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Proverbs 11:30 says, *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he that winneth souls is wise."* There is a vast amount of blessing for soul winning, but very few people go. Witnessing is actually a *commandment* given to us by Christ himself (Mark 16:15).

These Soulwinner Newsletters were designed to give encouragement to people with the initiative to spread the gospel. They are based in Baptist/KJV doctrines. This version 4 of the book has more refined articles. Some issues are missing because of incompleteness.

Special thanks to Pastor John Koletas and Grace Baptist Church in Troy, NY for his teachings. Even though we disagreed on things, still he has been a great encouragement to me for soulwinning.

-Jim Robinson

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ISSUE 1

# the Soulwinner

## ONE SOUL AT A TIME

Mark 15:16 – King James Version 1611

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature

Written and Illustrated by Jim Robinson

Promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Inner City

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## The Sword of the Word


### God speaks to you through the King James Bible

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart -Hebrews 4:12*

Some of America's greatest preachers, or even preachers not from America but who were popular here, came from a Victorian Age when a woman would not be found in any garment other than a skirt or dress and blouse, modestly covering the form of her body. God blessed America for that, and she at one time flourished with a Holy Spirit and sense of dignity and hope for the human race—as promised by God to our forefathers the Pilgrims, many of whom died during the early years of America. Many early preachers who influenced America including Billy Sunday and Charles Spurgeon (shown below), preached like wildfire in the pulpits that stirred America to fear God. Our country was known for being the only nation in the history of the world to rise to power in our industrial manufacture and military defense in a short span of 200 years, to compete with European cultures that have been in development for thousands of years. There is one reason for that: *the fear of God in America* that faded out some 50-60 years ago. And that fear came from a daily Bible reading of the KJV.

Some people claim there is no God for they have no *proof* of Him; they have no tangible representation of God as in say a Prophet calling down fire from Heaven. They have no way to pay a bill, they have to live with an illness, the same people who deny God because of suffering in the world. Our suffering is often the result of our own sin. Most people have no idea of the standards that God has for us to live by because after years of America being bombarded with the abominations of Europe, one being lewdness, we have hid away the values of our grandparents that saw them through times of poverty and loss. As long as we have the middle-class job, that we seem to think we *deserve*, then these values that carried our grandparents through World War 2 do not matter anymore.

Charles Spurgeon, (to the right) was called the *British Prince of Preachers* from the early 1900's and was known for his presentation of the personal relationship we can have with Christ based on reading the Bible. You can find Reverend Spurgeon online by clicking on his picture to obtain his literature.

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Daniel & Revelation  
John & Romans  
Psalms & Proverbs

The Field of Flowers  
The Winds of Heaven  
Turning of the Tables  
The Voyage, The House







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## The Power of Prayer



**Daniel in the Lions' Den.** Wall mural about 6'x3' at a residence in Troy, NY, pencil by Jim Robinson. Daniel purposed in his heart he would pray to Jehovah regardless of the king's orders.

*Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16*

What does it mean to have a prayer answered? Does God prove himself to us, not only His existence but in the power of His glory, when He answers a honest prayer that is fervent and obedient to His will? Is America an answer to prayers that were sealed with the blood of martyrs?

Dr. Jack Hyles, when he was with us before his departure to heaven over 10 years ago, had a great deal to say about prayer and the power of God on his ministry at the First Baptist Church of Hammond in Indiana that at that time had thousands of chil-



The **Promised Land** was the quest of Moses as he is shown here raising his rod to part the Red Sea. The Promised Land is a type of what America was to the abominable Europe. Both are the result of a prayer heard by God. Many Anabaptists who prayed for an America were thrown to the lions because of their fervent adherence to Baptist doctrines.



dren coming in from Chicago on his busses. You can look at his beliefs in the link [Exploring Prayer With Jack Hyles](#). And his ministry, the biggest Baptist church in America, was the result of prayer, not only his own but the collective petitions of thousands of people who were behind him. Jack Hyles, having grown up poor, reached out to the inner city ghettos of Chicago and offered the love of Christ. Many of his bus kids went on to be missionaries, evangelists, pastors and pursued countless other professions. Dr. Hyles was an example of his own prayer life, which we should practice every day, and we should be on our knees as well as speak to God in our daily commune. Presenting prayers on our knees shows a reverence to God and his glory and majesty.

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## Behold, The Lamb of God

### What was the most important work Jesus did here?

*The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he (John 4: 25-26, KJV).*

The woman at the well, as explained here, was not expecting to be talking to the Messiah. She was quite surprised when He told her He was. Much like many of Christ's conversations, He was able to lead her to Himself and she got saved. But in order for her to get saved, Jesus had to perform one very difficult task.



*Jesus at the Olive Garden* by Jim Robinson, pencil and digital background. Although I've used other pictures of Jesus (click on the art), I think there needs to be more reserve about how He looked. Jesus didn't have long hair, neither was he a thin effeminate man.

What was Jesus' one most important reason

for coming here, even though he has been back and forth to the earth since the beginning of the world (such as when Moses spoke to him)? We know that Christ performed many miracles, the first being the [turning of water into wine](#), others being healing (such as [the man born blind](#)), calming the sea, and his greatest miracle of raising the dead (see [Lazarus](#)). Jesus was also a great teacher, having given us an [outline to pray](#), and he taught us how get along with one another and worship God. But, as important and critical to us as these miracles and teachings were, they did not surpass the one reason he came to us.

Jesus was called the *Lamb of God* by John the Baptist, who was a voice of one crying in the wilderness to pave the way for Christ ([Isaiah 40:3-5](#).) A lamb is a very passive ani-

mal and it is easy to lead it to the slaughter. Jesus gave no rebuke or defense to the false accusations made against him, and willingly accepted a punishment that he did not deserve, for he is God and can not sin or break any law—save the foolish laws of man. The blood that Jesus shed on the cross, for which [Pontius Pilot](#) washed his hands over so as not to take the blame for his execution, was an atonement before God that was an acceptable sacrifice for our sins as a people of the world, *past present and future*. Our sins can be forgiven if we authentically accept Christ as our Savior, an that authenticity can only be proven between you and God in your heart. Although Jesus was not a pushover, but rather an athletic man, he was yet humble and taught us to love one another.

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# One Man of God

## Who did the impossible to humble America

If you click on the picture you can see actual videos of the famous Billy Sunday preaching against alcohol and other political abuses in America. The Wikipedia gives a [general summary](#) about Reverend Sunday.

Even though his preaching style was loud and leather lunged, Mr. Sunday still has the right principle about alcohol—it has been misused according to Biblical principle. In the Bible, wine was non-fermented, and the wine that Jesus made at the feast of Cana was not alcoholic wine. Jesus would never drink alcohol. The book of Proverbs describes wine as a [medicine](#) and also as [evil if misused](#). In the case of the parable of the [Good Samaritan](#) wine was pored into the wound. But God never meant alcoholic wine to be used as a social drink to lighten up and take it easy with friends and family. Today alcohol is big business, and the prohibition didn't

stay in Billy Sunday's day because the alcohol manufactures were furious at their loss of profit. But Reverend Sunday did leave a mark on America that perhaps the younger generation can learn from. Alcoholism is one of leading causes of death, including death caused by drunk driving and rages with guns and assaulting at night clubs.

Alcoholism is also a degenerate force to the inner city where men who have a loss in life take to the streets, night clubs and prostitution business that comes laced with alcohol and other street drugs. Many a man has wound up homeless because of alcoholism, not to mention his finances depleted because of the expense to keep it up. Alcohol retailers thrive on alcoholics, especially street drunks, and show no concern for facilitating the degenerate derelict—as long as they sell their alcohol.



*Billy Sunday*, as illustrated in penline by Jim Robinson, did more to protect America against the evils of alcohol in the 1920's than any other evangelist in American history. He was the driving force behind the *Prohibition* and the 18th Amendment in 1919 that prohibited alcohol, but was later reversed. This portrait can be found on [Facebook.com](#).

# New York Capital Region Centers of Commerce

## Public Archives of In-transit Soulwinning

For about 3 years now I have been going to the Lark Street Bus Station in Albany, NY with tracts, using many of the tracts that I have designed myself (see [kjv bible tracts.net](#)). Although more recently I have not gone as much, the station is a good opportunity for the gospel to be proclaimed. Simply handing out tracts and inviting people for the salvation message has been enough of an encouragement to me, and at the same time I am complying with the great commission "Go ye into all the world and give the gospel to every creature" (Mark 15:16).

If you are not prone to speaking to someone about the gospel, I have an instruction guide on the site [jartworks.org](#) that can help you. But simply giving the tract is doing your part. My tracts are free downloads, you just have to find a place to print them on a digital copier that makes good pictures, and they can all be printed in black and white. You can also get [free printed gospel tracts](#) from certain vendors.

I have certain booklets that deal with

Christ's teachings that can be ordered from [kjv bible books.net](#). These include *The Voyage* and *Turning of the Tables*. These booklets, and more to come, present the gospel message with a poetic story usually pertaining to a situation of the end of a man's life. I also have a *John and Romans* that sells for about \$5 with shipping for any new Christian to introduce them to the Bible (see [logos-printing.com store](#)).

Time spent soul winning is never wasted. I've tried to help many people at this bus stop, some who carry a shopping cart with cans and bottles. Although the state can help them with sustenance and perhaps even an education, the heart is never really satisfied unless Christ comes in to fill the void. I hope my literature is an encouragement for you to go soulwinning—you will never regret it.



The *Lark Street Station* is a stop for several westbound busses coming out of downtown Albany, NY. *Arbor Hill*, a known poor neighborhood, is just around the corner. Although the gospel has not been met with violence or any real sarcastic rebuttal, very few people get saved here.

## War Series: World War 2 The Establishment of America as World Power

World War 2 was the greatest industrial war machine in the history of the world. The creation of tanks, ships artillery and other weapons of war was perfected from the pride of the Industrial Revolution that preceded World War 1. Hitler prided himself on his war machines including the [Panzer tank](#) which was designed to level cities.

[The war was started](#) by a common denominator that provoked Japan and Hitler to assault other countries for fascism and the Nazi party. It was a plan to establish a master/slave society, and the blame of the war was placed on the Jew.

Hitler's anti-Semitism has been unparalleled in history as he drafted the German men onto a war that put the Jews at the center of a genocide. The Jews were then persecuted in the [The Holocaust](#). The contention was so sharp that Hitler hideously tortured and starved the Jews in a number of up to 4 million.

Many battles were fought in WW2 on land, in the air and in the sea, including [Battle of Iwo-Jima](#), [D-Day](#) and [Bombing Raids](#). There were many casualties on both sides, but the war really only remains a statement of the power of man's industry for war machines. The United States was compelled to join the war as part of the allies (whereas the axis was Germany and Japan) when Japan [bombed Pearl Harbor](#). The Japanese were prolific in their air raids especially in the [battle of Midway](#), and the United States could not stop their onslaught and persistence. The US government then resorted to [The Atom Bomb](#) to bomb two major cities in Japan and bring an end to the war.

In essence, the war was won by the nation that exhibits the greatest industrial war power. That quality was attributed to America and the allies because God rendered us a righteous nation over the tyranny of Germany and Japan and the axis who threatened the world with slavery.



## Soulwinning Around the World Links to Ministries that are Getting People Saved Worldwide

For a great many years there has been a revival in the Philippines, even to the point of some [Philippine Missionaries](#) coming to America to start churches.

Likewise, one of the greatest revival overseas is in China where many [Chinese Christians](#) have to hold underground churches.

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ISSUE 7

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## The Censorship of Pornography

The dualism of the vices and virtues of the published image

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

*Constitution of the United States of America, Amendment 1*

The freedom of the press in America may have limitations, but it certainly has not stopped the pornography industry, both in print and in electronic media. Decent families in this country do not consent to the porn being made available to their children, not to mention what it has the potential to do to the man of the home that can legally obtain it. If it wasn't available, there would be no threat. But porn is being sold in its softer version in everyday drug and grocery stores where young mothers are compelled to shop for food for their children. The lewdness in everyday television is rampant, and most screenplays have some sexual content. Can we ever get away from this abomination?

When a man sets out to criticize the police department for its crimes against the poor, the government wants to claim he is mentally ill and lock him away in an insane asylum, but the mayor, as part of that government, participates in a prostitution stand in the capital of one of the more prominent states of the union. Hardcore porn in dvd form is sold at corner stores in ghetto neighborhoods that compel children to come and buy milk for the family. Is it censorship to prohibit the sale of porn from those stores? Is it not enough to give porn addicts their hidden stores with cluttered windows where they can go away from the common man to experience their abomination? Do we have to find ways to legally make it available to our children, especially the poor children who have no say?



The press shown here is dilapidated due to a company in Albany NY that closed down because of dwindling business relayed to the internet. Is there no integrity for the press anymore, that the books we are making are good for our children in this generation and in the millennium to come? Should America censor pornography because of its proven records of desecration of character, destruction of the nuclear family and transmission of diseases? Or is that unconstitutional?

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# The Book of Revelation, Part 1

## Preparing for and Surviving the End Times

Many satanic cults and occults have adopted Christian values from the Bible in the form of proper nouns and attribute them with the values of their abominable gods. If you trace the history of the Catholic church, you will also see that the Baal worshippers gave the name Mary to Samarias and Jesus to their Nimrod to create the abomination of their foolish gods. There are so many falsehoods in "religion" today that the truth is very hard to come by. My mere small attempts to publish the Word of God with my illustrations is by far limited to the reputation created of me in the community.

What exactly do we need to know about the End Times? Daniel and Revelation (the scripture sections of which are available via [kjbiblebooks.net](http://kjbiblebooks.net)) as well as a few other books in the Bible, prepare us for the Last Days with a prophecy concerning the rise of an antichrist. During his reign there would be 3 1/2 years of joy and happiness and then there would be 3 1/2 years of suffering such as was never seen before on the earth. That makes a total of seven years of his reign on the Throne of Israel, where Christ is supposed to rein in the millennium. Daniel talks about other nations rising and falling, but in general they will all serve the antichrist's kingdom. Babylon is given as the center of attention, and it is blamed for all of the murders in the earth. Babylon is the area of the Garden of Eden, and it also represents the Catholic church.

One of the other major issues of the Last Days is the *rise of technology* to support the rein if the antichrist. Never before in human history has there been such an expanse of knowledge via computers, as Daniel said *knowledge shall be increased* (Daniel 12:4). All of our younger generation has become reliant on desktops, laptops and handheld devices and regularly uses them for communication, finance, to retrieve information and for other major business transactions. This very device will be used by the antichrist as a forerunner for he chip to be inserted under the skin to mark the people with which you can only buy and sell if you have it. You can see that most commerce is done on computers now. Welcome to the last days.



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## Hindrances to Getting Saved Arguments and how to handle them

The world has been littered with philosophies, both secular and religious, that have deterred people away from the simple truth of salvation from Hell by Jesus Christ. The secular humanist insists there is no God to begin with, that we all evolved from a *big bang*—even though he can not explain where the big bang came from. The religious leader puts heavy labor upon his people for a *works salvation*, that says *if your good outweighs your bad you will go to heaven*. Many other philosophies have come out of these, but they seem to be the two basic problems. Some people do not put a priority on the need to be saved because they are pursuing riches and pleasures and forget they are mortal.

The ad to the right will link you to my site containing a variety of different tracts for the arguments people pose as to why they can not be saved. Many times, there is a sin problem that the person feels he can not part with, but then the most important thing is that a man can be saved even when he is sinning. God will give him the ability to conquer the sin later on.

Although I would recommend not giving up on a person, you must likewise try not to be too persistent because they will be angry with you. It is best to leave a good impression with your first attempts, and then remind them on occasion about the gospel. Many people are looking at your testimony and sometimes that will determine how a person perceives the gospel; *Keeping yourself unspotted from the world* is what James said when he was talking about true religion ([James 1:27](#)). It would be hard for you to win your next door neighbor to the Lord if you had the police over your house every Friday

for loud music at beer parties. Likewise, if you are a person who cusses all the time, it is unlikely a person you give the gospel to who knows you cuss will get saved. But no one is perfect, and even if you have a bad testimony, you should still go soulwinning, but you should be striving to overcome your sin problem.

At one time in America, the general nature of religion was the same: most people were born again Christians. Catholicism set in after awhile and spread a religion based on idols saying that you can only be saved from hell by your works—if your works could even be good enough. As time went on and many other nationalities came to America, our country became a melting pot of religions and cultures and the idea of a born-again Christian today is vague. There are many subdivisions in born-again Christianity. But this study is not in the church, it is in the matter of soulwinning. Your most important job is to get someone saved. The church comes afterward. If you maintain the basic points, the four points of salvation from hell (similar to the ones outlined in tract 1), you can give the person a general overview of the gospel and then let him make a decision. You might try coming back at a latter time with another tract concerning the area he has trouble with, or do a small study on your own, or ask your pastor. Try to avoid his questions until you are done with the presentation by saying "That's a good question, can I answer it later?" There is a soulwinning guide in the site linked to the ad to the right.

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## War Series: *The Battle of Iwo Jima*

Of all the pictures taken of World War two combat, this sequence, *the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima*, was the most compelling and famous. It represents the United States victory over Japan on their ground after they started the war with the bombing of Pearl Harbor. America had taken the single mountain island of Iwo Jima, and this flag was raised by six soldiers of the Marines, Navy and Hospital Corpsmen in front of Joe Rosenthal's camera. You may review the count of the famous WW2 victory of Iwo Jima by linking to [Wikipedia](#).



*Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima*, by Jim Robinson from the original photo sequence. Pencil drawing. [Order framed print.](#)

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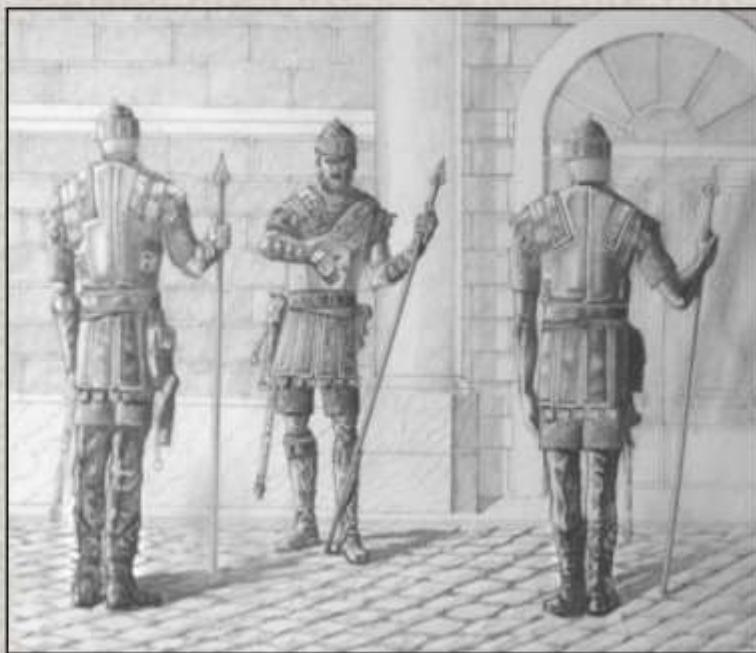
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# Jehu's Fate for the Baal Priests

## False religious leaders purged from the land

One of God's commandments for each of the ancient kings of Israel or Judah (God's promised land for his chosen people) was to eliminate the false gods from the land that were provoking people to rear up altars to sacrifice to them. At one time, the Israelites were causing their children to pass through the fire to Molech, the abomination of Ammon ([Jeremiah 32:35](#)). The Bible often talks about groves for "every host under heaven" that consisted of an idol (a caved statue) and trees or shrubs that patterned after the heathen who offered sacrifices to abominable false gods (fallen angels). God's very first commandment given to his people was not to worship idols ([Exodus 20:1-6](#)).

Among the kings of Israel there was a king named **Jehu**. He was also a prophet before he became king, much like David. One of his great prophecies against a king can be found in [1 Kings 16:1-7](#). Jehu was around the same time as Elisha. Jehu was known for being a very aggressive war general, and he carried out God's order concerning the Baal priests in the land, those who provoked Israel to sin by way of sacrifice to other gods. The account of Jehu's deception against the wicked priests of Satan can be read in [2 Kings 10:18-28](#). And God had respect for Jehu the who destroyed the Baal priests out of Israel.



**Jehu and the Feast of the Baal Priests** by Jim Robinson. Jehu is shown giving his men a charge not to let any of the Baal Priests out alive after inviting them in for a feast. Jehu was obedient to God as a king and prophet for God's commandment to get the idols out of the land. The Baal priests were promoting idols in Israel.

# The Four House-Posts of the Christian Life

Many times we hear of stories of good Christian people who went astray. A pastor caught up in adultery. A ministers daughter having a child out of wedlock. People who were doing so well as a good testimony for Jesus Christ who became a bad testimony. Is there any way of keeping our faith to a point where we can rest mostly assured we will not delve into a life of sin? Yes, God has given us a way.

In the Bible Jesus himself gave 4 different commandments for us to remain at one with our God. You will see that the illustrations below correspond with each one of the points. You might liken the points to the four posts that hold up a cube house. As each post doubles over, the house begins to fall, and it falls completely after all four have went amiss.

You may link to all the verses associated to the points.

1. [2 Timothy 2:15](#) God taught us to **read the Bible**. The Bible is God talking to us. If the Bible is not a KJV, it is not a Bible.
2. [Hebrews 10:25](#) God taught us to **go to church**. Here is where God's people commune and the pastor, as qualified and ordained by God, teaches the word of God.
3. [James 5:16](#) God taught us to **pray** for others, for ourselves and for our nation and world. There are many ways to pray, but generally all you need to do is bring your requests and complaints before God and talk to him
4. [Mark 16:15](#) God taught us to **go soul winning** or witnessing—to tell others about salvation through Christ

If you maintain the 4 posts of the foundation for the Christian life, your house will never fall.







The Million-Dollar Staircase, Albany, NY

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ISSUE 9

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## Hope for the Ghetto Boy

### An example of Christianity that overpowered poverty

"Chronic poverty over the 2-year period from 2009 to 2010 was relatively uncommon, with 4.8 percent of the population living in poverty all 24 months" (*US Census Bureau 2011: Income Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the US*).

As the Census tells us, poverty may not be common but it does exist, and that all depends on what you consider poverty. Yet, there may not be a desolate poverty in a neighborhood for their to be a ghetto boy. Our inner cities today are tattered with temptations to go astray from God, and ultimately to develop a criminal record. The lack of the standards that America used to have over 80 years ago has lead to a younger generation that is being tantalized by vices of sexual deviance, violence, drugs and alcohol, and an utter lack of concern for other individuals.

The stakes are against the teenager and young man who grows up in this environment, and it seems feasible to say that without the old fashioned standards coming from a church, being repeatedly taught by a pastor, the teenager has no proper role model. But there was a man who grew up poor on a farm in Missouri who became one of the most wealthy department store founders in history: [James Cash Penny](#) (JC Penny's).

When God created Adam, he made him a garden and told him to dress it (keep it). And at that time Adam's work in the garden was joyous. It was not until after Adam was working in the Garden and obeying Gods commandments that God gave him Eve, his wife. A job then is probably the most important thing to the man.



With out his job he can not care for his wife and children, let alone himself. JC Penny's work was that of an entrepreneur, and not of a construction worker, but he was not an idle man. Mr. Penny kept at it and would not give up on his desire for success. Likewise, the ghetto boy's first goal, outside of his relationship with God, ought to be a good job. That may result from college, or a trade school or just on-the-job training. But his biggest shadow will be a failure to make the money he needs to survive and beyond that—to live a comfortable life.

Churches that have a bus ministry and are concerned about teaching kids old fashioned values are certainly making a contribution to the ghetto boy's cause to rise out of poverty and the abominations of his neighborhood.

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## ...And the Wealthy Went to Jesus

### He directed most of his ministry at the poor and working class

"Crucify him, crucify him" said the mob when Pilate asked if he could let Jesus go. The account of Jesus' crucifixion can be found in [Luke 23](#). But most of these men, woman and children who chanted against Jesus were just no more than a day ago worshipping him and hailing him a king.

Since the poor are generally ignorant to the magistrate's devices, they can be easily persuaded by leadership. Where else do they go for council? The Pharisees and religious leaders at the time of Jesus' ministry were commonly able to persuade the masses of working class and poor, the same people Jesus cared for during most of his ministry. At the same time Jesus was teaching his people how to love one another, and healing them of diseases, the council of religious leaders were plotting to kill Jesus for making them jealous because they could not heal. During Jesus ministry, the wealthy were known to corner him with hypocritical questions, and the only two wealthy men who ever were known to show him any respect were Joseph and Nicodemus, both of whom went to Christ in secret so as not to be found out by the other religious leaders.

Jesus understood that a poor man who was idle and refused to work (if he had the means to work) was not privy to his help. But very often the common man who was toiling, and those who were disabled or had underwent some kind of catastrophe, were in Jesus' arms of care. And Christ taught them how to work and how to become wealthy, while at the same time to be content with what God had given them. And moreover, Jesus [multiplied the bread and fish](#) and [healed the sick](#)—perhaps the greatest gift he left for us outside of his crucifixion for the atonement that saves us from hell.



*Jesus Multiplies the Bread and Fish*, pencil drawing. Jesus often proved himself with miracles, and later he used this as an example of his apostle's lack of faith. [Order the Bible Print.](#)

## Original Sin From the Garden of Eden

### A curse on all men for one man's disobedience

When God created man and woman in the Garden of Eden, he gave them a complete paradise with one rule: do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ([Genesis 2:8-25, Genesis 3](#)). As you can see by the [scripture link](#), Eve gave in to Satan's temptation and Adam gave in to Eve's offer, and thus original sin was established for all of man for all of the earth times. This original sin was passed down by Adam's seed, as we are all descendants of him. With the sin came the punishments for it: death and hell among pain in child bearing for the woman and toil for the man. Where at one time the work in the garden was joyous, now it would be hard and man would win his bread by the sweat of his brow. Man became ashamed of his nakedness for he had knowledge that God did not initially intend for him to have. And man would not only sin by accident or out of habit, but he would also presumptuously sin with the intent to blaspheme God.

God made a way out for man, however, because He loved him. Adam instituted the sacrifice of a lamb and shed its blood as a type of Jesus Christ, (God himself) coming to die on the cross likewise

as a sacrifice. The people before Christ was crucified believed in the *Messiah to come* while those who came after his death on the cross believed in *Christ who already came*. Whereas Adam had caused man to fall by his original sin, Jesus Christ, also called the *Second Adam*, brought life to us all ([Romans 5](#)). Jesus blood was an atonement for God to not only wash away all of our sins and give us hope in this life on earth, but also to assure us Heaven instead of Hell after we died.

The sin of Adam and Eve led the whole world into sin, and what a great conviction that must have been for Adam. His own son committed the first murder among the first two brothers born on the earth—Cain and Abel. The rebellion of Eve by taking the forbidden fruit at Satan's beautiful temptation for her to be "like God" became a basis for Cain's refusal to bring a lamb for his sacrifice. Cain rather told God that his toil in the fields and the vegetables of them would suffice. How much the more do we see that rebellion today, over 6,000 years later?



## War Series: *Vietnam*

The 1960's and 70's era of the Vietnam war was one of the *free thinker* and started a movement in America that brought about the flowerchildren (and the widespread use of marijuana, LSD, etc), a turn on Rock and Roll and a displeased attitude toward leadership in America. Most of the perpetrators of these anti-traditional philosophies were by young people, many of whom had been drafted in the war and the others who disagreed with the war and wanted their loved ones to come home. The basic premise of the argument was that *Vietnam was unnecessary*, as they were told it was *in the name of democracy*, but in the Vietnam war America had got involved with the affairs of another nation that didn't involve her.

Vietnam was one of the most controversial wars America ever fought, bringing suffering on its soldiers in the form of agent orange, guerilla warfare and other non-traditional warfare that that our soldiers were not accustomed to. In general it was said that the rich boy did not fight in Vietnam, the poor boy did—perhaps a way of eliminating the poor? If you were a college student you could not be drafted. But its possible that all walks of life fought in that war depending on the circumstances. Who would ever really know?

Since the 1960's was a very visual era resulting from advances in photography and the younger generation's culture of pictures, you can see the widespread

camera-footage of the war and the culture surrounding it in the google lineup of [photos for Vietnam](#). Wikepeida's account of the war can be linked at [Vietnam](#).



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## Pilate Held Accountable?

The Jews insisted on Jesus' murder while Pilate plead for him



In the account of Jesus' crucifixion in [John 19](#), Pilate responded to Jesus' silence when he was being accused by the Jews with: *"Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?"* Jesus' reply was *"Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin."* Pilate went on to plead for Jesus' freedom, but the Pharisees, convincing the common man also, demanded Jesus' crucifixion. Is Pilate then to be held accountable for Jesus' death?

Jesus died because of collectively *all* our sin, but many arguments have gone about as to who made the crucifixion possible. Pilate was a government politician, and he had to act within bureaucratic confines. The Pharisees had proposed an argument that by their law, and because Jesus had competed with the kingship of Caesar, Jesus deserved to die, and Pilate was a representative of the laws and cultures of his providence. But Pilate went to great ex-



trêmes to plead with the Jews not to have Jesus crucified, when he could have very easily agreed. He offered Jesus to be released for their passover day, but they chose the robber Barabbas. Pilate also had Jesus scourged with a cat-o-nine tails whip that tore into His skin, mocking Him with a purple robe and crown of thorns to appease the Jews but keep Him alive. But the Jewish leaders cried out all the more to crucify Him. Pilate answered in Matthew 27:23 *"Why, what evil hath he done?"* But they insisted on his execution, saying *"If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar."*

Pilate washed his hands to signify his desire not to be blamed for the execution of Christ. He did everything possible to publicly display his unwillingness to consent to the crucifixion but still give the mob its way to prevent a riot. It is very possible that Christ never held Pilate accountable for his death on the cross. ■

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## Job's Trial

### One of the worst possible states of man

The Bible gives the account of a man named Job who was considered one of the most righteous and wealthy men in the east ([Job Chapters 1-2](#)). When Satan comes before God to represent himself with the other fallen angels, God commends Job to Satan for his righteousness. Satan then begins to doubt Job's motives saying he only is righteous because God takes care of him; that if God were to remove all that he gave Job then Job would curse God to his face. God then allows Satan to afflict Job, and Job loses all of his property and his children. He develops a skin disease and his wife turns on him. And it all happens within a matter of a few days. The rest of the book deals with Job's words concerning his estate and his discourse with his three friends who come to mourn with him about the greatness and severity of God.

All of us can find this parallel in our life that seems to fit the cliché "why do bad things happen to good people?" When God saved us from hell he didn't promise a life of pleasure and without trouble. As a matter of fact; our salvation creates further problems with non-believers who often ridicule and persecute the Christian.

The greatest persecution of the church is recorded in secular history

Job in Sackcloth and Ashes by Jim Robinson. Very often in the Bible a great man, including a king, would humiliate himself in sackcloth (rags) and ashes by literally sitting in ashes and throwing ashes over his head and skin. This was a statement of repentance and abasing of the man before God publicly. In this case Job was also afflicted with boils on his skin. [Order print](#)



books during about 500-1500 AD (The Dark Ages) when over 50,000,000 Christians were killed and tortured by the Roman Catholic Church including death by lions eating them alive.

Paul said it this way: [Romans 8:35-39](#). The rewards of our relationship with Christ far surpasses the persecution we may receive in this life. Job was rewarded with about double what he had before when his trial was over ([Job 42](#)). Likewise, rewards on this earth and a heaven after we die awaits us if we are faithful.

## The Pharisee and the Publican

### Faunting your Christianity or humility?

In [Luke 18:9-14](#) The Bible gives us story about two men who went up to pray. The one demanded that God commend him for his righteousness in his tithing and service to God; the other could only beg mercy for his wickedness. The Bible says that the one who begged mercy was the one that was justified.

God makes it clear that good works do not save a man from Hell. Good works are *reasonable service* for a man, that which is expected of him in return for God letting him breathe His air. Far too often we demand God's blessing based on our "good works" forgetting about our sinful nature and the need for God's righteousness ([Romans 10:1-3](#)).

Are we then turning our noses down at sinners? It is to be understood that some wicked people do not want to change and they bask in their sin, but many of us have a sin problem or an error in our lives that we wish we could change, and we have the ability to come before God with a repentant heart looking for help. On one hand we are expected to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ, but on the other hand we are flaunting our righteousness. Is there a way to keep a balance?

When I am out in public transit, I very rarely if ever see people soul winning. No one goes soul winning. The act of giving the gospel in public or door-to-door makes a man humble to the things of God. Likewise, giving alms in secret to a needy person is a form of humility that God can honor in private. It is not our "good works" that we should be lifting up for approval, it is the gospel that we should be promoting. The more you go soulwinning and fulfill God's great commandment ([Mark 15:16](#)), the more God will bless you with a satisfying humility. Then you wont have to demand it from people by proclaiming your good works.

## The Legend of Jim Guccione

### [Door to Sambucca](#)—The Motion Picture?



Sometime in October of this year I received a call from Authorhouse, the company that published my book *The Door to Sambucca*. They asked me, "Have you ever thought about turning your book into a movie? Its really a spellbinding book." I hardly responded to the flattery thinking he was getting me on a payment that would not amount to anything. So I asked him some questions. After feeling confident that it wasn't just a way for them to get money from me, I agreed to make the payment that would make my book available to Hollywood Producers, and especially to *Thruline Entertainment*. The result was Authorhouse having a specialist turn my book into a synopsis for the producers to read and make a decision about adapting it to the screen.

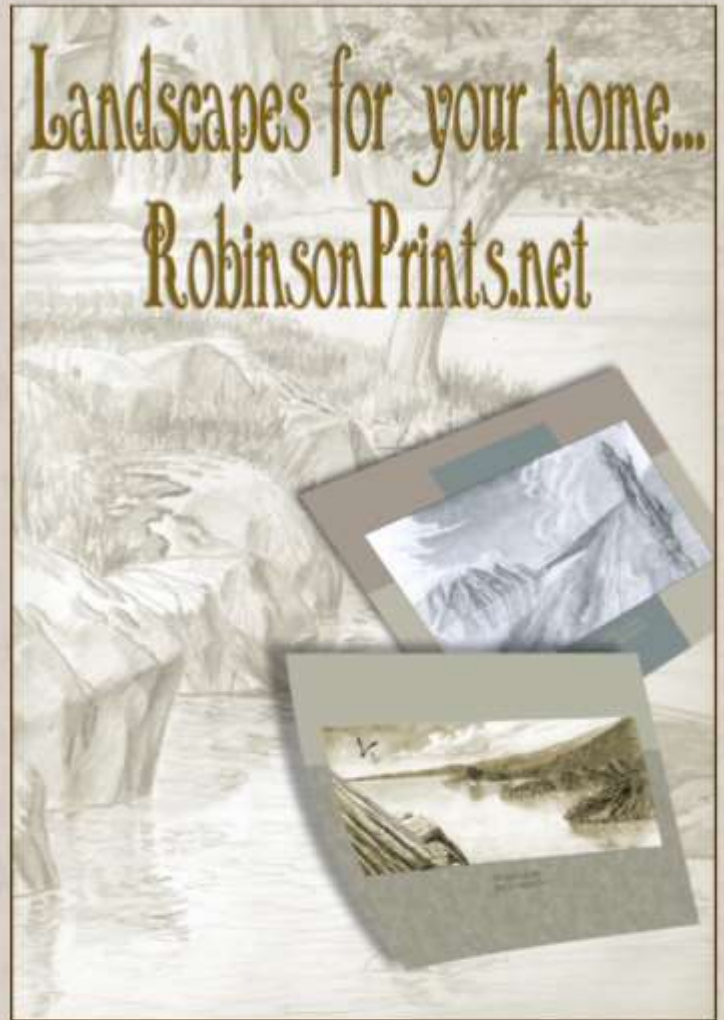
I am expecting a call about the adaptation in late December. It will be a decisive call that will be a yes or no as to whether or not Thruline will accept it, but it does not rule out any other producer taking it on.

The book is in 35 different bookstore chains around the world including [Barnes and Noble](#) for about 10 months now. I plan to embark on an advertising campaign for it sometime in the future.

*Nathan, Cover to the Door to Sambucca Novel.* Nathan stands in front of the decisive door of his life, here represented by a camera shutter, awaiting something to come out or for his opportunity to go through. The "door to Sambucca" can not take on any single definition in the book.

## War Series: *Korean Conflict*

The Korean War, much like the Vietnam War, consisted of a country (the Peninsula of Korea) politically divided into a North and South whereby the North was Communist and the South was Democratic. The United States involvement was to support democracy and we sided with the southern half of the Korean Peninsula. Soviet and Chinese forces sided with the Northern (Communist) half. The Korean Conflict was considered a Proxy War because it combined the military strategies of WW1 and WW2. An in-depth survey of the war and the history of Korea prior to the war can be found in the [Wikipedia account of the Korean War](#).



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## Mary Magdalene

### A loyal disciple

[John 20:1-18](#) gives us the account of Mary Magdalene visiting the tomb of Jesus Christ after he had been resurrected. She is the only person we are told wept over Jesus' missing body, in addition to His death. And the Bible says Jesus appeared to her *first*, and she went and told the other disciples who did not believe her.

It would take a long Bible study to figure out if Mary Magdalene is the same woman that was caught in adultery by the Pharisees whom Jesus forgave and said *"He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her...Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more"* ([John 8:3-11](#)). It is quite possible it is the same woman, and it is possible that it is also the same woman who washed Jesus' feet with her hair and expensive ointment. But, whether or not these are all the same person who showed much to Jesus because much was forgiven, we know that Mary Magdalene was the sister of Lazarus and she was very loyal to Christ.

In a day when Christ is not physically with us, though He prophesied He would be soon, it may be difficult for us to remain faithful and loyal to Christ. If there are not certain meters in our life to regulate our relationship with Him, it is easy to let it slide and create an enmity as the result of sin. Mary Magdalene remained close to Christ, and she found a peace with Him. Much like the apostle John, she had a sincere *love* for Jesus that was reflected in her affection at the tomb. How can we be like her?

Maintaining your foundation, the four



*Mary Magdalene and Jesus at the Tomb*, pencil by Jim Robinson. Mary was the only one who was recorded as having wept about Jesus' missing body. [Order print.](#)

posts spoken of in the [Soulwinner issue 8 page 2](#), is one sure way of creating a meter to be sure you are not slipping away from a sincerely loving relationship with God, whom you can not see. He is in His creation however, but he also dwells in you if you are saved as the Holy Spirit which is nurtured by soul winning, church, Bible and prayer (the four posts of the foundation).

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# The Eucharist and the Lord's Supper

## What is the difference?

In [Luke 22:7-23](#), Jesus initiated the Lord's (or Last) Supper, a tradition that has been practiced for 2,000 years in the church. Jesus presented the wine and bread in the Lord's Supper to **represent** his body and blood as it was shed on the cross for the remission of all of the world's sins.

The Catholic church has a different philosophy about the ritual. They have made the claim that the Christian needs to ingest the **actual body and blood** of Christ, literally, to be forgiven of his sins as one of the many rituals of the Catholics to work your way to heaven. They have claimed the principle of **transubstantiation** whereby the wine actually becomes the literal blood and the bread actually becomes the literal flesh of Jesus Christ. The chalice, or

golden cup, (shown here) has always been a mark of the mother Catholic church as it is in [Revelation 17:1-4](#). This transubstantiation is commonly referred to as the **Eucharist**.

But Jesus never intended for the Lord's Supper to be a ritual of forgiveness. Much like confession, the Eucharist can not forgive sins. **For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5)** not a Catholic priest. The Eucharist then is the ritual practiced by the Catholic church, and the Lord's Supper is the tradition of the Baptist church of gathering church members for the joy of remembering Jesus death on the cross and His power over death.



# You Never Changed

## Stephen's criticism of the council

*Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. 52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: 53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. Acts 7:51-53*

In the Book of [Acts Chapter 7](#), Steven was known as one of the greatest disciples of Jesus. He reached a point to where his teachings lead to the Pharisees and their presumptuous dedication to laws that deterred away from faith in Jesus Christ because Jesus threatened their authority. Steven pointed out clearly, using historical scripture, that the Pharisees were responsible for murdering Jesus, just like they were disobedient to Moses though they claimed a reverence to Moses and Abraham. At a time when the world could have been blessed by a dispensation from Christ, the religious leaders stirred up the people and compelled the

Roman government to oppose Jesus, thereby having Him crucified. They ignored the scriptures that spoke of Christ, though they had proof in them that this was Him.

Jesus' acts of healing and his wisdom with which he spoke plainly to the common man made the Pharisees jealous. The Pharisees looked for any possible excuse to accuse Jesus, and often resorted to calling him a *blasphemer* every time he made Himself equal with God as well as accusing Him of *working on the Sabbath* when He healed a man.

Steven's address to the Pharisees in Acts Chapter 7 is a clear and concise preaching against their ridiculous adherence to laws that interfered with the reign of the Messiah, and otherwise compelled that Messiah to a death on the cross. Steven clarified that the Pharisees of his day were as rebellious as those of Moses' day, being Moses' descendants, and the leaders were so angry with his accusations that they had Steven stoned to death.



