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“Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.”

Jeremiah 6:15-16

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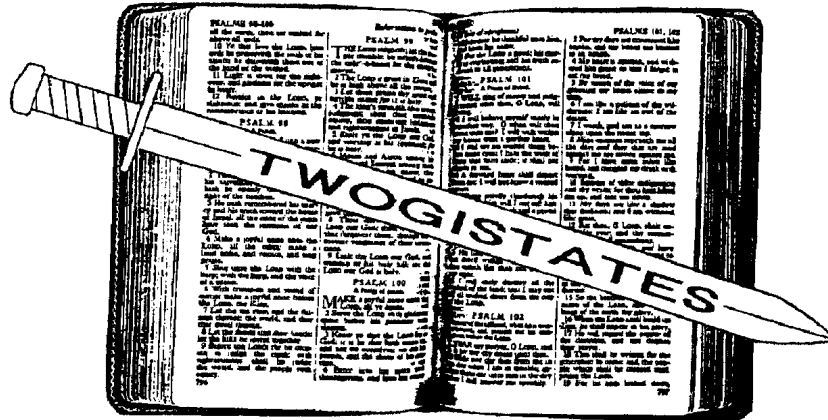
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For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

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Introduction

This limited discussion of biblically erroneous beliefs and practices of professing Christians and churches barely scratches the surface in exposing false doctrines, for there are myriads of so-called Christian viewpoints throughout the world that fall totally outside the realm of biblical directives. The purpose behind this paper is to make the reader aware that something is out of kilter in the Christian church and to present Bible based rebuttals of a few of the prevailing distortions in such a way that, hopefully, it will encourage others to unashamedly stand up for the true doctrines of the Bible. This entire presentation is built around my firm belief that the Bible is God's inspired, inerrant Word, and as far as I am concerned, no other measure of faith is acceptable.

I am fully aware that sometimes even sincere Christians disagree on the particulars of some of the more difficult passages of the Bible, but in most cases I have found that the basis of most differences are actually founded on personal opinions and not biblical facts. Keep in mind that the Bible is its own best interpreter. When Scripture is viewed in a prayerful attitude, studied in proper context, and applied to one's life, there will rarely be misunderstandings about what it says. That is assuming that the ones seeking the truth are actually Christians.

I make this statement because an unsaved person should never expect to understand the Scriptures. For one to be able to fully grasp the significance of God's Holy Word, he/she must be fortified with a close relationship with God and rely heavily on personal guidance from the Holy Spirit. If you are diligently studying the Bible, and it is not coming through, it may be that you have had a bogus salvation experience. If this is the case, I suggest you talk to a Bible believing minister, or a saved friend that you know is solid in the Word.

Presentation and Discussion

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The Bible Is in Error if...

1. A Person Can Be Saved Apart From Accepting Jesus Christ as His/Her Personal Savior.

John 3:16-17

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.** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that **the world through him might be saved.**

John 5:24

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 6:47

Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me hath everlasting life**.

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**.

(It is in vogue for people of today's Christian world to talk about accepting people of other faiths as being saved even if they don't accept Jesus as Savior. For the Bible believer, this is foolish thinking as there is only one formula in the Bible for salvation and that is accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of one's life.

There is also another group close kin to the "every body is saved" bunch, and this is the "salvation by works" faction. Many who claim to follow Jesus also want to place some other restriction on salvation, which the Bible calls works. This is false doctrine and makes the sacrifice of Jesus of no consequence.

If man could work out his own salvation, it makes God a fool for putting Jesus through the agony that He suffered on the cross. The Bible tells us that good works are important, for it is through good works that the world can see Jesus in our lives. However, only those things we do for Christ will count. Everything else is of no value. See statement 16 for further development on the subject of salvation by works.)

2. A Person Can Be Saved and Then Lost.

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**.

John 3:36

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 5:24

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 6:40

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, **and believeth on him, may have everlasting life**: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:47

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.**

Hebrews 6:4-6

For it is **impossible** for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, **to renew them again unto repentance**; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

(Nowhere in the Bible does it even hint that one can be saved and lost again. If this were the case, Jesus' death was all in vain and it implies that God is powerless to hold His own. Those who expound this non-biblical doctrine are totally ignorant about the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit, and are leading people away from the saving grace of Jesus Christ. All the references above talk about everlasting life. This means life without end starting the day one is saved.

