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JESUS IS THE DELIVERER

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ENTICING WORDS

“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God,” (1 Cor. 2:4,5).

All authority is vested in Jesus Christ, yet, He has given His authority to us to overcome all the power of the enemy.

(Matt 7:29), “For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

(Mk. 1:27), “And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.”

Christians today must return to the basics of their faith. Preachers should teach them the foundations of the Scriptures. Spiritual knowledge is power! “So will they fear the name of the Lord from the west and East. His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift a standard against Him,” (Isa. 59:1).

(Jn. 1: 12, 13), “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man,

but of God.”

(Jn. 17: 2-3, 4), “As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”

THE NAME OF JESUS

The name “Jesus” is the legal right of absolute authority. His power is “Far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come,” (Eph. 1: 21). His power is above all power.

(Mk. 16:17-18) “And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

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CHRISTIANS HAVE SPIRITUAL POWER

We may pray something like this, “Satan, we bind you in the name of Jesus. You can no longer exercise dominion over this person. Jesus gave His Church the authority with this promise, ‘Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven’,” (Matt. 16:19).

This powerful scripture is repeated by Jesus in (Matt. 18:18). These Scriptures are the basis to give to us our divine power to bind evil powers in Jesus’ name, and to loose those who are subjected to bondage. When it comes to binding the strong man, Jesus does not leave us with only vague ideas about what is meant.

In (Lk. 11:21-22), he goes into very precise detail as to what it means and how it is to be done. “When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: 22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.”

This scripture shows the strongman (Satan), fully armed while he guards his own house (body of the person). When someone stronger attacks and overpowers him (a believer with Jesus living within) the believer has the power to successfully take away the protective covering (armor) that the demon has depended upon and take forces apart his territory. Demons get their “authority” from Satan. Therefore, we bind the strongman’s (Satan’s) power.

Knowing your spiritual authority enables one to enter into spiritual warfare with faith to overcome. Each Christian must learn that he has power

over come any and every demonic strong man. We as true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ can bind and cast out demons. "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you," (Lk. 10:19).

The believer in Christ has not only the spiritual ability of the Holy Spirit in him, but also the authority of the name of Jesus. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto me, therefore go . . ." (Matt. 28:28). He gave the power and authority to go.

PERILOUS TIMES

We are living in perilous times. Nevertheless, it is also a time for great light to shine into the darkness. Jesus said, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God," (Jn. 3:19-21). Christian witnessing can be especially powerful because of the tremendous darkness that has spread across the world. The Christian Church is surrounded by the enemy and infiltrated by New Age doctrines camouflaged in Biblical language. To be successful, we must be a vigilant, but Word enlightened church.

The Church of Jesus Christ has been purchased with the precious blood of the Eternal Son of God, therefore, like Him is eternal. Jesus said, "*upon this rock*" (Petra) "*I will build my church.*" The Church is not built upon Peter, but it is built upon Christ. There is a divine person living in the church. Each member of the church is indwelt by the Spirit of God. The Christian has a unique relationship with Jesus. Jesus is shown as the Head of the church and the members are called His Body. He has given his believers a power of attorney to act against the power of Satan.

The Apostle Paul reports, that Jesus rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. He writes in the beautiful poetic language of Jesus in (Col. 1:13), describing Christ's sovereignty. "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins . . ." (Col 1:13-14). Look at a passage that celebrates Christ as creator and sustains the universe, and He is shown supreme over every living creature. He is the head of His body, the church, and the first to conquer death. Although in Christ "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell." Paul asserts, it was ultimately only through his human suffering—through "the blood of His cross," (Col. 1:19,20), "That he was able to reconcile all things to God and make peace."¹

Paul describes the power of Jesus. “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers,” (Col.1: 15-16). Jesus Christ is Lord and we worship Him in the Spirit of truth according to (Jn. 8:32). Jesus must be at the center of our sermons and our lives that the world can truly see that the Father sent Him.

[Who is the image of the invisible God] *eikoon tou Theou tou aoratou*. The objects, here, as it is in the parallel place in (Eph. 1:20-23), is to give a just view of the exaltation of the Redeemer. It is probable that, in both cases, the design is to meet some erroneous opinion on this subject that prevailed in those churches, or among those that claimed to be teachers there. See the Introduction to this Epistle, and compare the notes at (Eph. 1:20-23). For the meaning of the phrase occurring here, "the image of the invisible God," (See the notes at (Heb. 1:3, and 2 Cor. 4:4).

