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I Never Knew You!

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When Jesus comes again, He is not going to hold conversation with lost Christians, but He does put it in that setting as a type of parable to prove a point: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23). Although Jesus says that He never knew such Christians, it is the Christian who never got to know Jesus. We know them to be Christian because they use the Lord's name to do godly deeds, but evidently did so without knowing the true Jesus. We recognize them whenever they say, "My Jesus…". That is right. They made up their own Jesus without knowing the true Jesus of the Bible.

What is lacking in the world today, especially the Christian world, that contributes to this not knowing Jesus? "Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because [there is] no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land" (Hosea 4:1). And especially in the 1960s, God was removed from many public places of education. Now, to put God back into the schools would not be a good idea as it would be by the force of the dragon, referring to the prophecy of Revelation 13:11.

In looking at Christians today, Samuel reveals what is lacking in them for not knowing Jesus. "Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him" (1 Samuel 3:7). It is the Word of God that is mostly being ignored by Christians today. They do not, for the most part, accept the Bible as the Word of God. It has some good principles but as for being the Word of God, they do not believe it to be so. This allows them to pick and choose which verses are applicable to them.

Now, for those who do accept the Bible as the Word of God, it is not a matter of just knowing the stories or memorizing the verses. There is something more specific to be known. "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). It is the truth. Yes, Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), but to be set free from the effects of sin, "the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32) means that there is more to truth being equated with Jesus, as we shall see.

Overall, the real reason there is a big issue among most Christians is because of faith. Most Christians believe that faith alone shall save them, but Peter tells us what we are to do with faith. "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 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

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through lust. 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. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make [you that ye shall] neither [be] barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:2-8). We are not to be stagnant in faith but be adding to our faith. And do take notice that Peter's ladder is sandwiched between an open and closing verse referring to the knowledge of God. Even though one of the rungs includes knowledge, the overall experience increases our knowledge, getting to know the true Jesus.

Now, to help us to develop that knowledge, Isaiah informs us of something else being connected to it: "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts. For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little" (Isaiah 28:9-10). It is called doctrine. As we exercise doctrine, we actually get to know Jesus more and more and even "walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:6), referring to the character of Christ.

In the process of getting to know Jesus, do be aware that we are to continue to "grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). In fact, it leads us to "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10). In other words, we are in constant growth and increase when it comes to knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are not ever to say, "I have obtained all the knowledge I need."

Another benefit of this knowledge and expectation of a Christian is to have "escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 2:20). We are not to stay in our old lives, especially that part that is sinful. In fact, "if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" (Hebrews 10:26).

Speaking of sins, there is a specific knowledge we need to have to help us in resisting sin "for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20). We are not saved by the law. It simply serves to alert us that we have sin in our lives and we need to go to Jesus, and "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).

Now, all this knowledge gathering is not for our sole benefit. We are to continue in getting to know Jesus "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13). In other words, we are to become unified with like believers. Sadly, not everyone is a like believer. Some are a bit lax compared to others when it comes to discipline, self-control, even obedience.

So, as we conclude this message, "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law" (Romans 3:31). "What [doth it] profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be

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[ye] warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what [doth it] profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent [them] out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:14-26). The bottom line is that works is the fruit of having faith. If there are no works, faith becomes mere words, and we then actually have no faith at all despite saying we do.

Now, if you are stuck at just having faith, it is high time to start climbing Peter's ladder, for "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

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How God Really Helps Us

How does God answer our prayers? Is it always in a direct, clear-cut, easy to understand manner? Sometimes it even seems to us that He gives us exactly the opposite of what we have requested in our prayers, unlike what we were expecting. Most of us have learned by now that when we ask for patience we are about to get some real testing challenges dumped in our laps. Why is that? Why can He not just give us what we are asking for, what we need right at that time? We can rest assured, that is almost precisely what He is doing, He is giving us what we really need, but we do not recognize it for what it is.