I've noticed that those who say you can be saved and lost also say you can be saved again after you become unsaved. I guess they never read Hebrews 6:4-6. The Scripture is just as clear about this lost and saved situation as it is about everlasting life. Here is what it says in essence, "If it were possible to be saved and lost, it would be impossible to be saved again unless Jesus was crucified again." This affirms that once is enough with God, and when He saves someone he/she stays saved for eternity.)

3. Water Baptism Is Required as an Element of Salvation.

Acts 10:43

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name **whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.**

Acts 13:48

And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and **as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.**

Acts 16:30-31

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**

(Baptismal regeneration is a major doctrine of some denominations. What it basically means is that it is necessary to be baptized in water to be saved, and this immersion in water is supposed to impart the concluding element of salvation. This doctrine is derived from Acts 2:38 where it says that a person must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

The reason this verse is so often misinterpreted is because the reader does not take in to account the overall teachings in the Bible about salvation and applies a natural

understanding of the Scripture to this verse. Careful examination of Acts, Chapter two will reveal that the baptism spoken of throughout this Chapter is baptism in the Holy Spirit, and it is true that if one has not been baptized in the Holy Spirit, he/she is not saved. See statement five for a further explanation.)

4. The Tongues Experience in Acts, Chapter Two Was an Ecstatic Language.

Acts 2:1-11

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that **every man heard them speak in his own language.** And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? **And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians,** we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

(There are 19 different languages and dialects listed in the referenced Scripture. All of these were known and understood by some of the people present, and each person heard Peter's voice as if he were speaking in his/her own individual language or dialect. Notice that there was no change in Peter's voice; he spoke in his natural way. Notice also that there was no change in the listeners' hearing; they heard in their natural languages and dialects.

The miracle here was the change is the frequency of the sound waves from the time they left Peter's mouth to the instant they fell upon the listeners' ears. This was not a case of Peter, or anyone else speaking in tongues. But, it was clearly a case of God's supernatural power working so that people who didn't know Peter's language could hear the Gospel with understanding. The results of this miracle were immediately discernible as 3,000 people were saved.

The tongues phenomenon is mentioned in several other places in Acts and 1st Corinthians, and in each instance the exact same Greek word is used that was used in Acts, Chapter 2. Based on this fact, it can clearly be deduced that all these instances of speaking in tongues were exactly the same phenomena as previously described, viz. someone speaking in one language and being heard in another by someone else. Tongues in the Bible are always known languages or dialects that can be interpreted by people trained to understand them and is definitely not the ecstatic speaking that is so common in today's world among the charismatics.)

5. The Evidence of Being Baptized in the Holy Spirit Is Speaking in an Unknown Tongue.

1 Corinthians 12:13

For **by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

I John 4:12-13

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, **God dwelleth in us**, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because **he hath given us of his Spirit**.

(One is baptized in the Holy Spirit at the new birth. This is what being born again means, being immersed in the Holy Spirit. When this happens, a person has a new spirit, which brings a new mind, and from this experience comes a new life in Christ. Jesus made this plain when he discussed the wind and the spirit with Nicodemus.

The reply to statement four discusses the tongues phenomenon at Pentecost which was the speaker expressing himself in his natural language, and the listeners hearing him in different languages that were natural to them. It might be worthwhile to notice that none of the 3,000 who were saved spoke in tongues.

The record of these new Christians being baptized in the Holy Spirit is given in Acts 2:41, and the Bible fails to mention anything about them speaking in unknown tongues. We can deduce from this that the tongues experience was not widespread in the early church and the gift itself was never used as a dipstick to measure the depth of the Holy Spirit in a person's life.

The Bible is clear that the tongues gift [speaking in one language and hearing in another] was merely a sign for the early church and is no longer needed. The chatter the charismatics practice is not even faintly related to the true tongues gift that is recorded in Acts and 1st Corinthians.)

6. Being “Slain in the Spirit” Is a Positive Part of the Holy Spirit’s Ministry.

John 18:5-6

They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, **they went backward, and fell to the ground**.

(This is the only incident recorded in the Bible that even remotely resembles the so-called “slain in the Spirit” phenomena practiced by the modern day charismatics. The people in the referenced Scripture fell backwards because of their own evil spirits coming in contact with the purity of Christ's Holy Spirit; they couldn't stand up under

such supernatural power. It is for sure that they were not purified because of this “being slain” experience.