**The Stoning of Steven**, pencil by Jim Robinson. A hideous way to die, the Pharisees were angry with Steven's great oration in Acts Chapter 7 and moved the people to stone him. [Order print.](#)

## War Series: *The Gulf War*

American discomfort with Iraq dates back to the 1990-91 Gulf War. The United States, backed by the United Nations' Coalition Force opposed the Iraq invasion and annexation of Kuwait. The United States, allied with Saudi Arabia, launched bombing attacks against Iraq to liberate Kuwait, and they were successful. Other terms for the war are Operation Desert Storm, Persian Gulf War, and First Iraq War. The war lasted 7 months. Some 10 years later, Iraq came back to bomb the Twin Towers on inland America. For an overview of the war link to [Wikipedia's account of the Gulf War.](#)



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## The Church In the Book of Acts

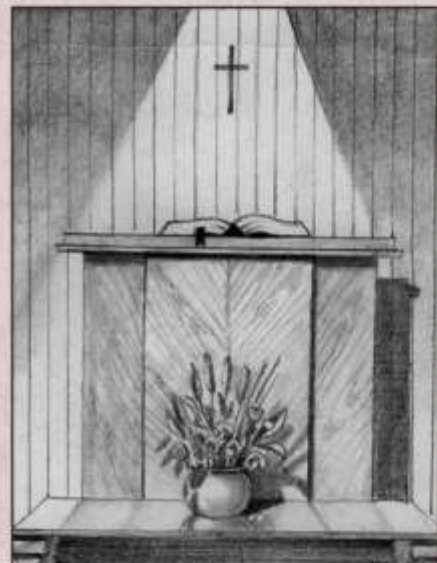
### How far have we gone?

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. 34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. (Acts 4:32-35)

The Book of Acts epitomizes the rise of the Church as Jesus started it with his apostles on the seashores of Galilee. Among the church's functions, this scripture clearly outlines the practice of the church to make sure that everyone's needs were met. In all societies of all ages there has always been a differential between the rich and poor. But the church here bridged that gap "and distribution was made unto every man as he had need." Is there any church doing that today?

Whereas this article is not to compel people to sell what they have to give to the poor to make things more equal in social strata, is its posing the question about what happened to caring for the poor. Isn't that one of the primary functions of a church? Didn't Paul say Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do (Galatians 2:10)?

Among the functions of the church there is the act of soulwinning and teaching of the Bible. It is right for church members to gather once or twice a week to go house to house and spread the gospel. And it is also right for people to be brought to church to learn the Word of God. But it



may very well be that the reason why the state has had to raise up so many social services for the poor is because the church refuses to provide for them. Compelling a poor man to "get a job" instead of helping him is not solving the problem. He may have a disability and he can't get a job like most middle class Americans. Working for minimum wage even if for 50 hours a week is not going to finance a car with a rental payment, phone, electric bill and food. Take all that and add 3 children.

Many wealthy people repeatedly criticize the poor saying they made themselves that way and they deserve everything they get. But you never know the reason why a man is homeless. He may not be a drug addict or alcoholic. He may have developed a disability that kept him from the job force. Any number of things can render a man into poverty.

Poverty can be thought of as torture. Bills mount and services are cut off. You can't keep your clothes clean. You lose your housing. You lose your property. Take all that and add some kind of physical or mental disability. The church should be doing all it can to help the poor.

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## Man's Engineering Something like the power of God?

In the Bible, men had multiplied on the earth after the Garden of Eden. They had gathered together to make a tower to heaven in defiance of God called the Tower of Babel, as is recorded in [Genesis 11:1-9](#). In this case, man wanted to express his "power" over God, which was absurd, but many times buildings are advantageous to us.

At the time of their completion in 1985, the Twin Towers were the tallest buildings in the world. At over 100 floors tall, these two buildings could have been considered the Towers of Babel of the modern age (see [Wikipedia](#)). As a representation of American power and wealth, the towers cut the skyline of Manhattan to remind man that he had a great power that was Godlike. Steel erections are common today and buildings are made in record time, defying the natural landscape that God created in the Garden of Eden.

God did not condemn the making of cities, however. As a matter of fact, He encouraged David and Solomon to build up Jerusalem and Judah. And [New Jerusalem](#) is a city built by God. It may be possible also that the angels built cities in heaven. But far too often, mankind latches onto the power that comes from the massive structure and feels he can outdo God. Corporate greed comes from CEOs that have buildings behind them along with a multi-million dollar income. A man is supposed to have a house, but when that house becomes a mansion he sometimes gets a big head. The buildings will go up, but lets just hope that mankind can keep his ego down.



## Jonah's Reluctance

God uses a miracle in the sea to bring about a change of mind

In [Jonah 1-2](#), the Bible gives us an account of a prophet, Jonah, who was reluctant to do the will of God because of his anger towards the people God sent him to preach to. Jonah felt that the Ninevites were wicked and didn't deserve the gospel, so he went by ship in the opposite direction God told him. The rest of the story is often told as a fairy tale, but someone who is saved and loves God and stays close to His Word understands that God can perform any miracle of His desire, even today. Jonah had to be thrown overboard from his castaway ship because of the storm, and while he was lost on the sea a big whale came and swallowed him. Jonah then spent three days in the whale's belly and was spit out on the shore. Jonah's repentance in the whale's belly is what provoked God to save him, and after his expulsion he agreed to go to Ninevah. As a result, an entire city, the first ever recorded in history, was saved by the preaching of the Messiah.

There are many stories like this in the Bible that give the secular humanist fuel to criticize God's word. Nevertheless, it takes the right kind of Christian to understand they are not just nice stories to tell children, but they are historical scripture. The Parting of the Red Sea along with Moses' great plagues is another incidence of miracles that are so powerful they seem unbelievable.

Sometimes God will get ahold of you to persuade you to change your mind about something you are wrong about. He may not send a whale, but he could send a hardship. If you take a moment to examine your life when you have a hardship, maybe God is giving you time to repent before something worse comes upon you. The Christian life is not all that difficult, and God only commanded us to love him and love our brother. But far too often we get caught up in selfishness, greed, lust and many other things that make us veer away from obedience to two great commandments.



## War Series: *World War 1*

World War 1 was the result of imperialistic foreign policies by several European nations including the German Empire, Austro-Hungarian Empire, Ottoman Empire, Russian Empire, British Empire, French Republic and Italy. The assassination in 1914 of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria by a Yugoslav nationalist was the trigger for the start of the war. The major powers were then at war within weeks due to their colonies around the world, and then the conflict spread around the world. The two opposing forces of the war consisted of the Allies (United Kingdom, France and Russia) and the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy). Italy eventually changed sides, however, and other nations around the world joined forces to these two sides.

Austria-Hungary invaded Serbia and the war was begun. Germany then invaded several countries and Russia invaded Germany which brought the German march on Paris to a halt. The Western Front then made a trench line that lasted until 1917. Russia, after attacking Austria-Hungary, was forced back by Germany. The Russian Empire then fell in 1917 and they had to leave the war due to their own revolution.

In 1918 the Allies drove back the German armies and the United States entered the war via fighting in the trenches. Germany was also developing its own revolutions and agreed to a cease fire in Nov 1918 on Armistice Day. The war ended and the victory was with the Allies.

World War 1 lasted 4 years and was a display of the industrial power of the war machine the paved the way to a longer war that took even more lives—WW2. World War 1 took the lives of over 9 million combatants. A more thorough and illustrated account of the war can be found at [Wikipedia](http://Wikipedia).



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## Jesus in King David's Prophecy

### The Psalmist Records the Words That Jesus Would Utter on the Cross

Psalm 22 is David's account of Jesus' personal suffering on the cross, and it holds the prophetic words of Christ thousands of years before the actual crucifixion. You can see that by the fulfilling of the prophecy in the gospel of John 19:17-30, David



was very personal about Jesus' death.

The crucifixion was one of the many Roman designs for a man die a with a painful and long torture. The subject was reared up on a cross and his hands fastened along with his feet so that he would have to continually pull himself up to grasp air. Once he no longer had the energy to do that, he would suffocate. In Jesus' case, the Roman soldiers *nailed* his hands and feet to the cross to further the torture.

Jesus was being punished by the Jewish leaders (Pharisees mostly) for doing good works among the people and the leaders' *allegations* of his blasphemy against their god, whom they claimed was he same as Jesus' God (the same God as their "fathers" Abraham and Moses). Jesus repeatedly had told them they didn't know God because He came from God and they rejected Him (John 8:39-47). The Pharisees and other religious leaders that accused Jesus before the Roman government were basically hypocrites and often compelled the common man to laws that they didn't even keep themselves. They denounced Jesus' love for the poor as expressed by his healing of their diseases, something the Pharisees did not have the ability to do—yet the

Pharisees claimed to be the poor man's liaison to God. The foolishness of the Pharisees was made apparent by Jesus and as a result they hated him with the exception of a few of them who sided with Him like Nicodemus and Joseph. It was the anger that Jesus caused in the Pharisees by his exposing of their sin that provoked them to plan to kill Him, along with their jealousy of his ability to heal. Regardless of their plot against him, Jesus spent 3 years ministering to the poor and the others who would listen, teaching them of the things of the Kingdom of God and Heaven. The common man received him gladly, and he gave them many proverbs, those of which he explained to his apostles.

David, going back in time, was a man after God's own heart, and God revealed to him the agony that Christ would have to suffer on the cross. Jesus could have refused the crucifixion as is stated in Mark 14:36, but, because of his love for mankind (who did not often love him back), he agreed to the hideous torture. And because of his work on the cross we now have remission of all of our sins and a way to go to Heaven. All we have to do is *believe in Him* and *ask Him to save us*.

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## The Holy Spirit What Did Jesus Leave For Us?

When Jesus was here 2,000 years ago during his ministry in Israel and beyond, he brought the comfort of *God being with us*, otherwise held in the name **Emmanuel** ([Matthew 1:23](#)). There was certain amount of peace to God being among the people in physical form, a tangible God that man could see, hear and talk to. But Jesus promised man something else after he died, another form of Himself that was without physical being but dwelling within us as a *spirit*. When Jesus left us he said he would leave a **Holy Spirit** behind ([John 14](#)).



The Holy spirit that Jesus left us does not have a body, but it is a spirit inside of us if we are saved, and when we come together with it we can feel Jesus' presence ([Matthew 18:20](#)). The Holy Spirit helps us to understand scripture, and it contributes to a continual relationship with the Father and Christ himself as part of the trilogy. The Holy Spirit makes us one with nature, or God's creation, and helps us to understand the creation of God as proof of God's presence.

Nurturing the Holy Spirit means doing the things Jesus commanded us in the Bible to love God and love our brother. *Soul winning* holds a great responsibility to our relationship with the Holy Spirit. When we are not obeying God's commandments, the Holy Spirit is *grieved* and we often feel discouraged as a result. By looking at our errors and making attempts to correct them, we restore the *joy of the Holy Spirit* within us that keeps us with clear conscious with God. It also allows to exhibit the *fruits of the Holy Spirit* ([Galatians 5:22-26](#)). Our prayer time and Bible time and church also nurture the Holy Spirit by giving us communication with God and fellowship with believers.

## Anticipation of Heaven God's Promise to the Born-Again Christian

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him ([1 Corinthians 2:9](#)).

At some point in everyone's life, we come to a realization that this life is infinite and we have to contend with the concept of **death**. This idea usually doesn't occur often to a child unless he witnesses the death of a loved one or has a fatal illness. Mankind is finite in this body, and we often expect to live no longer that 70-80 years, the average life span. The way with which we handle the reality of death is a good indication of our relationship with God and our actual faith in what we believe. It is one thing to *say* that we are content and happy that we will be going to Heaven, it is another thing to actually *have faith in it*.

To the born-again Christian (the believer), Heaven is a promise that God gave us when Jesus died on the cross, and before that when the eyes of God's people anticipated that day on the cross. Either way, with the crucifixion came the promise of Heaven for those who believed on Him. If you are not sure what it means to be born-again, you may look at the many tracts I have designed on [kivbibletracts.net](#). What does the promise of Heaven mean to the believer?

Heaven can only be obtained after death, but that doesn't justify



suicide. God will take us at the appointed time, and quite possibly he has a provision for a euthanasia if our soul and body is being tormented. The martyrs may not have felt any pain before they died, and God took them to avoid prolonged suffering. But other times people do suffer. Death then is a graduation, and it becomes something good to us—it is welcome knowing we are in God's plan. Death is followed by Heaven for the believer; therefore, *all of our pain and problems in life are taken away by it*, and there will never be another wicked life like this for all of eternity. Revelation describes Heaven (the Kingdom of God to be established on the earth and the Kingdom of Heaven up above) like this: [Revelation 21:1-8](#), and [Revelation 22:1-5](#).

## War Series: Iraq

The Iraq War started on March 20, 2003, 2 years after the bombing of the Twin Towers in New York City by Al-Queda forces led by Osama Bin Laden. Regulations were posed on the Iraq government prior to the war to eliminate their weapons of mass destruction because they posed a threat to US and UK security. When Iraq failed to produce evidence of this agreement, the war was instigated.

The war started with an invasion of Iraq by the United States, the United Kingdom and smaller forces by several other countries. An insurgency then developed to oppose the coalition and newly forming Iraq government. This insurgency continues today and has caused thousands of fatalities.

Iraq government human rights abuses and a US attempt to spread democracy were other reasons why the US got into the war. Saddam Hussein was accused of being part of the Al-Queda party who is believed to be responsible for the bombing of the Twin Towers. The other new Iraqi Government executed Hussein.

In February 2009, President Barak Obama began an 18-month withdrawal of combat forces from Iraq. Obama then declared on August 13, 2010 that all combat in Iraq was ended. The remaining 50,000 troops in Iraq were left for non-combat operations. For a complete survey of the war go to [Wikipedia](#).



## Psalm 71: God's Care For Us In Old Age

It is very common for a young man to feel invincible in his youth, and he fails to understand the frailty and helplessness of old age. But it is a fact that if we do not die before we get old, we are going to deteriorate, and our bodies are rotting all the more each day. That is the result of the institution of death that came from the sin in the Garden of Eden where at one time Adam and Eve, as well as all of us, were suppose to live forever in youth.

If a man spends his life trying to obey God, he leaves behind a sweet savor in God's nose as he gets older into the years where someone else will gird him ([John 21:18](#)). Money does not guarantee sound health. Although it can contribute to good doctors and good food, there are still some things that money can not buy. The God that created the universe is the same God that can help a man on his bed of languishing ([Psalm 41:3](#)). Your relationship with God in your old age of stoic sternness about the bitterness of life ([Ecclesiastes Chapter 1](#)) will have a great deal to do with your joy in your elderly years and how well God takes care of you. Nurturing the Holy Spirit from

the time of a man's youth puts him in bracket in his helpless old age where God carries him in his arms. As the psalmist says, "Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth" ([Psalm 71:9](#)).

Many, many old people are forgotten about in their elderly years. Sometimes even family members do not heed to the call of the elderly, and many elderly do not have family members to take care of them. The result is nursing homes where people are *paid* to care about he old folks. Many nursing homes do not love the elderly, but they can only follow protocol to care of them. In one's old age, love does matter, and many poor old people fail to get love. One can only hope that God will provide for an old person and the system is set on helping them.

A man's younger years need to be spent serving God so that he is in a place to be blessed in his old age. Time spent by a young person with the elderly is reciprocated by God.



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## Which Church Do I Go To?

### Forsake not the Assembly of Yourselves

After a person gets saved, he is best able to grow by finding a good, KJV Bible-believing church with a reputable pastor. Since there are so many churches out there, and many of them born-again churches, there should be a criteria that one should use to choose a church that is going to best represent the church that Jesus started on the seashores of Galilee. There are few things the new believer should look for.

1. **The church should be a KJV only church:** there are over 100 translations of the Bible, and only one can be right. [The 1611 KJV Bible](#) is what founded America, and it is the Word of God in the English language. A church should only use a KJV, not the KJV in conjunction with other Bibles.
2. **The Baptists remained the closest to the teachings of Christ:** Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, that makes him a Baptist, and this church has suffered the most persecution for remaining as close as possible to the teachings of the KJV (and in times past the [Textus Receptus](#)).
3. **The church should have scheduled church-wide soul winning days:** beyond people going soul winning on their own time, a church should have set aside a day(s) for church-wide soul winning to encourage people to go.
4. **The church should express an interest in helping the poor by having some kind of bus ministry, van ministry or whatever the church is capable of to minister to the poor ([Acts 4:34-35](#)):** one of the greatest functions of the church is to minister to the poor both spiritually and physically. A church should have some kind of authentic affiliation to the poor and not be condemning the poor from the church's pulpit.
5. **The pastor should be reputable, hav-**



**ing only been married once and have having his family in order;** the pastor should have a good report in the community and fit the requirements of a pastor given in [1 Timothy 3:1-7](#).

6. **People in the church should be kind and welcome you openly as a first time visitor; it should be easy to make friends:** the kindness of the church members is a reflection on the spirit of the church. A pastor should be nurturing a friendly spirit.
7. **The pastor should be willing to preach against sin but avoid discouraging the people:** the pulpit is an fact a place to correct sin problems, and preaching against sin is welcome, but the pastor should not be condemning people and discouraging the poor.

There may be other things also you may be looking for in a church, but these are the things I felt were most important. If the pastor preaches from the King James and holds nothing back, he should be able to cover all of the doctrines his people need to learn and grow as Christians.

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# The Conversion of Paul the Apostle

## Jesus Presents the Gospel On the Road to Damascus

Paul the Apostle grew up at the feet of a Pharisee named Gamaliel, and he was taught in the strictest sect of the Pharisees. Since most of the Pharisees learned to hate Jesus, Paul was taught likewise. He began persecuting the Christians as a young man going from house to house and hailing men and women to prison. Paul was responsible for the imprisonment, persecution and death of many Christians when he began his days as a Pharisee. But there was something about Paul that made him different than the others; he had a certain amount of **compassion** that Jesus used to convert him.

Paul had been given papers to go to Damascus to imprison the people there, but on his way he saw a bright light that threw him off of his horse. Jesus came to Paul this way because he knew Paul's heart and the potential Paul had to be great servant for Christ. Without any rebuke from Paul, Jesus convinced him to be saved and he then humbled himself to Jesus. Paul lost his sight for quite some time before he was able to minister for God, and he spent time with the Apostle Peter and others learning about Christian doctrines.

Paul set out on his journeys as a missionary to win people to Jesus and teach the correct doctrines of Christ, and he was met with much persecution himself. It says in [2 Corinthians 11:26](#) that Paul suffered great torturing for the cause of Christ because many of his teachings opposed the teachings of the religious leaders of the providences where he went. Sometimes he was in opposition to the Jews, other times it was an opposition to the Pagans. But Paul was known as the greatest soul winner that ever lived outside of Jesus Christ.

Paul went on to write 14 of the 27 New Testament books, the most writing in the New Testament by any prophet. Many of his teachings were to set the churches in order that he had started on his missionary journeys because some of them fell into great abominations, and some of their teachings became heresy (such as the problem with the church at Corinth in [1 Corinthians 1:10-17](#)).

Paul spent a great deal of time teaching the principle of *salvation by grace and not by works* ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#)), and the book of Romans deals with this repeatedly ([Romans Chapters 3-4](#)). Far too often people feel that their good works, if they outweigh their bad works at the time of death, will qualify them to enter into Heaven, but that is not true. Good works are the expected reasonable service of a man to his God and do not qualify anyone to enter into Heaven. Salvation is the result of

faith in Jesus Christ and the work he did on the cross **only**, and it involves no other ritual or doctrine to be saved from Hell. A person has to realize that he is on his way to Hell and only Jesus can save him by washing away all of the man's sins with the blood He shed on the cross. This was one of Paul's most important messages.



**Paul On the Road to Damascus**, pencil by Jim Robinson. Although his early days were full of persecuting Christians, Paul spent the rest of his life preaching the gospel after Jesus met him and converted him. [Order print.](#)

# Tattoos and Piercings

## Their Origins and Meaning

Tattoos today are considered *body art*, and the deep-seated historical meaning of them has been lost in a candy-coated media personality. Very often people today are finding tattoos a popular culture for excitement to be a part of the in-club, whether it be a drug addition, motorcycle club, alcoholic social, or simply to keep up with peer pressure. Tattoos have always had a certain kind of mystique that some people are attracted to. But where do they come from and what was the initial intent for tattoos?

The origin of tattooing may be found in the Bible as far back as 600 BC in the days of Elijah ([1 Kings 18:20-40](#)). Elijah, the prophet of Jehovah, made a contest with the evil Baal priests to call fire down from their god on a sacrificial bullock lain over wood. The Baal Priests then tried repeatedly to call upon their god to bring fire on their sacrifice at Elijah's challenge. The Bible says **"And they (the Baal Priests) cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them"** in an effort to appease their god to get the fire. After they failed, Elisha mocked them and he called fire from Heaven on his bullock from Jehovah with ease.

Since tattooing is a form of cutting into the skin (with a needle) it is likened unto the Baal Priests cutting themselves. Tattoos are similarly an act of ritual to Satanic gods, although today those gods, or fallen angels, are disguised in attractive personalities in media. Many of the images in tattoo studios are Satanic idols used to worship demons. Marking and cutting into the body is a sin in the eyes of God, and tattoos and piercings represent the black magic of underground occults.



# The Common Denominator When Jesus Spoke: *Hope*

Although many buildings made by man may be like the buildings Jesus will erect, they are yet nothing in comparison to the glory of God's cities.

When one reads the gospels, he gets a feeling for the words of Jesus—when Jesus spoke there was something different about His words than any other man. Whereby man can make errors, and even the prophets put things into their own words (though their prophecy was without error—they were sinners), Jesus is sinless.

Jesus taught many things while he was here, and some of his lessons were hard to learn. He called sin sin, but he also showed an unparalleled love for mankind. We have to live in our world of sin—Jesus went back to Heaven. He doesn't live here. The more we hate one another and defraud one another, the worse we make this world for us and our children. And God leaves us to live in our sin. I do believe, however, that if you are saved and you fear God and try to follow His commandments, He will always help you in the most distressful times of your life when you have no control over the events of your life.

Jesus said he knew man and what was in man in [John 2:23-25](#), and He did not speak too highly of man. And to think like Him, if we could for a moment, thousands of years of man on the earth still yielded a creation that refused to fear Him in its entirety, although a portion of that creation chose to fear God and live by His commandments. The human race in general failed to honor God, and we live in our abominations. But when Jesus spoke in the gospels, Acts and Revelation, he had a sense of **hope** for the human race. That hope comes from the anticipation for Jesus to reign on the Throne of Israel where He will rule the world with the leadership of God, not

man's philosophies. That is the hope that we should anticipate every day, especially when we read the words of Christ. It seems that in everything He said there is **hope** for God's creation of man, even though man has disproven himself time and time again. Much of that hope comes from the few people who chose to fear God in history and still do today, that there might be a remnant of whom God can be pleased to bless the whole race of men. There is a lot to be said about the believer who is serving God today, and he may be the reason why we haven't had a destructive world catastrophe yet. [Luke 4:18-19](#) reflects Jesus' words of hope for us.

Jesus gave us the prophecy of the last days in [Matthew 24](#). Although it contains a great amount of suffering, it represents our trial before Jesus comes to reign and the **hope** for of the human race thereafter. In [Revelation 21:1-8](#), God gives us the glory of a New Heaven and a New Earth which is the sign of hope for us that we can anticipate every day—that when Jesus reigns it will be a glorious kingdom with no suffering, no war, no slavery, no social inequality nor discouragement.



## A Man's Testimony Being the Best You Can Be to Win Someone to Jesus

God commanded us to go soul winning, and there can be no greater gift we can give back to God than to give the gospel to others with the intent of getting them saved. But many times people are not just looking at our fervency to go soul winning, they are also looking at our **testimony**. [James 1:27](#) explains pure religion as keeping yourself unspotted from the world, which means keeping yourself from sin so that you are blameless.

A good testimony in a man is hard to find today. Most of us fall for cussing, concupiscence and many other sins that are a part of our daily life. But a man who strives for a good testimony is a prize in the eyes of God. Although a good testimony is our reasonable service to God, it renders us with potential for a blessing from God. Also, people can not point a finger of hypocrisy at us when we go soul winning if we are blameless.

The foundation of the Christian life is the four posts: Bible, prayer, soul winning and church (see [Soulwinner Issue 8 page 2](#)). If you maintain those four things and actively participate in them, there is a good chance your testimony will be sound. That way when you present the gospel, you are not being a hypocrite with whom people can point out your faults and be hesitant to get saved. It is impossi-

ble to be perfect, but we can consciously be working toward a good testimony.

Close communication with God is a way of having a sound foundation, and you get that by your prayer life and Bible reading. Bringing your needs to God in prayer and talking to him honestly, as if he is your best friend while at the same time reverencing Him as God, will help a man to confess his sins to God and make them right. The peer pressure around us is always provoking us to sin and to veer away from that which is holy and pure because the world is not holy and pure. A close tight relationship with God then reduces the chance of peer pressure effecting our testimony of doing the right thing and having the traits of a Christian.

Reading the Bible makes us knowledgeable about the things of God, the history of the world, the condition of man, and the laws God has for us to live peaceably. It is also a love letter from God, and as the article above indicates, it is a source of hope for the human race. It **is** possible for us to have a good testimony, although we are imperfect, and that testimony will go a long way in the eyes of a new convert or someone who is interested in the gospel.



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## Moses' Grandiose Miracles

### From Plagues On Egypt to Parting the Red Sea



*Moses Parts the Red Sea,*  
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One of the many miracles in the book of Exodus, the power of God is revealed by the hand of Moses.  
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It is unlikely you will find another prophet in the Bible who rendered miracles as grandiose as Moses. When he went to Pharaoh to let God's people go, for Egypt had enslaved the Hebrews for 400 years, Pharaoh refused. After God had talked with Moses who felt he was not adequate for the job as a prophet, God showed Moses the power of the rod in his hand—the miraculous ability for it to perform unbelievable acts.

Every time Moses went to Pharaoh requesting him to let God's people go, Pharaoh refused and Moses sent a plague on Egypt ([Exodus 7-13](#)). There was total of 10 plagues, each successively more dangerous than the first. All of the plagues were only on the Egyptians and did not effect the Hebrews living in Goshen.

Moses turned the rivers into blood the first time Pharaoh refused. Then Moses called frogs, and all over Egypt was there frogs, one of their gods. Then Moses hit the dust of the earth with his rod when Pharaoh refused him, and the dust turned into lice all over Egypt. Then Moses called swarms of flies the next time Pharaoh refused. Then the Egyptian's cattle were smitten with a plague and it destroyed most of them. Then God sent boils on the Egyptians at the rod of Moses, but Pharaoh still refused to let the people go. So God called hail on all the servants and cattle left in the field for those who doubted the power of God and would not return

from the field. And there was fire mingled with the hail. Still in all Moses did, Pharaoh refused to humble himself to God and instead hardened his heart and denied the Hebrews their freedom. So Moses brought locusts at the hand of God in a strong east wind, and the locusts ate up the trees. Then Moses brought a plague of darkness with the black of the night so thick it could be felt, but still Pharaoh refused him.

The last plague that Moses brought was the death of the firstborn for every home that did not have the mark of the Passover. The mark instructed the Death Angel to pass over that home and not to kill its firstborn. And that mark represents Jesus Christ today, a tradition of the Jews since the days of Moses. Pharaoh then let the people go after loosing his firstborn.

Moses went out of Egypt in haste with the people in a count over a million, and they traveled through the wilderness until they came to the Red Sea ([Exodus 14](#)). Many of the Hebrews murmured against Moses as to what he would do with the sea standing in the way. And the glory of God was revealed one more time when Moses lifted his rod in the air and parted the Red Sea. The Hebrews then crossed safely over and the pursuing Egyptian army and Pharaoh were drown in the sea when God brought the waters back on them. These great miracles parallel the creation of the world.

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# The Glory of the 7 Days of Creation

## The Proof of God Often Ignored

When a Christian starts his day, it is good for him to have a prayer life that glorifies God. One way to do that is to recognize God's great miracles, especially the miracle of the creation of the world—the most powerful of them all. In six days God created the world and rested on the seventh, and the work that he did was so expansive it surpasses human comprehension. But how many times do we take God's great majesty for granted and fail to give Him glory for it?

Many scoffers are always doubting God. Those are the kinds of people who consider the Bible a fairy tale, but they are also those who can not explain creation. The Bible involves *faith*. God said in [Genesis chapter 1](#) that light came forth from the darkness on the first day. On the second day the firmament of the heavens were separated from the firmament of the waters. On the third day God separated the land from the seas and put vegetation on the land. On the fourth day he put the stars, sun and moon in the sky. He put the fish in the sea and birds in the air on the fifth day. On the sixth day he put animals on the land and created man from the dust of the earth. Then he rested on the seventh day. The Christian honors those passages and praises God for His creation; the pagan secular humanist calls it foolishness. That is what separates the faithful Christian from the unfaithful pagan—it is all a matter of faith. The pagan has no faith in the Word of God.

Life brings adversity, for some more than others. We have health problems, financial problems, nations sway in and out of war, and there is crime. But if we stop to think about a God that created the world we might ask: is anything too hard for God? Perhaps when we have problems in life, some of which we feel are insurmountable, we might stop to think about a God who has the power to create the world also has the power to help us with our problems. It is really a matter of *faith*.



*Panther*, pencil and digital enhancement by Jim Robinson. Do you believe all the animals came from God on the 6th day of Creation? [Order print.](#)

# The Valley of Dried Bones

## Ezekiel Revives an Army

Ezekiel had his ministry during the exile in Babylon after Jerusalem was besieged between about 590-570 BC. Whereas Jeremiah, Ezekiel's forerunner, beheld the taking of Israel, Ezekiel saw the fall and restoration of Israel. Ezekiel came from a priestly family, and he was familiar with Jerusalem and its Temple. God had charged Ezekiel to be His spokesman and watchman for the exiles, and Ezekiel was primarily a preacher of repentance and judgment to the rebellious people of God's nation.

In [Ezekiel 37:1-14](#), God presents us with Ezekiel's vision in a valley. He saw a multitude of dry bones piled up in the valley and they were very dead and unmovable. God commanded Ezekiel to preach to them and revive them. And as Ezekiel was carrying out God's command, the bones came together and the flesh came upon them to a point where they assembled into bodies. And the mass of bodies formed into an exceeding great army.

Many times today the pastor of a church is presented with the chronic failure of people to be faithful to the things of God. Even though they are saved and may even be coming to church, they fail to do anything for the cause of Christ, many to the point where they do not go soul winning. God wants his people to be actively serving him, and there are a great amount of blessings that come with that service. Most importantly, God wants his people to be soul winning which is the greatest gift the Christian can give back to God. The gospel can be carried out in the city from one sinner to another.

The analogy of the dried bones being a motionless people can also be applied to a nation. In America, we have repeatedly failed to honor God the same way we honored Him in our history from the 1700's. At that time, many people were Christians and sure about their doctrine because most of the churches were the same. Today there is such a variety of religions, both the divisions of Christianity and other pagan religions, we can not seem to get a hold on God as a nation. It was America's faithfulness to God that won the world wars and kept us a free sovereign nation for 200 years. It would be best for Americans to heed the call of God's preachers at a time when she is stale, motionless and dead for the things of God.



*Ezekiel and the Valley of Dried Bones*, color pencil by Jim Robinson. Although a vision, the account of the dry bones reassembling into an army is a statement of awesome proportion about the potential for God's people to serve Him. [Order print.](#)

## King Solomon From the Greatest to the Least

In [1 Kings 3:3-15](#) Solomon was new at being King, having just been given the throne from his father David after David died. In his early years as king, Solomon was very close to God and led his kingdom with a wisdom that surpassed all other men. The wisdom he had came from God's offer to grant Solomon anything he wanted. Solomon did not ask for the lives of his enemies, nor riches, but he asked only for wisdom to lead the people. He said he was as a child and did not know how to lead. Solomon proved at that point in his life that he was a humble man who honored and feared God. Solomon is shown here as the king that decided between the two harlots' baby in [1 Kings 3:16-28](#).

The result of Solomon's humility before God was that he had the greatest kingdom in the world, and the most wealthy. Solomon dissolved peoples doubts with his famous wisdom, and the Queen of Sheba even came to prove him and found him sound ([1 Kings 10:1-13](#)). But as you read on in [1 Kings 10:14-29](#) and [1 Kings 11](#) you see that Solomon's fame went to his head, and he became very proud.

Solomon began to take wives in abundance. It says in [1 Kings 11:3](#) that he had 1000 wives and concubines by the time he had changed his mind about his humility before God. And his wives were responsible for changing his mind. Solomon began to sacrifice to other gods to appease his wives, and he built altars to them, something forbidden by Jehovah. In time, Solomon became so far from God he had completely destroyed his testimony as a humble servant of God, and his sorrow is reflected in his book *Ecclesiastes*. Solomon died very sorrowful.



*The Wisdom of Solomon*, pencil by Jim Robinson. At one time, Solomon was the wisest and most wealthy man who ever lived, but he lost his faith in God. [Order Print.](#)

In Solomon's earlier years he collected the proverbs of the day, mingled with proverbs that God had given him, and he wrote the *Book of Proverbs*. That book is still used today thousands of years later to guide us in our business transactions; everyday living, finances, health and many other facets of life. Solomon also wrote the *Song of Solomon* as a tribute to the romance between him and his wife with a dual meaning of the relationship of Jesus to the church.

## The Institution of Marriage No Longer Guided by God?

*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh (Genesis 2: 24).*

God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden to work there, and Adam's work was not grievous to him. Still, however, even with the comfort he had in the garden, God found Adam incomplete and He said *it is not good that man should be alone* (Genesis 2:18). It was in God's divine order to have a man *and* a woman, a husband and wife, as the proper form of man so that he wife could be man's help to do his work in the garden. Thus the institution of marriage has been around a since the creation of man. But what has man done to this institution over the years?

When Jesus was asked about divorce by the proud righteous Pharisees, he denounced it ([Matthew 5:31-32](#)). It is obvious then that Moses' writings to appease man on divorce was not in God's original plan for man, and Jesus called it a sin to get divorced. Yet today, divorce is commonplace, and people often marry with the premise that if it doesn't work out there will be a divorce. In addition to this, very often God is not and never was a part of the marriage because the couple do not seek God on a daily basis and instead they rely on material things to make their marriage work. A woman will marry a man for the income he receives, and a man will marry a woman for the same reason. The meaning of romantic love has since changed from the Garden of Eden, except for those who understand its Biblical meaning.

A marriage guided by the principles of the Bible is a marriage that has potential to be successful, but other secular philosophies guiding a marriage are eliminating the blessing and power of God in troubled times.



*Cornelius and His Wife*, oil by Jim Robinson. Since the beginning of the world God meant for married couples to stay together. [Order Print.](#)



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## Giving the Gospel With No Barrier The Poor, the Wealthy, Races, Nationalities and Jesus Christ

The Bible says in Mark 16:15, *Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.* Jesus told his disciples that after he had appeared to them when he resurrected. He placed no limit on the people that we can win to the Lord.

There is never a person that is not qualified to receive the gospel. It surpasses all racial, economic, personality and situational barriers. The Catholic nun needs to be saved as much as the drunk. Whereas the nun spent her life serving God, if she did not trust Christ to go to Heaven she will not go to Heaven. The drunk otherwise lived his life as a scoundrel, but his chronic denial of the glory of God does not dismiss the existence of God and the requirement to be saved, though it may to him.

The greatest gift any man can give back to God is to win a soul to Jesus Christ. It doesn't require any money, and if you can not get your hands on tracts it doesn't even require tracts. If a man feels he can not tithe like he wants to because of his living expenses, he can still tithe his time soul winning. If a man feels his is living in sin and he is trying to conquer it but failing, he can still go soul winning. If a man is having a difficult time with his family or his spouse and can not seem to rectify it, he can still go soul winning and make himself available for God's blessing. There is never an excuse not to go soul winning.

The poor need the gospel. Jesus said *the poor have the gospel preached to them* when he was reporting to John the Baptist proof of Himself. Taking your tracts to a city bus stop where people commonly come from low income homes is a gift you are giving back to God for His love for you. What better gift can a poor man receive than Jesus in his heart and the potential to get out of poverty with the blessings of God? Unfortunately today, many poor people have become stoic with the philosophies of the secular humanist on television and radio, and they have a very negative



attitude toward God. Yet many others are receptive to the gospel and have not been contaminated with paganism.

The wealthy need the gospel. Far too often the wealthy and middle class have learned to rely on their material possessions solely for their fate in life, and they have rejected the spiritual things of God. It is easy for a wealthy or middle class man to rely on his material things because they bring him a tangible comfort. A poor man has no material things with which to rely on. But a wealthy man who realizes there is more to life than material possessions can come to the knowledge of Christ and the need to be saved. Many wealthy and middle class people have tagged on to the pagan secular humanist philosophies that mock God, especially mocking the miracles of God like the Miracle of Creation. Sometimes you will find it hard to surpass those philosophies when you are soul winning among the wealthy and middle class.

Finally, all cultures and races need to be saved. You will find that America is a melting pot of races and nationalities and with them come many different religions. But there will be a handful of these people that may have heard about Christianity and are receptive to the gospel.

So then, go soul winning to **all** people, and give something back to God for his kindness.

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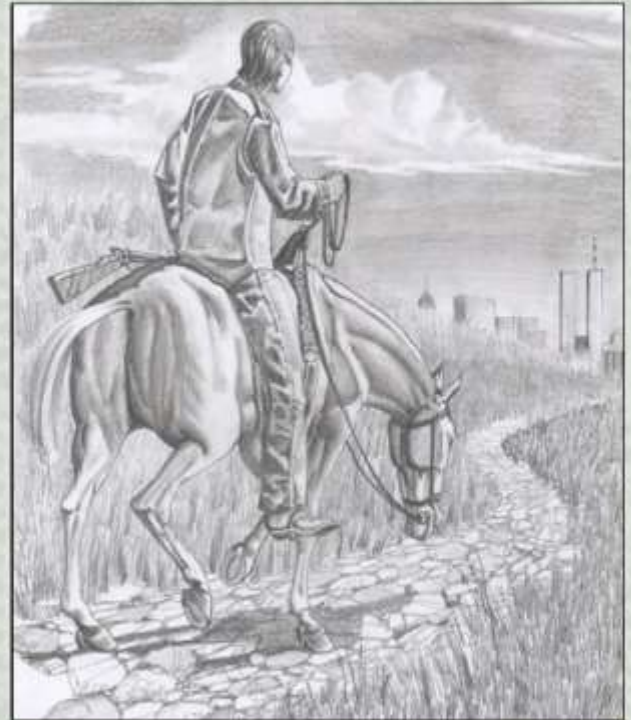
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## The Gun Control Bill An Infringement of an American Right

Congress will soon be voting on a bill to limit gun freedoms in America. This is a direct result of the recent mass-murder in Newton Connecticut where a young man entered into a grade school with an assault rifle and pistols and massacred 27 people. Concerned citizens in America want to do all they can to prevent it from happening again, but they unfortunately have opted to forfeit gun freedoms. The government is proposing a bill to limit the kinds of guns you can purchase, which seems to be good as a measure to reduce the chances of a mass-murder, but it is one more step toward the restructuring or elimination of the Bill of Rights.

Our Constitution's Second Amendment says: *2 A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.* The amendment does not give specifics or limitations as to the type of arms we can bear. To tamper with American rights because of the psychotic behavior of a micro-sample of the population is to give the wealthy leaders what they are looking for: *take away guns from the common man so you can control him.* One of the first things Hitler did in Germany prior to the war was to *take away the guns from its citizens.* Your seeing that in the making here in the free country of America.

There was a time in the Wild West when just about everyone had a pistol and took the law into their own hands. That might spell chaos now because people are not as responsible with guns, as is the case of Newton CT. Call your local representative and speak against the gun bill. ■



Owning and using a gun in the Wild West was common in America. Today the government wants to limit our right to bear arms.

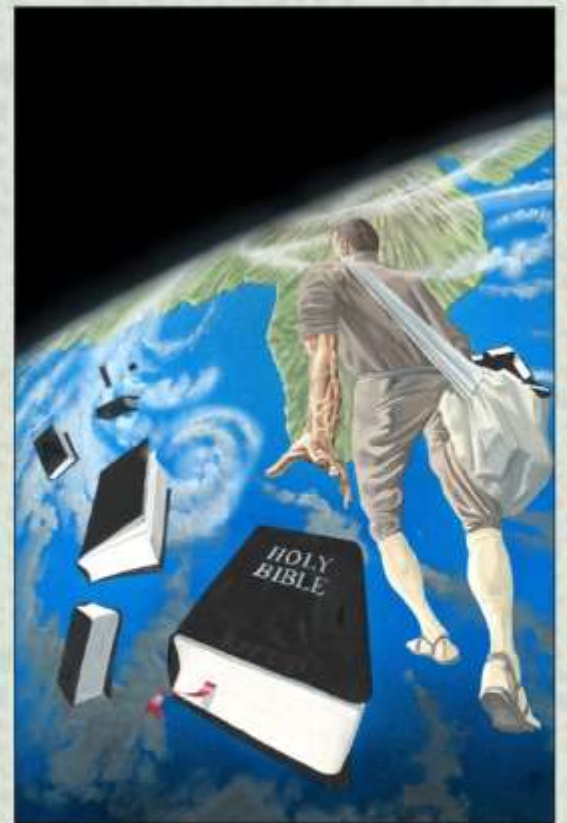
## Where Did the Seed Fall? Jesus' Parable Of the Sower

You can hand out a thousand gospel tracts in your lifetime. Out of those thousand tracts about 500 people might accept them. Out of those 500, about 300 people might be willing to listen to the plan of salvation. Out of those 300, 100 people might get saved. Out of those 100 that get saved, 10 people might be faithful to the things of God and become soul winners themselves.