The meaning is, that he represents to mankind the perfections of God, as an image, figure, or drawing does the object which it is made to resemble. See the word "image " - *eikoon* - explained in the notes at (Heb 10:1). It properly denotes that which is a copy or delineation of a thing; which accurately and fully represents it, in contra distinction from a rough sketch, or outline; compare (Rom. 8:29; 1 Cor. 11:7; 15:49).

The purpose noted in this passage is that the being and perfections of God are accurately and fully represented by Christ. In what respects particularly he was thus a representative of God, the apostle proceeds to state in the following verses, to wit, in his creative power, in his eternal existence, in his heir ship over the universe, in the fulness that dwelt in him. This cannot refer to him merely as incarnate, for some of the things affirmed of him pertained to him before his incarnation. The idea is, that in all things Christ fairly represents to us the divine nature and perfections. God is manifest to us through him; (1 Tim. 3:16). We see God in him as we see an object in that which is in all respects an exact copy of it. God is invisible. No eye has seen him, or can see him; but in what Christ is, and has done in the works of creation and redemption, we have a fair and full representation of what God is . . . ²

SEAT OF POWER

Jesus has been raised and seated at the right hand of Father God. He is ruling in power and distributing His power to the ones who believe. (Eph. 1:17-23), “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in

the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”

He has been raised by the Father and is sitting in His position of divine power and has put every power under His feet. He is giving His power to usward who believes. This means that we can walk in his powerful anointing and accomplish the very same results that He and His disciples did.

Each one of us is accountable to God to make certain Jesus Christ is residing in us, creating his life through us, and that we have the witness of the Holy Spirit within us. (Rom. 8:16). "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves," (2 Cor. 13:5). "Every Christian emerges either trusting in people, or trusting fully in God, that is, either cursed or blessed." Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited,” (Jer. 17:5-6).

The individual Jeremiah talks about in these verses does not wait for God to move. He takes matters into his own hands, making his own plans, turning to people he thinks have clout and he takes shortcuts. He is always conspiring, scheming, conniving, and manipulating. The philosophy is, "It's not what you know that counts, it's who you know." And this person is forever looking for that special "who" to solve his/her problems!

Scripture says a spiritual dryness sets into this person's life, “. . . he shall be like the heath (shrub) in the desert . . .” (Jer. 5:6). This individual looks scarcely alive, with no fruit, no wellspring of life. He/she is always on the brink of dying!

(Jer. 17:7,8), "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.”

Look at the individual who trusts God in the hard places. This Christian is planted. He/she has roots, security, a reservoir of Living Water. He/she is always "spreading out," fruitful and green with fresh life. Scripture says, "He shall not be careful (frightened) in the year of drought . . ." (Jer.

17: 8). This individual says, "Jesus, I give up looking to any person to bring me out of my trial. I turn to You alone! You're my only keeper, my only hope. I look to You to bring me out of this!"

God says, "Trust Me, My child, and you'll be blessed!"

CALL TO INTERCESSION

"And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him," (Isa 59:16).

INTERCESSORS NEEDED

Spellbinding spirits are extremely busy while the Christian Church leadership sleeps. Some are broadcasting heresies and others have been bewitched by the powers of Darkness. "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake," (2 Cor. 4:4-5).

The present danger to the spiritual believer is that of accepting false doctrines of devils. Characteristics foretold in the Bible that were to accompany the appearance of the Antichrist, are unfolding so rapidly that it is difficult to keep up with them. It is a battle to uncover them for the protection of God's elect. We must be alert and "wise as serpents" to guard against deception in these last days!

FALSE DOCTRINES

Many famous preachers have changed their teachings that even deny that Jesus Christ is Lord. Churches are undergoing radical restructuring of doctrine, structure, methods and practices and the reality of Jesus Christ and His Word.

1. False teachers are proud. They are concerned for their own popularity. They are concerned for their own fame. They are concerned for their own notoriety. They are concerned for their own prestige. They're concerned to see themselves and hear themselves in the public eye. They want large crowds, as it were, to bow down in great homage to them. They're characterized by pride and they will do anything to gain the ground they need to gain for the welfare of their own personal ego, including any amount of compromise necessary.

2. Secondly, false teachers are characterized by selfishness. They tend to be self-centered. They are concerned for their own comfort. They are concerned for their own popularity. They are concerned for their own prosperity. In the end, it's all about money, fame, and prestige and notoriety

equals an increased bank account. They are in it for the money and the personal material benefits that they can gain as they endeavor to feed their selfish desires.

