MIRACLE DELIVERANCE

JOHN HAGEE DENIES THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH

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

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This video claims that Jesus did not come to earth to be the Messiah.

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ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

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.

Rev. Hagee has had an infatuation with Israel for a while. At his church he has built a replica of the Wailing Wall with bricks purchased from Jerusalem. Now it appears that he has taken his defense of Israel to the point where he is denying scripture in order to side with Israel. The promise that God will bless those who bless the seed of Abraham and curse those who curse him does not mean that we must pretend like the Jewish people have never done wrong. To bless someone is not to try to justify all their sins or pretend that the Bible is wrong in order to protect those who reject God's plan. ¹

Hagee is the founder and National Chairman of the <u>Christian-Zionist</u> organization <u>Christians United for Israel</u>, incorporated on February 7, 2006. He has incurred controversy for his religious beliefs and comments regarding <u>Nazism</u>, <u>Catholicism</u>, <u>Islam</u>, <u>homosexuality</u>,

<u>Jews</u>, and <u>Hurricane Katrina</u>. 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."

JOHN HAGEE EVANGELICA 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. ³

JOHN HAGEE ~ APOSTATE DOUBLE MINDED HERESY

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 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 Galatians 1:6-9. 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). KJV.

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). KJV

[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,

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
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Nasranis
Syrian Malabar
Nasranis

Adversity

List of events in early Christianity
Antinomianism
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Judaism
Marcionism
Christian antisemitism
Bar Kokhba
Revolt
Aelia Capitolina
Emperor
Constantine

and of the resurrection of the body in general, by many witnesses. Quesnel's reflections on these passages may be very useful:

- 1. The veil being rent shows that his death is to put an end to the figurative worship, and to establish the true religion.
- 2. The earthquake that this dispensation of the Gospel is to make known through the earth the judgments of God against sin and sinners.
- 3. The rocks being rent declare that the sacrifice of Christ is to make way for the grace of repentance.
- 4. The graves being opened, that it is to destroy the death of sin, and confer the life of grace to sinners.
- 5. 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."

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 Romans 10:1 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." 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. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into

Christ have put on Christ. 28 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. 3:26-28). 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

Romans 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?

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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" (Romans 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, 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: <u>but he that believeth not is condemned already</u>, <u>because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God</u>. ." (Jn. 3:17-18)

"He that hath the Son hath li fe; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life," (1Jn. 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 startling. 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." 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" (1 Jn. 5:12).

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.

The *Houston Chronicle* article further 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." ¹⁴

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

And further revealed:

"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." ¹⁵

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.

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

PUZZLING RESPONSE

In response to a direct inquiry by PFO director M. Kurt Goedelman to Hagee, Goedelman received a puzzling response. Hagee claimed in a carefully nuanced letter dated June 18, 1998, that the *Houston Chronicle* had distorted what he said and went on further to assert, "I have not or never have been dual covenant in my preaching." ¹⁷

In this, Hagee is being less than honest and playing word games. As this article will demonstrate, Hagee's true view is a muddled form of the "Two Covenant" or "Dual Covenant" theory, even though he would deny the label.

It should be noted that Hagee said in his reply only that he has not been dual covenant "in my preaching." His statement did not address whether he believed or taught it, but only that it was not in his preaching. Perhaps in saying he never preached dual covenant he is right, and adds to the subterfuge by not labeling the belief with that exact title. In fact, though, his is a nuanced "Two Covenant" view as his own words will confirm. His response to Goedelman, therefore, closely resembles that of a seasoned politician.

But Hagee has, in his own words, affirmed and elucidated his view of some Jews having salvation without Christ and, in fact, the *Houston Chronicle* presented a nearly correct version of his position. In a six-page letter to former CRI researcher Erwin M. de Castro, dated Oct. 18, 1994, Hagee elaborated on his view that chapters 9 through 11 of Romans applies exclusively to Jews and no one else. In the letter, Hagee said unabashedly:

"Here is my position on the Jewish people... <u>Fact One</u>: God has not cast away the Jewish people. <u>Fact Two</u>: According to Romans 11:5 there are Jewish people ('a remnant') who have a spiritual relationship with God at this present time... according to 'the election of grace." ¹⁸

Hagee went on to explain that the blindness of Jews in Romans 11:7-8 is only a blindness to the identity of the Messiah, to which he adds, "Paul calls the Jewish people, chosen by the election of grace and not broken off in judgment (Rom. 11:17) holy." ¹⁹

Hagee then, once again, nuances his position:

"If <u>some</u> of the branches are broken off, that clearly means there are some of the branches not broken off. If they are not broken off, they remain yet on the tree which means they have relationship to God by the election of grace." ²⁰

Here, no matter what he labels it, Hagee commits to a modified "Dual Covenant" view.

