

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

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### *Antichrist or Jesus Christ (Daniel 9:27)*

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Daniel 9:27 says, "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Almost every Christian in many different denominations believes that this refers to the last seven years of time before welcoming Jesus for the next millennium. There are a few, however, who believe this verse is connected with the prior verses and refers to the Messiah. In staying focused upon one thing, the proper understanding of Daniel 9:27, and not everything about false theories, let us try to figure out if the popular understanding of Daniel 9:27 is correct, or if the minority view is correct.

To do this, we will have to back up to Daniel 9:24 and work forward, for when we lift up any single verse by itself, we are in danger of taking it out of context, and we

want to avoid doing that.

So, Daniel 9:24 says, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." Obviously, there is a timeline involved, and there are lots of details, too. Keep in mind that our goal is to focus upon Daniel 9:27, being a reference to Jesus Christ or Antichrist, therefore, we shall focus upon the reference of "to anoint the most Holy" and even "bring in everlasting righteousness".

In regards to anointing the "most Holy", a reference belonging to only God, Jesus being "God with us" (Matthew 1:23), we see directly from the Bible, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power" (Acts 10:38). And to see this anointing, we turn to Luke 3:21-22, which says, "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being

baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."

And Jesus declared of Himself, "The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19).

Clearly, the anointed one is Jesus Christ, so now let us look at the timeline.

We are provided a seventy-week period of time. The angel Gabriel (Daniel 9:21) is giving this prophecy to Daniel. The prophecy comes well after the fall of Babylon. Although it is towards the end of Daniel's life, Daniel did not see the Messiah seventy-weeks later. So, taking the timeline as a literal seventy-weeks

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has an initial problem, however, Daniel 9:25 sheds some light on the matter: “Know therefore and understand, [that] from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.”

Clearly, we see that Daniel 9:25 is about the Messiah. There is no guess work at all involved. He is the Prince (Isaiah 9:6). But what we also see is the starting point of the prophecy. It starts with the command to go and rebuild Jerusalem.

All denominations believing in the Messiah timeline prophecy agree that the command to build Jerusalem happened “according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia” (Ezra 6:14). In fact, Ezra 7 provides all the details of the final part of the decree to restore the temple. This is attributed to being 457 B.C.

Now, seventy-weeks from 457 B.C. is either late 456 B.C. or early 455 B.C. In no way did the Messiah arrive in either of those years. So, yet again we see that the seventy-weeks cannot be taken literally. Again, all denominations that believe in this Messiah timeline also take note that God operates on a prophetic or symbolic method. For instance, Daniel 7 contains a number of beats representing nations. In the first half of Revelation 13, the antichrist beast is made up of a conglomerate beast, again, symbolism is being used. Even time is symbolic for God has a

principle: “each day for a year” (Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:6).

Turning seventy-weeks into four-hundred and ninety days by multiplying the seventy-weeks by seven days in a week reveals a period of four-hundred and ninety years then when we apply the “year for each day” principle. From 457 B.C., four-hundred and ninety years later is 34 A.D., keeping in mind that there was no zero year. The year 34 A.D. is if one takes the whole period of time as one lump sum. This is where the discrepancy comes in, but more on that later.

In Daniel 9:25, we are provided with a portion of time: “seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks”. A score is a period of twenty years of which even Abraham Lincoln used in his speech of “Four score and ...” referring to eighty years. In our case, we have threescore or sixty weeks plus the seven that appeared in front of threescore as well as the two after. So, sixty plus seven plus two is sixty-nine weeks. Basically, it is one week shy of the seventy weeks. That means, when counting days, it is a period of four-hundred and eighty-three days. You can do the math by multiplying sixty-nine weeks by seven days in a week or simply taking four-hundred and ninety days minus a week or seven days. In either method, you should have four-hundred and eighty-three days prophetically or symbolically understood to be years. That period of time, using the starting point of 457 B.C. as stated above, ends in 27 A.D.

This is further confirmed by when

that anointing happened in the gospel of Luke: “Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness” (Luke 3:1-2). All of those people being in the specified positions happened in 27 A.D. And as a reminder, all denominations agree on this point. So, this is nothing new. What is disagreeable is the final seven days prophetically speaking or seven years.