People are hardly receptive to the things of God today, mostly because we are a material society. If it is not tangible or it doesn't tag onto to something tangible, we don't believe it. But if we stop to look at the good things in our life, they are a tangible representation of a Holy God. Some of us have our health. Some of us have property. Some of us have families and spouses. Some of us have good jobs. These are the tangible representations of a Holy God, though He also gives us evil things in our life as was said by Job: *"...shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord, and shall we not receive evil (Job 2:10)?"*

In [Luke 8:4-15](#), Jesus gave the parable of the sower in relation to the soul winner. The first seeds he threw out fell by the wayside and the birds ate them up. They did not produce anything. The second set of seeds he threw out fell on rocks. They were able to spring up but they withered away for there was no moisture. The next set of seed he threw out fell among thorns and the thorns choked them so they could not grow. And the last set of seeds fell on good ground and prospered—growing, multiplying and bearing fruit.

The analogy is that the seeds which fell by the wayside were people who received the gospel but refused to get saved because the devil came and took away that which was sown in their hearts. The seed that fell on the rock were people who received the gospel and may have been saved and believed for a little while, then returned to the world's temptations. Those which fell among thorns were people who got saved but got caught up in the affairs of this world (money and things), and had no fruit. And those seeds that fell on good ground were people who got saved and went to church and followed God's commandments, then later taught others how to be soul winners. ■



*Sowing the Word Around the World*, oil by Jim Robinson. How important was it to you when you got saved? Did you decide to win people to Jesus as was his commandment? [Order print.](#)

# Is There Really a Hell?

## People Doubting a Place of Torment

The Bible explains Hell and the Lake of Fire as two different places even though the terms are often used interchangeably. Hell, as described by the rich man who died and went there in [Luke 16:19-31](#), is a holding place for the coming of the Angel that will cast the inhabitants of Hell into the Lake of Fire. The Lake of Fire as described in [Revelation 20:13-15](#) as a body of molten lava underground in the earth, and it is the final destination for the sinner who refuses to get saved during his life on the earth.

There are many people who refuse to believe in Hell and the Lake of Fire. They insist that it is a fairy tale as part of the Bible to compel people to live by laws governing relationships between men. But the Bible can not be taken as a fairy tale. All of its prophecies have come to pass. The Bible is God's instruction book to man, and millions of people have been persecuted to death for the Bible.

If you read about the account in Luke 16 you see that nowhere is the event of Hell mentioned as a vision or dream, but it is a **reality**. Lazarus was the poor man in his life on the earth, and he laid at the rich man's gate full of sores, but Lazarus got saved at some point in his life. The rich man mocked God and praised his wealth. As a result, the rich man went to Hell, and Luke describes what it was like there for him. He could feel the heat of the flames. And there was no hope for him to get out or for him to warn his brothers.

Revelation describes the Lake of Fire as the place of torment forever: "...was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever (Revelation 20:10)." To be spared the Lake of Fire is to be saved. And it really doesn't take that much to be saved—just admitting to our sin, having faith in Jesus Christ and asking Christ to save us.



**Tract 9** on [jratworks.org](http://jratworks.org) explains the reality of Hell to the unbeliever. It is impossible to be saved unless you believe there is a Hell.

# The Contest On Mount Carmel

## Elija's Mockery and Slaying of the Baal Priests

In [1 Kings 18:20-40](#) the Bible tells the true story of the great prophet Elija and his contention with the evil Baal Priests of Jezebel, King Ahab's wife. He gathered together about 400 priests and challenged them. He had them put a bullock over wood on an altar and put no fire thereon, and then he told them to *call fire down from their god in heaven*. When the priests set up the bullock, they prayed all morning to their god but could not produce fire, then they started cutting themselves with knives to appease their god—but still there was no fire.

Elija mocked the Priests of Baal saying "...peradventure he (your god) sleepeth and must be awaked (1 Kings 18:27)." And Elija set up his altar by pouring water all over it and making trenches of water around it. And in Elija's powerful prayer he said, "...hear me that this people may know that thou art the Lord God (1 Kings 18:37)." And the fire came down and burnt the bullock and licked up the water that was in the trenches. Then he slayed all of the priests with his sword in the valley.

The power of Satan is on the move in our country, and we can often see it in the blatant black magic of night clubs, tattoo parlors, drug addiction, Hollywood movies and other occult practices. It also comes in a more refined form in the secular humanist circles. But we need not fear Satanism and those who serve Baal (one of Satan's fallen angels) because our God is much more powerful. The martyrs of the Dark Ages could not stop their fate of dying and torture, but the power of God lived on long after them with the coming of America which was once a Christian nation. Likewise, God will not fail the contest with a Satanist.

**Elija's Fire On Mount Carmel**, oil by Jim Robinson. Elija, knowing the power of God, made a complete mockery out of Satan's priests when he called fire down on his bullock and left them wanting. [Order print.](#)



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## Persecution Today for the Cause of Christ People Being Punished for Their Faith

The Soulwinner Newsletter has mentioned many times about the suffering of Christians in history, much of which qualified a blessing on America and other countries who refused to recant their savior to a higher pagan authority. But the same persecution is still in effect today, mostly in the form of imprisonment, for citizens of countries where there are no religious freedoms. [Persecution.com](http://Persecution.com) is a website that features many people who are currently suffering for the cause of Christ, from imprisonment to utter abuse. In over 40 nations worldwide people are being imprisoned, tortured and killed for their faith in Jesus Christ, but they continue to be a testimony for Him.



**Paul Writing in Bonds**, pencil by Jim Robinson. All throughout history and even into our modern day, Christians have been imprisoned and persecuted for their beliefs. [Order print.](#)

Many of the apostles of Jesus Christ were persecuted and killed after Jesus rose from the dead and the church was forming. Bartholomew was beheaded. James the son of Alphaeus was possibly crucified. Andrew died by crucifixion. Peter died by crucifixion. Thomas was killed with a spear. James the son of Zebedee was beheaded. Philip was martyred in an unknown way. Matthew was killed with a spear. Thaddeus may have been crucified. Simon was killed by crucifixion (from [about-jesus.org](http://about-jesus.org)). It was the Jews and Romans who killed them, many times it was because of the rising of the church and the prosperity of Jesus' resurrection.

That same pattern has been carried down through the centuries until the present day. In many nations people are today being imprisoned for their fervent faith

and they are not recanting their belief to get out of prison. In many Islamic countries, the national leadership is opposed to Christianity and Judaism and they consider it a federal offence to practice Christianity. You can see one man's example from the *Voice of the Martyrs* at [Prisoner Alert—Farshid Fathi](#).

You would be surprised to find that even here in America our faith is in jeopardy. As our country depends more and more on the secular humanist philosophy, America is increasingly opposing Christianity calling it a fanatic fundamentalist regime. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to give the gospel on the streets and in public places. See [worthynews.com](http://worthynews.com).

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## The Subtlety of Balaam A False Prophet Shows His Colors

In [Numbers 22:1-20](#), the King of Moab named Balak wanted to use God's prophet to curse God's people because they were his enemies. Balak had heard of the conquering of Sihon and Bashan by Moses and his people and Balaam was chosen by Balak to curse God's people. Balaam, however, was one of God's people. How then could Balaam bring himself to a curse?

As we read on in [Numbers 22:21-35](#), we see that Balaam insisted on entertaining the wicked Balak's offer for status and riches just to have a conversation with him. But Balaam knew that Balak was God's enemy. Nonetheless he took a journey with his ass (donkey) and two servants to see Balak, and God sent an angel to stand in the way. Balaam's ass saw the angel but Balaam did not see him, and his ass tried to warn him by refusing to carry on. Balaam then hit the ass three times with a rod, and God opened the tongue of the ass so that it spoke to Balaam, asking him why he kept hitting her after she had been so dedicated to him all these years. Then Balaam's eyes were opened and he saw the angel. He repented to the angel of his desire to follow after Balak, but God instructed him to carry on to Balak regardless and to say the things He told him.

Balaam's disobedience in [Numbers 22:36-41](#) and [Numbers Chapters 23-24](#) was complicated all the more with the sacrificing of bullocks to impress Balak, and Balaam persistently came back to



**Balaam Halted by the Angel**, pencil by Jim Robinson. Balaam's donkey could see an angel that Balaam could not see, and the donkey spoke up to warn him.

God to ask him whether or not he should curse the children of Israel. And Balaam gave a complete prophecy as a result.

Balaam was never spoken of highly by other prophets of the Bible, and he was later executed for his persistence to chide with God concerning a curse on God's people.

## Lot's Wife Looking Back at What She Lost

When Lot was traveling with his uncle Abraham, the great patriarch, they came upon a quarrel between their herdsmen. Abraham thought it best for them to part ways than to have the dissention, so Lot chose the well-watered plains of Sodom and headed that direction. Lot then settled in Sodom with his family, which is quite surprising considering that Sodom was a city given over to the deviance of homosexuality. As a result, Lot became comfortable there, but day by day he lived with the sin of the inhabitants. ([Genesis 18:16-33](#)).

God had determined that Sodom was all over wicked, and He decided to destroy it with fire and brimstone to be rained down from Heaven. It was at a point where the angels had to pull Lot away from Sodom along with his wife and daughters. Then God rained down fire and brimstone on Sodom, the neighboring city of Gomorrah, and surrounding cities. The result was a burning furnace that completely destroyed all the cities. Lot was told not to look back on the city as he was escaping it, but his wife turned around to see it and became a pillar of salt ([Genesis 19:1-29](#)). But, as it was in the days of Noah, purging homosexuality from the land in Abraham's day did not stop it from coming back today.

Lot's wife may have become so accustomed to the pleasures of the wealthy city of Sodom that she felt she was losing something. Lot likewise did not want to leave. When we become so involved in a world where other people sin, it can effect us and change our mind, and sometimes we can become like them. Lot's greatest error was in heading towards Sodom in the first place when he knew how wicked the city was, but the Bible says furthermore that he stood at the gate of the city which means Lot was a leader in Sodom.



**Lot's Wife**, color pencil by Jim Robinson. Lot's Wife was curious enough to look back on the brimstone destroying Sodom, even after God commanded her not to. She turned into a pillar of salt. [Order print.](#)



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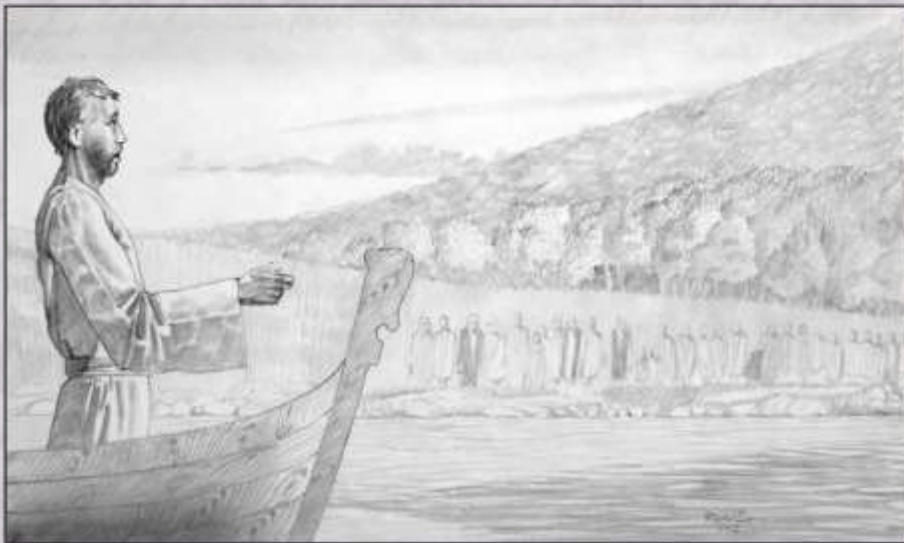
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## Jesus—God in the Form of Man Did They Understand?



*Jesus Teaching From the Ship*, pencil by Jim Robinson. Jesus taught many things to those who would listen; how many of them understood God had come to them in the form of man?

There were a group of people in the days of Christ that understood the times: God had actually come down to them in the form of a man to teach them and die for them. But it was a hard saying because even Jesus' apostles did not quite understand the sacrifice of Christ until *after* he died ([John 16:16-24](#)).

Jesus began his ministry when he was 30, and it continued for 3 years. He preached and taught in his homeland as well as other areas around Judea. He didn't travel like Paul did on missionary journeys; he stayed mostly in the same place and to where he could get on foot. And the Bible says the people thronged him, vying for his time and mostly for Him to heal their sicknesses. People came from all over to have Jesus heal disease, blindness, deafness, leprosy, and many other ills of the human body, and he has often been called *The Great Physician*. But perhaps the people did not know what they had then when Jesus was here: He was God-man in man's presence. What greater gift

could God give man? *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever shall believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life* ([John 3:16](#)).

Jesus was a great teacher, and many times he taught in simple parables so the common man could understand and the wealthy Pharisee would be left perplexed. Jesus taught about finances, loving your brother, obeying and worshipping God, marriage, and common interactions. He resolved doubts about Biblical history and laws that many times were tweaked by Pharisees. The leaders of the day wanted to keep the common man uneducated and often watered down the laws of the Bible to suit them.

Christ developed a following of thousands of people including His 12 apostles whom He called. Some of the 12 later wrote scripture, and many of the 12 died in martyrdoms. Christ ended his ministry on the earth as a sacrifice for our sins.

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## Don't Let Miracles Go Unnoticed Gods' Blessing On the Faithful Christian

I firmly believe, although this is only a matter of opinion, that to a born again Christian who is faithfully serving God nothing in his life happens by accident or happenchance, and his life is completely ordered by God. Very often, whether we are faithful or not, we have to live with the consequences of our sins, and other times God brings *adversity* into our life. The reason for adversity is to make you stronger as a Christian and give you a burden that helps you to identify with other people who have had the same experience and help them with it like a light shining in darkness ([Philippians 2:15](#)).

The Bible says in Romans 8:28: *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.* It also says in [Colossians 2:18](#) that you have a personal faith that no one can sever, not even when you find the presence of an angel. After years go by in your Christian life, when you have time to think about it, you can often see times when God brought miracles into your life as a blessing to solve a problem or give you something advantageous. You can see how things came together in your life for the better, even when you had bad things happen to you. God will show His presence with blessings that can be nothing short of miracles. I believe that God has performed miracles for us for all the 6,000 years we have been here, way beyond what has been recorded in the Bible. I believe America's success in the two great world wars were a miracle and a blessing of God on a country that feared Him to prevent an overthrow by other pagan



*David Plays a Psalm 1*, pencil by Jim Robinson. The most beautiful and humble times you will have with God will be when you discover a miracle he performed in your life in the form of a blessing. [Order print.](#)

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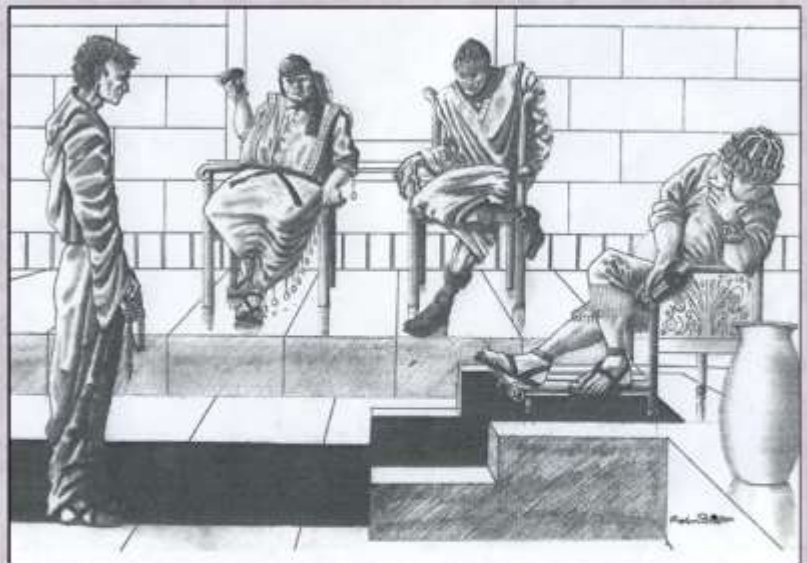
If you take some time to meditate on the presence of God in your life, then the memories of the events in your life when the only solution was a miracle from God will help you to thank and glorify Him more. It will also bring you to a closer relationship with Him as well. The situation we are in now is the result of a lifetime of blessings and adversity, and sometimes we are living with consequences of our sin.

## “Almost Thou Persuadest Me to Be a Christian” Paul Before Agrippa

Towards the end of the book of Acts ([Acts 26](#)), Paul presents his defense to the opposing forces of his ministry which included the Roman government. The Romans had taken him away from the murderous Jews that sought to kill him to hear his case in a Roman court of law. Paul was given the freedom to defend himself.

In the course of his defense, Paul was set before Agrippa, Festus and Bernice—the three Roman officials who would have something to do with the determination of his fate. Since Agrippa was the highest ranking of the three, Paul had presented his case to Agrippa by explaining that the contention he had with the Jews was concerning the matter of the resurrection of the dead and Jesus Christ; he had not offended the Roman law in any way. It was a matter of Jewish law. Paul gave Agrippa encouragement in the scriptures and the power of God, and after his discourse he said, *King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian (Acts 26:27-28).*

Paul's testimony went everywhere he did, and with it the plan of salvation. Paul was always soul winning. Unfortunately, Agrippa didn't get saved, and “almost” was not good enough. But Agrippa's decision concerning salvation was affected by his Roman paganism, though he seemed to understand Paul's argument.



People who hear the gospel and fail to get saved may still be open to it in the future, and there is always a chance they may change their mind. Being a good testimony always helps, and when you come around your listener may remember your fervent case about the gospel without you saying a word.

## Obedient Children A Blessing From God—and A Lot of Hard Work

When I was a school teacher teaching young children, the only way I was able to teach anything is if the children were obedient to the rules of respect for the teacher and each other. They were not suppose to be talking while I was, they were supposed to be paying attention and participating in the exercises. All of these rules allowed them to learn and made the classroom experience beneficial to them. It was the children who refused to obey the rules that caused the most problems for the entire class by disrupting it with their behavior.

Although I'm not a father, I would imagine it is the same way in a home. Children disciplined at a young age to obey the requests of their parents yield a productive and law-abiding adult later on in life. Much prayer went into my classroom children, and a lot of time was spent being concerned about their needs. When the child obeys and the parents do not provoke them to anger, there is potential for growth ([Colossians 3:20-21](#)).

Of the many words that a child can be taught, one of the most important and difficult to teach is the word "no." But it is probably the most simple and critical word. When a child reaches for a potential hazard like an electrical fixture, if he has been taught to stop at the word *no*, that is all you need to say is *no*. Much of this kind of training is repetitive with a slap on the hand until the child gets it right (something only a parent can do). The child will challenge and rebel, as my classroom children did, but the more you show compassion for their punishment when they do something wrong, and the more lenient you are with them, the more they will continue to disobey.



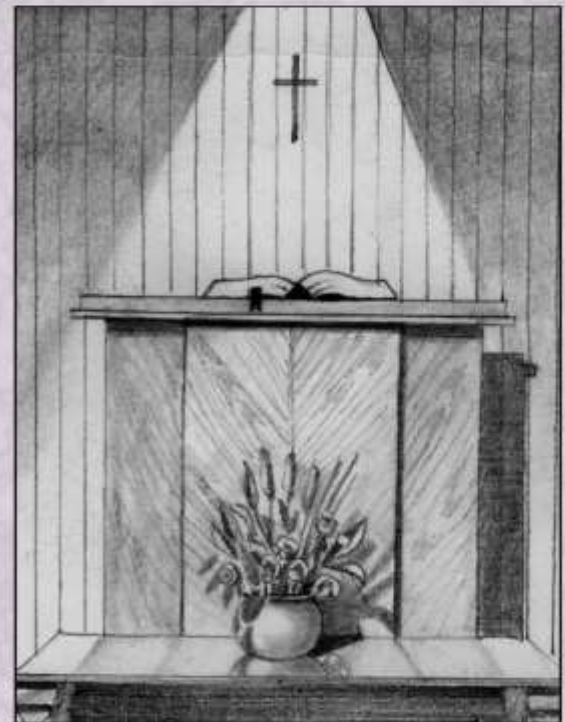
*The Field of Flowers* is a short story available on [kjvbiblebooks.net](http://kjvbiblebooks.net) about a girl's relationship with her dad.

## Doubting God as a Nation The Devil Is Making It Increasingly Easier

During America's development, many people were in fear of God and paid him reverence, but there were others who blasphemed him. By far, the majority feared God and that is why God blessed this nation. For 200 years we have enjoyed our freedom and opportunities here in America because of the bloodshed and sweat of our forefathers. But is it coming to naught?

The Statue of Liberty has a torch shining forever to welcome all people to our America. And with the nationalities that came also came their religions. They gave options to our younger generation for ways to get to their god who they claimed was God. Many times those of our young people who did not grow up with a Christina discipline followed after the strange gods. You saw that clearly with the younger generation of the Vietnam War era and the rise of the Beatles, heavy metal music, flower children, etc. Yet these gods came in different forms, some as mere philosophies that tagged on to the New Age religion. The New Age religion is the religion of the last days that depends on secular humanism or science, which explains away the God of the "foolish" (as they call it) King James Bible and replaces it with a new god—a higher power. That god is nothing short of the Angel of Light, or Lucifer. He comes as the answer to all of our problems using science.

God may have left us to ourselves when we started to rely on technology more than Him. Today there are constant medical breakthroughs, but could those medical problems have been solved by the hand of God? Even our churches today are veering away from the old-time religion and replacing it with scientific principles. We may never stop the direction we are going.



Many churches today are swaying toward New Age philosophies based in secular humanism (science) even though they may be keeping the deity names of God.



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Building in Downtown Albany, NY

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## What Ever Happened to Taylor Apartments in Troy, NY?

### Once a Bus Route for Sunday School Children

Every city and often towns and villages have low-income housing where people live in relative American poverty. American poverty is not quite the same as third-world poverty because America has programs to help the poor like welfare, social security, Medicaid and Medicare. But, compared to a middle class citizen, low income people live on the lower rung of society and are denied many of the benefits of affluency. America does have other programs for them, however, including job training agencies, scholarships for school, and many other programs to help the poor get out of poverty. But some people's circumstances are such that they never quite reach that plateau where they can get off of public assistance.

For every city that has its American poor, it has its low income housing including the projects where families grow together in relative poverty. The problems resulting from this kind of environment include the vices that arise to make money. Families often become dysfunctional, and juvenile delinquency finds its way into the youngster's life. But a church that is ministering to these people is a church that is right with God, because what they desperately need is salvation through Jesus Christ and discipling in a good, local Bible-believing church.

Once such project in Troy NY is Taylor's Apartments. Taylors are 12-story housing buildings in a set of 4 in downtown Troy and can be seen clearly as part of the skyline as you look over the river. At one time there was a thriving bus ministry there and the children came to Sunday School to learn about God and learn to fear God, but now 2 of the four projects are just dilapidated buildings as you can see by the picture. Legend has it that the buildings became infested with insects

and possibly even rats, and the city could not afford to maintain them. But where did all these families go? When the bus ministry was fluent there, of which I was a part, the little children came to church and sang songs to Jesus. They were authentically growing in the Lord. Now there is no one to bring to church and the children have moved on.

It would be my hope that the church left an impression on the children that it loved them. I also hope the church was able to disciple them and start good Christian habits in them that they can practice for the rest of their lives. Sometimes you only get one chance to affect a child with the Lord via a church.



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# The Throne of Israel

## Eagerly Awaiting Jesus' Return

The Bible makes many references to the Throne of Israel, as in 1 Kings 2:4: *That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.*

The Throne of Israel was established by David just after Saul was the first King over Israel. Saul forfeited the promises of God mentioned in the scripture here, because of his rebellion against God which resulted from the pride of his office. God promised David that as long as his seed (sons and sons' sons) obeyed God they would never forfeit the throne. But as time goes on in the Bible you will find that some kings were good and some bad, yet God maintained the Throne.

When Israel was besieged by Babylon in [2 Kings 25](#), Jerusalem was destroyed. Most of it, including the king's throne, was demised. There was no king in Israel during the captivity of the Jews in Babylon. The re-establishment of the king's throne after the people's return to Israel remains unclear.

Today, the throne of Israel is a presence spiritually, and whether or not there is actually a physical Throne where Jesus can sit I do not know. But the office still exists and ultimately Jesus will sit on his Throne to rule the world during the millennium (his thousand year reign after the tribulation) and afterward forever. But the anti-Christ will reign on the Throne for 7 years prior to Jesus coming here. The antichrist will lead the world through the 7-year tribulation.

God will preserve the Throne after his promise to David, and it will remain for Jesus to come here and reign. When Christ comes, he will relieve the world of all of its suffering and pain, and there will be only joy and praising God on the earth. It is difficult for us to imagine a world like that because we are used to a corrupt world, but in Jesus reign there will be no corruption on the earth.



*David on the Throne of Israel*, pencil by Jim Robinson. Once God established the throne with David, he promised to preserve it until the coming of Jesus Christ.

# A Soul Winner In Troy, NY

## One Man's Dedication to the Gospel

Pedestrians waiting at the bus stops in downtown Troy have a familiar face coming around with gospel tracts and the Plan of Salvation. Bill, a church member at a Baptist church in Troy for over 9 years, frequently visits the major bus city transit stops in Troy with a presentation of the gospel.

Bill got his start soul winning when a friend from church encouraged him to go about 7 years ago. It started a fire in Bill that has never been put out. Bill has been saved for 34 years, and he enjoys reading the Bible and the events at church. He sees an average of about 2 people every week recite the sinner's prayer. His common question to introduce the gospel is, "Would you like the gospel way to Heaven?" Bill's favorite verse is John 3:16.

Bill is one of a group of people that go soul winning from the church, but he goes beyond the regular church meeting times for witnessing. The church is responsible for a great amount of soul winning and door-to-door visitation in Troy and surrounding areas.



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Bill, shown here on the left handing a tract to a friend, has been faithfully soul winning in Troy for over 7 years.

## The Deity of Jesus Christ God in the Form of Man

People who deny Jesus Christ ever existed, or who say that He was just some prophet (like Islam does) or who deny that He is the Son of God also deny that *He is God*. There are many passages of scripture where God reveals Jesus' deity, that He is One of the *Holy Trinity of God*—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **The Gospel of John Chapter 1** gives a complete description of Jesus being God as it says: **1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men... 14 And the Word was made flesh; and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

Jesus was the part of the Trinity that created the world as Paul said in Hebrews 1:2 *...Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.* When Christ appeared to doubting Thomas after His resurrection and Thomas saw His pierced hands and side, Thomas said, *"My Lord and my God"* (**John 20:24-28**).

Jesus himself made reference to his own deity in **John 17** and when he asked the Pharisees: *"How say they that Christ is David's son? 42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy foot-stool,"* reciting Psalm 110:1. In The New Testament we find many



**Jesus By The Olive Tree**, by Jim Robinson. No matter how much mankind mocks Jesus, he can not change His deity. [Order print.](#)

references to Jesus being **Lord**, especially when he is referred to reigning on the throne of Israel: *And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:11).* And in many times in the book of Revelation is Jesus' deity is mentioned such as in Revelation 1:11 when Jesus said to John: *I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.*

## Cornelius, the Roman Centurion A Gentile Who Feared the God of the Jews

In **Acts 10**, there was a Roman soldier who was a centurion called Cornelius. This Roman had learned to respect the God of the Jews, and he knew something about the rise of the church after Christ had been crucified. It was said of Cornelius that he feared God, prayed to God and gave alms to the people.

Cornelius had a vision and saw an angel who recognized his fear of God and told him to seek Simon in Joppa. God would tell Cornelius what he was to do from the mouth of Simon whose surname was Peter.

The Apostle Peter at that time had a vision also. He saw a great sheet come down from heaven knit at the four corners and all types of beasts coming down the sheet. Then a voice said, *"Rise, Peter; kill, and eat."* But Peter refused being that he could not eat unclean or common animals because he was a Jew. But the voice said, *"What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common."* Peter would have not spoken to Cornelius because he was common Gen-

tile, but because of the dream he did otherwise. And when a man came to Peter saying that Cornelius' servants were without, Peter met with Cornelius in Caesarea along with Cornelius' kinsmen and near friends.

Peter then spoke in many words how God loved the Gentiles also and wanted them to be saved, and through the mouth of Peter Cornelius and his friends were saved. They also received the power of the Holy Ghost which was given to the Gentiles (the common man). The men and women were baptized thereafter.

A government caught up in pagan secular humanism can be saved and change its mind. If Cornelius can be born-again, any government official can be saved. It all depends on whether or not the official can humble himself to the gospel. Very often they will refuse the humility of the gospel for the power of their political offices, but there is never a reason why a man can not be saved.



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## Faith—The Evidence of Things Not Seen

### David's Faith In Accepting Goliath's Challenge

There is probably no greater and popular account in the Bible of courage and honor than the story of David and Goliath ([1 Samuel 17](#)). And the one element that makes it even greater is the matter of the *faith* of David in God.

While King Saul was leading his men in the battle against the Philistines in the Valley of Elah, a giant of his enemy came out. The giant's name was Goliath. Goliath challenged the whole Hebrew army to choose a man to fight with him. He said that if the Hebrew wins then the Philistines would be Saul's servants. If he won, however, then the Hebrews would be his servants. The giant presented himself every day with this challenge.

While the army was at a stand still, a young lad named David who was the son of Jesse, had his brothers there on the front line. His father told him to bring cheeses to them and to see how they fared. So David left behind his sheep, for he was a shepherd, and went to see his brothers. When he got to the war line, he saw Goliath come out with the challenge. And David told Saul he would fight with Goliath. Saul disregarded David because of his size, but David pleaded that he had protected his sheep from lions and bears with his sling. So Saul let him go. And David took no weapon other than the sling he had used for his sheep. Saul offered David his armor but David refused it.

When Goliath approached the line, David went out to him. He cursed David and mocked him, but David ran up to Goliath and slung the stone at him. The stone hit Goliath in the forehead, and the giant came tumbling down. Then David took



*David and Goliath*, color pencil by Jim Robinson. David, just a youth, was *sure* he could conquer Goliath, even when all the other soldiers feared Goliath. [Order print.](#)

Goliath's own sword and cut off his head with it. And King Saul rewarded David with his daughter as a wife.

How was David so sure that he could conquer a giant as big and fierce as Goliath when his bigger brothers and the other army men were afraid of him? David was very close to God as a shepherd, and he was obedient to this father. His closeness to God had built a faith in him, and he was *sure* when God gave him lead to do something. Although the Bible does not say it, God must have spoke to David's heart and told him to challenge Goliath, and David's success with the lions and bears that threatened his sheep fold gave him great courage. And so God had built David's faith, and, as a result, he conquered the giant for Israel.

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# Are Angels Still Here Today?

## How The Angelic Host Helps the Christian

Angels are ministers of God for man ([Psalm 104:4](#)) and they have appeared many times in the Bible to help or warn man. Has there been an angelic host on the earth since the Bible times, and if so what have they done for us? Do angels help us on an individual basis?

In the same way angelic hosts helped God's people in wars in Bible times, I believe that there were angels on the front lines in all of the major US wars. God loved America enough that He sent His ministers to help us. An angel often comes as a simple stranger ([Hebrews 13:2](#)), and I would imagine he is in-transit. Angels are men, not women, and they do not have wings.

One way we can begin to understand angels in an effort to be aware of their presence, if that is even possible (because the Bible says we entertain them unawares), is to look at angels in the Bible. Very often they came as messengers, as you can see from one of the most important messages of the great angel Gabriel to Mary in [Luke 1:26-38](#) about the birth of Jesus. In other times of the Bible, the messenger angels came with Jesus himself such as the case of Abraham in [Genesis](#)

[18:1-21](#) when the angels came to warn him about the destruction of Sodom. Sometimes Jesus is referred to as an angel. When Moses was at the burning bush with the angel in [Exodus 3:1-8](#) Jesus was the one talking to him.

Sometimes angels came for a watchman such as the one placed in east of Eden to watch the garden after Adam was expelled in [Genesis 3:24](#). Other times angels came to destroy man, such as the angel that had Herod eaten of worms after he made an oration in [Acts 12:20-25](#) and the people said that he was god. Considering all these instances of angels in the Bible, when might an angel come in our life?

I believe firmly that many times we could have had a detrimental accident, such as a car crash, but an angel deterred it. And when we do have that accident the angel makes it not as bad as it could have been. I believe angels protect us when we walk places from robbers or other detriments. I believe angels protect our homes and children. There are many instances, if you look intently, when there is a possibility of angels in our lives.



# “If Any Would Not Work, Neither Should He Eat”

## The Importance of Labor for the Christian

When God created Adam, he put him in the Garden of Eden to keep it ([Genesis 2](#)). Although the work Adam did in the garden was not grievous, God intended man to work since the beginning of time. It was the sin of Adam that made his work grievous ([Genesis 3:17](#)). Today we have to toil an 8-hour day to maintain our household, and there still never seems to be enough. Unless a man comes from a wealthy family or he obtains a large sum of money, he is most likely going to have to work until his retirement age, as is the case for most of us. Sometimes people work smart instead of hard and they often walk away with more than the toiling working class, as would be the case with the middle class. But, in general, most people today have to work to maintain a household, as Paul reminded us in [2 Thessalonians 3:10](#).

Labor unions in the United States gave greater dignity to the working class by negotiating better wages and benefits. Without a working class, nothing would be built or manufactured, nor matter how

noble the wealthy leadership class is. Many jobs, like the ironworker shown here, were given status based on risk, as an ironworker generally makes more on the hour the higher he goes on the building.

There was a time, (and even today in foreign countries) when workers were exploited in factories, including the abomination of child labor. It led to the rise of laws that protect adults and children and the passing of a minimum wage law. Some would say, however, that the current minimum wage in America is not enough to live on, especially when the worker is raising children.

Since God ordained work at the creation of man, it still stands as an ordinance with Him that we work this day 6,000 years later—even if the work is grievous. Most working class people will tell you that if you keep at it you will eventually succeed in life. And that is even more true if you're saved and serving God.



**The working class** built America in industrial plants, construction and service industries. God always blesses hard work.



## William DeFreest Is Laid to Rest March 7, 1935 to February 12, 2013

Mr Bill DeFreest, a former member of Grace Baptist Church in Troy, NY (shown here), passed away at the age of 78. He was survived by his former wife and 13 children. Funeral services were held at the Sandvige Funeral Home in Lansingburg Troy.

Mr. DeFreest entered the Navy when he was a young man and he was a cab driver in Albany for many years. Mr. DeFreest resided in the Capital District of NY area at around the time of his death.

I always knew Bill to have laughter when I saw him. Bill suffered from illnesses that put him in a wheelchair towards the end of his life. He was a soul winner and a church goer. Bill's life verse was: *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (John 14:6).* May he find peace in his new home in heaven.

## False Prophets and Teachers The Last Days Would Be Filled With Heresies

Some people may commonly ask, "Why do 'Men of God' do such wicked things?" The answer to that question comes in two parts.

Firstly, which God (or god) are you referring to? Men like David Koresh who trapped his following into a building that was ripped through and burned by the American government and many (if not all) of his subjects were killed—that kind of man has a different god. Other false prophets claim the God of the King James Bible and wrest the scripture to suit their agendas.

Secondly, the Bible foretold us, and Jesus said himself, that in the Last Days there would be many false prophets, such as in [2 Corinthians 11:1-15](#) and [Matthew 24:1-28](#). It should be of no surprise to the Christian that these false prophets would rise to create a following of people and abuse them. Jim Jones did that when he had his entire following drink a poisonous cool aid. And there will be many more.

You can see then why it is important that when you select a church to go to the pastor have some sort of good reputation in the community and be commonly known.



The Bible is a *sword* that can be used to fight Satan, but how often have men wrested the scripture to suit their own agendas? [Order print.](#)

## One Right Protects the Other Nine The Voice of the Baptists Gave America Its Greatest Rights

When the Constitution was being formed with the wisdom of our forefathers, they all had a fear of God regardless of their religions [1]. They all agreed that the most important element to the freedom of our new country was the rights that would be protected by the federal government as well as the individual. It was the firearm that the individual had and that he was responsible with that would protect his rights, his home and his family. The day that the government interfered with those rights would be the day that America would start to fall apart, and it might also be the start of a civil war. Americans would not let the government be a tyranny, as was afforded them by the second amendment.

The matter of religion in America was originally addressed by our forefathers by permitting certain Christian churches and excluding others to prevent the persecution of Europe. But it was the Baptists that convinced James Madison to represent them in their plea for the *Freedom of Religion* [1].

And the institution of the Second Amendment would prevent persecution simply with a firearm. This Second Amendment (the right to bear arms) would then protect all of the other 9 rights, especially the First Amendment which is the right to the freedom of religion, speech and the press [1].

The Baptist people had suffered the greatest forms of persecution in Europe at the hand of the Catholic church during the Dark Ages. Then called Anabaptists, they suffered for over 1,000 years from 500 AD to 1500 AD at the pope's whim from his inquisitions where he directed the mass murder of over 100 million of Bible-believing people. America became a safe haven for the Baptist as well as many other groups of people being persecuted for their faith. And we have since been known as a free country. How long we will retain these values of our forefathers remains to be seen.

[1] John Koletas— *The True Reason Behind Gun Control*



*The Minuteman*, pencil by Jim Robinson. While the British parted, George Washington's army crossed the Valley Forge and attacked them by surprise and were victorious; however, many Minutemen froze to death in the Revolutionary War. [Order print.](#)



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## The Person of Paul the Apostle An Unparalleled Oneness With God

Paul the Apostle is responsible for 14 of the 27 New Testament books of the Bible. No other prophet wrote as many books. He was responsible for winning all of Asia to Jesus Christ ([Acts 19:8-11](#)). Paul was persecuted and tortured by whipping, stoning, imprisonment and beatings yet he never lost his zeal for the establishment of Jesus' church and the preaching of the gospel ([2 Corinthians 11:22-27](#)). What is the common denominator that kept Paul going with such great enthusiasm?

Paul had the power of the Holy Spirit and he sought the things of God, spiritual things, before the things of the earth. Paul was always looking to Heaven as his reward for being saved, and the joy of Heaven in its comparison to the pleasures of earth. He said, *Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth* ([Colossians 3:2](#)). Paul's desire for Heaven was consuming to him. *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him* ([1 Corinthians 2:9](#)).

Paul said quite a bit about his desire for Heaven and the joy of knowing something better was coming for all of the saved people. He brings to mind the groaning we have for our home in Heaven in [2 Corinthians 5:1-9](#). Paul reminds us that here we are naked because we can not be clothed upon with our house from Heaven. And that as long as we are present with the body we are absent from the Lord, but there will come a day when our soul will travel to Heaven and later we will get a resurrected body. It was the promise of his afterlife that kept Paul going through all of the persecution, and he also had a love for his brother that was obvious.

Probably one of the other driving forces in Paul's personality was his desire for repentance of his former life as a Pharisee. The Bible says in the book of [Acts 26:1-11](#)



*Paul On a Ship to Rome*, pencil by Jim Robinson. Paul set his affection on things above not on things on the earth and it gave him great zeal for the work of God. [Order print.](#)

that Paul as a young Pharisee persecuted the church to a point where he was going into homes and hailing men and women to prison to be killed later on. When Paul was saved by Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus ([Acts 26:12-18](#)), he understood what he was doing wrong and he repented of his abomination. He said in [Acts 26](#): *"I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision...But shewed first unto them of Damascus...that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance."* Paul was concerned about showing the Lord he had repented, which means he had changed his mind about his sin, and he did just the opposite of what he had done before. Paul spent the rest of his life caring for and being persecuted for Christians. He started churches on his missionary journeys and cared for them until he was in his eighties.

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## Joseph—Sold Into Slavery But Forgave His Brothers

In [Genesis 37](#), the Bible gives us the account of Abraham's grandson Jacob whose name was changed to Israel. Israel had 12 sons, the 11th being Joseph who was the second to the youngest son whose name was Benjamin. Joseph was favored in his father's eyes because he was the son of his old age, and Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons. He gave him a coat of many colors of which his brothers despised. Joseph was a boy who feared God, and he was a prophet although this was unknown to his parents and brothers.

Joseph had two dreams that foretold the future. In one dream the sheaves of his brothers in the field did obeisance to his sheaves. In the other dream the sun, moon and eleven stars made obeisance to him. His brothers were furious at the dreams, and they planned to kill Joseph. Instead they threw him into a pit until the Ismeelites came on their way to Egypt, and Joseph's brothers actually sold Joseph into slavery to the Ismeelites who brought him to Egypt.

While Joseph was in Egypt, he never cursed God and he remained faithful to Him. He had done so well as a slave that his master, Pontifer, preferred him. But Pontifer's wife lusted after Joseph, and she told a lie to have him put in prison when he refused to lay with her ([Genesis 39](#)). Joseph spent years in prison, but he could interpret dreams. Pharaoh had two very grievous dreams ([Genesis 41](#)). One dream was about 7 ears of good corn on a stalk and 7 ears of bad corn, and the bad ones devoured the good ones. The other was about 7 good keine (cattle) and 7 bad, and again the bad devoured the good ones. When Pharaoh recruited the magicians of the land to interpret the dream none of them could, but Joseph did. Joseph told him there would be 7 years of plenty and 7 years of famine in all the land, and that Pharaoh needed to find a man to store food for the famine for 7 years and distribute it for the 7 years to follow. So Pharaoh let Joseph out of prison for interpreting the dream, and Joseph, sought as delightful in the eyes of Pharaoh, was given charge

over the store house for Egypt's 7 years of storing and 7 years of distribution for the famine.