I’m not real sure what being “slain in the spirit” is supposed to signify unless it is to demonstrate the power the slayer has over the slain. The only conclusion I can draw from all of this is that if the modern day charismatics are really being slain in the Spirit, it is not because they are of Christ, but quite the opposite.)

7. A Priest Can Forgive a Person of His/Her Sins.

Mark 2:7

Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? **who can forgive sins but God only?**

Luke 5:24

But that ye may know that **the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins,** (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

Revelation 1:5-6

And from Jesus Christ, 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, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;** to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

(There is no person on earth that can speak for God when it comes to forgiving sin because if any man could do this he would have to be equal with God. The only human who has ever had the power to forgive sin is Jesus and this was because He was God in the flesh. Not only did He forgive sin while in human form, He is still in the sin forgiving business today in the Spirit form.

To say that any man other than God can forgive sin is not true biblical doctrine, and this teaching leads to deception on the part of any person, or church that teaches this. We all stand as priests before God, and as such we may go directly to Him for forgiveness.)

8. Mary Was a Perpetual Virgin.

Matthew 1:18

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, **before they came together,** she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 1:24-25

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And **knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son:** and he called his name JESUS.

Matthew 13:55-56

Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his **brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters,** are they not all with us?

Mark 6:3

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the **brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters** here with us?

(The Bible is explicit that Mary did not remain a perpetual virgin. According to the dictionary, a virgin is "a girl or woman who has not had sexual intercourse." In the referenced Scripture, the statements "**before they came together**" and that "**he (Joseph) knew her not until she had brought forth her firstborn son,**" unmistakably mean that Joseph and Mary had a normal marital relationship after Jesus was born.

This natural marital between Joseph and Mary relationship is further verified where the Scripture speaks of Jesus' natural brothers and sisters. It even gives the names of his brothers along with the clear implication that he had more than one sister.)

9. Mary Is Co-mediator With Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Romans 8:34

Who is he that condemneth? It is **Christ that died,** yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, **who also maketh intercession for us.**

Hebrews 8:6

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the **mediator of a better covenant, ...**

Hebrews 12:23-24

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus **the mediator of the new covenant, ...**

(The meaning of the above Scripture cannot be misconstrued, for it is perfectly clear that only Jesus can mediate between God and Man, and He earned this exalted position by becoming the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world. Even though the

Bible says that Mary is to be highly regarded among women because she was found worthy by God to be the mother of Jesus, she was only human in the same way you and I are. There is not one iota of Scripture that even hints that Mary is to be a co-mediator with Christ.)

10. Mary Did Not Die but Was Translated Directly Into Heaven (the Ascension of Mary).

(What happened to Mary after Jesus' ascension? We know that Jesus placed her under John's care while He was still on the cross. Because of the kind of person John was, we can probably correctly assume that he took care of her, and since John lived to such a ripe old age, Mary probably preceded him in death.

There is no record of Mary's death in the Bible, but that does not prove that she didn't die. Actually, it proves just the opposite. There are definite records of each person who was translated into heaven without the benefit of death, and these were Enoch, Melchizedek, and Elijah. There is a record of some of the Old Testament saints coming alive when Jesus arose, and I assume that they ascended into heaven, and there is a record of Jesus' own ascension. God is quite meticulous with His records, and if Mary did ascend, He would have told us in His Word.)

11. We Are To Accept Those Who Practice Doctrines Contrary To the Bible as Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Romans 16:17

Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.**

I John 2:19

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for **if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us:** but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

I John 4:1

Beloved, **believe not every spirit, but try the spirits** whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 John 1:8-11

Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. **Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.** He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, **neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.**

(This is probably one of the most ignored and misunderstood Bible doctrines in the Christian world today, and its roots are strongly embedded in the many concepts people have developed about the Scriptures. Some seem to think that they can treat God's Word anyway they want to and He will just look the other way. Others recognize that this is not true and know that there are many guiding principles in the Bible which to identify unbelief. Without a doubt, not believing the Word is one of them.)

Identifying the practice of false doctrine is not the end of the process, for God even takes this a step further and tells His children not to associate with the people who defile His Word. The true believer must always keep in mind that all who say they are Christians are not necessarily so; only those who accept the Bible as God's inerrant Word, profess Jesus as Lord of their lives, and try to live accordingly are the only real Christians in this world. We have to know in whom and in what we believe, or we too will suffer the possibility of being led astray by non-biblical doctrines.)