3. Thirdly, They are characterized by deception. They usually can weave a very sophisticated web of deception in their teaching because they tend to be articulate, if they're going to be successful, and they endeavor to engage other people to aid them in their deceitful enterprise which gives it sort of, THE facade of credibility.

4. They're not only proud and selfish and deceptive, but [fourthly] they're irreverent. If there's anything that sort of dominates in my thinking about false teachers, it is their irreverence. They have absolutely no regard for God. The fact that they would go against God that they would elevate themselves the way they do, that they would pervert the truth indicates their utter irreverence. They have little, if any, regard for God, His Word, His truth, His glory, His honor

5. Finally, they are spiritually destructive. They seek to use people; they seek to abuse people. They seek to lead people into error, which destroys them—into sin, which pollutes them.

So, as you look at false teachers with regard to the world, they are proud and they seek fame and popularity. With regard to themselves, they are self-centered, selfish, self-aggrandizing, self-gratifying. With regard to the nature of their ministry, they are dishonest and deceptive and lack integrity. With regard to God, they are utterly irreverent; in fact, they are blasphemous. And, with regard to the people that they influence, they are spiritually destructive. So, their relationship to the world, their relationship to the ministry, their relationship to themselves, their relationship to God, their relationship to their people all reflects the deviation of their hearts.

Many books are being written concerning the unity and transformation of the Christian Church. *In the Name of Purpose: Sacrificing Truth on the Altar of Unity* by Tamara Hartzell, documenting the unscriptural path of the Purpose-Driven Paradigm and *Reinventing Jesus Christ: The New Gospel* by Warren Smith, revealing the depth of New Age influence upon the body of Christ (Includes recent 2006 updates).

For example, while New Agers know their Movement is worldwide and powerful, many Christians are still sound asleep, not realizing that something very prophetic is happening. "They and their children are being lured by the deceptively smooth flatteries of this **Global Movement**." ³

While many Christians slumber, there is intense suffering in the entire

world. We need to wake up and "stand in the gap' and cry out loud and clear there is only One . . . that is Jesus Christ! Christians should be filling in the void by telling the seeking world the answer is Jesus Christ.”

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not,” (2 Pet. 2:1-3).

POLITICAL MOVEMENTS

Author Constance E. Cumbey, *Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow*, warns, “It is the contention of this writer that for the first time in history there is a viable movement The New Age Movement that truly meets all scriptural requirements for the Antichrist and the political movement that will bring him on the world scene.”

Cumbey, goes on to say, "It is further the position of the writer that this most likely is the **great apostasy or 'falling away'** spoken of by the Apostle Paul and that the Antichrist's appearance could be a very real event in our immediate future.”⁴

Could the immediate future that Cumbey wrote about be here now? In my town, Jacksonville, Florida, 80 percent do not attend any church and entire Christian families have left the Christian Church. Prayer meetings are attended by a few. If Christians are not concerned about their own families making heaven, then they will not be concerned about the lost. Every preacher knows that if you have a barbecue, you'll pack out your church. The result of this lack of prayer is, the harvest is being lost. America is becoming a land in need of evangelizing.

FORMS OF GODLINESS - DENYING THE POWER

When Jesus said, “upon this rock I will build my church and he gates of hell shall not prevail against it,” (Mk. 16:16). He was saying that the church as an institution is here to stay, (Satan cannot destroy the church). The members of the church must be vigilant and careful guardians of His Word. They must be passionate about His cause. They must be crushed for people in the valley of decision. The Bible says, “Multitudes, multitudes in the

valley of decision: For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision,” (Joel 3:14).

Words cannot describe the wonder and joy. One can experience when she or he operates as an intercessor. The throne of God is awesome. He is looking for a man, a woman who is willing to spend time in His presence for His people. The Word tells us, “And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. 17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal. 18 According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense. 19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him,” (Isa 59:16-19).

DEMONIC POWER

We have seen many Christians who are bound by demonic powers. If they are seeking religious experiences to feel good, they can be open to receive evil spirits. If they live double lives, unholy, without true commitments to the Lord, they will be demonized. If they find themselves under a religious cult, they will need deliverance. If they are following a person, instead of being led by Jesus Christ and His Word, they will receive spirits of religious confusion, Antichrist, rebellion, idolatry, and many others. The Bible tells us, “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron,” (1 Tim 4:1-2).

SATAN’S STRATAGEMS

“Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him,” (Matt. 4:10-11).

