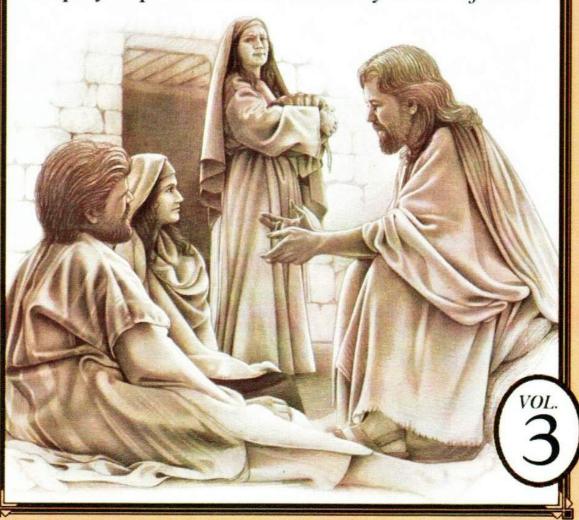
## Parables Parables Made Simple

Step-by-step instructions that anyone can follow.



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#### Foreword:

"Bible Parables Made Simple" Vol 3 is different than Vol 1 or Vol 2 in the fact that it covers only one parable, while they cover numerous parables.

The single parable covered in Vol. 3 is like the mustard seed described by Jesus. Although the mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds, yet it becomes the greatest of all herbs. Similarly, the parable covered in Vol 3 is one of the shortest of all parables, being only one verse, and yet it covers a *message* so extensive that it requires a book to describe it, and an entire world to receive it!!

May God bless you with wisdom and understanding as you study the parable of "The Woman who put Leaven in 3 measures of Meal".

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#### The Parable of:

#### "The Woman Who Put Leaven In Three Measures of Meal"

(Matthew 13: 33-35)

33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

#### Comments

In the parable Jesus has used a <u>woman baking bread</u> to illustrate some **hidden Truth** that He wants us to discover. Let us "**search** as for **hid treasure**" (*Prov. 2:4*) so that we can **understand** and **find** the **knowledge** of God (*Prov. 2:5*).

#### Comparing the Scripture

We will begin our study by "searching" the Bible to find out if there are any similar stories or Bible verses.

Using <u>Strong's Concordance</u> and the word "meal" we find that in *Genesis 18: 1-6* there is a similar story.

#### Genesis 18:1-6

1 And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

**2** And he lift up his eyes and looked, and lo, **three men** stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

3 And said, My lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

**5** And I will fetch a morsel of **bread**, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

The "story" in *Genesis 18* has confirmed our thought that the <u>woman</u> in the parable of *Matthew 13:33* is baking <u>bread</u>. Notice the <u>similarities</u> in the two examples:

#### Matthew 13:33

Woman hid leaven in three measures of meal.

#### Genesis 18:1-6

Woman (Sarah) took three measures of fine <u>meal</u> and made three loaves or cakes of <u>bread</u> for three men.

Now we need to identify the real objects in the parable so that we can discover their Spiritual meanings. Then we can substitute those Spiritual meanings back into the parable to discover the hidden Spiritual meaning of the parable.

The **real objects** are: woman, leaven, three measures of meal or (three loaves of **bread**).

We know that the "woman" represents the Church.

Isaiah 54:5,6 "Thy maker is thy husband, the Lord of hosts is His name... the Lord hath called thee as a woman... and a wife".

We also know that "bread" represents the Bible or the Word of God.

Matthew 4: 4 "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God".

If there was only "one measure of meal" or one loaf of bread, then we would conclude that one loaf of bread represents the Bible. In this parable there are three loaves of bread and we know that there are not three Bibles, so the three loaves must represent:

## God's Word in three parts Or

#### Three Messages from God's Word

Now we need to discover the **Spiritual** meaning of "**leaven**". Using the Concordance we discover that Paul gives one **Spiritual meaning** for "**leaven**".

1 Corinthians 5:8 "Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness.

Thus, one <u>Spiritual meaning</u> for "leaven" is malice and wickedness. Let's see if this <u>Spiritual meaning</u> fits the <u>context</u> of the parable by <u>substituting</u> the meaning into the parable.

**Matthew 13:33** "The Kingdom of heaven is like: malice and wickedness (leaven).

The <u>context</u> of the parable clearly shows us that <u>this</u> **Spiritual meaning** for "leaven" **cannot** be the right one! (The kingdom of heaven is **not** like <u>malice</u> and <u>wickedness</u>!

We will use the <u>Concordance again</u> to see if we can discover <u>another Spiritual meaning</u> for the word "leaven".

#### Matthew 16

6 "Then Jesus said unto them, take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees".

12 Then understood they, how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees".

We have just discovered a <u>second Spiritual meaning</u> for the word "**leaven**".

"Leaven" can represent Doctrine.

Matthew 13:33 "The kingdom of heaven is like doctrine (leaven)...".

This <u>Spiritual meaning</u> for "**leaven**" <u>fits perfectly</u> into the <u>context</u> of the verse. Before we substitute the <u>Spiritual meaning</u> of the <u>real object</u> back into the parable, let's <u>think</u> about it <u>Spiritually</u>.

The kingdom of heaven is like (Spiritual) leaven which a (Spiritual) woman took and hid in Three measures of (Spiritual) meal until the whole world was (Spiritually) leavened.

Now we are ready to <u>substitute</u> the <u>Spiritual meanings</u> of the <u>real objects</u> back into the Bible verse.

#### Paraphrase:

The kingdom of heaven is like **doctrine** (leaven) which a **Church** (woman) took and hid in **three messages** from **God's Word** (three measures of meal) until everyone ("the whole") had heard them (leavened).

#### Summary

In this parable of a "Woman baking bread" Jesus has hidden valuable Truth! He has told us that the Church has a three part message from the Bible that must be heard by everyone!

Now the <u>question</u> is **what** is that **three part message**? To find the <u>answer</u> we will again use the <u>Concordance</u> and <u>compare</u> the <u>Scriptures</u>. When we look up the word "leaven" and compare the texts, we discover that for <u>normal sacrifices and offerings</u> the <u>bread</u> used was to be **without** <u>leaven</u>. We have already discovered <u>why</u>: because "<u>leaven</u>" represented <u>malice and wickedness or sin</u>.

The <u>twelfth chapter</u> of <u>Exodus</u> describes how the children of Israel were to eat "<u>unleavened</u>" <u>bread</u> for the Passover, as an example :

**Exodus 12:8** "And they shall eat the flesh (lamb) in that night, roast with fire, and <u>unleavened</u> bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

There are at <u>least 25 Bible texts</u> that tell us to <u>remove</u> the <u>leaven</u> or make the bread "unleavened". This parable is an exception to the <u>majority of texts</u> telling us to <u>remove</u> the <u>leaven</u>. The parable tells us to <u>put leaven</u> in the bread! In order to find out why, we will <u>have</u> to <u>find</u> other texts that tell us to <u>put leaven</u> in the bread.

Leviticus 23:17 "Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be baken with <a href="leaven">leaven</a>; they are the first fruits unto the Lord".

This text tells us why the <u>leaven</u> is <u>put</u> in the <u>bread</u>. It is because the <u>loaves of bread</u> with **leaven in them** represent the "first fruits". Once more we will use the <u>Concordance</u> in order to discover the significance of the "first fruits". (*Revelation 14: 4-10,12*).

#### THE "FIRST FRUITS"

#### Revelation 14: 4-10,12

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth, These were redeemed from among men, being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

**5** And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

**7**Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

**8** And there **followed another angel**, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

**9** And the **third angel** followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

#### In Revelation 14:4

The Bible tells us that the "first fruits" represents a group of people who are the "redeemed".

#### In Revelation 14:5

It further tells us that "in their mouth is no guile".

Greek Guile # 1388 trick, deceit

Thus, the Bible tells us that this group of people will tell us the truth! (no guile or deceit).

Immediately after telling us this, there are three distinct messages given. (*Revelation 14: 6-10*).

(The **first** angel's message, the **second** angel's message, and the **third** angel's message).

The word "angel" used in the text means:

Greek Angel #32 to bring tidings, a messenger

Thus, this group of people are "messengers" who have a three part message which is described in the Bible.

Furthermore, **the three messages** are to be "<u>preached</u>" to **every** nation, kindred, tongue and people" or in other words to the <u>whole world</u>.

#### **REVELATION 14**

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(1<sup>st</sup> ANGEL) FIRST MESSAGE

(2<sup>nd</sup> ANGEL) SECOND MESSAGE

(3<sup>rd</sup> ANGEL) THIRD MESSAGE Thus, putting
leaven in
3 measures
of meal is
connected by
the scriptures
to the
FIRSTFRUITS
and a 3 PART
MESSAGE of
3 ANGELS

#### Summary

Our paraphrase of the parable was this:

The kingdom of heaven is like <u>doctrine</u> (leaven) which a <u>Church</u> (woman) took and hid in <u>three</u> <u>messages</u> from <u>God's Word</u> (three measures of meal) until <u>everyone</u> (the whole) had <u>heard</u> <u>them</u> (leavened).

It is clear that we have **found** the **three messages** from God's Word that are to be given to everyone. Those three messages are described in the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation. We have also found a **description** of the group of people or "Church" that the parable said would be giving those **three messages**. We need to look closely at the Bible's **description** of the "Church" giving the three messages so that we will be able to **find it**!

The "Church" (mentioned in the parable and described in *Revelation 14*)

- Will be "preaching" the three messages of Revelation 14 to all the world, not just locally.
- 2. Will be "preaching" truth. (no guile : Rev. 14:5)
- Will consist of <u>Christians</u> who have been "<u>redeemed</u>" by the <u>blood</u> of the <u>Lamb</u>. (*Rev. 14:4*)
- Will follow all of the teachings of Jesus (the Lamb) and do whatever He says to do. (Rev. 14:4)
- 5. Will be **pure** (virgin) in its <u>relationship</u> with the <u>Lord</u> and will **not** be "**defiled**", because it refuses to have a **relationship** with or to **join together** with other Churches (women) teaching false doctrine. (**Rev. 14:4**) See also parable of the "Tares Among the Wheat" Vol. 1 "Bible Parables Made Simple".
- Will be <u>keeping the Commandments</u> of God, and will have <u>faith in Jesus</u>. (*Rev. 14:12*)

Doctrinal Truth (Taught by Jesus in the Parable of "The woman who put leaven in three measures of meal")

- There are hidden truths in the <u>Parables</u> which have been <u>kept secret</u> since the foundation of the world.
- In order to <u>discover</u> these "truths" we must "search as for <u>hid treasure</u>" by comparing the Scriptures and <u>then</u> we will <u>find</u> the "knowledge of God".
- 3. The main truth that the parable teaches us is that the true Church of God will present doctrinal truths in three messages from God's Word, until every nation, kindred, tongue, and people have heard them!
- 4. The doctrinal truths contained in the three messages concern the following topics :
  - The Everlasting Gospel
  - Giving glory to God
  - The Hour of God's Judgment
  - Worshipping the Creator
  - Babylon is Fallen
  - Warning against the Beast and his mark

# THE LAST DAY MESSAGE TO ALL THE WORLD

# THE 3 ANGELS MESSAGE

The Three Messages to be given to all the World (Rev. 14:6-10).

#### First Angels's Message:

**Revelation 14:6,7** And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the **everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and **give glory to him**; for the **hour of his judgment is come**: and **worship him that made heaven, and earth**, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

#### Everlasting Gospel

Same means of Salvation for all

Give glory to God

Christian Living

Hour of Judgment is come

Judgment is NOW in session!

Worshipping the Creator

#### Second Angels's Message:

**Revelation 14:8** And there followed another angel, saying, **Babylon is fallen**, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

#### Babylon is fallen

Warning against the religious confusion and doctrine of the Churches

#### Third Angels's Message:

**Revelation 14:9,10** And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which I poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.

#### Warning not to worship the beast or to receive his mark

Warning against a specific religious power not to worship as it does nor receive its mark

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- Everlasting Gospel
   Same means of Salvation for all
- Give glory to God Christian Living
- Hour of Judgment is come
   Judgment is NOW in session!
- 4. Worshipping the Creator

#### PART 1

#### EVERLASTING GOSPEL

#### SAME MEANS OF SALVATION FOR ALL

#### INTRODUCTION

God Has a Problem!

The two beings He has created have <u>disobeyed</u> His <u>command</u>!

What can He do?

- 1. Kill or destroy them
- 2. Save them

But how can He save them?

He could:

- Do away with His command or <u>law</u>. But that would <u>legalize</u> and <u>immortalize</u> sin, and none of the rest of the created beings in the universe would feel that they would have to obey any of God's commands!
- Take the penalty for their sin upon Himself and die in their place to give them another chance to see if now they love Him enough to obey Him!

God did the <u>only</u> thing that could **save** human beings from **both sin** and **death**. He sent His only Son, **Jesus** into our world and placed both **sin** and its **death** penalty upon **Him**, thus <u>freeing</u> humans from the <u>power</u> of **sin** and **death**!

This plan is called the:

#### Everlasting Gospel

The Bible says that all humans have a sin problem.

**Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Because of our **sins** humans had only **death** to look forward to.

But **God** was **not willing** to give up on us and let us **die** or <u>perish</u>.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**God** sent His Son, **Jesus**, into the world, so that humans would **not** have to **die**. When <u>Jesus</u> came into the world, He **died** for **everyone**.

**Hebrews 2:9** But we see **Jesus** who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of **death**, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste **death** for **every man**.

<u>Jesus</u> had to <u>die</u> as a <u>man</u> so that He could <u>destroy</u> the <u>devil</u> who had the power of death.

**Hebrews 2:14** Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of <u>flesh and blood</u>, <u>he</u> also himself likewise <u>took part of the same</u>; that through <u>death</u> he might <u>destroy</u> him that had the <u>power of death</u>, that is, the **devil**.

<u>Jesus</u> was in **all** things made <u>like us</u>. He <u>suffered</u> temptation so that He would know how to <u>help us</u> overcome temptation.

Hebrews 2: 17,18 Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.

**Jesus** was tempted in **all points** like <u>we are</u> yet He did **not sin**.

Hebrews 4: 14,15 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession, For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the felling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

By <u>dying</u> for our <u>sins</u> and by <u>living</u> a life **without sin**, <u>Jesus</u>, overcame the devil and gained **victory for us**!

Revelation 12: 10,11 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

The <u>plan</u> of <u>Salvation</u> was made at the <u>very beginning</u> of the <u>world</u>. Before <u>sin</u> occurred, <u>Jesus</u> the <u>Lamb</u>, had agreed to **die** for the human race.

**Revelation 13: 8** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the **Lamb slain** from the **foundation** of the **world**.

The **blood** of **Jesus** the **Lamb** is what <u>redeens</u> or **saves** any human being. <u>Every person</u> no matter what their <u>nationality</u> will be <u>saved</u> or <u>redeemed</u> the <u>same way</u>.

Revelation 5: 8,9 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden wails full or odors, which are the prayers of saints, And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

There is <u>only</u> **one way** to be **redeemed** or **saved** and that is through **Jesus**.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

There is <u>only</u> **one Gospel**, but men will preach <u>other</u> <u>gospel</u>.

Galatians 1:6-8 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 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.

The **one Gospel** of the Bible is called the **Everlasting Gospel**.

Revelation 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.

The Everlasting Gospel literally means, the same Gospel for all, whether past, present or future.

#### From Strong's Concordance:

Having the everlasting gospel to preach... Rev. 14:6...166 166 perpetual (also used of past time, or past and future as well): eternal, for ever, everlasting, world (began).

Thus, the Bible clearly says that <u>everyone</u>, whether they lived in the <u>past</u> or will live in the <u>future</u>, will be <u>redeemed</u> or <u>saved</u> the <u>same way</u>. (The <u>Everlasting Gospel</u>) <u>Adam, Noah, Abraham, Paul</u>, and <u>you</u> and <u>I</u> will **all** be **saved** the <u>same way</u>, through the <u>Everlasting Gospel</u>!

**Romans 4: 29,30** Is he the God of the Jew only? Is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the <u>circumcision</u> by <u>faith</u>, and <u>uncircumcision</u> through <u>faith</u>.

Thus, there is **not** a "gospel" for Noah and "another gospel" for the Jew and "another gospel" for the Christian. Sometimes these "gospels" are referred to as "dispensations" but they are still "another gospel" than the Everlasting Gospel and those that preach them are accursed as Paul says. Let us look at how the Everlasting Gospel applies both **past** and **future**.

#### The **Everlasting** Gospel

#### Revelation 14:6 (During last days) - Future)

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the \*everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.

\*Everlasting # 166 Aionios

Perpetual, past or future since world began.

#### Galatians 3:8 (During Abraham's days - Past )

And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, in thee shall all nations be blessed.

#### Hebrews 11 17-19

By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, that in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a \*figure.

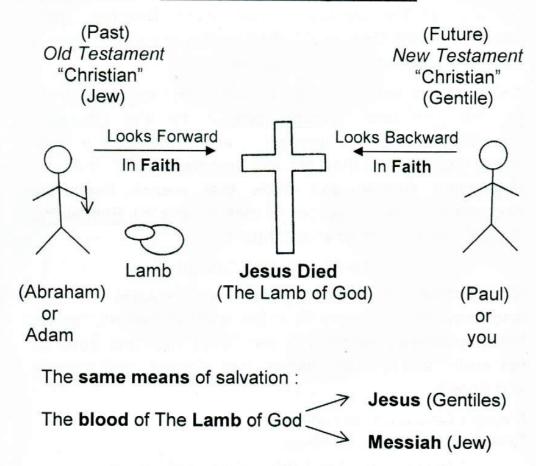
Strong's Concordance: (Greek)

\*Figure # 3850 Parabole

Symbol, parable, similitude, comparison

(\* Figurative of Jesus's resurrection from the dead).

#### The Everlasting Gospel



**Genesis 3:21** Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

The Lord God made new garments for Adam and Eve and took away their old garments of fig leaves. The "new garments: made by the Lord were "coats of skin". An animal had to die in order to provide them with "new garments".

**Proverbs 27:26** The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field.

Jesus the Lamb had to die to provide us with "New Garments".

**Isaiah 61:10** I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garment of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

**John 3:3** Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, <u>Except</u> a man be <u>born again</u> he cannot see the kingdom of heaven.

It is easy to determine if you are converted! Are you willing to do anything for Jesus? Are you willing to give up anything He asks you to? Would your job come before Jesus? Is your family more important to you than following Jesus? Is money more important to you than Jesus? Would you be willing to follow Jesus even if it cost you your friends? Remember, a converted person is willing to follow Jesus no matter what the consequences to himself! Jesus gave up everything for you!

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Are you willing to give up everything for Him?

Luke 14:33 So likewise, whoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be my disciple.

Remember, that God LOVES YOU and NEVER asks you to "give up" anything that is not in your best interest! The "trinkets" and "tinsel" that this world has to offer cannot compare to what Heaven and Eternal Life can offer!

If you know in your heart that you are not converted, but you want to be converted, you can be "born again"!

All that God asks is that you be willing to put Him first in your life. Do you Love Him enough to be willing to do that? If you do, then bow your head and pray this simple prayer and God will give you conversion of heart and you will be born again!

#### PRAYER:

Dear Lord, I can't understand how you could <u>ever love me</u>, but I <u>believe</u> that <u>you died</u> for **me** so that I could be <u>forgiven</u> for <u>all my sins</u>. Please <u>forgive me</u> and <u>come into</u> **my heart** and **change me completely**! Help me to be **willing** to <u>follow you completely</u>. Thank you for hearing my prayer. In Jesus'precious name, Amen

#### FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

#### First Angel's Message

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

- Everlasting Gospel
   Same means of Salvation for all
- Give Glory to God Christian Living
- Hour of Judgment is come Judgment is NOW in session!
- 4. Worship the Creator

#### PART 2

#### Give Glory to God

**Christian Living** 

#### **Giving Glory to God**

1 Corinthians 10:31

"Whether therefore ye **eat** or **drink**, or whatsoever ye **do**, do all to the **Glory** of God" **John 3: 2** Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

The Bible Stresses
The Importance
Of Good Health!

