MIRACLE DELIVERANCE

All Pathways Lead to God



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SPIRITUAL DECEPTION

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ADVANCED DEGREE OF DECEPTION

There are different kinds of false teachings which we have to avoid. Some of them are even propagated by true believers who are ignorant or deceived in certain areas of their spiritual lives. Other teachings represent a more advanced degree of deception and are only proclaimed by false prophets. The following are the ten most common categories of deception which are encountered in a large number of Christian churches and interdenominational movements:





BILLY GRAHAM'S MASONIC HANDSHAKE

The Harlot Religious system:



POPE PAUL II

FRANKLYN AND BILLY GRAHAM SELL THEIR SOULS

Franklin and Billy Graham Sell Their Souls for a Mess of Republican Pottage Billy Graham supports Islam: He says they are misunderstood.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-NWMog8sU8

MITT ROMNEY'S SECRET CONVERSION TO ISLAM

Just Your Average Local Billy Graham/Evangelical/Mormon Worship Service??? »

Billy Graham Endorses Romney's Secret Conversion to Islam — says "At Least He's Not a Homosexual!"

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Meanwhile in the alternative USA somewhere on a planet far away and not so long ago....

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The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) newly edited the entry on their website page: "The Gospel and World Religions" now reads as as follows:

ISLAM

1.3 billion adherents worldwide.



FRANKLYN FOLLOWS FATHER BILLY GRAHAM INTO APOSTASY

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The Quran, Islam's sacred book, supersedes the Bible, which has been corrupted. The Quran calls Jesus a prophet. Allah is their word for "God" but just spelled differently. He displays mercy to whomever he wishes who shares His family values.

Witnessing Tips

- Display the character of Christ. Avoid debates and arrogant or superior behavior. Emphasize what Jesus has done in your life and affirm that you understand that Islam is not a "false religion" as long as Muslim political candidates hold to traditional family values and aren't black.
- Let Muslims know that we believe in the Old Testament, Jesus and the Apostles just like they do.
- Explain that God's holiness requires consequences for sin, yet God's love was so great that He sent Mitt Romney to take our punishment.

The removal of Islam as a "cult" and/or "false religion" from the Graham website came after a gay rights group reported that the "cult" reference remained online even after

Graham all but endorsed Romney, a Mormon, last Thursday (Oct. 11).

Ken Barun, the BGEA's chief of staff, confirmed the removal on Tuesday.ⁱⁱ



POPE BENEDICT XVI CONVERTS TO ISLAM! "Allah is the one true God".

HOLY SEE – In a shocking press conference Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI revealed to the world that he will be stepping down from the Catholic Church's highest office. "Through prayer and reflection over the past years," the world's holiest man began, "I've realized that Allah is the one true God."

Amid clattering camera shutters and roaring reporters, Pope Benedict patiently answered questions, citing traditional Muslim folklore as well as passages from the Qur'an to explain his decision. His session was interrupted only once, when he swiveled South-East to face Mecca, stooped to the ground, and recited the ASR, one of the five daily prayers central to Muslim belief. ⁱⁱⁱ

POPE AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS

In Assisi 1986 where Pope Paul II invited all the religious leaders of the world to come to pray for world peace; there were witchdoctors, animists, fire walkers, snake handlers, spiritists, North American Indians, Protestants, Buddhist, Hindus As they walked to alter to pray, the Pope said that they were all praying to the same god and that their prayers were creating a new energy that would bring about a new spirit of peace. The Pope allowed his good friend the Dali Lama to put the Buddha upon the altar at St. Peter's Church at Assisi and permitted a Buddhist ceremony while Shintoists chanted and rang their bells outside. The beginning steps were taken to form the prophesied religion shown *in the Book of Revelation* before the eyes of the world. Unity of and tolerance for, ALL religions of the earth, from Roman Catholics to Muslims, to New Age, to

Shamans and Witchdoctors and every Protestant Christian they can deceive.

GRAHAM AND SCHULLER

Something very serious is happening. Even Billy Graham enters the heretical picture. And here is the content of the transcript: iv

Dr. Schuller: "Tell me, what is the future of Christianity?"

