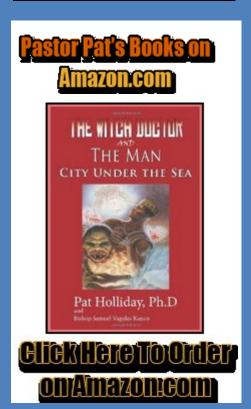
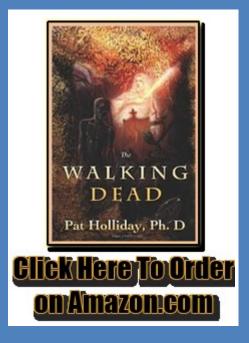
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APOSTASY AND THE GREAT FALLING AWAY

Many in the Christian Church in the west would like to believe that the Devil is dead, or perhaps, he only lives in pagan foreign third world countries. However, the Devil is alive and thriving in the western churches. He has a great army of blinded demonic slaves who are very busy capturing millions.

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

Whenever Christian Church leaders deny the reality of Satan and his demons, they are bound to be captured by the powers of darkness.

The Bible gives the Believer explicit instruction concerning the great spiritual warfare that is enforced daily against the Church. Remember the New Testament was written for the Believer and not the world

Every day the world news media explodes with new revelations concerning famous church leaders who are exposed as living double lives. It always turns out that the secular press is not being used by Satan to persecute the Christian Church. The disclosures happen because the church leadership fails to cleanse itself from rogue ministers that are taking advantage of their turning their eyes away from the truth.

No, Satan is not using the media; I believe it God using the media to uncover these false ministers because he wants to protect His people from these **savage wolves** dressed in sheep's clothing.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the

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rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places, wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand," (Eph. 6:12-13).

WOLVES INSIDE THE SHEEP PEN

Many Christians understand that cult religions such as the Sacred Name Movement, Jehovah Witness, Mormonism, Christian Scientist are not Christian churches. We know because in the past Christian Apologist such as Dr. Walter Martin and Norman Geisler exposed them.

Dr. Martin says, "You don't test them by Walter Martin, or by Norman Geisler, as good as the apologist and defenders Christianity might be and as much as you trust them. You don't test them by other people, you test them by Scripture. Then if your fidelity is the Scripture, and your allegiance is the Scripture, you reject them! But says Paul in the last days, men are going to be drawn away by false teachers and prophets in the church speaking in the name of Jesus. And you're not going to test them you're going to go along with them. And they're going to fragment and divide the Church because you won't test them.1

Well it's about time that we test them."

Jesus Only, Manifested Sons of God, the New Apostolic Prophetic Movement Third Wave, and Prophetic Movement, and hundreds of more. . . .

There are many demonic forces involved in these modern-day forces such as, magical, numerology, occult, mystical, shamanistic, religious, antichrist, and many more.

These are damnable doctrines of Devils, twisted word, witchcraft doctrines, witches, wizards, etc., are going to cause the greatest massacre in the Church of Jesus Christ has ever experienced in the History of the world.

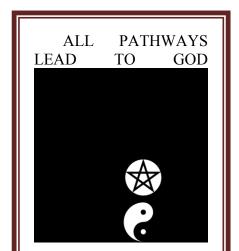
GOD OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE POWER OF GOD!

We must remain in our foundational faith; centered up the cross of Jesus; grounded in the scriptures and established in the power of God.

"Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 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: 8 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, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 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: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church," (Eph 1:16-22).

VISABLE CHURCH FILLED WITH INFILTRATORS

The NWO order church is filled with infiltrators and wolves dressed like sheep and dark



charlatans seeking to soul-scalp sleep Christians. My word to true believers is stop praying for the wolves to repent and receiving them as Christians who are in error but see them as wolves that are invading the sheep pen to steel God's people for the Devil. They are not harmless and we must pray for the sheep who are deceived.

Millions are now seduced and facing an eternity of hell because Christians do not want their "peace disturbed or the Body of Christian divided." May I suggest to you, these backslidden preachers who are living double lives and secretly serving the devil are not part of the "the Body of Christ."

As the Apostle Jude warned the Church to be aware of false ministers, we must also be alert to discern them by their fruits. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit. Their fate has been set since the beginning of time; God knew them and warned His people to stay clear of them. But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam

for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. 12 These are spots in your feasts of



charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withered, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; 13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever," (Jude 10-13).

Some so-called Christians go as far to accuse those who alert the Body of Christ as slanders and gossipers while totally ignoring those who are teaching another Gospel and wolves have invaded the sheep pen.

"For if he that cometh preached another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or

another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him," (II Cor. 11:4).

ANCIENT HERESIES

Before the celestial "shock and awe" judgments of the Tribulation are unleashed, God's Word describes a time characterized by false teaching and teachers SO strong, that it would even sweep away even true believers (Mk. 13:22) if they were not sealed by the Spirit of God.

The end of the church age is shown in Revelation 3 to be like the church at Laodicea where truth is light, self-centeredness is heavy; materialism and personal agendas run deep, and true Biblical spirituality is shallow.

Today we see a sweeping array of deceptive false teachers as just the foretaste of this birth pang which Jesus warned about and described and is forming before our very eyes.

Jesus said that the Devil is the Father of Lies. Christians must be sober and alert as the day of the Lord draws near so that we will be able to hear His voice knowing with all of our hearts that we are not being deceived by the evil one.

The best is yet to come for the saved people of God, the beautiful born-again Bride of the Savior. The worst is yet to come for the sinner that rejects Christ, refuses His love, salvation, forgiveness and future reign and glory.

WORLD VISION PROBLEM

Liberty University has a World Vision problem.

Until World Vision announced and quickly reversed its policy on same-gender marriage, most of its donors probably thought they were giving money to help feed and evangelize poor children and families all around the world. While World Vision lost donors because of its betrayal of orthodox Christian doctrine, the furor created by the decision focused attention on

what World Vision actually did—and didn't do—with its donors' money. Donors learned that their money didn't actually go to the child pictured on the refrigerator (but to the child's village), nor did World Vision always share the gospel as a part of its outreach. While people have been grieving the fact that thousands of children have lost sponsorships, we don't know how much of that has been offset by donors redirecting their philanthropy to denominationally based efforts that promise to more effectively take the gospel to the people who need to hear it.²

The World Vision public relations crisis had three related components:

- 1. We discovered that World Vision was willing to reject clear biblical teaching.
- 2. We discovered that World Vision isn't actually a gospel-preaching mission's organization.
- 3. We discovered that our own churches and denominations do a better job than we thought.

Last week, we learned that Liberty University, America's largest Christian college had engaged in a partnership with Benny Hinn that would permit students to watch 10 hours of video, take an easy quiz, and qualify for ordination through Hinn's World Healing Fellowship. The news spread quickly through blogs and Twitter, and Liberty, realizing they had an unfolding public relations disaster on its hands, released a statement that asserted that they and Hinn were not in partnership.³

In Matthew 24 Jesus describes the world before He returns in His Second Coming, as a world where the love of most has grown cold because of false teachers (Matt. 24:11-12); and where "the Faith" will be nearly extinct, (Lk. 18:8).

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry," (II Tim. 4).

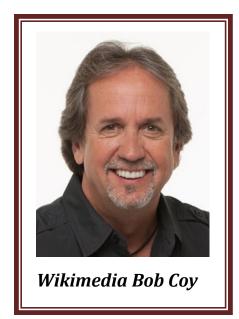
FALSE TEACHERS

Never before has wrong teaching and beliefs about God been more widely proclaimed than in our day. In a continuous, 24/7 river erroneous teaching about God flows around the world: on radio, TV, cable, webcasts, podcasts, simulcasts, books, magazines, and everywhere in between—our world is increasingly filled with lies about God. And to this growing cauldron of darkness and lies comes the triumphant truth that—

Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. 44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Jesus warned "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. 12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep," (Jn. 10:10-15).

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know we the Spirit of God, every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God and this is that spirit of antichrist whereof you have hear that it should come and even now, already is in the world," (I Jn. 4:2)."



The Bible in (II Cor. 11:14-15) warns of Satan's counterfeit: "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;"

PASTOR BOB COY CALVARY CHAPEL

Another Pastor falls because the Church refuses to clean the fish by casting-out demons!

Former mega church pastor Bob Coy spoke candidly about his drug, alcohol, and sex-filled past in his sermons and that information is fueling the media frenzy around his resignation.

The ex-Calvary Chapel leader vacated his position on Sunday citing a "moral failure," leaving congregants devastated. Coy admitted to church leaders that he

cheated on his wife, Diane.4

Coy never claimed to be without sin. He openly discussed his cocaine addiction, past employment at a Vegas nude club, and his philandering past. Coy also allegedly has a long-time problem with pornography.

"He's always said from the pulpit: 'Don't follow me. I'm just a person like you,'" church member Mitch Guertler told NBC. "You could relate to his struggles, to his past. He's human. He's made a bad decision— or a few."5`

Bible apologist, Walter Kambulow writes, PASTOR BOB COY WHO IN THEORY

REPENTED HAD BECOME A SEXUAL PERVERT FOR MANY YEARS. FORGIVENESS IS ONE MATTER BUT DEALING WITH HIS ROOT PROBLEMS AND DELIVERANCE FROM DEMONS HE HAD ALLOWED TO COME INTO HIS LIFE IS ANOTHER. NO HAS ADDRESSED HIS DELIVERANCE BECAUSE MOST CHURCHES INCLUDING CALVARY CHAPEL DO NOT OPERATE IN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT! ⁶

Bob Coy, the founding pastor of Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale, <u>continues to generate headlines</u>. He resigned last week from his position at the 20,000-member congregation after an unspecified "moral failing." Many members of his congregation are understandably hurt. For them, and for all of us who have been wounded by a minister, I'd like to highlight five biblical facts.⁷

THE RED SHIELD-ROTHSCHILD HEXAGRAM

A **hexagram** is a six-pointed geometric <u>star figure</u>, {6/2} or 2{3}, the compound of two <u>equilateral triangles</u>. The intersection is a regular hexagon.