1 Corinthians 3: 16,17 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Our <u>bodies</u> are <u>dwelling places</u> for the <u>Holy Spirit</u>. If we have <u>damaged</u> our <u>minds</u> or <u>bodies</u>, God has a difficult time working with us!

"Ye are not your own"

1 Corinthians 6: 19

1 Corinthians 6: 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Are Christians to be "different" from the world?

1Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

#### Yes!

## They **must** be **different** in order to **glorify God**.

#### 1 Peter 4: 1-4, 12-14, 16

- 1 Forasmuch then <u>as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind</u>: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin:
- That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lust of men, but to the will of God.
- For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles. When we walked in lasciviousness, lust, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:
- Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:
- 12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:
- 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings: that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.
- 14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye: for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.
- 16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed: but let him glorify God on this behalf.

### "If any man suffer as a Christian..." 1 Peter 4: 16

What does the Bible mean to "suffer" as a "Christian"?

What would make a Christian "suffer"?

1. He must be different from the world

Romans 12: 1,2

Romans 8 : 28,29

 He must be willing to <u>offer his</u> body as a living sacrifice to God.

Romans 12: 1

1 Corinthians 10:31

 He must expect to be persecuted and reproached because of His Christian beliefs.

1 Peter 4:1-4

1 Peter 4: 13, 14, 16

2 Timothy 3: 12

#### To suffer as a Christian

1 Peter 4:16

Means : Because of my love for the Lord I will :

#### Refuse to:

"Not commit adultery"

Ex. 20: 14

1. Participate in some activities that do not bring honor or glory to God.

**Example**: Joseph would **not commit adultery** with Pharaoh's wife.

Genesis 39 : 7-23

#### Refuse to:

"... Not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain" Ex. 20:7 Say some things that would bring dishonor upon God.

**Example**: Job would **not curse God** when he was afflicted with boils and had lost his property and even his sons and daughters.

Job chapters 1 and 2

#### Refuse to:

"...Not make ... not bow down thyself to any graven image" Ex. 20: 4.5  Believe or obey the commandments of men when they cause me to disobey a Commandment of God.

**Example**: Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego would **not worship the image** made by the King of Babylon even though the whole world did.

Daniel 3: 1-30

#### Refuse to:

"... No other gods before me. Ex. 20:3

4. Eat or drink or do anything that will not bring honor and glory to God. 1 Cor.10:31 Example: Paul said there are those who serve their own belly instead of the Lord Jesus. Romans 16:18

He said they are enemies of the Cross of Christ, because their god is their belly!

Philippians 3: 18,19

Why are Christians to be different from the world?
BECAUSE:

1. They are to **show** the <u>world</u> by **their lives** what the true **God is like**.

"They are to be "living letters" or epistles read of all men". 2 Corinthians 3: 1-5

2. They are to **show** the <u>world</u> by **their lives** what God intended **man to be like**.

"And God said, let us make man in <u>our image</u>, after our likeness...". *Genesis* 1:26; *Peter* 1:2-4

What will be the result of being either:

A) **Different** from the world Gal. 5: 22-24; Peter 1: 1-12

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness. goodness. faith. meekness, temperance: against such there is no law and they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts".

(Godly)

Titus 2: 11-15

B) **Like** the world *Gal. 5 : 19-21* 

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest which these: adultery, fornication, uncleaness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred. variance. emulations. wrath, strife, seditions, heresies. envyings, murders. drunkenness, revellings. and such like: of the which I tell you before as I have told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God". (Ungodly)

2 Peter 2 : 1-22

What you **are** screams so loudly I can't hear what you **say**!

#### The Bible Counsel is to be "Different from the world or Gentiles"

Eph. 4: 17-32; Eph. 5: 1-20; 1 John 2: 15-17; 1 Peter 4: 1-4, 13-16

#### How are Christians to be different?

#### BY THEIR:

- 1. **Life** example (obedience to 10 Commandments) 1 Pet 2: 9,10; 1 John 5: 2,3; 1 John 1: 3-7; Luke 6: 27-36
- 2. **Diet** (food and drink different) 1 Cor.10: 31 temperance Gal.5:22-24 eat no blood Acts 15: 20
- 3. Dress (clothing to be different) 1 Tim.2: 9,10
- 4. Beliefs 1 Cor.8: 5-7
- 5. Use of Money Acts 11: 29; 1 Cor.9: 13,14
- 6. Use of Time Heb.4: 3-11
- 7. Use of Talents Matt.25: 14-30; 1 John 2: 15-17
- 8. Being a **peculiar people** 1 Peter 2:9

#### How were the Jews to be different?

#### **BY THEIR**:

- Life example (obedience to 10 Commandments)
   Ex.19: 3-6; Ex.20)
- 2. **Diet** (food and drink different) eat no blood Lev.3:17; Dan.1:8-20; Lev.11; Deut.14
- 3. **Dress** (clothing to be different)

  Zep.1: 1-8; Josh 7:19-26; Gen.35: 1-4; Ex.33:1-16

  Ex.35: 5,20-22,29
- 4. Beliefs Exodus 20: 3-5
- 5. Use of Money Mal. 3: 8-10; Ezra 2: 69
- 6. Use of Time Exodus 20: 8-11
- 7. Use of **Talents** Daniel 1: 3,4, 17-20
- 8. Being a peculiar people Exodus 19:5

#### The Everlasting Gospel (O.T or N.T same)

Rev.14 ... having the (\*)everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth... (\*)perpetual, past or future

Proud	Ezk.16:49	Meek	Psm.37:11
Adultery	Gal.5: 19	Faithfulness	Ex.20:14
Hate	1John 3 : 11-15	Love	1 John 4: 7,8
Uncleanness	Rom.1: 24-28	Clean	Psm.51: 7,10
Restless	Isa.57 : 20	Patience	Rev.14:12
Unbelief	Heb.3 : 12	Faith	Heb.11
Drunkenness	Gal.5 : 21	Sober	1 Thess.5: 6,7
Hateful	Titus 3 : 3,4	Kindness	Col. 3:12
Wickedness	Prov.13:6	Goodness	Gal.5: 22
Sorrow	Prov.23: 29,30	Happiness	Prov.29:18
Sickness	Deut.28 : 58-60	Good health	Deut.7: 14,15
Rich but poor	Psm.73: 3,18	Poor but rich	Prov.13:7
Compel by force	Ezk.34 : 4	Exhort by love	1 Thes.2:11
Confusion	James 3 : 16	Orderliness	1 Cor.14:40
Unjust	Luke 16:10	Just	Rom.1:17
Devilish	Acts 13:10	Christlike	2 Cor.5: 20
Dishonest	Ezk.22 : 27	Honest	2 Cor.13:7
Liar	Psm.58 : 3	Truthful	Col.3: 9,10
Excessive	Matt.23 : 25	Temperate	1 Cor.9: 25
Desire for glory	Gal.5 : 26	Content	1 Tim.6 : 6-8
Won't deny self	2 Pet.2 : 10	Will deny self	Mark 8 : 34
Disobedient	1 Peter 2 : 7,8	Obedient	1 Peter 1 : 14
Civil law breakers 2 Peter.2: 10,13		Civil law keepers Rom. 13: 1-7	
Commandment breakers 2 Peter.2: 21, 22		Commandment keepers 1 John 2 : 3-7	
Rely on own strength Psm. 52: 7		Rely on Christ's strength Phil. 4: 13	
Reward evil with evil Rom. 12:17		Reward evil with good Rom. 12: 21	
Resist the truth 2Tim.3:7,8		Obey the truth 1 Peter 1:22	
Lovers of pleasure 1 Tim. 3:4		Lovers of God John 14: 21-23	
Have a form of godliness 1 Tim. 3:5		Godliness in deed and truth 1 John 3: 18	

#### Worldly Example

Christian Example

Lewd *Ezk.23: 44* 

Harlot Ezk. 16:41

Living together (w/o marriage)

1 Cor.6: 15-18

Immodest clothing

Rev.17:4

Outward adorning of body

Rev.17:4

Eat and drink to glorify self

Phil.3: 18,19

Curse God

Job 2:9

Read and study the words of men

Matt.15:9

Idolize persons of this world and attempt to be like them

Jude 16

Desire to receive Prov.21:26

Desire to see, hear, do and think about things that are impure, fiction, ugly, dishonest, and of bad reputation

2 Pet.2:14

Chaste

2 Cor.11:2

Virgin

1 Cor.7: 25-40

Marriage

1 Cor.7: 1-11

Modest apparel (clothing)

1 Tim.2:9.10

Inward adorning of heart

1 Pet.3: 1-5

Eat and drink to glorify God

1 Cor.10:13

Praise God Rev. 19:5

Read and study the Word of God

2 Tim.3: 15-17

Behold Jesus and attempt to be like Him

2 Cor.3:18

Desire to give 1 Tim.6:17

Desire to see, hear, do and think about things that are pure, true, lovely, honest, and of good report

Phil.4:8

Isaiah 33: 15, 16

"He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he... that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil: He shall dwell on high..."

#### 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Paul, knowing that an "idol was nothing", and being aware of the knowledge of the true God, could have in "good conscience" entered into the very temple of the idol and sat down at the table and begun to eat meat which was dedicated to the idol and he would **not** have committed any sin. To him it would have been just a building and a piece of meat to satisfy his hunger. But because someone who did not have the knowledge that Paul had, would see Paul enter into the temple of the idol and would get the wrong impression of why Paul was entering the temple of the idol, Paul refused to enter the temple of the idol at all! He did not want to cause anyone to lose their salvation because of his example. This clearly shows the responsibility that a Christian has to avoid all questionable places and even the "appearance of evil".

#### Romans 1: 32

"Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them".

Pleasure from watching someone else do these wrong things !!!

TV programs showing : murder, fornication, ...

**Movies in theaters** showing the same.

Novels describing wicked or untrue things.

#### Psalms 101 : 3

"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes..."

## The Bible says that there is a direct relationship between

#### Physical health and Spiritual health

3 John 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.
(Physical) (Spiritual)

A lot of people don't think the **Physical health** of our bodies has anything to do with our **Spiritual health**. Have you ever tried to <u>study</u>, <u>sing</u>, <u>pray</u> with a <u>headache</u> or <u>stomach-ache</u>? There is a <u>direct relationship</u> between how we treat our bodies and how we are able to <u>relate</u> to <u>God</u>!

For instance if you are <u>drunk</u> how willing would you be for someone to give you a Bible study? Also, how much would you get out of it if they did?

#### The 8 Laws of Good Health

1. Nutrition

Eat a variety of fruits, grains, nuts, vegetables, and protein.

Water

Drink 6-8 glasses per day.

3. Fresh Air

Breath deeply.

4. Sunlight

Benefits the body in many ways.

5. Exercise

Retards aging and keeps muscles strong.

6. Rest

Get 7-8 hours of sleep per night.

7. Temperance

Avoid excess in anything and avoid alcohol, tobacco, and caffeine.

8. Trust

In the power of God.

#### The Everlasting Gospel of "Eating"

- Noah recognizes <u>clean</u> and <u>unclean</u> animals, before the flood. Genesis 7: 1-9
- After the flood, God tells Noah that "every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things".
   Genesis 9: 1-4

But, God did **not** allow Noah to eat <u>flesh</u> with **blood** in it. **Genesis 9 : 3,4** 

 Moses was instructed by God to write down the names of the clean and unclean animals.

Leviticus 11:1-47
Deuteronomy 14:1-20
Deuteronomy 13:15,16

But, God did **not** allow them to eat <u>flesh</u> with **blood** in it.

Deut. 12 : 20-25 Lev. 3 : 17 Eat neither <u>fat</u> nor <u>blood</u> "Clean and the unclean may eat alike"

Deut. 12: 15, 22, 23
Deut. 15: 20-23
Clean and unclean person
Jew Gentile
(clean) (unclean)

Today medical science has shown that we should **not eat blood** or **fat** because of its <u>high cholesterol</u> <u>content</u>, which clogs our arteries and shortens our life.

4. Paul, James, Peter and the apostles and elders at Jerusalem settled the question of what was to be required of the Gentile convert, They put it in writing and concluded that:

#### Acts 15: 1-29 They were to abstain from :

Moral 10 Commandment Laws	1. "Pollution of idols"	Acts 15: 20
	"Things offered to idols"	1 Cor.8 : 1-13
	2. "From fornication"	Acts 15 : 20 Acts 21 : 25
Health Laws	3. "From things strangled"	Acts 15 : 20 Acts 21 : 25
	4. "And from blood"	Acts 15 : 20 Acts 21 : 25

Thus, God did **not** allow the **Gentile** converts to eat **flesh** with **blood** in it. This shows that the <u>Jerusalem Council</u> **still recognized** the Levitical <u>health laws</u> of the Old Testament to be necessary for **New Testament Christians**.

- 5. Isaiah saw that God would <u>still be particular</u> between the <u>clean</u> and the <u>unclean</u> animals even up to the time of His <u>2<sup>nd</sup> coming</u> and that <u>those eating</u> the <u>unclean</u> animals would be consumed by fire. *Isaiah 66: 15-17*
- 6. John recognized that in the very <u>last days</u> of earths history God would still recognize the difference between the clean and the unclean animals, as He warns us that Babylon is full of "unclean birds". Revelation 18: 1,2

Thus, the Everlasting Gospel of "eating".

## The **clean** and **unclean** animals as defined by God

#### Deuteronomy 14 : 2-18

- 2 For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.
- 3 Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing,
- These are the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat,
- The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the \* pygarg, and the wild ox, and the \*\* chamois. \* Bison \*\* Mountain sheep
- 6 And every beast that parteth the hoof, and \* cleaveth the \*\* cleft into two claws, and cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat. \* splits \*\* hoof
- Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the \* cloven hoof; as the camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; therefore they are \*\* unclean unto you.
  - \* split \*\* unfit
- 8 And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase.
- These ye shall eat of all that are in the waters : all that have fins and scales shall ye eat :
- 10 And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it is unclean unto you
- 11 Of all \* clean birds ye shall eat. \* fit

- 12 But these are they of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the osprey,
- 13 And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind,
- 14 And every raven after his kind,
- 15 And the owl, and the night hawk after his kind,
- 16 The \* little owl, and the great owl, and the swan, \* screech owl
- 17 And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant,
- 18 And the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

#### Leviticus 11 : 23-23

- 20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you.
- 21 Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap \* withal upon the earth : \* with
- 22 Even these of them ye may eat: the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind,
- 23 But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you.

## Explanation of <u>terms</u> used in defining the "<u>clean</u>" and "<u>unclean</u>" animals

#### 1. Cloven footed

A hard, **split hoof** such as possessed by a cow, deer, goat, sheep.

#### 2. Chew the cud

An animal possessing two stomachs like a cow.

#### 3. Fins and scales

Most fish are clean because they have both "fins and scales". The "unclean" have one of them or none of them.

#### **EXAMPLES**

fins	no scales
fins	no scales
fins	no scales
No fins	no scales
No fins	no scales
No fins	no scales
No fins	no scales
	fins fins No fins No fins No fins

#### Peters vision of clean and unclean animals

Acts 10: 9-14; 17; 25, 27-28 c.A.D.41 Date of Peter's vision.

**9** On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the \*sixth hour \*noon

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance.

11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were <u>all manner</u> of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; For I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him...

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together

28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Date of Peter's vision, 10 years after Christ was risen

←→ Unclean animals

Peter as a N.T Christian
still obeying
the laws of
clean and unclean animals,
10 years after
Christ's ascension

Peter did not understand what the vision meant. He did not think God was telling him he could now eat anything.

Peter later
understood
the vision to mean
no man was unclean

#### Man's original diet as given by God

#### Genesis 1 : 29

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

- herb
   (vegetables and grains)
- 2. fruit
- 3. seed (nuts)

#### After the flood God added flesh of animals

#### Genesis 9 : 1-4

1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. 2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea: into your hands are they delivered. 3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you : even as the green herb have I given you all things, 4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ve not eat.

4. flesh ("clean animals")

#### Genesis 7 : 1,2

And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark: for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. 2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two the male and his female.

Noah knew the difference between "clean" animals and "unclean" animals.

If he had <u>eaten</u> the "<u>unclean</u>", he would have made them <u>extinct</u>!

#### COMMENTS

We often use an expression such as:

Go out in the kitchen and you are welcome to anything you find. But roach poison, Ajax, Clorox, etc... Of course not!

It is <u>understood</u>, though **not** <u>explicitly</u> stated, that we mean "anything" that is fit and proper for food.

God gave us a "qualifying phrase ("even as").

#### Genesis 9 : 3

"Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you, 'even as' the green herb have I given you all things".

"Even as" means as an example :

We <u>can't eat</u> every <u>green herb</u>! How would you like a <u>salad</u> of <u>poison ivy</u>? Similarly we <u>can't eat</u> all <u>moving things</u>. Some creatures are so <u>poisonous</u> that to eat their flesh would be <u>instant death</u>. To eat others would repulse us.

How about a <u>skunk sandwich</u>? God was simply allowing man, after the flood had wiped out <u>all vegetation</u>, to eat the <u>clean animals</u>, which <u>Noah</u> was already <u>aware of</u>. (Genesis 7:2).

#### The **Diet** of Daniel

#### Daniel 1:1;3;5;8;11-15;18-20

- 1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.
- 3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;
- **5** And the king appointed them a <u>daily provision</u> of the <u>king's</u> **meat**, and of the **wine** which he drank:
- 8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would **not defile himself** with the portion of the <u>king's</u> **meat**, nor with the **wine** which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.
- 11 Then said Daniel to \*Melzar whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, \*overseer
- 12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us \*pulse to eat, and water to drink.

#### \*vegetables

- 13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.
- 14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them, ten days.
- 15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.
- 18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.
- 19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.
- 20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

The Bible says that <u>Daniel</u> (Jew) would **not \*defile himself** by **eating** the king's **meat** or **drinking** the king's **wine**.

The Bible says that <u>Christians</u> can also \*defile themselves by what they eat or drink and bring dishonor instead of glory to God.

#### 1 Corinthians 3:17

If any man \*defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy;...

#### 1 Corinthians 6 : 19

What? Know ye not that your **body** is the **temple** of the Holy Ghost...

#### 1 Corinthians 10:31

Whether therefore ye eat or drink... do all to the Glory of God.

From our previous study of <u>clean</u> and <u>unclean</u> animals we know that the king's **meat** must have consisted of <u>unclean animals</u>. But Daniel not only refused the <u>king's</u> **meat** but also the <u>king's</u> **wine**. There must have been a <u>difference</u> between the "wine" that Daniel normally drank and the <u>king's</u> wine. Since there are only two kinds of "<u>wine</u>", alcoholic and non-alcoholic grape <u>juice</u>, common sense would conclude that the <u>king's</u> wine was <u>alcoholic</u> and Daniel would not drink it.

We would expect then that "Christians" should not drink alcoholic wine either because of the "Everlasting Gospel" but let's see what the Bible says.

#### Should Christians drink Alcoholic wine

Today, many <u>Christian people</u> drink <u>fermented</u> or <u>alcoholic wine</u> and think nothing of it. They have been told by their religious leaders that "Jesus drank alcoholic wine at the Passover" and "the Jews drank alcoholic wine at the Passover", etc... and so the people see nothing wrong with it.

Let us <u>see what the Bible says</u> about "Christians" drinking alcohol or fermented wine.

What is a "Christian"? There are many definitions that could be used but here is one that we don't normally think of:

**Revelation 1:5** And from <u>Jesus Christ</u>, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

**Revelation 1:6** And hath <u>made</u> us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Thus, a "Christian" is one who has been loved, and washed from his sins by the blood of Jesus, but a "Christian" is also one who has been made a "king" and a "priest" by God.