12. A Person Can Be Prayed Into Heaven After He/She Is Dead.

Luke 16:22-23

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; **And in hell he lift up his eyes**, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but **after this the judgment**:

(The Bible never mentions that one can be prayed into heaven after death. Some seem to think that the reference in 1 Corinthians 15:29 about being baptized for the dead is alluding to prayer for the dead, but this is not the case. This Scripture is referring to a pagan ritual that the Corinthians were practicing while at the same time they were claiming not to believe in the resurrection. It has to do with a pagan procedure, and has nothing to do with Christianity and the prayer involved. The Bible is clear. We will get to heaven by receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and not by how many prayers are said for us after we are dead. Once life is gone, that's it)

13. God Will Not Deny Anyone Entrance Into Heaven.

Matt 10:28

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to **destroy both soul and body in hell**.

Matt 23:33

Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape **the damnation of hell**?

Mark 9:43

And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to **go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:**

Revelation 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Revelation 20:15

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

(Contrary to what some people seem to think, there are large numbers of people who won't make it to heaven. I guess those who hold the "all go to heaven" view have heard about hell, and they probably think it is a big joke. However, the Bible confirms that God does not find direct disputation of His Word funny, nor does He take it lightly. Those who think they can live a life of sin and that God will overlook it are badly mistaken. Their end will be with their god, Satan.)

14. Christians Are Supposed To Always Be Wealthy and Healthy.

Mark 10:23-25

And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, **How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!** And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

John 15:20

Remember the word that I said unto you, **The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;** if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

2 Corinthians 12:7-8

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, **there was given to me a thorn in the flesh,** the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing **I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.**

1 Timothy 5:23

Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and **thine often infirmities.**

2 Timothy 4:20

Erastus abode at Corinth: but **Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.**

(Jesus never promised His followers health, wealth, and prosperity. Actually, He presented just the opposite picture. Bona fide Christians will probably have very little money, persecuted and even put to death. The martyrs of church history are clear evidence of this.

When it comes to wealth, very few believers will ever have vast amounts of money. Neither will the church for it has not been its nature to amass great hoards of wealth; it has been more in line with the church of just having enough to get by. This does not mean that Christians cannot be wealthy; it is just that wealthy ones are very rare. I suppose it has to do with finding an honest way to make large amounts of profit.

It is often stated by some false evangelists that all Christians are supposed to be wealthy, and they usually follow this message with a promise that God will bless those who send them money for their ministries. Surely giving one's money to some wealthy charismatic evangelist will not induce God to make anyone rich, or even solvent. God can't be bought that easy. Don't be deceived about giving money for God's work. His way for has always been for people to liberally give through the local church according to how they have prospered.

When it comes to sickness, there are several instances in the Bible where the saints of God were sick. Even Paul, who had the gift to heal others had some kind of affliction, which he called "a thorn in the flesh". If God didn't grant Paul healing with his strong unflinching faith, why do some think that anybody with strong faith can be healed? Sure there are supernatural healings, but it is not brought about by the faith of the one healed or by the hands of some false faith healer. James, Chapter five gives the formula for healing in today's church. Clearly, all will not be healed.)

15. A Christian Does Not Sin After the New Birth.

I John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

I John 3:4

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

I John 5:17

All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

(If a Christian does not sin, then he is perfect. Even though God accepts us as perfect because of Christ's sacrifice, the old nature still exists in each of us in varying degrees depending on how much of self we turn over to God. This old nature will keep getting us into trouble, and because of this we will continue to sin just as long as we have this earthly body.

However, there is a biblical process for overcoming sin, and it begins with Christ. First, we need Christ to save us. The Bible says that man was born a sinner, and as such, he can't save himself, and he needs a sinless Savior to save him. Second, he needs a helper to walk with him through life so that he won't practice sin, and third, when he fails and commits sin, he needs a mediator between him and God to intercede for his failure. The Bible says that those who say they do not sin are liars.)

16. A Person Can Earn His Way Into Heaven By Good Works.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

(This distortion of God's Word is hardly worth commenting about, except there are those who insist that they must work their way into heaven. We do need to do good works, and this is just as natural as breathing for those who are truly Disciples of Christ. It has to do with allowing the Word of God to live in ones heart.

When James wrote, "Faith without works is dead," he was referring to this very issue. He was saying that it is impossible to have true faith and not perform true Christian works. You see, only by our works will the world know that we belong to Christ, and how can we belong to Him if we don't do His works? Jesus affirmed this, but He also affirmed that without Him there is no salvation and all of man's good works are in vain.)