At the time of the famine after 7 years of plenty, Israel, Joseph's father, had no food and he sent his sons to Egypt to buy corn, of which their brother Joseph unknown to them was in charge ([Genesis 42](#)). And when Joseph realized these were his brothers, he wept, but he treated them harshly at first calling them spies and planting traps in their bags to accuse them of stealing. After they left and returned to Egypt, Joseph made himself known unto his brothers, and invited them into Egypt with open arms. He forgave them for selling him into slavery and he told them it was for the good of Israel that now he was in charge of the storehouse and all of his family could come to live in Egypt.

Sometimes God allows adversity in our lives that we think is cruel and we do not understand it. But if a man is serving God and fears God, he need only know that God is in charge of his life. The same principle can be applied to the martyrs who were probably men woman and children who suffered the most for Christ, enduring hideous tortures for their faith. But it was their faith that brought a King James Bible and an Ameri-



Joseph is shown here perplexed in the pit that his brothers threw him into prior to selling him into slavery. But years later Joseph saved his family, and all of Israel, from famine.

## Sensuality Verses Chastity Today's Younger Generation and Courtship

Some of the greatest patriarchs in the Bible arranged the marriages of their children such as Abraham for his son Isaac in [Genesis 24](#). That is rare today in the modern age where very often there is sensuality in most public places where a young man chooses his own wife based on what his eyes see. How much are our children chaste before God? Are they chaste if they are going out to night clubs? Is that where the average man finds his girlfriend? And are not night-clubs notorious for being sexually promiscuous?

There is a lot to be said for a young woman or man searching diligently in a church for their spouse. The general thought is that a person going to church is showing some kind of piety and would most likely have the attributes of Christian values. Christian values are generally geared toward the man being a father

and husband, working hard, paying his bills and loving his wife. The woman then would be careful at home to nurture and care for the children as well as reverence her husband ([Ephesians 5:33](#)).

Today's media is littered with lewd and provocative images and notations, and as the saying goes "sex sells." It is difficult for the younger generation who are new to the world to decipher all that media information, and it is very easy for them to latch onto the sensuality created by it. Chastity then becomes a discipline of preserving your sexuality for marriage, and withholding yourself from a strange woman or strange man, (a woman or man who is not your spouse) as it says in [Proverbs 5](#). Only then can the institution of marriage take its proper course when two young people have the same values about marriage and come together.



Great With Child, pencil by Jim Robinson. Although society tempts the young adult otherwise, waiting until marriage for a physical relationship is a prize in God's eyes. [Order print.](#)

# Robbery In Manhattan

## It Could Have Been Prevented With a Gun Owned By The Victim

Someone I know has a true story about a trip he took to Manhattan that ended up in disaster. He suffers from mental illness, but his condition comes and goes and more often than not he has his reasoning abilities. He had taken a trip to Manhattan previously and he had taken his bank card for money in case of need. While he was in the city at that time, his card would not work and he didn't have the money for the trip home. He was stranded there and had to resort to the NYPD for help.

He planned to take another trip sometime in early 2009. This time he decided he would take cash with him instead of a card for the reason that the card didn't work at the pinnacle of his distress the last time. So, he packed \$2,000 to ensure he would not be stranded this time, and he also brought his debt money and money for monthly bills totaling a little over \$3,000 cash. \$100 of it was put in his wallet.

At around the time he was ready to go to NYC he started exhibiting the symptoms of hypomania, his mental health condition.

Regardless, he set off on the Greyhound for NYC to trek through Manhattan for his current reasons.

When he got there, he spent about 3 hours wandering around and finally, at around 11 pm he became lost in Manhattan. Asking people for directions became futile and he was roaming from one store and restaurant to another—but he had money. Then two African American young men stopped him on the street. They must have been watching him.

"What do you have in the bag?" one of them asked. There was a long hesitation and he asked it again. The man then took off the bag for fear of an assault that would permanently disable him, and he took out the money. He passively handed the robber the cash. Then the aggressor wanted to know what he had in his wallet. So, once again the man passively handed him the cash, and he was told to keep the cards.

Consequently not only had the man been robbed by two African American men, they had also left him no money to get a ticket



home or a hotel to get through the night.

If the victim had a legally concealed pistol, the turn out of this robbery may have been different. The old west afforded a man this right; today the government is taking it away from us.

# Places to Find, or Prepare For, a Job

## Community Resources that Should Be a Part of Every Church

Some people are in disagreement with any government program that can help a man get a job, yet they discourage the poor for not having a lucrative middle-class job and for not being able to pay his bills. Additionally, a tax base supported by people who do not depend on government programs to prepare for or get a job is usually not welcome. These same people then criticize the poor for being alcoholics, drug users, single mothers and fathers, and for utilizing welfare and health insurance programs.

This article lists several government programs that our taxes pay for to HELP disadvantaged people get jobs. There are vocational and college options listed here, including the ACCESS-VR option for people with disabilities.

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## Daniel and Revelation

### The Beasts as Representations of Last-Day Kingdoms



To left: *Daniel In the Lions' Den*, pencil by Jim Robinson. God protected His prophet even though he was at the brink of death having been thrown to the lions. To right: *The Four Horsemen of Revelation*, pencil by Jim Robinson. Jesus predicted a great amount of suffering on the earth in the Last Days, and the objects in the hands of each of these riders represents a plague.

Addressing an explanation of prophecy is always a difficult task because there are often allegories and symbols for which there is no other reference in the Bible. In general, it takes a Holy Spirit to interpret the prophecies of the Bible, and He gives each of us the same understanding (2 Peter 1:20). Those of us who are saved and read in the Bible can enjoy the interpretation of prophecies like the ones in Daniel with the power of the Holy Spirit.

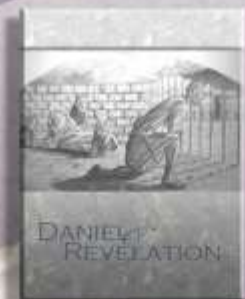
Since Daniel and Revelation are expansive studies, I can only briefly enter an explanation of some of the more prominent topics. Some of the beasts and the horses have been left out.

Probably the most important image in Daniel is the beast that represents the final kingdom to rule on the earth whereby the other 3 kingdoms get their power. That final kingdom will have one king called the antichrist, and he will be a forerunner of Christ on the Throne of Israel, and he knows he has but a short space to destroy the world. The beasts in Daniel do not always coincide with the beasts in Revelation, but the prophecies are similar in relevance to a *Last Days Kingdom*.

There are four beasts mentioned in the dream of the prophet Daniel in [Daniel Chapter 7](#). There is lion with wings as the first beast which represents Babylon, the kingdom that besieged Jerusalem. His second beast is a bear with 3 ribs in his mouth that represents Medo-Persia that took the kingdom from Babylon. The third beast in Daniel is a leopard with four heads and wings that represents Greece, the world kingdom of the ancient days before Rome came to power. And Daniel's fourth beat is a fierce demonic beast with ten horns representing the power of Rome as it ruled the world in Jesus' day and how it will be revived in the Last Days. The fierce beast of Rome will rule the other three beasts, and ten kingdoms will arise under it and it will subdue them. That king, Rome, will seek to persecute and destroy the saints of God as was seen in power of the Roman Catholic Church, especially during its Inhuman Inquisition of the 500-1500 AD *Dark Ages*. But in the end, The Ancient of Days, another name for Jesus Christ, will come to conquer the fourth beast of Rome and then Jesus will rule the saints forever. The relevance to the End Times is that these four beasts

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## The 4 Beasts of Daniel 7 World-Kingdoms of the Earth



**Babylon, lion with wings.** The kingdom that besieged Jerusalem



**Medo-Persia, bear.** The kingdom that took the rule from Babylon.



**Greece, four-headed leopard with wings.** The kingdom that ruled the world under Alexander.



**Rome, diverse with 10 horns.** The kingdom prophesied to be revived to rule the world in the Last Days



The **antichrist** will sit on Jesus' Throne of Israel as it was established in the days of King David (shown here).



The **false prophet**, much like Baalan (shown here with his donkey), would have lying wonders and perform miracles.



Could the **beast of Revelation**, which would involve computers, be a robot?

represent the four kingdoms of the Last Days—Rome of which will subdue the other three.

The 2 beasts of [Revelation Chapter 13](#) are similar to Daniel's beasts. The leopard, the first beast arising from the sea, has 7 lion heads and ten horns with ten crowns to represent power to make war with the saints. The leopard is known for speaking blasphemies against God.

The second beast is given no particular form (but is commonly represented as a dragon) other than that it has two horns like a lamb and speaks like a dragon. This beast gives power to the first beast and rears up an image to be worshipped by people on the earth. He is also responsible for the **mark of the beast** which will control all commerce, including commerce for sustenance.

In the **tribulation** of Revelation, and the preliminary times to it, there will develop a **one-world economy**, a **one-world religion** and a **one-world government** system.

In relevance to a one-world economy, you have seen the Eurodollar and its use in Europe as a common currency, and many of our transactions are now done on computer from internet banking to credit cards. A chip could develop based on your personal information, the same chip in your technology devices, which could later be put under the skin as the mark of the beast ([Revelation 13:11-18](#)). You would not be able to buy or sell without that mark.

In relevance to a one-world religion, the Catholic Church started off about 1500 years ago compelling the world to be Catholic. It may come disguised as the New Age religion, but Daniel and Revelation both speak of a Revived Roman Empire and its religion. ([Daniel 7:7-8](#), [Revelation Chapters 17-18](#)).

In relevance to a one-world government, you have seen the formation of the United Nations within the past 60 years as a negotiation tool for war and international affairs. It falls just short of being a governing body. The antichrist may find a way to lead the United Nations ([Revelation 13:1-10](#)).

The Book of Revelation pairs the **antichrist** with his **false prophet** and **beast**—the three working together under the leadership of the antichrist to rule the world. The **antichrist** is Satan himself sitting on Jesus' Throne of Israel ([Ezekiel 28:2](#)). The **false prophet** would speak great swelling words and show lying wonders and actual miracles so that if it were possible he could deceive the very elect saints ([Matthew 24:24](#)). The **beast** could very well be a robot as it

## The 2 Beasts of Revelation 13 Kingdom of the Last Days

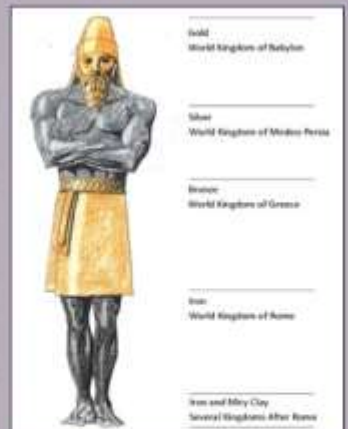


**First beast, leopard with 7 heads.** To make war with the saints.



**Second beast, dragon** (commonly). To render the mark of the beast.

## Nebuchadnezzar's Dream in Daniel 2



**Image of earth elements** to prophesy kingdoms past, present and future.

# Daniel and Revelation—Continued from page 2

fits the description of having the abilities of a computer, and it is commonly worshipped by inhabitants of the earth in the tribulation prophecy ([Revelation 13:11-18](#)).

There are yet several other beasts mentioned in both Daniel and Revelation that involve a whole other study (such as the beast of [Revelation 12](#) where the woman sits and its relevance to the Catholic Church). Regardless, I would like to just include the image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2 as it relates to the kingdoms of history and the Last Days.

The image of Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon's king) was a man-standing on a rock. His body was composed of 5 different earth elements to represent 5 different kingdom ages—past, present and future. His head was made of gold to represent the Babylonian Empire. His chest was made of silver to represent the Empire of the Medes and the Persians. His loins were made of brass to represent the Grecian Empire and his legs were made of iron to represent the Roman Empire which would rule all of the other kingdoms (a you can see the relevance to the four beasts of Daniel 7 and the two beasts of Revelation 13). His feet are composed of iron and clay to represent the kingdoms after Rome that will rule with the Rome but

the two will never mix or agree (because clay does not mix with iron).

**In conclusion,** The reign of the anti-Christ for 7 years will prove to be a great tribulation on mankind as he establishes world power. He will lure in the world with 3 and a half years of joy and plenty, then he will torture the world with 3 and a half years of tribulation such as was never before on the earth ([Matthew 24:21](#)). The born-again Christian will be spared this event because Jesus is coming to rapture him to Heaven ([1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)). We will literally rise up in the clouds prior to the reign of the antichrist, but we will experience some of the preliminaries of the tribulation before the Rapture. Have you been born again; are you ready?

A pocket-carry version of *Daniel and Revelation* can be purchased from [kivbiblebooks.net](http://kivbiblebooks.net).



Although many buildings made by man may be like the buildings Jesus will erect here, they are yet nothing in comparison to the glory of God's cities.



## The Importance of Tracts Leaving Behind a Printed Record of the Gospel

It is not required to have tracts when a person goes soul winning—but they sure do help. Tracts break the ice for strangers either at the door to their house or standing at a bus stop. They provide a printed record of the gospel, and often have a church stamp to give the soul winner some identity and validity. A verbal conversation about the gospel only goes to so far in a person's memory, but a printed tract relays all of the necessary information and scripture permanently.

Very often churches have tracts available to people for free. I have a site called [kivbibletracts.net](http://kivbibletracts.net) where you can download tracts for free (if they will not download in the Internet Explorer browser you can use the Firefox browser). You can take that pdf file and print it anywhere you see fit, preferably on a copier that can handle images well. The tract shown to the right is an **econo-tract** that lays out 6 of them on an 8 1/2 x 11" sheet. Copies are commonly .10 cents each and printing out ten copies for a dollar plus tax and cutting them down will yield 60 tracts.

You can also order tracts online, and sometimes you can find them for free. The beautiful and colorful tracts are often expensive, but they work very well. The thing to be sure about when you order tracts is that they are King James scripture and they carry the reader through the four points of salvation:

First, the reader must realize he is a sinner ([Romans 3:23](#) is often used for this). Then he must realize the penalty for sin is death ([Romans 6:23](#)). Then he must know that not only will he die, but his soul will go to Hell ([Revelation 20:15](#))

because he has to be sinless to go to Heaven. And lastly, he must realize that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for his sin so that he does not have to go to Hell ([Romans 10:13](#)). All he has to do at that point is pray and ask Jesus to save him, believing. A tract should have the sinner's prayer on it or at least the outline of the prayer.

So, try to have tracts when you go soul winning, but if there are none just be bold with your speech.



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## A Field White Already to Harvest The Bustling Streets of New York City

If you're planning on taking a trip to New York City you might want to grab some tracts to take with you—a couple hundred of them. New York is a white field ready to harvest ([John 4:35](#)), and what better way to spend your time there than to hand out tracts when you have a chance. If you reach New York City you reach the world. As a conglomeration of different socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds, the city brings in people from nations all over the globe.



When I was living in Queens Village for 6 months, I started a ministry to the [Creedmoor Psychiatric Center](#) and on the public transit. I spent a great amount of time handing out tracts and giving the salvation message. I saw about 400 people saved until I had to return upstate. Some of those people came to church with me.

The stoic nature of city life often hardens the hearts of the people and many times the tract will be refused. It is a very difficult field to harvest, but you will find some who have an interest in the Word of God. There are so many people on the subways and in the streets that you will attempt to hand out quite a few tracts.

My recent visit to New York was on a warm March day this year. I handed out tracts and visited a few landmarks while soliciting my art murals. There was one person open to a conversation, but no one was saved that day. Most importantly, the gospel message was proclaimed.



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## The Night Club—It's Your Choice Enticing the Young Adult Into Alcoholism and Lewdness

The young adult crowd today consists of people about 21-30 years old. There is a target market for them lining the streets of cities everywhere. It is the **night club**, everything from places of fine etiquette to strip joints. Instead of providing places where the young adults can come to have a pure and decent evening, the night club gives them the abominations of alcohol and lewdness to fuel their youthful fires.

Living near a capital city has afforded me the sights and sounds of the night club as I pass them on my way to a destination. Neon signs endorsing beer and liquor scream out in the dark and entice the young adult for a night inside (see picture). In some cases of good weather, streets are lined with crowds of young adults waiting to pay their door price to get into a club with a band. The women are dressed in very little and feel no shame to show off their bodies. The young men come hyped up for aggressiveness. But all of them are drinking and spending money on alcohol.

I have seen beer kegs stocked up outside of clubs during the day waiting to be carried downstairs for the weekend bash. Beer trucks park alongside the street of prominent night clubs delivering case after case of bottles. And it leads you to wonder: what kind of profit is there in it for the owner—and at what expense? Clubs fuel derelicts and leave people without money at the end of the night, especially those who can not support a drinking habit. It is also most likely that the men and women pair up at some point in their lewdness and scantily attire. Is there anything at all good about a night club?

A Christian has to come to a point of decision as to where he is going.



to go for entertainment and leisure. It is understood that some business meetings may be held at restaurants with bars, but the chronic support of a night club is not where a Christian should be as the Bible says *Abstain from all appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22)*. The Bible also has a lot to say about the consumption of alcohol: *Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise (Proverbs 20:1)*. The Bible also warns against sexual promiscuity ([Proverbs 5](#)) maintaining that when a man touches a woman who is not his wife, including a woman before marriage, it is the sin of adultery or fornication. The Christian living holy has no place at a night club.

## Winning A Catholic to Jesus Understanding Salvation by Grace—Not Works

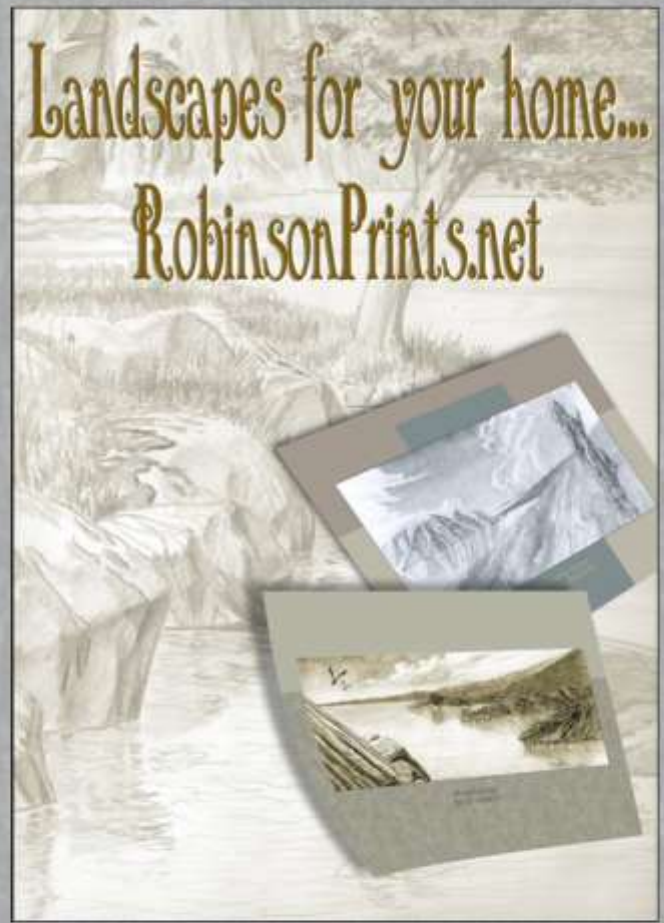
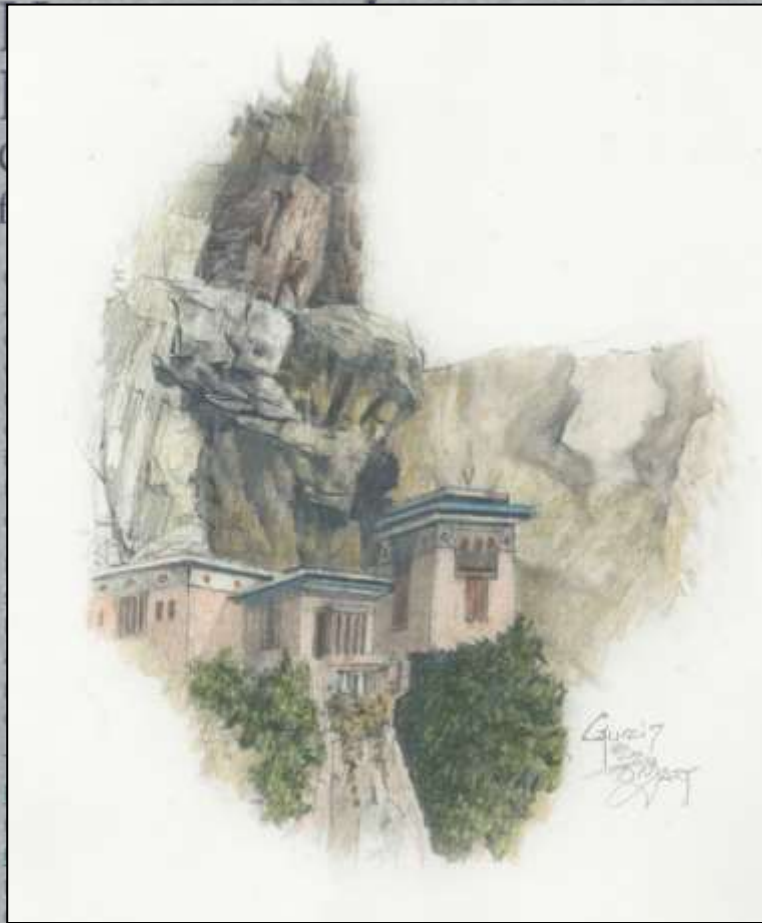
Many times in my travels on public transit I give a tract to a Catholic. They are usually quick to make that claim and proud to be so. One of the things I have to help me with my gospel presentation to a Catholic is that I used to be Catholic from my youth to young adulthood. I am familiar with some of the rituals and sacraments. This usually helps me break the ice, but even if you were never Catholic you can still identify with the religion. The Catholic religion is a **works salvation**—which means you have to work your way to Heaven, and you **never have any assurance** that you are going there.

I always give the gospel presentation the same way to everybody, regardless of their professed religion. This is because the gospel speaks for itself, and if you give it in a plain simple way (see future Issue 27) it can be easily understood by anyone, including children and adolescents. Sometime after you bring them to a point of decision as to whether or not to pray and ask Jesus to save them they may present you with their arguments about why they do not need to be saved. It is difficult for a person to accept the precepts of another "religion", especially when they have been Catholic all of their lives and come from a family history of Catholicism. But the one thing you can continue to make plain to them is that you are not trying to persuade them come to your church, you only want them to get saved. Salvation is a free gift that requires no work like penance, the rosary, the Eucharist, lent, infant baptism and other such practices. These rituals do not guarantee

Heaven even though the "father" (priest) will convince you that they help you **earn your way there**. They are rituals instituted by the men of the church itself and never taught by Jesus Christ.

The matter of idols is prominent with a Catholic, and they very often have difficulties parting with them. The idol is an object that represents the power of a false god, or the power of the church in this case. You see the chalice and the rosary here, probably the two most popular idols in the catholic church. If the Catholic can let go of these things and put their faith in an honest and real God, and the work of his Son on the cross, they can be saved. The catholic church grasps a person's very soul with idols and rituals, and it will take a Holy Spirit being presented from you to conquer this obstacle. It is therefore important that you make sure they realize their salvation comes from faith in Jesus Christ and not faith in works, idols or the church.





## “If the Foundations Be Destroyed, What Can the Righteous Do?” Gun Laws Violating The Constitution

The December 2012 shooting of 28 people by Adam Lanza in Newton Connecticut, 20 of whom were school children, has left our legislators with the opportunity to pass a bill that limits the arms Americans are legally able to bear. That law is under question by opposing legislators representing certain American people who do not want gun control based on the fact that it is a violation of the Second Amendment and criminals are going to get the guns anyway—whether there are laws or not. Many people feel that when the government violates one right it leads to the opportunity to do it again, and eventually Americans will lose their entire Bill of Rights. The Bible says, *If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Psalm 11:3)*. Our foundations in America rest in the Constitution which was formed by our Christian forefathers. What is a law-abiding citizen supposed to do when he loses these rights?

An unaccredited internet article recently highlighted a true story about a man who heard intruders coming into his home and used a shotgun to shoot and kill one of them as soon as he got in. That man, opposed by the deceptiveness of a district attorney, was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life in prison. How could the homeowner have been wrong or guilty of any crime: doesn't he have the right to protect his family with a firearm relevant to the Bill

of Rights' Second Amendment?

*The Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima* (to right) is an image of heroic triumph as it represents America's freedom as defended in WW 2. Are the wealthy leadership classes of our country going to deny *themselves* rights to guns also, or is it just a law for the common man? The victories of wars that were won by proletariat soldiers on the front lines were meant for *everybody*. Be very careful with the decisions being made by our government. Thankfully, there is a move being made by opposing political representatives against gun laws calling them "unconstitutional" and "bad decisions" made by other politicians.



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## The Story of Ruth Her Salvation in Jehovah From Paganism

The Bible gives us a beautiful story about a woman who leaves the idols of a pagan religion to be a child of God. In the book of [Ruth Chapter 1](#), there is a man named Elimelech and his wife Naomi and their two sons who are living in a famine in Israel. They then decide to go to Moab, a heathen country, to find sustenance. The race of Moabites came from a horrible sin committed by Lot as a result of his influence by the city of Sodom.

While they are in Moab, the two sons marry Moabite women. One of the wives' names was Ruth. As time passes, the famine in Israel ceases. Unfortunately for Naomi, her husband and two sons eventually die in Moab, and she then decides to return to Israel now that the famine is over. Naomi assays to leave behind her two daughters-in-law, but Ruth decides to cleave to her ([Ruth 1:16-17](#)).

Naomi and Ruth return to Bethlehem, and Naomi is very bitter about her losses. ([Ruth 1:21](#)). Naomi had a near kinsman named Boaz (of the family of her deceased husband), and Ruth asked Naomi if she could glean in Boaz' fields. Boaz then falls in love with Ruth and he gives her barley to feed her and Naomi.

Boaz then buys all of the property of the deceased husband of Naomi and her two deceased sons. Then Boaz marries Ruth and she has a son named Obed, who becomes the father of Jesse who becomes the father of David the King.

As you can see, God can use anyone for his will. Where at one time the people of Moab were cursed because of their origin, God found Ruth worthy of such a honor to be King David's great-grandmother. This is also true today for the common man. God can use anyone and restore anyone's life if we make him our God and humble ourselves to his laws.



*Lot's Wife*, color pencil by Jim Robinson. During the burning of Sodom, Lot's wife looked back and became a pillar of salt. After Lot lost his wife, he initiated the pagan nation of Moab.




*Ruth the Moabitess*, pencil by Jim Robinson. Ruth was a descendant of Moab (a cursed nation) and she chose to follow Jehovah. She married the Jew Boaz and became King David's great-grandmother. She is shown here gleaning in Boaz' fields.

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# How To Go Soul Winning

## A Guide to Giving the Gospel and Inviting Someone to Church

When we think about the God who created us and the beauty of the world, even though we are destroying it, we might ask: is there anything I can give back to God? What could we ever return to God, especially when there are few resources from which to work from? There is in fact one thing we can give back and all it requires is time: *soul winning*.

God did not delegate the institution of soul winning (or witnessing) solely to any religious leader, nor to angels, nor to Himself; He delegated it to the common man. Even though you may choose to purchase tracts, tracts only *assist* in soul winning. Tracts work very well for leaving behind a permanent printed record of the gospel, but the real work of soul winning involves the conversation you engage in with another unsaved person.

Soul winning has carried down through the last 2,000 years since the time of Paul the Apostle in the book of Acts. Paul was the greatest soul winner that ever lived - outside of Jesus Christ. Paul traveled all of Asia on missionary journeys spreading the gospel. His message was one of *salvation by grace*, not by works - as was the common belief of the Hebrews of his heritage. Paul was saved on the road to Damascus as a young man while en-route to capturing Christians for imprisonment. He spent the rest of his life preaching to the Gentiles and reasoning with the Jews and the Greeks about salvation by grace.

In a world littered with the abominations of the heathen, as well as the backsliding of the saved, life is sometimes filled with grief and misery. Many nations, including America, are cursed by God and live in the consequences of that curse. It is not possible for America to legally murder over a million unborn babies every year and still have the blessing she had as a newborn, God-fearing nation. It has been said that America is headed for an economic disaster that will render the American poor homeless and without sustenance causing mayhem in the streets. A nation that returns to soul winning is a nation that can present an argument to God to stay his hand of consequence. So one would ask: can we go back to soul winning?

America *can* go back to soul winning if it follows the right doctrine. There are so many churches today that do not have soul winning a part of their teaching. In addition, for those who do teach soul winning, some feel that they cannot be soul winners because they have a poor testimony in the community. The opposite of that is true: it is the act of soul winning that brings a man out of his poor testimony. The more one goes soul winning the more he has power over sin problems like cussing, drinking, drugging, anger, lust and laziness. With an obedient heart God can give a man the miraculous power to overcome these sins. Once a man starts down a road of soul winning and striving to live righteous, he can present his case before God for a blessing. Quite the contrary, Americans have shunned God, and the power of a righteous testimony is overcome by men believing they are gods themselves and do not need a Bible. This secular humanist philosophy rears up a barrier that has turned soul winning into a mockery of God.

Regardless of what the world thinks, John said *"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the*

*will of God abideth forever* (John 2:17). You can have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as a soul winner, and nothing can get in-between you and your Savior. A Bible and prayer time every morning, church and soul winning constitutes the four posts that hold up the foundation of your Christian life. As long as all four posts are intact, the house will not fall.

So then, if soul winning is the greatest gift we can ever give back to God, How do we go soul winning? It is really just a matter of going and knowing four basic points to get someone saved. We will spend the rest of our time studying scripture to have an answer for reasons why people question those four points. When I have tracts I usually start by asking an opening question: "Excuse me, would you mind if I gave you something to read? This is Bible scripture that will tell you how to know for sure you will go to heaven." If the person is willing to take it, then I move on with the presentation. If he refuses the tract, then I politely say, "Thank you," and discontinue the conversation. I never push tracts on people.

When a person agrees to take a tract, or if I am not using tracts, I ask him: "Would you mind if I asked you a gospel question? My name is (name) and I am from (church), and I would like to ask you: If you died today, are you 100% you would go to heaven?"

If the person answers "Yes", continue by asking, "And can you tell me how you know that?" If the person says clearly that he has accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior, then there is no need to go on further with the gospel. You may ask him if he goes to church and if he would like to come to your church, but the important task is complete.

If the person says he is saved from hell *for any other reason than by the blood of Christ* (such as he does good works, goes to church, has a good family), then you must explain to him that a man is not saved by his works but only by the blood of Jesus Christ (see tract— 3). You can then ask him, "Would you mind if I showed you from the Bible how you can know for sure you will go to heaven?" If he agrees you can continue with the material to follow. If he disagrees, then I discontinue the conversation. I never push the gospel on a person in-transit who openly rejects it if they refuse to hear more.

If the person wants to hear the gospel, present him with the four points that appear in every tract. Always verbally quote scripture when you go soul winning:

Everyone is a sinner: *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23)

The first payment for sin is death *For the wages of sin is death*(Romans 6:23a)

The second payment for sin is that the soul goes to hell and later meets the body in the Lake of Fire to burn forever : *For whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire* (Revelation 20:15)

...but Jesus died on the cross

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# How To Go Soul Winning

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and shed his blood as a payment for our sin so we could be saved from hell. We are only required to ask for salvation from hell so that we may go to heaven (there is no in-between) *Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved* (Romans 10:13).

You may at this time recite the sinner's prayer from the back of the tract, or say some form of it. Once the person says the prayer, meaning it from their heart, you should write their name and the date on the tract as a record of their salvation.

I then usually ask them a few questions to reassure their salvation such as: "Now if you had died *before* you were saved today where would you have gone? And if you die 50 years from now where will you go?" Remember, once you're saved you're always saved, but there is always a consequence for sin. Then you can proceed to invite him out to church.

Your pastor may have a method of soul winning that differs

from this, and it is always best to do it his way.

I hope that this website and excerpt will help you to have a desire to see people get saved now that we are living in the last days prophesied in the book of Revelation. May the Lord bless you for your obedience and willingness to fulfill the great commission: *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature* (Mark 16:15), because soul winning is the greatest gift you can ever give back to God!



# What is the Kingdom of God?

## Jesus' Reign on the Earth

When God created the world, he made it perfect. He also made man perfect, but he gave man his own free will ([Genesis 1-2](#)). Man created his own imperfection by sinning against God, the first sin of which was performed by Adam and Eve by eating from the tree of forbidden fruit. For the 6,000 years that man has been in existence on the earth, he has been unable to eliminate the sin of the Garden of Eden. God instituted the sacrifice of the lamb, which typified the sacrifice of the Lamb of God, who is Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins—but it did not *eliminate* sin.

If we were to use numbers symbolically, 6,000 years is a multiple of 6 which is the number of man (and 666 the number of the beast of the antichrist (man) in [Revelation 13:18](#). 7 is the number of completion and perfection, thus 7,000 years would be the time of completing and perfecting the human race. God then gave us 6,000 years on the earth to rule our own way and we failed. There is still starvation in the world, war and other forms of abuse in government and among each other. In the 7,000th millennium, Jesus would come to reign and correct all of the imperfections in the world, perhaps rebuild it, and reign here for that 1,000 year span. That would then be the Kingdom of God here on the earth, and the Kingdom of Heaven is up above in Heaven. The *new earth* (Kingdom of God) then would be constituted by Jesus rebuilding it here while he reigned for 1,000 years.

The Bible typifies the Kingdom of God as the city of *New Jerusalem* coming down from God out of heaven ([Revelation 21](#)). Revelation

likens New Jerusalem to resting here on the earth and without it are dogs and wicked people. Does that mean there will be sin in the Kingdom of God, outside of Jesus' rebuilt cities? There is no way to give a reliable final answer to that question with Bible scripture because it does not say specifically.



The Holy Spirit does not always reveal every mystery of the Bible to us all of the time. Some mysteries are held from us until a certain point in history, even though the prophecy is written in scripture. Prophecies about technology and engineering can be found in [Ezekiel 1, 10, and 26](#) which refer to conditions today. At the time they were written, those people did not understand the prophecy—they only had *faith* in it. So too is it with the prophecies of the Kingdom of God.



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## ONE SOUL AT A TIME

Mark 15:16 — King James Version 1611

*Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature*

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## Babylon the Great Is Fallen, Is Fallen A Common Prophecy On the Catholic Church

*And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. (Revelation 18:24)*

This verse (as written by John in the Book of Revelation) says that Babylon is responsible for *all* the blood shed by martyrs for Jesus, and that Babylon also has something to do with everyone else who was ever killed in history. It would be appropriate then to discover what this Babylon is.

In [Revelation Chapter 12](#), an analogy is given for Babylon as it equates to The Vatican in Rome. Rome sits on seven hills, as does the great whore of Babylon. And all of the nations of the world have had something to do with the Vatican being that it is recognized as its own nation with its own money and ambassador [1]. You can see that in [Revelation 18](#): all nations of the world have taken part in Babylon's merchandise.

Nimrod is a person in Biblical history that was a descendant of Canaan who built the city of Babylon and oversaw the erection of the Tower of Babel ([Genesis 11:1-9](#)). Nimrod's mother Semiramis was renamed Mary [1] and Nimrod was renamed Jesus by the Babylonian pagan religion when it was modified by Constantine to create a universal, or Catholic, church. That renaming among many other manmade traditions established during the Council of Trent in 1563, composed the rituals and "deities" of the Roman catholic church as it is today [1].

It is safe to day then that the Bible in end-times prophecy, when it makes mention of Babylon, is also referring to the Catholic church. [Isaiah 13](#) predicted the doom of Babylon after the Medes conquered it from



The Catholic popes of the Dark Ages were known for their *inhuman Inquisitions* where they tortured and murdered over 50 million Anabaptists and Christians. The pope is shown here with his historical, glorious horse ride on a road lined with smoldering heads from the murdered saints.

the Babylonians in Daniel's day. This is a type of the fall of the Catholic church. Revelation also gives a detailed account of the fall of Babylon in [Revelation 18](#). The Bible makes it clear that God will avenge the blood of the martyrs in the end times when the wealth and merchandise of the catholic church fails and the city, most likely the Vatican, burns ([Revelation 18:20](#)).

I was a Catholic from in my youth and young adulthood. When I got saved about 25 years ago, I found a church that believed in salvation from Hell by faith and with it came a loving pastor who taught me the Bible. I was set free of the bondage of the Catholic church that compelled me to rituals but never promised me Heaven.

[1] Jack Chick. "Are Roman Catholics Christians?"

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# Ezekiel's Prophecy On Technology

## A Prediction of the Rise and Perfection of Engineering?

The scripture portion of [Ezekiel 1](#) is an extremely complicated account of Ezekiel's Vision of Divine Glory. But is it also a prediction about technology in the Last Days? And the development of that technology over the years?

The wheel was one the greatest and simplest inventions of ancient history, and today it has been progressed to perfect automobile wheels that grip the road even in snow and rain. If the wheel then was one simple technology, the wheels within it as mentioned in the scripture could very well be the spiral (progressive) development of technologies from just the wheel (such as gears, transportation industries, gadgets, mechanisms, and engines).

The book of Revelation makes mention of the use of computer technology relevant to the beast (see [The Soulwinner Issue 23](#)). It refers to the *image of the beast* which could very well be the broadcast or internet image of the antichrist giving orders to the world via television and internet. The computer and communication technology we have today could not have even been dreamed up when the book of Revelation was written.

Since Ezekiel came before John (who

wrote Revelation), he made mention of the same technology when he talked about communicating with God's beast using his wheels ([Ezekiel 1:21-25, 2, 3:1-15](#)). That analogy of a beast may conversely serve the antichrist in Revelation, and it may be thought of as a robot (a computer with the structure and mechanics of a man).

Communication technology is only one aspect of Biblical technology as Ezekiel began prophesying about it. The nuclear warhead may often be referred to as *fire*, especially when Peter stated clearly the world would burn in the last days ([2 Peter 3:12](#)). The Bible's explanation of technology comes with a different vocabulary than what we use today.

*Top: The College of Nano-scale Science and Engineering in Albany, NY ([Soulwinner Issue 2](#)); chip portions that can be injected into the bloodstream may become a fear for the underclass subject to tempered health care.*  
*Bottom: Ezekiel and the Valley of Dried Bones ([Ezekiel 37](#)); much like Daniel, Ezekiel had much to say about the Last Days and the progress leading to them. The end result of the perfection of technology may be a pet robot that serves us—and ultimately serves the antichrist as the *Beast of Revelation*.*



# Slaying on London Street

## Black Muslims Target a White Military Man

With a longstanding vehemence that goes all the way back to Isaac and Ishmael ([Genesis Chapters 16-17](#)) the black Muslims of all countries often strive against the white race for its adherence to The Bible. Isaac was the son of promise (the son of Abraham's wife Sarah), but Ishmael was the son of Abraham's Egyptian bondmaid Hagar. The Bible makes it plain that God blessed Isaac, and he meant to bless Ishmael by making him a great nation, yet Ishmael became a curse. Ishmael felt he deserved the inheritance and had become so grieved with the loss if it to Isaac, the conflict ended up in a religion that the Muslims adhere by. Allah became God in Jehovah's stead, and with that god came the right to punish the white race as it were punishing Isaac.

We have seen proof of the Islamic nations' hate for Jews and Christians. Jews and Christians both read the same Bible (or portions of it), but the Jews never believed in Jesus having come (they believe he is yet to come). Since Jews and Christians alike honor Jehovah, the Muslims have targeted both peoples.

America was founded on the King James Bible, and our country has relatively been a Christian nation, at least until modern days when all of the religions of foreign nations of the world migrated here. The Muslims, however, still consider America a Christian nation, somewhat because many of our government principles are from the Bible. Yet



our standards before God today are not even as strict as theirs. For example, a Muslim woman generally covers her body as the Bible says she should, and Muslims generally have rules in business and relationships so that people are fairly treated. In America our woman have become so provocative and we have become so selfish that the Muslim sees us as a threat to their standards. A further complication of the problem is the conflict in Israel between the Jews and the Palestinians over property. From all angles the Muslim has been able to justify his horrible acts against the Christian and the whites in general, as is the case of the slaying on London Street. On May 22, 2013, a young black Muslim, who claims to have converted from Christianity (which is not possible unless he feigned his salvation) hacked off the head of a white British soldier in revenge against the people being killed in Muslim countries [[The NY Post, May 23, 2013](#)]. Perhaps he fails to see that the reason America and its allies invaded Iraq was because of the bombing of the Twin Towers by Muslims who high jacked two jets in 2001.

# Remembering the Cost

## By Ron Meldrum

On Memorial Day we remember those who have given their lives for this heritage of freedom we have here in the United States. Although our freedoms — such as the right to free speech, the right to bear arms, the ability to prosper in life through hard work and risk-taking, the right to have our religion protected from government abuses and control — are being undermined and reduced almost daily, our country is still the best place in the world to live, in my opinion.