Even earthly kings have certain responsibilities to uphold and certain duties to perform. Even so, the "kings" and "priests" of God (born again Christians) have certain obligations as a consequence of the new position they hold.

**Proverbs 31:4** It is <u>not for kings</u>, O Lemuel, it is <u>not for kings to drink</u> wine; nor for princes strong <u>drink</u>:

Here we see that the Bible says that "kings" are not to drink wine and the context of the verse shows it to mean alcoholic wine (strong drink). Why has the Bible suggested that "kings" are not to drink wine?

**Proverbs 31:5** Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

This verse gives the reason: The <u>alcoholic wine</u> will affect the mind and <u>cause the "king" to</u> forget the law and thus his judgment will be impaired.

Thus, as "Christian kings" we are told not to drink alcoholic wine or "strong drink", since it will cause us to forget God's law because our mind will be affected and our judgment will be impaired.

When our minds have been affected by alcohol, Satan will cause us to sin.

God gave the explicit statement below: (without respect to quantity of wine).

Proverbs 23:31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

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What does this text mean? What is the significance of the juice of a grape being red? Isn't the juice of all grapes "red"?

"Most wines... red and white... comes from red or purple grapes. The juice stays white until the grape starts to ferment on the vine and red plant dye mingles with it. Early picked red grapes produce white wine; rose's are picked a little later, and reds last".

"Winemaking Becomes A Science"
Popular Mechanics, May 1982, pg.218

Thus, the Bible has warned us not to even "look at" wine when it begins to ferment (becomes red) or becomes "leavened".

We have examined what the Bible said about the responsibility of "kings" and "wine" and now we will examine what the Bible says about "priests" and "wine".

Leviticus 10:8,9 And the Lord spake unto Aaron (high priest), saying, <u>Do not drink</u> wine nor strong <u>drink</u>, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be <u>a statute</u> for ever throughout your generations:

Here we see that the Bible says that "priests" are not to drink wine when they "go into the tabernacle" and the context of the verse shows it to be alcoholic wine (strong drink). Why has the Bible suggested that "priests" are not to drink wine when they go into the tabernacle?

Leviticus 10: 10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between clean and unclean;

This verse gives the reason: The alcoholic wine will affect the mind and prevent the priest from being able to tell the difference between holy things and unholy things or clean and unclean things.

Thus, as "Christian" **priests**" we are warned **not** to drink alcoholic wine because we will not be able to tell the difference between the **holy** and **unholy**.

Thus, Christians are not to drink alcoholic wine.

#### Once again the **Everlasting** Gospel

We have now completed our study of what it means to be a "Christian", who gives Glory to God.

Now let's take a look at some information from <u>Modern Science</u> which shows clearly that <u>God's advice</u> to us in the **Bible**, about what we should **eat** and **drink** is **true** and in <u>our best interest</u>!

#### Cutting fat in diet might curb cancers

Washington D.C.-AP People may be able to prevent many common cancers by eating less fatty meats, and more vegetables and grains, the National Academy of Science said Wednesday.

The report, issued after the most comprehensive study to date of the <u>link between cancer and general nutrition</u>, said many cancers appear to be food related, though researchers still do not know exactly why.

Nevertheless, people may be able to reduce their risks by developing good eating habits even before the final evidence is in, said a special panel for the academy.

"We should try to put what is learned to use as soon as possible to avoid any unnecessary delay in taking preventive action, given the long time frame over which most cancers develop, "Clifford Grobstein, chairman of the study, told a news conference.

Grobstein, an experimental biologist from the University of California at San Diego, cautioned that the dietary recommendations should not be regarded as assuring a cancer-free life.

But the group said the evidence is strong enough to recommend eating less food that is high in fat, and more fruits, vegetables, and whole-grain cereal products, especially those high in vitamin C and very little salt-cured smoked foods and drinking alcohol only in moderation.

The American Meat Institute condemned the recommendations, saying they were based on insufficient evidence that does not show that a reduction in protein and fat will result in a decrease in cancer.

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Leviticus 4:17 It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.

#### Bad Habits Killing Us, US Warns

UPI, Washington Post

Washington, D.C.-UPI-

The government reported Saturday that Americans—although generally healthier than ever— are killing themselves needlessly through smoking, drinking, poor diet and preventable accidents,

"We are killing ourselves by our own careless habits" Califano said.

The report called on all Americans to <u>make dramatic changes in their diet</u> and habits to reduce the nation's death rate by 20% to 35% by 1990

It said people should cut their intake of alcohol, salt, sugar and fats, especially foods containing saturated—solid or animal—fats.

Hew thus joined the still controversial camp doctors who advocate low fat diets to help prevent heart disease, to the displeasure of the meat, dairy, and egg industries. which say there is no proof that their high fat, high cholesterol products are harmful.

Cigarette smoking is the single most preventable cause of death,

Alcohol is a factor in more than 10% of all deaths in the United States.

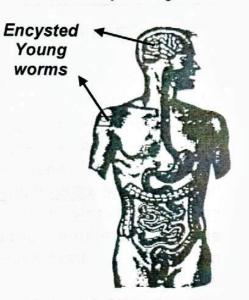
Many Americans are "apathetic and unmotivated" toward better health, often viewing illness "as a matter of random choice, not to be averted but to be tolerated and accepted".

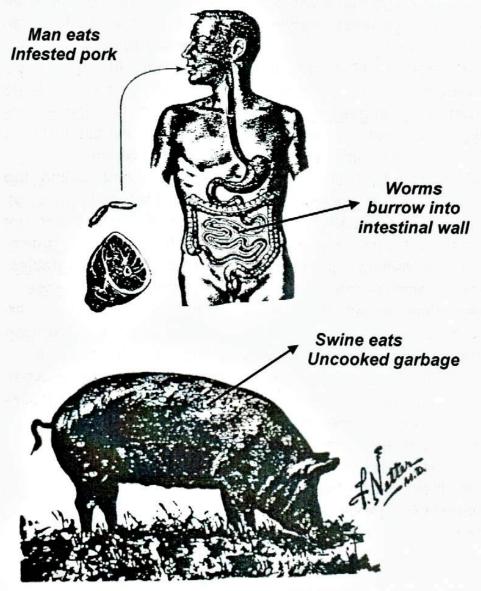
"Personal lifestyles are responsible for a large share of unnecessary diseases and disability in the United States".

Americans are eating too much sugar, salt, red meat, fat and cholesterol and not enough whole grains, cereals, fruits, vegetables, fish, poultry and legumes.

"Adults should be encouraged to exercise vigorously, if possible at least three times a week for about 15 to 30 minutes each time

Humans develop trichinosis
from eating improperly cooked
pork which contains small
immature trichinae worms that
have lodged in the muscle of
the animal. These small worms
mature in the human intestinal





#### The Trichinosis Problem

Although trichinae originate in the hog, beef, too, may be a source of contamination. In 1974 New Jersey had more cases of trichinosis from beef than from pork, probably because butchers added pork scraps to beef instead of throwing them away. Contamination of beef can also come from cutting beef and pork with the same knife or from running beef through a meat grinder that was not thoroughly washed after grinding pork.

The first symptoms of trichinosis (diarrhea and gastroenteritis) may appear as soon as 24 hours after the consumption contaminated meat as the young worms burrow into the intestinal wall. When the larvae begin to migrate to muscles and organs, they cause muscular swelling-often around the eyespain, tenderness. generalized weakness and a high temperature that may persist for several weeks and



Worms encysted in pork

Adult worms



female male



Man's only important source of infection is **pork**.

Nobody is, or can be rendered, immune to trichinosis. Also, there is no specific cure. In the opinion of most investigators, it is far from likely that one will ever be found. They are persuaded that any therapeutic agent potent enough to kill a multitude of embedded trichinae would probably kill the patient, too.

Although medical science is unable to terminate or even lessen the severity of an assault of trichinosis. no disease is easier to dodge. There are several dependable means of evasion. Abstention from pork is, of course, one. It is also the most venerable, having been vigorously known. recommended and widely practiced for at least 3,000 years. Some authorities, in fact, regard the Mosaic proscription of pork as the pioneering step in the development of preventive medicine.

<u>Trichinosis</u> is generally believed to be a rarity, This view, though <u>hallucinated</u>, is not altogether without explanation.

Outbreaks of trichinosis are seldom widely publicized. They are seldom even recognized. Trichinosis is the chameleon of diseases. The number and variety of aliments with which it is more or less commonly confused approach the encyclopedic. They include arthritis. acute. alcoholism, conjunctivitis. food poisoning, lead poisoning, heart disease. laryngitis. mumps. asthma, rheumatism, rheumatic fever, rheumatic myocarditis, gout, tuberculosis, angioneurotic edema, dermatomyositis, frontal sinusitis. influenza, nephritis, peptic ulcer. appendicitis. chole-cystitis, malaria, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, paratyphoid fever, undulant fever, encephalitis, gastroenteritis, intercostal neuritis. tetanus. pleurisy. colitis. meningitis. syphilis, typhus and cholera. It has even been mistaken for beriberi. With all the rich inducements to error, a sound diagnosis of trichinosis is rarely made, and the diagnostician cannot always take much credit for it.

Leviticus 11:7 And the swine... he is unclean to you.

#### Alcohol's Effect On The Brain

#### You Die

"Every time you take a <u>drink</u> you <u>die a little</u>. Up to now you may have thought of yourself as a moderate drinker, and therefore, safe, But, for one thing, the idea that you are safe is a flat lie, Taking even the kindliest definition of "moderation", you are doing yourself progressive physical harm. Although the body has great regenerative powers, the <u>cells</u> of the <u>brain</u> and nervous system, <u>once destroyed</u>, <u>are lost forever</u>, and we know these are the cells affected, first and most potently by ethyl alcohol. Habitual <u>drinking will cause lasting impairment to brain</u>... Even <u>one drink affects the uppermost level of the brain</u>, which is **the center** of <u>restraint</u>, <u>inhibition</u> and **judgment**"

"The Big Lie About Moderate Drinking" Pageant Magazine, Feb. 1956

#### Rubbed Out

"The higher qualities of the mind are first rubbed out by alcohol. The delicate capacities of <u>intellectual decision</u> and <u>choice</u> and <u>discretion</u> and <u>will power</u> are those faculties that <u>are first dulled</u> and then <u>wiped out by alcohol</u> because they are the least capable of withstanding its toxic effects".

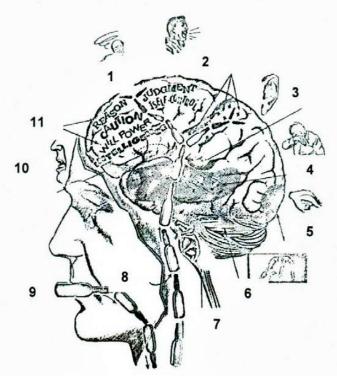
"Haven Emerson, M.D., Columbia University"

#### Cells lost

"It is safe to say that in many people, heavy drinking causes a gradual dropping out of brain cells. It is also logical to assume that the first to be affected would be those that are first anesthetized by alcohol, namely, those subserving the higher cerebral levels of will power and judgment. The brain reserve is gradually and insidiously whittled away until the stage is reached where any alcohol in the system will immediately paralyze the patient's will power and judgment. Brain cells once lost are never replaced"

Federick Lemere, M.D., Department of Psychiatry, University of Washington School of Medicine, and The Shadel Hospital of Seattle

Proverbs 31:5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.



- 1 First to become jumbled by alcohol are the higher functions of the brain.
- 2 Next, irresponsible and unreliable behavior sets in and this area sends messages to muscles.
- 3 Alcohol slows sensory impulses from the ears (hearing area).
- 4 Alcohol clouds the memory area.
- 5 Alcohol slows sensory impulses from the eyes (sight area).
- 6 The balance and coordination mechanism here is disturbed by alcohol.
- 7 Alcohol produces a progressive depressant action on the central nervous system (spinal cord area).
- 8 Neck arteries quickly carry alcohol to the brain.
- 9 The alcohol in beer, wine, or liquor is absorbed into the blood within minutes after it is swallowed. No digestion is required, it passes directly into the blood from stomach walls and small intestines.
- 10 Alcohol makes speech flow freely and then thickens (speech center).
- 11 Even a small amount of alchohol starts to depress these areas to put them to sleep.

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"Winemaking Becomes A Science" Popular Mechanics, May 1982, pg 218

#### FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

#### First Angel's Message

Revelation 14:6,7

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

- Everlasting Gospel
   Same means of Salvation for all
- 2. Give Glory to God Christian Living
- Hour of Judgment is come
   Judgment is NOW in session!
- 4. Worship the Creator

#### PART 3

### Hour of Judgment is come Judgment is NOW in session!

#### The Hour of His Judgment is Come

During Paul's day the judgment had not yet started.

Acts 24: 24,25 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

The Judgment had not started during the days of Paul

When <u>John</u> wrote the book of Revelation, which included those people living in the <u>last days</u>, who were receiving the <u>3 Angel's Messsages</u>, he saw that the <u>Judgment had started!</u>

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- When did the Judgment of the world start ?
- Is there a Bible Prophecy that tells us when ?
- What is involved in the Judgment?
- . How can I pass the Judgment and be saved?
- Is there a "Bible model" to help me to understand the Judgment?

These are questions that need to be answered !!!

#### The **Time** of the Judgment

The Bible speaks of an "appointed time" for judgment.

#### Jeremiah 8 : 7

Yea the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle (dove) and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord.

#### Acts 17:31

Because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

The Prophet <u>Daniel</u> was given a <u>vision</u> by God that revealed this "appointed time", which was not for his day, but was to come upon the people during the <u>last days</u> or "latter days".

#### Daniel 10:1;14

1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the <u>latter days</u>: for yet the <u>vision</u> is for <u>many days</u>.

The <u>vision</u> given to Daniel concerned <u>the Sanctuary</u> or Church and a <u>period</u> of <u>time</u> consisting of "two thousand and three hundred days" or **2300 days**. At that time the <u>Sanctuary</u> was to be "<u>cleaned</u>".

#### Daniel 8 : 13 ; 14

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot.

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

What does the term 
"Cleansing of the Sanctuary" mean?

The Cleansing of the Sanctuary

The Cleansing of the Church

The Cleansing of God's People

The (Removing) of the sins of God's People

The (Blotting out) of the sins of God's People

The Judgment of God's People

The Judgment of the Church

<u>Note</u>: (To *Cleanse*, *Blot out*, or *Judgment* all mean the same thing).

#### Psalms 51 : 1,2

Have mercy upon me O God... blot out my transgressions... cleanse me from my sin.

#### Isaiah 4 : 4

When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion... by the spirit of judgment...

We need to know where this "Sanctuary" that needs "cleansing" is located.

The "Sanctuary" that Daniel spoke of needing "cleansing" could **not** be the **earthly sanctuary** of the Jews because :

- The vision of Daniel was for the last days or the "time of the end" (Daniel 8: 13-19).
- There was no earthly sanctuary after 70 A.D when the Roman general Titus destroyed and captured Jerusalem and the time before 70 A.D could certainly not be considered as the "last days".

Thus, the "Sanctuary" needing "cleansing" has to be the *Heavenly Sanctuary* where the <u>sins</u> of God's people have been accumulating in the record books. And <u>need to be blotted out</u>, or the <u>records "cleansed"</u>.

Thus, the *Judgment* of God's people is **prophesied** by the vision of Daniel. And the vision reaches to the "time of the end" or last days. Since it was a vision or prophecy, then **prophetic time** is specified.

**Ezekiel 4:6** And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.

**Numbers 14:34** After the number of days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, **each day** for a **year**, shall ye bear their iniquities, even **forty years**, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Thus,

1 Prophetic day = 1 Literal year
and

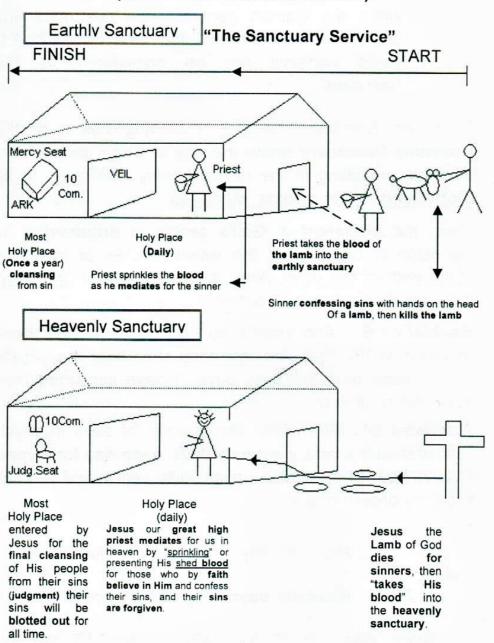
2300 Prophetic days = 2300 Literal years

As Daniel was told in the vision, (Daniel 10:14) the "time appointed" was long and for the latter or last days.

The "Bible Model" for understanding the *Judgment* is found in the Old Testament service of the "cleansing" of the <u>earthly sanctuary</u>.

The earthly sanctuary was given to Moses as a model of the Heavenly Sanctuary service (Ex. 25:8,9) (Heb. 9:23,24). This is illustrated below in pictures and on the following page by a comparison of Bible texts.

### THE SANCTUARY SERVICE (MODEL OF THE JUDGMENT)



The Bible Texts below show the comparison of the Old Testament earthly sanctuary "cleansing" and the New Testament Heavenly Sanctuary "cleansing" that was previously illustrated by pictures.

#### The DAY OF ATONEMENT (Old Testament Model of The DAY OF JUDGMENT

#### Leviticus 16

Earthly Sanctuary

2 And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the veil before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not : for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. 29 And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that in the seven month, on the tenth day of the month. ye shall afflict your souls. and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you: 30 For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the Lord. 16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of children of Israel, and because of their transgresssions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness. 33 And shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congrrgation, and for the altar. and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation. 34 And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the

'deanse' sins of people

Earthly sanctuary "cleansed"

People Cleansed" from their sins once a year

The New Testament Reality of the Actual Judgment going on in Heaven Now!

Hebrews 9

Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. 2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table ... 3 And after the second veil tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; & Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant...the tables of the covenant:

6 Now when these things were thus ordained. "the priests went always into the first tabernacle,, accomplishing the service of God. 7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people; 8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not vet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: 9 Which was a figure for the time then 11 But Christ present... being come an high priest of

good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands... 23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heaven

children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the Lord commanded Moses.

the sacrifice of himself. 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

should be purified with

these; but the heavenly

better sacrifices than these.

24 For Christ is not entered

into the holy places made

with hands; which are the

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in the presence of God for

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themselves

things

Earthly Sanctuary

"cleanse" sins of people

Earthly Sanctuary a model Heavenly Sanctuary

Heavenly sanctuary cleansed

People Cleansed from sins by the Judgment once for all time

## The Process of Judgment or Cleansing of the Church

#### New Testament "Christian"

The New Testament "Christian", by <u>faith</u> believes that Jesus did come and die for him as the Lamb of God. By faith he depends upon Jesus as his <u>Great High Priest</u> (Heb 10: 21,22) to mediate for him in the Heavenly Sanctuary, The <u>New Testament</u> Christian <u>confesses his sins to God</u>, believing that Jesus through the means of the sprinkling of blood, (Heb 12: 24 - Heb 10: 21,22) will present him as faultless before the throne of glory and his <u>sins</u> will be <u>forgiven him</u>. (Jude 24,25).