On page five of his letter, Hagee repeats his assertion that the blindness of Israel is only as to the identity of the Messiah, not spiritual blindness associated with lack of salvation. However, Paul

confirms that the veil of blindness on Jewish eyes can only be taken away in Christ when regenerated by the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:14-18).

In his summation Hagee leaves no question at all as he states:

"There are Jewish people who have relationship with God right now according to the election of grace." (Romans 11:5) ... The Jewish people are judicially blinded to the identity of Messiah... Question: If God blinded the Jewish people to the identity of Jesus as Messiah, how could He send them to hell for not seeing what he had forbidden them to see? ... Inasmuch as God has blinded them to the identity of Messiah, targeting the Jewish people for mass evangelism is fruitless."

Hagee then concluded his response to de Castro and CRI with intimidation. If they did not represent his position properly, he threatened "an immediate lawsuit against CRII and all its principals." It is shocking and sad that the high-profile Christian celebrities project not the power of the Lord but the power of their lawyers! Why would Hagee threaten to sue Christian brothers when he did not sue the secular *Houston Chronicle* that he says misrepresented him? Perhaps it is because the newspaper had the essence of Hagee's belief right and in his own words.

Even more recent are the remarks Hagee made during an interview at the Christian Booksellers Association convention in July 1998. David Becker of the *Religion & Politics Digest* asked Hagee to comment as to his position that Jews do not need to be converted to Christianity. Hagee responded that:

"In Romans 10, Romans 11, Paul opens with a question, Has God forsaken Israel? And emphatically he says, 'No!' He asks the same question again in 11:11, Has God forsaken Israel? He says, 'No!' But the fact is he says that God has a remnant chosen by the election of grace, meaning that there are a group of Jewish people that have a relationship with God because of sovereign election. And he explains sovereign election in Romans 11. Many people understand sovereign election. Many people do not understand sovereign election. ... So he said, I have chosen some of the remnant of Abraham who have, quote, a relationship with God by the election of grace. Some of them have stumbled over Jesus Christ because I have, Romans 11, judicially blinded them to the identity of Jesus Christ. Here's the Christian dilemma. That if God has judicially blinded the Jews to whom Jesus Christ is, why are Christians berating them for not seeing it?" ¹⁸

In short, Hagee believes that some Jews are not saved by the cross of Christ but by prior election and their pedigree in Abraham. There is a way of salvation in Christ and an election of grace for the Jew apart from Christ. No matter how you nuance it or define it, this is "Two Covenant" theology. This can be classified technically as a modified "Dual Covenant" idea regardless of what Hagee wants to call it or not call it. **Hagee believes that two covenants are in force: A covenant of election for the Jew and a covenant of grace for the Gentile.** This is an attack on the very Gospel as presented by Jesus and Paul, as we'll see. And then what about half Jews or Jewish converts? Where do they stand?

Council of Jerusalem

Main article: Paul of Tarsus and Judaism

According to Acts 15, the Council of Jerusalem, led by James the Just, determined that Religious male circumcision (assumed by some who? to signify conversion to Judaism) was not required of Gentile followers of Jesus, only a number of abstentions: avoidance of "pollution of idols, fornication, things strangled, and blood" (KJV, Acts 15:20, also Genesis 11:1-8 (idolatry), 9:20 (sexual depravity), 9:5 (cruelty to animals), 9:3-4 (abstention from blood)). The basis for these prohibitions is not stated in Acts 15:21, which states only: "For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day", stressing that they are Mosaic Commandments which Gentiles must pay special attention to. Many, beginning with Augustine of Hippo^[6] consider James' emphasis on the four stipulations to be based on the Noahide Laws stated in Genesis, and applicable to all people (Noah's descendants after the Flood). On the other hand some modern scholars^[7] reject the connection to *Noahide Law* (Genesis 9) and instead see Lev 17-18 (see also Leviticus 18) as the basis. Some [who?] are also unclear as to whether this meant that this Apostolic Decree in some way applied to them or merely that the requirements were imposed to facilitate common participation by Gentiles in the community of Jesus' followers (which at that time included Jewish Christians), so as to remind the Jewish followers of Jesus to uphold those Laws applicable to them (i.e. the full Mosaic Laws). See also Biblical law in Christianity and Expounding of the Law.