17. There Will Be No Rapture of the Church.

1Thessalonians 4:13-17

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. **For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

Luke 21:27-28

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

(Jesus said that He would return for His own. The above Scripture makes it crystal-clear that is precisely what He will do.)

18. There Will Be No Tribulation Period.

Matthew 24:21

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Matt 24:29

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Revelation 3:10

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation**, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Revelation 6:17

For **the great day of his wrath is come**; and who shall be able to stand?

(There will be a seven-year period when God will again deal with the nation of Israel. This time is explicitly presented in the book of Revelation and referred to in Matthew 24. A detailed description is given of the tribulation period beginning with Revelation, Chapter four and continuing through Revelation, Chapter 19.

Jesus will not leave His church on the earth during this time as this is also when the marriage of the Lamb will take place. His Bride (the Church) will return with Him to this earth when He comes to administer judgment. She will be with Him on earth for 1,000 years and afterwards will dwell with Him forever in the new heaven.)

19. There Will Be No Millennium Reign With Christ on Earth.

Revelation 20:4

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; **and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

(I know there are many theories about this, but the Bible is clear enough. There will be a 1,000 year reign of Christ here on earth.)

20. God Doesn't Care if People Change His Word.

Revelation 22:18-19

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.**

Matthew 4:4

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

2 Corinthians 4:2-3

But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, **nor handling the word of God deceitfully**; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. **But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:**

(The lie that "God does not care if people change His Word" is so blatant that I can't understand why so many good people miss it. If God endorsed all the changes we see made to His word in the modern versions, we could never know what He has said. They all say so many different things that it is kind of like "pick what you believe" and you can find a Bible version to support it.

It is not reasonable to believe that God gave the Christian church His holy instructions for almost 1900 years and then changed his mind. The only Bible available today that meets the test of time is the King James Bible. All others have been corrupted by self-serving scholars whose only desire is to be smarter than God. Kind of sounds like a biblical character that God continues to have problems with.)

21. The Universe Started With a Big Bang

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also **he made the worlds;**

Hebrews 11:3

Through faith we understand that **the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**

(Man comes up with all kinds of theories to prove that God doesn't exist. It takes more faith to believe that the universe was formed from nothing, where no proof exists, than it does to accept a creative God, where there are many proofs. There is no middle ground on this issue. One either accepts God at His Word, or he believes the scientists. Clearly, taking either side of this issue will in effect accuse the other side of lying.)

22. Man Evolved From Lower Life Forms

Genesis 1:26-27

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 all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 2:21-22

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman**, and brought her unto the man.

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him;** and without him was not any thing made that was made.

(I'm continually amazed at the perpetration of misinformation and out-and-out lies generated by the so-called scientist. There has never been one iota of proof in the entire universe that any superior life form ever evolved from an inferior one. Yet man insists that the many complicated and wondrous living beings on this earth evolved from some form of bacteria.

Anthropologists, in an attempt to muster support for their preposterous theories, offer as proof that man and monkey are related to some missing link because they both have physical features that bear a resemblance. There is a good reason for this likeness, both man and monkey were created on the sixth day, but there is one big difference, monkeys do not have living souls. Hell will be full of men, but no monkeys.)

23. The Devil (Satan) Does Not Exist.

1 Chronicles 21:1

And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

Job 1:6

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and **Satan came also among them.**

Zechariah 3:1

And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and **Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.**

Matthew 4:1

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be **tempted of the devil.**

John 8:44

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

2 Corinthians 11:13-14

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

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.

Revelation 20:2

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

Revelation 20:10

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

(“Satan does not exist” is the cry of the unbeliever. I wouldn’t want Satan to be real either if I were bound for hell, but he did exist when God gave us the Bible, and he still exists today as father of everything evil. If anyone doubts that Satan exists, just look around and you’ll see that sinfulness readily manifests itself in many varied and sundry forms. It may be further observed that the design and power of these manifestations indisputably affirm that evilness has to be generated by some source of higher intelligence. This fact alone demands that there has to be a Satan. Flip Wilson may have been on to something when he came up with the theme “The Devil made me do it.”)

