

What think Ye of the Bible?
Part 5.

My writing about The Bible was temporarily interrupted due to my involvement in Vacation Bible School at my local church. It was an endeavor well worth the time. The Lord blessed us with over 30 children each day from Monday through Friday, and I am rejoicing that 5 youngsters were gloriously saved.

Amen and Hallelujah!

More will be written about the New Birth later in these articles.

I sense a great burden to continue writing about this topic, since the "signs of the times" give us undeniable proof that we are nearing the Eschatological End Times, and Jesus might come any time for His church, which would then lead to the last seven years of Daniel's 70th Week, the Great Tribulation. (I have written two lengthy articles on Daniel's 70 Sevens, which are also posted on my website.)

You can find all these articles at:
glorify-god.org/god.htm

The turmoil around the world is increasing exponentially not only politically and economically but also in the religious realm. Several well known MEGA church pastors admitted moral failures in their lives and resigned from their leadership position two weeks ago. These were Tony Evans and Robert Morris.

Additionally, false teaching (heresies) seems to have no limit. Pastors expound on extra Biblical Revelation which have zero connection to Biblical truth. Andy Stanley advised his congregation to separate themselves from the OLD Testament to give him justification for homosexual inclusivity. T.D. Jake denies the Trinity, and instead teaches a "modalism" regarding God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Kenneth Copeland's wife claimed to have commanded a thunderstorm to get out of their way as they were flying in one of Copeland's airplanes.

So where does a person go to find "The Truth" even within this fluid church / religious environment?

In the midst of this confusion, many people seem to have adopted a syncretistic approach to their belief system. Syncretism is an approach of cafeteria style religion. You pick and choose the parts that seem attractive to you, then add your own thoughts and philosophy to it and you then say "I am good, I have my own religious system." I will be ok if I am sincere. They do not realize that by their actions and thought process they have created "A god according to their own image," - an idol, a non existing god.

I can't tell you how many times people have told me "Oh, I am spiritual." But, after a short conversation one can tell that there is no foundation to their "spirituality." It seems that the person has a mixture of various religious components along with broad undefined New Age factors.

Why people trust their eternal soul to such a nebulous system is beyond me.

But, I should not be surprised. Ever since the Garden of Eden, Satan has been effective in twisting, perverting and altering God's TRUTH, leaving the masses in a state of spiritual blindness and confusion.

2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV

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.

In contrast to this sad state of religious confusion stands The Bible, God's Self Revelation to man with very clear and easy to understand objectives and purposes for man.

The Bible tells us how the universe was created. It tells us that the first man sinned and passed on the sin nature to all of mankind. We learn about God's institution of marriage between one man and one woman, the institution of human government and capital punishment for evil doers. We read about God's overarching plan of redemption through a Redeemer that arose out of the Jewish Nation. We can read about this Savior's death, burial and Resurrection to offer the free gift of Eternal Life to all those who REPENT (change their mind - Acknowledging they have been WRONG) and place their trust in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ on the cross as He shed His blood for the sin of the world. We see the establishment of a third institution, namely THE CHURCH comprised of all true BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS from the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 to the Rapture of the church. We learn from the Bible that Jesus will come again for the church at the Rapture, and after the Tribulation Period He will defeat His enemies, bind Satan for 1000 years, cast Antichrist & False Prophet into the Lake of Fire, and set up His glorious righteous reign on earth.

All the questions man has ever had about the origin of the Universe, the purpose of life, the ultimate eternal destinies of man (Heaven and Hell) are all clearly answered IN THE BIBLE.

I received Jesus Christ, my Savior and my Lord, on December 12th, 1982. That is about 42 years ago. I have read through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation over 30 times, and I had the privilege to study the Bible in a formal setting for 6 years. Right now, I am again reading this precious book again. I am in the Psalms right now.

God's Word is a rich, fathomless, challenging and edifying, inspired Scripture. At times I feel I have only scratched the surface. The key to begin to really understand the Bible is when a sinner repents, humbles himself before God, receives the Savior and is BORN AGAIN.

The New Birth is totally a work of God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit then indwells the new believer, and illuminates the Scripture to him as he prays, reads and meditates on the passages in the Bible.

Christianity is a spiritual endeavor. It is an "objective" spiritual endeavor. The Bible teaches about an objective Holy Spirit, who is A PERSON, who also is a member of the Holy Trinity. He ministers together with God the Father, who is a Person, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who is both fully divine and fully human in ONE PERSON.

I think I am getting a little ahead of my agenda, but only to show the distinction of the multitude of fuzzy, nebulous "spiritual" aspects and imagination floating around in religious circles as contrasted to Biblical spirituality.

Before I close this article, let me interject one more very important truth regarding the Spirit world.

Satan is a spirit. Satan drew one third of all Heavenly beings (angels) with him when he rebelled against God in heaven. These fallen angels are evil spirit beings which do Satan's bidding.

Satan's name means ADVESARY! He and his demons oppose EVERYTHING! He opposes God's work on earth, he opposes believers, he tries to lead unbelievers astray with lies and deception, while disguising himself as a good religious being.

The following are truth expositions from the Bible about Evil Angels.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 KJV

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. [14] And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. [15] Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

In the next few articles we will identify some of the characteristics of ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY.

"Lord God Almighty, please find the target audience of these articles. I want to serve YOU in the propagation of truth regarding your BOOK, THE BIBLE.

Draw sinners to the Savior, and may the Holy Spirit convict of sin, righteousness, and judgment."

In Jesus Name, Amen!

With Warm Regards
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I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ
Romans 1:16