Day by day throughout the year, the New Testament Christian continues to confess his sins and knows that through the means of the <u>sprinkling of the blood of Jesus</u> in the <u>Heavenly Sanctuary</u> his sins have been pardoned. (Heb 12: 22-25 - Heb 9: 21-24)

Yet the New Testament Christian recognizes that something remains to be done for him, even though on a daily basis his sins have been forgiven. He recognizes that though his sins have been forgiven, yet they remain in the record of his conscience (Heb 10:1-4, 19,22) and in the records of Heaven. He recognizes that what he needs done for him is to have his sin record blotted out of his mind or conscience and from the books of Heaven! In other words he recognizes a need for a Final Cleansing of sin from his life, and a Final Cleansing of his sin record in the Heavenly Sanctuary.

The New Testament Christian knows that before his sins will be blotted out (Acts 3:19), or his sin record cleansed for all time, God will review or Investigate (Micah 7:9) his records in the books of Heaven (Dan. 7:9-10; Job 9:19,32) during the Judgment. The New Testament Christian knows that after God finishes His review of his records, either his sins or his name will be blotted out for all time!!! (Rev. 3:5; Isa. 43:24,25; Psm. 109:13,14).

Thus, the New Testament Christian relates the <u>Final</u> <u>Cleansing</u> of <u>his sins</u> in the <u>Sanctuary in Heaven</u> to the <u>Final Judgment</u> of the World!

He also knows that in order for Jesus to "bring his reward with Him" at the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming (Rev. 22:12) that his judgment (Acts 10:42,43) has to be completed before Jesus returns!!! He also knows that God begins the Final Judgment by investigating the sin records of those that are dead, (Rev. 11:18,19; 1 Peter 4:17-19) and when He finishes judging the dead he will then begin the Judgment of the living! (1 Peter 4:1-5; Rev. 14:6,7).

The New Testament Christian recognizes that the "standard" that God will use in the Judgment to measure his life is the 10 Commandments, (James 2:8-12) and so day by day the New Testament Christian "afflicts his soul by a statue" (Lev. 16:31) as he attempts to do God's will. He knows that if he refuses to attempt to obey God's Law that God has said He would "cut him off" (Rev. 22:14, 15; Lev 23:29,30) and that if he sins willfully there remains no more sacrifice for his sin (Heb. 10:26,27), because Jesus is not the minister of sin! (Gal. 2:17).

The New Testament Christian also recognizes that there is no merit (Rom 3: 20-31) in the keeping of the Commandments that would save him, but rather keeping the Commandments is a condition that God has specified which shows clearly who really loves him!

(John 14: 15-24; 1 John 2: 1-7)

And so by faith the New Testament Christian will "keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12) as he stands before God, with Jesus (Heb. 12:24) as his Mediator (Job 9:32; Prov. 23:11; Isa. 3:13; Micah 7:9) during the Final Judgment of the World. (Rev. 14:6,7)

As the <u>Final Judgment of the World</u> closes and the probationary period of all living persons ends, Jesus makes the <u>final pronouncement</u> that <u>forever fixes their destiny</u>. (*Rev. 22: 10-16*)

The sins of the righteous are blotted out from the books of Heaven while the names of the lost are blotted out from the book of life.

Then, Jesus comes in the clouds with the angels and takes the righteous to Heaven with Him (1 Thess.4: 16,17)

No one will be able to say "I never had a chance to be saved". We were all born into this world as sinners, but Calvary gives us the new power of choice to now either continue in sin serving Satan, or to choose to obey God and serve Him!

We have something to do:

- 1. Believe God's promise of Salvation
- 2. Accept His free gift
- 3. Pray for power to overcome sin in our lives, and ask for forgiveness when we fall.

The **Judgment** is <u>GOOD NEWS</u> for the Christian!

If he had to face it <u>alone</u> he would be in BIG TROUBLE!

If "<u>his righteousness</u>" was <u>judged</u> he would **fail miserably**!

#### Romans 3 : 10

As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one.

But, the GOOD NEWS is that he is <u>judged</u> by "Christ's Righteousness" and therefore passes the Judgment perfectly!

#### Psalms 35 : 24

Judge me, O Lord, according to thy righteousness.

#### Job 29 : 14

I put on *righteousness*, and it clothed me; my *judgment* was as a *robe*.

#### Isaiah 61 : 10

...My soul shall be joyful in my God for he hath clothed me with the garment of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness.

As far as the *Judgment* is concerned, the person "covered" by the Robe of *Christ's Righteousness* is as perfectly sinless as Christ is!

While the Christian is judged by Christ's Righteousness, the one who has **not** <u>accepted Christ</u> is **judged** by <u>his own unrighteous life</u>.

#### Isaiah 64 : 6

But we are all as an <u>unclean thing</u>, and <u>all <u>our</u> <u>righteousness</u> are as *filthy rags*; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.</u>

#### When did the Judgment Start?

The last question we need to answer is when did the Judgment of the world start? We know it has started because we know that the vision of Daniel was for the "last days" and we know that we are in that time period because John saw people receiving the 3 Angel's Messages during the "last days" in his vision of Revelation 14.

In the <u>vision</u> of *Daniel 8: 13,14* we were given the <u>length of *time*</u> of *2300 years* but we were **not** given a <u>starting point</u>.

When we compare *Daniel 9: 21, 23-25* we see that the angel Gabriel was sent to Daniel again to give him more information to help him understand the vision of the 2300 prophetic days or years.

The new information stated that "<u>from the going forth of the commandment</u> to restore and build Jerusalem" was to be the *starting point* for the vision. This "commandment" was given by **King Artaxerxes** in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of his reign which was the *year 457 B.C.* 

On the next page the <u>official decree</u> or "commandment" is shown in the Bible texts and the date is shown in the marginal reference of the Bible to be 457 B.C.

## The Decree or "Commandment" To Restore and Build Jerusalem

Ezra 4 : 21 Give now ve commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until another commandment shall be given from me. 23 Now when the copy of King Artaxerxes letter was before read Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power.

Ezra 7:7 And there went up some of the children of Israel... unto Jerusalem in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. 11 Now this is the copy of the letter that the King Artxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the Lord, and of his statutes to Israel. 12 Artaxerxes, King of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of God of heaven. perfect peace and all at such a time. 13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own free will to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.

(Marginal Ref. 535 B.C.)

Artaxerxes Decrees the unauthorized building of the city must stop, until he issues another decree allowing it.

(Marginal Ref. 457 B.C.)

King Artaxerxes issues the Official Decree to allow the Jews to return to Jerusalem to begin the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem and its walls.

Thus, the starting point of the vision is 457 B.C.

When we <u>add 2300 years</u> to the starting point of <u>457 B.C.</u> we get:

2300 — 457 B.C. = 1843 A.D.

We add 1 year going from B.C. to A.D.)

The Judgment of the world began in 1844 A.D.

#### FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE

## First Angel's Message Revelation 14: 6.7

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

- Everlasting Gospel
   Same means of Salvation for all
- Give glory to God Christian Living
- Hour of Judgment is come
   Judgment is NOW in session!
- 4. Worship the Creator

# PART 4 Worship the Creator

#### **Worship the Creator**

#### First Angel's Message

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The 4<sup>th</sup> part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Angel's Message says to :

"Worship" him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters".

In other words we are told to worship our "MAKER" or "CREATOR". This message is in <u>direct opposition</u> to the message that the world is giving.

The world denies a Creator and teaches evolution or the "evolving into something from nothing".

What is it that is in the Bible that continually reminds us of our "MAKER" or "CREATOR".

For the **answer** to this question we must go back to the very beginning of the world, which is described in the book of Genesis.

BIBLE TEXT	COMMENT	
Genesis 1: 1, 26 27, 31  In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over every creeping thing that creepth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.  31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.	In <u>six days</u> God <b>created</b> everything including <b>man</b> .	
Genesis 2:1-3  1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.	On the seventh day God rested from his work, and blessed and sanctified the Seventh day because he had finished His work of creation.	

<u>Note</u>: Throughout history, human beings have <u>kept</u> "holy", <u>different days</u> of the week. Most Christians keep <u>Sunday</u>, the Greeks kept <u>Monday</u>, the Persians <u>Tuesday</u>, Assyrians <u>Wednesday</u>, Egyptians <u>Thursday</u>, Turks <u>Friday</u> and the Jews <u>Saturday</u>. (See Joshua's Long Day by C. Totten)

What is the **Bible Concept** of the <u>time</u> of the week or "<u>day</u>" that God asks us to "<u>keep holy</u>"?

#### Worship the CREATOR **BIBLE TEXT** COMMENT Exodus 20 : 10,11 10 But the seventh day is the The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, Sabbath of the Lord. It nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy has been blessed and manservant, nor thy maidservant, hallowed by the Lord nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that as His Sabbath or rest is within thy gates: 11 For in six day, to honor Him as days the Lord made heaven and the Creator. earth, the sea, and all that in them is and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. Isaiah 56 : 2, 6-8 2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the The man that keeps Sabbath from polluting it, and the Sabbath will be keepeth his hand from doing any blessed by the Lord. evil. 6 Also the sons of the Everyone that keeps stranger, that join themselves to the Sabbath, including the Lord, to serve him, and to love the "stranger" or non the name of the Lord, to be his Jew, will be accepted servants every one that keepeth in God's house the Sabbath from polluting it, and because the Sabbath taketh hold of my covenant. 7 Even them will I bring to my is for all people. holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. 8 The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith. Yet will I gather others to him, besides those that are gathered unto him. Mark 2: 27,28

27 And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath:
28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.

Jesus himself said that the Sabbath was made for "man" (not just a Jew) and that He was Lord of the Sabbath.

BIBLE TEXT	COMMENT	
Isaiah 66: 22, 23  22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.	Once <b>again</b> the Lord will exercise His power as the <b>Creator</b> and He will <b>make</b> a <b>new earth</b> . <b>All people</b> will come together on the <b>Sabbath</b> on the <u>new earth</u> to <u>worship</u> the Lord.	

#### Important points about the Seventh Day Sabbath.

- The Seventh Day Sabbath was established by God in the <u>very beginning</u> of time, immediately after the <u>creation</u> of the world.
- The Seventh Day Sabbath was <u>blessed</u>, <u>sanctified</u>, and <u>hallowed</u> by God as a <u>memorial</u> of His creative work.
- God rested from His work of <u>creation</u> on the Seventh Day Sabbath and He has commanded us to rest on the Seventh Day as He did.

(Ex. 20: 10,11; Heb. 4: 1, 3-11)

- God will <u>create</u> a <u>new earth</u> and <u>everyone</u> (all of us) will come together on the <u>Seventh Day Sabbath</u> to <u>worship</u> Him.
- 5. A "man", whether he is a Jew or Gentile, will be blessed if he keeps the Seventh Day Sabbath.

BIBLE TEXT	COMMENT		
Isaiah 58: 13, 14  13 If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:  14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.	We are not to tread on the Sabbath, by doing our own ways. The Sabbath is the Lord's day and is holy and honourable.		
Exodus 20:8-10 8 Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work	We are to Remember the Seventh Day Sabbath of the Lord, by not doing our own work.		
Hebrews 4: 4, 5, 8-11  4 For he spake in a certain place of the Seventh Day on this wise, and God did rest the Seventh Day from all his work. 5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. 8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remainth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.	God rested from His work on the Seventh day. If Jesus had given us another rest day, He would have told us. It remains therefore for the people of God to cease from their work, as God did from His work, on the Seventh day.		

BIBLE	TEXT
Exodus 31	- 16-18

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe Sabbath throughout generations. For a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the Seventh Day he rested, and was refreshed. 18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger

#### COMMENT

The children of Israel are to keep the Seventh day Sabbath forever for a perpetual covenant as a sign of the Creator's rest. The Seventh Day Sabbath is part of the 10 Commandments written on tables of stone by God.

#### Questions:

of God.

- Do the 10 commandments apply only to the Jews (Israel) or to everyone?
- Is the <u>Seventh day</u> Sabbath to be kept only by <u>Jews (Israel)</u> or by everyone?

#### Genesis 17:5

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

God changed Abram's name to Abraham because he was to become the father of many nations, not just Jews.

#### Genesis 17 : 7, 19

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. 19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for everlasting an covenant. and with his seed after him.

The <u>covenant</u> between <u>God</u> and <u>Abraham</u> was to be **extended** through his **son Isaac** and through the **seed** of **Isaac**.

BIBLE TEXT	COMMENT		
Romans 9: 4, 7, 8  4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children; but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.  8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.	Who are the "Israelites" that all the promises, the covenant, and the giving of the Law pertains to? They are not the flesh and blood Jews. The "Israelites" are the children of the promise. Through Isaac, they are the seed of Abraham.		
Galatians 4 · 20 20	As Isaac was the		

28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

29 And if <u>ye</u> be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

As Isaac was the "child of promise", so those that believe in Jesus (Christians) are the "children of promise". They are (Israelites) and they are "Abraham's seed" and heirs of the promises of God.

#### Comments:

Thus an "Israelite" is a Christian whom the <u>promises</u>, <u>covenants</u> and the <u>giving of the Law</u> (10 commandments) **pertains to**.

The 10 commandments including the Seventh Day Sabbath thus applies to Christians as well as to Jews.

This is **consistent** with what we previously learned about the <u>Seventh Day</u> Sabbath being for all people.

BIBLE TEXT	COMMENT
Romans 2: 28, 29  28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh. 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart.  Peter 2: 9, 10  9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: 10 Which in time past were not a people but, are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.	A "Jew" is not someone who is a Jew by birth or nationality but a "Jew" is someone whose heart has been converted by Christ. "Christians" are now the "holy nation" and "peculiar people" of God
Deuteronomy 26: 18  18 And the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments.	Christians, who are now God's "peculiar people", are to keep His Commandments which includes the Seventh Day Sabbath
Revelation 12:17  17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.  Revelation 14: 12  12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.	The prophet John saw the last generation of people the "remnant" or the "saints" who were clearly Christians (testimony of Jesus, faith of Jesus) keeping the commandments of God.

BIBLE TEXT	COMMENT		
Revelation 22: 14-15  14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.  15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.	John saw that those doing the commandments were blessed and would enter into the Holy City, while commandment breakers (murderers, idolaters, liars, etc) would not enter the city.		

The Bible speaks about "Two Covenants".

Sometimes these "covenants" are referred to as the "old law" and the "new law" or the "old covenant" and the "new covenant".

It is <u>popularly believed</u> that the "<u>old law</u>" or "<u>old covenant</u>" has been <u>done away with</u>.

Let's see what the Bible Concept of this is.

### GOD'S EVERLASTING COVENANT (Old Covenant)

#### Deuteronomy 4: 12, 13

12 And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. 13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

#### Psalm 103 : 18, 19

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. 19 The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

#### Psalm 105 : 8

8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

#### Psalm 89 : 34

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

#### Exodus 20 : 1, 8-11

1 And God spake all these words, saying,... 8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

#### Deuteronomy 4 : 2

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

#### THE NEW COVENANT

#### Hebrews 8 : 6-10

6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant. which was established upon better promises. 7For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second 8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: 9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt: because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

#### Hebrews 10 : 14, 16, 17

14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

#### COMMENTS

Thus, Gods' **Everlasting Covenant** (old covenant) is His **10 Commandment Law** 

And Jesus's New Covenant is

His promise to help us keep that Law,
by "writing it in our minds and in our hearts"!

Thus, it is **not** the intention of God or Jesus to "do away with the Law",

but rather their intention is to help us keep that law.

And a part of that Law requires us to keep the 7<sup>th</sup> day holy

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

#### As written by God The Holy Bible

#### Exodus 20

The Ten Commandments

- 1 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 2 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
  - 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
  - 6 And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.
- 3 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 4 8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
  - 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
- 10 But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thou daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle that is within thy gates.
- 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

#### As changed by men Dr. Martin Luther's

# Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

- 1 The First Commandment
  Thou shalt have no other
  gods before me
- 2 The Second Commandment Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.

- 3 The Third Commandment Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (Thou shalt sanctify the holy day)
- 4 The Fourth Commandment
  Thou shalt honor thy father
  and thy mother, that it may be
  well with thee, and thou
  mayest live long on the earth.

- 5 12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- 6 13 Thou shalt not kill.
- 7 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 8 15 Thou shalt not steal.
- 9 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- 10 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

- 5 The Fifth Commandment Thou shalt not kill.
- 6 The Sixth Commandment
  Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 7 The Seventh Commandment Thou shalt not steal.
- 8 The Eighth Commandment
  Thou shalt not bear false
  witness against thy neighbor.
- 9 The Ninth Commandment
  Thou shalt not covet thy
  neighbor's house.
- 10 The Tenth Commandment
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  manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his
  ass, nor anything that is thy
  neighbor's.

There are several very interesting things to note about God and His Covenant or 10 Commandment Law.

1. God spoke the 10 Commandments.

Deuteronomy 4:12, 13 And the Lord spake unto you... And he declared unto you <u>his covenant</u>... even the <u>ten commandments</u>; and <u>he wrote them</u> upon two tables of stone.

2. God said He would <u>not break</u> <u>nor alter</u> what He had <u>spoken</u>.

Psalm 89:34 My covenant will I not break nor alter the thing gone out of my lips.

Now let's look at some <u>authoritative statements</u> made by the <u>leaders</u> of <u>popular churches</u> concerning <u>God's Law.</u>

#### **PRESBYTERIAN**

"The Sabbath is a part of the Decalogue, the Ten Commandments. This alone forever settles the question as to the perpetuity of the institution... Until, therefore, it can be shown that the whole moral law has been repealed, the Sabbath will stand... The teaching of Christ confirms the perpetuity of the Sabbath".

T.C. Blake, D.D., Theology Condensed, pp. 474, 475

"We must not imagine that the coming of Christ has freed us from the authority of the law; for it is the eternal rule of a devout and holy life, and must therefore be as unchangeable as the justice of God, which it embraced, is constant and uniform".

John Calvin, Commentary on a Harmony of the Gospels, Vol. 1, p. 277

#### **METHODIST**

"This 'handwriting of ordinances' OUR Lord did blot out, take away, and nail to His cross. (Colossians 2:14). But the moral law contained in the Ten Commandments, and enforced by the prophets, He did not take away... The moral law stands on an entirely different foundation from the ceremonial or ritual law... Every part of this law must remain in force upon all mankind and in all ages".

John Wesley, Sermons on Several Occasions, 2-Vol. Ed. Vol.1, pp. 221, 222

"The moral law contained in the Ten Commandments, and enforced by the prophets, He (Christ) did not take away. It was not the design of His coming to revoke any part of this. This is a law which never can be broken... Every part of this law must remain in force upon all mankind and in all ages; as not depending either on time or place, or any other circumstances liable to change, but on the nature of God and the nature of man, and their unchangeable relation to each other".

John Wesley, Sermons on Several Occasions, Vol.1, Sermon XXV

#### LUTHERAN

"I wonder exceedingly how it came to be imputed to me that I should reject the law of Ten Commandments... Whosoever abrogates the law must of necessity abrogates sin also".

Martin Luther, Spiritual Antichrist, pp. 71, 72

"They (the Catholics) allege the Sabbath changed into Sunday, the Lord's Day, contrary to the Decalogue, as it appears, neither is there any example more boasted of than the changing of the Sabbath day. Great, say they, is the power and authority of the church, since it dispensed with one of the Ten Commandments".

Martin Luther, Augsburg Confession of Faith, Art. 28, par. 9

"But they err in teaching that Sunday has taken the place of the Old Testament Sabbath and therefore must be kept as the seventh day had to be kept by the children of Israel. In other words, they insist that Sunday is the divinely appointed New Testament Sabbath, and so they endeavor to enforce the Sabbatical observance of Sunday by so-called blue laws... These churches err in their teaching, for Scripture has in no way ordained the first day of the week in place of the Sabbath. There is simply no law in the New Testament to that effect".

John Theodore Mueller, Sabbath or Sunday, pp. 15, 16

#### CATHOLIC

"From this same Catholic Church you have accepted your Sunday, and that Sunday, as the Lords' day, she has handed down as a tradition; and the entire Protestant world has accepted it as tradition, for you have not an iota of Scripture to establish it. Therefore that which you have accepted as your rule of faith, inadequate as it of course is, as well as your Sunday, you have accepted on the authority of the Roman Catholic Church".