Watch Shocking Expose' Hagee Heresy:

HAGEE - FALSE TEACHING ON MESSIAH

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This theological concept, which has many forms, is primarily referred to as the "Two Covenant" or "Dual Covenant" theory.

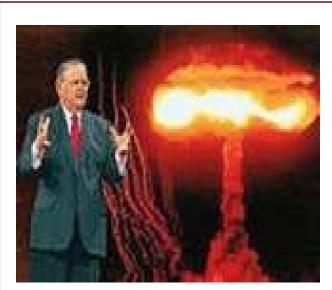
(I Tim. 3:2) and "blameless" (I Tit. 1:7). As Paul noted, "those who have been given a trust must prove faithful," (I Cor. 4:2). Ministers are to "set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in faith and in purity" (I Tim. 4:12).

Two: Satan attacks ministers. He tries to defeat and discourage all Christians, attacking us "like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour," (I Pet. 5:8). But pastors, because of their public profile, are especially targeted by our enemy.

Three: Every minister fails God's standard. I was a pastor for 25 years and have been preaching for 38 years. While I have not sinned in the ways Rev. Coy apparently did, I have likely committed sins he has not. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23), pastors included.

Four: God redeems all he allows. Scripture teaches: "Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently" (Gal. 6:1). We are to be "kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Eph. 4:32). Note that we should also call for repentance, as Paul did when a person was engaged in sin (I Cor. 5:1-5). But if the sinner does repent, we should "forgive and comfort him" and "reaffirm your love for him," (II Cor. 2:7, 8).

JOHN HAGEE CREATES NEW JEWISH FAITH



FOLLOW LYING DEMONS TO HELL

"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch," Matt. 15:14 Preachers of false gospels are accursed—Paul received the gospel by revelation—He believed was taught and preached to the Gentiles.

"Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: 5 to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. 6 I marvel that ye are so soon are moved from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any

bother gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ," (Gal. 1:3-10).

ZIONIST APOSTLE OF SATAN

John Hagee, Zionist Apostle of Satan in the Age of Apostasy: 9

He's one of America's most popular and influential Christian pastors and teachers. Millions believe everything John Hagee says. Sadly he desires the United States to absolutely destroy Iran and the Moslem nations killing them with nuclear bombs. In his new book, he praises Jewish rabbis and claims Jesus is not Israel's Messiah. He says the Jews need not turn to Jesus and the cross for salvation and defends their eternal positions tied to the Old Covenant. He wants all Christians to become Judaizes —and many are doing exactly that. Hagee also says that anyone who goes against these things is helping Satan. Is Hagee right? Did Jesus die on the cross for Jews and Gentiles alike? Is Jesus King of All? Is Judaism superior to Christianity? Should all the Moslem Nations and people be destroyed by nuclear bombs?

Hagee reported to the *Houston Chronicle* that he believes that Jews already have a covenant with God and a relationship to God and do not need to come to the cross. Hearing this is startling. ¹¹

Hagee told the newspaper: "I believe that every Jewish person who lives in the light of the Torah, which is the word of God, has a relationship with God and will come to redemption." ⁹ 12



This certainly is a shocking statement in the light of Jesus' words that "no man comes to the Father but through me" (John 14:6). John further writes, in his first Epistle: "He who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (I Jn. 5:12).

The Houston Chronicle reported, "John Hagee, fundamentalist pastor from San Antonio and friend of Israel, is truly a strange fish. ... The man has a mission. He's out to attack anti-Semitism. He also believes that Jews can come to God without going through Jesus Christ." ¹⁰

The newspaper then quoted Hagee's own shocking words: "I'm not trying to convert the Jewish people to the Christian faith." ¹³

"In fact, trying to convert Jews is a 'waste of time,' he said. 'The Jewish person who has his roots in Judaism is not going to convert to Christianity. There is no form of Christian evangelism that has failed so miserably as evangelizing the Jewish people. They (already) have a faith structure.' Everyone else, whether Buddhist or Baha'i, needs to believe in Jesus, he says; but not Jews. Jews already have a covenant with God that has never been replaced by Christianity, he says."

Hagee went on to tell the Houston reporter that Paul abandoned the idea of Jews knowing Christ when he went to the Gentiles. Jewish evangelism, both presently and in antiquity, is not a failure as Hagee stated but a huge success as many missions and missionaries can report. ¹⁵

Christian Research Institute has also reported on this highly unorthodox view held by Hagee:

"Information about Hagee from other sources reveals he seriously differs with the vast majority of dispensational teachers because he believes that Jewish people do not need to be saved, since they are under a different covenant." ¹⁶

Beyond a shadow of doubt, Jews are saved by the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ. However, John Hagee preaches that Jews have a different pathway back to God apart from Jesus Christ! There simply is no other power of God can save a fallen, sinful soul?

Hagee claims that his book will shake Christian theology to its core. This is also a false statement. His claims only show that he has departed from biblical Christian theology.

Certain men crept in unawares

The Gospel was given to us by Jewish writers and it is NOT A GENTILE RELIGION!

Apostle Paul was a Jew! "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek," (Rom. 1:16).

International radio host, Alex Jones concerning Pastor Hagee 5-2-08

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"Most people who see and hear the Rev. John C. Hagee are impressed. He is rotund, strident, and authoritative (and could well pass for Rush Limbaugh's older and more serious brother). His delivery alone gives the impression of one who really knows what he is talking about. However, careful evaluation of the teachings of Hagee, pastor at the San Antonio-based Cornerstone Church, reveals false teaching and a defective view of a basic and essential issue regarding salvation and the Gospel. Hagee preaches another way of salvation for the Jew, which is in direct violation of Paul's warnings in (Gal. 1:6-9).¹⁷

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ," (Jude 2)

Jones continues, "Critical doctrinal errors of judgment and immoral or illegal conduct reveal those who are the imposters because false leaders exist in the religious world where Biblical standards and doctrines are ignored. They neglect to apply conventional Biblical principles personally and open the doorways to secret sin to exist. Their supporters also fail to apply Biblical standards and doctrines to the teaching and conduct of their leaders. The result is the false ministers deceive themselves and their followers bringing strong delusions and join the list that are betrayers of the Gospel and will be judged by Jesus Christ Himself as He has said:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,

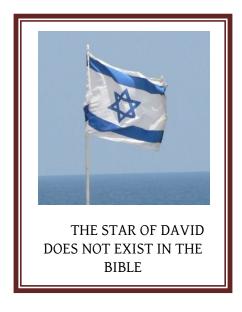
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity," (Matt 7:15-24).

"O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? If it be yet in vain. 5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith, (Gal.3: 1-5)?

The apostle Paul a converted Jew inquires how they could be so foolish as to renounce the Gospel of Christ and turn back to Judaism and the law, after having heard, received, and suffered so much for the Gospel, (Gal 3:15).

Asserts the doctrine of justification by faith, on the example of Abraham, (Gal 3:6-9); shows that all who are under the law are under the curse, from which Christ alone redeems us; and the promise made to Abraham comes to the Gentiles who believe, (Gal 3:10-14); for the covenant is not by the works of the law, but by promise, (Gal 3:15-18). The law was given to show the sinfulness of sin, and to act as a schoolmaster till Christ should come, (Gal 3:19-25). It is by faith only that any become children of God, (Gal 3:26). And under the Gospel, all those distinctions which subsisted under the law are done away; and genuine believers, whether Jews or Gentiles, bond or free, are one in Christ Jesus, and accounted the genuine children of Abraham, (Gal 3:27-29).

WHAT GOD DOES HAGEE SERVE?



It is common opinion that the House of Rothschild rules the world invisibly today, and has done so for two centuries, by creating (i.e. paying off) its own puppets to work on its behalf in the visible world...on many fronts but especially in (Theology), politics, commerce, technology, education and media outlets. The first Rothschild originated in a part of Germany where rulers were "illuminated" with the so-called "Age of Enlightenment" brought on by Rosicrucian's ... and by "first" I mean that "Rothschild" was not the true family name; internet websites say that it was "Bauer," meaning "farmer." The Enlightenment has given the world modern democratic politics, the industrial revolution, highly-advanced science and technology, overwhelming knowledge, awesome communication

possibilities, but all topped off with grief, plagues, horrors, evil and certain self-destruction because the Creator has either been eradicated from mainstream life, or pushed into corners of society and there degraded into a variety of persons or "something's" that He is not. ¹⁹

Mayer Bauer changed the family name to "Rothschild" (meaning "red shield") for a reason not generally known. Yes, he had hung a red-shield sign/symbol above the door of his shop while still a poor/common family man, but what did it mean? Apparently, the protection and/or advancement of something red ... and I don't think it had anything to do with red potatoes. Probably a red people. It just so happens that he was an Ashkenazi Jew, and that Ashkenaz was a region in Magog where the so-called "red Jews" of Khazaria had ruled an empire on the north shores of the Black and Caspian seas. Several voices are now proclaiming that the Rothschild's, and most other Ashkenazi Jews, are descended from the Khazars.