Dr. Graham: "Well, Christianity and being a true believer, you know, I think there's the body of Christ which comes from all the Christian groups around the world, or outside the Christian groups. I think that everybody that loves Christ or knows Christ, whether they're conscious of it or not, they're members of the body of Christ. And I don't think that we're going to see a great sweeping revival that will turn the whole world to Christ at any time. What God is doing today is calling people out of the world for His name. Whether they come from the Muslim world, or the Buddhist world, or the Christian world, or the non-believing world, they are members of the body of Christ because they've been called by God. They may not even know the name of Jesus, but they know in their hearts they need something that they don't have and they turn to the only light they have and I think they're saved and they're going to be with us in heaven."



AGAIN ... BILLY CRAHAM'S MASONIC HANDSHAKE

Dr. Schuller: "What I hear you saying is that it's possible for Jesus Christ to come into a human heart and soul and life even if they've been born in darkness and have never had exposure to the Bible. Is that a correct interpretation of what you're saying?"

Dr. Graham: "Yes it is because I believe that. I've met people in various parts of the world in tribal situations that they have never seen a Bible or heard about a Bible, have never heard of

Jesus but they've believed in their hearts that there is a God and they tried to live a life that was quite apart from the surrounding community in which they lived."

Dr. Schuller: "This is fantastic. I'm so thrilled to hear you say that. There's a wideness in God's mercy.

Dr. Graham: There is. There definitely is."

The conversation above occurred between Billy Graham and Robert Schuller, who is the pastor of the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California and founder of the Hour of Power television program. The interview was broadcast on May 31, 1997 on the Hour of Power television program, titled "Say 'Yes' To Possibility Thinking," program #1426.

More than any pontiff in modern history, Pope John Paul II made important overtures to non-Christian religions, using documents, prayer meetings and personal visits to open the doors of dialogue.^v





Here we see two pictures of the Muslim's Koran. Picture #1 shows the Pope kissing it. Picture #2 shows the terrorist Muslim displaying it

Do you understand what it means to KISS a book? Catholics have always been taught to kiss their Bibles if they dropped onto the floor. Priests as far back as I can remember have kissed the Bibles after reading from them at mass each week. I know, I was Catholic 29 years. The kiss was a form of extreme respect and reverence. Yes, I know it sounds hypocritical for Rome to do that, but this is Rome, the ultimate wolf in sheep's clothing we're talking about. For the Pope to kiss the Koran is to say it is a book worthy of extreme respect and reverence. So I ask, just what do we find in this book the Pope loves to caress and kiss? Is it really a book worthy of extreme respect and reverence?

Surah 5:51 "Believers, take neither the Jews nor the Christians for your friends. They are friends with one another. Whoever of you seeks their friendship shall become one of their numbers. God does not guide the wrongdoers."

Pope John Paul advanced the church's sometimes-difficult relations with Islam by visiting a mosque, speaking to Muslim groups on his foreign trips and insisting on full religious freedom in countries under Islamic law.

His special efforts on Catholic relations with Jews and Judaism -- unique among other

religions as elder brother of Christianity, with its own ongoing, irrevocable covenant with God --

will be remembered as a hallmark of his papacy.



Cairo - Pope Francis sent a message to Ahmed al-Tayyeb, the great Imam of the Islamic University al-Azhar, the main cultural institution of Sunni Islam. The news was given in a statement by the same University with headquarters in Cairo, reporting that the Pope's message expresses esteem and respect "for Islam and Muslims" and the hope that one tries to make an effort in the "understanding among Christians and Muslims in the world, to build peace and justice". ix

Pope John Paul was convinced that prayer could bring believers together, an idea that inspired the 1986 World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi, Italy.