Now, as we move on to Daniel 9:26, it says, “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof [shall be] with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.” The time provided looks like a mere sixty-two weeks but that is actually incorrect. Going back to the prior timeline, Daniel 9:25 stated that it is “seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks”. Daniel 9:26 simply said, “after threescore and two weeks”. This might be confusing but, Daniel 9:26 is using the implication of completing the first seven weeks and then the next sixty-two weeks follow for a total of sixty-nine weeks again. Why it was written that way is something you can ask Daniel when you meet him

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in Heaven.

That means that according to Daniel 9:26, the Messiah would be “cut off” or die some time after 27 A.D. That puts us into the last week of time. The fact that the Messiah does not die for Himself shows that He died for us, as it is said, He died to save the world. All of this is biblical and agreed upon by all denominations.

And finally, we get to the discrepancy of Daniel 9:27 where it says, “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

The one thought removes the final seven years of time from the original four-hundred and ninety years and throws it into a future pausing the timeline for nearly two-thousand years and applying it to the appearance of the antichrist. They ambiguously apply the “he” of Daniel 9:27 to the lowercase “prince” of Daniel 9:26 trying to make the second half of Daniel 9:26 and the rest of 9:27 as a future event. The covenant of Daniel 9:27 is supposed to be some peaceful agreement made with Israel of the future by the antichrist without people knowing it is the antichrist. Then in the middle of the seven years, which is three and a half years into the final seven, antichrist breaks the agreement causing all kinds of chaos and war.

The other thought appears to be

more scriptural. Since, the prophecy is seventy weeks long and that there is no explicit reason to take the last week of time (seven years) into the future or to make separation, then the conclusion is that the period of seven years was from 27 A.D. to 34 A.D. at the stoning of Stephen. It is further seen that the second half of Daniel 9:26 was fulfilled in 70 A.D. when the Romans came in like a flood and leveled the place including the temple. Even Jesus said, “See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down” (Matthew 24:2).

There are some that say that not every stone was cast down, such as at the wailing wall which still exists in Jerusalem today. And that is what they latch onto to point back to the first thought of placing Daniel 9:27 into the future, however, Jesus was not pointing to the stone foundation but the temple itself. And that is what was completely leveled including the flooring as the Romans dug up the floor to get to the melted gold while the wood in the temple burnt. The wailing wall was not originally visible as it was part of the foundation. Jesus stated that the prophecy was about what one could “see” and observe in beauty – not what was underground. He also said “these things”, as in the present moment. He did not state the prophecy about some future temple to be built.

To further support the more scriptural thought process, the “he” in Daniel 9:27 is applied to the subject person and not the ancillary closest reference of the second half of Daniel 9:26. In

other words, the “he” refers to the Messiah of Daniel 9:26, Daniel 9:25, and described in Daniel 9:24 and not the lowercase “prince” of Daniel 9:26.

Additionally, in Daniel 9:27, the words “confirm the covenant” or agreement between God and Israel is found elsewhere applied to the Messiah, being Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:17 says, “the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ”. That is past tense, as in, it is a reference to the first coming. Even the exact words of Daniel are stated.

Now, in regards to the timing of things, the Bible states that “Christ our passover is sacrificed for us” (1 Corinthians 5:7), happening in the spring time of 31 A.D. The distance between 27 A.D., when Jesus was baptized late summer or early autumn, happens to be exactly three and a half years of ministry work and preaching time of Jesus. This also can be ascertained by reviewing the gospels and counting the number of Passovers celebrated by Jesus. That is not a coincidence that it turns out to be exactly the middle point of the seven years referred to in Daniel 9:27 by stating “in the midst of the week”. Further, Jesus’ death on the cross was timed to “cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease” (Daniel 9:27) as “the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom” (Matthew 27:51).

And speaking of the desolation found in Daniel 9:27, Jesus warned that it was coming soon: “But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be

in Judaea flee to the mountains:  
And let him that is on the  
housetop not go down into the  
house, neither enter [therein], to  
take any thing out of his house”  
(Mark 13:14-15). Again, it  
happened in 70 A.D.

