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The Mystery of Iniquity; Part III

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And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

II Thessalonians 2:8-12

The Working of Satan

10. "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness IN them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." Notice that the "working of Satan" is "in them that perish." It is not in just one man as would be the case of one whom tradition calls "the antichrist." It is the antichrist spirit that is working in the churches of them that have been deceived by either his doctrines or his signs and lying wonders. I have spoken at length of the false signs and lying wonders that have deceived so many, but now we must look at perhaps the greatest apostasy of them all.

"...because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." Notice that the great deception came because of those who did not receive the "love of the truth." To be saved, it is not only necessary to "believe the truth," but we must also "love the truth." Those who love the truth will never be moved away from it. They will take it up when it is fallen in the streets, they will stand with it when the entire world around them rejects it, and they will gladly lay down their lives for it before they will deny it. Such is the power of the truth to those who love it. There are those, however, who may profess to "believe the truth," but are easily moved away from it because they yet find their pleasure in unrighteousness. Jesus spoke of those who receive the word with great joy, but quickly wither when the heat of persecution arises against them (Matthew 13:20-23). It is not so

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For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

II Corinthians 4:16

As you look at church going people today you will see a people that has no idea what it means to be born again. They have just added going to church to fill a void in their empty life. Self-help preaching will never bring the fullness that only knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and savior brings to a perishing soul. Three out of four people going to church knows nothing about holiness or living a holy life.

We that have been born again for a great part have been deceived by a religious world in that they will tell you that nothing has changed in the believers heart. He still sins and he will always be a sinner. My friend, that is not the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel is that the old man is crucified with Jesus Christ on the cross and a new man has been quickened by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead to walk in newness of life.

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his

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with those who "love the truth." They can do no other than believe the truth and stand with it. "But," you may ask, "What is truth?" Jesus gave us one answer to that question in His prayer to His Father the night before going to the cross; "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). There are many things in the gospel of Christ, as revealed by the word of God through His apostles, that many "Christians" refuse to believe because they do not "love the truth."

11. "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:" The matter of believing a lie instead of the truth did not originate with the modern church. There are several ancient "lies" that are in full bloom in the modern churches. One of these "lies" dates all the way back to the Gnostics and the Nicolaitans of the latter part of the first century. Of the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, Jesus said "I hate it." Certainly that is enough said for anyone who "loves the truth;" we will likewise "hate" the thing Jesus hates. The doctrine of the Gnostics and the Nicolaitans teaches of a "separation" between the spirit and body of man. The "spirit" they say, is always holy and pleasing to God, while the "body" of the same person is vile, sinful, and corrupt. It is on the basis of this ancient heresy that many modern Calvinists believe that no amount of sin can keep a person from going to heaven if they have claimed Jesus as their savior. After all, according to their teaching, their spirit is born of God, holy, pure, and absolutely sinless. All of their sins are simply "sins of the flesh," which cannot damn the spirit. This is a horrible lie from Satan that has damned millions of souls over the centuries. It is perpetuated by those who teach that a child of God has both a "sin nature" and a "divine nature," which continually war. Some express it as the "good dog/bad dog" theory. Psychology, which I do not advocate, is right on this particular issue. They call it "multiply personality disorder." The truth is, we, who have been "born of God," have received righteousness, which is the nature of God. Sin, which is the nature of the serpent, has been "taken away" by the sacrifice of the body and blood of the Son of God. Our bodies are the Temple of the Holy Ghost, and have never been the source of sin, not even when we were sinners. Notice what the apostle Paul tells us in **I Corinthians 6:19**; "Every sin that a man doeth is without (outside) the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against HIS OWN body." **James 2:26** tells us this; "The body without the spirit is dead." Understanding this, it becomes obvious that the body of man can do absolutely nothing other than what the spirit of the man does in and through it. If sin (the nature of the serpent) dwells in him, he will sin, but if righteousness (the nature of God) dwells in him, he will do righteousness. Every action of the body is an expression of the one who lives in the body, whether sinful or righteous.