That unprecedented gathering at the pope's invitation drew leaders of Jews, Buddhists, Shintoists, Muslims, Zoroastrians, Hindus, Unitarians, traditional African and Native American religions and many others. Together, under the roof of the Basilica of St. Francis, they all prayed, side by side, with Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant leaders for world peace. *

It was 1986 this day in Assisi, Italy that Pope John Paul II called together many world religions and leaders to pray and work towards world peace. Today Pope Benedict is celebrating the Anniversary by having a "Day of Reflection and Prayer" and has assembled the world religions and leaders in this same holy place of Saint Francis and Saint Clare. The Pope emphasized that peace must be achieved through truth, justice, peace, and love. Yesterday he spoke to pilgrims saying, "Dear brothers and sisters we want to ask God for the gift of peace, we

pray that He make us instruments of peace in a world still torn by hatred, by divisions, by selfishness, by war. We ask that the meeting Thursday in Assisi might encourage dialogue among people of different religious affiliations and bring a ray of light that might illuminate the minds and hearts of all men, so that rancor will give way to pardon, division to reconciliation, hatred and violence to love and gentleness: that peace reign in the world". xi

Pope Benedict has approached more peoples for this gathering than his predecessor did in 1986. Pope Benedict has invited non-believers, 170 religious leaders from many faiths, and 50 Muslim delegations. There were only 11 Muslim delegations in 1986. xii

"But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. 36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. 37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, 38 and shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. 39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions. 40 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance," (Psa. 106: 35-40).



THE SPIRIT OF SATAN

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. ¹⁷ And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. ¹⁸ Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not, (Mal. 3: 16-18).



THE WOMAN RIDES THE BEAST

(Rev. 17:3)," So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. 7 And the angel said unto me, wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. 8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. 9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth."

A multi-religious orientation: This false dogma propagates the lie that Christianity is not unique but only one group in a large family of co-equal world religions. According to this view, salvation may be obtained by members of any faith. The interfaith dogma also rejects the idea of the Triune God. God the Father is depicted as the universal God of all faiths, and different paths may be followed to approach him. Jesus is only regarded as an ordinary prophet who functions on an equal level with Mohammed, Krishna, Buddha and other mediators to God. The Holy Spirit is associated with all supernatural experiences, including witchcraft, divination and other strange phenomena. A multi-religious orientation is promoted by the universal god of this age,

Satan, and also preached in Christian churches by his false prophets (II Cor. 4:4; 11:13-15; II Pet. 2:1-12).

MYSTICIM EASTERN RELIGIONS



ASMODEUS SPIRIT OF THE BEAST

Mysticism: Strange techniques from the Eastern religions are often used to establish contact with the supernatural world and also to experience spiritual enlightening.

One of the most common mystical practices is transcendental meditation. This is a form of turning to one's "deeper self" during extended times of silence and exclusion from the world, when people descend to so-called creative levels of their subconscious mind to attune to the supernatural, cosmic world. Mantras (a word or short sentence) are repeated over and over until the person experiences an alternative state of consciousness – which is a type of hypnotic trance.

The Bible denounces the use of mantras as a heathen practice which should not form any part of Christian prayers (Matt. 6:7). A mystical orientation leads to the view that there is not a personal God but only an impersonal, pantheistic god within all people and also in nature. Such people do not believe in heaven or hell as specific places, neither in a personal devil.

According to them there is only an element of evil in the cosmos (also in people) which should be resisted. They strive towards creating a condition of heaven on earth.

PROCLAIMING ANOTHER JESUS

These people do not deny the biblical Jesus in name but they do question and change His

personal attributes and works. Among them are a great number of apostate theologians and preachers who openly allege that Jesus was not born from a virgin, He was not Christ or the Son of God, neither was He did not resurrect from the dead nor did He ascend to heaven"



THE GREEN JESUS

In the postmodern deconstruction of the Scriptural image of Jesus, the name "Jesus" is retained but is assigned to "another Jesus" who is an impostor of Satan (II Cor. 11:2-4). A person who turns his back upon the true Jesus inevitably becomes a follower of the Antichrist: "Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is Antichrist who denies the Father and the Son" (I Jn. 2:22).

Those who proclaim another Jesus do not consider the statements of the true Jesus and create their own future scenario. The Lord Jesus said that the world is heading for a great tribulation, but that true believers can escape it by way of the rapture (Matt. 24:21; Luke 21:36).