THE POWER OF SATAN

The Bible does not speak as much of the power of Satan as of his extreme subtlety, trickery, and deceptiveness. He uses clever wiles, devices, and stratagems. His plans are succeeding in the church only because its watchmen are asleep. On every side there are leaders of the professing

Christian Church who are soft peddling the real issues of our faith.

They, AND their followers are standing in tremendous danger. The children of God must now know these dangers for their own safety, especially these Christians who only play games, searching out teachers who will "tickle their ears."

Many Christians are occupied by worldly materialism while many strange new doctrines are being held up as having the power of God. This is the case of many Christian churches in Texas, which promoted Lucy Rael, a woman whose hands bleed while her healing powers work. This bleeding is called the "**stigmata**" in **Catholic** mysticism. Biblically based Christianity has always discerned the "**stigmata**" manifestation as occult phenomena. Many well-known ministries joined in with its support of this unnatural ministry, calling it "the anointing of God." This writer chooses to be satisfied with the blood of Jesus!

DEMONIC IMAGE

In the eighties, an image of "**Christ**" mysteriously appeared on a church wall in **Texas** and very soon after, the thing "appeared" on the wall of a famous church in **Florida**. These two demonic manifestations were received as the power of God! When thousands came to see the images, the local Catholic priest was called and he called this strange fire a "**revival**."

While churches play at Christianity, the **New Age** plays its roll in the unfolding of an end-time prophecy. The church should beware of putting its faith in strange idols and images! Another group supports motivational worldly speakers while still another seeks to entertain through a thing they call "**Christian Karate**!"

How absurd. Karate is an eastern religious "martial arts," that consists of ancestral worship. When this particular demon came into American Churches in the seventies, Christian people who began to practice it were totally unaware of its religious origins. When we pointed out the demonic aspects, they would answer by saying, "but we don't put demonic gods on our belts, we put angels there." In that case, we told them, you could follow Jeanne Dixon, by just putting the name of Jesus on her crystal ball!

Recently, we had a family come into our church and the children were introduced to Karate. Whenever we taught the parents about its demonic origins, the mother took the Karate paraphernalia and threw it away. I

received a call in the middle of the night. Her child was being physically tossed around the room by an invisible spirit. It was singing in the boy's mind songs over and over that he had learned at his Karate class.

Another time, the author was traveling. I stayed in a home. My daughter was tired and asked to stay home to rest. After ministry in another town, I came back very late. My daughter was very fearful. She told me that a rocking chair continued to move the entire night.

We began to walk around the house to see what opening in the house could cause a poltergeist demon to be able to operate. We opened the door to Mary's son. The atmosphere was heavy and chills came on my body. I stepped into the room, and it was full of Martial Arts posters.

I taught Mary about the demonic angles of Karate. She told me that her son was taking classes in their local church! She said that the boy had become extremely rebellious. We took the posters down and ministered deliverance to the boy and he was instantly set free in Jesus name!

One ministry travels the country with a panel of chiropractors who "**help**" in the ministry with various on the spot diagnosis and then the person is prayed for by the team and the "**Doctors.**" Affirm the miracle.

This error is being received by many leaders. It's like snake-oil religion. It is interesting that when one goes to the chiropractor, he always must have an x-ray to make a proper diagnoses. X-rays usually add \$50.00 to \$150.00 to the bill. At one meeting the "**Doctors,**" had a big disagreement on the stage about whether a participant should be prayed for starting at the neck or the feet! The people continued to sit entranced as though they were seeing the wisdom of the ages being done. The writer wondered whatever happened to the wonder anointed "Word of Knowledge" gift of the Holy Spirit! Why do we need the knowledge of men to help diagnose or confirm God's work in our day? Some Christians want to be entertained!

DID SATAN BEAT JESUS UP IN HELL?

Several years ago another heresy began to attack the Body of Christ with a heretical teaching known as "**Jesus Christ's Spiritual Death.**" The seriousness of their departure from the Biblical doctrine of the blood atonement and the sinlessness of the Son of God can be seen in this ungodly teaching. Under a teaching known as "**What Happened From the Cross to The Throne?**" it is taught that upon His physical death, Jesus died a spiritual death and went into hell where he was gleefully beaten and scourged by demons! Jesus supposedly suffered these agonies in the pit for three days as all the hosts of Hell were upon Him. Because of His spiritual death, they

teach that we do not have to go to Hell! What blasphemy!

Is that what happened from the Cross to the Throne? The demons did not accuse, pierced, mocked, insulted, spat, hated Him without cause and crucified Him. **It Was Sinful Man inspired by demons!** The head teacher of this heresy, says, it was the **not cross** that saves us, anyone can die on a cross, even I could die on the cross! What blasphemy! Despite that, Jesus loved us so much that he suffered these indignities so that we could be saved!