I don't like to preach sermons tailored to the world's holidays. However, on Memorial Day weekend each year, I do like to bring a message, as God allows, to remind people of the spiritual heritage that has been purchased for us. I'm talking about the people who have given their lives in the name of God and free worship long before The United States was even a nation.

I'm talking about people like Lady Anne Askew who was tortured so cruelly by the Romanists in 1545 and 1546 in England that she had to be carried to the stake on which she was burned, unable to walk. Her crime? She refused to go to mass. She said, "I had rather to read five lines in the Bible, than to hear five masses in the temple." Her body chained to the stake because she could no longer hold it erect, and the wood piled about her ready to be ignited, she was offered a full pardon if only she would recant. She replied that she "came not thither to deny her Lord and Master" and at that was burned alive.

We know so little of persecution for God's sake. It's happening throughout all the world around us, yet we live here in our abundance and freedom barely concerned that our brothers and sisters are enduring the same trials as our ancestors, all for the sake of their faith in God.

I read in a magazine article that a leader in a house-church in China said, "We are such young Christians. We look up to the U.S. for living examples of how to lead Christian lives."

How disappointed our Chinese brothers and sisters must be! The typical American Christian — and I'm speaking of those who do faithfully attend church — has much to learn from our Chinese brethren.

We are so accustomed to religious freedom that, to us, persecution is being told that we can't pray before a football game, or that we can't wear our "John 3:16" shirt to work. In China, standing for Christ can mean losing your job, being arrested and/or beaten by the police, having your home taken away, being sent to a "Re-education" camp (1-5 years hard labor), or being imprisoned and tortured for years. We have so much to learn from our brethren in China and elsewhere in the world, where commitment to the Lord means more than just embarrassment or inconvenience.

Our freedom to worship has been purchased with a price, and if we lose sight of that price and those who paid it, we will lose not



only our freedom but also the special insight and awareness that comes from living a sacrificial life-conscious of the true cost of our commitment to Christ. So few of us have had to pay that cost ourselves, because other people have paid it for us.

People like the nine-year-old son of John Fetty in 1558 London. While Fetty was imprisoned by the Romanists for being a "heretic", his son went to the bishop's house to ask if he could see his father. When a priest told him that his father was a heretic, young Fetty replied, "My father is no heretic; but you are an heretic." At those words, the priest grabbed the child and amongst the priests in the bishop's house they stripped the boy and abused him, whipping the child mercilessly with a scourge until his whole body was covered in blood. The bishop, concerned that the abuse of the boy might cause some negative publicity, decided to release the father and send him home carrying the bloodied body of his child. The young Fetty boy died of his wounds fourteen days later.

People like the group of Christians meeting in a farmer's field in Islington, England, for prayer and Bible study because they did not feel it was right to go to mass. They were apprehended during one of their meetings and put in chains. Henry Pond, Ronald Eastland, Robert Southam, Matthew Ricarby, John Floyd, John Holiday, Roger Holland, and more than a dozen others were burned at the stake for daring to seek God outside of the Romanist organization.

People Like William Tyndale, who was kidnapped from his home-in-exile in Holland and burned at the stake by the Romanists. His crime? Translating the Bible into English so that all his countrymen could read it for themselves.

Yet, in all of our freedom and abundance, we are embarrassed to carry our Bible into a public place or pray before a meal at a restaurant. Have we so soon forgotten the price what was paid so that we could carry our Bible publicly? So that we could pray in public places without fear of arrest or attack? So that we could worship God on Sunday with the church and in the manner of our choice?

# Remembering the Cost

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My family can rarely go out to eat, but when we do we always pause first and pray aloud, thanking God for the meal and asking His blessing upon it. A couple years ago, a waitress approached us and said, "It's so good to see you do that — I never see people do it anymore." I was grateful that she said something to us, but when I thought more about it, her words seemed very sad. With over 85% of the people in the United States claiming to be "Christian", wouldn't you expect about 85% of the people eating in restaurants to pause and thank God for their meal before they eat? Do Christians no longer believe that it is important to thank God for a meal and ask His blessing upon it, or are we too embarrassed to be seen praying in public?

Christian, if you won't pray in a restaurant then don't get all stirred up when some official says we can't pray before a sporting event — you've already chosen your side. If you are too embarrassed to carry your Bible in a public place, then don't get upset when they tell our kids they can't bring their Bibles to school — you've already cast your vote to marginalize Jesus in our culture.

How little we understand the cost of the freedom we enjoy. How little we speak and teach of the price that was paid so that we can freely worship God and have a Bible in our own language.

When we hear or read of accounts of Christians in far corners of the world being persecuted for the Name of Christ, we should not respond "oh, those poor people," but instead understand "but for the Grace of God, there go I." Yes, we should have pity, but we should have more respect for them than pity.

We have the freedoms we enjoy today because somebody else paid the price for us.

We could look at example-upon-example of how that price was paid for us, but let's go right to the question:

What are we doing with the freedom that has been purchased

for us at the cost of blood and fire?

In India, groups of Christians go out on the streets handing out tracts and witnessing. They are often beat up by the Muslims and Hindus, sometimes daily, but you simply can't stop them from going out again and again.

In the USA, you have to plead and beg for people to go out on the streets handing out tracts and witnessing, and in most cases, you simply can't get them to go.

Why is it so much easier for an Indian Christian to go out into the streets facing beatings and death than it is for an American to go out in the face of only embarrassment?



The churches are growing in India and China, despite the persecution and lack of resources there. Yet in the USA, in the midst of our freedom and abundance, churches are shrinking and closing. Christians are multiplying in remote parts of Africa and South America where churches are advancing, but here in the U.S. churches are retreating. How can it be that people living in such poverty and destitution, under the threat of beatings and death for simply living as a Christian, are advancing the cause of Christ at an unimaginable rate, while Christians in our country, with such comparative riches, opportunity, and immense freedoms are achieving so little?

On Memorial Day, we will remember the soldiers who gave their lives for the heritage of freedom we enjoy in America today. Let's not forget to remember also those who have given their lives to purchase the spiritual heritage we enjoy today.

If we forget the price that was paid, and we treat it lightly, then it may be that we will one day lose it in our complacency, requiring our children to pay again that high cost of religious freedom.



# We've Come a Long Way

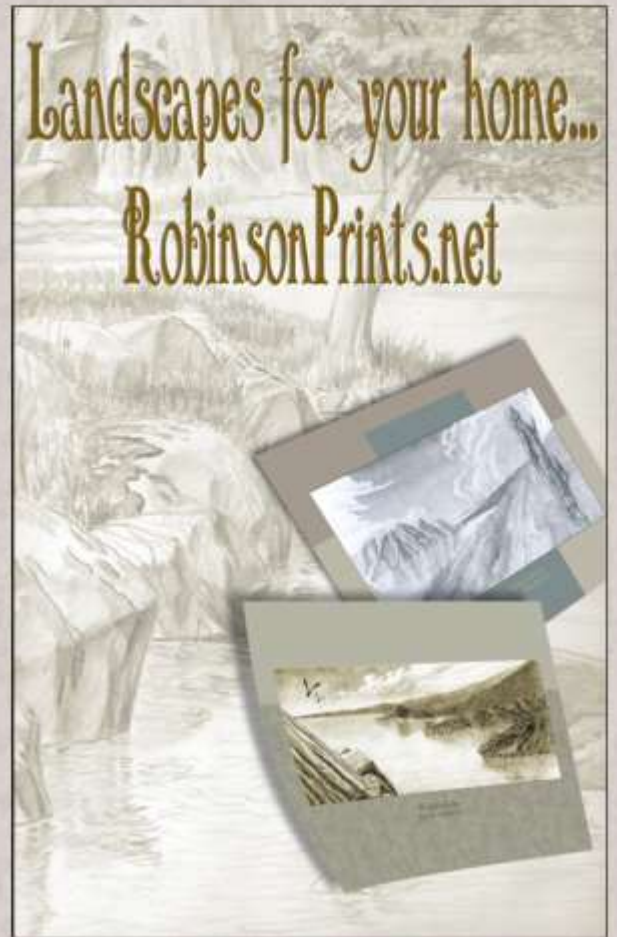
Homosexuals have so many rights today, enforced by legal action, that one has to be careful when writing an article of this kind. But it is necessary for the younger generation especially to understand the Biblical position on homosexuality, and this newsletter agrees with the Bible. *The Bible makes it clear that homosexuality is an abomination, and as such the person who decides to live a sodomite life is doing so willingly. (Genesis 18:16-33, 19:1-29, Leviticus 20:13).*



There was a time in America when homosexuality was denounced and usually one such person had to keep his behavior underground, as you can see by the video [Mike Wallace "The Homosexuals" \(1967 Recap version, YouTube\)](#). Today, homosexuals openly display their acts and proudly participate in marches; lobbying government and the passing of laws that not only protect homosexual "rights" but give them special treatment by the government and "respect" in the community.

The Baptist church has always maintained an opposing position about homosexuality, and it can be seen on the following link: [The Common Position of the Baptist Church on Homosexuality](#). But just because someone is doing something abominable does not mean you can not love them and pray for them. There have been homosexuals who have been saved by the blood of Christ and changed their lifestyles to be straight because people cared about them.

I am not promoting hate speech here, I am simply telling you what God says about Sodomites. God was not loving and permissive with them when he destroyed the homosexual cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by fire. ■



# The God of Heavy Metal Music

## Going as Far Back as the Three Hebrew Boys of Babylon

It seems that cultures of people have their characteristic music, and that would include sub-cultures. In the same way the African American has his rap and hip-hop, the Caucasian has his heavy metal, death metal, alternative rock and other forms of rock and roll that claim an allegiance to Satan.

In [Daniel 3](#) there were three Hebrew boys, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, living in bondage in Babylon, who refused to bow down to the image of the wicked king and his music. They were thrown to the fiery furnace for their disobedience, and even though God delivered them from the fire they still took the risk of torture for not worshipping the image and its music. Could we find that today?

The culture of heavy metal has been with us since the 1960's when bands like Black Sabbath blatantly defied and mocked Christian principles to earn their fame and fortune. They had a popular album called *"We sold Our Souls For Rock and Roll"*, an achievement that started an army of ghetto boys hating Jesus Christ.

Ozzy Osbourne, the lead singer for Black Sabbath once said, *"I am a*

*raging alcoholic and a raging addict and I didn't want to see my kids do the same thing."* ([Ozzy Osbourne quotes](#)). Many heavy metal stars and other rock-and-rollers died tragic deaths related to their addictions. John Bonham, the drummer for the super group Led Zepplin, died of an alcohol overdose ([Wikipedia](#)).

Heavy metal is a loud, electric sound that deliberately defies God, let alone the lyrics. The point behind it is to stir the Caucasian boy to repel church and the Bible and replace it with Satanic principles. And the result is generations of young people who are refusing the teachings of the Bible ■



Many poor kids from the ghetto learned how to play a heavy metal guitar and reached wealth and fame with it. But what was the price to pay? Did they have to sell their soul to Satan?



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## God Uses Broken Vessels A Distraught Life Can Be Made Whole

Many times when you go soul winning in the city you will find people with distraught lives. Some have been overwhelmed with alcoholism or drug addiction. Others have had legal problems. Still others can not get out of American poverty. But there are many Christian ministries and secular organizations that are available to help the distraught. At other times, people who come from relatively intact financial backgrounds have a distraught life, and the avenues they use may not be as charitable. In either case, it is the power of God that uses men to help.

God in your heart as the Holy Spirit is the answer to any man's ills. Very often we do not understand this because we are not saved; to be saved is to have the Holy Spirit living inside of us. That Holy Spirit gives us a discipline over our own behavior and God regulates our environment to help us come out of a distraught life.

In the Bible there are several stories of men and women who had distraught lives, and the power of God upon them healed them and they went on to do great works. In [Judges 11](#), Jephthah, for example, was the son of a harlot and he was much ridiculed for it by his peers. But Jephthah went on to be one of the greatest war generals in the Bible. He was made captain in the war of the Israelites against Ammon, and under Jephthah's leadership and the Lord delivered he children of Ammon into his hands.

When Christ was on the earth he walked among the Pharisees [John 8:1-11](#) tells the account of the Pharisees' efforts to corner Jesus' judgment by presenting him with a woman caught in the act of adultery. They asked him plainly if she should be stoned as was the law. Jesus stooped down and wrote in the ground and then lifted himself up and said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." And they all went out from his presence from the greatest to the least. Jesus completely forgave the woman and restored her life saying "Go and sin no more."

There are many stories in the missions and secular shelters about people who once lived a distraught life and found Jesus.



Missions all over the United States help men, women and children who have been distraught, some because of self-destructive behavior.



The prostitute that Jesus forgave when the Pharisees wanted to stone her went on to live a wholesome life.



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The Field of Flowers  
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The Voyage, The House

# Every Qualified Man Should Own a Gun

## Use Your Second Amendment Right Before You Lose It

I do not think God is very happy about war, or about a man killing a man as a result of corporate order. But God does want a man to protect his property and loved ones, and, as a matter of fact, it is a commandment ([1 Timothy 5:8](#)). A gun affords a man great power to enforce that law. Hand to hand combat with a weapon that doesn't fire is not going to give someone the same results as a rifle that can kill an intruder as soon as he passes the threshold of a door or window with the intent to rape, kill, steal or destroy.

America has made it difficult for a man to maintain his responsibility to his family. Very often, the court is in better favor of the criminal (the intruder) over the victim (the owner of the home) in a case where the intruder had to be shot. Even though the law actually gives a man increased protection for the use of his gun, sly defense attorneys for the criminal that was shot often work around that.

Regardless, it is still legal to have a gun in your home and use it if you're being invaded (as long as you qualify for the gun). If that wasn't the case, we'd have a civil war over the defiance of the [Second Amendment](#). Americans are not going to tolerate a government of men who are effeminate enough not to support our gun rights. Our forefathers were killed and maimed in wars to protect that Second Amendment.

You may not be privy to a fully automatic Uzi rifle (as shown in this illustration of the father of a home), but you certainly have the right to a rifle that carries a 9mm bullet in a single shot capacity.



# The Victorian Lady

## When Etiquette Represented Godliness

About 100 years ago in America a woman would usually never be found in a pair of pants, shorts or miniskirt, even though some women dressed like a harlot for their nights out at the saloon. The Bible says it is an abomination for a woman to wear a man's clothes ([Deuteronomy 22:5](#)). Years ago, the traditional Victorian dress covered most of a woman's body, and it often overdid it. The woman was then regarded with the upmost respect and dignity, pure and holy if she was a Christian. You will have a difficult time finding that today. Women everywhere have opted to show off as much of their body as possible to get what they want in their careers.

A man's best defense against promiscuity in a woman's garments is simply *not to look at her*. God gave a man an eye to entice him romantically, and the way he uses his eyes determines his romance. As difficult as it may be, looking away from a scantily dressed woman will eliminate the potential for concupiscent thoughts at that time or later on. Promiscuous women today have no idea how dangerous it is to wear provocative clothes. They are far too proud of their bodies by prancing them around to be concerned about the holiness of a woman that contributes to the man of God.

Our country today suffers from about 100 years of disobedience to God's command for the woman to be holy and to dress modestly. Our younger generation is having more children out of wedlock and children they did not want than ever before in America, and sexually



transmitted diseases have plagued this nation. Beyond these physical consequences, the woman has started the ball rolling with her demand for pro-choice lifestyles that abortions today may even be free and without parental consent.

It would be safe to say that Satan has deterred this nation away from God by tempting the woman to be promiscuous; and parents are now setting examples for their children for immodest dress.



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# Soul Winning Among the Crowd

## Secular Humanism Despairs the Middle-Class

At the end of May this year I was soul winning in downtown Albany, NY, and I came across a crowd of people who were on the street as a result of a fire alarm in a big office building. I passed through the crowd with my tracts and attempted to hand them out. In a crowd of about 200 people, only about 10 people accepted the tract. They said mostly, "I'm good," and politely refused the paper I offered them—with the clear introduction that I was offering them the *Gospel*.

When I was done, I crossed the street and went to a bus stop and there was about 15 people waiting, all of whom appeared to be the lower or working class (it is not often you will find the middle or upper classes riding buses in upstate NY). And as I passed through the small group *just about everybody took the tract*, some with a smile. One lady got saved while another was praising God.

Probably one of the reasons why the middle class office workers were so reluctant to take a tract (let alone have me verbally give them the Gospel), is because they have put all of their eggs in one basket. People today of any profession commonly find peace with the secular humanist philosophies formed by rising technologies that completely eliminate a God or the need for a Savior. The poor person (or struggling working-class) on the contrary has nowhere else to turn but to a powerful God that can bless them and bring them out of troubles.

As I introduced the tract as the Gospel, the middle class worker scrunched up his face in disgust, but the poor man usually had a raised eyebrow. There is no excuse for rejecting the gospel or not knowing what it is.



The Pharisees of Jesus' day were mostly reluctant to accept Jesus' teachings, even though they could not deny his miracles. As a result, very few of them believed in the Messiah that had come. They adhered to the laws of the Old Testament and many of their own laws that compelled them to a *salvation-by-works* instead of a *salvation-by-faith* in Jesus. Today, many of us are content with the contemporary complex technologies that have made life easier and more enjoyable, both at home and the work place, and, like the Pharisees, we reject the simplicity of the Gospel way to Heaven.

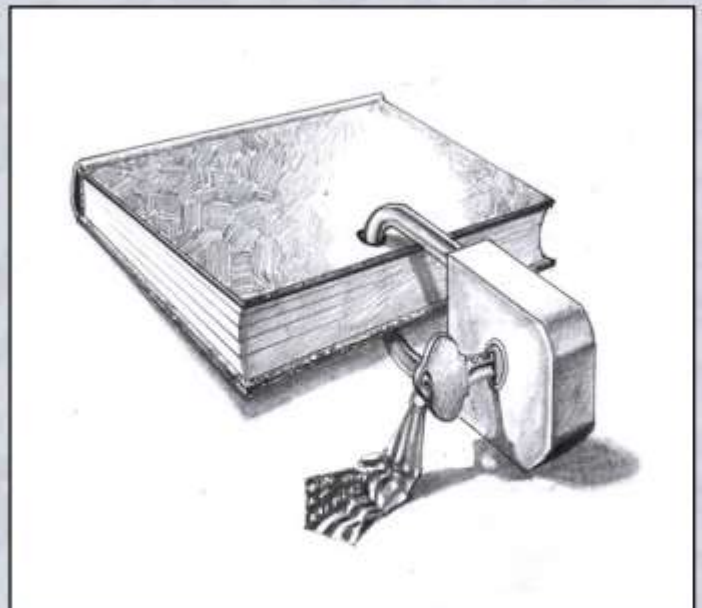
# Burning Evil Books

## Curious Arts that Form the Minds of Children and Young Adults

There are millions of books available on retailer websites, and their subjects range from the harmless to the harmful. Young people today have access to many different kinds of publications, some of which have become solely the form of electronic products such as nooks and website postings. But how much of the books out there today are the *curious arts* mentioned in the Bible in [Acts 19:19](#) that are forming the minds of our young people today?

Literature has always been a medium for the occult, and consequently black magic and witchcraft have made their way to popular youth reading. One such series would be the *Harry Potter* books which glorify witchcraft. These same books have been made into popular movies as well, but evil books have been around since the printing press was invented some 500 years ago ([Wikipedia](#)).

At one time many years ago a community would gather all of the books that were considered abominable and publicly burn them. Whereas today a practice of that kind would be considered censorship (the same idea as banning certain books from public availability), years ago it purged a community of abominable literature. The books that were burned were the same books that had the ability to change the minds of people's children to rebel the teachings they had so painstakingly taught them from the Bible. Since America is not as Christian as she used to be, the idea of censoring books has been prohibited by the [First Amendment](#). So, along with the books about the Bible there has to be wicked books that entertain lewdness and sorcery.



The argument of censorship has paved the way for America to validate the publishing of many evil books including pornography, secular humanism that degrades God, the *Satanic Bible* by Anton LaVey, and many other abominations. It is becoming increasingly harder to prevent our children and young adults from gaining access to curious arts and evil books.





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## The Conquest of Canaan Joshua's Blessing In His Old Age



*Canaan is an ancient term for a region approximating present-day [Israel](#), the [West Bank](#) and the [Gaza Strip](#), plus adjoining coastal lands and parts of [Lebanon](#), [Syria](#), and [Jordan](#).*

*Canaanites are mentioned extensively in the Bible, as well as in Mesopotamian and [Ancient Egyptian](#) texts. According to the Bible, the land of Canaan was the "promised land" which God gave to [Abraham](#) and his descendants. The Canaanites themselves, however, were considered to be the implacable enemies of the Israelites, who practiced a decadent and idolatrous religion. Contemporary archaeologists, however, see much continuity between the Canaanite population and the early Israelites, with whom they shared a common language and customs.*

*The term "Canaan land" is also used as a metaphor for any land of promise or spiritual state of liberation from oppression. [Moses'](#) journey from Egypt to the promised land of Canaan thus symbolizes a people's journey from oppression to freedom, from sin to grace.*

*-taken from [New World Encyclopedia](#)*

In the Bible, Joshua took over leadership of the Hebrews after Moses died, and during his leadership he was responsible for conquering *The Promised Land* of the Canaanites ([Joshua 23:5](#)). The Bible makes it clear that the Canaanites were an abomination to God because of their religious practices that included sexual deviance and sacrificing their children by burning them to a god called Molech, among other abominations ([Deuteronomy 20:17](#)). Joshua, as a very obedient servant of God, was very successful at conquering the Canaanite cities including the two major cities of Ai and Jericho which caused the Hebrews the most trouble. In the case of Ai, a Hebrew had saved and hid a Babylonian garment from the spoil of Jericho after the Hebrews took it, and it caused a curse on Israel when it went to the next city. Joshua then found the man who had taken the garment and he was killed ([Joshua 7](#)). Jericho posed the problem of a wall too big to get over, but God won the victory by causing the wall to fall down flat ([Joshua 6](#)).

At the end of Joshua's reign, the property of the cities of Canaan were divided up among the 9 and a half tribes of the twelve of Israel; the first two and a half had been given away by Moses to two tribes.

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# Who Really Crucified Jesus?

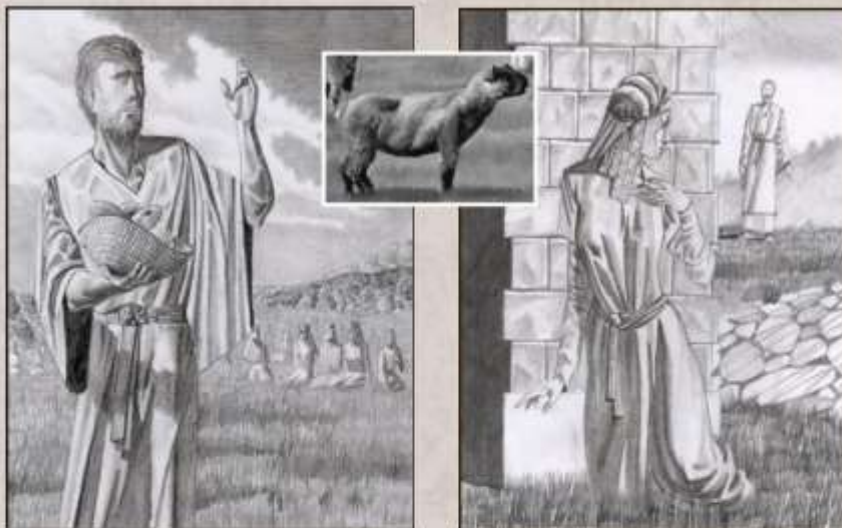
## The Responsibility for His Accusation and Death

The four gospels of the King James Bible give four accounts of Jesus' entire life, ministry, teachings and miracles. In the end of each gospel, however, a horrific account of Jesus' crucifixion is given, and we see that *Jesus came unto his own, and his own received him not (John 1:11)*.

The gospels reveal that the Pharisees accused Jesus out of envy for his miracles and fame, and they persuaded Pilate to sentence Him to death. The Romans carried out the death sentence, some with mockery and others with regret (as it was with the Centurion who believed him when he saw him die). During the crucifixion, the Pharisees successfully persuaded not only Pilate the Roman governor to negate Jesus but many of Jesus' former followers ended up chanting for his death.

Even though the Pharisees were responsible for ordering Jesus' death, in a broader sense, however, **Jesus died for all of our sins**. We all crucified Him even though we were not immediately responsible for his sentence. His crucifixion was His purpose for coming here. All of the Old Testament priestly orders culminated in animal sacrifices, especially of a lamb, and Jesus was called **The Lamb of God** for the purpose of being sacrificed. When Jesus came here, He loved people, especially the poor, and he is shown in the drawing multiplying the bread and fish to feed the five thousand. He only did good for mankind, but mankind sentenced him to death.

In the Garden of Eden ([Genesis 1-3](#)), God



▲ *The Soulwinner Issue 10* examined Pilate's contribution to Jesus' death, and it can be seen that he tried every way possible not to consent to the crucifixion—but he had to please the people and abide by the laws.

◀ Jesus came here and performed many miracles, such as feeding the five-thousand, but his main reason for coming was to be the crucified Lamb of God and be resurrected (Mary Magdalene is shown here at Jesus' tomb).

had only given Adam one negative command, all the rest were positive (such as *"be fruitful and multiply"*). His only negative command was for him **not** to eat of the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden. Satan then tempted Adam by reaching his wife, the weaker vessel. Thus they both ate of the tree and original sin was established, so much that the only remission for mankind at that point was for God to come as a man

and be a blood sacrifice, for *he the life of all flesh is the blood thereof (Leviticus 17:14)*. When Jesus was in the Garden of Gesthsemane, he prayed that God might take away his cup to drink (that he would not have to be sacrificed) ([Matthew 26:39](#), [John 12:27](#)). But he chose to submit to God, and thank the Lord that Jesus carried out the sacrifice. It is our only way to Heaven, and the only way to be saved from the fires of Hell. ■



*The premise behind the newsletter is NOT to usurp the authority of your pastor but to provide an encouragement and instruction tool for soul winning.* Excerpts about Bible scriptures from stories to doctrines are included to help the soul winner with some questions he may be asked by people he is giving the gospel to. Although evangelistic in nature, the newsletter does not constitute a religious movement or leadership. It is a counterpart to the Christian school of your church. The doctrines are Baptist and support the Baptist church, but many of them are interchangeable to other churches. The newsletter is not a part of a ministry of a church, but it does support soul winning in any church. It is advised that the reader make scripture references to supersede any statements made in this newsletter.

# “...So That They Are Without Excuse”

## There Is Never a Reason Not to Get Saved

There is a saying used commonly by judges: “ignorance of the law is no excuse.” You can not say you didn't know that what you did do or what you didn't do that you were supposed to do was wrong—it simply doesn't hold up in court. The same holds true for the gospel, as we can see by [Romans 1:18-20](#).

The Bible says that everyone will get the gospel sometime in their life before they die: *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men (Titus 2:11)*. A man can not tell God “I never knew” when he stands before Him at the judgment seat, desiring to get into Heaven. And after we die we will see that there *is* a Hell and a Heaven, and we will surely want to be spared the torture of Hell. Unless a man has had his sins washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ, he will not enter into Heaven and his only other fate is Hell. There is no in-between or limbo (commonly called *purgatory* by the Catholics). You are either saved or you are not saved, it is that clear cut and simple.

Getting saved only requires faith and the ability to humble yourself to God's Word. You may refer to one of the many salvation tracts I have designed on [jartworks.org](#) if you have never been saved before.

In mainstream society we are caught up in many secular humanist philosophies that seem to adequately explain the world using rational observations and science. But the spiritual realm is completely ignored and even degraded as many secular humanists despise the Bible. That's why they resort to the Darwinian *theory of evolution* which denies a world created by God. The only teaching we will ever get about God's personality and his rules or us to live by (to spare us trouble and please him) comes from the King James Bible. The Bible can not be understood by an unsaved person except for the plan of salvation (which commonly comes as the Roman's Road). Our attraction to scientific explanation and the making of ourselves to be gods will be no excuse after we die. The Bible says in Romans 1 that even nature itself teaches us there is a God, but the pagan scientist often can not see this simple principle because his eyes are blinded with what he calls rational facts, including his rationale for being a god himself.

When Paul wrote the book of Romans he had taken missionary journeys through Asia, and he had given the gospel to many people. No matter what reason a man had for refusing to get saved at Paul's plea, even if he said he would do it some other time, it did not make him guiltless before God after he died. ■



Paul the Apostle suffered great torment to pave the way for the world to give the gospel (he is shown in cuffs here before King Agrippa). The gospel is for *everyone* and no other religious or philosophical belief is an excuse not to get saved.



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## Soul Winning In-Transit Bus Riders Get the Gospel



*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15).*

What better way to get the gospel in people's hands than through public transit. People often conjugate at bus shelters for the ride to their destination, and many of them are open for the gospel message. People from the working class and poor generally ride the bus, and a majority of them may never have another way of hearing the good news of Jesus Christ.

In my travels on the bus routes, I have seen many many people get saved as a result of handing them a tract and giving them the words of Christ. A mother often waits with her children. Her life may have been made difficult by a father who is not around, the inability to work or find a decent job, and many other factors that make life difficult for

a single mother in a low-income neighborhood. Many times these young ladies are open to the Holy Spirit, listen carefully to the gospel and get saved. Sometimes they even follow through with church thereafter.

In the 21st Century, the media has been a prominent vehicle for Satan to pollute the minds of young people. At an age when they could be learning Bible truths, they are latching on to media idols and being filled with music and videos designed to blaspheme Jesus Christ. The young adults today are not going to find much in the way of the salvation message in the common mainstream media. God has given us, the saved who are con-



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cerned about souls, the responsibility of reaching the working class and poor where they are with a personal invitation sealed with concern. Do we have a concern for souls, especially the vulnerable low-income classes who are susceptible to false doctrines? Can we give them a church to teach them the oracles of God the right way, or are they always going to be subject to false religions?

Just going to a public space (including a bus stop) and handing out tracts is caring. My website [jratworks.org](http://jratworks.org) gives some instructional material as to how to give the gospel message, and there are a number of tracts you can choose from to print out yourself. I can not stress enough the importance of giving the gospel, especially to the vulnerable poor, and the opportunities that wait at public transit stops.



# The Flood

## Exceedingly Sinful Man—God's Judgment

**Chapter 6:15:** And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. **14** Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. **15** And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. **16** A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. **17** And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. **18** But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. **19** And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. **20** Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. **21** And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. **22** Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

**Chapter 7:** And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. **2** 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. **3** Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. **4** For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

**5** And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him. **6** And Noah was six hundred

years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. **7** And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. **8** Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, **9** There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. **10** And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

**11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. **12** And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

**13** In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; **14** They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. **15** And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. **16** And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

**17** And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. **18** And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. **19** And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. **20** Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

**21** And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: **22** All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry

land, died. **23** And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. **24** And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

**Chapter 8:** And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged; **2** The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; **3** And the waters returned from off the earth continually; and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

**4** And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. **5** And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

**6** And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: **7** And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. **8** Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; **9** But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. **10** And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; **11** And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. **12** And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more. *Genesis 6-8*





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## Living on the Street In Albany

### Can anything be done for a homeless man?

For many years I have frequented the downtown Albany, NY district and handed out tracts and church invitations as well as conducted business on the bus route. I frequently have seen a man there living on the street, and much about him remains a mystery to me. I have always known there to be vans and other programs for outreach to help people like him, and there is also a mission in Albany that I have been to myself that will always help you if you have an ID. Unfortunately for this man, nothing has ever been done for him that I know of, and I always see him living on the street. By living on the street, I mean I've never known him to have a bath or to sleep anywhere but right in a small corner in a building. And he's been like this all through the cold winter.



This is one of the alcoves where the homeless man can be found sleeping in downtown Albany. Even though it has three walls to protect from him the wind, he still can be found here on very cold winter nights.

I tried talking to him a few times and he thought I was an attorney, but I explained to him that I had the Gospel of Jesus Christ for him. He didn't quite understand that and after awhile I realized the only thing he ever really responded to was a few dollar bills that he could use to stop in a lunch place and get something to drink or eat. That is about where I've left it with him. I'm not sure of what else to do.

A man can never say why a man is homeless, and for us to criticize the homeless, as some pastors do, is not right. It is possible that the man is mentally ill, but I still wonder why there are so many outreach programs that can not help him.

It is more a question of *love*. When Jesus said to love one another, he did not make a distinction between the material possessions of men. And if you look

to the end of Acts 4, you see that in the church of Paul's day the wealthy sold what possessions they had to help the poor so that no one was in need. Where in the world would you find that today?

People pass this man all hours of the day as he usually can be found in the center of commerce. Whether or not people stop to give him an alms I am not sure, but there is a general lack of love for him as for many years now he has been in this state.

The man lives in such a way that no one would want to live. He sleeps in the cold in winter, and he has nothing to do all day long besides collect cans. In your prayer time, try to remember him and others like him.

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## Loving the American Poor

### There isn't a six-digit job for everyone

For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. (Mark 14:7).

Anyone who passes through New York City for any length of time can plainly see the poor people either living on the street or struggling through life with slumlords and a form of poverty. Many middle class people who hate parting with the taxes the government levies on them to help pay for social programs to help these people are ignorant about the different kinds of poor people the government tries to help.

Some poor people actually do "make themselves that way" as many conservatives who basically hate the poor have been known to say. These are American poor people who got caught up in drugs, alcohol, crime or sexual promiscuity and ruined their lives to a point where they could not function in the job market. *But not all poor people are like that.* Some people may have started off working-class or even middle-class and a disability made it impossible for them to hold a decent job and they fell to government assistance like SSDI and SSI which never pay nearly what a person can get from a good middle class job. Sometimes a hard working-class man loses his job at no fault of his own and is not a skilled laborer inasmuch he can find something else and it sends him and his family into poverty to rely on welfare, etc. Some working class people simply do not have the skills to get a job that pays enough to get out of poverty.

So why then would anyone be angry at the government for having programs to help people survive, get training to get a better job, and even programs to send their children to college? Why would someone bitterly criticize decent American poor people for accepting government help when they do not fall into the category of those who "did it to themselves?" Why would people who make an exceptional salary get angry about programs to help the poor when *all of us have to pay those kinds of taxes?* Is the church helping

them? At what length?

Perhaps the reason why some people keep the poor around them is to create an image as though they love the poor but at certain times the poor become a target for ridicule by those who enjoy causing melancholy. There is controversy also about a minimum wage when many conservatives argue that an employer has a right to pay what he wants. But even a minimum wage has proven to keep people in poverty, how much more an employer who pays under minimum?

The Bible has many many warnings about mistreating poor people: **Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause (Exodus 23:3). Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause. (Exodus 23:6)** The poor were always a part of every society, including living among God's people. It seems that an unequal distribution of wealth was always the factor in addition to disabled people not being able to perform at an occupation.

At one time the church was taking care of the poor (see Acts 4:32-37), but the extensiveness of the population of poor people in America may have made that impossible. And the problem of a lower class is not just going to go away. Unfortunately, the government involvement that is required to attack the problem of American poverty has made many concerned about the rise of socialism and communism, which make the conservatives very angry. I agree that we certainly do not want that in America—we want to maintain a capitalist country.

So what does God command us to do for the poor who "don't do it to themselves?" **James 2:14-16** says we ought to provide for their physical needs, and Jesus said we ought to give them the gospel:



Garbage cans become a help to poor street people who rummage through them for redeemable cans; however, in the process they make themselves susceptible to diseases. Perhaps a person has a curse upon him from God that renders him to this kind of life, perhaps not. Who are we to judge?

Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. (Luke 7:22)

It is not so hard to love the poor when you consider that in many cases forces beyond their control rendered them that way. Since the church is not providing enough of the assistance they need to be in a position to better their lives, the government has taken over that responsibility to avoid cities with chronic third-world poverty, even though we still have poverty—it could certainly be worse. By giving poor people the gospel, we can arrange for them to have a relationship with God that includes a church to kindly teach them Bible principles. When at once a person is obedient to God he is in a better position for blessings from God, the greatest of which is in his case is to get him out of poverty.





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## The Danger of a Concupiscent Mind

### King David's Greatest Abomination

The account of King David's greatest abomination is given in [2 Samuel 11](#). Even though David was a great servant of God, he desired another man's wife, Bathsheeba, and had the man killed in war and married her. David had several wives which God allowed although he gave commandment in Genesis about the husband and wife. David also had concubines. The establishment of the Kingdom under David and the power that came with it changed David from a humble shepherd to a man with a concupiscent mind.

Concupiscence in America is epitomized by the rise of pornography in satellite TV and the internet. It has become greatly available to just about anyone, including minors. In the old testament, God repeatedly and severely warned his people the Hebrews (Jews) about partaking in the groves and idols of the heathen nations around them. This idol caused great sexual abominations. The grove and idol today is a copy of what it was back then, but it comes even more disguised as the middle and upper class "night life" with liquor bars and women's vogue attire that is very similar to that of a harlot. These same elitist groves (liquor bars) are luring in working class and low income people to the same promiscuous fantasy as their model "well-to-do" peers.

The fashion industry has completely changed the meaning of a woman in public, and she comes with nothing short of lewd attire. Women today strive to be vogue, and in many cases it can make or break them for a job interview. At one time about 70 years ago, before Marilyn Monroe presented the pants on a woman in media, a lady was completely covered with a loose dress or skirt that went past her knees and a blouse that completely covered her chest line with a crew neck. You will not see that today. What you will see everywhere you go is women showing off as much as possible of

their body. That is the fashion now. This presentation of the woman creates a concupiscence in the man who is naturally stimulated by the sight of a woman's form. Most women learn this at a young age in public school. The body then becomes worshipped.

This concupiscence, fueled by media nudity, creates a snowball effect whereby it started to be a problem in the rebellious 1960's and now the snowball is a huge mass, similar to the building of the tower of Babel where God said, *And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.* (Genesis 11:5-6). God then, much like the times of Noah before the flood, has no choice but to destroy the whole world as Peter described ([2 Peter 3:10](#)). Concupiscence is one of the greatest reasons for the fall of mankind, as it was in Rome and Greece when the leaders fell to homosexuality because of an abundance of bread and idleness of mind.

God warned about this in [2 Timothy 3:2](#) when he said that **men shall be lovers of their own selves**. The idol then, which starts as a small sculpture or a picture, becomes our own body. The mind can not stop thinking about lewd things. In our public media we've gone from ads with "a pretty lady to sell the product" who was completely covered in a dress to bill boards on the sides of buses with women in bikinis. It is all around us.

A man then, with the power of the Holy Spirit (which he gets after he gets saved) can train himself to keep the idol from his eyes and find everything he needs from his wife.



Above: There was a time in America when a woman dressed in a long skirt and high top that completely covered the form of her body, and as result God blessed this nation. Today we live in a curse because there is nowhere you can go in public where women do not bear the form and skin of their body. Below: (photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher) The internet today can be very dangerous, especially for minors. It exhibits easily accessible pornography.







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## Soul Winning Among the Crowd

### Secular Humanism Despairs the Middle-Class



The Pharisees of Jesus' day were mostly reluctant to accept Jesus' teachings, even though they could not deny his miracles. As a result, very few of them believed in the Messiah that had come. They adhered to the laws of the Old Testament and many of their own laws that compelled them to a *salvation-by-works* instead of a *salvation-by-faith* in Jesus. Today, many of us are content with the contemporary complex technologies that have made life easier and more enjoyable, both at home and the work place, and, like the Pharisees, we reject the simplicity of the Gospel way to Heaven.

At the end of May 2013, I was soul winning in downtown Albany, NY, and I came across a crowd of people who were on the street as a result of a fire alarm in a big office building. I passed through the crowd with my tracts and attempted to hand them out. In a crowd of about 200 people, only about 10 people accepted the tract. They said mostly, "I'm good," and politely refused the paper I offered them—with the clear introduction that I was offering them the *Gospel*.

When I was done, I crossed the street and went to a bus stop and there was about 15 people waiting, all of whom

appeared to be the lower or working class (it is not often you will find the middle class riding buses in upstate NY). And as I passed through the small group *just about everybody took the tract*, some with a smile. One lady got saved while another was praising God.

Probably one of the reasons why the middle class office workers were so reluctant to take a tract (let alone have me verbally give them the Gospel), is because they have all of their faith and trust in the wrong thing. People today of any profession commonly find peace with affluence and the

secular humanist philosophies formed by rising technologies that completely eliminate a God or the need for a Savior. The poor person (or struggling working-class) on the contrary has nowhere else to turn but to a powerful God that can bless them and bring them out of troubles.

As I introduced the tract as "the Gospel," the middle class professional scrunched up his face in disgust, but the poor working class man usually had a raised eyebrow. There is no excuse for rejecting the gospel or not knowing what it is.



The Bible says, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" The thought of dying brings the possibility of an afterlife—is your soul ready for it? A man is not saved from the fires of Hell by his good works, he is only saved by his faith in Jesus Christ. As good as works can be, we are all still sinners (Romans 3:23), and the penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23) followed by Hell (Revelation 20:15). Heaven is the alternative offered to us by God where we will live for all of eternity with peace and happiness and there is no pain or suffering there. Jesus died on the cross as the payment for our sin so we do not have to go to Hell. All that is required is that you admit your sin to Jesus and ask him to forgive it all, ask Him to save you from Hell, and believe in Him (Romans 10:13).

