something we possess. It goes through trials and temptations, as previously stated. A temptation is that of seeing if we are going to sin or not. If the consequences were not to be able to lose eternal salvation by giving in to sin, the devil would not tempt us. It is like a game. No one wants to play if one particular person is always going to win and win big. That is what these trials, these temptations, are all about. It is to see if we shall give up the faith to enjoy the sinning, but if we continuously "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7), the result of exercising our faith will be salvation. That is the sanctified or holy living of a Christian. So, just how much faith do you have, or even exercise? Enough to resist giving in to

temptations? Able to endure trials that try to make you crack and give up the faith? "He that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:22).

Suppose Christians say, "I am saved by faith; not of works!" Yet Peter says, "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity" (2 Peter 1:5-7). We are to move from justification through the steps of sanctification. Virtue is an expressed character trait. Godliness is clearly holy living, as well as temperance. So, are you adding onto your faith a holy life, or are you a stagnant Christian that will decay?

1 John 1:7 tells us, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." To be cleansed of all sins is the free gift of justification, but it is all contingent upon our response to salvation – "if we walk" or obey "what light" or knowledge we have, then the promises are ours. That is a holy and a sanctified life. There are so many Christians who are deceived because their pastors have not informed them of the whole gospel where there are conditions on this relationship with God. So, are you obeying the gospel message, which is to keep the commandments (Proverbs 6:23) and His Word (Psalms

119:105), or are you just claiming the forgiveness part ignoring the conditions?

2 John 1:6 says, "And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it." And to walk in His commandments is to live a holy and sanctified life. We are up to 90 verse references now that show that there is more than just claiming saved by grace – there is a way a Christian lives. Will you walk after His commandments and not after whatever you feel is right?

Jude 1:4 says, "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." So, ministers would come along and take the definition of grace to permit lasciviousness. If one were to look at all six uses of the word "lasciviousness", it is always in the list of sins. "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Now if grace would be taught as permitting the transgression of the law, and that is a bad thing, that means grace does not permit transgressing of the law. In other words, "Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid" (Romans 6:15). "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law" (Romans 3:31). Basically, grace helps us to live a holy and sanctified life. So, are you

listening to the many ministers that teach that grace permits sinning and does away with the law, or do you reject such teaching by living a holy and sanctified life that God expects and even empowers us to do so (2 Peter 1:3)?

Revelation 2:11 says, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.” The “second death” is the permanent end to

the devil and the wicked, for “the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” (Revelation 21:8). To escape the second death, a person is to be an overcomer. It does not state any exceptions. That means that those who believe they are already saved while still sinning believing they do not have to overcome their sins are actually misled

because if a person is still committing adultery, a person has not overcome adultery. If a person is still stealing, they have not overcome stealing. And the same is true with all of the commandments. To overcome is a holy and sanctified life, and that is what this verse expects from everyone who claims the name of Christ. So, are you an overcomer or are you claiming a title of Christian that does not belong to you?



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

What Groups See the Second Coming?

1. What does the beginning of **1 Thessalonians 4:17** state?
2. What does the end of **1 Thessalonians 4:16** tell us?
3. What do the dead in Christ participate in to see the second coming? **John 5:28-29**
4. What group is identified right after the word “clouds” in **Revelation 1:7**?

5. What group is identified in the middle of **Revelation 1:7**?
6. Regarding that answer in Revelation 1:7, who was Jesus referring to? **Matthew 26:63-64**
7. Who else fulfills the verse of Revelation 1:7, based upon the word “pierced”? **John 19:33-34**
8. Who are destroyed by the brightness of Christ’s appearing? **2 Thessalonians 2:8-10**

9. What are those who are slain eating right up to the second coming? **Isaiah 66:15-17**
10. What are the saved people doing that allows them to have confidence to stand at the second coming and not be destroyed? **1 John 2:28**