The Scriptures plainly tell us that the work of redemption was completed **on the cross**. The triumph of Christ over Satan is clearly said to be on the cross and Calvary resulted in "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nailing it to his cross**; having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them IN IT" (Col. 2:14-15).

Although there are many Scriptures about the Lord's victory on the Cross, another corresponding one is found in (1 Pet. 1:18-19), "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as lamb without a blemish and without spot." In fact, the Scripture supports that Jesus arrived triumphantly into Hell after His death to preach to the captives and take the keys of life and death from Satan.

Moreover, the Second Chapter of Peter's Epistle addresses itself to the current type of heresy regarding the perversion of the Doctrine of Christ. The Apostle warned, "But, there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily (craftily) shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and brings upon them themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of," (2 Pet. 2:1-1).

This warning is very clear. False teachers will arise who craftily teach heresies which will deny the Biblical view of Jesus. Furthermore, according to a prophecy, many will believe these errors and follow them just as we see happenings in our day! The charm and inspiration of pantheism have begun to exert its influence on the Church through unorthodox religious teachers. It has happened so subtly that few people have noticed.

Many Christian teachers sincerely believe that they have found a new advanced stage of Christian thought. Really, they have drifted far from the very foundations of the Faith and have joined the great plot of Satan, The Master Strategist, to capture (1) men of science, (2) men of business and (3) men of religion. Tremendous numbers of people are caught up in this great deception, pleading that they are merely "researching " "Natural mind

sciences.”

While these "new philosophies" should be considered dangerous, many Christian leaders have received them with open arms as the answer to life's complex problems. They have been weakening the gospel message and worse yet, causing great confusion among the brethren.

This is a call for the Church to resist these strange forces capturing the hearts of its people and for the Church to spring to action to defeat these enemies of religious truth. During the end-time apostasy, it is prophesied that many church leaders will be led astray, those who follow false teachings will suffer an unhappy fate (Matt. 7:22,23).

I weep when I hear some of the disgusting things that are passing as Christianity today. Yesterday, I heard of a certain church that was doing a very weird thing. The women were on the floor screaming, rolling and travailing, trying to bring about a “spiritual revival.” Meantime, the men were holding on to their legs to help them, “birth the spiritual baby.” Where is that in the Bible?

I was in a meeting recently. A woman began to walk by and forth, casting witches fire balls into the Christian meeting. The leader said, “Pay no attention to her, she just releasing the Holy Ghost!” Actually, she was a witch releasing demons into the air. Another deliverance minister and I laid our hands up and bound that evil spirit. The evil activity stopped!

DENIAL OF JESUS’ GOD IN THE FLESH

The following are excerpts from Creflo Dollar's program Jesus' Growth into Sonship, dated December 8, 15, 2002.

"Here's what I want you to get here. If Jesus came as God, then why did God have to anoint Him? If Jesus - see God's already been anointed. If Jesus came as God, then why did God have to anoint Him? Jesus came as a man, that's why it was legal to anoint him. God doesn't need anointing, He is anointing. Jesus came as a man, and at age 30 God is now getting ready to demonstrate to us, and give us an example of what a man, with the anointing, can do." -- Creflo Dollar

1. "Jesus didn't come as God, he came as a man, and he did not come perfect. Perfect in the sense that he didn't need to be added to." -- Creflo Dollar

"But Jesus didn't show up perfect, he grew into his perfection. You know Jesus, in one scripture in the Bible he went on a journey, and he was tired. You better hope God don't get tired. Isaiah 50 says, 50, 60, somewhere, says where we have a God who fainteth not, neither is weary (Isa. 40:28). But Jesus did, if he came as God and he got tired, he says he sat down by the well 'cause he was tired. Boy we're in trouble. And somebody said, well, Jesus came as God. Well how many of you know the Bible says God never sleeps, nor slumbers. And yet in the book of Mark we see Jesus asleep in the back of the boat.

Y'all please listen to me, please listen to me. This ain't no heresy. I am not some false prophet, I am just reading this thing out to you the Bible. I am just telling you all these fantasy preachers have been preaching all of this stuff for all of these years and we bought the package. And the question mark was there. And we are now - faith can never go past that question mark, and we've tolerated and put it up, put up with things that we had authority over" . . . -- Creflo Dollar

Now to my recollection, preachers have always taught and preached that Jesus came to earth both Man and God, not merely Man. Therefore I am not sure who Mr. Dollar is referring to when he says "fantasy preachers."