The early Jewish Christians included those who believed non-Jews must become Jews and adopt <u>Jewish customs</u>. They were derogatively called <u>Judaizers</u>, and even Paul used this term^[8] against Jesus's student Peter in public according to <u>Young's Literal Translation</u> of <u>Gal. 2:14</u>:

But when I saw that they are not walking uprightly to the truth of the good news, I said to Peter before all, `If thou, being a Jew, in the manner of the nations dost live, and not in the manner of the Jews, how the nations dost thou compel to Judaize?

However, Barnabas, Paul's partner up till then, sided with Peter (<u>Gal 2:13</u>, <u>Acts 15:39-40</u>). Catholic Encyclopedia: Judaizers: The Incident at Antioch claims: "St. Paul's account of the incident leaves no doubt that St. Peter saw the justice of the rebuke." however, <u>L. Michael White</u>'s *From Jesus to Christianity* claims: "The blowup with Peter was a total failure of political bravado, and Paul soon left Antioch as persona non grata, never again to return." See also <u>Pauline Christianity</u>. Scholar <u>James D. G. Dunn</u>, who coined the phrase <u>New Perspective on Paul</u>, has proposed that Peter was the *bridge-man* (i.e. the *pontifex maximus*) between the two other "prominent leading figures" of early Christianity: Paul and James the Just. [10]

Marcion in the 2nd century, called the "most dangerous" heretic, rejected the Twelve Apostles, and interpreted a Jesus who rejected the Law of Moses using 10 Pauline Epistles and the Gospel of Luke. For example, his version of Luke 23:2^[11]: "We found this fellow [Jesus] perverting the nation and destroying the law and the prophets". Irenaeus in turn rejected Marcion and praised the Twelve Apostles in his Against Heresies 3.12.12: [12]

"...being brought over to the doctrine of <u>Simon Magus</u>, they have apostatized in their opinions from Him who is God, and imagined that they have themselves discovered more than the apostles, by finding out another god; and [maintained] that the apostles preached the Gospel still somewhat under the influence of Jewish opinions, but that they themselves are purer [in doctrine], and more intelligent, than the apostles."

According to <u>Eusebius'</u> *History of the Church* 4.5.3-4: the first 15 <u>Bishops of Jerusalem</u> were "of the circumcision". The Romans destroyed the Jewish leadership in <u>Jerusalem</u> in year 135 during the <u>Bar Kokhba Revolt</u>. However, that doesn't necessarily mean an end to Jewish Christianity, any more than <u>Valerian's</u> Massacre of 258, (when he killed all Christian bishops, presbyters, and deacons, including <u>Pope Sixtus II</u> and <u>Antipope Novatian</u> and <u>Cyprian of Carthage</u>), meant an end to Roman Christianity.

HUSBAND OF HIS WIFE OF HIS YOUTH

John Hagee was pastoring a church in San Antonio Texas when he admitted to adultery. His wife divorced him and took custody of their children uncontested by Hagee.

That there are moral and ethical concerns with Hagee and a serious question as to his being biblically qualified as a pastor and teacher are not the main issues of this article. However, one very important factor should be noted. *The Liberty Flame* reported in May 1994 that during the time when Hagee was serving the Charismatic congregation at Trinity Church (1976) in San Antonio, he divorced his wife, resigned and married a young woman in the congregation, Diana Castro. Custody of Hagee's two children by his ex-wife, Martha, went to her.

In a letter to the church, Hagee admitted immorality, which later became part of the court records in the custody battle. Martha later also remarried and started another family. A few months later he married the woman with whom he had been committing adultery; the current Mrs. John Hagee. ²¹

Not surprisingly, there is a hiatus from 1976 to 1987 left out of Hagee's web site biography.