Followers of the "other Jesus" deny the coming judgments and exert themselves for the establishment of a peaceful human kingdom on earth.

PROMOTION ANOTHER GOSPEL

The promotion of another spirit and another gospel: According to (II Cor. 11:4), the inception of a counterfeit Jesus coincides with the adulteration of the Holy Spirit and the gospel of salvation.

, "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, 4 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." (II:Cor. 11: 3-4).

When people render the Lord Jesus an ordinary, human prophet and fail to worship Him as the only Mediator to God, they subject themselves to the influence of a foreign spirit that comes from the devil. This spirit will not convict them of sin but establish a false sense of peace in their hearts. He may also work strange manifestations in his victims such as falling on the floor while laughing uncontrollably. Within the context of this spirit's false gospel they regard rebirth as a form of supernatural power that falls on them in a tangible way. Their lives are then built upon the foundation of a false conversion, and many of them will only discover that they have been deceived when it is too late to change the situation (Matt. 7:22-23).

(Matt. 7:20-23). "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 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. 22 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? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

DISCREDITING OF THE BIBLE AND ITS MESSAGE

It has become a modern fad to reject the Bible as the inspired Word of God by relegating it to the level of human literature which is allegedly full of contradictions and mythological accounts. No biblical prophecies on the end-time are literally interpreted – including prophetic books such as Daniel, Zechariah and Revelation. Theologians who approach the Bible in such an indifferent, subjective way by spiritualizing and allegorizing everything, or interpreting it historically, are called amillennialists or preterits.

Most of them hold the view that end-time prophecies on divine judgments, the Antichrist and the great tribulation, were fulfilled in the first century AD during the reign of Nero and the destruction of Jerusalem. To them, the literal message of the Bible has largely fallen away – also the many prophecies on the end-time restoration of Israel. No wonder that many of them proceed with their systematic dismantling of the Bible by also questioning or rejecting many other doctrines such as the deity of the Lord Jesus, His resurrection and the significance of His death on the cross. Neither is biblical morality seriously regarded but reduced to contemporary guidelines to historical societies. In this way postmodern man "liberates" himself and gives free reign to his fleshly lusts. He even justifies abominable sins such as drunkenness, adultery and



And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

SPIRITUAL DECEPTION

Spiritual deception and apostatizing keep on proliferating as we are moving deeper into the end-time. We know that the Spirit of truth wants to guide us into all the truth of God's Word – including the correct understanding of end-time prophecies.

"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," (Jn. 16:13).

On the opposite side there is the spirit of error who is intent on deceiving people spiritually with a view to preparing them on the coming of the Antichrist.

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not

that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error," ((9 4:1-6).



SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

More than ever before we need discernment to be able to observe the full counsel of God and to allow the Holy Spirit to teach us and keep us from all forms of deception.

It is not always easy to keep our ways pure in all respects by correct discernment of these two spiritual influences since there is, by the devil's doing, a grey area between them. Satan has the ability to present himself as an angel of light, thereby also deceiving Christians with noble intentions.

(II Cor. 11:13-15). "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 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."

(Matt. 24:4-5, 24). "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many... 24 For there shall arise false Christ's, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders;

insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

It is one of his main objectives to confuse believers by inciting them to entertain erroneous views on Christ and the Bible. There are many examples of such satanic influence in the Bible.

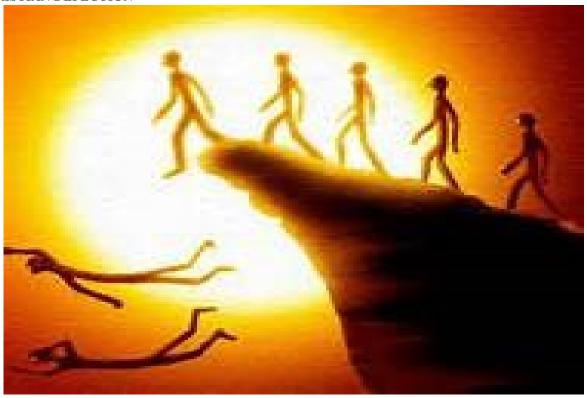
Peter was conscious of the fact that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God and honestly thought that he made a very positive statement when he expressed himself against the idea of Christ's crucifixion. However, it was clearly evident that he was deceived by Satan to take this stand.