Zionism (<u>Hebrew</u>: אַינונה, *Tsiyonut*) is a <u>nationalist^[1]</u> <u>Jewish</u> <u>political movement</u> that, in its broadest sense, calls for the self-determination of the Jewish people and a sovereign, Jewish national homeland. [2] Since the establishment of the <u>State of Israel</u>, the Zionist movement continues primarily to support and advocate on behalf of the Jewish state.

Zionism did not have a uniform ideology, but a plethora of ideologies: General Zionism, National-Religious Zionism, Labor Zionism, Revisionist Zionism, etc. Shimoni (1995) shows that there existed among the parties a common denominator: the claim to <u>Eretz Israel</u> as the national homeland of the Jews and as the legitimate focus for the national self-determination of the Jews. [3]

Zionism is based on historical ties and <u>religious traditions</u> linking the Jewish people to the <u>Land of Israel</u>. Almost two millennia after the <u>Jewish diaspora</u>, the modern Zionist movement, beginning in the late 19th century, was mainly founded by <u>secular Jews</u>, largely as a response by <u>Ashkenazi Jews</u> to <u>antisemitism</u> and the <u>Anti-Jewish pogroms in the Russian Empire</u>. [5]

With its international support, Zionism is included in <u>diaspora politics</u> as a broader phenomenon of modern <u>nation liberation movements</u>. Although one of several <u>Jewish political movements</u> offering alternative responses to <u>assimilation</u> and antisemitism, Zionism grew rapidly and became the dominant force among Jewish political movements.

The political movement was formally established by the <u>Austro-Hungarian</u> journalist <u>Theodor Herzl</u> in the late 19th century following the publication of his book <u>Der Judenstaat</u>. The movement sought to encourage <u>Jewish migration</u> to the Ottoman Palestine and was eventually successful in establishing Israel on 14 May 1948 (5 Iyyar 5708 in the <u>Hebrew calendar</u>), as the <u>homeland for the Jewish people</u>. Its proponents regard its aim as <u>self-determination</u> for the Jewish people. The proportion of world Jewry living in Israel has steadily grown since the movement came into existence. Today roughly 40% of the world's Jews live in

Israel. Nearly as many live in the **United States** (see American Jews).

Hagee is the founder and National Chairman of the Christian-Zionist organization Christians United for Israel, incorporated on February 7, 2006.[4] He has incurred controversy for his religious beliefs and comments regarding Nazism, Catholicism, Islam, homosexuality, Jews, and Hurricane Katrina.[5][6] However, on April 25 2008, Hagee backed away from the comments regarding Hurricane Katrina by saying, "But ultimately neither I nor any other person can know the mind of God concerning Hurricane Katrina. I should not have suggested otherwise."[7]

HAGEE DENIES MESSIAH JESUS

This video claims that Jesus did not come to earth to be the Messiah. Watch Shocking Expose' **Hagee Heresy**: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0CyolAOeWQ

HAGEE'S stupid book, *In Defense of Israel* will NOT SHAKE CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY as he claims. It simply proves that John Hagee is just another end time false teacher who will take millions of seduced-delusional people to hell with him! ²²

For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him," (II Cor. 11:4).

ZIONISM HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CHRISTIANITY Or Biblical prophecy

A movement establishing and developing Jewish state; a worldwide movement, originating in the 19th century that sought to establish and develop a Jewish nation in Palestine. Since 1948 its function has been to support the state of Israel.

Zionism (<u>Hebrew</u>: ציונות, *Tsiyonut*) is a <u>nationalist^[1] Jewish political movement</u> that, in its broadest sense, calls for the self-determination of the Jewish people and a sovereign, Jewish national homeland. Since the establishment of the <u>State of Israel</u>, the Zionist movement continues primarily to support and advocate on behalf of the <u>Jewish state</u>.

Zionism did not have a uniform ideology, but a plethora of ideologies: General Zionism, National-Religious Zionism, Labor Zionism, Revisionist Zionism, etc. Shimoni (1995) shows that there existed among the parties a common denominator: the claim to <u>Eretz Israel</u> as the national homeland of the Jews and as the legitimate focus for the national self-determination of the Jews. [3]

Zionism is based on historical ties and <u>religious traditions</u> linking the Jewish people to the <u>Land of Israel</u>. Almost two millennia after the <u>Jewish diaspora</u>, the modern Zionist movement, beginning in the late 19th century, was mainly founded by <u>secular Jews</u>, largely as a response by <u>Ashkenazi Jews</u> to <u>antisemitism</u> and the <u>Anti-Jewish pogroms in the Russian Empire</u>. [5]

Zionism - The Worst Plague



With its international support, Zionism is included in <u>diaspora politics</u> as a broader phenomenon of modern <u>nation liberation movements</u>. [6] Although one of several <u>Jewish political movements</u> offering alternative responses to <u>assimilation</u> and antisemitism, Zionism grew rapidly and became the dominant force among Jewish political movements.

The political movement was formally established by the <u>Austro-Hungarian</u> journalist <u>Theodor Herzl</u> in the late 19th century following the publication of his book <u>Der Judenstaat</u>. The movement sought to encourage <u>Jewish migration</u> to the Ottoman Palestine and was eventually successful in establishing Israel on 14 May 1948 (5 Iyyar 5708 in the <u>Hebrew calendar</u>), as the <u>homeland for the Jewish people</u>. Its proponents regard its aim as <u>self-determination</u> for the Jewish people. The proportion of world Jewry living in Israel has steadily grown since the movement came into existence. Today roughly 40% of the world's Jews live in Israel. Nearly as many live in the <u>United States</u> (see <u>American Jews</u>). 24

JOHN HAGEE EVANGELICAL ZIONIST

Although over the past two years John Hagee has gained international notoriety for his agitation for an Armageddon war with Iran and his evangelical Zionist project, Christians United for Israel, back in 2000 he was little known outside Pentecostal circles. But for many years Hagee had been a mainstay on religious television, a Word of Faith televangelist with a large and devoted following. Known also as the prosperity gospel, Word of Faith is a nondenominational religious movement with no membership or doctrinal requirements. Its main tenets are revelation knowledge, through which the believer derives knowledge directly from God, rather than from the senses; identification, through which the believer is inhabited by God and is another incarnation of Jesus; positive confession, or the power of the believer to call things into existence; the right of believers to divine health; and the right of believers to divine wealth.

It is through revelation knowledge that the Word of Faith movement has created its alternate universe in which rational thought is rejected and where the media, intellectual thought, science, and any type of critical thinking are scorned. Drawing on the Pentecostal tradition of casting out devils, pursuits associated with the Enlightenment, especially secularism and humanistic thought are denounced as the work of Satan.

JOHN HAGEE ~ APOSTATE DOUBLE MINDED HERESY

Zionism - Babylonian Talmud

Zionism - Babalonian/Babylonian Talmud - The Jewish Book Of Oral Law

John Hagee's new absconder, dual, double minded Gospel as far as making a difference between born-again believers from pagan origin or Hebrew origin, I find no support for this in Scripture. Rather, Scripture speaks of One New Man - in Christ! Hagee is rotund, strident; authoritative AND has a soul damning message to Jewish people suppose to raise them above the figure of Jesus Christ and His Church. His delivery alone gives the impression of one who really knows what he is talking about and reveals false teaching; a defective view of a basic and essential issue regarding salvation and the Gospel. Hagee preaches another way of salvation for the Jew which is in direct violation of Paul's warnings in (Gal. 1:6-9). ²⁵

This theological concept, which has many forms, is primarily referred to as the "Two Covenant" or "Dual Covenant" theory. Hagee's web site tells us that his "vision is for world evangelism. The burning passion of his heart is to win the lost to Jesus Christ in America and around the world." That statement is not altogether true since he will not evangelize Jews and teaches salvation on another basis than the Gospel for the Jewish people.

A Jewish friend of mine explained it like this. "I was in college before I discovered the reality of Jesus that He actually died in my place. When I heard Hagee preach his double minded Gospel, it would have cost me my eternal soul. If I had met Hagee and his doppelganger Gospel then, both my parents would have passed into hell. I cried as he pranced around telling the twisted lie that he had devised to deceive the Jewish people.

For more than 15 years, dating back to the 1980s thru 1990s and turn of the century, Pastor John Hagee, Cornerstone Church in San Antonio Texas, where he has 19,000 followers in his own congregation teaches and promotes that Jews do not have to accept Christ to make it into God's kingdom or to go to heaven!

Hagee taught that Jews can get to heaven like Abraham did, which was, Hagee says is "by faith" alone . . . presumably faith and trust in God . . . excluding Jesus. This is truly heresy, presenting a twisted Gospel to both Gentile and Jew in the same way. Hagee gained celebrated support from his Zionist Jewish friends at home and abroad, especially in Israel. "Well-known to millions of Christians because of his television ministry, Rev. Hagee (the book



lists him as Dr., but he does not have an earned doctorate) is the pastor of one of America's largest Word-Faith churches. He has been granted several awards from Jewish organizations for his outspoken advocacy for the nation of Israel and Jewish rights."4

DID ABRAHAM GO TO HEAVEN BEFORE JESUS DIED?

Actually, Abraham did not go to heaven in his fallen state as a man before Jesus died! Pastor Hagee claims Abraham went to Heaven apart from the shedding of the blood of Jesus. Paul tells us, "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission," (Heb. 9:22).