Isaiah 55:8, 9 explains this very clearly: "For my thoughts [are] not your thoughts, neither [are] your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." God sees all of us, from the inside out, top to bottom, right down to our thoughts and motives even for making prayerful requests, whether they be small, simple requests, or urgent pleas in emergency situations. Our God is not a genie standing on call to grant us our every wish at our command; He is the director of the entire universe and every single move we make, whether it be with our physical being, or just our thoughts, and whether they be within His will, or our own will, affects the direction of many things, and the Lord desires to impress us, not force us, to align our actions with His will so things operate in the right direction.

God answers our prayers when and how He sees best – Everyone who comes to God with a true heart, and sends his honest petitions to Him in faith, will have his prayers answered. Your faith must not let go of the promises of God, if you do not see or feel the immediate answer to your prayers. Do not be afraid to trust God. Rely upon His sure promise: "Ask, and ye shall receive." God is too wise to make a mistake concerning our needs and too good to withhold any good thing from His children who walk uprightly. Man is erring, and although his petitions are sent up from an honest heart, he does not always ask for the things that are good for himself, or that will glorify God. When this is so, our wise and good Father hears our prayers, and will answer, *sometimes* immediately; but He gives us the things that are for our best good and His own glory. God gives us blessings; if we could look into His plan, we would clearly see that He knows what is best for us and that our prayers are answered. Nothing hurtful is given, but the blessing we need, in the place of something we asked for that would not be good for us, but actually to our hurt.

This is being stated very simplistically, but His ultimate will is to have us all working in agreement with each other and going in the same direction, upward, heavenward, in our thinking and doing, and helping each other along the way, but our own selfishness and our own delusions about how things are to be get in the way of all of God's plans for us. Instead of trying to align ourselves with God's directives, we want Him to align with our plans and we boldly become demanding in our prayers to the point that it is like going through a drive-through window at a fast-food establishment; we drive up, place our order and expect it to be ready for us when we reach the second window to pick it up. That may seem like a gross exaggeration, but listen to your own prayers and pay attention to where they are coming from deep inside your heart. Are you mostly just asking for things for yourself, asking for your situations in your day to be made more to your liking, moving people out of your way so your day goes more smoothly, asking for the traffic on your way to work to flow more steadily, the children to be more cooperative while getting them out the door wearing matching socks? Stop right there. What about the person in your neighborhood who has no way to work, or maybe does not even have a job to go to? What about those little children down the street who might have no socks, matching, or otherwise? Yes, the Lord does help those who try to help themselves; but sometimes

we are to be that help for others that have no way of doing for themselves. When we will not take special pains to seek out the mind and will of God in needful situations, how can He work with us? Let us act our part, working out our salvation with fear and trembling, – yes, with fear and trembling. He does not expect us to know how to handle every situation perfectly, but we must at least take steps to do right by others who are less fortunate than ourselves. Every step we take in advancement of improving our characters by extending ourselves for our fellow man will help us to understand the will and Word of God. And helping others is not a seasonal issue as we might have been brought up to believe. It is a 24/7 responsibility to others, and to God.

We must constantly remind ourselves of the knowledge that God is love, and His perfect love is for us to draw from in every circumstance. He only wants what is best for us and we must trust that even when the results of answered prayer may not look like what we originally prayed for, it is for our good. Remember, "my thoughts are not your thoughts...". His view of all our situations is from a completely different perspective than our feeble, one-sided human perception; His view takes in dimensions of things that we have never even considered or known about before.

And how are we to really help each other? Ask God, if you don't already know the obvious answer. Proverbs 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." He has been known to lead people right to the door of someone in need, when the helper has made himself available to do the will of God. A person reveals his true Christianity by showing the gentleness of Christ, by being always ready to help others, by speaking kind words and performing unselfish acts for others. Let us remember that a Christlike life is the most powerful argument that can be shown in favor of Christianity, and the world is starving for such examples at this time. Be that example.