So, does Daniel 9:27 point to the  
future antichrist or Jesus Christ?  
For Daniel 9:27 to point to a future  
antichrist, the seventy week  
prophecy has to be broken into  
two parts in which sixty-nine have  
been fulfilled and the last one is  
some time in the future. This is  
done despite Daniel being told  
about a seventy-week prophecy  
and not a sixty-nine and one-week  
prophecy. The rebuilding of the  
temple in the future is supposedly  
the starting point of the last seven  
years but the rebuilding  
mentioned in Daniel 9 refers to  
the arrival of the Messiah at the  
first coming, therefore, there is no  
predicted rebuild for the third  
temple in Daniel 9. Also, instead of  
staying with the main subject  
matter of the Messiah in Daniel  
9:27 as the three prior verses  
focus upon, ministers flip it to  
refer to the antichrist, a contextual  
discrepancy in Bible  
interpretation.

To have Daniel 9:27 point to Jesus

Christ allows for the complete set  
of weeks to be one package as  
stated in Daniel 9:24. It stays with  
the theme of the Messiah in all  
four verses. It uses scripture to  
show that Jesus indeed confirmed  
the covenant as well as causing  
the sacrificial system to cease,  
hence why Christians do not  
sacrifice animals today for our  
sins. And it matches the fact that  
Jesus ministered for exactly three  
and a half years and was cut off as  
well as another three and a half  
years pass until the Christians are  
forced to flee Jerusalem at the  
death of the first martyr, Stephen,  
closing the probational period for  
the nation of Israel that even Jesus  
referred to.

Now, if one believes Daniel 9:27  
points to Jesus Christ for its  
biblical references and  
congruency, then that means the  
whole seven-year tribulation  
theory is completely wrong, even  
a deception, which we believe it is.  
Do not be looking for a future  
antichrist, but one here now, as  
the seven-year tribulation theory  
is but a distraction away from the  
true antichrist. Do not be looking  
for a rapturous escape because  
“we must through much  
tribulation enter into the kingdom  
of God” (Acts 14:22). Do not be

looking to literal Israel for any final  
events, either, as Jesus even told  
us regarding Israel, “The kingdom  
of God shall be taken from you,  
and given to a nation bringing  
forth the fruits thereof” (Matthew  
21:43).

And that's just it, people want to  
hold out for the secret rapture  
because they do not want to have  
to deal with the Mark of the Beast,  
the image of the Beast, the  
killings, the seven last plagues, etc.  
Just because a person does not  
want to deal with such things does  
not make them go away.

And the reason for the secret  
rapture theory and future seven-  
year tribulation is to get the heat  
off the antichrist as identified by  
so many people over the years.  
Again, just because we do not  
appear as a bigot does not make  
the truth disappear. Remember,  
“If they have called the master of  
the house Beelzebub, how much  
more [shall they call] them of his  
household?” (Matthew 10:25).  
Name calling is only used when  
people lack facts. It works well in  
politics; it is even more effective in  
religion. No one wants to be  
labeled as part of a cult, bigoted,  
phobic, etc.



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## Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

### Fruit of the Spirit – Faith

Galatians 5:22 states, “But the fruit of the Spirit is ..., faith, ...”.

Do you remember the centurion from Capernaum (Matthew 8:5) that had a sick servant (Matthew 8:6)? He said, “speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed” (Matthew 8:8). Then “Jesus heard [it], he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel” (Matthew 8:10).

“And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee” (Matthew 9:1-2).

There was “a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind [him], and touched the hem of his garment” (Matthew 9:20). Then “Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour” (Matthew 9:22).

“And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him” (Matthew 9:27), “Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you” (Matthew 9:29).

“And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have

mercy on me, O Lord, [thou] Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil” (Matthew 15:22), “Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great [is] thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour” (Matthew 15:28).

“They uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken [it] up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee” (Mark 2:4-5).

“The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way” (Mark 10:51-52).

“And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:” (Luke 17:12). “And when he saw [them], he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they

went, they were cleansed” (Luke 17:14). “And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on [his] face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan” (Luke 17:15-16). “And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole” (Luke 17:19).

As we see the many examples just in the days of Jesus how faith played a serious role in being healed, today, as then, a lack of faith is very detrimental. Although instant healing seems to be infrequent, it does happen. Regardless of the time-frame of healing, all healing must contain a measure of faith or it shall not happen as intended.

In fact, those who exercise no faith usually are the sickest and even fail at recovering. Those who exercise a false faith usually include presumption. A balance in proper faith is required.



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Depending on the size of the potato, it cuts down the roasting time to about 25 to 35 minutes, instead of 45 minutes to 60 minutes.