The "seed" for the modern apostasy was planted in much of the reformation doctrine of the sixteenth century. I do not question the leading and dealing of God with Martin Luther when he was a young monk, horribly condemned by the sins that tormented his heart and mind. "Justification by faith" was a breath of fresh air to him, and a great light that illuminated his soul. His stand for the truth that God gave him changed the world of his day, and delivered millions of people from the bondage of the Roman Catholic Church, even though it did not deliver them from their bondage to sin. Did Luther see all of the "truth?" Did all of the "light of truth" shine into his heart? Of course not! He was right when he taught "justification by faith," but he was also very wrong to believe that sin continues in the heart and nature of those who are justified. When "justification by faith," which is a wonderful revelation from God, is defined as it is today, it is neither "justification" nor "faith." Paul exhorts us in **Hebrews 13:9**, "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein." The idea that a person can be "justified by faith" and continue in sin is a very strange doctrine indeed, yet millions today continue to trust in a perverted version of a great truth that "has not profited them" who have occupied it. The most "orthodox" among the modern teachers of reformation doctrine tell us continually that when people repent and believe the gospel, they are "justified," and absolutely nothing about that person is changed. Please believe me, that doctrine has no profit for those who believe it.

John Calvin was a leader of the reformation in Switzerland. He accepted Luther's revelation of justification by faith, but from all that I can see in the history of the man, he did not have the same heart to search for truth as

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death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:1-4

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Romans 6:6

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Romans 6:13

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Romans 8:9

When we as born again children of God come to understand the meaning of having this Life of Jesus Christ in our being (body) as the great treasure it is, then I feel we will honor and reverence the presence of God in our lives and have a greater understanding of the work of God. This is what set the early church apart from the church today. The early church lived in the Spirit and walked in the Spirit more so than the church today. It was the very life of Jesus Christ in the church working in and through the lives of the believers that worked miracles, heal the sick, raised the dead and turned the world upside down. The early church valued the inward man and would rather die than lose Him, the love of their life.

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.

I Corinthians 3:16-17

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

II Corinthians 4:7-10

The life of Jesus Christ that is in the born again believer is not one of sinning from time to time: it is a life that is free from sin. It is the very life of Jesus Christ that will be manifested in the body of the child of God that will bring glory to God the Father.

The inward Man is the life of Jesus Christ in the believer. It is a treasure that money cannot buy; a gift of God that only comes through repentance and turning from sin and total surrender of your will and life to the Lord. You are not your own you are bought with a great price.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

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Luther had in his early years. As the spiritual leader of the church in Geneva, Calvin was called by some, "*the pope of Geneva*," and by others, "*the tyrant of Geneva*." He believed in the death sentence for "*heretics*" and aided the Catholic Church in the apprehension and condemnation of Michael Servetus, a man who was condemned to burn at the stake for preaching against infant baptism and denying the trinity. Calvin was the man who developed the theology which is called, "*penal substitution*." Simply stated, this erroneous theory says, "*Jesus died to take the penalty for our sins*." It may sound good to the ear and taste sweet to the lips, but it is as the sweet wine which **Proverbs 23:31-32** speaks of, and that many people love so much; "*At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder*."

"...**God shall send them strong delusion**..." Why would God send a strong delusion to anyone? The apostle gives the answer in the previous verse, "...*because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved*." God sends strong delusion to those who do not love the truth. When they refuse to "*see Him as He is*" (**I John 3:2**), God "*gives them up to uncleanness*" (**Romans 1:22-24**); when they "*turn the truth of God into a lie*," God "*gives them up to vile affections*" (**Romans 1:25-27**), and when they do not like to retain the truth of God in their knowledge, God "*gives them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient*" (**Romans 1:28**). They receive a very unclean spirit, a "*spirit of antichrist*," which fills them with "*all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, and maliciousness*" (**Romans 1:29**). If God did all those things which are recorded in the **first chapter of Romans** against His chosen people, Israel, because they "*held the truth in unrighteousness*" (**Romans 1:18**), how will He not also do the same to a people for whom Christ died, but who refuse the truth of the gospel and continue to find their pleasure in unrighteousness? Paul speaks of these in **Titus 1:16**; "*They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate*."