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To Be Taken or Left Behind

1. Where is the one of the men left behind located? **Luke 17:34 “bed”**
2. Where is the one of the women left behind located? **Luke 17:35 “grinding” (at the**

mill according to Matthew 24:41)

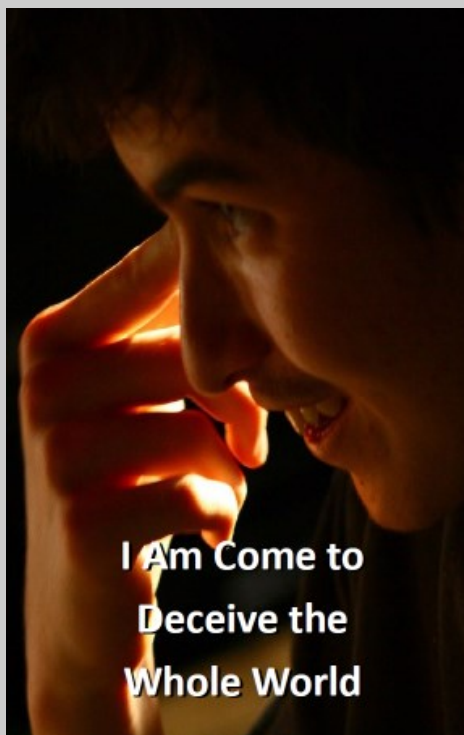
3. Where is the one of the *other* men left behind located?
Luke 17:36 “field”
4. What is the curious question of the disciples?
Luke 17:37 “Where” (as in where are the taken being taken to?)
5. What is Jesus’ answer? **Luke 17:37 “eagles be gathered together”**
6. Since we know the locations of each of the three pairs of people who were left behind, that means the taken are gathered where the eagles are, but what is the status of those taken to the eagles?
Matthew 24:28 “carcase” (which means the state of being dead)
7. What do the eagles, along with the other fowl, do with those who were taken?
Revelation 19:17-18 “eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all [men, both] free and bond, both small and great”
8. What word tells us that we want to be part of the “left behind” and not the “taken” group when Jesus shows up?
1 Thessalonians 4:15, 17 “remain” and “remain”
9. What phrase tells us that we do not want to be part of the “taken”?
Proverbs 3:25-26 “shall keep thy foot from being taken”

10. With tares being the lost and the wheat being the saved, which group is gathered first?

Matthew 13:30 “Gather ye together first the tares”



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While people are distracted by sports, politics, Hollywood idols, etc., the march towards the agenda is already upon us and increasing in intensity.

Questions & Answers

QUESTION: Have you considered part of your publication addressing the use of hydrotherapy?

ANSWER: It has been considered, however, to do it justice, there is not enough space in the publication to provide an appropriate number of details to the various topics. We will see what we can do in the future on a small scale, but for the detail the subject requires would take up quite a number of pages in the publication.

QUESTION: How can someone have spiritual gifts but filled with the devil too?

ANSWER: Since, "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light", he is able to mimic the gifts of the Spirit to suit his own purpose. In other words, the devil is willing to go as far as to have an excellent character along with the number of abilities that glorify God if they can still be filled with the devil. It is called using good to accomplish evil. That is part of the deceptions experienced in the world that we are to avoid.

QUESTION: How are certain people targeted by the devil?

ANSWER: The short answer is by invitation, but let us expand upon that. There are certain rules in the Bible that if followed would help keep the devil away. That means if they are not followed, then we must be inviting the devil.

For instance, we are told, "make no provision for the flesh, to [fulfil]

the lusts [thereof]" (Romans 13:14), which means, if a person is trying to quit smoking, they do not stash cigarettes around to have easy access for those "weak moments". The devil will certainly make sure that those "weak moments" occur. Do not keep ice cream in the fridge if one is trying to quit eating ice cream.

More directly, we are told, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). If we disagree with God on a matter, even saying, "What's the big deal?", then we are not submitting to God, and when the devil comes at us, we also would not be resisting him either, as we would be siding with him instead of with God.