The Bible shows Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:22) in Paradise waiting for the Messiah waiting for Jesus to shed His blood for him and all the Old Testament Saints. The Jews had no doubt that Abraham was alive in paradise. To say that Lazarus was in his bosom was, therefore, the same as to say that he was admitted to heaven and made happy there. Moreover, the Jews boasted to a great extent of being the friends of Abraham and of being his descendants, (Matt. 3:9). To be his friend was, in their view, the highest honor and happiness. Our Savior, therefore, showed them that this poor and afflicted man might be raised to the highest happiness, while the rich, who prided themselves on their being descended from Abraham, might be cast away and lost forever. 5

"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." (Matt, 27:52-53).

[And came out of the graves after his resurrection] Not BEFORE, as some have thought, for Christ was himself the FIRST FRUITS of them who slept, (1 Cor. 15:20). The graves were opened at his death, by the earthquake, and the bodies came out at his resurrection. 6 These Old Testament believers were brought back to earth with Jesus to join their bodies so they could appear wholly healed before the Throne of the Father. Satan lost the battle for their souls. These Jews looked forward to the Cross of Jesus and the shedding of His blood, that He would suffer death for their sins. He died in their place and paid the price for their sins.

[And appeared unto many] Thus establishing the truth of our Lord's resurrection in particular and of the resurrection of the body in general, by many witnesses; ²⁶ the veil being rent shows that his death is to put an end to the figurative worship, and to establish the true religion.



"Without World Zionism there could be universal peace not war, no bankrupting militarism, full employment without wage taxation, no hunger, no poverty, no inflation, no depressions or financial crises, no public debt and little private debt, and the burden of taxation on excess income and wealth."

(The speech that got John F. Kennedy...

The earthquake that this dispensation of the Gospel is to make known through the earth the judgments of God against sin and sinners.

The rocks being rent declare that the sacrifice of Christ is to make way for the grace of repentance.

The graves being opened, that it is to destroy the death of sin, and confer the life of grace to sinners.

The rising of the bodies of the saints shows that this death of Christ is to merit, and his Gospel publish, the eternal happiness of body and soul for all that believe in his name." 7

Jesus led them back to earth, opened his grave and led him to the throne of his Father in Heaven!

GOSPEL OF JESUS IS NOT A GENTILE RELIGION

Christianity was founded by the Jewish people AND not Gentiles. The Apostle Paul is known as the apostle of the gentiles but he was the scholar that was used by God to explain the Gospel to the Jews. He worked with invincible power of God when he appeared to preach the gospel whether to Jew or Gentile. He had one goal, SOULS. Not only the Jews were the first offer the Gospel but they also have the greatest need of it; being so deeply fallen, and having sinned against such glorious privileges, they are much more culpable than the Gentiles, who have never had the light of a divine revelation.

In Paul could not have been clearer or more emphatic when he stated: "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel, is that they might be saved," (Rom. 10:1). Paul was

consistent with the Great Commission, knowing that every creature needed to hear the preaching of the Gospel until the end of the age," (Matt. 28:18-20).

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus," (Gal. 3:26).

- For as many of you as have been baptized into Jewish Christians
- Figures Jesus John the Baptist Simon Peter Twelve Apostles James the Just Simeon of Jerusalem Jude Paul of Tarsus Patriarchs of Jerusalem
- Ancient sects Cerinthians Ebionites Elcesaites Essenes Notzrim Nazarenes Nazoraeans
- Modern sects Ebionite Jewish Community Messianic Jews Nasranis Syrian Malabar Nasranis
- Adversity List of events in early Christianity Antinomianism Paul of Tarsus and Judaism Marcionism Christian anti-semitism Bar Kokhba Revolt Aelia Capitolina Emperor Constantine

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus," (Gal. 3:27-28). KJV

[To the Jew first] Not only have the Jews had the first offer of this Gospel, but they . . . 8

[And also to the Greek] Though the salvation of God has hitherto been apparently confined to the Jewish people, yet it shall be so no longer, for the Gospel of Christ is sent to the Gentiles as well as the Jews; God having put no difference between them; and Jesus Christ having tasted death for every person (Heb 2:9). Romans 1:16 Such were the views of Paul about the gospel; and it is one of his favorite doctrines that they who believe on Christ shall not be ashamed, 9

[I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ] This text is best illustrated by (Isa 28:16; 49:23), quoted by the apostle, (Rom 10:11): "For the Scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him, shall not be ashamed"; i.e. they shall neither be confounded, nor disappointed of their hope.

The Jews, by not believing on Jesus Christ, by not receiving him as the promised Messiah, but trusting in others, have been disappointed, ashamed, and confounded, from that time to the present day. Their expectation is cut off; and, while rejecting Christ, and expecting another Messiah, they have continued under the displeasure of God, and are ashamed of their confidence. On the other hand, those who have believed on Christ have, in and through him, all the blessings of which the prophets spoke; every promise of God being yea and amen through him. Paul, as a Jew, believed on Christ Jesus; and in believing he had life through his name; through him he enjoyed an abundance of grace; so that, being filled with that happiness which an indwelling Christ produces, he could cheerfully say, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." And why? Because he felt it to be the power of God to the salvation of his believing soul. This appears to be the true sense of this passage, and this interpretation acquires additional strength from the consideration that Paul is here most evidently addressing himself to the Jews.10 (Rom. 1:16).

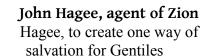
[It is the power of God unto salvation] *Dunamis, gar, Theou, estin*: The almighty power of God accompanies this preaching to the souls of them that believe; and the consequence is, they are saved; and what but the power of God can save a fallen, sinful soul?

[To the Jew first] Not only the Jews have the first offer of this Gospel, but they have the greatest need of it; being so deeply fallen, and having sinned against such glorious privileges, they are much more culpable than the Gentiles, who have never had the light of a divine revelation.

[And also to the Greek] Though the salvation of God has hitherto been apparently confined to the Jewish people, yet it shall be so no longer, for the Gospel of Christ is sent to the Gentiles as well as the Jews; God having put no difference between them; and Jesus Christ having tasted death for every person (Heb. 2:9). 11

Paul established that everyone universally was under the condemnation of sin and in need of a Savior. Listen to Paul's clear words: "For there is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:22-23).

Paul affirmed that everyone needed salvation through faith in Jesus Christ simply because everyone was guilty and lost in sin: "Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and the world may become guilty before God" (Romans 3:19). Paul insists that both Jew and Gentile equally need faith in Christ to be saved: "Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also. Since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith" (Rom. 3:29-30).





HAGEE AGENT OF ZIONISM

Hagee, to create one way of salvation for Gentiles and another way for others is a gross distortion and misunderstanding of the Gospel and a terrible ignorance of the teachings of Romans on salvation. Again Paul's teaching is clear:

"For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they (Jew and Greek) call on Him whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10:12-14).

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

(Jn. 3:17-18).

- "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life," (I Jn. 5:12).
- "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves," (Matt. 7:13-15).

How can Hagee state and justify that Romans 9, 10 and 11, "exclusively concerns the Jews"? The Lord Jesus taught that there are only two roads toward eternity. One is eternity with God through Jesus Christ (the Only Way) and the other is eternity in everlasting torment. What good does "Live your best life now" do for the person on the road to everlasting judgment? Absolutely nothing, in the end, the person is judged because he did not receive the Lord Jesus Christ as his/her Savior. The Gospel Message is that there is a hell but the Good News is that there is the Savior. Christ Jesus loved us so much that He willingly died to save us from our sins, from hell, from everlasting judgment. The Lord Jesus gives eternal life to all who will receive Him, by faith, as their Savior (including Jews). The Gospel must be heard in order to be believed.

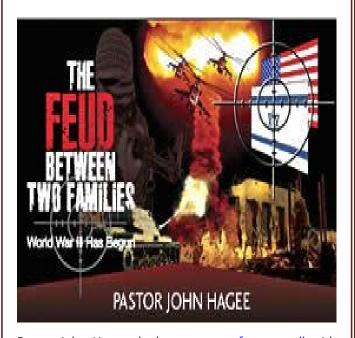
"God is no respecter of persons. Before Him, the Holy One, men stand not as Jews and Gentiles but as sinners who are in need of grace. Jesus the prophet may be speaking to the Gentiles; but Jesus the Son of God speaks to mankind. Jesus the martyr may be appealing to some and not to others; but Jesus the Lamb of God challenges the whole human race. God's word is one word, and God's way is one if it is the way of God." 12

HAGEE BELIEVES JEWS ALREADY HAVE A COVENANT WITH GOD APART FROM JESUS

Hagee reported to the Houston Chronicle that he believes that Jews already have a covenant with God and a relationship to God and do not need to come to the cross. Hearing this is astounding. Hagee told the newspaper:²⁷

• "I believe that every Jewish person who lives in the light of the Torah, which is the word of God, has a relationship with God and will come to redemption." 13

This certainly is a shocking statement in the light of Jesus' words that "no man comes to the Father but through me" (John 14:6). John further writes, in his first Epistle: "He who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (I Jn. 5:12).