Consider the case of King Saul, the man who was chosen to be the first king of Israel. When the prophet Samuel anointed young Saul to be king, the Holy Ghost came upon him that same day, and he prophesied among the prophets. The Holy Ghost moved so mightily through Saul in those early days that it became a common saying among the people of Israel, "*Is Saul also among the prophets*" (**I Samuel 10:11-12**). There came a time however, that this humble young man became exalted in himself and thought he could disobey the direct instructions of God to him. God rejected him as king, and sent Samuel to anoint David to be king in Saul's stead. David was only a teenager at the time, and it was a dozen years before he actually ascended to the throne. Unknown to the people of Israel, David had already been anointed to be king of Israel when he slew Goliath. The anointing of the Holy Ghost was upon him. Notice what the scripture says happened when Samuel anointed David. "*Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit FROM THE LORD troubled him*" (**I Samuel 16:13-14**). It is worthy to note as well, that King Saul continued prophesying after the Spirit of God departed from him. "*And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice. And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul*" (**I Samuel 18:10-12**). Is it really so amazing that God would "*send strong delusion*" to those who know the truth, but do not love it?

"...**that they should believe a lie**:" John Calvin was very influential in the development of reformation theology, giving us the Calvinist doctrines of predestination and unconditional eternal security, both of which are in opposition to the clear message of the apostles. Concerning predestination, Paul tells us, "...*whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren*" (**Romans 8:29**). Everything God "*foreknew*" about man before he made man is what He created in Adam, who was "*in the image and likeness of God*." God never "*foreknew*" a lost man, and certainly never predestined any man to be lost. The man that God "*foreknew*" was also predestined to be like Jesus. That was true in the original creation, and it is true

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I Corinthians 6:19-20

When you have repented from sin and experienced the forgiveness of the Lord in your heart, you know that you have been born again, a new creation in Jesus Christ: you are a new creature. It is not a lifestyle: it is the very life of Jesus Christ in your being. Jesus came to bring Life, not a lifestyle. To the believer it is the most precious life that one can possess.

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 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.

John 3:15-16

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:24

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

II Corinthians 5:17

The children of God will fellowship with the Lord because he or she is aware of the Spirit of truth that is in them. It is the "treasure in earthen vessels (II Corinthians 4:7)." The inward Man is the Life of Jesus Christ in you, the earthen vessel, and what a treasure it is. The child of God must honor him at all times and never do anything that will grieve the Spirit of God that is living on the inside of the believer. Many have grieved the Spirit of God and He "the Spirit of God" has departed and they know it not. He will not live in an unclean temple because He is a Holy God. When you love the world and worldly things more than you love and seek God, you grieve the Spirit of God. The Bible said what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

II Corinthians 6:16

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

II Corinthians 4:7

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

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in the “new creation.” The entrance of sin violated the purpose of God in His creation. Absolutely nothing could restore what God “foreknew” and “predestined” unless sin, which entered through the first man’s disobedience, could be “taken away.” This was done through the obedience of a second man, Christ, who created the “first man.” He became the “second man” in order to “take away the sin of the world” by the sacrifice of Himself. God’s purpose at Calvary was not to “punish sin,” but to “destroy sin” in as many as would trust in Him. Jesus’ death was neither “punishment” for, nor “taking the penalty” of, our sin. His death was the only sacrifice that could take sin away, and deliver its captives into the glorious liberty from sin that is enjoyed by the sons of God (**Romans 8:21**).