Healthy and Delicious Recipes

Minestrone Soup

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 2 medium carrots, julienned or shredded
- 2 celery ribs, thinly sliced
- 1 small to medium zucchini, sliced and quartered
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- ½ tablespoon dried oregano
- ¼ teaspoon salt, more or less to taste
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 2 cups water
- 28 oz canned diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoon tomato paste
- 15 oz canned Great Northern beans, drained and rinsed
- 15 oz canned Kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 ½ cups small pasta shells*
- 2 cups spinach, chopped**
- fresh parsley

*For Gluten Free, use your favorite small gluten free pasta

**You can use Collard Greens, Spinach, or Kale in this recipe

Instructions

1. In a large heavy bottomed pot or Dutch oven (medium heat) add oil.
2. Once heated, add in onions, celery, carrots, and zucchini.
3. Sauté for 3-5 minutes or until the vegetables are softened.

4. Add garlic, stir, and cook for 30 more seconds.
5. Add bay leaves, Italian seasoning, oregano, and salt and stir together, and let cook for 30 seconds.
6. Add vegetable broth, water, tomatoes, and tomato paste to the pot and bring to a simmer.
7. Add the white beans, kidney beans, and pasta, and allow to simmer for 12-15 minutes or until pasta is cooked.
8. Add spinach and allow to cook until softened and wilted (about 4-5 minutes).
9. Taste and add more seasoning as desired.
10. Remove from heat and serve topped with fresh parsley and vegan parmesan on top.

~ Some of the earliest origins of minestrone pre-date the expansion of the Latin tribes of Rome into what became the Roman Kingdom, and consisted mostly of vegetables, such as onions, lentils, cabbage, garlic, fava beans, mushrooms, carrots, asparagus, and turnips.

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- Improves cholesterol levels: May increase HDL ("good" cholesterol) and lower LDL ("bad" cholesterol) oxidation.
- Supports blood vessel function: The antioxidants in cranberries help improve circulation and reduce inflammation in blood vessels.
- Lowers blood pressure slightly in some studies.

3. High in Antioxidants

- Cranberries are rich in polyphenols, vitamin C, and flavonoids, which fight free radicals and reduce oxidative stress.
- This may help lower the risk of chronic diseases like cancer, diabetes, and Alzheimer's.

4. Immune System Support

- Vitamin C strengthens the immune system and helps your body repair tissues.
- Antibacterial properties in cranberries can also support overall immune defense.

5. Oral Health

- Similar to how they prevent UTIs, the compounds in cranberries help stop harmful bacteria from adhering to teeth and gums, reducing plaque buildup, gum disease, and bad breath.

6. Digestive Health

- Cranberries promote gut health by reducing inflammation and encouraging the growth of good gut bacteria.
- Some research suggests they help protect against H. pylori infections (which can cause ulcers).

7. Weight Management & Blood Sugar

- Low in calories and high in fiber (if eaten whole, not juiced with added sugar).

- May help regulate blood sugar and insulin response when eaten as part of a balanced diet.

Cautions

- Sweetened cranberry juices are often high in added sugar—look for 100% juice or eat fresh/frozen cranberries instead.
- Cranberries may interact with blood-thinning medications like warfarin—ask your doctor if you take these.

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Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

Luke 14:33 reiterates, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Forsaking all that one has is the holy and sanctified life. Now, referring back to verse 27, this is not about selling homes, cars, and other belongings. This is about surrendering all that distracts from a proper relationship with Jesus. Sin being surrendered is at the top of the list, but it may also include those things that are considered idols in one's life, bad habits, and other things that the Bible condemns. So, are you willing to forsake all that conflicts with God's standards as revealed in His Word?

John 15:4 says, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." And that fruit is the holy and sanctified life for "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Galatians 5:22-23). So, do you have these character qualities, or do you have un-Christian qualities, but excuse them away by even saying that everyone is impatient from time to time, just to name one opposite?

Romans 12:2 says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Are you living the holy and sanctified life that does not conform to this world, proving that which is good, acceptable, and the perfect will of God with a renewed mind, not thinking worldly ways, but godly?

Matthew 15:9 ends a series of verses that shows Jesus expecting us to not be in vain about something, and that something has to do with the commandments: "But in vain they do worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men." In fact, Jesus said in the conversation, "Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition" (Matthew 15:6). The expectation is to still be obeying the commandments, otherwise, Jesus would not have been upset with the people He was addressing. And if He were going to do away with the requirement at the cross, why get all worked up about it then, so close to the event? That is because the commandments were not nailed to the cross. It is expected that as a Christian that we keep the commandments and that is part of the holy and sanctified life! So, are you keeping the commandments, or have you dismissed them?