D.B. Ray, The Papal Controversy, 1892, p.179

"You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we (Catholics) never sanctify".

James Cardinal Gibbons, The Faith of Our Fathers, p.111 – 16<sup>th</sup> ed. 1880

#### BAPTIST

"There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday... It will be said, however, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh day to the first day of the week... Where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament, absolutely not. There is no scriptural evidence of the change of the Sabbath institution from the seventh to the first day of the week. To me it seems unaccountable Jesus. during three years intercourse His disciples, often conversing with them upon the Sabbath question... never alluded to any transference of the day; also, that during forty days of His resurrection life, no such thing was intimated".

Dr. Edward T. Hiscox, author of The Baptist Manual, in a paper read before a New York minister's conference held Nov.13, 1893.

"We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government".

Baptist Church Manual, Art.12

#### MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE

"The Sabbath was binding in Eden, and it has been in force ever since. This fourth commandment begins with the word 'remember' showing that the Sabbath already existed when God wrote the law on the tables of stone at Sinai. How can men claim that this one commandment has been done away with when they will admit that the other nine are still binding?". Weighed and Wanting, p.47

"I honestly believe that this commandment (the fourth, or Sabbath commandment) is just as binding today as it ever was. I have talked with men who have said that it has been abrogated, but they have never been able to point to any place in the Bible where God repealed it. When Christ was on earth, He did nothing to set it aside; He freed it from the traces under which the scribes and Pharisees had put it, and gave it its true place. 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath'. It is just as practicable and as necessary for men today as it was in fact, more that ever, because we live in such an intense age". Ibid., p.46

#### CONGREGATIONALIST

"It must be confessed that there is no law in the New Testament concerning the first day".

Buck's Theological Dictionary, p.403

"There is no command in the Bible requiring us to observe the first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath".

Orin Fowler, A.M., Mode and Subjects of Baptism.

"The current notion that Christ and His apostles authoritatively substituted the first day for the seventh, is absolutely without any authority in the New Testament".

Dr. Lyman Abbott, Christian Union, Jan. 19, 1882

"The Christian Sabbath (Sunday) is not in the Scriptures, and was not by the primitive church called Sabbath".

Dwight's Theology, Vol.4, p.401

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- Q. 1248 Are the Sabbath Day and the Sunday the same?
- A. The Sabbath day and the Sunday are not the same. The Sabbath is the Seventh Day of the week, and the day which was kept holy in the Old Law; the Sunday is the First Day of the week, and is the day which is kept holy in the New Law.
  - Q. 1249 What is meant by the Old and New Law?
- A. The Old Law means the law or religion given to the Jews; the New Law means the law or religion given to Christians.
  - Q. 1250 Why does the church command us to keep the Sunday holy instead of the Sabbath?
- A. The Church commands us to keep the Sunday holy instead of the Sabbath because on Sunday Christ rose from the dead, and on Sunday He sent the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles.
  - Q. 1251 Do we keep Sunday instead of Saturday holy for any other reason?
- A. We keep Sunday instead of Saturday holy also to teach that the Old Law is not now binding upon us, but that we must keep the New Law, which takes its place.

#### POPULAR TEACHING (Methodist)

# A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP MANUAL FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

A Brief Survey of the Faith of the Christian Church For Methodist Christians

> Compiled by : Pastor, the Methodist Church Lakemills-Milfford Wisconsin 1957

Exodus 20 : 8

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY".

Exodus 20:10

"...in it thou shalt not do any work..."

#### This means that we are to:

- Observe Sunday and other church festivals in order to have time for the regular public worship of God, as did the early apostles.
- Hold sacred the preaching of God's Word: if we do not gladly hear it and learn it, we can not do it.

#### Luke 11: 28

- "... blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it".
  - Observe one day a week for rest, recuperation and recreation. God did not create us to go full blast all week. When we do not "take a break", we break.
  - Avoid using Sunday to catch up on all the manual labor around the house and yard. If we do so, we shall lose far more time than we save. Nor are we to ignore public worship in the name of recreation. Without the Church, society would have no day for recreation. Note: "Sabbath" means literally "seventh day" (Saturday). However, Christians worship on Sunday, which occurs every seven days but is actually the first day. This is because Christ arose from the dead on the first day of the week. In a literal sense, only Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, and Seventh Day Baptists observe the Sabbath (Friday evening through Saturday evening).

In the New Testament, the Sabbath is only the shadow of Eternal Rest which came through Christ's resurrection. (Col. 2:16,17). Thus for Christians the Sabbath means Sunday. Every day has been made holy by Christ's victory over sin and death, not only Saturday or Sunday.

# How Did Sunday

Become

The Popular Day

Of Worship?

#### THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC QUARTERLY REVIEW

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# THE OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY AND CIVIL LAWS FOR ITS ENFORCEMENT, 139

The Sunday, as a day of the week set apart for the obligatory public worship of Almighty God; to be sanctified by a suspension of all servile labor, trade, and worldly avocations and by exercises of devotion, is purely a creation of the Catholic Church.

The Sunday laws are in their origin a part of the Catholic system enforced by the state when Europe was Catholic. The day and the regulations have no logical basis except the authority of the Catholic Church.

In the primitive days of fervor and piety all days were so consecrated by exercises of devotion that no special command for the sanctification of the first day is traced.

This became gradually obligatory, although the command was not at first pre-emptory. The Council of Laodicea, in 364 A.D. defines: "That Christians must not Judaize and refrain from manual labor on Saturday, but work on that day; and that, preferring the Lord's day, they must then rest, if this can be done, as becomes Christians".

The Church thus began by calling her children to sanctify the first day of the week, that on which God the Son rose from the dead, that, on which God the Father began the creation of the world, and God the Holy Ghost descended on the Apostles. She commanded a laying aside of business, a refraining from servile work, as a means to the end she had in view, the sanctification of the day.

Constantine lent the <u>power of the state</u> to <u>enforce</u> the <u>regulations</u> of the <u>Church</u>, and the <u>civil law</u> began to <u>enforce</u> the <u>spiritual decrees</u>. He <u>commanded</u> the <u>Lord's day to be observed by all as a festival and day of rest.</u>

<u>Protestantism</u>, in discarding the authority of the Church, has no good reason for its <u>Sunday theory</u>, and ought, logically, to keep Saturday as the Sabbath, with the Jews and Seventh-Day Baptists.

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Sunday, is the first day of the week, traditionally assigned for Christian worship. Literally "Sunday" means "day of the sun". It derives its name from the ancient pagan week, whose days were named after the sun, moon, and five visible planets. Sunday, like the other days of the week in the Western calendar, is reckoned from midnight to midnight. Other calendars measure their days from sunset to sunset – for example, the Hebrew Sabbath is so measured.

Civil Legislation. Civil law requiring the observance of Sunday date back at least to Emperor Constantine the Great, who designated Sunday as a legal day of rest and worship in 321 A.D. This law, however, was not specifically Christian, since Sunday was the day of the sun-god for pagans as well as the Lord's day for Christians. While Constantine thus managed to please the two major religious groups in the Roman Empire, numerous later laws regulating behavior on Sunday have been avowedly Christian.

In <u>English law</u>, <u>Sunday legislation</u>, which first appeared in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, was enlarged in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries by the addition of <u>numerous specific provisions and penalties</u>. <u>Similar Sunday laws</u> were soon introduced into the <u>British colonies in North America</u>. Some colonial blue laws, for example, made failure to attend Sunday church services a criminal offense.

Vestiges of colonial legislation on compulsory Sunday worship survived through the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **COMMENTS:**

Thus, the Catholic Church is clearly <u>responsible</u> for accomplishing the <u>change</u> of the <u>days of worship</u>!

Men and women did **not** <u>willingly change</u> from the 7<sup>th</sup> day to the 1<sup>st</sup> day.

They were <u>forced by civil laws</u> of the government, enforcing the decrees of the <u>Catholic Church</u>, to <u>make</u> <u>the change</u> or suffer the <u>penalty of the law</u>!

According to the Catholic Church, "nothing in Scripture requires the change or justifies it".

Most of the <u>Protestant world has accepted</u> the <u>change</u> of <u>worship days</u> from the **7**<sup>th</sup> day to the **1**<sup>st</sup> day without having a <u>Biblical or Scriptural basis</u> for the change.

As we conclude our study we will look at some interesting facts about the Sabbath.

#### The Seal of God

In **Revelation 7:2** the Bible says "And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the **seal** of the **living God...**". Two facts are brought out in this verse:

- The "living God" This sets the True God apart from all false gods of stone or wood who have no life of themselves and apart from Satan who has "no life" apart from that given him by God.
- 2. The "living God" has a seal. A seal is used to identify and authenticate a document so that whoever receives the document will know with certainty that it is a genuine document sent from the right person.

1 Kings 21:8 So she wrote <u>letters in Ahab's name</u>, and sealed them with <u>his seal</u>, and <u>sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles</u> that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

When an earthly king has written something or had something written and has placed his seal upon it, then no man can change it !!!

Esther 8:8 Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

The King of Heaven, has <u>written something</u> and has placed His Seal on it and "no man can change it" !!!

Exodus 31: 18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

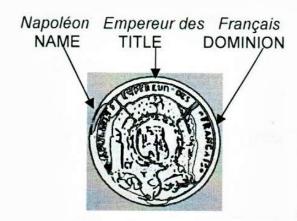
Thus, the <u>document</u> of the **Ten Commandments** which was written by God Himself has <u>His Seal on that Law to:</u>

- 1. Identify and authenticate those commandments as being genuine and not counterfeit.
- 2. Make certain that no man can change any of them.

Every seal must have three things:

1. NAME
2. TITLE
3. DOMINION of the Owner

When the **Ten Commandments** are examined, only <u>one Commandment</u> meets the criteria of <u>being a **Seal**</u>: the **4**<sup>th</sup> **Commandment** 



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#### Revelation 7: 2, 3

And I saw another angel ascending from the East, having the seal of the living God and he cried with a loud voice... hurt not the earth... till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

#### Isaiah 8 : 16

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#### Exodus 31:1

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God has sealed
His Law In the
4th commandment,
specifying the 7th day
as His Sabbath day

#### T HE WORLD'S GREAT

HISTORIC. Symbols of authority... of power and majesty. In the hands of history's most famous kings, leaders, emperors and statesmen, these seals have been witness to the very shaping of human destiny.

Intricate examples of an ancient art By their very nature, official seals of governments and monarchs have always been treated with an air of importance. So great was their power, and so dire the consequences of misuse. That special pains were taken to craft them of particularly intricate design, thereby lessening the possibility of counterfeit.

#### The Ten Commandments Exodus 20: 3-17

1 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

2 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

3 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

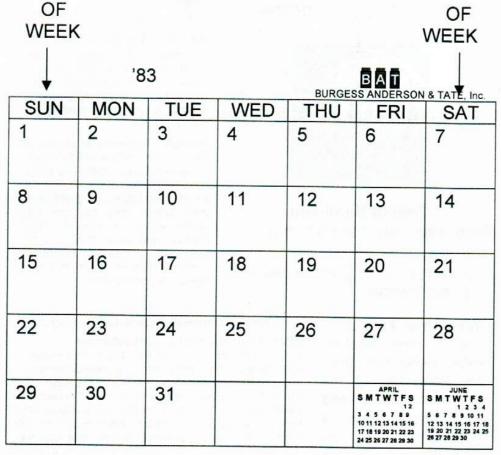
4 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thou daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the severth day wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Name Title Dominion
Maker or Creator
The SEAL OF GOD

5 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

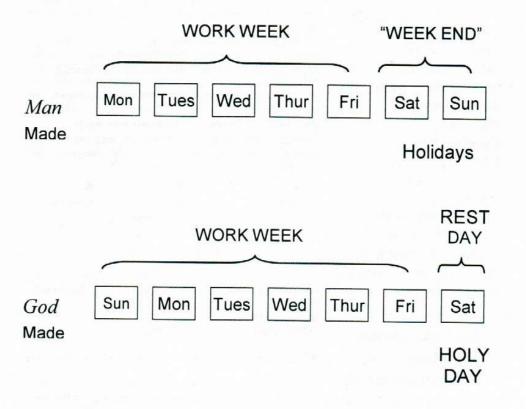
- 6 Thou shalt not kill.
- 7 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 8 Thou shalt not steal.
- 9 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- 10 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.



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**BEGINNING** 

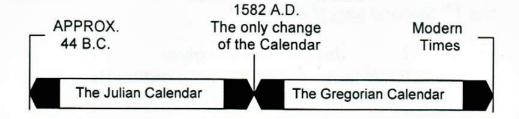


#### NO CHANGE IN THE WEEKLY CYCLE

The Change of the Calendar. The (Julian) calendar has been changed but once since 44 B.C. This change was made in October 1582, by decree of Pope Gregory. Ten days were dropped out of the month, to make the vernal equinox fall where it should in the year.

There was no change in the weekly cycle. The Sabbath (Saturday) remained the seventh day of the week, and Sunday observance remained the first day of the week.

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#### NO TIME LOST

Modern Times: The Orthodox Jews scattered throughout the world have kept strict record of time. They have zealously observed the seventh-day Sabbath throughout the ages. The Catholic Church has kept an accurate record of time. They observe Sunday, the first day of the week, in honor of Christ's resurrection. The majority of Protestants also keep Sunday, for the same reason. Historians have kept an accurate record of time. Astronomers have also kept an accurate record of time. Moreover, they claim that if all records of time should suddenly be lost, they could discover, from the stars, the year, the month, the week, the day, the hour, the minute, and the second! God put the stars in the heavens "for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years". Genesis 1:14. All calendars agree. There is no evidence whatsoever to support the false that "time claim has lost". been The major encyclopedias assure us that no time has been lost.

#### JESUS: LORD OF THE SABBATH

#### Matthew 12:8

For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.

Jesus : The Creator

Jesus made and blessed the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath
as a memorial of His creation

Hebrews 1: 1, 2, 10, 8 God... hath spoken unto us by His Son... by whom also He made the worlds. And thou Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth and the heavens are the works of thine hands... But unto the Son He saith, thy throne O God is forever.

Genesis 2:1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished... and on the 7<sup>th</sup> day God ended His work which he had made and rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day... and God blessed the 7<sup>th</sup> day and sanctified it.

# Jesus : The Lawgiver Jesus gave us the 10 Commandments including His Holy Sabbath day

Corinthians 10:1, 4 Brethren I would not that ye should be ignorant how that all our fathers were under the cloud and passed through the sea... and did all drink... of that spiritual rock that followed them: and that rock was Christ.

Nehemiah 9:6, 9, 13, 14 Thou, even thou art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven... the earth and all things that are therein and didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and... by the Red Sea thou camest down also upon Mount Sinai... and gavest them... true laws... and commandments: and madest known unto them Thy Holy Sabbath.

Jesus : The Lawkeeper
Jesus kept the Sabbath Day holy
while alive on earth as our example

Luke 4:16 And He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up for to read.

#### JESUS: LORD OF THE SABBATH

#### Matthew 12:8

For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.

Jesus : The Saviour
Jesus kept the Sabbath Day holy
Even during death as He lay in the tomb

#### Luke 23 : 54-56

And that day was the preparation and the Sabbath drew on. And the women... beheld his sepulcher, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments and rested the Sabbath day, according to the commandment.

#### Luke 24: 1-3

Now upon the **first day** of the week... they came unto the sepulchre bringing spices... and they entered in and found **not the body** of the **Lord Jesus**.

#### Jesus: The Re-Creator

Jesus, the one who is the beginning and the end, will re-create new heavens and a new earth and once again all men and women will worship him on the Sabbath as Adam and Eve once did!

#### Revelation 22: 13, 14, 16

I am alpha and omega, the beginning and the end... blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city... I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches...

#### Isaiah 66 : 22, 23

For as the **new heavens** and the **new earth** which I will **make**, shall remain before me saith **the Lord**, so... from <u>one</u> **Sabbath** to another shall **all flesh** come to **worship before me** saith the Lord.

# THE SABBATH FROM CREATION TO RE-CREATION

Re-creation New Heavens and New Earth	   saw the   saw the   all flesh"   worshipping   together   on the   Sabbath day	<i>Isaiah 66 : 22, 23</i> 1996 + A.D.
Final Generation of Earth who will be saved	John in Revelation saw that they were "Commandment" keepers which would include the 7th Day Sabbath	Rev. 12:17-Rev 14:12 Rev 22:12-14 1996 + A.D.
Temple Destroyed by Romans	Jesus prophesied destruction of temple and advised people living then to "pray that their flight was not on the Sabbath"	<b>Matt. 24: 1, 2, 15-20</b> 70 A.D.
Jesus dies on the cross	Jesus keeps 7th Day during His Life and rests on the Sabbath during death	Luke 23:52-56 Luke 24:1-6 30 A.D.
10 Commandments given to Moses	The Lord re-declares importance of 7th Day Sabbath	Ex. 20:1-17 1450 B.C.
Creation Of the World	7" Day   Sabbath   Given   To "man"   66 &   68 &   Eve)	<i>Gen. 2 : 1-3</i> 4004 B.C.

The <u>covenant</u> of <u>10 Commandments</u> on tables of stone given by the Lord Himself (Deut. 4:13)
 The Lord says to "<u>keep</u> my <u>Commandments always</u>" (Deut. 5:29)
 The Lord says He "Keeps <u>His Covenant</u> and mercy with them that love Him and <u>keep His Commandments</u> to a <u>thousand</u> generations" (Deut 7:9)

## **SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE**

#### Revelation 14:8

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## **BABYLON IS FALLEN**

Warning against
the religious confusion
and doctrine of the Churches

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**Revelation 18:2** And <u>he cried mightily</u> with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon** the great **is fallen**, is **fallen**, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

**Revelation 18:3** For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

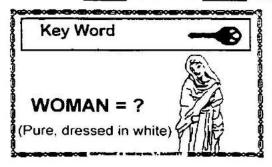
Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

**REVELATION 17:5** And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

Thus, the Bible declares that "Babylon" is represented by a wicked, <u>harlot woman</u>.

We need to discover from the Bible what a "woman" and a harlot woman represent.

#### Who does a Pure Woman represent?



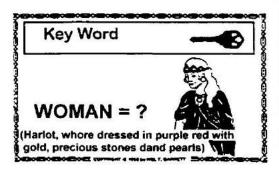
#### WOMAN = God's Church (Pure) (True Church)

Isa.54:5,6 "Thy Maker is thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is His name. the Lord hath called thee, as a woman, and a wife...".

Rev.19:7,8"...the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife... arrayed in fine linen, clean and white ...".

#### A <u>PURE</u> "WOMAN" REPRESENTS GOD'S CHURCH

#### Who does a Adulterous Woman represent?



## WOMAN = Satan's Church system (whore) false Church

Rev.17:1-6."...The great whore with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication... the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet... gold, precious stones and pearls."

Rev.2:20 "... That woman Jezebel which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants ..."

#### ADULTEROUS "WOMAN" REPRESENTS A FALSE CHURCH

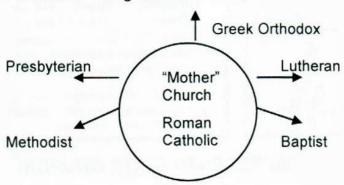
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Thus, "Babylon" represents a False Church System consisting of a "Mother Church" and her "Daughter Churches".

During the time known in history as the "Dark Ages", the Catholic Church had both civil and religious power. It ruled with an "iron hand" and persecuted anyone who dared to disagree with its teachings. Martin Luther was one of the first to protest against its teachings which were not Biblical. Other men, who were to become great church leaders, like John Wesley, and John Calvin did the same and these men became known as "Protestants" as they tried to "reform" the Catholic Church. This eventually caused a separation to occur between these "reformation churches" and the Catholic Church. Thus the description of a "Mother" church and her "daughter" churches.