Concerning “unconditional eternal security,” there is no such thing taught in the scriptures. We do, however, have security **in Christ** (as long as we **abide in Him**). The apostle John tells us, “*And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him*” (**I John 2:5-6**). Jesus tells us in **John 15:6**, “*If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*” The answer for eternal security is simple; “*Abide in Christ;*” do not be moved away.

When John says, “*And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins,*” he speaks of something that was common knowledge to the children of God in that first century church. They understood that the eternal Christ came in the flesh for the sole purpose of offering his body and blood as a sacrifice sufficient to “take away the sin of the world.” Again, His death on the cross was not God’s “punishment” for our sins; it was the only sacrifice that could “take away our sin.” Paul confirms this in **Hebrews 10:4**, saying, “*For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*”

There are several other things written in John’s first epistle which he considered to be common knowledge among the believers of his day. I will present them directly from the scripture, in the words of the apostle, and simply enumerate them in parenthesis.

I John 3:5-10: “*And ye know that (1.) he was manifested to take away our sins; and (2.) in him is no sin. (3.) Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: (4.) whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, (5.) neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: (6) he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. (7.) He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. (8.) For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. (9.) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and (10.) he cannot sin, because he is born of God. (11.) In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: (12.) whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*” Each of these twelve things, which I have enumerated in only six verses, was common knowledge to the children of God in the first century church. These things, which were written by the last living eyewitness apostle, are the great truth of the gospel of Christ that the church in the second and third centuries apostatized from. Sadly, she has never recovered. Only a very few, a “very small remnant” is being awakened to the glorious light of the gospel of Christ. They, however, are faced with a dilemma; “*will I believe what the word of God says? Or will I believe what the traditions of man say?*” Your answer to this question is most important, because in the day that we live, the delusion of Calvinism is coming to its logical end and the fullness of its error.

An error can be detected by those who have spiritual “eyes” to see the logical end of the error. According to the apostle Paul, the children of Israel were held in bondage to the “curse” of the Law of Moses, and thought it was a great “blessing” to them, because, “*...the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.* If they could have seen the “end result” of the Law of Moses, they would have believed God when He spoke to them at Horeb, and His laws would have been written in their hearts. Many Christians make the same mistake today; they believe things that are given to them by man because it sounds good to their ears, but they never consider the end of the matter. Jeremiah found this to be the case in

his day, during the years leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple. “*A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and (but) what will ye do IN THE END THERE-OF?*” (**Jeremiah 5:30-31**).

12. “That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” “Looking to the end” of Calvin’s doctrine, I saw many years ago that if Jesus took the penalty for my sins, then I could continue to sin, and would never suffer the penalty. I knew that was not the message of the gospel. I also projected, many years ago, that the time would come that the churches would be required, by their own defiled consciences, to accept homosexuals and lesbians as “brothers” and “sisters” in Christ, because of the belief that “*we are all sinners, and we sin every day.*” It is common among many modern Calvinists to believe that God will accept adulterers and fornicators, “*as long as they are among the chosen.*” Perhaps the best known and most popular preacher of unconditional eternal security in America today teaches that a person could apostatize, and deny Christ publicly, and still go to heaven if they have ever at any time believed upon Jesus. Sadly, many “neo-Pentecostals” believe that God will accept adulterers and fornicators “*as long as their faith is in the cross.*” Who among them believe the words of Paul in **I Corinthians 6:9-10**; “**Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.**” We have entered into an era in which the majority of those who profess to “believe” do not believe that sin matters in the least. It is the theology of the day. The churches of those who espouse this teaching seem to burst at the seams, because they preach a message that is very palpable to those who find their pleasure in unrighteousness. I was listening to the teaching of a well known minister from Dallas Texas explaining to a young man that suicide is alright as long as you are a true believer, because Jesus has already forgiven every sin you could ever commit. He teaches that Christ came into the world as a “lamb” to “take our sins away from the eyes of God.” According to such teaching, sin was not the real problem that was dealt with on the cross; the “real problem” was God, who refused to receive sinners. The scripture says, “*God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself*” (**II Corinthians 5:19**). The “new” theology teaches that God “reconciled Himself to sinners.” Perhaps you are a dad or a mom. Suppose that you had a son who was a liar, a thief, a rapist, and a pedophile. From the time you discovered these things about your son, you hated the things he did, and even though you still “loved” him, he was alienated from you by what he was. You hoped that he would change, and be reconciled to you, but the time came that you realized that he could not change himself, so you, in your love for your son, “took the penalty” for his crimes, and “reconciled yourself” to the very thing that destroyed him. A very foolish analogy, I realize, but why do we think that God has reconciled himself to the idea that as long as we are in human bodies, we will be sinful and serve sin? Why do we refuse to believe that the blood of Christ is sufficient to “cleanse us from all sin” (**I John 1:7**), when we can see by the scriptures that God sent Him to “take away the sin of the world.” He “takes sin” out of the heart and nature of all those who trust in Him to do so. It is the clear teaching of the apostles, and the promise of all the prophets.