Pastor John Hagee, had a group conference call with American Jewish bloggers; he described his new lobbying group, took questions, and advocated an aggressive US and Israel military confrontation with Iran. In a February 9th 2007 blogger conference call, Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promoted similar views. Hagee's evasive answers should have raised a red flag. One blogger asked if, given their end-time beliefs, Hagee's CUFI Christians were really sincere in their support for Israel; seeming to address another question, Hagee said it is "theologically off the map" to think a man, or men, could influence God's plan. But Hagee has repeatedly called for US and Israeli preemptive military strikes on Iran that he says will spark an allegedly inevitable apocalyptic "end times" conflict and kill most Israeli Jews. And, Pastor Hagee evaded a blogger's question on whether he seeks to convert Jews to Christianity; in fact, in early 2006 Hagee's broadcast ministry established a station in Jerusalem to do just that. In the end, Hagee's views are mainstream Christian Zionist: as the final world conflict begins, Christians are "raptured" bodily to physical immortality in Heaven while, back on Earth, fighting centering around Israel kills off most Jews, with a surviving "remnant" converting, in the end, to Christianity. Mr. Hagee says that plainly enough in "Jerusalem Countdown", and perhaps Jews should take time to learn about Mr. Hagee's beliefs; they might be in for an unpleasant surprise. For example, Pastor Hagee blames Jews themselves for the Holocaust

The Apostle Paul, as well, would say the opposite of Hagee: "I do not set aside the grace of God: for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain" (Gal. 2:21). Paul is affirming that nothing that the Old Testament offered could avail apart from the death of Jesus.

STEALING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

So many in the Christian Church have become cold and lukewarm; they have given their minds over to forms of Better Homes and Garden and Disney World Christianity and lifestyles that are just seeking after material things and emotional experiences. Jesus is rarely preached. (Rom. 10:17), "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

If you are listening to preaching that is all about the minister, his or her family experiences, or you giving to them so that you can get some money to increase your depleted bank account, These preachers are living sumptuously like kings and queens in multi-million homes dollar while you overwhelmed by debt. I'm telling you, that you are NOT listening to the real gospel. Repent for seeking after the Father as a sugar daddy instead of the God that sent His Divine Son Jesus to save you from your sins. Rededicate your life to Jesus and ask Him where you can go to receive the true Gospel.

The Bible warns, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God," (Rom. 12:2).

Many are no longer teaching the Word of God with Jesus Christ as the center of the Gospel. It is the Word of God that renews the mind and brings faith. (Acts 17:11-12), "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind,



and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few."

Your state of mind will decide where you spend eternity! (Phil 2:5), "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshiping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind," (Col. 2:18), "That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." (II Thess. 2:2-4),

People's minds are in a state of confusion because they hear so many voices teaching so many lies and reading so many new perversions of the Bible. Jesus is not being preached. Only what I call the gospel of me, you, and I. Worldly spirits have taken over large parts of the Christian church. The spirits of seduction, delusion and unbelief are ruling. People are in spiritual trouble while dancing, singing and praising the Lord while languishing in sins of watching evil movies and television, pornography, fornication, lying, cheating, etc.

No, the Christian mind is not being renewed through the Word of God and is still under the curse and deceptions of the world system and knows nothing about the spiritual war we are in. His mind still belongs to Satan. Indeed, much of this warfare is beyond man's ability to see and influence except through prayer and even then, only as God's Spirit gives revelation into the spiritual world. This is a war and in any war there are casualties on both sides. However in this war, Man has a very special protection from his redeemer.

An interesting passage of scripture shows how God protects his people and how a great spiritual army rides with those who do God's will. "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." (Eph. 4:24),

[Put on the new man] Get a new nature; for in Christ Jesus-under the Christian

dispensation, neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Therefore ye must be renewed in the spirit of your mind.



[Which after God is created in righteousness] Here is certainly an allusion to the erection of man. Moses tells us, (Gen 1:27), that God created man in his own image; that is, God was the model according to which he was formed in the spirit of his mind. Paul says here that they should put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness, or, hosioteeti tees aleetheias, in the holiness of truth. Both certainly refer to the same thing, and the one illustrates the other. From the apostle we learn what Moses meant by the image of God; it was righteousness and the truth of holiness. (See the note at Gen.1:26.) It is not this or the other degree of moral good which the soul is to receive by Jesus Christ. It is the whole image of God; it is to be formed kata Theon, according to God; the likeness of the Divine Being is to be traced upon his soul, and he is to bear that as fully as his first father Adam bore it in the beginning. 26

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables," (II Tim. 4:2-4).

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10:14).

"For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (I Cor. 9:16).

Beware of False Prophets Christianity is not a religion of the mind. It is not a religion of race. It is spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ our Savior. He is sitting at the right hand of our Father giving His power to usward who believe. Read the entire first chapter of Ephesians, (Look at Eph. 1:18-23).

PREACH THE GOSPEL

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 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," (Mk. 16:15-18).

"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," (Matt. 7:22-23)

IGNORING SANCTIFICATION

Ignoring of the biblical message of sanctification:

A serious injustice is done to Christians when the message of sanctification as a second work of grace is withheld from them. The consequence of this shortcoming is that they are confined to the category of carnal believers who are described as babes in Christ (I Cor. 3:1-3; Eph. 4:13-14).

They lead a life of stumbling and rising, and have no understanding of the deeper things of God's Word (Gal. 5:17; Heb. 5:12-14). Such people are not filled with the Holy Spirit and can, therefore, not claim that the Holy Spirit guides them into all truth (Jn. 16:13).

They are easy targets for spiritual deception. Since they are not endued with the power of the Holy Spirit, they easily fall into fleshly sins such as drinking and immorality (Eph. 5:18; I Thess. 4:3, 7-8).

We are admonished to be strong in the Lord so that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:10-11). This power not only enables us to live victoriously over sin and temptation but also gives us boldness to be successful witnesses for Christ. The Lord Jesus said: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me," (Acts 1:8).

Empty yourself of the world and all forms of sin and fleshliness, wait on the Lord, and He will fill you with His Holy Spirit. That will make a very big difference in your life. It will, amongst others, enable you to identify and resist deception. Without this experience and spiritual enlightenment you will be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine (Eph. 4:14).

FALLING AWAY FROM JESUS CHRIST

The Christian Church, the Ecclesia, is a body of redeemed people called out from the world to represent God and His authority and to exercise government. Individually and corporately we are accountable to Jesus, the head of the Church. The Church is failing.

A projection of what happens when the Church fully fails is recorded in (II Thessalonians 2:3): "Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come [the return of Jesus] unless the falling away comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God...."

Paul writes to the believers in Thessalonica to correct their thinking. Paul clarifies that the day of the return of the Lord Jesus will not come until there has been a falling away.

Interestingly, the Greek word for "falling away" is exactly the word which gives us the English word apostasy. It's only used twice in the New Testament in this passage and in (Acts 21:21) where the leaders of the Church in Jerusalem tell Paul that he's been accused of teaching apostasy from the Law of Moses. It specifically means a turning away from a revealed truth. Paul is saying that before the Antichrist, the man of lawlessness, is revealed, there has to be an apostasy in the Church. There will be a moving away from sound doctrine, (I Tim. 1:10).

Why? Because the true Church is the appointed authority and barrier to the revelation and the consummation of evil; Satan knows this and knows the Bible better than most of us. Satan knows that he cannot manifest the Antichrist until the Church is weakened and moved out of the way.

So there has to be an apostasy, a falling away, in the Church because the restraining influence of the Church has to be cancelled before the Antichrist can be revealed. Do you see what that means? Can you see the responsibility it places upon us? We are the restraining influence.

THE FALLING AWAY IN THIS GENERATION

In the generation it is clearly stated, "LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU BY ANY MEANS: FOR THAT DAY SHALL NOT COME, EXCEPT THERE COME A FALLING AWAY FIRST, AND THAT MAN OF SIN BE REVEALED, THE SON OF PERDITION," (II Thess. 2:3).

Other words, the coming of the Antichrist shall not take place, except there first come an apostasy or a falling away. Indeed, the falling away has come, and there are few people left standing, but it is not perceived. There is much talk about a revival, but almost no talk about the falling that is happening in the Laodicea church of this generation, the next revival will be during the Tribulation.

From now to the Rapture, times will get worse and worse; this is the age when people will not endure (or put up with) sound doctrine, because it does not suit their own desires. More and more people will continue to fall away, and what little sound doctrine that still exists will not be endured.

How diabolically clever the Adversary is! Blessings are exactly what most people in this Laodicea church age are looking for, totally unaware of their wretched condition. They have been greatly deceived by the Adversary into focusing their attention on looking for blessings, instead of warning others to be on guard against the falling away.

In (II Thess. 2:7) Paul states that "the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way." I know I am entering into speculative prophecy, but there are two ways of interpreting the phrase, "He who now restrains." It can be the Holy Spirit or it can be the Church. Probably it's both the Holy Spirit and the Church."

The final consummation of evil in this age will not come until the Church, by apostasy, opens the way. I would say that the apostasy is just about consummated in America today in the top levels of Church and state. Apostasy is ruling via lawless, immoral, blasphemous,

Bible-truth- denying, Christ-denying, God-provoking speech, policy, and action. (I Jn. 4:3), "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

I don't think things need to go much further before the apostasy is complete. In the meanwhile, what is our responsibility? To restrain the forces of evil! We are the governmental assembly. Through preaching the gospel, loving personal witness, intercessory prayer, prophetic witness, and persuasion in the public square, we are the ambassadorial administrators of Christ's authority—we are His salt, light, and leaven to restrain corruption and decay until the appointed time." ²⁸

MARK THEM WHICH CAUSE DIVISION

"Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them," (Rom. 16:17).