MANY HERESIES

Hagee also has a global television ministry and has sold scores of prophecy books over the years. John Hagee is perhaps the most powerful and influential Christian Zionist figure in America. Hagee has a long history making strange predictions about world events that are almost always wrong. His books in the late 90's trumped up Y2K hysteria to ridiculous levels. He inaccurately predicted that the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin was the "Beginning of the End" in the book of the same name. In every book he writes, he is constantly warning of catastrophe in various forms right around the corner. According to one of his fans, he supposedly just preached a sermon predicting that 2007 would be a "significant" year in Bible prophecy and that his prophecy claims can be "mathematically" backed up by the Biblical text. 22

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed," (Gal. 1:8).

Given Hagee's prior success rate in making predictions, don't be shocked if 2007 doesn't shape up to be all that "significant" after all. As with all popular prophecy teachers, they are immune from making inaccurate predictions and false prophecies. Their followers simply forget or forgive them. Maybe they'll even claim that God changed His mind. Most don't even pay attention though and don't even realize their superstars are constantly revising their predictions and end-times charts.

However, Hagee is not just another goofy eccentric on TBN. He has political clout and regularly meets with influential national politicians. If you've ever watched him on TV, he clearly basks in this fact and drops little hints about his discussions with people in governmental authority and other positions of power. For years Hagee has hosted "A Night to Honor" Israel and is founder and chairman of Christians United for Israel. Their goals span beyond supporting Israel, but also implementing a one-sided and radical approach to the Arab-Israeli problems in the Middle East. There is no nuance to their policy prescriptions and ironically (or perhaps not so ironically) the agenda of Hagee and his group would actually make matters much worse in the Middle East.

SPIRIT OF FALSE PROPHETS ~

The apostle Paul speaks of two dreadful events that will occur just prior to Jesus' return. First Paul reveals that in the last day there will be a falling away from the faith of the church. Second, he warns that an evil spirit of Antichrist will overtake many believers who are turning away who will follow doctrines of devils.

The New Testament clearly warns us to be discerning Christians. Paul was very explicit in his writing to Timothy, about the seduction of God's people. He knew that many would be deceived because there would be many who would have "itching ears" and only want to hear things that would make them feel good. A characteristic of people with itching ears is they always seek after new revelations but God expects his ministers to stand firm upon the Word and "reprove, rebuke, exhort, with long suffering" and sound doctrine. Paul continually urged Timothy to stay on the right path and instruct his converts as Paul had taught him. The minister simply cannot let the people who are under his charge shape him into what they want him to be. God's minister must be submitted to Him and preach the Word because a part of the Bible preached without the whole counsel of the Word of God is dangerous perverted the Christian faith because the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is not being preached.

Paul warned of this departure from the true faith when he wrote, that in the last days false prophets would infiltrate the church, preaching another gospel and another Jesus. Many such false prophets have already appeared to preach the gospel of the Antichrist, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way," (2 Thess. 2:7).

Sadly, Christians are falling into the traps of Satan through their trust of wealthy, prominent, religious men and women who no longer preach Jesus Christ or the Bible. In these last days many Christians have not had their mind renewed through the Word of God. They have not been sanctified through the washing of the blood of Jesus. Their faith centers on Christian icons instead of Jesus Christ and His purpose of giving them salvation to enter into His Kingdom. He never taught us to seek a kingdom on this earth that is calling all religions to come into religious unity.

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 dollar homes while you sit 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." (2 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 and languishing in sins of watching evil movies and television, pornography, fornication, lying, cheating, etc.

No, the Christian mind is not being renewed 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. ²⁵

(Eph 4:23-24), "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.

"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," (2Tim. 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!" (1Cor. 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

(Mark 16:15-18), "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."

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

The Spirit and the Word will always agree. God's ministers will not twist the Word to make it say whatever they want it to say. As to miracles and signs and wonders and miracles

Miracles are not done by the person but in the name of Jesus. However, according to the Bible, the devils and the antichrist will be able to do great signs and wonders.

(Rev 13:14), And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

(Rev 16:14), For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

(Rev 19:20), And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

The Gospel concerns *Gods son* and his work for us. The Son of God came as the savior (1 Jn 4:14), That he is Lord of the universe (which relates to a triune nature of God) We stand in it by trusting in his work. Salvation is a gift freely given not earned. We work from salvation not toward it. Our part is that we are commissioned to preach it and to make disciples.

(2 Cor.11:3), "But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it." (you will have to endure it, or you wear it beautifully. Or you put up with quite well).

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

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

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