The scripture says, “*The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father; neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him*” (**Ezekiel 18:20**). God’s message to His people through Ezekiel was that the righteous will never be punished for the sins of the unrighteous. We were all “unrighteous,” and Christ came into the world, not to be punished for our sins, but “take away our sin” (**John 1:29**, **Hebrews 10:4**, **I John 3:5**), and thus He “suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God” (**I Peter 3:18**). He bore our sin on the cross, and there it was destroyed, nailed to His cross. The apostle Peter confirms this in **I Peter 2:24-25**, saying, “*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.*”

God has always, from the beginning of the world, forgiven the sins of those who repent to Him. Jesus was not “punished” nor did He “take the penalty for our sins” in order that God could forgive us. Such thinking impugns the righteousness of God. Suppose a man had two sons. One of the sons was



Is There Not A Cause?

By ; Kirbbie L. Cowart

I don't know where to begin for the past two or three week's this question has been ringing in my ears, "Is there not a cause"?

As I think about the question I begin seeing what the Spirit was saying to me, there are giant's in the land they are defying the Church of God. We as Christian dare not say anything about our rights beginning taken away.

Giant number one (1) we will call the political correctness. The Political Correctness Giant has call for taking away prayer and Bible reading out of our schools. The taking away of the Ten Commandments out of the Court Houses and schools, this Political Giant is trying to take the right for minister to perform weddings and give it over to the State. This Political Correctness Giant dares the church to say anything against same sex marriages. This Political Correctness Giant is daring the families to discipline a child or the State will come in and take them away.

Giant number two (2) we will call Hollywood. This Hollywood Giant has field our land with filth and dares anyone to say anything about it. If he or she speaks out against the filth that is coming out of this Hollywood Giant then they are made fun of on late night talk shows as some kind of a religious nut. Dare not say anything about the inhuman, violent, brutal, vicious television shows. I ask the question "Is there not a cause"?

Giant number three (3) we will call Drugs. America has been drugged our youth cannot keep a job because of the drug problem in America. The war on drugs is a joke. When you can buy it over the counter and at the corner gas stations. Alcohol and the intoxication of this society are unbelievable. Alcohol is a drug and thousands of cases are sold every week at the corner grocery store. I ask the question "Is there not a cause"?

Giant number four (4) we will call Pornography. This Giant is seen everywhere you can't drive down the road with out running into it. It is seen on television, the Internet, and in most families' homes both in the living room and in the children bedrooms. It is destroying morals that this nation once held dear. I ask the question again "Is there not a cause"?. This Giant of Pornography is daring any man of God to stand against him.