Matthew 15:19-20 says, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are [the things] which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man." Most Christians do not realize that evil thoughts, sinful thoughts, are sin, and to be defiled is to be lost.

None of us probably kill, commit adultery, fornicate, steal, lie, or blaspheme, but being entertained by these things promotes evil thoughts, and many allow their thoughts to run wild. Keeping from these things and not dwelling upon them is the holy and sanctified life. So, are your thoughts true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, virtuous, and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8)?

Matthew 16:5-12 is a conversation that Jesus had with the disciples to "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees" (Matthew 16:6). Eventually, "understood they how that he bade [them] not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees" (Matthew 16:12). If living the wrong doctrines had no consequence to salvation then why "take heed"? Today, many, many Christians are being taught to live in disobedience to God's commandments all by using the Bible to nail them to the cross. We know it has eternal consequences because a whole bunch of miracle working, believing, generous Christians will be lost in the end (Matthew 7:22), hearing the words, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:23). Iniquity is another word for sin, which is the breaking of God's commandments (1 John 3:4). So, are you living according to proper doctrine, which is part of the holy and sanctified life?

Luke 16:13 states, "No servant 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." Mammon is not only financial. There are only two masters that we serve: God and Satan. We serve Satan by selfishly accepting sin into the life to either have ease, or get something out of it. To resist this and serve God through obedience, even if effort is necessary like striving (Luke 13:24), being giving, instead of receiving, even if we are taken advantage of, is the holy and sanctified life. So, which master do you serve?

Luke 17:1-2 tells us that though we may think we are saved, if we offend a child, hurt a child, crush a child's heart, prevent a child from hearing the truth, teach error to a child, etc., we shall be lost. "Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe [unto him], through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." To treat a child tenderly is part of living the holy and sanctified life, while losing one's temper is not. So, what is your relationship like with children, even if they get on your nerves, seeing that this is a salvation issue?

John 16:8 states, "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." The world includes both saved and lost. If we do not believe we can stop sinning nor only live the righteous way, we shall not be made ready for the judgment, hence needing reproved. To stop sinning and live the righteous life is the holy and sanctified life. The Holy Spirit reproves "Of sin, because they believe not on me" (John 16:9), that is, do you believe that Jesus "is able to keep you from falling" (Jude 24) into sin?

Luke 17:10 shows the relationship between the holy and sanctified life that a Christian is to live and what it contributes towards being saved. "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." We are expected to keep the commandments. It is a duty of every true Christian. To not keep the commandments is to be the devil's servant, as we are a servant of one or the other. However, all the commandment keeping contributes nothing towards being saved. That is purely by the merits of Jesus Christ. So, are you God's unprofitable servant, of which "the doers of the law shall be justified" (Romans 2:13), or are you the devil's servant, falsely claiming the merits of Jesus Christ?