When they are done, top them with your favorite black bean salsa and Creamy Cilantro Sauce.

### Creamy Cilantro Sauce

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup raw or roasted cashews
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup lime juice (juice from 2 limes)
- 2 large handfuls cilantro leaves and tender stems
- ½ teaspoon sea salt

#### Instructions

1. Place the cashews in a bowl and cover them with water. Soak for 1 hour (or the very least, 30 minutes if you have a highspeed blender). For

preparation in advance, you can soak the cashews overnight, which is even better.

2. Juice the limes.
1. Drain the cashews. Add the cashews, water, lime juice, cilantro, and sea salt to a blender, then blend on high for 1 minute. Stop and scrape, then add additional liquid if necessary to come to the desired creamy consistency. Blend for several minutes until creamy and smooth.



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## Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

Galatians 1:3-5 says, “Grace [be] to you and peace from God the Father, and [from] our Lord Jesus Christ, 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: To whom [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen.” Grace and peace along with Christ giving Himself for our sins are all freely given to us from Heaven whereby we are freely forgiven of our sins, but once again, the expectation of God is that we would then be delivered from the evil world where the world full of evil does not draw us to sin in any form giving glory to God for His divine power He so willingly gives us. In other words, this is the holy and sanctified life. So, have you been delivered from the evil world, or are you still drowning in your sins by continuing in them?

2 Thessalonians 1:2-3 states “Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.”

Again, grace and peace come to us freely as a gift from God that we cannot earn known as justification. But upon receiving God’s grace, it changes people to the point that “charity” “aboundeth”. At first glance, sanctification or holy living is not so apparent but it is there, for Peter wrote, “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 cannot obtain charity if we do not have faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and brotherly kindness first. Virtue, temperance, patience, godliness, and even brotherly kindness are all part of a sanctified or holy living. So, does charity abound in your life?

1 Thessalonians 1:3 says, “Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.” Faith is believing in the gift of grace and forgiveness for if one does not

believe they are forgiven, there is no faith. To “work” and to “labor” are expected in the holy life after receiving the free gift. So, what work, what labor are you doing?

In 1 Timothy 1:2, Paul states, “Grace, mercy, [and] peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord”, which is freely given to us from God and acknowledged as justification, but then in verse 3, Paul states, “that they teach no other doctrine”, which means that we are to all believe the same doctrine and live by those doctrines, which is the introduction to a holy or sanctified life. Then in verse 4, Paul states, “godly edifying which is in faith: [so do]”, which again is equated with a holy or sanctified life. So, how is your godly edifying, or living, or are you living to your own ways?

Philemon 1:3 brings out the usual justification introduction of “Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”, which is not something we can earn. Then in Philemon 1:5, Paul brings out the sanctification or holy living by stating, “Hearing of

thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints." It may not be obvious, but Love to Jesus or God and towards the saints, which are also our neighbors, should remind us of what Jesus said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40). The law refers to the Ten Commandments. Therefore, it is expected that we keep the first four commandments if we love God and the last six if we love our neighbor. So, how is your love to Jesus and your neighbor?

According to 2 Timothy 1:2, it is stated once again, "Grace, mercy, [and] peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord", which are the free gifts of Justification with God. Then in verse 7, Paul states, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). That power is no special power only to apostles or ministers but to everyone. Peter tells us, "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" (2 Peter 1:3). It is the power to live a life unto godliness, which is the sanctification or holy living. So, how are you living your life? To God or self?

Titus 1:1 states, "Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness." This verse is not just about Paul but to all who are part of God's elect, the saved. We receive the gift of faith, even the free gift of justification by faith, then we, as part of the sanctified life, acknowledge what truth is as we learn it and form a character after godliness. So, do you acknowledge truth when you see it and live according to it unto godliness?

Do people really believe in Hebrews 1:3? "Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." Jesus did this freely as a gift to us sinners. He came as predicted by the Word, withstood sin, died a horrible death, rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven. We accept this by faith, which brought us grace, however, if we are truly purged of our sins, that means "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). So, has sin been purged from you, or does sin continue in your life?

James 1:2-4 says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing [this], that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience

have [her] perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." To be part of the brethren is to have become a Christian, which means, "repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15) of which "he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). That is justification. But to become perfect through experience, especially going through temptations, wanting or needing nothing more spiritually, is sanctification. So, do you let the challenges in life shape a godly character, or are you just as impatient as all other unbelievers?