#### PAST SEPARATION

Protestant "Daughter" Churches



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#### **FUTURE UNITING**

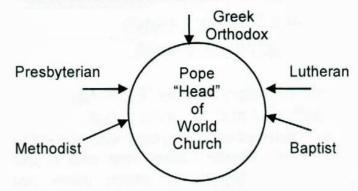
Hosea 1:11 Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

Isaiah 9: 14-15 Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day. The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.

THE "ANCIENT ONE" TO BE "THE HEAD" COULD ONLY BE THE POPE

"HEAD" OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH!!

The Ecumenical Movement



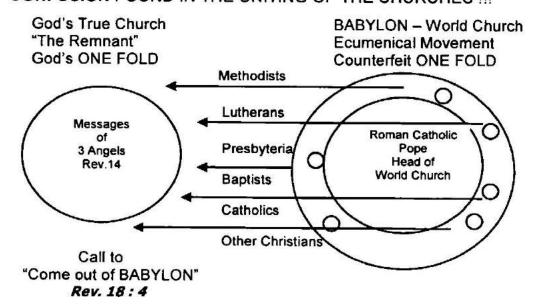
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Thus, the <u>Ecumenical Movement</u> or the "uniting together" of the Churches is **NOT** the <u>unity of faith</u> or the "**one fold**" that God wants!! It is "**BABYLON**" or Religious Confusion!!!

# GOD'S TRUE CHURCH WILL GIVE THE CALL TO "COME OUT OF BABYLON"

Rev. 18: 1-4 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily, with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

# GOD'S TRUE CHURCH WILL GIVE THE WARNING CRY TO: "COME OUT OF BABYLON" SO THAT GOD'S PEOPLE WHO ARE IN BABYLON WILL UNDERSTAND AND LEAVE THE RELIGIOUS CONFUSION FOUND IN THE UNITING OF THE CHURCHES !!!



# GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE BABYLON

When they hear the call to "come out"

Rev. 17:3, 5-6 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. Rev. 17:1, 2 Come... I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore; with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk.

#### SOUTHERN TIDINGS. JANUARY 2000 RELIGIOUS LIBERTY FEATURE BY NATHANIEL G. HIGGS

The document, Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium is an instrument of reconciliation for evangelical Protestants and Catholic Christians. The document is an amicable attempt to bring all Christian churches, including the Eastern Orthodox Church, into one fellowship by the year 2000. If realized, this may well be the greatest misadventure of Y2K. The document infers that there is one Christ and one mission; hence, there should be one Christian church. This document was signed by dozens of influential Catholic and Protestant leaders. According to Religion Today, it has been reported that nine Protestant churches have agreed towards steps of unity which will allow them to celebrate communion together, share one baptism and recognize each as authentic expressions of one church in Jesus Christ. These churches, Episcopal, Presbyterian (USA), Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, the Christian Methodist Episcopal and the International Council of Community Churches signed an agreement to unite by 2002. On June 25, 1998, the world Lutheran Church decided to reconcile with its mother church. Cardinal William Keeler of the Catholic Church said, "This is the most significant development in any dialog we have had with churches that came from the reformation".

#### **COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

- Is this <u>Spiritual</u> Union of all these <u>Churches</u> a good thing?
- 2. What position does this <u>Union</u> of the <u>Churches</u> put the True Church in ?
- 3. If the True Church <u>refuses</u> to join the Union of Churches, what will be the <u>response</u> of the Church Union? To <u>whom</u> will they appeal?
- 4. Is there a symbolic "picture" of this <u>Large Church Union</u> anywhere <u>else</u> in the <u>Bible</u>? If so, how does the Bible say it <u>enforces</u> its will ?(Read Revelation 17: 1-18)

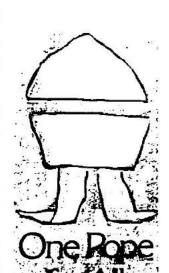
#### Pope's Delegate to World Council : "Tremendous" Breakthrough Looms

SAN DIEGO - Pope Paul's representative at the World Council of Churches (WCC) said here he is convinced that the Christian world was on the brink of a "tremendous breakthrough" in ecumenical unity.

"We are on the eve of a tremendous breakthrough" said Belgian Father Joseph J. Spae, CICM. "Several signs of this new epoch in ecumenical relationships can be seen, which I would compare with the new epoch in theology".

The 62 year old Flemish priest. member of the congregation of general secretary of the Joint Commission on Society Development and Peace, an agency of the WCC and the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace.. He came here to speak on the state of world ecumenism today.

"When we look around the world", Father Spae said in an interview, "we see that the time is ripe for a breakthrough that will put Christianity on the map as having recaptured the unity for which Christ prayed on the eve of His death".



# Methodism Held Closer to Catholicism Than to Churches of the Reformation

DUBLIN - United Methodist Bishop William R. Cannon, of Georgia, told the World Methodist Conference here that Methodism, is closer to Roman Catholicism than to the Protestant churches of the Reformation.

In a major address on ecumenism, the 60 year-old bishop declared that Methodism and Catholicism are close "both in spirituality and in our views of moral attainment here on earth.

According to Bishop Cannon who was co-chairman of the decade of Methodist-Catholic dialogs. John Wesley "and the great teachers of Roman Catholicism taught an ethic of human realization in the here and now, believing that the God who forgives sin likewise effects righteousness in the lives of them who believe. Nov.1977

#### THE READER'S DIGEST - 112 Jan.1975

At a recent Catholic-Baptist conference in Daytona Beach, Fla. Cecil Sherman, pastor of the Asheville, N.C., First Baptist Church, said God is "saving the church" even now.

Dr. Sherman remarked that the growing secularity of our time "was driving Southern Baptists (12,5 million strong, but not yet part of the Council of Churches) and Catholics (once felt by some Southern Baptists to be condemned to hell or "saved in spite of their church" toward each other. "A secular world cannot tell the difference.

#### CATHOLICS AND ANGLICANS PROPOSE UNITY UNDER POPE

A joint commission of Roman Catholics and Anglicans has recommended the two churches be united under the supreme authority of the Pope. The proposal to end the four century old split between the two churches was made by the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, co-chaired by archbishops from each church. The idea now goes to its parent bodies for further, study. Recommendations for reunion are expected to cause soul-searching among members of the Episcopal Church in the United States because they prize their local autonomy of the individual diocese. April 1977

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# THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

Revelation 14:9, 10

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.

# WARNING NOT TO WORSHIP THE BEAST OR TO RECEIVE HIS MARK

Warning against a specific religious power not to worship as it does nor receive its mark

# READ THE MOST AWFUL WARNING EVER GIVEN BY GOD TO MAN!!

READ REVELATION 14: 9-11!

WHO OR WHAT IS THE BEAST POWER

THAT GOD WARNS US AGAINST?

WHAT IS THE MARK OF THE BEAST?

THE FOLLOWING BIBLE STUDY
WILL ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS!

Revelation 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

## **REVELATION 13**

2And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

- Here we have our first clue as to the identity of the BEAST.
- The Bible says that the "Dragon" gave the BEAST his power.
- If we can identify the "Dragon", then we should be able to identify the BEAST.
- Let us compare the Bible texts to discover the identity of the "Dragon".

# **REVELATION 12**

**9** And the great **dragon** was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and **Satan**, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him

Thus, the "Dragon" represents SATAN.

# THE "DRAGON"

What is represented by the "DRAGON" described in Rev 12?

- 1. The Dragon is (SATAN) Rev 12:9
- 2. The **Dragon** started his <u>war</u> with God in (HEAVEN) **Rev 12: 3,7-10** and continues his <u>war</u> with God's people on (EARTH) **Rev 12: 12-16.**
- The Dragon is described as being <u>red</u> and having 7 (HEADS) and 10 (HORNS) and 7 crowns on his heads *Rev 12:3*.
   We know that <u>SATAN</u> is actually a <u>beautiful angel</u>.

(Isa 14: 12-14 and Ezk 28: 1,2, 12-19).

Compare Dan 7: 7,23-25 and Rev 13: 1-6 and Rev 17: 3-6 to the description of the "DRAGON" of Rev 12: 3

4. SATAN as the "DRAGON" worked through the KINGDOMS of :

DRAGON = EGYPT

Ezk 29:3"...behold I am against thee, pharaoh, king of Egypt, the great dragon..."

DRAGON = BABYLON

Jer 51: 34 "... the king of Babylon hath devoured me... like a dragon.

 Rev 12 Describes SATAN working through another kingdom in an attempt to destroy the <u>baby Jesus</u> who was the <u>Son of God</u>.

Rev 12: 4"...and the dragon stood before the woman...
for to devour her child as soon as it was
born... and her child was caught up unto
God and to his throne".

"Rome must likewise be the power here spoken of as the dragon, as it, in the person of Herod a Roman governor, caused all the children in Bethlehem, from two years old and under, to be put to death, with the special object in view of putting to death the promised Saviour, as soon as He was born. And it is a matter of interest to note here the fact that during the second, third, fourth and fifth centuries of the Christian era, next to the eagle, the dragon was the principal standard of the Roman legions; and that dragon was painted red. It seems to be a representative picture showing to the world that Rome was the power symbolized by the red dragon". "The story of the ages" pg 151

Thus, the **DRAGON** = Kingdom of **ROME** 

# THE **DRAGON** GIVES <u>POWER</u> TO THE **BEAST**

(REV 13:2) "And the BEAST which I saw was like unto a LEOPARD, and his feet were as the feet of a BEAR, and his mouth as the mouth of a LION:

and the "DRAGON"

**GAVE** him

his POWER
his SEAT
and GREAT AUTHORITY"

SUBSTITUTING
THE <u>IDENTITY</u>
OF THE <u>DRAGON</u> = ROME

and "ROME"

**GAVE the "BEAST"** 

his POWER
his SEAT
and GREAT AUTHORITY

THUS:

ROMAN POWER
ROMAN SEAT
ROMAN GREAT AUTHORITY

GIVEN TO THE "BEAST"

"BEAST"
ROMAN POWER
RECEIVES
ROMAN SEAT
ROMAN GREAT AUTHORITY

## 1137. Papacy Donation of Constantine

Cited as Basis of Territorial Sovereignty.

SOURCE: Christopher B. Coleman. The Treatise of Lorenzo Valla on the Donation of Constantine, pp. 1-4, 11, 13, 17 (including translation from the text of the Donation in the Decretum of Gratian, or Concordia Discordantium Canonum Part 1, Distinctio 96. Chap. 14. Copyright 1922 by Yale University Press, New Haven. Used by permission.

[p.11] The Donation of Constantine [text]...

The Emperor Constantine the fourth day after his baptism conferred this privilege on the Pontiff of the Roman church, that in the whole Roman world priests should regard him as [p.13] their head, as judges do the king... As the Blessed Peter is seen to have been constituted vicar of the Son of God [Latin, Vicarius Filii Dei] on the earth, so the Pontiffs who are the representatives of that same chief of the apostles, should obtain from us and our empire the power of a supremacy greater than the clemency of our earthly imperial serenity is seen to have conceded to it, choosing that same chief of the apostles and his vicars to be our constant intercessors with God. And to the extent of our earthly imperial power, we have decreed that his holy Roman church shall be honored with veneration, and that more than our empire and earthly throne the most sacred seat of the Blessed Peter shall be gloriously exalted, we giving to it power, and dignity of glory, and vigor, and honor imperial. And we ordain and decree that he shall have the supremacy as well over the four principal seats. Alexandria, Antioch, Jerusalem and Constantinople, as also over all the churches of God in the whole earth. And the Pontiff, who at the time shall be at the head of the holy Roman church itself, shall be more exalted than, and chief over, all the priests of the whole world, and according to his judgment everything which it provides of the faith of Christians is to be administered... [p.17]. Wherefore, in order that the supreme pontificate may not deteriorate, but may rather be adorned with glory and power even more than is the dignity of an earthly rule; behold, we give over and relinquish to the aforesaid our most blessed Pontiff, Sylvester, the universal Pope, as well our palace, as has been said, as also the city of Rome, and all the province places and cities of Italy and the western regions, and we decree by this our godlike and pragmatic sanction that they are to be controlled by him and by his successors, and we grant that they shall remain under the law of the holy Roman church.

Thus, THE "BEAST" = ROMAN CHURCH
ROMAN POWER
ROMAN SEAT
ROMAN AUTHORITY

## **REVELATION 13**

4And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 7And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

# "BEAST" (ROMAN CHURCH)

- 1. "Made war with the Saints (Rev 13:7)
- 2. "To continue 42 months (Rev 13:5)

42 X 30 = 1260 days

= 1260 years

**Ezekiel 4:6** And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: <u>I have appointed thee each day for a year</u>.

Numbers 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Because the CATHOLIC CHURCH was IN POWER for 1260 years and was DOING the Persecuting, therefore the Catholic Church CANNOT be GOD'S TRUE CHURCH!!!

(History records only <u>one Church</u> which was in power that long Roman Catholic).

# THE 1260 YEARS OF PERSECUTION

# THE END OF THE PERIOD

The New Catholic Dictionary 1929 Ed. Page 663 Article "Napoleon"

"March 1798 resulting in the Holy Sees surrender of important territories and the imprisonment of Pius VI.

The New Catholic Dictionary 1929 Ed. Page 765 Article "Pius VI" "Under Napoleon Rome was sacked and proclaimed a republic, 1798. Pius refused to submit and was born in captivity to Valence, (France) where he died".

# THE **BEGINING** OF THE PERIOD

Colliers Ency, 1973 Ed. Page 668 Article "Justinian 1" "Witiges supplanted Theodad and pressed Rome hard by seige from March 537 to March 538.

The Shorter Cambridge Medieval History

Page 190 Article "The Reign of Justinian"

"They dethroned Theodad, and chose in his place the valiant Witiges. The new king bought off the hostile Franks with a cession of Provence, and the attacked Belisarius in Rome with his whole fighting force. The epic seige lasted a year (March 538). In it Belisarius, with 5000 men, defended the city victoriously against an overwhelming foe".

Greece Under the Romans, by George Finlay

Page 295 Article "Witiges Repulsed from Rome Belisarius. A.D. 538 a Turning Point".

"With the conquest of Rome by Belisarius, the history of the ancient city may be considered as terminating and with his defense against Witiges commences the history of the middle ages".

Editors note: "The period known as the Middle Ages is roughly speaking the age of the Papacy".

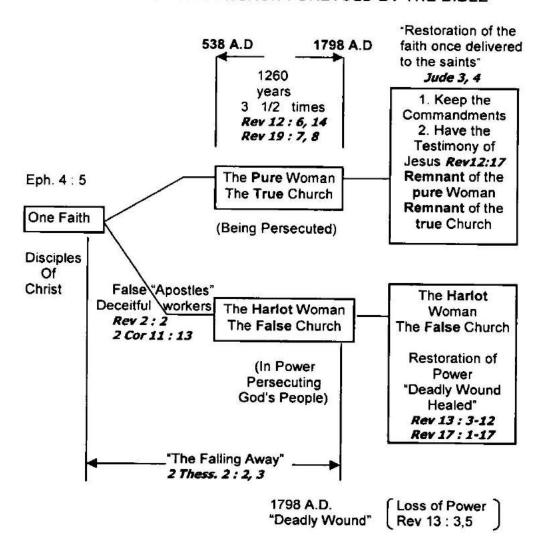
> End of Reign or Power March 1798 Beginning of Reign or Power March 538

> > TOTAL YEARS IN POWER

1260

Thus. the CATHOLIC CHURCH was IN POWER for 1260 years.

#### THE SPLIT OF THE CHURCH FORETOLD BY THE BIBLE



Who does the Pure Woman represent in the Bible?

2 Co.11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

The Pure Woman represents God's True Church and the Remnant of the woman represents the very last remaining part of God's True Church!!!

Rev. 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev. 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

After this long period of persecution, known in history as the dark ages, the last remaining part of the Church, the "remnant" would appear and would have the identifying characteristics of keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus.

Rev. 14:12 Here is the patience of the saint: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

#### PERSECUTION OF THE TRUE CHURCH

Rev 12: 14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Times + 2 Times + 1/2 Time = 3 1/2 Times

1 Time = 1 Year (lunar year) = 360 days

3 1/2 Times = 3 1/2 X 360 = 1260 days

1day (prophetic)

= 1 year (literal)

1260 days (prophetic) = 1260 years (literal)

The **Prophet Daniel** mentioned this long period of time and the **persecution** that would come upon the people of God:

Dan 7: 25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

#### THE TEN KINGS

Dan 7: 7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a <u>fourth beast</u>, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

23 Thus he said, the fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24 And the ten horns, out of this kingdom are ten kings, that arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

# TEN DIVISIONS OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

1	Franks	France	1	15
2	Alemani	Germany	1 1	1000
3	Burgundians	Switzerland	7 1	3
4	Suevi	Portugal	1 > 7	<.
5	Lombards	Italy	7 [	
6	Visigoths	Spain	1	
7	AngloSaxons	England	1 丿	
8	Heruli	Italy	Odoacer	476 – 493 AD
9	Vandals	Africa	Genseric	439 – 534 AD
1	Ostrogoths	Italy	Theodoric	493 – 538 AD



Little Horn uprooted

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#### THE LITTLE HORN



The German tribes that conquered the Western Empire were easily converted to Christianity: and during the centuries of confusion that followed while the power of the Roman Empire declined the power of the Roman Christian Church increased. In the course of centuries its bishops and priests looking to the Bishop of Rome as their leader, built up that most extraordinary and powerful institution the Roman Catholic Church of medieval times.

Dan 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth, speaking great things. 24 And the ten horns, out of this kingdom are ten kings, that arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

#### THE LITTLE HORN

#### 10 DIVISIONS OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

#### TIME

Dan 7:24 And the ten horns, out of this kingdom are ten kings, that arise and another shall rise after them;

LOCATION

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another little horn..

MANNER

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Dan 7: 24... and he shall subdue three kings.

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6 Visigoths	Spain
7 AngloSaxons	England
8 Heruli	Italy
9 Vandals	Africa
10 Ostrogoths	Italy

3 kings

Characteristics which identify and show that the "Little Horn" of Dan 7 is the same as the Beast of Rev 13

"Little Horn" (Roman Church)	"Beast" (Roman Church)	Characteristic
Dan 7: 20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.	Rev 13: 7and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. Rev 13: 4 who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?	Stronger than the other 10 kings (had civil power over all the earth)
Dan 7: 24and he shall be diverse from the first	Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the word.  Rev 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast	<u>Different</u> from the other 10 kings (had religious power over all the earth)
Dan 7:8behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth, speaking great things.  Dan 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High!	Rev 13:5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies. Rev 13:6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God.	Spoke <u>blasphemy</u> against God
Dan 7: 25 and think to change times and laws	Rev 13:6 to blaspheme his *name and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven *name - ("onoma") authority	Claimed authority to change God's *Times and Laws *Times (Zeman) - an appointed occasion
Dan 7:21   beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Dan 7:25wear out the saints of the most High Dan 7:25and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.	Rev 13: 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them.  Rev 13: 5 and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.	Fought against the saints and overcame them Had power over the saints for 42 months or a time, times and the dividing of time
Dan 7:11! beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain  Dan 7:26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.	Rev 13: 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.  Rev 13: 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity; he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints	Was killed with the sword and had his dominion taken away. Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God

In **Daniel 7: 24,25** the "<u>LITTLE HORN</u>" was to have <u>power</u> for a Time, Times and dividing of time or <u>1260 years</u> and then the **power** was to be **removed**.

The "LITTLE HORN" that had power was described as having a "mouth speaking great things" (Daniel 7:8).

#### SIMILARLY

In **Revelation 13:5** there is a power described as "continuing for 42 months" or <u>1260 years</u> and then the **power** was to be **removed**. This same power was described as having a "mouth speaking great things" (**Revelation 13:5**).

THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE DESCRIPTIONS IN **DANIEL 7** AND REVELATION 13 IS <u>UNMISTAKABLE</u>! THE "LITTLE HORN" POWER OF THE <u>BEAST OF **DANIEL 7**</u> MUST REPRESENT THE "<u>HEAD</u>" THAT WAS WOUNDED TO DEATH OF THE BEAST OF **REVELATION 13**!

"LITTLE HORN" = "WOUNDED HEAD"

OF OF

(BEAST of Daniel 7) (BEAST of Revelation 13)

= ROMAN CATHOLICISM

(Rev 13:3) Further describes this power by stating that "ONE OF THE HEADS" of the beast of Rev 13 was "WOUNDED TO DEATH and then the "DEADLY WOUND WAS HEALED" !!!

Thus, God has revealed a remarkable thing to us: The "Wounded Head" of the Beast of Rev 13 or the "Little Horn" of Dan 7, which we have previously discovered represented Roman Catholicism, was to have Great Power for 1260 years and then was to lose its power.

Then, unlike the other world powers before it, the <u>power</u> of Roman Catholicism was to be restored !!!

- God has said that once again "all the world will wonder after the beast whose <u>deadly wound</u> was healed" (*Rev 13: 3*).
- God has also said "all that dwell upon the earth shall worship" the beast, "whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb!!! (Rev 13:8).

## THE SWORD

The Bible said in *Rev 13:10* "He that leadeth into <u>captivity</u> shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the **sword**, must be <u>killed</u> with the **sword**...

What does the "sword" represent?

## A) Spiritual - The Bible

Rev 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death and his deadly wound was healed and all the world wondered after the beast

Rev 13: 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

The Spiritual power of the Roman Church was taken away by the Bible, the Sword of the Reformation, when people began to study and see the errors of the Roman Catholic Church.

Results of the Reformation Luther rejected the authority of the Pope and held up the Bible as the decisive authority, Luther also insisted that Christians should find their religious authority in the Bible. and not in the Church. This doctrine was in direct opposition to the Catholic view that only clergy the are properly qualified through training and spiritual authority to interpret the scriptures.

B) Literal – War (Isa 2:4)
The New Catholic Dictionary 1929 ed.
Pg 765 PIUS VI

**Pius VI** Pope (1775-1798).

Born Cesena, Italy died Valence, France "..under Napoleon Rome was sacked and proclaimed a republic, 1798. Pius refused to submit and was borne in captivity to Valence where he died".

The Literal power of the Roman Church was literally taken away by the sword of Napoleon in 1798.

# THE DEADLY WOUND

What caused the "<u>Deadly Wound</u>" that <u>ended</u> the power of the Roman Catholic Church or "Little Horn" or "Beast" power?

Rev 13: 9 Says that it was "killed with the sword".

Rev 13: 14 Says "the Beast which had the wound by a sword and did live".

We previously discovered that the "sword" (*Eph 6:17*) represented "The Word of God" or the **Bible**!

Thus, the <u>Power</u> of the <u>Roman Catholic Church</u> was <u>destroyed</u> or the "<u>Beast wounded to death</u>" when people began **studying** the **Bible**!!

Why would "studying the Bible" destroy the <u>Power</u> of the <u>Roman Catholic Church</u>? It should have <u>increased</u> the <u>Power</u> of the Church over the people, if what they found in the Bible agreed with what they had been taught by the Church!

Obviously then, what people found when they studied the Bible greatly differed from what they had been taught by the Church!

People began to "protest" about these <u>differences</u> and they tried to "<u>reform</u>" the <u>Roman Catholic Church</u>!!

The "Protestant" reformation had begun !!

# **HEALING THE DEADLY WOUND**

What will cause the "deadly wound" to be healed?

The "sword" or "Word of God" or Bible caused the wound.

As long as the "sword" remains in the wound, the wound cannot heal. If the "sword" is removed, the wound can heal.

As long as the **Bible** or "Word of God" is **studied**, people will continue to see how the Roman Catholic Church differs from the teachings of the Bible and it will have **NO POWER**.

When people **stop studying** the **Bible**, they will <u>no longer</u> be able to <u>detect error</u>, and the <u>Roman Catholic Church</u> will <u>once again have Power over the people</u>.

Then, the "deadly wound will have been healed" !!

Thus, God has revealed a remarkable thing to us: the "wounded head" of the Beast (of Rev. 13) or the "little horn" (of Dan. 7), which we have previously discovered represented Roman Catholicism was to have Great Power for 1260 years and then was to lose its power.

Then, unlike the other world powers before it, the <u>power</u> of Roman Catholicism was to be restored!!!

God has said that once again "all the world will wonder after the Beast whose deadly wound was healed" (Rev. 13:3,12).

God has also said "all that dwell upon the earth shall worship" the Beast, "whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb" !!! (Rev. 13:8)

# "DEADLY WOUND HEALED OR RESTORATION OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM TO WORLD POWER

**How** will the <u>Roman Catholic Church</u> be restored to <u>world power</u>?

We have discovered that the "healing of the deadly wound" or "restoration of power" takes place when people put aside the "sword" or the "Bible" and no longer see the errors of Roman Catholicism. Rev. 13:11 describes a beast having "two horns like a lamb" and yet "speaking as a dragon". This beast we discover represents a power to arise which would come into power after the Roman Catholic Church of the Middle Ages had lost it's power. (Rev. 13:11, 12)

Revelation 13: 11-12 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

(King James Version).

The "Two horned beast" is described as "causing the Earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed". (Rev. 13:12)

The Bible then describes **how** those that dwell on the Earth are **deceived** into **worshipping** the first **beast** through the means of **miracles** performed by the "2 horned beast".

Revelation 13:13-14 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 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. (King James Version).

When we examine *Revelation 19:20*, we find more information about the **miracle working** power.

"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 worship his image.

Here God calls the miracle working power the false prophet! What is a false prophet? A false prophet is one who claims to speak for God, but in actuality speaks for Satan! Thus, the reason for the description of a beast with "2 horns like a lamb" (God) but "speaking as a dragon" (Satan)!

# THE FALSE PROPHET (Revelation 19: 20)

The <u>false prophet</u> is said to "<u>deceive</u> them that dwell on the Earth by the <u>means of miracles</u>".

Thus, instead of using Gods' Word, the <u>Bible</u>, to "prove all things" (1 Thess. 5:21), the <u>false prophet</u> must rely on miracles to "prove" his position. His power to work miracles comes from the (dragon) or <u>Satan</u>, since he "<u>speaks like a dragon</u>", and many will be "<u>caused to believe a lie</u>". (2 Thess. 2:3-12)

What <u>power</u> today could possibly represent the false prophet"? What power today SHOULD represent the "true prophet"? Wouldn't it be the <u>same power</u> that "wounded the <u>beast</u>"? Wouldn't it be the Reformation Churches that broke the power of the Roman Catholic Church by demanding a "thus sayeth the Lord" from the Bible?

Thus, God is <u>warning us</u> that the **Reformation Churches** will **turn** from their former position ("like a <u>lamb</u>"), of <u>proving</u> <u>all things by the Word of God</u> or "<u>Sola Scriptura</u>" as Martin Luther said, and will instead ("speak like a **dragon**") relying on **miracles** to "prove" their positions that can **no longer** be "proved" from the Bible!

# THE FALSE PROPHET (Cont)

The "2 horned beast" or false prophet is said to "cause the Earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast whose deadly wound was healed".

The Bible says the world is to be warned against the "beast" power or Roman Catholicism, from receiving its mark, number or name! (Rev.14:9, 10 - Rev 13:16-18)

Rev. 14:9-10 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand. The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Rev. 13: 16-18 And causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand. or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is number of a man; and his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] SIX.

Instead of giving this warning, the Reformation Churches will deceive the world into supporting a resurrected (deadly wound healed) Roman Catholic world power!

The Bible says the "2 horned beast" or "false prophet" or the **Reformation Churches** will say to them that dwell on the Earth that they should "make an image" to the beast which had the wound by the sword and did live. (Rev. 13:14)

What would an "image" to the "beast" or to the Roman Catholic Church look like? What did it look like before?

# THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST

The "Original" Beast Power or

#### Roman Catholicism

## **PAST** History

# Middle Ages:

- 1. Pope Head of all the churches
- 2. Civil power (Roman Emperor) enforced decrees of the Catholic Church
- 3. Sunday made the official day of worship and laws passed to enforce its observance
- 4. Persecution

The "Image" of the Beast or

# Modern Roman Catholicism

**FUTURE** History

- 1. Pope will be made Head of all the churches
- Civil power (U.S. & Kings of the World) (Rev. 17) will enforce decrees of the Catholic Church
- 3. Sunday will be made the official day of worship and laws will be passed to enforce its observance
- 4. Persecution will result, no buying or selling and finally a death decree (*Rev.* 13: 15-17)

# Jesus will rescue those who have :

- 1. The Faith of Jesus
- 2. Keep His Commandments (Rev. 14:12 Rev. 12:17)

# 1134. Papacy - Code of Justinian Recognizes Roman Pope's Headship Over All the Churches (A.D. 533)

SOURCE: Justinian, Letter to Pope John, incorporated in the letter of Pope John to the emperor in The Code of Justinian, Book 1, title 1, 8 (numbered title 1, 4 in S. P. Scott's English version), The Civil Law, Vol. 12, pp. 11-13. Copyright 1932 by The Central Trust Company, Cincinnati. Used by permission of Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, as one of the copyright owners, and John M. Rankin, as trustee, and the beneficiaries of the trust created under the Last Will & Testament of Elizabeth W. Scott, deceased.

[p.11] The following is the text of the letter of the Emperor Justinian, Victorious, Pious, Happy, Renowed, Triumphant, always Augustus, to John, Patriarch, and most Holy Archbishop of the fair City of Rome: We have always had the greatest desire to preserve the unity of your Apostolic See, and the condition of the Holy Churches of God, as they [p.12] exist at the present time, that they may remain without disturbance or opposition. Therefore, we have exerted Ourselves to unite all the priests of the East and subject them to the See of Your Holiness. and hence the questions which have at present arisen, although they are manifest and free from doubt, and, according to the doctrine of your Apostolic See, are constantly firmly observed and preached by all priests, We have still considered it necessary that they should be brought to the attention of Your Holiness. For we do not suffer anything which has reference to the state of the Church, even though what causes the difficulty may be clear and free from doubt, to be discussed without being brought to the notice of Your Holiness, because you are the head of all the Holy Churches, for We shall exert Ourselves in every way (as has already been stated), to increase the honor and authority of your See ...

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# FROM JANUARY to OCTOBER, 1883 THE OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY AND CIVIL LAWS FOR ITS ENFORCEMENT, 139

The Sunday, as a day of the week set apart for the obligatory public worship of Almighty God; to be sanctified by a suspension of all servile labor, trade, and worldly avocations and by exercises of devotion, is purely a creation of the Catholic Church.

The Sunday laws are in their origin a part of the Catholic system enforced by the state when Europe was Catholic. The day and the regulations have no logical basis except the authority of the Catholic Church.

In the primitive days of fervor and piety all days were so consecrated by exercises of devotion that no special command for the sanctification of the first day is traced.

This became gradually obligatory, although the command was not at first pre-emptory. The Council of Laodicea, in 364 A.D., defines: "That Christians must not Judaize and refrain from manual labor on Saturday, but work on that day; and that, preferring the Lord's day, they must then rest, if this can be done, as becomes Christians".

The Church thus began by calling her children to sanctify the first day of the week, that on which God the Son rose from the dead, that, on which God the Father began the creation of the world, and God the Holy Ghost descended on the Apostles. She commanded a laying aside of business, a refraining from servile work, as a means to the end she had in view, the sanctification of the day.

Constantine lent the power of the state to enforce the regulations of the Church, and the civil law began to enforce the spiritual decrees. He commanded the Lord's day to be observed by all as a festival and day of rest.

<u>Protestantism</u>, in discarding the authority of the Church, has no good reason for its <u>Sunday theory</u>, and ought, logically, to keep Saturday as the Sabbath, with the Jews and Seventh-Day Baptists.

# SOUTHERN TIDINGS JANUARY 2000 RELIGIOUS LIBERTY FEATURE BY NATHANIEL G. HIGGS

The document, Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium is an instrument of reconciliation for evangelical Protestants and Catholic Christians.

The document is an amicable attempt to bring all Christian churches, including the Eastern Orthodox Church, into one fellowship by the year 2000. If realized, this may well be the greatest misadventure of Y2K. The document infers that there is one Christ and one mission; hence, there should be one Christian church. This document was signed by dozens of influential Catholic and Protestant leaders.

According to <u>Religion Today</u>, it has been reported that nine **Protestant churches** have agreed toward steps of unity which will allow them to celebrate communion together, share one baptism and recognize each as authentic expressions of one church in Jesus Christ. These churches, Episcopal, Presbyterian (USA), Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, the Christian Methodist Episcopal and the International Council of Community Churches signed an agreement to unite by 2002.

On June 25, 1998, the world Lutheran Church decided to reconcile with its mother church. Cardinal William Keeler of the Catholic Church said, "This is the most significant development in any dialog we have had with churches that came from the reformation".

This Article is an example of how Protestants will call for civil laws to enforce the day of worship established by the Catholic church.

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#### THE DIVINE COMMAND AND NATIONAL OBLIGATION

When the posterity of Abraham encamped at the foot of Mount Sinai and accepted the terms of the Covenant God made with them, they became His Kingdom people. Thus, the Kingdom of God was established upon earth over three thousand and five hundred years ago, the Kingdom over which Jesus is to reign forever. It is to this Kingdom that God gave His commandments, statutes and judgments to be administered as the law of their land. The elders -that is, the shepherds, or leaders of His people- were enjoined to enforce individuals to observe and keep the commandments, while the administrators of national affairs were to adhere to statute requirements. All decisions rendered under both the commandments and statutes were to conform with the judgments of the Lord. The enforced keeping of the administration of all these laws became a national obligation. The punishment for their violations thus became a national responsibility.

To illustrate let us, for instance, take the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill [Hebrew, that is, murder]" (Ex. 20:13). What about the one who violates this commandment? Shall a church elect to sit in judgment and render the verdict? Shall a group of individuals assume such responsibility? Not at all, for the statute of the Lord makes the taking of such action a national obligation. The individual, who happens, in this instance, to be a murderer, is brought before the judicial branch of the government. The judge or judges who are qualified to render a verdict in conformity with the required statute sits in judgment on the case. That statute states:

"Whom killeth any person. The murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die". (Num.35: 30)

This evidence by witnesses is further confirmed:

"At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death by put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death". (Deut.17:6)

How about a sentence for life in jail? Would this be acceptable for one who has murdered? It would not. For the Law of the Lord states :

"Ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death". (Num.35:31)

For every commandment there is a statute law that instructs the nation how to deal with the one who violates the commandment.

Today our land is ridden with violence and crime, with murder on the increase for failing to enact the commandments.

statutes and judgments of the Law of the Lord as the law of our land. Because we are, indeed, the House of Israel, it is our national obligation to administer the Law of the Lord as the law of our land and enforce\_their observance by all our inhabitants. Then and then only would the blessing of righteousness be enjoyed by all our people.

In confirmation of our national responsibility as God's people, it has long been established, beyond any question of doubt, that the Anglo-Saxon Celtic and kindred peoples are the lineal descendants of the Northern Ten-Tribed Kingdom of Israel and, hence, the House of Israel in the world today. They are the people to whom the Kingdom was transferred when Jesus informed the Jews that the Kingdom would be taken from them and given to a nation bringing forth the thereof (Matt.21:43). Jesus commissioned His disciples to got to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt.10:6) and, following Jesus' death and resurrection, they carried out this assigned mission of going to our forefathers, as pointed out in the booklet, "They Knew!" \*

With the identity of God's people thus established, it cannot be too strongly emphasized we have a national responsibility to heed the Law of the Lord and, by legislative enactment, make that law the law of our land. Following such enactment we are to then proceed to compel all to observe and keep the requirements of that law. Punishment for the violation of any of these laws would thus become a national obligation.

The Kingdom Identified

It was Israel of old that set the bounds of law observance and enforced the penalties for their violation. The same should be true today. When our forefathers came to the shores of this North American Continent, they established, in conformity with the terms of the Fourth Commandment, the weekly days devoted to labor, with Sunday as the day of rest. By keeping Sunday as our national Sabbath day, the Lord prospered our nation and over the years it grew in power and prestige and became a great people. On Sunday, the seventh day following six days of labor, stores were forced to remain shut, places of entertainment were closed and Sunday sports of all kinds were tabooed. Even the ungodly were compelled to conform with the requirements of this holy day. The day was nationally observed and business transactions were not permitted.

Because the circumference of this globe is not programmed to be evenly divided into a week of seven days when the inhabitants move from a given location either towards the east or the west, they became aware of the need for making adjustment for this fact. Because this was so, God, in His wisdom. so worded the Fourth Commandment that the seventh day, or Sabbath, is not specified to fall upon a particular day of the week. Had God intended that, Saturday, the seventh day of the week, was always to be the Sabbath, He would have so specified it. But He was fully aware, but for the humanly established time zones, all men would know the impossibility of observing, as their Sabbath, the same day worldwide.

#### Generating Dissension

A little over a hundred years ago a change began to occur when a church arose that brought into question the right of the government of the House of Israel, His Kingdom people, to designate the week of six days of labor to be followed by the day of rest and the Sabbath. From colonial times, Sunday had been selected as our national day of worship, and God blessed and prospered our country and we were victorious over all our foes. This is no longer true. The Seventh Day Adventist Church selected the Jewish Sabbath, Saturday, as the only day complying with the terms of the Fourth Commandment. Their contention and strong opposition to our national day of worship has been a contributing factor in an increase in present-day expanding desecration of the Lord's day, that is, Sunday as the Christian's Sabbath. The result is becoming very evident, for no day of the week is now being uniformly observed throughout our nation as holy unto the Lord.

Let it be clearly understood we are not Special Alert No.43

condemning Sabbatarians in their selection of Saturday for worship but, rather, challenging them as completely in error when they charge that the national selection of Sunday as our Sabbath is violating the terms of the Fourth Commandment. Furthermore, Sabbatarians and those who worship on Sunday should elect to observe either Saturday or Sunday, whichever day has been nationally designated as the day following six days of labor for rest and worship. This would contribute to uniformity of observance, as well as preventing one day in seven in a given community from becoming desecrated. Because Sunday is the Sabbath of the majority in our land and has been nationally established as the day of worship, it is the day all should be compelled to observe as the Lord's Day, that is, all, both citizens and strangers in our midst living within our borders.

While we have dealt with this Sunday issue in the past, we would not now be raising the question again except for further elucidation because of the volume of mail and telephone calls, many favorable, as well as unfavorable, and now the added fact that, in a broadcast radio address, we have been condemned for the position we hold. It is essential that the following additional evidence be presented which confirms that any community or nation that selects either Saturday or Sunday to be uniformly observed as their Sabbath are all in accord with the terms of the Fourth Commandment.

A Government Responsibility

We further emphasize that it becomes the duty of the government of that nation to enforce the observance of the day thus selected by the nation to be kept as a Sabbath. This is especially true regarding the Anglo-Saxon Celtic peoples, the House of Israel in the world today, not a church or group of individuals, to so act, making either day the Sabbath in conformity with the terms of the Fourth Commandment, being a seventh day following six days of labor.

Thus, designating a Sabbath as a national day of worship, it will become possible to enforce its observance and prevent its desecration, enabling the administration to bring to Judgment those who desecrate the day. When such becomes a reality, and the people are under strict requirement to keep that day holy, God will proceed to bless our nation as He blessed His Kingdom people in the days of our forefathers. Let us now proceed to present further, confirming the irrefutable accuracy of the position thus held.