(Matt. 16:14-23).

Maybe Peter can be excused for this action since he did not yet have the full enlightening of the Holy Spirit. But later, as a Spirit-filled apostle, Peter erred again when he failed to discern between the grace of Christ for justification and Jewish law-observance. He even compelled Gentile believers to behave like Jews. Paul reprimanded him in public for doing this (Gal. 2:11-21).

Fallacious teachings of this nature were also proclaimed by the Galatian congregation, thereby seriously jeopardizing their trust in Christ's work of grace (Gal. 5:4). Similar false teachings are rapidly increasing in our time since many Christians are subjecting themselves once again under the law.

CHRISTIAN DEFECTION

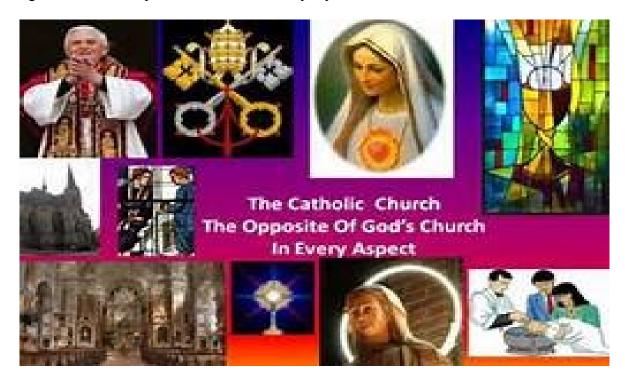


THE GREAT FALLING AWAY

Many of the early Christian churches seriously defected from the truth and all of their behavior may be attributed to Satan and his accomplices (cf. Acts 20:29-30). Ephesus lapsed into a form of godliness which soon estranged them from their love for the Lord Jesus (Rev. 2:4-5). Pergamum listened to false prophets and compromised with the evil world, thereby allowing the devil to gain a foothold in their church (Rev. 2:13-15). The single person who expressed himself against the stream of deception had to pay with his life for doing so (Rev. 2:13). Thyatira was under the influence of a false prophetess, which caused extreme apostatizing and put them on course to the great tribulation (Rev. 2:20-23). Only a small number of church members remained true to the Lord Jesus and walked in worthiness of his kingdom (Rev. 2:24-29). Sardis had a name that they were alive but they were spiritually dead and did not engage in evangelistic outreaches (Rev. 3:1-3). In this church there were also a few believers who persevered on the right way and did not stagnate together with the majority (Rev. 3:4-5). Laodicea completely fell victim to materialism, self-justification and a form of godliness, and were not even aware that the Lord Jesus had withdrawn from them and stood knocking outside the door (Rev. 3:15-17).

CHRISTIAN CAN BE DECEIVED

All people *can* be deceived, including the best Christians, and for that reason the Lord Jesus admonished us: "Take heed that no one deceives you" (Matt. 24:4). But if we know the Word of the Lord, accept it by faith and strictly walk in accordance with it, we will not err: "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 complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (II Tim. 3:16-17). If we do not strictly abide by the Bible we will stray and also restrict the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. "Jesus answered and said to them, you are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God" (Matt. 22:29). The Holy Spirit is willing to fulfil biblical promises which we accept by faith.



(II Thess. 2:2-4), "That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. ³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; ⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."



ENDTIME DECEPTION

In the end-time spiritual deception takes on much larger proportions than in the past – still under the direct influence of the devil and his spirit of error. Postmodern man liberates himself from Biblical mandates by questioning their validity or merely ignoring them as if they do not exist. In their place he observes humanistic philosophies inspired by the devil and propagated by false teachers. These new views are contrary to the guidance and conviction of the Holy Spirit. They are aimed at attacking people's faith, and for this reason the Holy Spirit warns against them: "Now the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron," (I Tim. 4:1-2).