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## How a Person's Soul Is Saved We Are Just the Messengers

There is something miraculous about soul winning that often times goes unnoticed. It is not that difficult of a thing to do, especially once you have the plan of salvation down to a point where you can recite it from memory. It is not really what *we do*, it's what *God does* through the power of the Holy Spirit within us. That is why it is important to pray before we go and ask God to lead us to people who will be open the Holy Spirit. Without a Holy Spirit, a person can not be saved.

The Holy Spirit speaks to the person's heart while you give them the gospel. Some people utterly reject that Holy Spirit and have no interest in your presentation, and others even display a hate for God. They simply have no regard for the Holy Spirit that knocks on their door while you present the gospel tract and possibility of getting saved. Sometimes something went seriously wrong in their life (like a sickness or death) and they blame God for it.

Some people have heard stories about pastors that have committed abominations like adultery and they have been scarred from ever listening to the gospel. There are many excuses people have for rejecting the gospel, but if you go long enough you will usually find someone who is willing to listen.

The matter of repentance in soul winning is simply when a person decides to change the direction he is going and follow Christ instead of his own concept about God or life. *Repenting is changing your mind, not turning from sin.* No one can completely turn from sin, and turning from sin has nothing to do with salvation. When a person decides to listen to the gospel presentation, he finds that there are four points to his condition. First, he

is a sinner ([Romans 3:23](#)). Secondly the payment for sin is that he is going to die ([Romans 6:23](#)). The third is that he is going to hell when he dies ([Revelation 20:15](#)). And the last point is that Christ died on the cross and shed his blood to pay for our sin, and all the person needs to do is ask Jesus to save him ([Romans 10:13](#)). There is no other work involved. Not church, not giving to the poor, not changing your life, nothing at all. A person will generally change his life after he gets saved.

When a person gets saved the Holy Spirit enters into him and the demon that was there before is driven out. He is entirely new: *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

When a person asks Christ into his heart, his soul is saved, not his body. The body will die and rot, the soul goes on forever either in Heaven or Hell and meets with a resurrected body later on. It is important to understand this fact. God gave human beings *souls*, animals and other forms of life do not have a soul. That is the problem with *Darwin's evolution theory*—it completely eliminates the God-created element of man and his soul. That way Darwin damned many people to Hell with his secular humanist sciences.

Salvation then is simple and anyone can get saved at any point in their life as long as they do not have a reprobate mind ([Romans 1:18-32](#)). And having Christ in your heart (as the Holy Spirit) is the start of something new and great, and a complete change of life.



All throughout the Bible the blood of Christ is glorified as the only atonement qualified to forgive the sins of mankind. Christ was considered an unblemished lamb as the sacrifice for our sin. He is shown here after Pilate scourged him to please the Pharisees.





Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY

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## Soul Winning in New York's Capital City

### Pedestrians Greeted With the Gospel Message



People congregate at the bus shelters like this one in downtown Albany while others stroll down the sidewalk, both fair recipients for gospel tracts. I have seen many people saved from different walks of life here in my travels. It is a good thing to proclaim the name of the Lord Jesus Christ publicly.

A friend of mine named Bill Malo passed away earlier this year. He was suffering from a condition that tormented him, and perhaps the Lord felt it was time for him to go to Heaven. But Bill said to me one time, *"There is nothing more important that I can do than to win a soul to the Lord."* I agree with him.

After 8 weeks in the hospital myself, I returned to the soul winning on the transit routes in bustling downtown Albany. Bill would have liked it here. At certain times of the day, the people pass in large numbers and it is a good chance to distribute tracts and give the gospel message—to all walks of life.

Albany is the capital of New York State and the lawmaking body for all the cities in the state including New York. Wouldn't it be a great thing if a member of the state legislature got saved? At the same time there are many low income people

waiting at bus stops who are open to the gospel.

Downtown Albany poses a very depressing side. Only about 4 blocks from the corner of State and North Pearl is a strip of pubs and bars where many people go, including lawyers and state employees, to enjoy the liquor and food. They often would rather have this than a gospel tract. But at least the opportunity is being given to them to get saved.

It is a wonderful thing to present the gospel on a daily basis (or almost daily) to any metropolis. Soul winning contributes to a man's wisdom as it says in Proverbs 11:30: *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.* Moreover, Jesus Christ is being glorified as it were His entrance into Jerusalem in [Luke 19:28-40](http://www.bible.com/bible/1/Luke/19:28-40).

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## An Evangelistic Work

20 Years of Aspirations Yields Soul Winning Ministry



This current version of my website was preceded by 2 other hosting companies and several other layout designs in the past 6 years of its development. It was started as a way of publishing my artwork and it became a tool to encourage people to go soul winning.

Just today I had 2 souls saved. I say that as an encouragement to you that it is easy to do if you just go and don't give up. And my site has some things on it to help you with questions people may have for you when you bring them the gospel.

I just modified my site to a new address, namely [jartworks.org](http://jartworks.org). It's the same site; it contains tools and literature to help you with soul winning, and it also contains prints and books with my artwork.

20 years ago I had an aspiration to have this kind of art/soul winning ministry. The site started as a display of my work, but as time went on and I had more funds I bought a more improved site. I also wanted to have a link that people could go to once I had them saved where they could learn more if they refused to go to church. Those kinds of

things never worked well, and I was more inclined to get them to church, but I left the material on the site just the same.

At one time I had Logos Printing doing my production work, but he has since folded his business. I am now sending the books out to a printer in Canada. There is now a lapse of time between what is available to purchase, although you can always buy prints from the Fine Art America site.

The internet media needs more gospel material that can be easily accessible by the mainstream of people. Winning souls to Jesus Christ is the most important thing we can ever do, and what better way then by the popularity of the internet? Hopefully more people will engage in sites like mine in an effort to bring America closer to God.

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## The Joy of Winning a Soul Easy-Believism Encourages the One Who Goes

In a country of billions of people, you may find a handful that go either into the public streets or door knocking trying to win a soul to Jesus. Our lack of concern for souls as a country is what makes it hard for God to bless us, but God does bless the individual soul winner. There are so many things to consider when you set out with gospel material.

God is not obligated to bless anyone, and as a matter of fact sometimes he brings hardships into our lives like he did to Job ([Job 1](#)) who was the most righteous man on the earth in his day. God allows Satan to afflict us, but that affliction may not last forever. In the end we are better off than when we started ([Job 42](#)). So it is no new news that there is going to be conflicts in our life repeatedly. Yet, when you go soul winning you know you are in the **will of God**. It takes other things to be in the will of God also such as church attendance, praying and Bible reading, but together your service

toward God leaves you in a place when he can bless you and comfort you. When the world around you is falling apart, you know in your heart that you are in the will of God if you are soul winning; therefore, whatever happens to you **is** the will of God and you can be comforted in that—whether it be good or bad. We also want to stay away from sin.

Soul winning brings a joy that can not be experienced any other way. Just knowing that it is the most important thing you will ever do ([Romans 10:12-21](#)), and your doing it puts you in the arms of God like a child. Even when the people you try to win are very angry and bitter against God, and some even laugh you to scorn, still you are in the will of God and those things do not really matter.

Getting saved is very simple; it is just that so many people complicate it because they make excuses not to go. All it takes is some tracts to break the ice at a public place, and then pose the question: "If you died today are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?" Some people will want to hear more, some will not want to hear it, but, really, if you just get the tract in their hand you've made headway.



Will a homeless man say the sinner's prayer just to get some change? It is hard to say, because some do and they may have said it many times. But once in awhile there will be a man or woman that God will lead you to who may see a Holy Spirit in you. That is the kind of homeless person who can be saved.

The site [jrartworks.org](http://jrartworks.org) has many tools to help you in your soul winning. Also, your church should have tracts available. ■



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## The Invitation of the Holy Spirit Knocking on Your Heart's Door

Many times when I go soul winning I hand out a tract and the person refuses it. Sometimes they are angry with me, other times disgusted, still others indifferent and oblivious. But in all these cases something just happened that goes beyond what I can see with my eyes.

The reason why I clearly identify the paper I am presenting to them as *the gospel* (saying "Can I give you the gospel?") is because I do not want there to be any doubt in their mind what they are refusing. I feel that God will hold me accountable for that. Some people do not clearly state what it is they

are giving them and the person refuses. At that point the person is not at fault for refusing the gospel.

Sometimes people might say, "Maybe some people do not know what the gospel is?" For a question like this, I take you to the Holy Spirit. I believe firmly that whether they know what it is or not, if the soul winner is trying to live his or her life pleasing to God and is authentically concerned about souls, then the Holy Spirit does something miraculous at that point. The dry invitation I am giving him with my power as a man is surpassed by the Holy Spirit actually *communicating to the person* for a brief moment in time. It is not a voice they hear, but it is God urging them to take the tract and listen to the presentation. That is why it is important for the soul winner to live right so this miracle can take place.

The Holy Spirit will never speak audibly, He only communicates to our heart. The person on the other side of my tract is hearing from the Holy Spirit for the brief amount of time he gives me the attention I need. He will then refuse the Holy Spirit abruptly or he will yield to it and be willing to listen to what I have to say. At that time I proceed with the Plan of Salvation as briefly as I can give it (but as thoroughly as I can give it) because people have a short attention span on the street. That's why some soul winners prefer to go to people's homes. They have much more time for the presentation. Whatever way you cut it, you are still giving the gospel and that is what God wants us to do. ■



In [John 8:11](#), the woman taken in adultery was completely forgiven and she was saved at that time because she believed in Jesus Christ Himself as the Holy Spirit had given her an invitation to let the Holy Spirit in, and she accepted. How many times on the street do people refuse the invitation of the Holy Spirit and suffer the consequences of going to Hell when they die and not having God's blessing in this life, but having His cursing?

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## The Foundation of the Christian Life

### The Four Posts of the House

My former pastor preached a message about 15 years ago that I never forgot. It was one of the most helpful messages I ever heard him say from behind the pulpit. He said that one should liken his Christian life to a house with four posts. Each one of those posts is a duty to God. As long as each of the posts are in order and active, the house will never fall. But as soon as one or more of the posts is inactive, there is potential for the house to fall. And if all four posts are missing, the house will surely fall. So, what are those four posts?

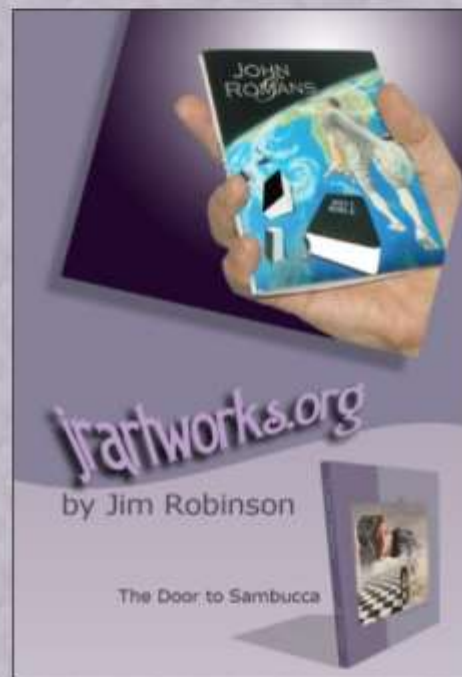
The illustrations below are all linked to something that can help you in that area, or that post. Let me look at them one at a time.

**The Bible** is God's love letter to us, and it contains many instructions on how to obey and please God. When we obey God He can keep us and bless us in ways we never thought possible. The Bible gives history, prophecy (foretelling the future), commandments, explanations and instructions about man and God, and it also contains the very words that Jesus said when he was here. There is no way we can know God unless we are reading the Bible. In doing so we are better equipped to answer people's questions when we are soul winning.

**Prayer** allows us to talk to God and communicate with him on a daily basis. We can ask for things we need and if it is in his will he will give it to us. It is the answered prayer that gives us the hope of God that he finds it fit to bless us. We feel more of God's presence. Prayer also gives us a chance to glorify God for his miracles in the Bible (and in our lives), to thank God for the things he has given us and for his care for us, and to confess our sins to clear our conscious and to have a clean slate on a daily basis. We should also pray for others and their needs.

**Church** is where we go to hear from the pastor the Word of God to make our lives more congruent with God. Church gives us a chance to fellowship with believers, give a tithe to God, participate in helping others, and participate in the ministry.

**Soul winning** is the last post of the house. It is actually the most important thing you can do for God in your lifetime—win someone to Jesus. The other three posts are there to make this one better. Soul winning allows us to give back to God something only we can do for Him and He does not do for Himself. It invites us to care about one another's souls and not just the physical body. We can actively participate in a soul being saved from Hell.



The four posts mentioned here have many things attached to them, but they provide us with a basis for which to keep the house from falling and to maintain our Christian life. You will find that as you make the posts to the house important o your life, your relationship with God will be closer.



Reading the Bible every day helps us to understand God's commandments as well as His love for us. It brings us closer to the truth of the history of the world.



Going to church on a weekly basis allows us to hear from the Bible message what the pastor has for the people. There are many other aspects of church that we should be involved with also.



Praying every day, as Daniel is shown here, allows us to make our requests to God for things that are beyond us. It also gives us a chance to thank god, glorify Him and pray for others.



Soul winning on a weekly basis helps us to understand the condition of man with his God. It gives us a chance to fulfill the great commission and give the greatest gift we can give back to God.





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## “No Thanks; It’s Ok; I’m Good”

### Sealing an Eternity in Hell

When I am out soul winning in public transit, I can not tell you how many times I hear these phrases and I walk away very sad. At the point where I hand a stranger a tract, hoping and praying he will give me a chance to give the gospel to him, he walks away thoroughly convinced that he does not need what I have to offer. Even though he is usually nice to me, and polite, he still fails to understand that he is damming his soul to Hell.

In the first place, the “no” (the negative) tells me that he does not fear God. Since when do we tell God “no?” And it is not “ok,” and the person is not “ok” because there are too many other things in his life he has made important that he doesn’t want to hear the gospel. Then to say “I’m good” is the greatest lie ever told. Even Jesus said there is none good except God ([Matthew 19:17](#)). No one is



Probably the darkest moment in Jesus’ eternal history was the time he spent on the cross. Having left His glorious Heavenly home and allowing God to turn His back on Him (to take the sin of mankind on Himself), Jesus suffered excruciating pain. The nails were driven in his hands and feet and he had to struggle to push himself up to breathe. Still, after all this recorded in the Bible and secular history, the common man wags his head at Jesus saying he doesn’t need salvation and “No thanks, it’s ok, I’m good.”

good, and no one is ok ([Romans 9:9-20](#)). As a matter of fact we are all sinners on our way to Hell ([Romans 3:23](#), [Revelation 20:15](#)). The only difference about being saved is that we trust in the blood of Jesus to save us from Hell, but that doesn’t mean we stop sinning.

Much of the resistance of people, both middle class and poor alike, can be due to the idols that people get from groves and set up in their hearts. The devil will do anything he can to occupy a man’s mind with things that oppose the gospel. From clubs to liquor bars,

people gather together with intensions opposite God and fill their conversation with the cult of the grove. Every liquor bar has its lingo and jokes, and they sure aren’t Godly. People carry this with them when they cross my path. Their lives are void of God, and they have no idea about the Bible. The most I can do is keep making it readily available to them. And there should be many people going soul winning.

It seems people would rather have their sin than a loving holy God. The tract that I use is so simple and short, and yet even for those who receive it they refuse to read it. The mind you see has been caught up in a thousand other things that Satan has taught them are more important than the Gospel. But what could be more important than making sure you spend your eternity in Heaven? By refusing a gospel tract or taking one and never reading it a man is sealing his

eternity in Hell.

I was out soul winning recently and I must have given out about fifteen tracts before I came to a man standing with his wife at a bus shelter. Fifteen people said, “No thanks, its ok, I’m good,” but this man wanted to know more. I preceded to give him the gospel and he said the sinner’s prayer. Thereafter he had interest in going to church. So, the hard work does pay off in the end because eventually you will find a person who wants to hear the gospel.

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Building on Broadway, Albany, NY

## Is God Cursing America?

### “Ye Do Always Resist the Holy Ghost”

Over 1,000 years ago God was planning to bless the servitude of the martyrs of the Dark Ages with a country. That country would be a place where God would be preeminent and glorified, and men would live to please God. It would be a country of many freedoms and mostly the opportunity to live free from religious persecution. And that country was America, unknown to Europe at the time.

America has pleased God for many years—in the past. Our public schools at one time had a KJV Bible in them, and many of our national anthems and government contained references to God. But that was at one time. The secular humanist got in after the wars were fought to keep us a free nation. They did away with God in public and contained it to churches. Now the persecution of the Christian, at least in the form of humiliation, is widespread in America.

Most people will mock you if you chose to live like a Christian today. The world is going to public ale houses, and the Christian is going to church. The world is wearing shorts on women and the Christian is wearing a dress that is high at the top and long at the chins. The world is cheating on their taxes, the Christian is trying to be honest on their taxes. The way of the world makes it difficult to be a Christian, but many Christians will not give up their standards regardless. It may not be the Christian who is the reason for a curse on America, unless perhaps he is a hypocrite, it may be the unsaved people that resist the Holy Ghost.

In John 16:5-14 Jesus promised us that he would send the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) as a Comforter to replace His presence. He did just that after he was resurrected and breathed on the disciples (John 20:21-23). Ever since then, the human race has had the opportunity of God's presence with us in the form of the Holy Spirit, and there is no excuse for rejecting it. The Pharisees that Stephen reprimanded in Acts 7 refused the Holy Spirit



The pain of a stoning must have been horrible for Stephen, but his joy of going to Heaven must have surpassed it. The leaders of his day were very similar to the leaders of our day in that they changed the laws of God and replaced them with laws coined by man, some of which were similar, but not all. The permissiveness of America in areas of abortion, concupiscence, inordinate affection and many other things that have been allowed by laws have put us in very bad position with God. There was a time when America did not tolerate these abominations. And many many people are refusing the Gospel and therefore resisting the Holy Ghost.

and chose rather their own laws that they felt pleased God. They became so angry at Stephen for telling them just that they stoned him to death (Acts 7:1-53). How much the more today do people wag their heads at the soul winner trying to show them the Plan of Salvation? There is no desire for the presence of God among Americans, only for the rules laid out by religious leaders that sometimes, if not most of the time, oppose that which the Holy Ghost would put into our hearts from the King James Bible.

Romans 8:4 tells us that we do not need the law if we have a Holy Spirit because the law deals with the flesh, the Spirit deals with the heart. Yet America resists the Holy Spirit. That's why there is a curse on us. The Jewish people that crucified Jesus took the curse upon themselves for the fault of killing Him (Matthew 27:21-25), because they wanted Him dead so badly they were willing to accept the consequences. This is just like America takes the curse for wanting its worldly pleasures over the pleasures of God, and she vehemently refuses a Holy Spirit that would change her sinful ways.

I was riding the bus and I was sitting next to a young East-Indian man. I handed him a tract thinking he was Hindu and it would be useless for me to try and win him to Jesus. Quite to my surprise he was very interested in the Plan of Salvation, **and he got saved**, politely listening to everything I had to say. When I asked him if he was Hindu he said yes, but his parents didn't practice it that much. There is really no excuse for people not getting saved and being filled with the Holy Spirit.

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# The Muslims' Hate for Christians

## Wolves In Sheeps' Clothing

It may be a fading principle that Muslims hate Christians, and many Muslims in America today, including the Causation and the Negroid claim to love Christians. But that is not the design of Islam. Muslims do not only hate Christians, but they hate Jews because the Jews believe in Jehovah like Christians do. Jews just do not believe that the Jesus Christ who came 2,000 years ago is the Messiah. So, what does the Bible have to say about the Muslim religion?

The Bible is a book of history as well as a spiritual guide. Many of the things that happened in the Bible anywhere from 2,000 to 6,000 years ago molded the world we live in today. Although the Muslim religion is not mentioned in the Bible because it came about far after the Bible was finished, the history is there.

In the book of [Genesis chapter 15](#), Abraham was promised a son by God to be born of his wife Sarah. Since both Abraham and Sarah were nearly 100 years old, they had trouble believing God, and Sarah even laughed at the notion. Perhaps because Abraham and Sarah were impatient, or perhaps because they simply did not believe God, Sarah suggested that Abraham have a child by their servant, an Egyptian named Hagar ([Genesis 16](#)). Abraham agreed and lo and behold, the child was born and named *Ishmael*. But God keeps his promises, and Sarah did conceive after all and gave birth to *Isaac*. This may seem like a simple error, but follow the history—it effected whole nations later on.

The blessing and inheritance was commanded by God for Abraham to give it to Isaac ([Genesis 17](#)), but Ishmael claimed it because he was the firstborn. God refused to give it to Ishmael, but he promised Ishmael a great nation of prosperous families, *just not the inheritance*. Abraham did in fact give the inheritance to Isaac, and Isaac became one of the founding fathers of God's chosen people (the Hebrews/Jews), but Ishmael was sent off to have his generations for a nation. Although prosperous, Ishmael's generations were not the chosen seed from which Jesus would be born.

The Bible at this point says very little if anything more about what happened with Ishmael, but most of the Old Testament is based on what happened with Isaac. The Maloti man then, who was the generational son of a white man and black woman (Abraham and Hagar), became very angry, rebelling against God and opposing the Hebrew because he still felt he deserved the blessing because he was in fact the firstborn son. Thus, years later, this contention started wars between the Jew and the Islamist and the Muslim religion as a result came from a "prophet" named

Mohammed. It has been said that Mohammed wrote much of the [Quran](#) when he was smoking an opium pipe, but that has not been proven. Regardless, the Quran is an instruction book for the Muslim and it repeatedly teaches the Muslim that the Hebrews (and the Christians) have to be their enemies because Ishmael was never the chosen seed. It also teaches laws very similar to the King James Bible of kindness so people can live in peace. Thus the wolf in a sheep's clothing. The Maloti Ishamaelite developed a new god called [Allah](#), which is the moon god, and commonly say that there is only one God in the world we just give Him different names. That is very far from the truth. Allah is an idol, Christians serve the living God by the name of Jehovah. An account of the origins of the Muslim religion is given in a secular source at [allaboutreligion.org](http://allaboutreligion.org).

The still picture to the left is from a video I found on a website developed by a pastor who is as concerned about Muslims as I am. What you are seeing is what actually happened, and if you watch the video, the person who posted it made sure you saw all of the gory details and the triumph of these Muslim extremists (shown here in the face masks with the guns). As far as I know, the victims of this brutal head-shooting massacre were all Muslim men who professed Christ. That, my friend, is a Christian martyr ([Do Muslims Hate Christians?](#)). You are seeing the same as what happened in the Dark Ages with the [Anabaptists](#).



*(Taken From Asgraphic Design Creation) Normally my newsletters are not so graphic, but this point needs to be made. This is a still from a posted video showing the way Christians are treated in Islam. Most people have no regard for this because they are not Christians and they say, "Therefore it would never happen to me." Be reminded however that the Muslims were successful at killing 3,000 people by the bombing of the Twin Towers in NYC September 11, 2001 and thousands of people years after by the fallout of the gasses of the fire of jet fuel. How many of them were Christians?*

For those of us who have guns, we need to exercise our [right to protect](#) our homes and our person for any kind of Muslim invasion or a two-face American Muslim who is more dedicated to this kind of massacre than to the God that created America. His name is Jehovah, not Allah.

Our wives, children and homes are precious to us even though we do not go around massacring people for a difference of religion. That is why our country has been polluted with so many different idols our kids are completely confused. Maybe a website like this can teach them the truth and open their eyes to a world that is blinding them with idols.

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# The Law Verses Love

## Walking In the Holy Spirit

When Jesus was asked which is the greatest commandment (greatest law) this is what He said: *37 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets* (Matthew 22:37-40).

In the book *The Door to Sambucca*, the protagonist Nathan is having a conversation with Wong, his martial arts teacher. Wong asks him if he thinks there are laws in the Bible, and Nathan says that there are. And then Wong asks him, "If we truly loved one another would we need laws?"

Laws are necessary for the perpetuation of any society. Without laws there would be chaos, and the society would not survive. But Jesus made it clear that if we love God and love our brother, we would never need any laws. The laws of God are designed around the two great commandments to love God first and then love our brother.

There was a double homicide in Lansingburgh, part of Troy, NY on August 19, 2014. Two men entered a house at about 4 in the morning and beat the two owners of the house to death with objects. This is right in my own back yard. This was done regardless of laws concerning murder, but would it have even been conceived if those two murderers had a Holy Spirit and were walking with God?

14,827 people were murdered in 2012 in America according to a FBI source. It is not possible to love another human being and murder him. The laws in our states and penalties for murder obviously do not prevent murder, at least not for the nearly 15,000 Americans in 2012. But if people got saved, were taught the Bible and learned the laws Jesus set up on how to love your brother, they would not need a state law and penalties against murder to prevent murder. The state does not teach us to love one another, it poses a law and law enforcement model that deals with behavior.

Some pastors drive new converts out of the church while preaching against their idiosyncrasies before the converts get a chance to learn critical Bible truths. Is the law being taught with love in this case? Other pastors have a

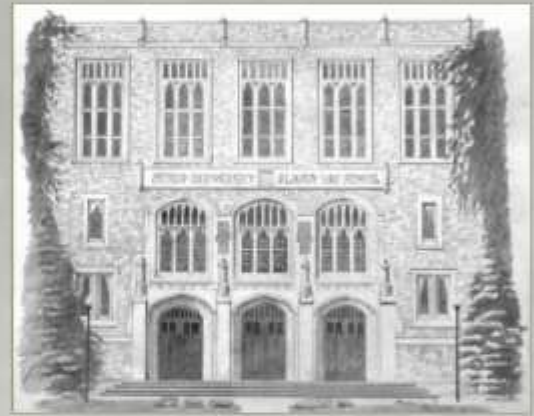
respect of persons and make friends with politicians without tending to the needs of the poor. The poor need the gospel preached to them, and they need to learn Bible truths.

Paul wrote scriptures at length about the law and love, and he told us in conclusion that we ought to walk in the Spirit, not in the flesh (Romans 8:1-26). Since God is love it is apparent that the more you walk with God the more love you will have for God and your brother.

The Pharisees had a law when Jesus came to be crucified. Their law said that one could do no work on the Sabbath day and they used this one law to the extent of persecuting Jesus for healing a man on the Sabbath. Here is what Jesus said about the Pharisees complaining about Him healing the man with the withered hand: *Is it*



Wong appears in the book *The Door to Sambucca* as a wandering spirit. He quickly makes friends with Nathan, the protagonist, and Nathan finds out that Wong is from the martial arts temple that Nathan trained at years ago. Wong agrees to train Nathan for his resolution to his delusions, and in doing so he asks Nathan many questions. The most famous of these is, "If we truly loved one another, would we really need laws?"



This drawing I did of the Albany, NY Law School shows honor to the American legal system, but is that system being guided by God's laws? Does our American legal system uplift Jesus' commandment to love God and love our brother, or is it a scientific way of governing a society? God said to love the child in the womb, that it is a separate life of its-own. The American legal system says that child is just an organ. This is what happens when a science of laws created by man governs a people without the love that comes from God alone.

*lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.* Mark 3:1-6. The sorrowful philosophy of the Pharisees is that they were abusing the law because they had no love. Obviously they should have been rejoicing that the man with the withered hand was healed, not complaining about it.

In conclusion you see that laws only work so well at leading a society into peaceful living. And laws can be misused or be bias for certain people. Nothing can replace an authentic love for God and our brother. If you had true love, would you need any laws?

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# What Is Heaven Like?

## Things From the Bible About Our Reward

In all of our lives here on earth we will always find trouble. From the complexity of raising a household of children to the responsibilities of our jobs, the trouble never seems to end. Life ends in death and the existentialist would argue that life is therefore absurd. What is life worth? What happens to us after we die? Does the reward for maintaining our responsibilities in life warrant the trouble?

Paul made mention of Heaven in the Bible when he said, *"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him"* (1 Corinthians 2:9). This seems to be

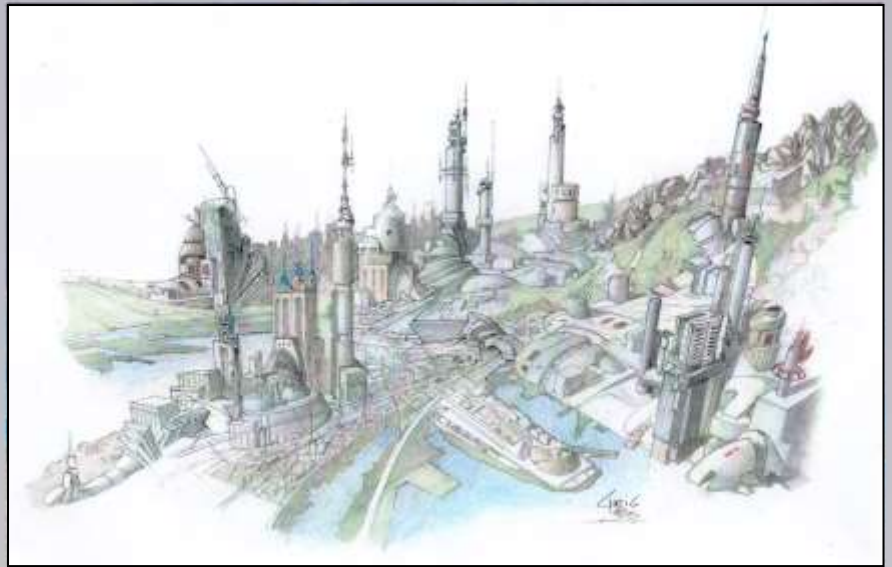
just the opposite of what God said in the garden of Eden: *"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return"* (Genesis 3:19). So what is Heaven like and what does it mean to us?

God made the earth and man perfect until one thing came along that corrupted them both: sin. If it wasn't for sin the earth would be like Heaven. We experience forms of Heaven here, such as the birth of a child, landing that perfect job and things of that nature. But this is nothing like Heaven itself. Because on the flip side of that coin there are a lot of things on the earth that are like Hell, though not as bad as Hell. Sometimes we contract a disease, we lose a job and our finances are ruined, etc.

In all my 27 years of being saved and attending church, I have never heard a entire message dedicated to Heaven. I have never heard it by a pastor, an evangelist, a missionary or any other person. I have not even heard such a message from an audio recording or conference speaker. It does not seem to be a popular subject, but what more hope can we have for the poor of our church and community than the hope of Heaven?

In [Revelation 21:1-8](#), the Bible talks about a *New Heaven and a New Earth* which is a type of Heaven—where we go after we die if we are saved. It says there is no suffering there, no tears and no sorrow. Imagine a world like that? Isn't suffering the nature of the world we live in?

The other important thing you have to remember about Heaven is that there is no sin there. It is a place where



This picture shows the vast expanse of sky that composes the heavens (also called the firmament above the waters) and the land and some animals below. God created the world for our edification and enjoyment, but has it been that way? When sin entered into mankind through Adam and Eve, life became more difficult. God said that the man would live by the sweat of his brow and the woman would feel pain in childbearing. So, the reward then is not on this earth—it is in the life thereafter. Jesus said that Heaven would be our reward if we were saved, is that a motivation to go soul winning?

there is a constant worshipping and glorifying of Jehovah. Although we do worship God here on the earth, the songs are loud in Heaven in glorification of God.

People do not defraud people in Heaven, and there does not need to be laws because we are perfect there. Our bodies, minds and spirits and souls are perfect in Heaven—there is no flaw where we could corrupt our brother. Imagine having a new body free from diseases and malfunctioning. No one is ugly, overweight or underweight, and everything is perfect about us. We have a resurrected body.

We will meet the angels and saints in Heaven. Paul will be there. Peter will be there. All of the martyrs of the Dark Ages will be there. Great preachers who have passed away will be there. Our loved ones and friends who were saved will be there. But most important, Jesus will be there and he will meet you personally when you get there.

I can not emphasize enough the importance of soul winning and people getting saved in contemporary society today. Without salvation, people will live with the sufferings of this earth and have no Heaven to look forward to for all of eternity. It is much like a man being blind all his life then dying and

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## The Ebola Virus Understanding Pestilences

When God sent the pestilence to David's people, the Hebrews, in [2 Samuel 24:10-17](#), it was done with an angel who held up a sword. For as long as he held up the sword the pestilence killed the people. We do not think pestilences come from God today because science and secular humanism has taken over our thinking. There certainly is an origin for a pestilence (in the case of Ebola it is eating infected bats), but God is ultimately in charge of the disease. And bats by the way were one of the foods God prohibited the Hebrews from eating in the Old Testament.

The Ebola Virus, also known as the Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever, is a very serious virus that causes bleeding inside and outside the body ([Web MD](#)). It has several other symptoms including: fever, severe headache, muscle pain, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting and stomach pain ([CDC](#)). The virus travels through the body and damages organs and the immune system. Ultimately, the levels of blood-clotting cells drop and bleeding occurs.

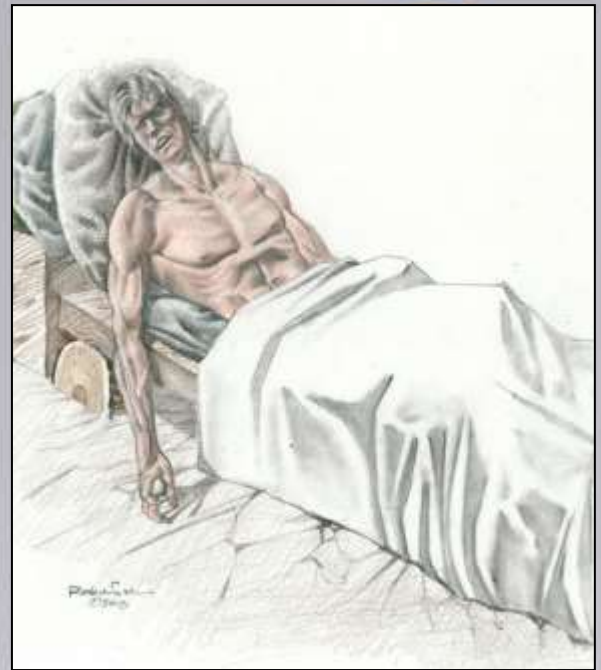
The virus can be spread in several ways to other human beings from an infected person. It is transmitted through direct contact with mucus membranes or broken skin by body fluids and blood. It is not transmitted through the air or by water or, in general, food; however, certain kinds of meat, including wild bats, handled by African markets have been known to carry the Ebola virus ([CDC](#)). You can also get it from touching contaminated needles or surfaces.

As of September 28, 2014 there have been about 3,000 deaths of people infected with the Ebola Virus. ([FoxNews](#)). There does not seem to be enough sick beds in Africa to handle the people with the disease. Ebola is a very deadly virus but it has been successfully treated with HIV drugs. At one time, 90% of infected persons died of Ebola, now that statistic is 60%.

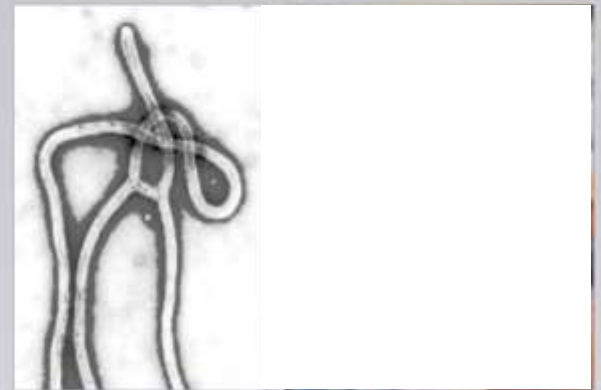
Ebola has not been a significant risk in the United States, but there has been a case here. On September 30, 2014, the first case of Ebola was reported in the United States, and the person was isolated at the hospital ([Reuters](#)). When we hear about a disease in Africa it does not bother us that much, but when we hear it is our own country that raises a flag. Ebola is growing to be a global problem. All a person has to do is be in Africa under the conditions to get infected then take a jet here. Now we have it in America, and it is highly contagious.

If the American people could just grasp the concept of getting saved and being obedient to God's laws, we could ask God for anything and he would be more likely to bless us with an answer. There has not been a cure for HIV yet, and Ebola is a brand new problem for us. We seem to forget that its not all about man like the secular humanist insisted. It is about God. God created the world and God has all the power. God is in charge. Some people think God doesn't care or He doesn't exist because there is no remedy for all of these bad things. But there is a remedy. We have to get back to God. We have to get saved and be obedient to His commandments

Remember what God said in [2 Chronicles 7:14](#): *If my*



*(Photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher)* We do in fact serve a loving God, but God's mercy is as strong as his punishments. God has always punished sin on the earth, and pestilences are one of His devices. Diseases have killed much of the man on the earth, and this particular one, Ebola, is extremely dangerous.



*(Photos courtesy the Internet and Microsoft Publisher)* The picture at the left is a microscopic image of the Ebola Virus. It is highly contagious in human body fluids, but it can also be transmitted via solid objects that are infected. HIV drugs have been used to treat Ebola, and they have been successful. The disease is marked by unexplained hemorrhaging (bleeding and bruising). It has a 60% death rate for those who become infected by it (at one time that was 90%). It has been a major epidemic in Africa since July 2014 and you can get the total deaths and infection counts from [Ebola Outbreak](#).

*people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.* ■

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# How to Win a Soul to Jesus

## Using the Plan of Salvation When Soul Winning

There are many different ways to go soul winning, and many of them work very well. I am going to present you with the way I do it which has worked well for me. You may find that it is effective for you also. Since most of my soul winning is done in-transit, as opposed to door-to-door, I do not always have much time to keep the person's attention. My goal then is to present the gospel to the person(s) as briefly, thoroughly and clearly as possible.

The four key ingredients to soul winning are your 4-point tract (with King James Version scriptures), your introductory questions, your ability to speak clearly (and pronounce words properly) and your kindness. Your tract should reiterate what you are saying, and I try to use a 4-point tract that repeats the 4 points I give for salvation. You can use the tract form my selection called the [econo-tract](#), but it is good to have the church contact information on the tract as well.

I start by approaching a person, reaching out with a tract and asking him, "Can I give you the gospel?" This way he knows my exact intent and if he refuses the tract **he** is responsible for rejecting the gospel. If he agrees to take it I hand him the tract and say, "Would you mind if I asked you a gospel question?" If he agrees then I ask him, "If you passed away today are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?"

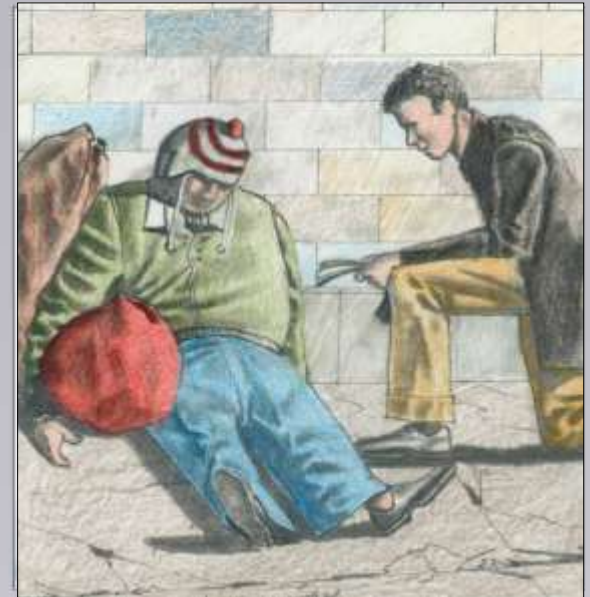
If he says yes, I ask him, "And how do you know?" Make sure he understands the reason he's going to Heaven is because he is saved by the blood of Jesus and not because he is a good person or does good works or any other reason. If the man convinces you he's saved, move onto someone else. But if he is not saved, then carry on with the questions.

I would then ask him, "I'd like to show you how you can know for sure you will go to Heaven. Would that be okay?" I am never forceful when I give the gospel. If he agrees, tell him "There are four things you have to know to be sure you will go to Heaven when you die. The first one is this: the Bible says that everyone is a sinner (For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23). Would you agree to that?"

If he says yes, carry on. If he says no, ask him, "Do you think anyone is perfect? Then we all must be sinners." **Once agrees to the first point you can carry on to point two:** "The reason you die is because of our sin (For the wages of sin is death, Romans 6:23a). Adam and Eve were supposed to live forever but because of their sin in the Garden of Eden they eventually died. That's why we all die—we inherited death from them."

Carry on the third point as long as he agrees with you. "The third thing you need to know is that not only do we die, but our soul will burn forever in a Lake of Fire to pay for our sin." From here I usually immediately go into the final and most important point, and that is Jesus death.

"But the good news, number 4, is that Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sin so you do not have to pay for it all in Hell. All you have to do is believe in him and ask him to save you. The blood he shed is enough to wash away all of your sin. Now, do you want to be saved from Hell? If he answers yes then say, Then why don't you say a prayer with me and ask Jesus to save you?"



(Photo Courtesy Microsoft Publisher) There can be nothing more careful you can do for a loved one or neighbor than to try and win him to the Lord if he's not saved. Some people get saved the first time you give them the plan of salvation, others take time. In any case, it is the gesture of presenting the gospel that matters the most—along with your testimony of course. It would be difficult to win a soul to Jesus if you had a bad testimony, but you should go soul winning regardless of your testimony and work on making it better. Always use King James Version scriptures when you go soul winning.

if the man does not agree to pray you can urge him by saying, "But you don't want to burn in Hell do you?" and if he continues to resist just tell him to say the prayer on the tract on his own. But if he is willing to pray with you then say the sinner's prayer with him. Say, "What I am going to do is lead you in a prayer and you repeat after me. As long as you mean what you are saying you will be saved from Hell." And pray a prayer something like this, phrasing it with pauses at the semi-colon so he can repeat after you, "Dear Jesus; I know that I am a sinner; Deserving death and Hell; But I don't want to go to Hell; I want to go to Heaven; Please come into my heart; Forgive me of all my sin; And take me to Heaven when I die; Thank you for saving me; In Jesus name; Amen."