24. A Person Has a Unique Relationship With God Because He/She Has a Special Title.

Acts 10:34

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons:**

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Romans 12:3-4

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to **every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think;** but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

Romans 12:16

Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that **there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.**

Revelation 2:6

But this thou hast, that thou hatest the **deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.**

Revelation 2:15

So hast thou also them that hold the **doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.**

(It is clear from the Scriptures that no man is to be made overseer of God's flock just because he has influence or has acquired some man made title. The authentic leaders of God's flock are those who are called by God, set aside by God, and specially endowed by God to do His work. Those who are God called can always be easily identified for you can see the power of God working in their lives. This is not to say that He doesn't call the highly educated, but I supposed it is more difficult for Him to find many humble people in this group. Be aware it a person insists in using his/her educational title while claiming to be doing God's work, he/she is deliberately following the doctrine of the Nicolaitans and God hates that.

The group or belief identified as "Nicolaitans," which God says that He hates, simply means "to conquer the laity." All titles displayed, and worn so proudly, by self proclaimed religious leaders are calculated to place them over the common people in the church and in effect conquer the laity.

In today's world we place so much emphasis on titles, education and knowledge that we seem to have produced a new race of super Christians. We only listen to those that we perceive have the right credentials and often over look the fact that God's people are still called by Him.

Let us not lose sight that Jesus had access to the great educational institutions of the First Century, but He still elected to choose people without degrees and titles. Maybe He just wanted simple disciples whose minds had not been corrupted with endless theories and filled with preconceived notions about God and His work. Later on He did use one highly educated person by the name of Saul, but he was the exception and not the rule – incidentally, He never addressed him as Doctor Paul.

I would say that there is an important lesson here, and that is **we have to be very careful that we don't place any man on a higher plane than God does.)**

25. The Church Will Be on Earth During the Seven-Year Tribulation Period.

Revelation 1:19

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the **things which shall be hereafter;**

Revelation 4:1

1 After this I looked, and, behold, **a door was opened in heaven:** and the first voice which I heard was as it were of **a trumpet talking with me;** which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

Revelation 3:10

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation,** which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Matthew 24:36

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Matthew 24:42

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Matthew 24:44

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

1 Thessalonians 5:2

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

(There are several points in the above Scriptures that support the rapture of the church prior to the tribulation period.

1. "After this" in Revelation 4:1 is referring to "things which shall be hereafter" in revelation 1:19. The door to heaven is opened, which is indicative of the way it will be at the rapture.

2. The Book of Revelation speaks of the church up through Chapter three, and then it is not mentioned again until Chapter 19. God is again dealing with Israel, and the church of Jesus Christ is no longer on the earth.

3. The whole scene changes after Revelation, Chapter three. We no longer see Jesus among the candlesticks (His Churches), but He is now in heaven, and the throne immediately appears.

4. In Revelation 3:10, He promises that the church will not go through the hour of temptation that is to come upon all the earth.

5. In Jesus' own word, He will come in a time that is least expected. If He came for His saints at the end of the tribulation, He'd certainly be expected, for the Bible is clear about the signs of the end. Anyone who could read would know the appointed time.

6. In 1 Thessalonians, 5:9, it is written that the Christians are not appointed unto wrath. Certainly the wrath of God will be thrust upon all mankind during the seven year tribulation period.

Clearly, the church will not go through the tribulation, but will be raptured as God has told us in His word in 1 Thessalonians, Chapter four. He will descend with a shout, and the last trumpet shall sound. Revelation Chapter four describes this trumpet. It is the voice of Jesus and is the last time He will be talking to His church. This is the last trumpet call. Notice the word "come." This is the message of Jesus to His church throughout the ages.)

Closing Comments

For the true believer the Bible is God's inspired, inerrant Holy Word and is the only acceptable source for valid doctrine. Those who get their tenets of faith elsewhere are not biblical oriented Christians and are in effect denying the efficacy of the Bible. This approach does not in any way degrade God, for He is far above being affected by the opinions of mere mortals, but it does make those who deny the holiness of the His Word liars. Unless they repent their fates are fixed, for Bible explicitly says that there will be no liars in heaven.

Those who adamantly insist on following man made doctrines and ignoring what the Bible says are deceiving themselves and are probably leading many others astray. Many who read this paper will ignore its implications and continue doing what they have always done with God's Word. However, the alarm has been sounded and God has again declared **"The Bible is the only resource from God that presents mankind with His directions for doctrines of faith and practice. Any other source is from Satan."**

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"For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar;" Romans 3:3-4a

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