Giant number five (5) we will call Religious. This Giant is more vicious than all the rest. This Religious Giant will tell you that there is nothing wrong in America everything is great. We have religious leaders that say just look at all of the religious programming on television and look at all these mega churches going up everywhere. This **Religious Giant** will tell you it just our culture today, that is why we have to bring in the dope smoking music into the church to reach the youth. This Religious Giant will tell you everybody is a sinner that we all still sin and that the work of the cross of Jesus Christ did not free you from that our sin nature, because grace covers our sins and God don't even see us when we sin, because Jesus paid the penalty for our past sins, present sins and future sins we are under grace now. So sin is no big deal with God. "What a lie!" This Religious Giant is taken souls to hell. This Religious Giant will tell you there are no need to try to stop him and his brothers. These Giant are defying the Church of the living God. Saying to the Church of the living God you can do nothing to stop us we are here to stay. We out number you there is more of us than you just look how small you are you are weak and fearful. Why you could go to jail if you speak out against what we want.

Let us now look in **1 Samuel chapter 17** and see what David said and did when He saw the Goliath of his day.

And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren. And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them. And all the men

of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?

And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner. And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.

And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.

1 Samuel 17:22-37

When David saw the Giants of his day he ask the same question. **Is there not a cause?**

I would like to ask a question could you pray for your communities can witness to someone about the love of God, that He loved us so much that He sent his Son Jesus Christ to free us from the power of sin. Can you give finances to those that are trying to reach this nation with the true gospel that will free a nation from the grip of these Giants?

We hear talk of great revival where people leave feeling good. I would like

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to see a revival where these Giants are destroyed no more drugs or alcohol sold in these corner grocery store. Where Pornography Giant are taken off television and the Internet and off the roadways and out of the homes across America. If only one more time to see Godly morals in America.

When I think about these radical Muslim and how they will blow themselves up for their cause and their cause is to convert or kill anyone who does not convert to Islam. Then when I think about the cause the church has and why we have this cause I can say without a doubt. Most of the church doesn't even know what our cause is and why we have it. Let me try to explain

All the Giants I have just talk about means nothing at all Jesus he has defeated all of them and Satan himself and Jesus is now set down at the right hand of the Father. Before he went away he told the church to go in all the world.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus said ALL power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. When he sent the seventy

He gave them power to heal the sick and the boldness to cry repent the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

Luke 10:1-12

When he sent the twelve out two by two he gave them power over unclean spirits. He will not send his Church out to do the work of the ministry with out power over these unclean spirits. *Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*

Luke 10:19-20

And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;
Mark 6:7

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

Luke 10:17

We that believe the gospel have overcome Satan through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. The power of sin and the slavery to it has been broken off our lives on longer a slave to Satan but free indeed. Jesus has given us power over the nations. He said the meek shall inherit the earth. The Giants are running ramped because the Church has lost its power and faith. *But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance*

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The Inward Man

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:17

CAN WE SEE A REVIVAL TODAY?

The answer is yes, but only if the church returns to its first love, and "loves not their lives unto the death." As long as we live for self and the fulfilling of the lust of the flesh we will never see our loved ones saved or our nation turned back to God. I am not talking to the sinner; I am talking to what is called the church. People that know better, but continue to live in sin, and do not value the inward man's presence in their lives will one day realize, that just going to church and being religious was a wasted life.

Ministry is what comes out of you. If it is not Jesus Christ that is coming out of you then you are not manifesting the life of Jesus Christ in your body. Some people minister hate, lies, unforgiveness, lusts of the flesh, etc. Christ will only minister those things that edify and bring life.

... that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

II Corinthians 4:10

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.

Revelation 12:11

HOW MUCH DO YOU VALUE THE INWARD MAN?

If you value Him will you seek after Him to know Him?