"Some people get mad when I talk about money, they say, 'Whenever I see Dollar he's talking about money!' That's because you ain't got none! I ain't talking to you!" ⁵

JESUS IS THE WORD OF GOD

1:1 "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," (Jn. 1:1-4).

(Jn. 1:5-2:1), And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of

the will of man, but of God.

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.

15 John bare witnesses of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

24 And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. 42 And he brought him to Jesus.

49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. 50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. 51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

Will you follow a man that denies that Jesus came in the flesh as God in the flesh? Or would you follow the teachings of a man that wants you to believe the New Age lie that you are little gods?

FATHER OF THE FAITH MESSAGE

Kenneth Hagin was a Word of Faith preacher. He claimed to be a prophet called by God Himself. Kenneth believed in the following beliefs: Christians are little gods. **Jesus didn't pay for our sins on the cross and he had to finish the job of atonement in hell.**

The Bible says in (Heb 9:22), “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.” **DID YOU SEE, WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO REMISSION** (for your sins).

Hagin also led an entire generation to seek God for riches instead of Jesus. He says, “If Christians are not healthy and wealthy it is because of their lack of faith or knowledge. Christians have control over their lives by the words that they speak. If they speak sickness and poverty, they will be sick and broke. Therefore, if a Christian speaks blessings and healing they will be healthy and have wealth.” Really, according, (Matt. 16:26), “ or what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul ?”

Hagin goes on to spread his false assessment of the atonement of Jesus for the human soul. "He [Jesus] tasted **spiritual death** for every man. And His spirit and inner men went to hell in my place. Can't you see that? **Physical death wouldn't remove your sins.** He's tasted death for every man. He's talking about tasting spiritual death." (Ken Hagin, "How Jesus Obtained His Name.")

2. Hagin boldly denounces the need for the adoption of the need for the cross of Jesus. He says, "The trouble with us is that we've preached a 'cross' religion, and we need to preach a 'throne' religion. By that I mean that people have thought they were supposed to remain at the cross. Some have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, have backed up to the cross, and have stayed there ever since . . . **The cross is actually a place of defeat**, whereas the Resurrection is a place of triumph. **When you preach the cross, you're preaching death, and you leave people in death.**" (Ken Hagin, "The Believer's Authority," page 16. Second Edition 1986)

My dear friends. If Satan had known that through the cross and his slaughter of Jesus that it opened the pathway to our salvation, he'd never kill our Lord Jesus Christ.

To top off his twisted gospel, "Pa Pa" Hagin went on to sell the lie that Satan sold to Eve, "Ye shall be like god . . ." This exactly the same lie that every New Ager is selling those who are perishing today. Hagin distorts the Bible again when he says, "Originally, God made the earth and the fullness thereof, giving Adam dominion over all the works of His hands. **In other words, Adam was the god of this world.** Adam committed high treason and sold out to Satan, and Satan, through Adam, became the god of this world . . . Now Satan has a right to be here and be god of this world until 'Adam's lease' runs out."

(Ken Hagin, "The Believer's Authority," page 19. Second Edition 1986)

This self taught man, who doesn't have a clue about salvation, atonement, redemption, justification, heaven or hell, lead a great body of people into the trap of false religion.

"The believer is as much an incarnation as was Jesus of Nazareth."

3. (Kenneth E. Hagin, "The Incarnation," The Word of Faith page 13, December 12, 1980.

Kenneth Hagin has some really unbelievable beliefs doesn't he. Yet, he has been followed by dozens of men who continue on. Men who have followed in Kenneth Hagin's footsteps are Kenneth Hagin Jr., Kenneth Copeland, Benny Hinn, Rodney Howard-Browne, Creflo Dollar and many more. ⁶

Will Jesus say, (Matt. 7:22-23), "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

The following one is really a scary scripture when you see the false teachings of these men. Look at (Matt 10:33), “But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.”

If you are following after men or women teaching heresies, you’d better repent before it’s too late. (2 Pet. 2:1-3), “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”

JOYCE MEYERS FOLLOWS THE FALSE LEADERS

The gospel of self-esteem, gospel merchandisers, famous face lifts, bellies sucked, breast implants, better homes and gardens, Disney World Christianity women are belching out a rotten gospel of the flesh.