Notice the cause for division and offences are caused be the false teacher brings unsound doctrines and the Bible tells us to avoid them. You cannot find one scripture that accuses the person that uncovers and exposes false prophets as be divisive, slanderous and gossipy.

As a matter of scriptural fact, the Word of God tells us to identify and mark "them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine" of the LORD, is to be a regular part of the Christian life. In an hour when the proliferation of false teaching is mutating at an increasingly exponential rate, those who love the LORD must examine and test everything against the final authority of the recorded oracles of God (Acts 17:11). The following warning enlightens us to understand this:

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ," (Col. 2:8).

Would the all-knowing God have put such a warning in His Word if being spoiled were not possible? **People can be spoiled (derailed, made shipwreck** of) through **false doctrines and philosophies,** which, without fail, elevate men and demote Christ, (Col. 2:8-9; 18-19).

These derailment elements are designed to steal glory from Christ. If we love Him, we are to "hear God's words" and "hate every false way." (Jn. 8:47; Psa. 119:104, 128; Amos 5:14-15).

Let's break this extremely important Bible text down:

"Mark them" - Beloved, we are mandated to simply and truly hearken to this divinely given instruction, to personally own this truth and walk in it, to be possessed with the protective love of our holy and "Great Shepherd of the sheep." (Heb. 13:20) One of the ways the "Great Shepherd" protects the sheep of His pasture, is by His other sheep, scoping out and marking the wolves whose venomous lies would devour. 29

The clear instruction of the Word is to "mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine." All human sediments, reasoning's, and excuses must be crucified.

"Mark them" – the Greek word here for "mark" is skopeo, which means "to scope out; to take aim at, consider, watch."

Believers are here mandated to wisely scope out closely, observe and scrutinize all teachings and spiritual leaders under the lamp of God's holy Word. We are to closely discern between true and false doctrines and leaders and sound the alarm on that which is found to be inconsistent with holy Writ. This is to be done especially when dealing with foundational, essential truths (which are a salvation issue).

Is It Negative and Unbiblical to Name False Teachers?

NAMING NAMES

Apostle Paul in (II Tim. names numerous people by name

(II Tim. 1:15): Phygellus and Hermogenes

(II Tim. 2:17): Mymenaeus and Philetus

(II Tim. 3:8): Jannes and Jambress

(II Tim. 4:10): Demas

(II Tim. 4:14): Alexander the coppersmith

In (II Jn. 9, John named Diotrephes.

Jesus called out the false teachers in (Matt. 23 and Lk. 11).

(II Tim. 4:3), tells us that many Christians will only want to hear what makes them feel good and appeals to their flesh; "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears."

The problem isn't that you named false teachers; it's that many Christians believe false teachers are brothers and sisters no matter what they teach! If these teachers impart unscriptural knowledge and other biblically knowledgeable teacher write corrections, the ones who correct are then called slanders and gossipers by the person that is spread unscriptural false messages. If the true Believers do not speak out on false teaching, who will? That is the mission of each of us, is it not? God Bless you all! And, I am naming the heretics in all my E-mails articles! People need to know so they can protect themselves from wolves in sheep's clothing! It is high time the body of Christ wakes up and starts to discern the false prophets and minister's that are leading God's people over a cliff.

"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. 14 "For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life and few are those who find it. 15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly

are ravenous wolves. 16 "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. 19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 "So then, you will know them by their fruits. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness,'" (Matt. 7:13-23).

False prophets are particularly dangerous because they appear to be genuine. They seemingly have the credentials of authority. What are these credentials? Jesus calls them 'wolves in sheep's clothing' (verse 15).

He said that the false prophets were like wolves in sheep's clothing. When the shepherd watched his flocks upon the hillside, his garment was a sheepskin, worn with the skin outside and the fleece inside. But a man might wear a shepherd's dress and still not be a shepherd. The prophets had acquired a conventional dress. Elijah had a mantle (I Kin. 19:13, 19), and that mantle had been a hairy cloak (II Kin. 1:8). That sheepskin mantle had become the uniform of the prophets, just as the Greek philosophers had worn the philosopher's robe. It was by that mantle that the prophet could be distinguished from other men. But sometimes that garb was worn by those who had no right to wear it, for Zechariah in his picture of the great days to come says, "Neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive" (Zech. 13:4). There were those who wore a prophet's cloak, but who lived anything but a prophet's life."

The outward forms would incline one to believe these false prophets to be reliable guides. They may wear a distinctive garb which sets them apart as leaders. They may have the title 'reverend.' They may be men who hold positions of religious leadership. They may well have graduated from a divinity school. Indeed, they might even be seminary professors. Judging on the basis of external indications we might wrongly assume them to be reliable guides, but we must not evaluate them on such external evidence.

These false prophets can be detected by their fruits. Judging by external forms is risky; judging (if you prefer, discerning) on the basis of fruits is absolutely necessary and part of our responsibility. 'The proof of the root is in the fruit.' Good trees produce good fruit, and rotten trees, bad fruit. A dependable assessment of those who would be guides is that of their fruits (Matthew7:20). But, what are these fruits? One must be very careful here, for false prophets are not without religious activities. A false prophet is often accompanied by deceptive signs and by seeming wonders. Some of these are suggested in (Matt. 7:22): "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy in Your name, and in your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?"'

We should expect false prophets to engage in acts of kindness and charity. We should expect them to perform deeds which suggest miraculous power. And we should expect that these deeds

be performed under the pretext of being done by God's power and to His glory.

"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds" (II Cor. 11:13-15).

We should expect false prophets to be accompanied by religious works, often unusual and spectacular, done ostensibly in the name of God. Satan willingly gives the glory to God in such cases, so long as ultimately he is able to deceive people and cause them to their allegiance and obedience him.

But are these religious activities the fruits of which the Master spoke? If not, what are they? The Scriptures frequently describe the fruits of the false prophets, so that we are left with little doubt as to what we should look for. I believe we can see the fruits of the false prophets falling into three categories.

- The first category of the fruits of the false prophet is their doctrine. False prophets speak from their own delusion, not by divine command (Jer. 23:16, 21, 25; Ezek. 13:2). They do not proclaim or defend God's word, but deny it (Jer. 23:17). In particular they deny unpleasant subjects such as impending judgment (Jer. 6:14; 28:17; Ezek. 13:10). They offer temporary and partial relief to pressing problems (Jer. 8:11). Mainly, they tell people precisely what they want to hear (I Kin. 22:8, 13; (II Tim. 4:3-4). Concerning the way of salvation they deny the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ and they reject the work of Christ on the cross (II Pet. 2:1; I Jn. 4:2-3).
- The second category of the fruits of the false prophets is the effect of their teaching in the lives of men. Invariably it leads to a rejection of God's word, a rejection of biblical authority, a division among the saints (Jer. 23:2,14) and a life of sensuality (II Pet. 2:2). They attempt to lead men away from the truth of the gospel (Acts 13:8), and to deceive genuine Christians with false doctrine (Mk. 13:22). This is also evident from the Pastoral Epistles (1 and 2Timothy and Titus) where Paul speaks of the need of sound or healthy doctrine (I Tim. 4:6; 2 Tim. 4:3; Tit. 1:9; 2:1).
- (3) Finally, there is the fruit of the false teachers as evidenced in their own moral character. They are easily distinguished by their pride (II Pet. 2:10), their greed (Jer. 8:10; Tit. 1:11; II Pet. 2:3, 14) and immorality (Jer. 23:11, 14; II Pet. 2:14). They are men dominated by the flesh (II Pet. 2:10, 12; 3:3). They prey upon the weak and the guilt-ridden (II Tim. 3:6-7; II Pet. 2:14, 13). While they profess to know God, by their deeds they deny Him (Matt. 7:22-23; (II Tim. 3:5; Titus 1:16). While they delight in authority, they refuse to submit to it (II Pet. 2:10).

"A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit?" (Lk. 6:39).

There are many godless guides who would lead us to the wide gate and the way which leads to destruction. These false teachers are not only blind themselves, but they lead others to destruction with them. It is the Lord Who will pronounce the final verdict and who will sentence the false prophets to everlasting torment.

ITCHING EARS AND SPIRITUAL DECEPTION

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables," (II Tim. 4).

The apostle charges Timothy to be diligent, incessant, and faithful in his preaching; to watch, suffer patiently, and give full proof of his ministry, (II Tim. 4:1-5). He predicts his own approaching death and expresses the strongest confidence of being eternally happy, (II Tim. 4:6-8). Desires Timothy to come and see him; shows that several had forsaken him, that others were gone to different districts, and that he had only Luke with him, (II Tim. 4:9-12). Desires him to bring the cloak, book, and parchments; which he had left at Troas... (II Tim. 4:13). Of Alexander the coppersmith's opposition, (II Tim. 4:14, II Tim. 4:15). Tells Timothy how he was deserted by all when obliged to make his first defense before Nero; how God supported him, and the confidence with which he was inspired, (II Tim. 4:16-18). Salutations to different persons at Ephesus, and from different persons at Rome... (II Tim. 4:19-21). The apostolic benediction... (II Tim. 4:22).

For the time will come - There is a time coming to the Church when men will not hear the practical truths of the Gospel, when they will prefer speculative opinions, which either do no good to the soul, or corrupt and destroy it, to that wholesome doctrine of "deny thyself, take up thy cross and follow me," which Jesus Christ has left in his Church.

But after their own lusts - For these they will follow, and hate those preachers and that doctrine by which they are opposed.