After he says this prayer you should confirm that he is saved by asking, "So if you died today, where would you go? (Heaven). If you had died before you got saved today where would you have gone? (Hell). If you die 50 years from now, being that you had been saved today, where would you go? (Heaven). Remember once you are saved you are always saved, even if you sin and you will sin. You're sin is all forgiven you past, present and future, but remember: there is always a consequence for sin."

It is important to keep a contact record of the man so you can have him picked up for church, and you should direct him to the church address on the tract. If he does not want to give out his information, encourage him to come on his own.

Soul winning is the most important thing you will ever do and God will bless you for it. There simply are not enough soul winners out there.



# It is Your Reasonable Service

## Should We Be Proud of Our Duties to God?

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A good Bible-believing Baptist church will encourage us to do works for God, especially soul winning. We will be inspired to read the Bible, pray, come to church and help others. But is it safe for us to boast about the things we do, or to consider it some special duty to God whereby we should be blessed extensively? What is our reasonable service?

Jesus gives the parable in [Luke 17:7-10](#) about the servant who comes in from serving his master in the fields and then, before he can eat himself a well-deserved meal he must serve his master's meal first. And his master did not toil in the field all day like he did. The servant was only doing his duty. That is what God likens our service to, lest we get a big head of pride for all of our works.

If we look at the life of Paul the Apostle, we see that his was a life of devout service, and he was always placing others before himself. As a result of his fervency for the gospel and helping others, he was persecuted. In [2 Corinthians 11:16-32](#), Paul explains his sufferings. Paul is responsible for getting the gospel to all of Asia and he wrote many books in the New Testament. Paul healed illnesses and raised the dead. But in the end he told Timothy in [2 Timothy 4:6-8](#) that he finished the course, and he was humble about it. He said in [Romans 12:1](#): *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.* As a living sacrifice a man is willing to obey God's commands for service, and here we see that he should not seek glory for it.

I was out today September 20 and I saw an old man struggling with his walker. He said he needed a cab so I called one, then I preceded to give him the plan of salvation. He was very open to it, and he got saved! Praise the Lord! I wanted to help this man somehow and it turns out that now he is going to Heaven. He never asked me for any money. This is then my reasonable service for God. I should not expect anything special from God for it. It is something we all should be doing.

Serving God does not always give us the blessing we are looking for, and God sometimes has a will different than what we perceive. [The Martyrs of the Dark Ages](#) received torture and death for their steadfastness to God,

how would we like that today? The Catholic Jesuits designed torture tools for them and it was the men, woman and children who received this hell upon their bodies. But the martyrs persisted for about 1,000 years arguing over things such as the nature of the infant baptism, indulgencies, the power of the pope, and other church doctrines. That is what they were tortured for—the differences between the beliefs of the Anabaptist and Roman Catholic churches. And they were not seeking glory from men for their works.

The humble Christian is one who takes a stand on what he believes and practices it to please God and not to boast to others about his good works. Once we know what our duties are we can begin to adjust our life around those duties to be sure we are pleasing God. Soul winning should be one of those duties, whether it



Paul the Apostle, shown here on his way to Nero for a beheading, spent about 60 years of his life serving God as an Apostle. He was tortured several times, imprisoned and hated by many people, but he endured until the end. Paul wrote a good portion of the New Testament, and he was the greatest soul winner that ever lived outside of Jesus Christ. But in the end he said that all he ever did was his reasonable service, and he never sought a reward for it.



The Bible outlines a great many duties for us as Christians as well as laws for us to live by. Following these commandments brings us blessings and prevents cursing by God. But should we be boasting about our service to God and otherwise expecting some extensive blessing? Paul makes it clear in [Romans 12:1](#) that we should present our bodies a living sacrifice...which is our reasonable service.

be on your own or as a group with the church. There should be at least one hour in one day devoted to soul winning each week, but more often is preferred.

The duty of soul winning is a reasonable service and it does not guarantee God will do anything special for us if we go. God will keep us in his will—**whatever** that will be for us— as he promises. We have to learn to do our reasonable service without expecting anything special in return, even though we might get it.

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# Who Was John the Baptist?

## Many Said Elias Must First Come

Statements about Ed Decker in a previous newsletter have been made void as Ed is an outstanding law-abiding citizen who does not have a criminal record.

The Bible says in [Luke 1:41](#) that Jesus and John were in two separate wombs at the same time. That made John and Jesus cohorts. Their mothers, Mary (Jesus) and Elizabeth (John) were cousins. Although John and Jesus did not grow up together, and the gospels do not say that Jesus had met with John before he knew him in his ministry baptizing, their ministries occurred at the same time.

The Bible does not record John as having performed any miracles other than the proclamation of the coming of Jesus Christ. His most famous prophecy was, "Behold, the lamb of God," referring to Jesus when he came among a crowd of people. John left all the miracles to Jesus who was known as God to heal blindness ([John 9](#)), deafness ([Mark 7:31-37](#)), the palsy ([Mark 3:1-6](#)), leprosy ([Luke 17:11-18](#)) and many other sicknesses. He also cast out the devil ([Matthew 8:28-34](#)) and he raised Lazarus back to life again ([John 11](#)).

The Zealots of Jesus day (the religious people who were expecting a King/Messiah to come from God to free them from Roman rule) were not expecting the Messiah who did come two thousand years ago. They were not expecting Him to die on a cross or teach lessons in loving your brother, instead they expected a King with a Heavenly army. The same Zealots said that Elisha would first come before Jesus did, or, rather he would come back from Heaven. Jesus said in [Matthew 17:1-13](#) that Elisha did indeed come but he was rejected—in the same way the Messiah was rejected. Jesus did not come here 2000 years ago to be the King that freed the Jews from Roman rule. And Paul says in [Romans 3:30](#) that what Jesus did here he did for **everyone**, the circumcised (Jew) and uncircumcised (Gentile). The Messiah did not come just for the Jews and that is one of the reasons why dedicated Jews do not believe in Jesus. They remain Zealots to this day, but in a different way. They are no longer under Roman rule.

Jesus came here to die on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven. The blood that he shed was the final atonement for sins, the same blood typified by the many animal sacrifices of the Old Testament that go back as far as Adam ([Genesis 3:21](#)). Jesus sacrificed an animal to produce those skins. Able, Adam's son was known for his sacrifice of a lamb.

John the Baptist was the voice of one crying out in the wilderness making the way for Jesus as prophesied in



John the Baptist was "the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias." John paved the way for Jesus Christ's ministry and said clearly "I must decrease and he must increase" once Christ came among the people. John baptized for the remissions of sins but Jesus baptized with the Holy Ghost which is what gets us into Heaven.

Isaiah ([John 1:19-28](#)). The prophecy of Isaiah was then fulfilled 2,000 years ago when John proclaimed the coming of Christ and Christ came among the people.

The common man heard Christ gladly, but the wealthy and the religious leaders always tried to corner him in being wrong and humiliate him. It turns out that Jesus put them all to shame because he is God and can not be cornered in His talk. The wealthy and religious leaders made foolish acclamations about Jesus healing ("working") on the Sabbath day instead of rejoicing that a man's withered hand was healed or a blind man received his sight.

John baptized with water for the remission of sins but Jesus baptized with the Holy Ghost for the entrance onto Heaven.

Without Christ, John's baptizing would have been vain and meaningless, but often people went to John before they went to Jesus because they wanted to be cleansed.

Jesus did not give the Holy Spirit until just about the time he ascended into heaven ([John 20:22](#)) That Holy Spirit has stayed with the believer even until today. A Holy Spirit comes in us when we get saved, and anyone can have it. It is not just limited to Christians or God's chosen people. As soon as a person says the sinner's prayer, as long as he means it, the Holy Spirit comes and dwells within him. What a wonderful God we serve. And the Holy spirit gives us Comfort (he is also called the Comforter) and communication with God.

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# What Is Faith and What Is God's Will?

## Trusting God and Letting Him Be God

There are a great many people who get saved and then loose interest in God. Likewise there are a great many people who simply do not believe God exists. Sometimes the reason for this is *faith and the will of God*.

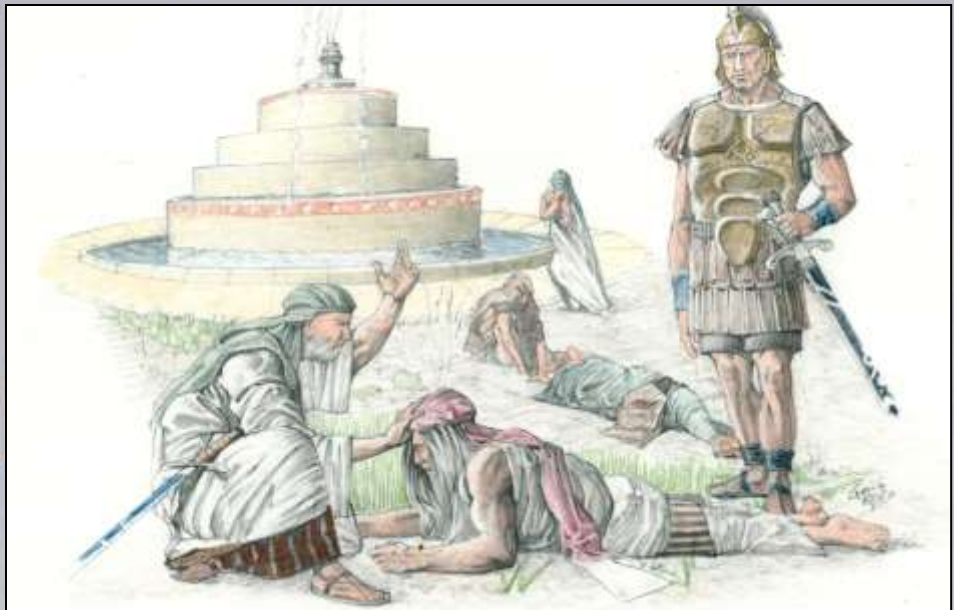
Many times in our lives we find ourselves in situations where we have no control over the outcome of the situation. We see the results of the problem either for good or for bad, but we can not prevent the bad resolution nor can we promote the good resolution. In cases like

these, the scientist is at a loss because he relies on himself and the power of man's mind, but that philosophy can not help him here. Unfortunately for the secular humanist, science is not always the answer because if it was there would be no problems in the world (such as diseases, destruction of cities in war, etc.). But bitter people still reject God's will for what will happen next; however, as much as you reject it, God's will will always prevail. The question is: do you get mad at God or hate Him or have disbelief in Him just because the situation did not resolve itself the way you wanted it to?

Paul said in Romans 8:28: *all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose*. People who hate the Bible say, "How can me having cancer be a good thing?" It is God's will for you to have cancer. Is it a punishment? It may be if you smoked all your life, or God may not be punishing you. You having cancer gives you the experience to *help someone else who has cancer*, and God can be glorified in this tribulation.

Please try to remember that sin never goes unpunished because there is always a consequence for sin. Sometimes God will lighten or shorten the punishment, but we should not be angry with God when he punishes us or when he is not punishing us and his will is not the same as our will. No one wants cancer, even if God wills it. But God can use a person who has or has had cancer.

The Bible says *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen* (Hebrews 11:1). The Bible also says (about the will of God) that we are expected to have faith in God because the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) reminds us that God is in charge ([John 14:26](#)). We are expected to be happy with God's will if it does not agree with our will. For example, you



(Photo Courtesy Microsoft Publisher) No matter how much medical attention a mother gets while she has a baby in her, she still has to have faith that the baby will be born healthy. Who does she have faith in? There is no guarantee the child will be healthy. God asks us to *have faith in Him*, and whatever His *will* is we must accept it.

are praying to God for a job and you have faith that his will will be done. If God does not give you the job then it was not his will you have that job. Not receiving the job is not a reason to be angry with God or loose faith in Him. God may have a better job for you down the line, and someday you may see God's reasoning and be glad you didn't get the job. But even if things do not happen this way, there is no reason to give up on God (such as stop going to church, reading your Bible, praying and going soul winning). Furthermore, it is not a reason to be angry with God because you should never be angry with God. God is your master.

If you are obedient to God's commandments and your service to God, then why would God need to punish you? Of course you are going to sin, and you may have sins from your past, but God forgives and forgets sins even though a punishment may result. Sometimes God turns the curse (punishment) into a blessing ([Deuteronomy 28](#)) because a person got his heart right with God.

Jehovah is a loving and merciful God so much that he sent his Son to die on the cross a hideous torture of a death to have all of our sins forgiven. Once a person gets saved there is no debt for sins past, present or future. Even though God still punishes sin the punishment is temporal—its not Hell. Our faith in God determines our comfort that God is going to take care of our needs, but we must also remember His will may not always be the same as ours.

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# So They Came to America

## Foreign Christians Seek Peace In the Promised Land

It might be said that "different cultures can have one God, Jehovah, but different religions have many gods." To say "It is all the same God" applies to the different cultures of the nationalities that came to America seeking religious freedom. They may not have had an American culture, but they were certainly Christians having been persecuted in foreign nations.

America has always been The *Promise Land* for Christians abroad, in the same way the conquering of Canaan by Joshua made the *Promise Land* for the Jews. Many foreigners have been physically assaulted, imprisoned and banished in their home countries because they were caught with a Bible or caught worshipping Jehovah. The Soulwinner Issue 52 deals with the Muslim Christian and how he suffered the fate of the extremists' gun massacre.

Many foreigners in their first generation in America brought a gift with them—it was their culture. The Chinese brought Chinese food, the Italian brought his food, and so on. The Italian Americans are known as some of the greatest workers and laborers America ever had. They brought construction from Rome. America then was the result of many people from all over the world coming together, and if it was not for monetary gain (which sometimes it was) it was for the purpose of religious freedom.

In my city on October 9, 2014 I brought the gospel to an African American man standing at a bus stop. Speaking clearly, I gave him the four points of the Plan of Salvation and he listened intently to my whole presentation. I asked him if he wanted to say a prayer and ask Jesus to save him and he agreed. Then he said the sinner's prayer and got saved!! His family probably contributed a great deal to America.

When America was founded by Europe in the 1600's, Christians were still being persecuted in Europe. It was about the time of the Renaissance and the persecuted Christians had sought religious freedom in America. Before the 1600's persecution of Christians was rampant and it composed the period of the Dark Ages. All of that persecution, some 100,000,000 men, women and children did not go forgotten by God. It was the blood of these martyrs that blessed our nation with a God of mercy and truth.

America's founding documents are Judao-Christian because at one time most of our leaders believed in Jehovah and Jesus Christ. They may have been denominations different than Baptist, but they all had the same basic beliefs and they sought Jehovah to be the God of America. As time as went on, however, America failed to be a Christian nation, but

many of us are still Christians. As the nationalities came here, many of them adopted the God of America (Jehovah) and got saved, while others came for America's freedoms. But there are still a great many people who came to America with their foreign culture and sought religious freedom from persecution in their homeland. That is what America is historically known for.



*(Photo taken from Microsoft Publisher) "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" This is the quote on the statue of liberty that welcomed millions of people to a land of freedom of religion.*

You can see then that America is a nation of many different cultures, but many of us have the same God. Of course different cultures brought their religions with them, but America was traditionally a Christian nation. Many foreigners were willing to adopt the religion of this country because we are so great a nation. It may not be quite that way anymore.

When our country was being formed, it was James Madison who was a Baptist who said to give the country religious freedom instead of a list of religions to be permitted here. America is known for its religious freedoms. We are thus a country of many religions, and fewer and fewer people are remaining Christian or being converted to Christianity. God has laws and many people do not like His laws. That is why there is no regard for chastity in America—especially in the attire of the women. Lewdness runs free. It was the gods of the surrounding nations of Israel that ruined Israel in the Bible, no matter how many times a

king tried to bring the people to their God. The devil has a god for every abomination.

We will probably never be an entirely Christian nation like we were at one time, but we are still a safety net for people being persecuted in other nations. Maybe the younger generation can look back at American history and appreciate the prairie people who had faith in God as well as the city-dweller who did a lot of soul winning. It is slowly slipping through our fingers.

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# Faith and Obedience for Another's Sake

## Does Ours Bring a Blessing to Someone Else?

The greatest thing in the world happened today, October 2, 2014. I was soul winning at a bus stop in Albany, NY and there was an old man standing there who I thought would just brush me away. Quite to my surprise, he was interested in the gospel. Furthermore he said the sinner's prayer and got saved right there in public. And I wondered if my relationship with God had something to do with our paths crossing.

In the book of [Luke 5:17-25](#), Jesus healed a man because of the faith of four other men, not because of the faith of the man he healed. This was identified by the sick man being lowered through the roof to Jesus by four other men whom Jesus said had faith. In the same way Jesus commends the four men's faith, can we have faith for the sake of someone else?

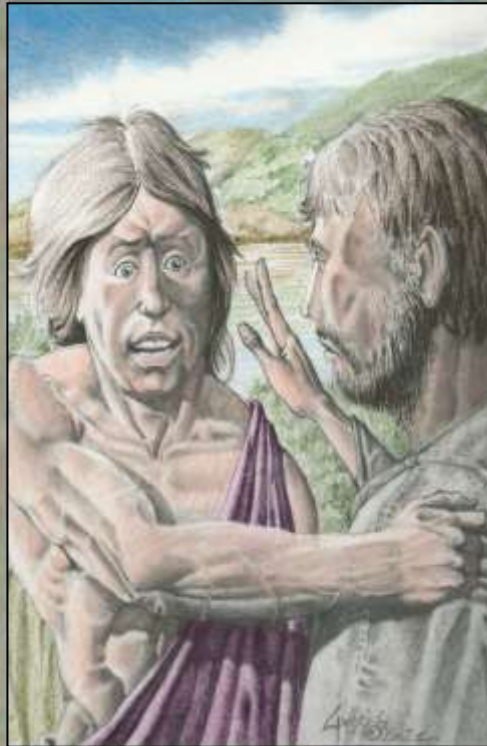
In [Exodus 32:1-14](#) Moses was up in the mount where he got the ten commandments on a stone, and he returned to the camp of the Hebrews to find them dancing naked around a molten calf. Both God and Moses were angry, but God said he would destroy all the Hebrews and raise up another nation from Moses.

Moses was a very faithful man to God. He pleaded with God to spare the people, and because of Moses' righteousness, *God spared the people*. It was Moses' faith and obedience to God that provoked God to answer his prayer and spare the Hebrews.

In the story of Joseph, Israel's son (Genesis Chapters 38-50), we see that Joseph was mistreated by his brothers horrifically and sold into slavery. As a slave in Potiphar's House (the Egyptian) the Bible says in [Genesis 39:5](#) that *God blessed Potiphar's house for the sake of Joseph*. Joseph also wound up in an Egyptian prison for a crime he didn't commit. But after 13 years in prison, he became next in line to Pharaoh over Egypt and he blessed his brothers and the whole world with food during a famine ([Genesis 42](#)). *God used Joseph to provide food during a famine for others because of Joseph's faith and obedience to God.*

How many people do we know that do not pray, read the Bible, go to church or go soul winning or follow any of God's commandments who have a problem they can not solve. How much can God bless that person for our

faith and obedience if we pray for him? The Bible says that it rains on the just and the unjust, so likewise a person who is not serving God may get a blessing if a person who serves God prays for him.



(photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher) Many things in life, such as healing from surgery, never depend on man. Sometimes God blesses, sometimes He does not bless no matter what the medical society does. If a sick or injured person is not saved or is saved and not living right, it may be that another person who is praying for that sick person can bring a blessing from God because he is saved and living right.

God's will will always prevail, but sometimes God will repent of a decision he made based on the prayer of a faithful servant. You have seen it in the case of Moses and Joseph. This is because we know that God always punishes sin, but the punishment can be lightened or shortened if we pray a faithful prayer. The Bible says in [James 5:16](#): *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much*. This is a prayer coming from someone who serves God, loves and honors God. God does hear the prayer we have for others who are not right with God, but once again God's will will always prevail.

God makes it clear in the Bible that he will not listen to the prayer of someone who defies him continuously. [Psalm 66:18](#) says: *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me*. So then it takes the prayer of a righteous man to convince God to answer that other unrighteous man's prayer. Still, however, God may not answer that prayer just like he will not answer any prayer that is outside of his will.

The Bible says: *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*. It is God's ultimate will that everyone be saved so we can rest assured he has our best intentions in mind. At the same time, God can not allow sin in people's lives and have them expect to be blessed. It is a fine line with which God deals with us every day.

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# Is There a Hell?

## Skeptics Deny God Would Ever Make One

Many secular humanists deny the Bible because they think it is a fairy tale. Some of them refer to God as a Higher Power, something beyond science, but certainly not a personable Jehovah or Jesus Christ. These people definitely deny a Hell, that it is in fact a fairy tale and no such place exists.

The existence of Hell in a person's mind depends on one thing: whether or not they believe the Bible. Hell has not been proven by science, like the flood has, but it is made as plain as day in the Bible. If you believe your Bible, then you should believe in Hell. [Luke 16:19-30](#) is Biblical proof that there is a Hell, and it is described by someone who went there. That is why that chapter and story by Jesus Christ is in the Bible. It is a true story, it is not a parable.

Many people would ask: if God is so good why would he make Hell? The answer to that question lies in the perfect righteousness of God. God is without sin, but as [Romans 3:23](#) states: we are sinners. If God ever let sin into Heaven it would corrupt Heaven. Heaven is without sin because it is God's dwelling place. So, God made an alternate place for people who never get saved by the blood of Jesus Christ called Hell and the Lake of Fire. Hell is a holding place until the angles toss the dwellers of Hell into the Lake of Fire for all of eternity.

Hell has fire, and so does the Lake of Fire (molten lava). A man experiences a form of the Lake of Fire when he goes to Hell before he is cast into the Lake forever. There is only one requirement to being spared Hell and the Lake of Fire. It is *salvation from Hell*, otherwise known as being *born again*. God gave us a way out.

The Bible says in Titus 2:11: *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.* That means that everyone in their lifetime at some point has received the gospel and either accepted or rejected it. The problem with religions is that they blind the eyes with idols so that the person will refuse the gospel for his way of worshipping a god.

There are two kinds of religions in the world: the *works-salvation* and the *grace-salvation*. The *works-salvation*

says that a person has to repeatedly do good works to be saved from Hell or go to their heaven. A *grace-salvation* says that only Jesus, the sacrifice on the cross,



Many, many people do not believe in a literal Hell and Lake of Fire where unsaved people get to burn forever after they die. Although there is no scientific proof of it, outside of molten lava in the middle of the earth, the Bible makes it clear that this was God's design. Hell was made for the devil and his angels, but since man chose to follow Satan God would send him there also. The only way to be saved from Hell is by the blood of Jesus.

can save you from Hell— you can not save yourself by your works because your works will never be good enough. Most works-salvation religions never promise heaven, they only make the person *hope that they might go to Heaven* if they do enough good works. Grace through Jesus Christ is a promise of heaven simply by confessing and believing in Jesus Christ ([Romans 10:9](#)). Even though God can not allow sin into Heaven, and we are all sinners, God forgives our sin and places it as far as the east is from the west ([Psalm 103:10-12](#)), and we stand sinless before God. The blood of Christ is an atonement that washes away all of our sin. Even though

our flesh will continue to sin, though generally not as much as we did before we got saved, our soul can not sin because it is accompanied by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, also known as the Holy Ghost or the Spirit of Truth, renders our souls sinless before God, and when we stand at the gates of Heaven God only sees that sinless soul. God does not see all of our other sins.

Thank God for the power of the Holy Spirit and the work that Jesus did on the cross. If we got what we really deserved for our sins, we would get Hell and a Lake of Fire. Jesus Christ made a way for us to avoid a literal Hell where we would burn forever: just accept Him as your Savior.

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# You Just Got Saved

## Where Do You Go From Here?

When you have been saved you have been freed from the fires of Hell, but there is more to the Christian life than just salvation from Hell. One must be saved and **converted**. To be converted is to be following God's commandments. Jesus said *The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these* (Mark 12:29-31). What does obeying these two commandments involve?

Jesus spoke of our duties to God that fulfill the commandment to love God and love our brother. He taught us how to do that in ways that are not always the same as we think they should be. In John 15:1-8 Jesus said, *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you... 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

God wants us to be perfect servants to Him, and in doing so we get the things we ask him for. If we are working for God, He will purge us and make us better for Him. If we are not working for God, he will remove us from his blessings and I would have to imagine we would then get our blessings from Satan. We can do nothing without Christ. But, one may ask, what exactly is it that I have to do to please God?

The Christian life comes in four points which can be likened to the four posts that hold up a cube house. As long as you maintain those four posts (or points) the house will not fall. If we are actively engaged in these four points, we can maintain our relationship with God and we can grow. God promises certain blessings for us, but I want you to remember: the martyrs of the Dark Ages were the most obedient Christians that ever lived and they were tortured and killed for it. The four areas I am talking about are church, Bible, prayer and soul winning.

**Hebrews 10:25** urges us **to go to church**. Church is where the pastor teaches us the Bible and how to live



(Photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher). There is a great amount of rejoicing over someone who gets saved, but does it end there? God has a lot of blessings for us in this life, and sometimes he does not have blessings, but in either way he does require a certain amount of service on our part. Soul winning, church, prayer and reading the Bible are an outline for our life service to God.

the Christian life. We can fellowship there and find our purpose for God. Church is where we can go to help others also with whatever needs they have.

In **2 Timothy 2:15** God taught us **to read the Bible**. The Bible is the Word of God and it was inspired by God even though it was written by man. In the word of God we learn about God, the history of the world, how to treat one another, the laws and many other things.

**James 5:16** teaches us **to pray**. When we pray we ask God for things as well as worship and praise Him, thank Him for all we have and for what He has given others, confess our sins and pray for our leaders in America and around the world.

**Mark 16:15** teaches us **to go soul winning**. It is important for us to get the gospel to as many people as we can from friends and relatives to complete strangers. People at work should get the gospel off work time, and we should be handing out tracts on a regular basis. Such is the nature of this newsletter—to go soul winning.

In order for us to have much fruit, we need to be exercising these 4 points, especially soul winning and inviting people to church. Our fruit is our converts. When we begin to do this for God we please Him.

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# Was Jesus Born on Christmas Day?

## The Rituals of the Catholics Effect All of Us

Christmas, like Thanksgiving, is the time of year for family to get together and enjoy each other's company. A lot of money is spent on gifts, decoration, traveling and other things to make the Christmas season memorable and joyous.

The most important thing about Christmas is that it undoubtedly represents Jesus birth, and Jesus is on just about everyone's mind, for good or bad, around Christmas time. It gives the soul winner a better chance at giving the gospel because more people are willing to listen during the Christmas season. But what is the evidence, or is there any, that Jesus was born on Christmas day, and what kind of day is Christmas religiously?

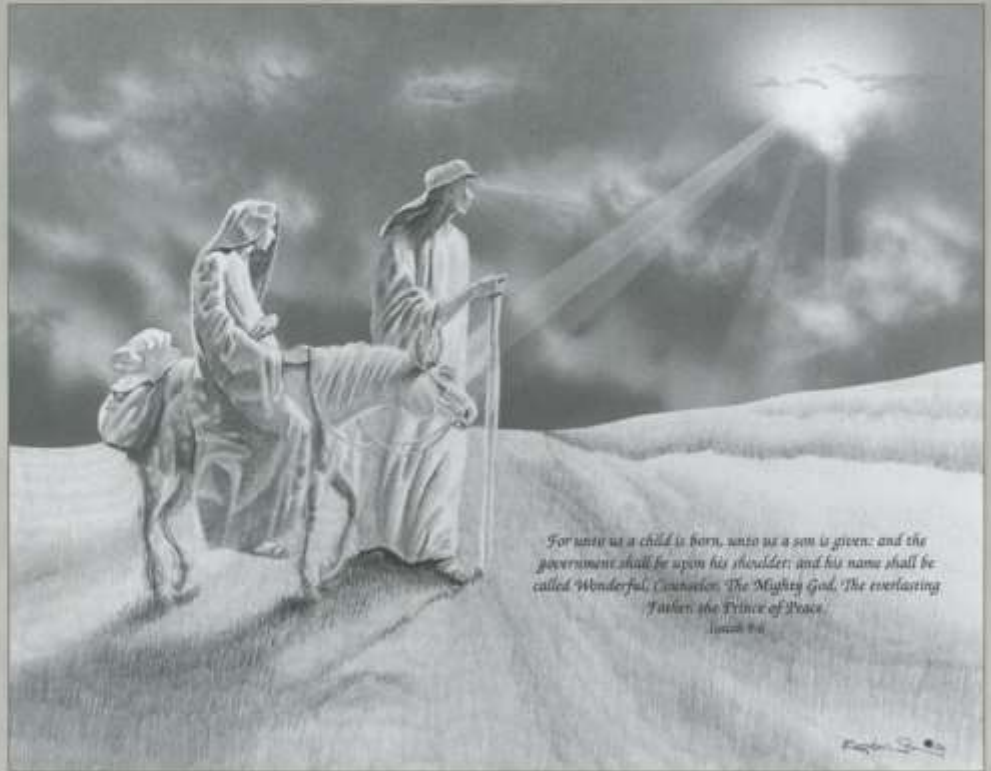
Christmas is not mentioned anywhere in the Bible. If anything, Christmas is a tradition that came from the Roman practice of *Saturnalia*, a week long period of lawlessness in Rome that resulted in abuse ([The History of Christmas](#)). Since the last day of his ritual came on December 25, it was adopted as a official tradition, especially of the catholic church. So when was Jesus born?

One source says that he was born in the fall or spring based on Zechariah's quotes in the Bible. Most of the Bible, if not all of it, never makes a case out of the date of Jesus' birth, but from these sources we can understand that he certainly was not born on December 25 ([elijah.com](#)). So what is Christmas if it is not actually the day of Jesus birth?

Christmas, like Easter, is actually a pagan holiday that evolved into a Christian holiday. Much like Constantine over the years in Rome adopted Christian names for his pagan Gods and created the *universal or catholic church*, these other religions adopted pagan holidays and called them Christian.

This is not unusual, as the devil has been trying to destroy the purity and dignity of the church since Jesus created it, but one would ask—should I stop celebrating Christmas?

It is really your choice. I do not see anything wrong with



*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.*  
Isaiah 9:6

(Joseph and Mary by Jim Robinson) Christmas is celebrated all over the world and it is the time of year when people get together to warm each other. It is also a time when Jesus is on everyone's mind and people are more open to the gospel. But was Jesus born on Christmas? Research says that he was not.

participating in Christmas as long as you know its history and understand it as a chance to get people saved. Like I said earlier, Christmas is when most people have Christ on their minds and may be more interested in the gospel than at any other time of the year.

There are certain things you can do to make Christmas less of a pagan holiday and more of a day in a Christian's life. If your job is having a party with alcohol, it would be good testimony not to go. Just leave your cards and gifts to be handed out by someone else. That way you are a good testimony for Jesus.

When you distribute cards, always put a good four point gospel tract in with the card. When choosing gifts, select things that are a good testimony such as a skirt for a woman instead of a pair of pants. Use conversations you have at Christmas as a chance to discuss the gospel. These are some of the ways you can use the Christmas season to further the gospel and be a good testimony.

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# Secular Humanism and the Bible

## Sometimes They Agree, Sometimes They Oppose

It is beyond a doubt that medical conditions exist among man. Cancer, HIV, Ebola, mutations, many things occur to the human body that need the medical sciences to correct them. I do not think God is at all angry about this as he is in charge of the medical conditions in the first place. Unfortunately there are times when God does not agree with medical procedure and He is in opposition to science. In the case of abortion, the medical society is teaching young mothers that the baby inside if her is only an extra organ, much like an appendix, that can be very easily removed. God says it is a separate life ([Luke 1:41](#)). Thus abortion is murder.

The sciences study God's creation. That is what science really is. Since the secular humanist does not agree with God, they will never agree with science being a study of God's creation. But it all started in Genesis 1:1: *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.* With this said in the King James Bible, it is all a matter of faith thereafter. It is the first verse in the Bible—the very first thing that God wants us to know. The secular humanist can accept religion as a study, but their philosophy has no *faith* in the Bible therefore it can not accept this verse. Science does not involve faith; quite the contrary it is all a matter of proving a guess with facts based on experimentation. Although the Bible proves itself, much of it is still dependent upon the faith of the believer reading it. That is not the case with science. Would it be that this verse be the proclamation of the glory of God to the believer, especially in his times of discouragement. Whereas the Christian thrives on the glory of God, the secular humanist has no glory for God at all. They are two opposing philosophies.

This is Webster's definition of secular humanism: ; *especially: humanism viewed as a system of values and beliefs that are opposed to the values and beliefs of traditional religions.* This opposition is apparent in areas like the Creation of the world, the existence of Heaven and Hell, the truth about Jesus Christ having come as a Savior, the deity of God, the glory of God and many other areas. The closest the Christian and the humanist have ever been able to come is the philosophy that evolution is real from the world that God created billions of years ago, but not all humanists or Christians believe that.

The thing you have to remember about science is that there is nothing wrong with it and it can be very helpful to us if it is used the right way. Let me go back to my original



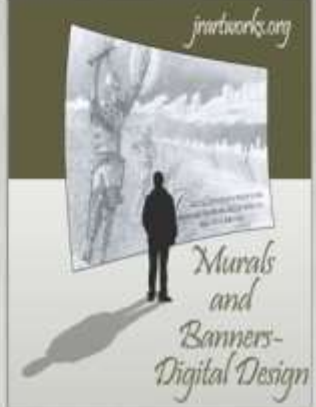
(Photos Courtesy Microsoft Publisher) It is unlikely that God had intentions for man to build space-ships and explore the cosmos which would be better left for God. But science compelled man to build space-ships and explore, in the same way science compelled me to make advances in the medical field. God does not disagree with all science, but here are times when the two oppose.

explanation. When a Christian refers to the baby in the womb it is considered a *separate life*, even if it is no bigger than your thumb. The secular humanist on the other hand considers it to be an organ muck like and appendix that can be easily and safely removed. But both Christians and humanists would agree that dialysis can prevent death for a person suffering from advanced stages of kidney disease. Both would agree in principles of engineering when it comes to building a bridge. These are the kinds of things that the two philosophies agree on because they make common sense, but there are many many things they disagree on.

The world we live in is not based on Christian principles, it is based on secular humanist studies. Our public colleges are based in secular humanism with no regard for Christian beliefs or any faith in the King James Bible for that matter. It is a time when the Bible is being pushed out of society and being replaced with science. To the carnal mind science makes sense, even principles such as the fetus in the womb being nothing more than an organ. Science does not always make sense to a person who has faith in the King James Bible. In the end God will prevail and science will fail. ■

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# Jesus Shames the Wealthy Leaders

## Pharisees Murmur Over His Healings

Understanding Jesus' ministry from when He was here over 2000 years ago can help one be a better soul winner. Sometimes you see a reason why a person does not want to be saved and you can work him through it. Very often, it is the sin of pride that prevents people from getting saved. They feel their good works will get them into Heaven. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Pharisees of Jesus' day walked in the law—they followed every precept, or so people thought. They felt that they did not need a Savior or their sins to be forgiven, especially not by a man from Nazareth. Yet, this man had healed people as evidence to having the power of God. Who better to trust? Still, the stubborn Pharisees only gave more and more murmurings as to why Jesus was not the King of Israel.

The poor man received Jesus gladly (Mark 12:37). Jesus could teach him about how to live peaceably with one another, about the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God. He could teach them about God Himself. That is why Jesus spent most of his time healing the poor—they had respect for him. Unfortunately, the religious leaders stirred up the poor against Jesus when He was being judged for crucifixion. At one time the poor were hailing him a King, another time they were condemning him to death. That is the persuasive power of the wealthy religious leaders over the poor.

Several times when Jesus was addressing the people He gave answers to the religious leader's questions that shamed them in their foolishness to reject Him (Mark 3:1-6). The religious leaders felt that their own good works justified them before the Lord. In the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican it was made clear that the Pharisee was not justified (Luke 18:9-14). One has to accept the fact that he is sinner that needs forgiveness in order to be saved from Hell. It is not our works that justify us before God. We are all equal at the foot of the cross.

When God created man he made him perfect. Man was not a sinner in the Garden of Eden until Eve persuaded Adam to eat of the Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Once original sin passed into mankind he became corrupt. A sacrifice became necessary to wash way the sin, and it came in the form of an unblemished lamb. *That lamb was a picture of the human sacrifice of*

*Jesus Christ* that would come some 4000 years later. In setting up this ordinance, God prepared the world for Jesus Christ.

At the time Christ came, Jerusalem was the capital for the Jews and their culture. All of the most important men of the Jewish religion conjugated in Jerusalem, but we find that these men did not accept Jesus, even after all of



Jesus is shown here teaching from the ship off the shores of Galilee. This is where the New Testament church started. The poor and common people heard Jesus gladly, but the religious leaders were jealous and angry with Him, plotting to kill Him. Jesus taught the people many things about God, living peaceably with one another, finances, the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God.

the miracles he performed. Why? They were envious and jealous of Jesus. No religious leader at that time could perform a miracle, and Jesus' miracles were undoubtedly authentic. Jesus was exposing the reality of what had happened to the Jews. They failed to keep their eyes on the sacrifice for sins, the Messiah, and they had their eyes on power and wealth. They were expecting a Messiah that was to be a king and free them from Roman rule. They were Zealots.

You will see the attitude of the Pharisees very often when you go soul winning. Catholics as well as many other denominations are a *works-salvation church* meaning that the members of the church are working their way to Heaven. These people are hard to get saved because they often refuse the simplicity of *salvation by grace* (not by works) which is something Paul spoke fluently about in the book of Romans.

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# Enmity Between God and I

## What Does It Mean?

When you sin it creates an enmity between you and God even though the sin is forgiven and forgotten by God. An enmity is a space between you and God. The space is bigger depending on the severity of the sin. You can think of the enmity like a brick road that takes you from one place to another. You have to travel the road to get to your destination, and the longer the road the more time it takes. In the time spent traveling, God may withhold a blessing that he had ready for you. You may still get the blessing, but you have to wait longer for it. Enmity also reduces the communication you have with God because of a grievance of the Holy Spirit. Part of repenting from your sin is changing your mind about your sin and turning around to go the opposite direction back to God as the Holy Spirit. When you do that you will see then how far you went away. God is always there, but that sweet fellowship you had at one time may take time to reestablish.

When a person gets saved he immediately gets a Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is part of the trinity of God and it is essentially God dwelling in him. If you were to picture the Holy Spirit as a glass of water, the glass is only part full when you get saved. It takes time in prayer, Bible study, soul winning and church to get the glass completely filled so that you can have the power of the Holy Spirit. When you sin, water is emptied out of the glass and the Holy Spirit is grieved. Now please understand that some sins are worse than others, but all sin creates somewhat of an enmity between you and God. To keep the glass full and be "filled with the Holy Spirit" means trying to keep yourself from sin and practicing the behaviors of a good Christian mentioned above. Only then can God bless you.

When you go to God with a prayer request, Jesus said whatever you ask for in my name I will give it to you ([John 16:23](#)). Why is it then that sometimes we do not get what we ask for? To ask in Jesus name means

that God endorses what your asking for. If you ask in His name and he doesn't agree with it, you're not really asking in His name. It is a matter of the will of God. It is not always because of sin and the enmity it creates between us and God as the reason why our prayers do not get answered. Sometimes it is simply not God's will. When we ask for something the answer that comes back from God is **yes, no or wait**. If

God feels what we asking for will benefit us and draw us closer to Him and give Him glory he will say **yes**. If God does not feel it is good for us, (though we do), or God has something else in mind which may be better, he will tell us **no**. If it something we could have but it is not time yet he will say **wait**.

The Bible has a lot to say about sin, and I can hardly give it all here. But the thing you need to remember is that the believer's sins are all forgiven (if

you are saved) *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)*; however, there is still a consequence for sin built into God's world ([Romans 1:18-32](#)). It is the consequence for sin, along with our guilt that creates the enmity between us and God. That enmity will go away eventually as we walk down the road to righteousness and we reach its end. We establish fellowship with God again in the same degree we had before we sinned.

Isn't it wonderful to be walking with God? Since we always sin (some sins are worse than others) we will always be walking that road to righteousness, but we can have fellowship with God along the way.



(Photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher) Many times one sin can lead to more sin and we start down a path that is going the opposite direction to God. To repent is to change your mind and change your direction, so we can turn around when we come to ourselves and return to God. The path back may be long — to be in that position of blessing and fellowship we once were, but whosoever comes to Jesus He in no wise will cast out.

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# The Bus and Van Ministry

## Evangelizing Disadvantaged Neighborhoods

Dr. Bob Gray of the Longview Baptist Temple had a wonderful [bus ministry](#). They would take a bus for an hour and a half one way to pick up kids and bring them back to church another hour and a half for Sunday School. The First Baptist Church in Hammond Indiana had a bus ministry under the late Dr. Jack Hyles reaching thousands of children in Chicago. Many churches around the country have bus and van ministries to reach the disadvantaged children in run-down neighborhoods.