Robert Wise writes, “Joyce Meyer is a . . . speaker/motivator. The problem with Mrs. Meyers is that her doctrine is not Biblical. She does teach some good things but she also teaches way to many things that are not Biblically correct. Like the rest of the Word Faith, Seed Faith, Name It And Claim it crowd, Mrs. Meyers lives an extravagant lifestyle. She has all her clothes tailor- made for her and lives in a multibillion dollar home, her husband drives a \$100,000 automobile, her and their children all drive expensive vehicles, paid for by the Ministry and she flies’ around the country in her Multimillion dollar jet plane when she isn't taking time to vacation at her home in the Ozarks, paid for by the Ministry. I truly believe these millions of dollars could have been used more efficiently on other causes other than to give her and her family a rich lifestyle. I do not think they should live as dirt poor persons but I certainly do not recognize any sacrifice on their parts. There are millions of people who need the basics in life just to live let alone have any extra. With all this extravagance, she is not showing the true spirit of Jesus. - RW ⁷

Joyce Meyers Message on Being Born Again
Quotes, Teachings, Doctrines, Beliefs Concerning Salvation

Purpose

What are the beliefs, teachings’ & doctrines of Joyce Meyers concerning being "Born Again?" What does Joyce Meyer believe on what a person must believe to be saved? What does Joyce Meyer teach concerning

Jesus on the cross and spiritual death, and salvation? Below will be various quotes from Joyce Meyer teachings from one of her booklets called "The Most Important Decision You Will Ever Make," and the purpose for this information is not to be contentious or divisive, but rather to give an exposition of what Joyce Meyer teaches concerning being born again. Within the Christian Church there are many people who listen to Joyce Meyer whether on the radio, television, or by reading her books. However, many do not realize that her teachings are not in accordance with the Word of God. It is true that there are things she teaches which do line up Biblically, but the same is said of the Jehovah's Witnesses or the Mormons.

What does Joyce Meyer teach that is so bad? Is Joyce Meyer a false teacher? Is Joyce Meyer a Christian? Why should anyone be concerned? Joyce Meyers does not have all the same false teachings as those in the Faith Movement, but she does have some teachings that are the same with various Faith teachers. Examine this information for yourself and line up the Biblical gospel to the gospel that Joyce Meyer teaches.

In a book called "The Most Important Decision You Will Ever Make" Joyce Meyer teaches what it means to be born again and what Christ had to do for people to be saved. Read the following comments:

"Although your physical body will die someday, your spirit will continue to live for an eternity. Whether your spirit lives in heaven or hell depends on the choices you have made. In this book, best-selling author Joyce Meyer outlines God's plan of salvation so that you can make a quality decision." (Back of the book, 1996-Edition)

"The spiritual part of you can be thought of as the part of you that cannot be seen with the natural eye. This part of you will live forever. And where the spiritual you lives depends on the decision you make as you read this book." (Page 8, 1996-Edition)

Warning, Danger Ahead!

Joyce Meyer teaches that Jesus did not pay for sin upon the cross, but actually went to the torments of hell and made atonement there. The following quote is from Joyce Meyer's 1991 booklet on being born again which is worded differently in the 1996-updated edition."

During that time He entered hell, where you and I deserved to go (legally) because of our sin . . . He paid the price there....no plan was too extreme . . . Jesus paid on the cross and in hell. God rose up from His throne and said to demon powers tormenting the sinless Son of God, "Let Him go." Then the resurrection power of Almighty God went through hell and filled Jesus . . . He was resurrected from the dead 3Ú4 the first born-again man."

(The Most Important Decision You Will Ever Make: A Complete And Thorough Understanding of What It Means to Be Born Again, 1991, pages 35-36, Joyce Meyer) This quote was found from the Christian Research Institute's article on Joyce Meyer which can be found by "Clicking Here." In her 1996 edition of "The Most Important Decision You Will Ever Make"

Joyce Meyer states the same things but with different wording. "Believe that Jesus did what the Bible says. Believe He is indeed the Son of God, born of a virgin. He took man's sin on the cross. He did not stay dead. He was in the grave three days. During that time, He entered hell, where you and I deserved to go (legally) because of our sin." (Page 41, 1996-Edition)

Notice the similar wording in this quote compared to the other quote.

"Whatever it took to get God's people back, free again, is what they would do. Jesus paid for our sins on the cross and went to hell in our place." (Page 41, 1996-Edition) Whatever it took means that Jesus had to go to hell, suffer and be tormented by demons in our place.