Shall they heap to themselves teachers - They will add one teacher to another, run and gad about after all, to find out those who insist not on the necessity of bearing the cross, of being crucified to the world, and of having the mind that was in Jesus. In this disposition interested men often find their account; they set up for teachers, "and widen and strew with flowers the way, down to eternal ruin," taking care to soothe the passions and flatter the vices of a trifling, superficial people.

Having itching ears - Endless curiosity, an insatiable desire of variety; and they get their ears tickled with the language and accent of the person, abandoning the good and faithful preacher for the fine speaker. ³¹

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;" (II Tim. 4:1).

I charge thee therefore before God - Whose herald thou art; and before the Lord Jesus Christ, whose salvation thou art to proclaim, and who is coming to judge the world - all that shall be found then alive, and all that have died from the foundation of the world.

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine," (II Tim. 4:2).

Preach the word - Κηρυξον τον λογον Proclaim the doctrine, the doctrine of Christ crucified, for the sins of the whole world; the doctrine, that the Gentiles are invited to be fellow heirs with the Jews, and that for Jews and Gentiles there is no salvation but by faith in Christ.

Be instant in season, out of season - Επιστηθι ευκαιρως, ακαιρως. Be urgent whether the times be prosperous or adverse, whenever there is an opportunity; and when there is none, strive to make one. The Judge is at the door, and to every man eternity is at hand! Wherever thou meetest a sinner, speak to him the word of reconciliation; do not be contented with stated times and accustomed places merely; all time and place belong to God, and are proper for his work. Wherever it can be done, there it should be done. Satan will omit neither time nor place where he can destroy. Omit thou none where thou mayest be the instrument of salvation to any. 32

Reprove - Ελεγξον Confute, Invalidate the false teacher.

Rebuke - Επιτιμησον' Reprove, Criticize cuttingly and severely those who will not abandon their sins.

Exhort - Παρακαλεσον: Urge the feeble-minded, the diffident and the tempted.

With all long-suffering - In reference to each and all of these cases...

And doctrine - The different modes of teaching suited to each. ³³

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"And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables," (II Tim. 4:4)

And they shall turn away their ears from the truth - The truth strips them of their vices, sacrifices their idols, darts its lightning's against their easily besetting sins, and absolutely requires a conformity to a crucified Christ; therefore they turn their ears away from it.

And shall be turned unto fables - Believe any kind of stuff and nonsense; for, as one has justly observed, "Those who reject the truth are abandoned by the just judgment of God to credit the most degrading nonsense." This is remarkably the case with most deists; their creed often exhibits what is grossly absurd. ³⁵

"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry," (II Tim. 4:5).

But watch thou in all things - It is possible to be overtaken in a fault, to neglect one's duty, and to lose one's soul. Watching unto prayer prevents all these evils.

Endure afflictions - Let no sufferings neither affright thee; nor let the dread of them either cause thee to abandon the truth, or relax in thy zeal for the salvation of men.

Do the work of an evangelist - That is: Preach Christ crucified for the sins of the whole world; for this, and this alone, is doing the work of an evangelist, or preacher of the glad tidings of peace and salvation by Christ. An angel from God was first sent to do the work of an evangelist, and how did he do it? Behold, said he, I bring you good tidings of great joy; Ιδου γαρ, ευαγγελιζομαι ὑμιν χαραν μεγαλην, ἡτις εσται παντι τω λαφ. Behold, I evangelize unto you great joy, which shall be to all people; to you is born a Savior. Those who do not proclaim Christ as having tasted death for every man, and who do not implicitly show that every human soul may be saved, do not perform the work of evangelists; they, God help them! limit the Holy One of Israel. Yet, as far as they preach the truth in sincerity, so far God acknowledges and blesses them and their labors; they do a part of the work, but not the whole. ³⁶

Make full proof of thy ministry - Push all thy principles to their utmost power of activity; carry them on to all their consequences; and try what God will do for thee, and by thee. Neglect no part of thy sacred function; perform faithfully all the duties of which it is composed; and do God's work in his own way and in his own spirit.

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand," (II Tim. 4:6).

For I am now ready to be offered - Hδη σπενδομαι I am already poured out as a libation. See the note on (Phil. 2:17). He considers himself as on the eve of being sacrificed, and looks

upon his blood as the libation which was poured on the sacrificial offering. He could not have spoken thus positively had not the sentence of death been already passed upon him.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:" (II Tim. 4:7).

I have fought a good fight - Every reader will perceive that the apostle, as was his very frequent custom, alludes to the contests at the Grecian games: Τον αγυνα τον καλον ηγωνισμαι I have wrestled that good wrestling - I have struggled hard, and have overcome, in a most honorable cause.

I have finished my course - I have started for the prize, and have come up to the goal, outstripping all my competitors, and have gained this prize also.

I have kept the faith - As the laws of these games must be most diligently observed and kept, (for though a man overcome, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully), so I have kept the rules of the spiritual combat and race; and thus, having contended lawfully, and conquered in each exercise, I have a right to expect the prize.

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing," (II Tim. 4:8).

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown - This I can claim as my due; but the crown I expect is not one of fading leaves, but a crown of righteousness; the reward which God, in his kindness, has promised to them who are faithful to the grace he has bestowed upon them. ³⁷

The Lord, the righteous Judge - He alludes here to the *brabeus*, or umpire in the Grecian games, whose office it was to declare the victor, and to give the crown.

At that day - The Day of Judgment; the morning of the resurrection from the dead...

Unto all them also that love his appearing - All who live in expectation of the coming of Christ, who anticipate it with joyfulness, having buried the world and laid up all their hopes above. Here is a reward, but it is a reward not of debt but of grace; for it is by the grace of God that even an apostle is fitted for glory. And this reward is common to the faithful; it is given, not only to apostles, but to all them that love his appearing. This crown is laid up - it is in view, but not in possession. We must die first.

I have several times noted the allusions of St. Paul to the Greek poets, and such as seemed to argue that he quoted immediately from them. There is a passage in the Alcestis of Euripides, in which the very expressions used here by the apostle are found, and spoken on the occasion of a wife laying down her life for her husband, when both his parents had refused to do it.

"Thou wouldst not, neither darest thou to die for thy son; but hast suffered this strange woman to do it, whom I justly esteem to be alone my father and mother: thou wouldst have

fought a good fight hadst thou died for thy son."

See Sophocles and Aeschylus, quoted, (1 Tim. 6:15).

The $\kappa\alpha\lambda$ o ζ $\alpha\gamma\omega\nu$, good fight, was used among the Greeks to express a contest of the most honorable kind, and in this sense the apostle uses it.

"Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:" (II Tim. 4:9).

Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me - He appears to have wished Timothy to be present at his death, that he might have his faith confirmed by seeing how a Christian could die; and, as he had but a short time to live, he begs Timothy to hasten his visit, and particularly so as he had scarcely now any companions.

"For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia," (II Tim. 4:10).

Demas hath forsaken me - This is another proof of the posterio of this epistle: for Demas was with the apostle in his first imprisonment, and joins in the salutations, see (Col. 4:14), which were written when Paul was a prisoner at Rome for the first time.

Having loved this present world - $A\gamma\alpha\pi\eta\sigma\alpha\zeta$ τον νυν αιωνα having preferred Judaism to Christianity or having loved the Jews and having sought their welfare in preference to that of the Gentiles.

The שמים words olam hazzeh, which answer to the Greek τον νον αιωνα, are generally to be understood as signifying, either the Jewish people, or the system of Judaism. It was now become doubly dangerous to be a Christian; and those who had not religion enough to enable them to burn, or in any other way to expose life for it, took refuge in that religion which was exposed to no persecution. This is a light in which the conduct of Demas may be viewed. It could not have been the love of secular gain which had induced Demas to abandon St. Paul; he must have counted this cost before he became a Christian. See below.³⁸

Crescens to Galatia - Whether the departure of Crescens was similar to that of Demas, as intimated above, or whether he went on an evangelical embassy, we know not. Charity would hope the latter; for we can hardly suppose that Titus, who is here said to have departed to Dalmatia, had abandoned his Cretan Churches, his apostolic office, and especially his aged father and friend, now about to seal the truth with his blood! It is probable that both these persons had gone on sacred missions, and perhaps had been gone some time before the apostle was brought into such imminent danger. Even for Demas, as standing in this connection, something might be said. It is not intimated that he had denied the faith, but simply that he had left the apostle and gone into Thessalonica; for which this reason is given, that he loved the present world. Now, if $\alpha\gamma\alpha\pi\eta\sigma\alpha\varsigma$, having loved, can be applied to a desire to save the souls of the Jews, and that he went into Thessalonica, where they abounded, for this very purpose, then we shall find all three - Demas, Crescens, and Titus, one at Thessalonica, another at Galatia, and the third at Dalmatia, doing the work of evangelists, visiting the Churches, and converting both Jews and Gentiles.

This interpretation I leave to the charitable reader, and must own that, with all the presumptive evidences against it, it has some fair show of probability. Demas has received little justice from interpreters and preachers in general. It is even fashionable to hunt him down.

"Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry," (II Tim. 4:11).

Only Luke is with me - This was Luke the evangelist, and writer of the Acts of the Apostles, who was always much attached to St. Paul, and it is supposed continued with him even to his martyrdom.

Take Mark, and bring him with thee - This was John Mark, the sister's son of Barnabas, who, after having wavered a little at first, became a steady, zealous, and useful man; his name and conduct have been often before the reader. See the parallel passages.