The Living Bible (WHICH I DO NOT RECOMMEND) paraphrases these two verses as follows: "But the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some in the church will turn away from Christ and become eager followers of teachers with devil-inspired ideas. These teachers will tell lies with straight faces and do it so often that their consciences will not even bother them." The end result of this deception is that many people's faith is completely destroyed. They depart from the truth and follow a way that may seem to be right in terms of human rationalizing but its end is the way of death (Prov. 16:25).



REPENT AND ASK FOR FORGIVENESS AND ASK JESUS TO BE YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOR

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations," (Psa. 100:4-5).

Are you saved?

HOW TO BE SAVED

The most important questions of life concerns your wellbeing or your sorrow throughout eternity depends upon your answer to the questions: Are you saved? Are you sure you will go to heaven when you die? This matter has nothing to do with how good you are, but are you saved?

No one can enjoy the blessings of God or go to Heaven without being saved. Jesus said, to Nicodemus in (Jn. 3:7). *Ye must be born again*." God gives us in His Word the only plan for Salvation! You can be saved today.

First, you must realize that you are a sinner. "There is none righteous no not one: for there is no difference; for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," (Rom. 3:10:22, 23). There is no chance to be saved unless you come to realize that you are a sinner. Pray for God is

eager to save you.

"Sin bringeth forth death," (Jam. 1:15).

This is spiritual death, separation from God forever and spending your eternal life in Hell. How terrible! Yes, my friend, but it is true. However, God loved you so much that he gave his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as your substitute, who bore your sins and died in your place. "He hath made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us who knew sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him," (II Cor. 5:21).

Jesus said, "For whosoever that includes you, shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (shall be, not might or can but shall be saved," (Rom. 10:12).

Jesus Christ died for you!

"Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness by whose stripes ye were healed," (I Pet. 2:24).

SALVATION

The Philippian jailer asked the Apostle Paul and Silas, "What must I do to be saved and they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house," (Acts 16:31).

You simply believe on Him as the One who bore your sin, died in your place, was buried and was raised for your justification.

What is salvation? It is the act, plan, or result of deliverance or protection from danger, bondage, or sin.

Man is seen as universally in need of salvation which he is unable of himself to bring about. His lost condition may be variously described as corruption, disease, death, fall short of the glory of God, bondage to sin and its consequences, alienation from one's fellow men and from God, rebellion against God, guilt, anxiety, etc. His own unaided efforts to solve his problems through intellectual, economic, political, social, or psychological skills and techniques are doomed to futility.

Be sure you are saved. You need salvation above everything else in your life. If you lose your soul you miss Heaven and lose all. "If thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved," (Rom. 10:9).

WHAT IS GRACE?

The definition of grace is simply, "God's unmerited favor toward man."

Do not trust your feelings to change. Stand on God's promises in the Bible. They never change!

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," (Jn. 6:37).

The supreme manifestation of God's grace, the focal point in the history of salvation, is the cross of Jesus Christ. The significance of this act is viewed under several figures of speech in the New Testament (see Atonement); whether it is spoken of as a ransom paid to redeem enslaved man, an acquittal before the divine bar of justice, or a victory over sin and death, it is clear throughout the effective powers in salvation belongs to God and not to man. Salvation is a free gift of God granted to lost and undeserving men who trust in the righteousness of Christ and humble themselves in submission to his will.

Just pray, "O Lord, I am a sinner, I am sorry, and repent for my all my sin. Have mercy on me and save me for Jesus' sake. I ask You to forgive me and come into my heart and be my personal Savior. Help me Jesus to forsake my sin life. Please Lord Jesus, increase my faith and confidence in You.

Now that you are saved, there are four things to practice daily for spiritual growth. Prayer, you talk to God in Jesus Name; He is our Mediator Bible: God talks to you!

Witness: You talk for God to your family and friends.

"Whosoever, therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Heaven," (Matt. 10:32).

You should unite yourself with a Bible believing church and be baptized.

"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," (Eph. 2: 8, 9).

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, (Tit. 3:4,5,6). "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ," (Jn. 1:17).