"When Jesus hung on the cross, He took our sin upon Himself. God cannot stay in the presence of sin. As Jesus took our sin, He was separated from the presence of the Father . . . Jesus was taking your sins and those of everyone else upon Him as He felt this absence of His Father's presence. He said, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [Matt. 27:46, authors' paraphrase] Jesus knew it would happen, but the horror of separation from the bright presence of the Father was worse than He could of imagined, and it caused Him to cry out . . . and His spirit went to hell because that is where we deserved to go." (Page 42, 1996-Edition) This is a common teaching among the Faith Movement whereas they teach Jesus died spiritually and became literally the nature of sin. Thus, the Father turned away from Jesus while He was on the cross and Jesus died alone. Check out our article "Was Jesus Separated From the Father on The Cross?" For further information on Jesus being separated from the Father and becoming spiritually dead.

"There is no hope of anyone going to heaven unless they believe this truth. You cannot go to heaven unless you believe with all your heart that Jesus took your place. He became your substitute and took all the punishment you deserve. He bore all your sins. He paid the dept [sic] you owe . . . Jesus went to hell for you. He died for you. He paid for your sins." (Page 43, 1996-Edition).

Concerning being born again and what is required to be saved we see Joyce Meyer **false** teaching:

1. "Believe . . . what the Bible says," (Her Bible Amplified which is the perversion of the Bible).
2. That when Jesus was on the cross He did not stay dead but went to hell.
3. That Jesus went to hell in our place because that is where we deserved to go.
4. That God would do whatever it took to free His people.
5. That there is no hope of anyone going to heaven unless they believe this truth, {lie} meaning what Jesus did to make atonement for sins.
6. That a person must believe in their heart that Jesus took their place on the cross, He died spiritually, (implied) was separated from the Father, tormented by demons in hell, (1991-Edition) Jesus is the first born again man. (1991-Edition).⁸

This is NOT THE PROPER INTERPRETATION of the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. He died on the cross to save us from our sins. He went to Hell to take the keys of death from the Devil and then Jesus preached the Gospel to the captives, Old Testament Believers. He led them free, where they appeared to many in Jerusalem after their graves opened when He arose from the dead. (Matt 27:52-53), "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."

There is no Scriptures that show that the Devil and his demons beat Jesus so that we could become born again. This is the lie that these false teachers are perpetrating upon these people who have been deceived by these false, Biblically ignorant so-called teachers. I heard one teacher say that he saw a vision of the giant worm looking being. He said it was so tortured that he could not recognize it. He claimed it turned out to be the beaten Jesus Christ! The Christ that Satan had beaten in Hell!

May Jesus awaken these poor knowingly mislead people who are standing in the valley of darkness, dancing, shouting, laughing waiting for a false messiah to return because they are denying the real Jesus Christ. They are following after "Christian Idols," who do not know the truth.

Look at the truth of the word: (1 Pet. 3:18-19), "For Christ also hath

once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: 19 By which also he went and **preached unto the spirits in prison;**”

Actually the Word of God shows Jesus going to hell to take the keys from Satan and still has those keys in the Book of Revelation. (Rev 1:18), “I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”

Jesus warned about following the blind leaders. (Lk. 6:39), “And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind ? shall they not both fall into the ditch?”

You must be very prayerful about following people in this time. Many have departed from the faith. Follow Jesus. “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,” (2Cor 6:14-17).

FOLLOW JESUS

We must be certain to follow Jesus, not men or women in these perilous days. We who would escape the great apostasy and the falling away that was prophesied for our time must get back to the Bible. We must check the Scriptures for ourselves comparing today's issues against God's Word. (1 Cor 11:19), “For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.”

For instance, have we ever seen anyone bleed in the Bible for the people except Jesus? Have we ever seen God's image appear on the walls anywhere in the Bible? Have we ever seen Jesus or any of His disciples take anyone back to the womb or even beyond the womb to heal their memories? Do you believe the Bible ever shows the Devil with the authority to beat Jesus in hell? Of course, the answer to these questions remains forever **No!**

TRUE CHRISTIAN AUTHORITY

Use your authority-Satan must obey. Demons don't have a choice. They tremble and run when we talk and agree with the Word of God. It is God's will for you to be free from every evil influence of the devil.

1. Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Provisions made by His Word.
3. Through blood of Jesus.

4. Through His delegated authority.
5. Through the power of the Holy Ghost.

"In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, and my spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (1Cor. 5: 4, 5).

[In the name of our Lord Jesus] Who is the head of the church; and under whose authority every act is to be performed.

[And my spirit] My apostolical authority derived from him; with the power, sun *dunamei*, with the miraculous energy of the Lord Jesus, which is to inflict the punishment that you pronounce: (1 Cor. 5:4).⁹

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