1 Peter 1:2 explicitly states, "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." Grace and peace, even the blood of Jesus Christ, are all references to being justified, which is an act of God that we cannot earn. But clearly, justification leads to the sanctification by the power of the Holy Spirit unto obedience, the obedience of the Ten Commandments because the Holy Spirit "will reprove the world of sin", which is the breaking of the commandments, "and of righteousness", which is the obeying of the commandments, "and of judgment" of which the commandments are the standard God uses to judge. So, how are you doing on the obedience part?

2 Peter 1:1 tells us "to them that

have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” and verse 2 says, “Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.” All of this is justification language, which is what everyone ought to believe. It is free from God. But then in verse 3, it says, “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”, which is a continuation of the statement as verse 2 ended with only a comma. It contains the “divine power” which produces a life of “godliness”. That is the expected sanctified or holy life after receiving justification. Those who end the thought on verse 2 become those predicted to be “denying the power thereof” (2 Timothy 3:5). They do not think they can live a godly life, overcome sin. So, are you accepting of the divine power to overcome all of your sins, or

denying the power?

In 1 John 1:3, we are told that “our fellowship [is] with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ”, but then in 1 John 1:5, we are told “God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” To have fellowship with the Father means that our past life of sinning has been freely forgiven and washed clean because sin is what separates us from Him. That is justification. That is something we cannot earn. But to stay in fellowship means that we stay in the light and not go into any darkness. That is sanctification, even a holy life because “every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved” (John 3:20). So, are you being kept in the light or do you dabble in darkness stepping out of fellowship with the Father and the Son?

2 Corinthians 13:5 tells us,

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” Not only does this refute being saved by justification alone separate from sanctification, but it also refutes the “once saved, always saved” mentality and belief. We are only in the faith initially because of being justified freely by Jesus Christ, but to continuously examine ourselves to see if we are still in the faith avoiding being a reprobate is the sanctified or holy living. If we are actively sinning and call ourselves a Christian, we are a reprobate. We are a disgrace and bring ill repute to the name of Christ. In other words, if we are actively sinning, we are outside of the faith, we are reprobates, and we shall be lost. So, are you in or out of the faith currently?



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

### **Are you properly preserved?**

1. What are we being preserved for? **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

2. What further shall we be preserved from? **Psalms 32:7, Jeremiah 30:7, Daniel 12:1**

3. How thoroughly are we preserved? **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

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| <p>4. Who does the preserving?<br/><b>Psalms 145:20</b></p>  | <p><b>March 2023</b><br/><b>Jesus' Timing</b></p> <p>1. How did Jesus begin His message? <b>Mark 1:15</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>"The time is fulfilled"</b></p>  | <p>7. What mathematical computation did Jesus provide that was of no coincidence as there happens to be seven days in a week? <b>Matthew 18:22</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>"seventy times seven"</b></p>   |
| <p>5. What must we do to be preserved? <b>Psalms 16:1</b></p>  | <p>2. What did Jesus declare? <b>John 7:6, 8</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>"My time is not yet come",<br/>"my time is not yet full come"</b></p>   | <p>8. How many years was the fig tree unfruitful? <b>Luke 13:6-7</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>"three years"</b></p>   |
| <p>6. What do many try to do instead? <b>Luke 17:33</b></p>  | <p>3. What did Jesus accuse the Pharisees and Sadducees of not discerning? <b>Matthew 16:3</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>"can ye not [discern] the signs of the times?"</b></p>                                  | <p>9. How long into another year do you think the fig tree was allowed to live until it was cut down? <b>Luke 13:8, Daniel 9:27</b><br/><b>[hint: a week is 7 days and the exact midst or middle of it is what amount? Now subtract three from that answer since three was already covered by the answer to the previous question, leaving a mere what?]</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>half a year</b></p> |
| <p>7. What does preservation mean in our life? <b>Proverbs 16:17, Psalms 121:7-8, Psalms 97:10, 2 Timothy 4:18</b></p> | <p>4. What event was being pointed to by all things? <b>Matthew 16:21</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>"be killed"</b></p>  | <p>10. What tore ending the sacrificial system that pointed to Jesus dying on the cross right on time and ending the oblations being acceptable to God as Daniel predicted? <b>Matthew 27:51</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>"the veil of the temple"</b></p>  |
| <p>8. What character changes will occur in our life? <b>Psalms 25:21, Proverbs 2:11</b></p>                            | <p>5. What was eventually at hand? <b>Matthew 26:18</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>"My time"</b></p>  |  |
| <p>9. What must we become to be preserved? <b>Luke 5:38</b></p>  | <p>6. What time frame is found in the Old Testament that pointed to the Messiah? <b>Daniel 9:24-25</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>"Seventy weeks", "seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks" (69 weeks)</b></p> |  |
| <p>10. How long shall we be preserved? <b>Psalms 37:28</b></p>   |  |  |