We are to accept that "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). If we question certain passages as being inspired or not, then we are inviting the devil. And, if we are not searching the scriptures as often as we should, which is daily, then again, we are inviting the devil.

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15), but if we are not strict about keeping the commandments and make allowances for "little sins", then we have become a target of the devil.

These are but a handful of principles that if we do not adhere to, we become a target of the devil.

QUESTION: Why do certain people give in to the devil and others do not?

ANSWER: Realize that "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]" (1 Corinthians 10:13). The problem is that people do not exercise the escape, and then blame God.

For instance, as we have used in the past, if a person in public high school is invited to a party, it is the teenager's responsibility to start asking questions. That is the escape. But instead, if that teenager does not want to risk loss of reputation or is overwhelmed with being invited to the "popular" person's house, then they have failed to take that escape.

The good news is that God does not give up on us. As we pull up or get dropped off at the party, that teenager ought to make some observations. If part of the party is outside, can that teenager see if there is alcohol, like a keg, in the backyard? Can they see in the window before entering the house, alcoholic bottles laying around, or even the use of drugs? If any of these things are occurring, that teenager ought to take the escape route and leave. But once again, not wanting to be called names at school, upon entering the home despite what they observed as warning signs, they, again, did not take the escape.

And then there is the encouragement at the party to participate in drinking, doing, even eating that which they know God disapproves of. If the teenager says, "No thank you" consistently all night long, then they are working on taking the escape. Of course, the ultimate escape is to

leave. However, if the teenager who normally is picked on in school wants to fit in more than pleasing God, and they choose to have just a little, then they have fallen. How far they fall is dependent upon how many "little" episodes they choose to participate in.

The bottom line is that discipline is developed and not bestowed. Those who develop strong discipline, despite some failures here and there along the pathway, the stronger they will become in resisting the devil.



News and Comments

May 25

Gateway Pundit

Biden Regime Lumps Christians, Conservatives, and Republicans into Same Category as Nazis in New DHS Anti-Terrorism Program

"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory" (2 Timothy 2:10).

June 4

Yahoo Finance

'Embarrassing': Young Americans are wasting money on silly things — like TikTok 'pink sauce' and Candy Crush. Here are 3 big lessons Gen Z should steal from baby boomers

Malachi 3:8 states, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." And then people think they are free to waste the rest of their money as they desired. Many do not even pay tithe and offering and

therefore they think all the money they have is theirs to spend as they will. "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom [his] lord shall make ruler over his household, to give [them their] portion of meat in due season?" (Luke 12:42).

June 7

Insider

A teenage girl found her mom's debit card and spent \$64,000 on mobile games, wiping out her family's life savings

A 13 year-old girl from China has a serious video game addiction that she would be willing to resort to stealing. So, despite no foul language, sexual content, anger issues, etc., there are hidden character traits revealed making even the "innocent video games" not so innocent. "Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:15).

June 9

Business Insider

Kim Jong Un orders North Koreans to stop killing themselves after number of suicides skyrocketed

How does one outlaw suicide? If caught killing one's self, they lose their property? The government punishes relatives? The person committing suicide does not care about those things. There is but one thing that can end the thought of suicide – conversion. "Honour all [men]. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king" (1 Peter 2:17).

June 11

Fox News

ChatGPT delivers sermon to packed German church, tells congregants not to fear death

Although AI failed on emotions, body language, and was monotonous in the delivery, the fact that it is being considered shows how people view church service. It is just a place to attend, hear a message, and go home. The

Bible says that church is for "the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12).

June 12

MSN

Meanwhile, in Texas, Fresh Signs of Impending Apocalypse

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

June 12

Fox News

Man eats raw oysters; dies from flesh-eating bacteria, health department says

If the man would have only followed God's instructions, he could still be alive today: "Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that [shall be] an abomination unto you" (Leviticus 11:12).