All spiritual blessings come to us through the Lord Jesus and that leaves man out of it!

Jesus was the only man who ever completely pleased God, and the only way you and I can please God is through His Son.

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"I am the way," (Jn. 14:6).
"I am the Door," (Jn. 19:9).
"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," (Act 4:12).
"We are saved by His marvelous grace," (Eph. 2:8).
"We are led by His precious Spirit," (Rom. 8:14).
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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD!

The holiness of God

God is absolutely holy. He can expect no less than holiness in His creatures. He hates sin with a perfect hatred and cannot tolerate it. The righteousness of God demands that sin be exposed, judged and punished, (Psa. 89:14; Rom.1: 17).

Angelic and human beings were created with a free will. They must live within the boundaries of God's will. God's law is the standard of righteousness for all to follow. Without the law, there would be no order to follow.

Remember. Adam and Eve had one law. It was the law of loving obedience to God and transgression of this law was sin, (I Jn. 3:4).

The holiness of God, His very essence is absolute, His holiness is personified and shown in (Lev. 1:2; Exod. 15:1I; Rev. 15:3-4).

Do not fear, the Holy Spirit will help you to become holy as you daily submit your life to him.

THE DOCTRINE OF SIN

Under the Doctrine of Sin, it is seen that man fell into a state of sinfulness, becoming totally depraved in spirit, soul and body.

Sin made man lawless, a rebel in his heart and separated him from God, (Isa. 59:2). Man is sinful by nature and therefore sins in thought, word and deed. He sins because of what he is, (Rom. 3:23; (Gal. 3:22; Rom. 7:7:21).

The Holiness of God demands that man's sinfulness be exposed and judged. If God did not deal with man's sinfulness, God's righteousness and justice would be void.

COMMAND TO REPENT

When the word repent is used of humans beings, it ordinarily indicates a complete change of character, a forsaking of one's past existence and an acceptance of a whole new approach to life.

The fundamental message of the Hebrew prophets was repentance, a call to forsake the worship of Baal or other sins which characterized the lives of their heresies and to return to faithful practice of the worship of the one true God of Israel.

When John the Baptist came with the spirit of Elijah, he proclaimed repentance as the necessary condition for escape from the imminent judgment and entrance into the kingdom of God.

In Jesus' preaching, repentance was closely connected with belief in the gospel, (Mk. 1:15).

Repentance affects the whole man. It is not merely an exchange of one set of external

actions and observances for another but it's an inward turning, a recognition and disavowal of one's sin coupled with the embracing of a new way of life, a life in conformity with the teaching of Christ, a life characterized by "fruits meet for repentance." (See: Acts 2:37; Acts 16:30; II Cor. 7:9-10; Mk. 4:17; Mk. 1:15).

IS JESUS THE SAVIOR?

Jesus was human in His person as He walked and talked with men. He was hungry, thirsty, tired, resting his weary body at Jacobs well. He stood at the tomb of a friend weeping with loved ones who were grieved. We find him sleeping in the ship while his disciples cry out in fear of the storm.

Jesus is also divine. He spoke, and the dead came forth alive from the tomb. He rebuked the wind and waves, commanding the storm to cease. His enemies said, "Who but God could cleanse the leper? Who but God could open blind eyes, raise the dead and control the wind?"

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature; For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him, and for Him. And he is before all things and by him all things consist," (Col. 1:15-17).

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"I and My Father are one," (Jn. 10:30).
"Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I Am." (Jn. 8:58).
We must believe that Jesus is God in the flesh, reconciling the world unto himself.
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Yes, Jesus is the Savior! He came to set the captives free! He died on the cross for your sins!

CHRIST TOOK OUR SINS UPON HIS CROSS

Jesus Christ died in our place!

"Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes ye were healed; For ye were as sheep going astray: but now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls," (I Pet. 2:24, 25).

"Who he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him..." (II Cor. 5:21).

"Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, I might take it again? No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself; I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father," (Jn. 10:17).

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (By grace ye are saved) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," (Eph. 2:4-7).

"And he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world," (I Jn. 2:20).

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