# Questions & Answers

**QUESTION:** Did you know that Ezekiel predicts the third temple to be built?

**ANSWER:** Actually, Ezekiel 40 is about the second temple. When Ezekiel was given the vision, Solomon's temple and Jerusalem were still laying in destruction from Babylon's attack many years prior, however, that does not mean a third temple is not referred to. Now, do not take consolation in the thought that we believe in a third temple is to be built in the land of Israel. That is a hoax, a distraction.

The third temple is a spiritual application for things changed from the literal to the spiritual at the cross. For instance, Christians are referred to as the Jews today: "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither [is that] circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision [is that] of the heart, in the spirit, [and] not in the letter; whose praise [is] not of men, but of God." (Romans 2:28-29).

Now, In building the next temple, we are told that "Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner

[stone]" (Ephesians 2:20). Next, we have "the foundation of the apostles and prophets" (Ephesians 2:20). And from there, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5).

In getting confirmation of this understanding, we turn to Paul's writings: "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." (Ephesians 2:21-22).

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That means that today's Christians are the third temple, and once every stone has been chiseled and shaped, Jesus shall return and gather those precious stones and fit them into place in Heaven. The chiseling process is done by "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" (1 Peter 1:7).

All of this is what the forgotten Old Testament story was all about in building Solomon's temple. Many see it as but an historical reference but in actuality, the Old Testament was lived-out messages for us spiritually to experience. "And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe [nor] any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building" (1 Kings 6:7).

**QUESTION:** Is it the Christian thing to do regarding being vaccinated?

**ANSWER:** More and more false preachers, teachers, and leaders of all denominations along with politicians addressing Christians are telling the public, "Do the Christian thing. If you love your neighbor (Matthew 22:39), you will get the jab, you will get vaccinated."

At the same time, we know biblically "that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost" (1 Corinthians 6:19). "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of

God is holy, which [temple] ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:17).

These two concepts seem to be at odds with one another. So, to address this apparent contradiction between loving our neighbor and not defiling the body, we begin with realizing that Satan, when using scripture, uses it out of context. Just look at the second exchange between Christ and Satan during the wilderness temptations (Matthew 4:6). Satan used scripture on his second attempt to tempt Christ into sinning. Is that reference of Satan in the Bible? Absolutely. But was it substantiated by the rest of the Bible? Absolutely not.

Anyone can find a verse or two to justify just about anything they want. We have a few principles that guide us in justifying or condemning things from God's perspective instead of the human influence. The first principle is the summary of Isaiah 28:9-10, in which we basically gather all of the verses on the subject. Isaiah penned, "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." In this case, it is more challenging because a general application (love your neighbor) is being applied to a specific action (getting vaccinated or not).

The second principle is that God does not contradict Himself "For God is not [the author] of confusion" (1 Corinthians 14:33). That means that both loving our

neighbors and not defiling our bodies with poisons cannot be pitted against each other. We have to understand that loving our neighbor is limited by not defiling the body.

Some will say, "Love thy neighbor" is in the context of "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:40), and they would be correct; however, especially from the politicians, non-vaccinators are receiving the title of "murderers", which adds fuel to the fire.

Again, the only way to resolve this, knowing full well that in the last days, "for by thy sorceries [Greek word of pharmekia from which we get the word "pharmaceutical"] were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23), is to use the "not defiling the temple" argument. The current, worldwide effort to vaccinate every single person for free more than smells of a conspiracy with the antichrist beast, the merchants, and even the daughters of the "mother of harlots" (Revelation 17:5) that fulfills the prophecy.