John 16:13-15 says, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall

I Am Come to Deceive The Whole World

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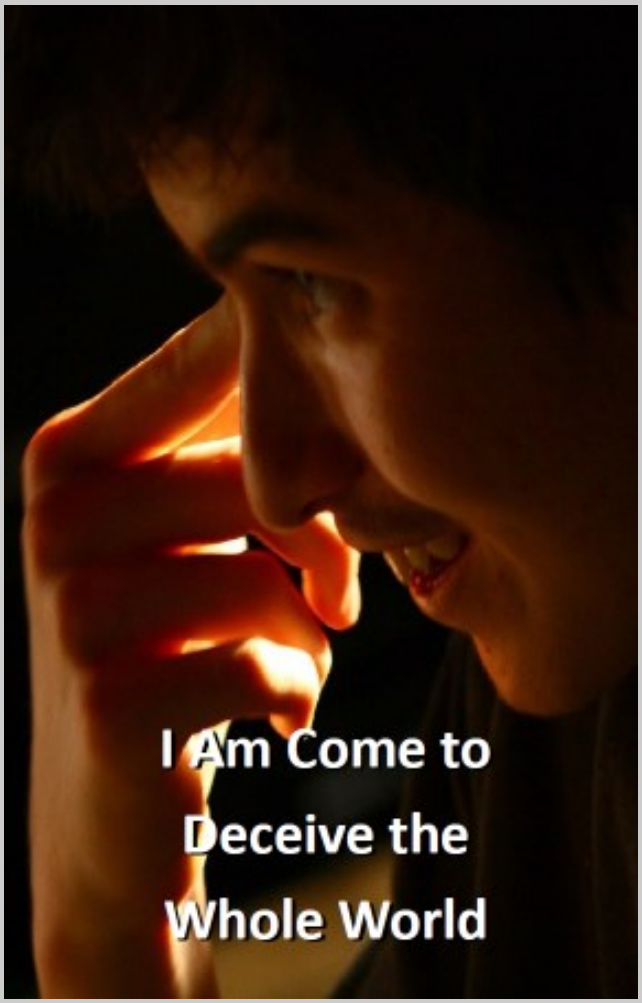

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receive of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew [it] unto you." The expected sanctified and holy life is found in being shown the truth as it is not for just knowledge but obedience. Additionally, to glorify God is to be in obedience to all that He commands, as opposed to glorifying Satan, by continuing in sin. No wonder "Jesus ... shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21) and not in their sins. So, do you follow the truth and glorify God, or are you indifferent to the truth, and glorify Satan?

Romans 13:13 states, "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying." This verse begins with a phrase that Satan has confused today. "Let us" sounds optional. "Let us go to the park today," one may say, and another may respond, "No thank you. It looks like it could rain." But that is not the intent here. This is not optional. This is the expected holy and sanctified life of a Christian to be honest and not be doing the things listed in the rest of the verse. So, are you walking honestly and avoiding those things mentioned to be avoided, or are you carelessly telling little lies here and there and see nothing wrong with getting "buzzed" with a little alcohol?

Matthew 18:7 states, "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences

come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" That means, though we think we are saved, if we are the one guilty of creating offences, we are fooling ourselves. Keeping from creating the offences is the sanctified life of a Christian making sure we are careful to not hurt others. So, how careful are you?

Luke 18:18-20 has Jesus telling us how to inherit eternal life, "And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none [is] good, save one, [that is], God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother." Commandment keeping does not save us, but is a fruit of being saved. We are saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. To be breaking the Ten Commandments is to show that the heart has not accepted eternal life, salvation. Commandment keeping is the sanctified life. So, are you keeping the commandments or have you found a way to dismiss the importance of them?

John 17:6 shows the expectation of those that are Christ's, or Christians: "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word." Keeping God's Word outlines the sanctified life. So, are you regularly studying God's will from the Bible and applying the contents thereof to your life?

Romans 13:14 says, "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof]." Putting on Christ, as in Christ's character, is the sanctified life. To be Christ-like and not given to the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:11) through sin, is living a godly life. Also, to make it easy to have an "oops" moment with sin, like placing a pack of cigarettes in a drawer, or having a bottle of alcohol in the house for that moment of weakness, is not to be done. We ought to make it hard to sin. So, have you removed from your household, your vehicle, your easy access points, all that leads to sin, not allowing for weak moments, and have you put on the character of Christ?

Matthew 18:8 states symbolically the expectation of Christian actions and the Christian walk, in which if we do not have such actions and do not walk as Jesus walked (1 John 2:6), everlasting fire is the destination. "Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast [them] from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire." Though the actions and the walk do not earn Heaven, to not act Christian, and to not walk as a Christian, surely shows that our love is for self and not for Christ, as it is the fruit of being saved to walk and act Christian. So, how do you act and walk?

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Questions & Answers

Question:

Some elements of the seven last plagues seem to be in motion now. How can that be?