The question that arises when people do not want to have a bus ministry is "How else are the children and their parents going to get the gospel and teaching from the Bible?" They are sure not going to get it from the public schools secular humanist curriculum, as a matter fact they will get just the opposite. In the same way Jesus went to the poor, churches have to be willing to do the work of reaching the poor neighborhoods of America.

Although Sunday Schools can teach character to children in some ways, they are more importantly good for teaching the children and adolescents to **respect God**. Once a child learns this he can be taught critical Bible principles that he can carry with him for a lifetime. He can learn how to have a personal relationship with Christ and get his prayers answered which will help him to do something greatly productive with his life. Many bus kids go into the ministry and become Sunday School teachers themselves, missionaries, pastors and evangelists.

The world is going to turn the children away from God, whether rich or poor. Sometimes poor kids learn behaviors that destroy their lives later on. The world is not concerned about God in the lives of these children. But God is what they need to be prosperous. Jesus said *I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.* (Hebrews 13:5). Once these children and their parents get saved, Jesus will always be with them. The power of God to perform miracles in the lives of these children and their parents can help

them in their neighborhoods, at school and in other areas of their lives. Jesus said in John 15:7: *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.* What

better way to learn what the commandments of God than to go to church. And a sound bus ministry will encourage them and make a catalyst for them to come to church.

Bus and van ministries require a lot of work. Usually the driver and bus captain have to get up very early Sunday morning to inspect the bus and begin the trail from house to house. Sunday school children need permission slips if they are going to get baptized or even ride the bus

(permission form their parents if their parents do not ride the bus). Sunday school promotions also help to interest the children in the bus ride. You can view some of the fliers I have for Sunday School promotions in the ad below. A good bus promotion excites he children to ride the bus and come to Sunday School to learn about Jesus. Sometimes they might otherwise not want to come.

The world does not want God's people to have Sunday School Bus Ministries. They want those children to learn in the public school under the philosophies of secular humanism. The world does not want children and their parents from run-down neighborhoods to get saved. There are a lot of odds against the bus and van ministry, but if we just keep going we can reach the children.



(photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher) The bus and van ministry of a church is the backbone of reaching the poor in numbers. Children and their parents line up with excitement to ride the bus to church and hear what the Sunday School teacher has to say from the Bible to help them live a better life and glorify God. It takes a lot of hard work and organization to run busses or vans, but the children will appreciate it.

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# Door-Knocking

## Homes With Different Socio-Economic Levels

Just today, September 28, I handed a church tract to two people sitting on a bench on my way to the bus stop. I asked them if you died today are you 100% sure you are going to Heaven? They both said no. I then gave them the plan of salvation and they both got saved! Although I prefer this kind of soul winning (in-transit), there is another kind of soul winning that has its own set of benefits: **door knocking**.

The one word that comes to mind when I think about door knocking is **families**. It is a chance for the soul winner to greet entire families and even temporarily become a part of the family. If the occupant of the house is willing to let the soul winners in, you can literally meet the whole family around the kitchen table and win everyone to the Lord. Then you can invite them out to church to meet your family.

Make sure you have a partner or more than one when you go to people's doors and in their homes. There are potential liabilities surrounding this kind of thing and a partner can serve as a witness if you are falsely accused.

As it is with soul winning on the street, you will find many many occupants angry and bitter at God. They will not bid you Godspeed. Some are of other religions and will not let you in. Sometimes people do not want to let you in for safety reasons but will get saved at the door.

In the book of Acts, the disciples did a lot of door knocking: *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart (Acts 2:46)*. They all had something in common; they were all concerned about souls. This was an act of obedience to Christ who said, *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."* (Mark 16:15)

Depending on the neighborhood you go to, you will find different kinds of people from different socio-economic backgrounds. Many of the more wealthy people will resist the gospel and expect a fair shew of diligence when you are at their door. It is hard to impress them. But sometimes they will listen and even get saved and furthermore they may even invite you in. But they are a hard people to win to Christ because they have every thing they need. They do not need Christ (so they think).

The poorer neighborhoods on the other hand are often more open to the gospel. They are looking or something form God. Sometimes they are looking for a material blessing, but you're only there to bring them a spiritual blessing. But if they get saved and serve God, God can show them mercy and maybe help them find a better job.

Going door-to-door soul winning can be very satisfying, but sometimes people will refuse just like they do in-transit. Some people feel they do not need God and will refuse your offer for a tract or to come in to present the gospel. Some people re-

fuse kindly and may just not be ready and you should stop back again in the future.

Pay close attention to children. Mast churches have a Sunday School program for bus kids and you should encourage the kids to come. Depending on the neighborhood, church may be all they have at a chance to learn some character. Middle class kids learn character at home. Working class and poor kids can learn it at church as well as home.



*(Photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher)* There is much to be said about door-knocking as a form of soul winning. Many times, an entire family can be reached when the person who comes to the door invites in the soul winners. It is often the transfer of the gospel from one family to another. Depending on the neighborhood, you can reach an expanse of socio-economic levels of families from poor to working class to middle class to wealthy.

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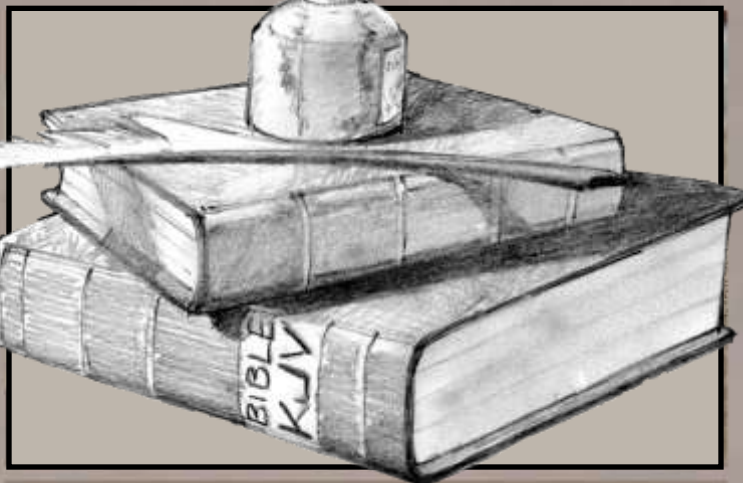
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# What Is Heresy?

## Religions and Philosophies that Oppose God



*[photo courtesy Microsoft Publisher]* There is nothing wrong with having a Bible study and writing things down, but when you use that pen to **change** the meaning of the Bible then teach it to people it becomes **heresy**.

*written in this book*

The important thing you have to remember about heresy is that it contains about 90% truth and 10% a lie. That is how it works so well among followers. Most of it is true, but the lie is so subtle it can deceive many people. Heresy can be pictured like a cup of black coffee. When you pour just a little cream into the coffee it completely **changes** its color from black to light brown. The 10% heresy **changes** the 90% truth into a lie. That is why it so effective with false prophets to get a following of thousands of people on principles that completely oppose the King James Bible. Although no man knows the Bible completely, the AnaBaptist church (today the Baptist church) had adhered to traditions that were always led by the

King James so that heresy would not creep in for the most important aspects of their beliefs.

God's Word never changed and it is not changing. The secular humanist views the King James as part of a study of religions, but the Baptist church is not necessarily a religion. When people think of religions they think of idols, artifacts, songs and the traditional things that go into a church. The Baptist church was always the body of believers, not the building. The church is composed of a group of people who all believe basically the same way from one book. Religions mostly worship Satan and come with a set of rituals that make people believe that they are pleasing a god. The Baptist traditionally was set on his Bible reading, soul winning, prayer and church attendance, but more important than all these was his **personal relationship with Jesus Christ**. His prayer time was to talk to God, to confess his sins and ask for blessings. His Bible time was for God to talk to him so that he could be obedient. His soul winning was to get people saved from Hell and his church time was to learn from the pastor and serve others. It was not a set of rituals to convince him of a god.

So, remember, every time you read a Bible that is not a King James, you are reading heresy. And any time someone is not rightly dividing the Word of God (the King James) they are presenting heresy.

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When one decides he is going to have a religion in his life, he is faced with many options. There are many different religions and bibles, and there over 100 versions of the Christian Bible alone. What do we choose? Do we become Muslim, Hindu, Voodoo, Jewish, Buddhist, Taoist, or any one of the derivatives of Christian such as Jehovah's Witness, Charismatic, Pentecostal, Mormon and many others? Many times we are born into a family that practices a certain religion, but if we are in a free country we can be any religion we choose. Should we look for the church that comes the closest to what Jesus gave us? How would we know?

The Bible we read makes all the difference in the world. There is certainly more power in the King James Bible than all of the others combined because no revival ever came out of any other Bible, especially in the United States. Furthermore, all the prophecies in the King James have come to pass except for those in Revelation chapter 4 and beyond. And more, 100,000,000 martyrs died for the Textus Receptus in the Dark Ages which is where the scripture from which the King James was translated from. The King James Bible is a blood-bought book and never in the course of history has there been more martyrs behind a Bible. And it is a **living** book.

So, where did all of the other bibles come from? Since God's word has always been with mankind, even if not in written form (such as when it was only in the mouth of the prophets), men have tried to change the word of God to suit their sinful ways. This is called writing **heresy**. They took scripture and modified it, changing words and verses and thus changing the meaning of the scripture. Some men wrote alternate Bibles to add to the King James. But Revelation 22:18 says: *For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are*





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# It Is a Matter of Priorities

## Are We Making Time to Fulfill the Great Commission?



When I got out of college, my goal was to get a good professional job and make a lot of money. That is generally what very student seeks, and so do those who do not get to college. After I got saved I started going to a Bible-believing church that made it simple as to what God expected from me. And I started soul winning. That was about 25 years ago. Today I am still soul winning.

Some people never get saved, but for those who do it can be quite a discipline to serve God in soul winning considering the time management involved. Young people are looking for the best job they can get, and spending time working and dealing with the house, but are they soul winning? Did the young people of today for get about the one most important thing you can do for God?

*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (Matthew 6:24).* It is one thing to be in search of the best job we can get, it is another thing to forget about God searching for the best job we can get. God has to be a priority in our lives. God wants us to make time for him first, and let the rest of our lives fall in places thereafter. Do we make time to pray every day? Do we make time to read the Bible everyday? Is our job getting in the way of church? And most importantly do we find the time to go soul winning? Or has our career taken all of that time away?

The Bible says *But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel (1 Timothy 5:8).* But it also says *Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15).* Which one of these verses takes the priority, or can we expect one to? There has to be a **balance** of our time in order to meet these two commandments.

Time with God and soul winning has to be scheduled, like we schedule meetings for work. That way you are sure to make it a priority in your life. So schedule time to go soul winning because it is the one most important thing you will ever do for God.

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*We've become reliant upon and accustomed to the KJV, but is it any different than the 1611 KJV? Do we have access to the 1611 if it proves to be the proper translation?*

When I pick up my Bible to read it, I never question whether or not it is the right Bible. It's a King James Version—why would I question it? Why would there be anything wrong with it. How could it be heresy? I've been using it for years.

There have been some pastors that have investigated the translation of the 1611 (original) and the later versions called King James Versions. I would have thought they were all derivatives of the KJV and that I never had to worry when I study or read from it. But according to certain observations, sometimes the KJV doesn't contain the same words as the 1611 KJV.

An **"every word"** Bible means that every word counts. This is what creates the confusion. If you read the forward by [Pastor John Koletas](#) study by [Pastor Scott DeGiorgio](#), you will see that DeGiorgio

gives 50 accounts (and there may be more) where words were changed which sometimes changes the meaning of the scripture.

I will continue to read my KJV Bible until there is a production of 1611 versions that I can get my hands on. My Bible is a KJV and that will have to suffice. But it interesting to see that either by error or deliberately someone is always trying the change the KJV.



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# Soul Winning

## The Only Hope For America

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*As tensions mount between the social classes we often wonder what we can do to help. You can give a man a sandwich and he will eat for a day, but if you win him to the Lord and get him in church you can completely change his life—if he is willing. We no longer live in a spiritual nation, or that spirit has taken a different form than Jehovah and Jesus Christ being God.*

Although soul winning can be difficult at times, I love to go soul winning. You learn how to brush off the ridicule and mockery and carry on to the next person. I have had the privilege of wining all kinds of people to the Lord from wealthy to poor to disabled and homeless. It is actually rare I win a soul if you compare it to the amount of tracts I present to people, most of whom thank me but refuse the tract. With that thanks comes a loss of their own soul because Jesus was knocking on their heart's door.

What kind of impact does soul winning in America have on America? Many preachers today talk about our nation being on its way down and that it is just a matter of time. We are looking at a war casualty, economic crash, people vagrant and violent in the streets, and many other ill-natured things like these. What do we do? They say we can not stop the ball from rolling.

A pastor once repeatedly told me from behind the pulpit that the most important thing you will ever do is win a soul to Jesus Christ. I've always agreed with him. If winning a soul is the most important thing you can for your Savior, then winning a soul is the most important thing you can do for your country. And this is only where it starts. If people could get saved and grow in the Lord at church, it could turn this nation around. As the verse says: *if my people, which are called by my name, shall*

*humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14).*

The King James Bible has so much to offer a man who is thirsty for God's commandments. It can change a man's life.

There are several reasons why I go soul winning. First, it gives me a chance to give something back to God for all of His goodness to me. Jesus is not going to come here to go soul winning, it is our job to go soul winning. Secondly, it is a commandment in the Bible (*Mark 16:15*): *Go ye into all the earth and preach the gospel to every creature.* Thirdly it is like a medicine to go soul winning and be in God's will thereby. It gives

me a chance to express my love for my brother and God. And lastly, it is the only hope America has.

When someone gets saved, the Holy Spirit of God enters in him. If he continues to grow in the Lord with his quiet time with God, soul winning, church, and other means, he will begin to **think** like a Christian. Most Christians know the bloodshed that went into this country—not only the soldiers that died in war but he 100,000,000 martyrs that died in the Dark Ages of 500 AD-1500 AD who would not recant their Savior. They longed for a country that had freedom of religion and part of the reason why Europe came here some 400 years ago was for religious freedom. Unfortunately, with that religious freedom came an influx of other religions that turned people away from the King James Bible. There can be no better way to win America back to Jesus than to go soul winning.



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# Pride

## The One Reason Why People Do Not Get Saved

When one goes soul winning in transit (at bus stops and on the street) he gets about 15 refusals for every one acceptance of the tract he is handing out. Just today I was nearly assaulted by a drunk who happened to be with another 2 men when I offered them the gospel. He cursed God and threatened me. But that is rare, and I only make mention of it so you understand how people can hate God.

Very few people ever get saved when I go soul winning; however, *I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance (Luke 15:7).*

I often wondered why that was so, that so few ever got saved. I heard a message one time by a pastor that the reason people do not get saved is because of pride.

We all understand the pride of many rich people. Their faith is in their possessions and their money. They become lifted up with pride because they feel good about their method of making that money. They usually flaunt it in their cars, homes, clothes and many other things to tell the world that they are wealthy and successful. It is very difficult to get a wealthy man saved for these reasons, and rarely will you ever find a wealthy man waiting for a city bus. The wealthy have become harder to reach. It is a philosophy adopted by the wealthy that there is no God because you are a god



There is nothing wrong with wealth, but when it stands in the way of salvation it can be detrimental for a soul that has died. Rich people often neglect the plan of salvation in lieu of their monetary belongings because they become proud of their ability to make money.

yourself. You then do not need to be saved.

But it is not only the rich that are full of pride. Surprisingly enough, many many poor Americans have become prideful about themselves because of concupiscence, crime and other reasons. It seems the poor who are not prideful are the ones who try to maintain standards and abide by laws.

There have been many poor people to whom I have presented the gospel who utterly refuse it. Very often these are the women who are half-dressed, men who don't hold jobs or sport ghetto clothing and tattoos, and people who have broken the law on several occasions. At least a wealthy person can fall back on his money as it says in the Bible *money is a defense (Ecclesiastes 7:12)*, but what can a

poor person fall back on? He has nothing. The only hope for the poor is Jesus Christ.

The most we can do is go soul winning as often as possible and try to reach as many as we can—rich, poor and in-between.









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## What Is Eternal Security? God's Promise of Salvation

Many times when I am soul winning I come across people who say that they are not going to heaven but later on in the conversation tell me they've been saved. They sometimes say they been saved more than once. Why is this so? These are people who do not understand the doctrine of eternal security.

When a person gets saved, he gets saved forever. He can never lose his salvation. Not if he commits a small sin or a big sin. Sometimes we wonder if a person truly got saved if he were to go out and murder someone the day after he said the sinner's prayer. But more often than not, people generally mean the salvation prayer and do get saved.

People tend to think that once they are saved they have to stop sinning in order to keep their salvation, or they will wind up in hell. That is a common teaching of many charismatic and other denominations as a way to get you to obey the pastor. Commonly a pastor of those churches will tell you if you do not tithe you will lose your salvation. But those things are not true because once you are saved you are always saved, even if you keep sinning. And as nature has it, we will always keep sinning, we just try not to do anything horrible.

The term to use is **"once saved always saved"** and it comes from the verse *And grieve not the holy Spirit of*



If this building could represent Heaven, you see partly how glorious Heaven is. When you get saved, you are saved forever, and Heaven is your home even in the present time. Some people think you can lose your salvation, and they get saved over and over again. You only need to be saved once. Jesus only died once for us.

*God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption* The Anabaptists would have been tortured and died for this principle, but today we take it for granted.

It is important when you are soul winning that you try to make sure your convert, in the event you lead him to Christ, understands the principle of **once saved always saved**. The things you say to him in the brief time you have his attention will be keyed to his salvation, and you want to make sure he knows he can never lose his salvation. I usually do it by asking him a few questions. Firstly I ask him (after he says the sinner's prayer), *"So, now if you died today, where would you go?"* And he will usually say, *"Heaven."* And then I ask him, *"But if you had died before you got saved today where would you have gone?"* And he usually says, *"Hell."* Then I ask him, *"If you died 20 years from now where would you go then?"* And he usually says, *"Heaven."* Then I tell him, *"That's right. Once you're saved you're always saved. Even if you sin again, because it is human nature to sin, your sins are all forgiven you; past, present and future. But remember: there is always a consequence for sin."*







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## The Ministry of Reconciliation Ambassadors for Christ

In Meriam Webster's dictionary the word **reconciliation** means: *the act of causing two people or groups to become friendly again after an argument or disagreement.* In the same dictionary the word **ambassador** means: *the highest-ranking person who represents his or her own government while living in another country.* The Bible uses these two words this way: *2 Corinthians 5:18-21:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*



(Photo courtesy of Microsoft Publisher) Shaking hands is usually a sign of friendship or agreement, often used when saluting someone. It is symbolic for Jesus' work on the cross to pay for our sins and reconcile us to God.

The very blood that Jesus shed on the cross that was brought to God as an atonement for our sin is the element that reconciles us to God. Jesus is the mediator between God and us, and without his blood there is no remission of sins. We then ought to be willing to go soul winning to reconcile others to God with Jesus as the mediator. We never do the saving, Jesus does. We just represent Jesus because he's not here. That's what makes us ambassadors. We communicate to the world for God because our home is not really here, it's in heaven. We are ambassadors from heaven.

There is a hymn that has these words: *This world is not my home I'm just —a passin' through. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. The Lord beckons me from Heaven's open door, and I cant feel at home in this world any*

*more.* That hymn expresses perfectly our short nature here before we go to heaven. We sometimes get so tied up in the affairs of this world we fail to give glory to God. It is important for a Christian to be praying, reading his Bible, going to church and going soul winning. That maintains our relationship with God. In such a way we can be true ambassadors for Christ because we are a true testimony. I would not be comfortable trying to give the plan of salvation to someone when I know that earlier that day I cussed or committed some kind of presumptuous sin. I would feel like a hypocrite. Going soul winning has a way of keeping us clean from sin so that we are a good testimony when we do the work of an ambassador.

Reconciling people to God is **soul winning**. What we are doing is essentially restoring the covenant God made with a us when he died on the cross.

The ministry of reconciliation should be a major part of the church function. The church should have a day in the week for church-wide soul winning, and the pastor should be a part of it. That makes the church ambassadors for Christ. But **you** should take a personal responsibility to go soul winning and be a part of the ministry of reconciliation—bringing people back to God.



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Row House in Troy, NY

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## “I Go to Church” But Have You Been Saved?

Sometimes when we go soul winning and pose the question, “If you died today are you 100% sure you would go to heaven?” we get an answer concerning **works**. Some people feel they will go to Heaven because they lived a good life, or brought up their family well, or worked hard all of their life. These are reasons they give because they do not understand the grace of God inasmuch that **we are not saved by works—we are saved by our faith in Jesus Christ**. But more often we will get an answer that the person feels they will get to Heaven because they go to church.

Going to church does not save a person from Hell or ensure a place in Heaven. In the first place, it is probably the wrong kind of church if they are teaching that going to church gets you to Heaven. In the second place, going to church is a **work**—it is not the requirement for being saved. If you never went to church but you were saved you would still go to Heaven. Likewise, if you went to church when the doors were open and you never got saved you would not go to Heaven.

Commonly, church is considered a **religious** thing. Lighting candles, sitting through a message, singing religious songs, tithing, and other rituals seem to convince people that these particular works **earn** their way to Heaven. They feel Heaven is bought by church attendance, not the blood of Christ. But, as it says in Proverbs 49:7: *None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him; salvation can not be bought with money or works.*

The church is the body of believers, not the physical build-



(Photo courtesy of Microsoft Publisher) Many people feel the aura of a church (like this beautiful design) constitute the presence and rituals of God that will get them into Heaven. The church however is the called out body of believers (people).

ing and the things contained therein. The church is not the carved stature of the saint that people bow down to. It is not the altar where the sacrifices were made in the Old Testament. The church is the people who are all saved. The mere fact that the altar had so many artifacts in Solomon’s Temple did not mean that praying **to** the altar would save you from Hell. It was the blood shed on the altar by the priests of the sacrificial animals that represented the blood of Christ that saves you. It is all in abstract, not literally the physical church that saves you.

When I used to be a Catholic, I can remember some of the rituals of the priest in an effort to make the wine and bread the physical body and blood of Christ with the many drawn out “prayers” and

chants and other rituals he did. I never quite understood, I only was convinced it was a good thing to take of the bread and wine and doing it enough times would possibly get me to Heaven, or at least get God to be good to me.

Please be sure to let people know they are not saved from Hell by going to church. ■



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## Herod Thought That He Was God The Price to Pay for Pomp

The book of Acts is known for the expansion of the church mostly based on Paul's work and missionary journeys. In its very early years, the church would not be expanded unless there was martyrdom. We saw it in [Acts 7:54-60](#) with Stephen and we see it again in [Acts 12](#) with Peter, who was spared his execution because of the **prayers** of the people of the churches.

In Acts 12, Herod was the ruler who killed James the brother of John in an effort to please the Jews and probably because he enjoyed the bloodshed himself.

When Herod saw the enjoyment the religious leaders got from the death of James, he wanted to martyr Peter also. So he put Peter in prison and kept him with excessive soldiers to be sure he would not escape. And if Peter did escape the soldiers lost their lives.

The church prayed for Peter for a long time that God might do something for him. And, quite to their surprise, God did save Peter from prison. The miraculous happened..

An angel came to Peter in the prison and freed him, and Peter came knocking on his friends' door that were in prayer for him.



In Acts 8, Stephen was stoned to death because he told the truth about the religious leaders of his day: they denied Jesus Christ as Savior. I wonder if those leaders didn't enjoy the bloodshed as much as Herod or ISIS as well?

The angel said, "Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. **8** And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. **9** And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. **10** When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him."

Herod had to make an oration to the people, and the people called him a god. Herod accepted that salutation and thus considered himself God. And God sent worms to eat up Herod's body and he died of the worms.







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# How To Win a Muslim to the Lord

## Finding a Common Ground

When I go soul winning at bus stops, I come upon many people who I offer a tract to and they say "I am a Muslim" The conversation usually ends right there, but it doesn't have to. This Bible help is based on a sermon by [Raymond Abou-Mekhael](#)

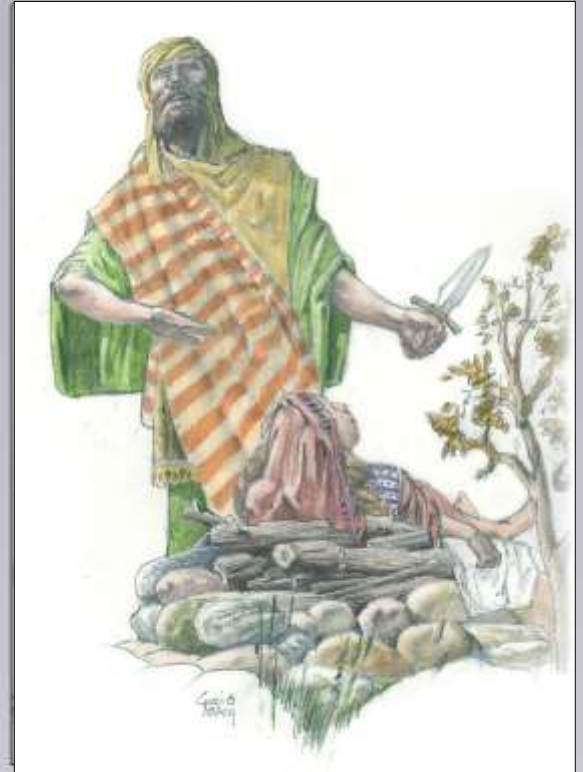
Muslims can be divided into three groups: 60% of them are Muslim by culture and religion, but they do not necessarily practice the Muslim religion. 30% of them are practicing Muslims and 10% of them are radical Muslims. Since the 10% speak so loud with the beheadings, etc., we think all Muslims are like them, but they are not. It is very hard to get a Muslim to break his dedication to the Quran (the Muslim bible), even if he is not a practicing Muslim. The key to getting a Muslim saved is not to disagree with him and his beliefs, but to find a common ground upon which he can be saved.

The Muslim has a feast day called the *Adha Feast*. This is based on the sacrifice that Abraham made of his son Isaac, even though the Muslim believes the son who was sacrificed was Ishmael. In this part of scripture, [Genesis 22:1-14](#), Abraham brings his son to be sacrificed to God at God's command to show his faithfulness. Just as Abraham was about to slay his son, the angel spoke to him and prevented him. Then Abraham looked and saw a ram in a thicket caught by his horns, and Abraham sacrificed the ram as a *substitute* for his son.

This *Adha Feast* is very important to all Muslims, whether they be the 60% or 30% or 10%. It is therefore a good point from which to get to know your Muslim friend and establish a good relationship with him first. Muslims think of Christians as one of two kinds of people: either we are catholic and worship Mary and the Saints (which they do not) or we are Hollywood Christians who sin all the time and expect to be forgiven. By first acknowledging something sacred to the Muslim you can win him over to yourself and explain to him that you are not in one of these two categories of "Christians."

First, ask your Muslim friend about the *Adha Feast*. Get him to talk about his religion and explain it to you. Once he is thinking about it you can tell him that it is also in your Bible that Abraham sacrificed his son and then found a ram as a substitute. Now you can compare the substitute to Jesus Christ. You can explain that Christ went to the cross in our place just as Abraham found the ram instead of his son.

Since a Muslim believes in a false doctrine that comes from the Quran (the Muslim Bible), his belief system is designed to oppose the Christian and anything pertaining to getting saved from Hell. Satan does not want people to be saved from Hell so he raised up a prophet called Mohamed to write the Quran. In Muhammad's Quran, he contradicts himself by making verses pertaining to loving Christians when he first set out to write and



was trying to appeal to Jews and Catholics with his Bible (before there were any Muslims). Later on, when the Jews and Catholics denied him, he wrote verses to hate and kill Christians, and those are where the 10% of Muslim radicals get their scripture orders to kill Christians.

The Christian world today faces great persecution by the Muslims radicals— the 10% of the Muslim population that kills and tortures Christians. This is going on in many Middle eastern countries where there is no freedom of religion. In Lebanon, where Raymond Abou-Mekhael has his ministry there is a freedom of religion which allows Raymond to expand as a church planter all over Lebanon.. He is also reaching some of the prohibited countries.

Raymond says that *the gospel is unstoppable*. It is seen all throughout the book of Acts. Even with human limitations, government limitations and other limitations, the Gospel has not stopped its widespread voice since the death of Jesus on the cross over 2000 years ago.

So, whenever you witness to a Muslim, keep in mind the concept of *common ground* and the *Adha feast*.

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# Just Keep Going

## Satan Wants to Hinder Your Soul Winning

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It has been a long time since my last Soulwinner Newsletter. I've been battling with my mental illness and I did not want to produce something I would regret. But I couldn't help but try to be an encouragement to you in these days of falling away.

You see so many things when you go soul winning. You see ignorant people who know nothing about the Bible who want to know about God, then you see people who simply hate God. I spoke to a man today and asked him if he would like to go to Heaven and his reply was, "I'm going to Hell and that's the way I want it." I could say nothing to him after that.

Generally, when you go soul winning, there are three groups of people you are dealing with. One is those who are following a false doctrine, another is those who are indifferent to it and really do not care about Heaven, and the other is those who know the gospel but hate God. People hate God sometimes because they have a traumatic event in their lives they blame God for or that God takes away too much of their fun.

The people I am always trying to reach are the ignorant ones because I can form a concept in their minds about God. God is love, and I want them to know that first, but God also punishes sin. I try to strike some kind of emotion in their face when I am talking to them about the plan of salvation, I am sure to tell them the 4 points of salvation: sin, death, hell, salvation. But as I go along I try to give them a tone of voice that is matter-of-fact but calm and soothing to them. These people may have heard bits and pieces about the plan of salvation but never really got it in its entirety. The plan of salvation makes so much sense even a little child can be saved by it. It is simple. It is easy-believism.

There is a CDTA bus driver I know who insists salvation is more than just a prayer. And I tell him it is more than just a prayer—you have to believe it in your heart. But he says you have to show some sign that you are saved not just get saved and keep on living like the devil. I told him I am always sure to let my converts know that at even though their sin is forgiven (past, present and future) that there is always a consequence for sin. You can't expect to be a child of God and keep on with smoking, drinking, cussing and all of those vices with-

out God punishing you for them.

There is just something about being a soul winner that gives a man a clear conscious before God. Coupled with prayer, Bible reading church, your tithe and all the things Jesus expects from you it is a wonderful feeling to be walking with God. But the sin of the world wants to always draw you away. People have no discipline against the Devil's ways and they just give in hook line and sinker. I see it all of the time. I know a young prostitute here in Troy who is always asking me for a dollar, and I can't help her. I've given her the gospel; and she refuses Christ for her own ways. But she's always found on the street battered by the depression of poverty and abuse. Things like this seem to make soul winning sound useless, but it is her own fault. She had the opportunity to get saved and she knows I represent the gospel. I would always get her saved if she just expressed an interest. But I am not going to patronize her sin.

I just keep going. I make a conscious decision and I order my life around soul winning. I set aside special times for it while I still have my feet to walk, my eyes to see, my ears to hear and my mouth to talk. You never know when you are going to lose your body parts, especially as you start to grow older.

Just keep going. Don't let fools hinder you with their philosophies about a godless world. "If there was a God why would there be all of this suffering?" they say. Its because of sin, yours and mine.

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The King James Bible is a very powerful book. It is likened unto a two-edged sword in [Hebrews 4:12](#). Bring it with you when you go soul winning. It will never fail you.

God why would there be all of this suffering?" they say. Its because of sin, yours and mine.

Please do not give up on soul winning and trying to get your converts in church. Just get some kind of contact number if you can and call them to encourage them to come. The Lord will bless you for it.







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## The Names of God

### Holy, Powerful and Merciful

God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit go by many different names in the Bible. Sometimes these names signify an attribute of God, especially when they determine God in one of these three forms as part of the Holy Trinity. In this article I am going to give you some of the different names of God and where they can be found in the Bible.

#### **Names of God:**

God—Genesis 1:1.

Jehovah

Jah

The Great I Am

The Everlasting father

O Thou that Hearest Prayer

O Thou that Dwellst Between the Cherubim

The Holy One of Israel

The Lord of Hosts

#### **Names of Jesus Christ**

Christ Jesus

Son of God

Son of Man

The Way, the Truth the Light

The shepherd

The Living water

The Rock

The Bread of Life

The Lamb of God

The Alfa and Omega



The glory of God is revealed in his creation, such as in this landscape. God's name is to be held in reverence.

The King of Kings

The Lord of Lords

#### **Names of the Holy Spirit**

Holy Ghost

The Spirit of Truth

The Spirit of God

The Comforter



*These are not all the names of God. If you look through your Bible you may find more. But it is good for you to know these as a way of honoring God and keeping his name Holy. It is one thing to cuss, it is another thing to take the name of the Lord God in vain and still another to blaspheme God's name.*







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## True Chastity A Closeness to God

Anyone who reads the writings of Paul the Apostle can see plainly that he had an unmatched closeness to God. And if you further examine his writings you will see that he was not married. Some say that Paul was a widower, some say that Paul simply chose a life of chastity. But Paul certainly set an example for us of what it means to be chaste.

Paul made it clear that a chaste man or woman is in service to God. A married man or woman is in service to their husband or wife. (verse) All of us will attest to being chaste at some point in our lives, if we have that kind of discipline, especially in young adulthood. Adolescence has become a cesspool of vanity because of today's media, and many teenagers are unlikely to be chaste. The home has a lot to do with this. If the home is led by the Holy Spirit of God, and the family is attending a good Bible-believing Baptist church, then the children learn to be chaste. But if the family is delving in the Kingdom of the Earth, the children may most likely grow up in vanity and concupiscence because that is mostly what our media has to offer them. Very rarely does a young lady or teenage girl make a conviction to wear the attire of a woman which is limited in the Bible to a dress or skirt that goes down past the knee and a blouse that covers her chest line. Pants, shorts, halter tops and the like are most popular today. But so be the Kingdom of the Earth.

True chastity is very important to the unmarried man. It clears his mind and helps him to conquer the onslaught of temptations in daily life. True chastity is the absence of sex in a man's thoughts, not just his behavior. It is the absence of masturbation and concupiscence, lewdness and vanity in the mind. It is very hard to find today.

The honor of a true Gomorrhite is chastity. It is something that the heterosexual has trouble understanding. In the same way a heterosexual man finds it disgusting to touch on another man, the homosexual man finds it disgusting to touch on a woman. There is problem with his hormones if he was born that way, otherwise he was straight and decided to become queer. Paul condemned homosexuality in

Romans chapter one for both the woman and the man, but if a man or woman was born queer all they have to do is keep a lifetime of chastity and they do not defy God. But that is very hard to do because we are sexual beings, and sex is natural to us.

It is the responsibility of the peers of the queer who was born that way to give him an environment that is clear of homosexual stimuli. If you loved a queer you would stop condemning him and help him to be truly chaste. If he falls, that is his abomination. Because homosexuality is in fact an abomination, but, like I said before, a man who desires a man is not a queer as long as he does not engage in the act of homosexuality. Since the Bible says commit thy works unto the Lord and they thoughts shall be established (verse), the queer man can change his thinking about another man just by controlling his behavior. The thought may never completely leave him, just like the thoughts of a heterosexual man about a woman are not going to leave him even when he is being chaste. But if we love one another and work together we can build a world of chastity and honor the chaste person for his love for us in not engaging in homosexual activity. We do not want to see it.

There will always be those in the Kingdom of Hell that will promote homosexual activity like the gay rights movement. A born again queer who was born that way physically can live a prosperous life of chastity and be an example to all of us of a godly man, especially for his natural compassion for other men.









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## What Is a Reprobate Mind?

### Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit Damns a Man Permanently to Hell

I have heard some in the underground say that “a woman can not really sin, she is only a slave to a man.” But then didn't Eve commit the first sin? No. God did not really make a big deal out of her taking the fruit, it was Adam's transgression that caused the abomination of Cain

Although these things pose great arguments to the religious world, there is one thing I know for sure. The woman is the erotic, the man is the romantic. Any man is enticed by the erotic, that is what she is there for. She's gonna sting you, brother, be careful. You may just get what you really want from here. So, we have to be careful because it is all around us. But, in general the Kingdom of Earth understands this and commits her to a free country where porn is not illegal. It will probably never be.

I'm not going to blame the woman then for having a reprobate mind. Not even the butch who threatens the man. No, it's the erotic created by a porn editor. He's to blame for having a reprobate mind. So, what is a reprobate mind?

A reprobate mind never ceases from wickedness and sets up the abomination with romantics and erotics. It's all throughout all of our media, even in childrens' media. He can not be saved by the blood of Christ, it is impossible for him to be born again. He only hates God and Christ and rightfully so, he is possessed by a fallen angel who gave him that romantic. Take a look at the fallen angel Sodom. The soul of that angel is not even a queer, he just makes you queer. That is how angels deal with men. But it is very simple: stay close to God and you will never be possessed by a fallen angel.

Paul talks about the reprobate mind in [Romans Chapter One](#) in the KJV. He makes it clear that the greatest of abominations is the straight man who becomes a queer or who is born queer and fails to be chaste and holy. But Sodom is permitted in America because the man at the top will not have it any pother way. So, he dizzies up the girl for the federal government and we can't pass laws against queers. Conversely, we want to pass laws for [hate speech](#) so that

we can not publicly denounce queers in front of our boys. Hate speech is a violation of the Constitution, and when the American government passes these laws you are going to have a civil war. But, unfortunately, the citizen is not going to win that war. The government has all the military power. Its really a spiritual war, but America has the wrong God.

Louis Farrakhan is a heretic, and he is promoting a five percent black or Maloti [Muslim](#) that worships the idol Allah which is the moon God created by the [Jesuit Priests](#) of the Catholic church who set out hundreds of years ago to take man away from the truth of the KJV with false religions. Farrakhan and his crowd fell for it. But that is only one of many false religions created by the Jesuit Priest including Morons, Jehovah's False Witnesses, Hindus, Buddists and many others. These are people who utterly refuse Jehovah and Jesus Christ. The Jews are halfway there but deny Jesus and they are the sons of those that crucified Jesus and punished the prophets, as [Stephen](#) made clear before his stoning.

True [religion](#) in the Bible is defined as caring for the widow and the fatherless and keeping yourself unspotted from the world. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is not a religious issue. It is a matter of having the love of Christ. It is a matter of turning from your works to Jesus for salvation, which is the true definition of *repentance*. You can not repent of all your sins, and God repented but he never sinned.

The reprobate mind always has to clear his conscious. He's not saved, neither can be. He's a dead giveaway.



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## What Is a Quiet Time? Communicating With a Holy God

There are many people who want to know God, and they truly want to have a communication with Him but they do not understand Him. God is Holy, He can not sin. But the Bible makes mention repeatedly of God's wrath which is hard for us to understand. It may very well be that God is so good that he did not even know what murder was until he had to destroy the fallen angels' body with the War of Hades in Heaven. God learned sin from his greatest creations, men and angels.

A quiet time with God is essential to knowing God and getting His blessings on your life. If you can get past the church you need to go to, you can learn to have a quiet time. The Anabaptist knew that false religions would pollute America so they set out for an Underground Baptist Church so that doctrines of the Baptist could be taught in other denominations. Truly, a Catholic can be saved and learn a least a few of the more important doctrines of the KJV by going to the right Catholic church and reading a missal. But some Catholic churches did not afford them this benefit.

So, what is a quiet time? It is the time you spend reading your Bible and praying on your own. You should set aside about one hour to pray and about one hour for your Bible, but you can read the Bible intermittently during the day. You can also [pray without ceasing](#) which is the conversation you have with God all day long. I usually read one chapter from the Old Testament, one chapter from the Book of Psalms, one chapter from the Book of Proverbs and one chapter from the New Testament. This initial reading gives me something to think about all day long, and then I read my pocket New Testament through out the day. A pastor usually reads more than this, but for the average person you can read more and do Bible studies based on your pastor's preaching.

I learned how to pray from [Dr. Jack Hyles](#), the late pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond in Indiana. When you pray you should cover four areas: glory to God, thankfulness, requests for others and forgiveness of your sin.

I usually give glory to God by recognizing His creation and His holy name. You can get the names of God as you go through

your Bible, and you can write down every time the name of God is mentioned. There are names for God Himself such as *The Lord of Hosts, The Holy One of Israel*, etc. The Jews are familiar with these. There are names of Jesus Christ including, *The Way—The Truth—the Life, the Savior, The Living Water, The Bread of Life*, etc. There are names for the Holy Spirit including *The Comforter, The Spirit of God*, etc.

In prayer I then give God glory for his work through His prophets and I go through a few of the major prophets and their miracles. You may then thank God for all the things he has done for you and others. Then you can pray for the needs of others. This usually involves a prayer list generated by your church. Try to be specific about what you want God to do for that person. Then you can confess your sin so that God can reduce the enmity between God and yourself caused by it.

Having a quiet time involves discipline because many things will try to deter you away from it like phone calls, the kids, etc.

When you as an adult can have a quiet time on a regular basis, you can teach your kids to be responsible enough to do the same, but theirs can be shorter and more simple. You should have a *family altar* every day where you all get together and pray and read the Bible. It is important to expose your children to the things of God. You can use literature, especially with pictures, but I would recommend [literature](#) created by the Independent Fundamental Baptist movement, because most children's Bible literature contains heresy.

Having a quiet time is essential to maintaining a peaceful country, and getting the blessings of God for your sustenance and prosperity. It is essential to winning a war.