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

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of peace. Psalm 37:11

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations

Rev. 2:26

Is there not a Cause? Jesus has given us commandment to go into all the world that means even our neighborhood with the gospel of Jesus Christ that will make men and woman free from sin. And has given us the authority to go and do his work. We can do nothing of our self but because of the authority he has given us we can go. If you are a Spirit filled believer then you must be sick of all the drugs, gangs, alcohol, sex sold in these corner grocery store. Are you sick of the thing you are seeing on television? Then it is time to get before God in prayer and pray for America like you have never prayed before that God would send and mighty revival of repents and deliverance to this nation **because there is a cause.**

You that Love the Lord Jesus Christ and have given yourself totally to him know that He will come back for a glorious church one with out spot or wrinkle or any such thing. That is why you have given yourself to seek his face and not his hands in other words you are seeking Him for thing He can give but for His approval in every thing you do and say. Because He is the Love of your life and for that cause you want to bring Him glory.

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Ephes. 5:27

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Mystery of Iniquity; Part III

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obedient and good and the other was disobedient and evil. What kind of man would he be if he punished the good son and forgave the evil son on the basis of the punishment of the good son? Such a man would himself be most corrupt. God did not "spend His wrath" on His sinless Son in order to "save us from wrath" while we continue in sin. We must forsake the erroneous idea that Jesus suffered punishment or penalty for our sin. Jesus' death on the cross was not about "punishment;" it was about "sacrifice." The animals that were offered on the altar of sacrifice, for over fifteen hundred years under the Law of Moses, were not being punished. Instead, they were "sin bearers." The sins of the one who offered the sacrifice were laid upon the lamb, and the lamb died with those sins, but the one who offered the sacrifice was still a sinner, and would have to offer sacrifices continually for as long as he lived, because, as Paul says in **Hebrews 10:4**, "...it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." In **Hebrews 10:11** Paul tells us how it is under the law: "Every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins." Then he tells us in the **next three verses**, "But this man, after he had offered **one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. **For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified**" (**Hebrews 10:12-14**).

Can you see it? Jesus is the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." You can be one of those John speaks to in **I John 3:5**, "and you know that He was manifested to take away our sins." Are you still bearing your sin? Do you still labor under what you have been told is your "sin nature?" You can be free, but you must know and believe the truth. First, however, you must be one who "loves the truth." If your "pleasure" is still in unrighteousness, you will believe the lie that has held millions of people in bondage to sin, and sadly, in the last day, you will be lost. It does not have to be that way, however. You can be free, and in the words of Jesus, you can be "free indeed." If you are one who seeks the truth because you "love the truth," your heart is telling you right now, "wouldn't it be wonderful if it were true that I could be free from sin." It is true! Jesus suffered and died to make you free from sin. Those who "love **not** the truth, but have pleasure in unrighteousness" will get very angry that I dare to tell you such a thing.

13. "But we are bound to give thanks alway(s) to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:"

Justification is by faith. Faith is to "believe the record that God gave of His Son." The record God gave was given by the prophets long before Jesus was born to Mary. God promised to send Christ and gave the record of what He would do in **Daniel 9:23-25**. He would "...make an end of sins, make reconciliation from iniquity, and bring in everlasting righteousness." Justification is the miracle that takes place in the heart and nature of everyone who repents and believes the gospel of Christ, which is "the record that God gave of His Son." Those who are "saved from sin" are no longer sinners. It is not because they are stronger than others or even better in their human nature than others; it is because they are free. I see many very devout "Christians" who are not free within, but live disciplined lives through the force of their human will power. I can admire their sincerity, their determination, and their desire to please God, yet to them, salvation is not a joy, but a labor, because they are not free.

In this verse thirteen, Paul gives two ingredients of our salvation. They are "sanctification of the spirit" and "belief of the truth." If you "know, believe, and love" the truth, the blood of Jesus Christ will "cleanse you from all sin" (I John 1:7), which is what "sanctification of the spirit" speaks of in this verse. If you "love the truth," you will not be "deceived by the lie." If you "believe the truth" and "trust in Christ," He will "sanctify" your spirit with His precious blood, and you will be made free.

I Thessalonians 5:23: "And the very God of peace sanctify you WHOLLY; and I pray God YOUR WHOLE SPIRIT and SOUL and BODY be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."



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