Answer:

Revelation 16:13-14 states, "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

Though Revelation 16:13 is penned in the middle of the plagues, it actually is simply stating the result of the working. In other words, Revelation 16:13 is reference to a time prior to the plagues along with verses 14 and 15, contrasting the two sides. Then we return to the event that happens during the plague – it is the battle of Armageddon. If verses 13 through 15 were in some other chapter, we would not understand the battle, but because it is inside the plague chapter, right before the Armageddon reference, we know the battle is not with guns, nuclear weapons, military forces, not even sticks and stones. The battle is over doctrines, beliefs, and overall, the mind.

With Satan, the dragon, using the antichrist beast power, and inspiring the false prophet, the teachings are not holy as they are unclean creatures known as frogs. These unclean spirits find their connection in 1 Timothy 4:1-2, which says, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." These "working miracles" is the same group found in Matthew 7:22, which says, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?", as well as in 2 Thessalonians 2:8, which says, "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: [Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."

The fact that these false teachings "go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world" (Revelation 16:14), explains the current events where "all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3), as leaders of every country and merchants of the world are deceived in helping the antichrist achieving its goals. Even the show that is put on by a few countries, there are behind the scene deals happening.

So, in short now, Revelation 16:13-15 is a description of current events while verse 16 is the fulfillment during the seven last plagues. The division was over following the Bible, and the Bible alone, rejecting doing things simply based upon tradition and commandments of men should be no surprise. Now, it is not like we can fight antichrist for "Who [is] like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" (Revelation 13:4).

Question:

What Bible insight do you have regarding the transgender?

Answer:

We are told "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). Therefore, a transgender putting on the opposite gender clothing is committing an abomination. Any form of support, though not being personally practiced, is also part of committing an abomination, as being associated with it.

Question: Can you make a connection between the love of God and the horrible executions like cutting up King Agag?

Answer: First, keep in mind that God says, "For my thoughts [are] not your thoughts, neither [are]

your ways my ways, saith the LORD" (Isaiah 55:8). We may never quite figure out everything, and the reasons why, or how, it was handled. What looks horrific to us has a purpose. For instance, one stroke and Agag was probably dead. Then Samuel continued to chop Agag up. You and I look upon this as horrific. Maybe that is the message God was sending to King Saul. "Saul, your sin of sparing Agag was horrific when I told you to not spare anything. To show the equal heinousness I have for failure in such a high position as king, I am going to make you vomit from the scene that is about to transpire." That is one possibility. We have to remember that the actions are not just against the enemy. They are to speak volumes to others. For instance, we are horrified over this but what caused it? It was the slight alteration of the command of God. Now, God's love is equally balanced with God's wrath towards sin. God is not all love, or should I say, His love towards the truth, obedience, and saved souls along with the unfallen angels demands a just and deserving punishment towards sin and sinners. An instant wipe-out of existence of all the lost, including Satan, will not satisfy that.

Now, to execute these things like Samuel, the slaughtering of the golden calf worshippers, etc., may appear to be full of hate and anger. It is actually anger towards sin. All anger is not wrong. The Bible says, "[He that is] slow to anger [is] better than the mighty" (Proverbs 16:32). Even Jesus "overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves" (Matthew 21:12). That is anger. Yes, one has to put aside all sympathy for the guilty party and not listen to the pleading once the verdict is rendered. Therefore, the love of God's way would compel Samuel and the others to perfectly use the anger against the guilty parties. But I am sure that not a few had nightmares for a while. When parenting at the point when everything has failed at correcting the behavior like timeout, sent to one's room, loss of toys and privileges, I hate having to administer a spanking, but I do it because of the requirement for obedience. Remember, to have "the fear of the LORD [is] to hate evil" (Proverbs 8:13). We are even told in correcting a child, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Proverbs 19:18). That means to be abhorred by it, disgusted, not to make an excuse in trying to lower the punishment, etc. After administering a spanking, I feel really bad, but we have physical responsibility to execute as we practice "slow to anger". Also, "Be ye angry, and sin not" (Ephesians 4:26). Even in anger, we must be in self-control. Once we cross the line of losing self-control, then we are sinning.

Question: How does the outpouring of the Holy Spirit fulfill the feast of fifty days (Pentecost)?