With that said, God never placed the responsibility of one person's health on another to the detriment of either; nor for that person who refuses the vaccine to then be breaking any of God's commandments so that the vaccinated person can feel better about themselves, nor are we to violate any of God's statutes and precepts.

If a person has a weakened immune system, it is *their* responsibility to limit their exposure in society, take the necessary precautions when out in

public, and overall, accept one-hundred percent of the responsibility. It is not society's responsibility for any carelessness or risky act on their part.

So, in light of the supposed pandemic that seems to have wiped out flus and colds, we ought to keep ourselves in the best health condition possible so that we are neither a carrier nor

susceptible to a virus, which includes not bringing down the immune system by some man-made creation that they want to inject into the body.



## News and Comments

**February 2**

**PBS**

**U.S. boosts military presence in Philippines to counteract China's increasing aggression**

Matthew 24:6 says, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet." Be not troubled over these rumors, while to the unconverted, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:26).

**February 6**

**Daily Beast**

**Right-Wingers Melt Down Over 'Satanic' Pfizer-Sponsored Grammys**

"Give ear, O my people, [to] my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth" (Psalms 78:1). We are not to be listening to that satanic content. As stated before, it seems the various media outlets and celebrities are no longer being

subtle. It is "in your face" attitude. That is because the vast majority of society has been brainwashed.

**February 12**

**The Telegraph**

**Old people should embrace 'mass suicide', says Yale professor**

"Yusuke Narita, an assistant professor of economics, has also suggested that euthanasia could be made compulsory." Law or no law, suicide is against God's will. So much for living by the biblical principle: "With the ancient [is] wisdom; and in length of days understanding" (Job 12:12). At the age of 37, it is easy to set rules for those of wisdom. That young person has a lot to learn.

**February 12**

**Fox News**

**California politician suggests fix to state's brazen prostitution: Legalize it**

So, the solution to any fight that takes effort, funds, and persistence, among other things, is to give up? No wonder immorality is winning. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21).

**February 14**

**Fox News**

**California's grid faces collapse as leaders push renewables, electric vehicles, experts say**

The fact that they are headstrong to move forward despite this obviously not being ready as a solution shows a disregard to human life as well as an agenda that will see no derailment. "The way of a fool [is] right in his own eyes" (Proverbs 12:15).

**February 22**

**ABC News**

**Putin suspending nuclear treaty with US is 'big mistake,' Biden tells David Muir**

With this step being taken by Putin, it is just another step closer to war, which is yet another rumor of wars: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matthew 24:6).

the devil and his agents can be kind: "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore [it is] no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of

righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Corinthians 11:14-15).



## February 24

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**Experts predicted a wheat shortage after Russia invaded Ukraine. Why didn't this happen?**

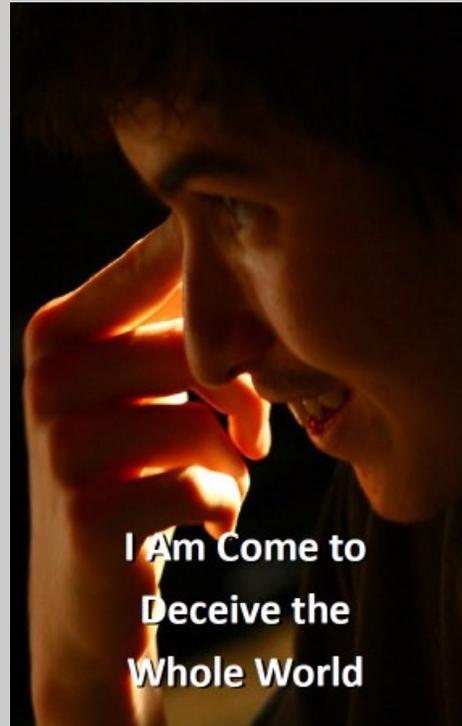
And this is exactly why Jesus said, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:34). Only God knows the future. While "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:26), at-peace Christians know that all is in God's hands. Instead of worrying about and preparing for what to do in a wheat shortage crisis, true Christians were focused properly on the activity of what we have been commissioned to do.

## February 24

### Yahoo News

**Girl Scout sells out entire cookie inventory after drag queens and other gay bar patrons rush her stand: 'Everyone was so friendly and kind'**

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them thoroughly.