June 13

Charisma Magazine

WEF Official Calls for AI to Re-Write the Bible 'Correctly'

All those who believe God is a creation of man, this confirms them in their beliefs. All religions that think it does not matter what god we worship, this confirms them in their beliefs. All Christians who think they are fine as they are and the rules people put themselves under is personal choice and truth is not singular, this confirms them in their beliefs. And finally, those who believe that truth does matter ought to see this attempt as an attack on the Bible. "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or [if] ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with [him]" (2 Corinthians 11:3-14). Christianity is the true religion and the KJV is the true Bible. Christianity is about accepting Jesus as the Son of God. If that is true, then all other religions are wrong. If it is false,

then atheism is probably true because all other religions do not even make that claim. Then, Christianity is about following specific rules that Christ expects us to follow (John 14:21, John 8:31). Therefore, we do not need any new Bible. We already have too many versions that contradict each other. But in reality, there are only 2 versions. The many versions of the Bible today are based upon one collection of influenced texts or the few versions of the Bible that come from gathered texts from over 300 sources.

June 15

Yahoo

Dad Refuses To Let His Stepdaughter Move Back In After Noticing That She's A 'Terrible Influence' On His Two Children

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). That does not cover just right and wrong choices. That does not only apply to godly training. It includes watching out for negative influences. At the age of 24, "partying" with friends past young children's (single digit) bedtimes is more than just a disturbance of sleep. Taking the lifestyle outside the home to bring the result back in by coming home drunk, setting off home alarms, And the fact that she cannot be trusted to remain sober while babysitting is a hazard. Being messy and having a bad attitude is a negative role model as it is proven that children look up to an older sibling as compared to looking to rule-setting parents. With that said, that does not mean

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to leave the step-child out in the cold, although he does have to be careful not to be encouraging bad behavior through his assistance. It was her choice to move in with a boyfriend and now cannot handle the financial impact because they broke up. Yet, another argument of why God intended for marriage and not cohabitation.

June 17

Your Tango

Woman Sparks A Conversation About Going 'No Contact' With Parents And How Adult Children Shouldn't Be Shamed For It

Matthew 10:36-37 states, "And a man's foes [shall be] they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." It is not easy to cut out toxic family members but just because they are related to a person does not mean we are forced to interact.

The blood of Jesus is thicker than the water of birth. If a family member is toxic, is disrupting the relationship with Jesus, then it is permitted of God to distance oneself. It becomes complicated when a person is a mere child and cannot just pick up and go live on their own. Also, relationships like husband and wife or the responsibility to raise a child cannot be severed, nor is it biblical: "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy" (1 Corinthians 7:14). If grandparents go behind the backs of parents and interfere with godly raising, then absolutely, it is time for distancing.

June 27

Telegraph

University professor 'told to inflate grades of hispanic and black students'

Lying in any form is still lying. Exodus 20:16 states, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." There are no excuses even for "good reasons".

June 30

Fox News

NY Democrat complains about her student debt after SCOTUS ruling, gets slammed for million dollar home

Ephesians 4:17-19 "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."



Social Media Verses (Be Careful)

Jeremiah 20:10 For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, [say they], and we will report it....

1 Corinthians 10:31 ... Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:32-33 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all [men]

in all [things], not seeking mine own profit, but the [profit] of many, that they may be saved.

Philippians 2:3 [Let] nothing [be done] through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Ephesians 5:12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things

which are done of them in secret.

Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove [them].

Ephesians 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.



Natural Remedies

Blackberry tea for diarrhea

Blackberries are rich in tannins, substances that can tighten mucous membranes in the intestinal tract. They have long been used as a treatment for diarrhea. Make blackberry tea by

boiling one or two tablespoons of fresh or frozen blackberries or dried blackberry leaves in one and a half cups of water for 10 minutes, then strain. Drink several cups a day. You can also buy

blackberry tea, but make sure that it contains blackberry leaves and not just flavoring.