Answer: Acts 2:1-4 is the connection with Leviticus 23:15-22 in the fact that an event from Heaven happened exactly fifty days after first fruits, just as told in those verses in Leviticus. Additionally, the "seven lambs" (Leviticus 23:18) is symbolic of the Holy Spirit, as Revelation 5:6 describes in also symbolic language: "seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God". The seven lambs, actually, are seven pairs of eyes, but nonetheless, the use of seven in both cases is not by coincidence. Next, the two loaves, being bread, is symbolic of the Word of God, or the New and Old Testaments. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:20-21), not the Father, or Jesus, but the Holy Ghost. Then that is another connection with the Holy Spirit. Now the bullock and rams are for the recognition of sin and trespasses (Exodus 29:36, Leviticus 5:16). Who convicts us of sin? The Holy Spirit (John 16:8). Now, the goats are also involved, but so are additional lambs used in a peace offering, symbolizing that after conviction of sin we are led to the peace offering, Jesus (Isaiah 9:6). Now Jesus said that the Holy Spirit "shall testify of me" (John 15:26). So, the list of connections is that we have fifty days to Pentecost that matches the timing of the event, the seven eyes or pairs of eyes connected with the Holy Spirit, sin conviction through the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit leading us to Jesus, and we have the movement of God's Word by the Holy Ghost.

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

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

1. Where did Jesus pronounce **Matthew 5:9 ?**

2. What was pronounced to the earth at Jesus' birth? **Luke 2:14**

3. What does peace lead to? **Colossians 1:20**

4. When reconciled to God, what are we by faith? **Romans 5:1**

5. What are we to teach? **Acts 10:36, Romans 10:15, Ephesians 6:15**

6. What two actions are connected with peace? **1 Peter 3:11**

7. What is sown in peace of them who make peace? **James 3:18**

8. What does the God of Peace accomplish in us? **Philippians 4:7, 1 Thessalonians 5:23**

9. What are we to follow peace with? **Hebrews 12:14**

10. How are we to be found? **2 Peter 3:14**

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Being Called of God

1. Who does the calling? **Romans 1:6 Jesus Christ**

2. Who does He call? **Luke 5:32 sinners**

3. What object is used to do the calling these days? **2 Thessalonians 2:14 gospel**

4. What are they called to do? **Matthew 9:13 repentance**

5. What does it mean to do that? **Acts 3:19 converted**

6. What do we do with that evil? **Very end of 1 Peter 4:1 ceased**

7. What do we become when those things are blotted out? **1 Peter 5:10 perfect**

8. When we become that type of person, what are we to be? **1 Peter 1:15, 1 Thessalonians 4:7 holy**

9. What are we called out of and then into? **1 Peter 2:9 out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

10. All those that are called, how many become chosen? **Matthew 22:14 chosen**

News and Comments

October 9

Men's Health

Carbs Were Once Blamed for Everything. Now the Science Is Telling a Different Story.

Fruit, breads, and many other foods were considered enemies, yet we have been told, "Bread shall be given him; his waters [shall be] sure" (Isaiah 33:16).

October 28

AP News

New Hampshire man resumes dialysis after record 271 days living with a pig kidney

If we are not to eat of the swine, why would we think it is OK to put an organ of a pig into a human body? "And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he [is] unclean to you" (Leviticus 11:7). And do not think that just applied to Moses, because we are all related to Noah: "Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that [are] not clean by two, the male and his female" (Genesis 7:2). And, no, Jesus did not clean it up, and Peter's vision was not literal, if you read the whole chapter. The physical attributes of pigs did not change before, or after, the cross. It is not a spiritual label, but a physical identification. They are unclean because they retain poisons in their bodies.

October 28

Buzzfeed

Experts Are Begging Trump And Other Christians To Understand That This Very Common Belief Is Not Actually True

Although Heaven is not about having more good works as compared to evil deeds, for "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" (2 Timothy 1:9), the problem is that most Christians dismiss good works entirely, including the keeping of the commandments. They forget that "not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified" (Romans 2:13). We are to live according to the commandments and repent from our sins along with confessing them to receive grace made possible by the blood of Jesus and freely administered by God. Grace, however, is not to permit sinning and is not applied to those who continue to sin, "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). 🕮

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