The question arises. Is it by chance or by Divine design that there is a geographical loc...

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#### CONCLUSION

As we have "compared the Scriptures", we have seen how God has predicted the past and future of the world. World Empires were predicted by God to rise in the very order and having the very characteristics that history records!

God's people were warned of a long period of persecution which would come upon them. History records that persecuting power as the Roman Catholic Church.

Now, the Bible is warning us that in the near future, the Roman Catholic Church will once again have worldwide religious and civil power as it did in the Middle or "Dark Ages".

The Reformation Protestant Churches are predicted by the Bible to restore that power to the Pope as they make him their head.

Once again, the result will be **persecution** as the church tries to enforce by **civil law**, **when** and **how** a person worships God.

As the Great World Church System that the Bible calls "Babylon" is formed, may you have the courage dear reader to reject it and to follow God's WORD in all that you do.

Let us now compare the Scriptures to discover what the NUMBER of the BEAST is and what the significance of that number is.

**Revelation 13:18** "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding <u>count</u> the <u>number</u> of the <u>beast</u>: for it is the number of a man; and <u>his number</u> is <u>Six hundred</u> threescore and six.

# As Pagan Rome was taken over by Papal Rome or Roman Catholicism, history reveals what happened!

## 1358. Rome, Papal, Continuation of Pagan Roman Empire.

SOURCE: Alexander Clarence, Flick, *The Rise of the Mediaeval Church* (reprint: New York: Burt Franklin, [1959]), pp.148, 149. Used by permission.

[p.148] The mighty Catholic Church was little more than the Roman Empire baptized. Rome was transformed as well as converted. The very capital of the old Empire became the capital of the Christian [p149] Empire. The office of Pontifex Maximus was continued in that of Pope... Even the Roman language has remained the official language of the Roman Catholic Church down through the ages. Christianity could not grow up through Roman civilization and paganism, however, without in turn being coloured and influenced by the rites, festivities, and ceremonies of old polytheism. Christianity not only conquered Rome, but Rome conquered Christianity. It is not a matter of great surprise, therefore, to find that from the first to the fourth century the Church had undergone many changes.

## 1360. Rome, Papal, Successor to Pagan Rome

SOURCE: Walter Woodburn Hyde, *Paganism to Christianity in the Roman Empire*, pp.6, 7. Copyright 1946 by University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia. Used by permission.

[p.6] As Rome's role in pagan history came to an end. She was destined to play another, a sacred one, in Christian history very like that of Jerusalem in Judaism... Rome's part in ecclesiastical history had begun...

Thus a Christian Rome, destined, like its pagan predecessor on the Palatine, to conquer a large part of the earth, gradually arose on Vatican Hill...

[p.7] While today the Palatine [the hill of the Roman emperor's palaces] is in ruins, St.Peter's still draws worshipers from all parts of the world. Of the Christian conversion of Rome in the fourth century the historian Freeman said: "That Christianity should become the religion of the Roman Empire is the miracle of history; but that it did so is the leading fact of all history from that day onwards". But while the Empire became Christian, the Church became in part pagan. For it gradually assumed the Empire's monarchical form, and later the imperial gradations of rank and geographical divisions. By the eighth century the Bishop of Rome had become a temporal prince, so that the philosopher Hobbes could truthfully say of the Papacy that is was "the ghost of the Roman Empire, crowned and seated on the grave thereof". Still later, in our time, the Pope, having lost his temporal power, has gone further and has become, since 1870, virtually an absolute monarch over the spiritual lives of Roman Catholics.

Thus, the <u>forms and ceremonies</u> of the **Pagan** Worship System were accepted into the **Roman Catholic** Church !!!

# Let us compare the worship system of the modern Roman Catholic Church to the ancient Pagan Worship system and see if there is any similarity.

PAGAN	CATHOLIC
Worship Service Communion Mass: priest officiates Round wafer: symbol of the sun (pg 159, 160, 162) The Two Babylons By Alexander Hislop)	Worship Service Communion Mass: priest officiates Round wafer used (pg.201 Baltimore Catechism)
December 25 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of Tammuz, Son of the sun god "natalis invicti solis" (birthday of the unconquered sun)	December 25 <sup>th</sup> Adopted as the birthday of Christ Special mass "Christmas" (pg.71 Baltimore Catechism)
40 days Weeping for Tammuz (pg.104, 105 "Two Baby")	40 days Lent (pg.300 Baltimore Catechism)
Sunrise service Early Sunday morning, faced East, (toward the sun) and Worshipped the goddess "Ishtar" (Easter)	Sunrise service Early Sunday morning, on Easter, facing East for prayer
CHANTS	CHANTS
Repetitious Prayers Rosary anciently used in Egypt, China, and India (pg.187-8 "Two Baby")	Repetitious Prayers Rosary (Our Father, Hail Mary) (pg.237, 240-2 Baltimore Catechism)
Baptized Children By sprinkling them with water (pg.132-3 "Two Baby")	Baptized Children By sprinkling them on the heads with water (pg.133 Baltimore Catechism)
PRIESTS OFFICIATE	PRIESTS OFFICIATE

PAGAN	CATHOLIC
Day of Worship "Dies solis"(Day of the sun Sunday – the first day of the week) (1973 Encyclopedia Americana Vol.26 pg.21)	Day of Worship Sunday First day of the week (pg.280-3 Baltimore Catechism)
Mother & Child Images (pg.20, 21 Two Baby)	Mother & Child Images Madonna & Child images "veneration" to be given to them (pg.272 Baltimore Catechism)
A Woman "Worshipped" Under Various Names: Proserpine, Diana, Core, Mylitta, Holy Virgin Mother, and Mediatrix (pg. 125-6, 157-8 Two Baby)	A Woman "Venerated" called: Holy Virgin, Mother of God, and Mediatrix (pg.68, 242-5 Baltimore Catechism)
Veneration of Relics and Pilgrimages to Shrines where the relics were kept (pg.178-181 Two Baby)	Veneration of Relics and Pilgrimages to Shrines where the relics are kept (pg.271-275 Baltimore Catechism)
Lighting of Candles Individuals lit candles in acts of worship (pg.191-5 "Two Baby")	Lighting of Candles Individuals light candles in their acts of worship (pg.84 Baltimore Catechism)
Make a Sign of the Cross As a symbol of belief in the "mysteries" (pg.197-205 "Two Baby")	Make a Sign of the Cross As a sign to show belief in the chief "mysteries" (pg.237 Baltimore Catechism)
Feast and Holy Days	Feast and Holy Days (pg.237 Baltimore Catechism)

The Similarity is unmistakable!

The two systems of worship are almost identical.

Paganism is largely a religion of nature worship, the sun and the moon being prominent deities; the sun usually the male deity and the moon often the female deity. In ancient mythology the <u>serpent was universally the symbol of the sun. Sun worship and serpent worship began side by side, the sun being hailed as the source of all physical life, the serpent as the source of all spiritual life.</u>

Their religions was a conglomeration of religion, astrology, alchemy, physical and mental science, and mathematics. Ancient astrology divided the starry heavens into 36 constellations. These were represented by different amulets called "Sigilla Solis" or the sun seal. These amulets were worn by the pagan priests, and they contained all the numbers from 1 to 36. By these figures they claimed to be able to foretell future events. These amulets were usually made of gold, yellow being the sun color. While being carried, these amulets were wrapped in yellow silk, as it was thought that the bearer would thus receive the beneficent powers believed to emanate from the jewel.

These drawings from photographs taken in 1910, show actual amulets then in the Berlin Museum. They reveal the veneration the ancients had for the sun-god. On the front side of Number 1 we see the god of the sun standing on the lion. This indicated the sun's position in the constellation of Leo during the hot days of August. On the back is inscribes "Nachyel", meaning "intelligence of the sun", and in 36 squares are arranged the numerals 1 to 36 (see diagram) in such a way that adding the numbers of any column either horizontally or vertically, and also the two diagonals crossing the square, the total is the same 111. The sum of the six columns, computed either horizontally or vertically, is 6 x 111, or 666.

The second illustration is also a **solar seal**, but it honors the star Basilisco, which was the diminutive form of the Greek basileus (king), thus meaning the same as the Latin *regulus*.

Now, Regulus is the only first-magnitude star in the constellation of Leo. The sun and the moon are again clearly seen on this amulet, and on the reverse side is the same arrangement of numerals, with the actual figure given of the total 666.

"Unfolding The Revelation" by R. A. Anderson, pages 125-127



# Amulets worn by pagan sun-worshipping priests.

6	32	3	34	35	1
7	11	27	28	8	30
19	14	16	15	23	24
18	20	22	21	17	13
25	29	10	9	26	12
36	5	33	4	2	31

1	32	34	3	35	6
30	8	27	28	11	7
20	24	15	16	13	23
19	17	21	22	18	14
10	26	12	9	29	25
31	4	2	33	5	36

Diagram of mystic numbers

Thus, the number of Paganism is 666

We have seen that the Bible and History have identified the beast power as the Roman Catholic Church (the name of "the beast"). Why does God warn us against this power, from receiving its mark, number, or name?

(Revelation 13:17-18;14:9-10;15:2)

First, lets examine its "number" that God warns us against and then we will examine its mark.

The "number" of the beast is:

**Revelation 13:18** "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding <u>count</u> the <u>number</u> of the **beast**: for it is the number of a man; and <u>his number</u> is <u>Six hundred</u> threescore and six".

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is number of a man: His number is 666.

New King James Version.

Thus God is warning us to have <u>nothing to do with</u> a worship system having the number 666 identified with it!

Since God has "marked" the <u>Pagan Worship System</u> with the number 666, we would expect that since <u>Roman Catholicism</u> has accepted the <u>same basic form of worship</u> that it would <u>also</u> be "marked" by God with the <u>same number 666</u>! Let us check to see if this is the case:

The <u>head</u> of the <u>Latin</u> or **Roman Catholic Church** is the **Pope**. The Pope claims as one of his **titles** to be "**Vicar of the Son of God**".

"The title of the Pope of Rome is *vicarious filli dei* and if you take the letters of his title which represent Latin numerals (printed large) and add then together they come to **666**".

Our Sunday Visitor, Nov. 15, 1914

Roman System. In the Roman system of notation, there are seven different letter symbols:

I for 1, V for 5, X for 10, L for 50, C for 100, D for 500, and M for 1,000. Lower-case letters (i, v, x, etc) are sometimes used, All other numerals are combinations of these seven symbols.

When we "count" the letters of his title in the <u>Latin</u> language, we find the "number of the man" to be:

## "VICAR OF THE SON OF GOD"

Thus God is warning us to have <u>nothing to do with</u> the **Roman Catholic worship system** having the number **666** identified with it!

The Roman Catholic Church has not always been what it is today. It reached its present status as a result of a long, slow process of development as new doctrines, rituals, customs have been added.

1.	Prayers for the dead, began about A.D.	300
2.		300
3.		320
4.	Veneration of angels and dead saints, and use of images	375
5.	The Mass, as a daily celebration	394
6.	Beginning of the exaltation of Mary, the term "Mother of God	
	first applied to her by the Council of Ephesus	431
7.	Priests began to dress differently from laymen	500
8.	Extreme Unction	526
9.	The doctrine of Purgatory, established by Gregory I	593
10.	Latin language, used in prayer and worship,	17,70
	imposed by Gregory I	600
11.		600
12.	Title of pope, or universal bishop, given to	
	Boniface III by emperor Phocas	607
13.	Kissing the pope's foot, began with pope Constantine	709
14.	Temporal power of the popes, conferred by Pepin,	
	king of the Franks	750
15.	Worship of the cross, images and relics, authorized in	786
16.	Holy water, mixed with a pinch of salt and blessed by a priest	850
17.	Worship of Saint Joseph	890
18.	College of Cardinals established	927
19.	Baptism of bells, instituted by pope John XIII	965
20.	Canonization of dead saints, first by pope John XV	995
21.	Fasting on Fridays and during Lent	998
22.	The Mass, developed gradually as a sacrifice, attendance	
	made obligatory in the 11th century	
23.	Celibacy of the priesthood, decreed by	
earnor	pope Gregory VII (Hildebrand)	1079
24.	The Rosary, mechanical praying with beads,	
	invented by Peter the Hermit	1090
25.	The Inquisition. Instituted by the Council of Verona	1184
26.	Sale of Indulgences	1190
27.	Transubstantiation, proclaimed by pope Innocent III	1215
28.	Auricular Confession of sins to a priest instead of to God,	
	instituted by pope Innocent III, in Lateran Council	1215
29.	the many trace, the state of pope fronting in	1220
30.	Bible forbidden to laymen, placed on the	
	Index of Forbidden Books by the Council of Valencia	1229

31.	The scapular, invented by Simon Stock, an English monk	1251
32.		1231
VL.	by Council of Constance	1414
33.		1414
00.	by the Council of Florence	1439
34	The doctrine of Seven Sacraments affirmed	1439
	The Ave Maria (part of the last half was completed 50 years	1409
	later and approved by pope Sixtus V at the end	
	of the 16 <sup>th</sup> century	1508
36.	Jesuit order founded by Loyola	1534
	Tradition declared of equal authority with the Bible	.00
7.300	by the Council of Trent	1545
38.		
	by the Council of Trent	1546
39.	Creed of pope Pius IV imposed as the official creed	1560
40.		
	proclaimed	1854
41.	Syllabus of Errors, proclaimed by pope Pius IX, and	
	ratified by the Vatican Council; condemned freedom of religion,	
	conscience, speech, press, and scientific discoveries	
	which are disapproved by the Roman Church; asserted	
	the pope's temporal authority over all civil rulers	1864
42.	Infallibility of the pope in matters of faith and morale,	
	proclaimed by the Vatican Council	1870
43.	Public Schools condemned by pope Pius XI	1950
44.	Assumption of the Virgin Mary (bodily ascension into heaven	
	shortly after her death), proclaimed by pope Pius XII	1950
45.	Mary proclaimed Mother of the Church, by pope Paul VI	1965

Add to these many others: monks, nuns, monasteries, convents, forty days Lent, holy week, Palm Sunday, Ash Wednesday, All Saints days, Candlemas day, fish day, meat days, incense, holy oil, holy palms, Christopher medals, charms, novenas, and still others.

The evidence of Rome's steadily increasing departure from the simplicity of the Gospel, a departure so radical and far reaching at the present time that it has produced a drastically anti-evangelical church. It is clear beyond possibility of doubt that the Roman Catholic religion as now practiced is the outgrowth of centuries of error. Human inventions have been substituted for Bible truth and practice.

The Roman Church boasts that she never changes or teaches new doctrines.

We have clearly identified the **BEAST** power as the Roman Catholic Church.

We have also identified the **NUMBER** of the BEAST As **666** and have seen its relationship to **Paganism**And how Roman Catholicism has
Incorporated paganism into its worship system.
Let us now compare the Scriptures
So that we can discover the **MARK** of the BEAST.

## GOD'S MARK

You will recall that God is our Creator.

Genesis 2:1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all his work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made.

God's Mark is part of His Law and is the 7th day Sabbath or Saturday which is a memorial to Him as our Creator.

Exodus 20: 8-11 \*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

\*Remember (Zakar [Hebrew]) = Mark

#### MARK

Ezekiel 9: 4, 6 And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. Slay utterly old and young, both maids and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

#### SEAL

**Revelation 7:2, 3** And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the \*seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice... Hurt not the earth... till we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads.

\*seal (sphragis [Greek]) = Mark of genuineness

#### SIGN

to be a \*sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them. I am the Lord your God: walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them: And hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a \*sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.

\*sign (owth [Hebrew]) = Mark

#### THE BEASTS MARK

We would expect that <u>Satan</u>, working through the **Beast Power** or **Roman Catholicism** would attempt to <u>counterfeit</u> **God's Mark**. Since the 7<sup>th</sup> **Day SABBATH** or <u>SATURDAY</u> is **God's Mark** of **authority**, we would expect Satan to substitute a **counterfeit day** of **worship** as **his mark** of authority.

As we examine the facts, we will see that this is exactly what has happened !!!

#### MARK

Q: Have you any other way of proving that the [Catholic] Church has power to institute festivals of precept?

A: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her;... she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no scriptural authority".

Stephen Keenan, A Doctrinal Catechism (3d American ed., rev.), p.174

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act...

And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things".

H.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons.

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The Sunday, as a day of the week set apart for the obligatory public worship of Almighty God;....is purely a creation of the Catholic Church. The Council of Laodicea, in 364 A.D. defines: "That Christians must not Judaize and refrain from manual labor on Saturday, but work on that day; and that, preferring the Lord's day, they must then rest, if this can be done, as becomes Christians". The Church thus began by calling her children to sanctify the first day of the week .... Constantine lent the power of the state to enforce the regulations of the Church, and the civil law began to enforce the spiritual decrees. He commanded the Lord's day to be observed by all as a festival and day of rest. Protestantism, in discarding the authority of the Church, has no good reason for its Sunday theory, and ought, logically, to keep Saturday as the Sabbath, with the Jews and Seventh-Day Baptists.

## SUMMARY

Our paraphrase of the parable was this:

The kingdom of heaven is like <u>doctrine</u> (leaven) which a <u>Church</u> (woman) took and hid in <u>three messages</u> from <u>God's Word</u> (three measures of meal) until <u>everyone</u> (the whole) had <u>heard them</u> (leavened)

The main truth that the parable teaches us is that the true church of God will present doctrinal truths in Three Messages from God's Word, until every nation, kindred, tongue, and people have heard them!

The doctrinal truths contained in the Three Messages concern the following topics :

- The Everlasting Gospel
- Giving Glory to God
- The Hour of Judgement
- Worshipping the Creator
- Babylon is Fallen
- Warning against the Beast and his Mark

**REVELATION 14 4 These** are they which were not defiled with woman; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. 5And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. & And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven. having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwel on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. 8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 9And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

1" ANGEL FIRST MESSAGE

ANGEL SECOND MESSAGE

3<sup>rd</sup>
ANGEL
THIRD
MESSAGE

#### The "Church"

mentioned in the parable and described in Revelation 14

- Will be "preaching" the three messages of Revelation 14: 6-10 to all the world, not just locally.
- 2. Will be "preaching" truth (no guile : Revelation 14:5)
- 3. Will consist of <u>Christians</u> who have been "<u>redeemed</u>" by the <u>blood</u> of the <u>Lamb</u>. (*Revelation 14:4*)
- 4. Will follow all of the teachings of Jesus (the Lamb) and do whatever He says to do. (Revelation 14:4)
- Will be pure (virgin) in its <u>relationship with the Lord</u> and will not be "defiled", because it refuses to have a relationship with or to join together with other Churches (women) teaching false doctrine. (Revelation 14:4)
- 6. Will be <u>keeping all of the Commandments</u> of God, and will have faith in Jesus. (*Rev. 14:12*)

# CONCLUSION

Thus, we have clearly seen that God's **True Church** will be giving the **Three Angel's Message** to **all the world**.

Only **One Church** is proclaiming that message.....

Search as for Hid Treasure and you will find it !!

# Final Comments:

As you consider the things that you have learned while studying the meaning of the parable of "The Woman who put leaven in 3 measures of Meal", I hope that more than anything else, you have seen the Love and Concern that the Lord Jesus has for you.

Christ wants Christians to be a "Spectacle" to the world by being the happiest, healthiest and most loving people upon the earth. He is interested in our Physical Health as well as our Spiritual Health and He has given us simple instructions to achieve success in both of these areas. All that is required of us is "obedience" in following the instructions He has given us in His Word.

As we continue to study the Parables and other parts of the Bible, we will discover more of the wonderful things that Jesus wants to share with us. I would suggest that you now begin a study of "Last Day Events" by ordering the Last Day Events (Gen 49) booklet #108 and the DVD on the same subject.

May the blessings of God be upon you as you strive to live up to the name of "Christian" In the fullest sense of the "Word".

William T. Barrett