For he is profitable to me for the ministry - Eig $\delta iakoviav$. For service; that is, he would be very useful to the apostle, to minister to him in his present close confinement. Some think that the apostle means his preaching the Gospel; but at this time, I should suppose, there was very little, if any, public preaching at Rome.

"And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus," (II Tim. 4:12).

Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus - For this person, see (Acts 20:4; Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7). It is rather strange that the apostle should say, I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus, if Timothy was at Ephesus at this time; but it is probable that Tychicus had been sent to Ephesus some time before this, and therefore the apostle might say, though writing now to Ephesus, Tychicus have I sent, etc

"The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments," (II Tim. 4:13).

The cloak that I left at Troas - Tov φελονην is by several translated bag or portmanteau; and it is most likely that it was something of this kind, in which he might carry his clothes, books, and travelling necessaries. What the books were we cannot tell, it is most likely they were his own writings; and as to the parchments, they were probably the Jewish Scriptures and a copy of the Septuagint. These he must have had at hand at all times. The books and parchments now sent for could not be for the apostle's own use, as he was now on the eve of his martyrdom. He had probably intended to bequeath them to the faithful, that they might be preserved for the use of the Church.

"Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works..." (II Tim. 4:14).

Alexander the coppersmith - We are not to understand this of any tradesman, but of some rabbin; for it was not unusual for the Jews to apply the name of some trade as an epithet to their rabbins and literary men. He is, in all probability, the very same mentioned (Acts 19:33) (note);

and it is not unlikely that he may have been the same whom the apostle was obliged to excommunicate, (I Tim. 1:20).

The Lord reward him - Αποδωη αυτω ὁ Κυριος[.] But instead of αποδωη, which has here the power of a solemn imprecation, αποδωσει, he will reward, is the reading of the very best MSS., several of the versions, and some of the chief Greek fathers. This makes the sentence declaratory: The Lord Will reward him according to his works. This reading is most like the spirit and temper of this heavenly man. See (II Tim. 4:16).

"Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words," (II Tim. 4:15).

Of whom be thou ware also - It seems that this rabbin traveled about from place to place for the purpose of opposing the Gospel, the Jews putting him forward, as it is said, (Acts 19:33).

He hath greatly withstood our words - Has been a constant opposer of the Christian doctrines.

"At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge," (II Tim. 4:16).

At my first answer - Ev τη τρωτη μου απολογια: At my first apology; this word properly signifies a defense or vindication. To his is the meaning of what we call the apologies of the primitive fathers; they were vindications or defences of Christianity. It is generally allowed that, when St. Paul had been taken this second time by the Romans, he was examined immediately, and required to account for his conduct; and that, so odious was Christianity through the tyranny of Nero, he could procure no person to plead for him. Nero, who had himself set fire to Rome, charged it on the Christians, and they were in consequence persecuted in the most cruel manner; he caused them to be wrapped up in pitched clothes, and then, chaining them to a stake, he ordered them to be set on fire to give light in the streets after night!

"If into rogues omnipotent you rake, Death is your doom, impaled upon a stake; Smear'd o'er with wax, and set on blaze to light The streets, and make a dreadful fire by night." Dryden. 40

I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge - How much more simple, elegant, and expressive are the apostle's own words: Μη αυτοις λογισθειη· let it not be placed to their account! Let them not have to reckon for it with the supreme Judge at the great day!

"Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion," (II Tim. 4:17).

The Lord stood with me - When all human help failed, God, in a more remarkable manner,

interposed; and thus the Excellency plainly appeared to be of God, and not of man.

That by me the preaching might be fully known - When called on to make his defense he took occasion to preach the Gospel, and to show that the great God of heaven and earth had designed to illuminate the Gentile world with the rays of his light and glory. This must have endeared him to some, while others might consider him an opposer of their gods, and be the more incensed against him.

I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion - I escaped the imminent danger at that time. Probably he was seized in a tumultuous manner, and expected to be torn to pieces. The words εκ στοματος or εκ βρυγμου λεοντος ρύεσθαι, to be rescued from the mouth or jaws of the lion, are a proverbial form of speech for deliverance from the most imminent danger. Several writers think Nero to be intended by the lion, because of his rage and oppressive cruelty. But Helius Caesarinus was at this time prefect of the city; Nero being in Greece. He was a bloody tyrant, and Nero had given him the power of life and death in his absence. The apostle may mean him, if the words be not proverbial.

"And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen," (II Tim. 4:18).

And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work - None of the evil designs formed against me to make me unfaithful or unsteady, to cause me to save my life at the expense of faith and a good conscience, shall succeed; my life may go, but he will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom. A continuance on earth the apostle expects not; but he has glory full in view, and therefore he gives God glory for what he had done, and for what he had promised to do.

"Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus," (II Tim. 4:19).

Salute Prisca and Aquila - Several MSS., versions, and fathers have Priscilla instead of Prisca: they are probably the same as those mentioned (Acts 18:18, Acts 18:26).

The household of Onesiphorus - See (II Tim. 1:16). Onesiphorus was probably at this time dead: his family still remained at Ephesus.

"Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick," (II Tim. 4:20).

Erastus abode at Corinth - He was treasurer of that city, as we learn from (Rom. 16:23) (note). The apostle had sent him and Timothy on a mission to Macedonia, (Acts 19:22), whence it is probable he returned to Corinth, and there became finally settled.

Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick - Even the apostles could not work miracles when they pleased; that power was but rarely given, and that for very special purposes. Trophimus was an Ephesian. See Acts 20:4), and the note there.

Miletus was a maritime town of Ionia, not far from Ephesus; but there was another Miletus, in Crete, which some learned men think to be intended here. It appears that St. Paul went from Macedonia to Corinth, where he left Erastus; from Corinth he proceeded to Troas, where he lodged with Carpus: from Troas he went to Ephesus, where he visited Timothy; from Ephesus he went to Miletus, where he left Trophimus sick; and having embarked at Miletus, he went by sea to Rome. See Calmet. It is most likely, therefore, that the Miletus of Ionia is the place intended.

"Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren," (II Tim. 4:21).

Come before winter -

- 1. Because the apostle's time was short and uncertain.
- 2. Because sailing in those seas was very dangerous in winter. Whether Timothy saw the apostle before he was martyred is not known.

Eubulus - This person is nowhere else mentioned in the New Testament.

Pudens - Of this person we have traditions and legends, but nothing certain. The Catholics make him bishop of Rome.

Linus - He also is made, by the same persons, bishop of Rome; but there is no sufficient ground for these pretensions.

Claudia - Supposed to be the wife of Pudens. Some think she was a British lady, converted by St. Paul; and that she was the first that brought the Gospel to Britain.

All the brethren - All the Christians, of whom there were many at Rome; though of Paul's companions in travel, only Luke remained there.

"The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen. «The second epistle unto Timotheus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Ephesians, was written from Rome, when Paul was brought before Nero the second time," (II Tim. 4:22).

The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit - This is a prayer addressed to Christ by one of the most eminent of his apostles; another proof of the untruth of the assertion, that prayer is never offered to Christ in the New Testament. He prays that Christ may be with his spirit, enlightening, strengthening, and confirming it to the end.

Grace be with you - These words show that the epistle was addressed to the whole Church, and that it is not to be considered of a private nature.

Amen - Omitted by ACFG and some others. See the note on this word at the end of the preceding epistle (note).

The principal subscriptions, both in the versions and MSS., are the following: -

The Second Epistle to Timothy was written from Rome. - Syriac. To the man Timothy. - Aethiopic, Nothing in the Vulgate. ⁴¹

End of the epistle; it was written from the city of Rome when Timothy had been constituted bishop over Ephesus; and when Paul had stood the second time in the presence of Nero Caesar, the Roman emperor. Praise to the Lord of glory, perpetual, perennial, and eternal! Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Second Epistle to Timothy is ended, who was the first bishop of the Church of Ephesus. It was written from Rome when Paul had stood the second time before Nero, the Roman emperor. - Philoxenian Syriac.

Written from Rome, and sent by Onesimus. - Coptic. 42 << II Tim. 4 >>

SPIRITUAL DECEPTION

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

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come," (Jn. 16:13).

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

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error," (I Jn. 9 4:1-6).

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

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

intentions.

"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," (II Cor. 11:13-15).

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many... 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect," (Matt. 24:4-5, 24).

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

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

(Matt. 16:14-23).

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

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

CHRISTIAN DEFECTION

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

right way and did not stagnate together with the majority (Rev. 3:4-5). Laodicea completely fell victim to materialism, self-justification and a form of godliness, and were not even aware that the Lord Jesus had withdrawn from them and stood knocking outside the door (Rev. 3:15-17).

CHRISTIAN CAN BE DECEIVED

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

ENDTIME DECEPTION

End-time deception

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

The Living Bible paraphrases these two verses as follows: "But the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some in the church will turn away from Christ and become eager followers of teachers with devil-inspired ideas. These teachers will tell lies with straight faces and do it so often that their consciences will not even bother them," (I Tim. 4: 1).

The end result of this deception is that many people's faith is completely destroyed. They depart from the truth and follow a way that may seem to be right in terms of human rationalizing but its end is the way of death (Prov. 16:25).

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Tormenti genus! To this Juvenal appears to allude. Sat. i. v. 155. Pone Tigellinum, taeda lucebis in illa Qua stantes ardent, qui fixo gulture fumant.

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