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## **ACTS**

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8. The dead are in a state of no consciousness.
9. The true church organization taught in the Bible is local autonomy and that the Bible name for the church is THE CHURCH OF GOD.
10. That the tests of Christian fellowship are the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

# President's Letter



In today's "tolerant" society, it can seem like nobody holds any standards of any kind, but especially in the church. Does being tolerant of differences of belief have to mean lowering your expectations of proper Christian behavior? *Loving people and not their sin*, can lead to a dichotomy of reactions. For gay people our reaction is influenced by the political storylines of the day. For unwed mothers we have more sympathy because their sin, although not committed alone, ends up naturally creating consequences only for the female. Regardless of the empathy, or lack of sympathy we have for the sinner, a sin remains a sin. And regardless of what the sinner has done, we are commanded to love them. We must love the sinner, while retaining a dislike for their sin.

How do we do that? Can we always treat sinners with love, even when they are flaunting their sin openly? Does loving someone who is sinning openly threaten the standards of God? Obviously, however, it is the church's responsibility to uphold God's standard with good teaching and strong support for those who uphold those standards. That support must be Biblical and Godly. The best place to look for that support is in the gospels. Jesus showed us, both in story and by example, how we should treat sinners and sin. In the Prodigal Son parable, He showed us how to treat sinners who repent, giving love in return for disrespect, freely handing over the son's inheritance, in spite of the attitude and obviously evil intent. When the prodigal returned he didn't get his brothers inheritance too, his riches were gone, but he still had a home and the love of his father. As far as personal examples, we see Jesus accepting tax collectors and prostitutes, even going so far as to rescue one from the Pharisees. He didn't condone her actions, telling her not to do it again, but He also made the point that He didn't condemn her. Is He telling a sinner she won't be punished? What saved her from punishment? The punishment she escaped was a temporary one, but I believe it is an allegory of our eternal punishment. Is escape from civil punishment, ok, while escape from eternal punishment is not? It could be possible that if she doesn't change her ways, she may not escape the eternal punishment, but I believe that this story is intended to point out that Jesus' forgiveness gives freedom from our sins, unconditionally.

Is there a difference between a sinner who has repented, and a sinner who has not? Yes, in redemption, but what about in **our** love? I believe that is the issue that Jesus showed us in the story of the rich young man found in Mark 10:21. Jesus looked at him and loved him, but it is apparent that the rich young man was not truly sinless, or even willing to do what it took to be sinless. So, was he the exception and Jesus didn't love other sinners? If so, why did He say in Matthew 5, to love our enemies, as our Father in heaven did. Why was it that Jesus tied loving our enemies into being perfect? Isn't being perfect the same as being without sin? For this reason, I say we cannot say we are keeping God's commandment until we love those who are not.

Do you love the worst of sinners?

Rodney Boone, GENERAL COUNCIL President

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS

By Ken Walker

The Book of Revelation is probably the most misunderstood book in the Bible. It has inspired more various “interpretations” (stories) than any other book in the Bible. From the many different renditions of the “Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse,” to the “Secret Rapture of the Saints” and Armageddon; there have been many accounts written, movies made and Doctrines of the Church invented. This usually comes about as a conclusion of men reading it with the purpose of seeking to confirm what they already think, rather than reading it for the purpose of finding out what God is teaching us. To put it simply, the Book of Revelation is worth another look since we now have facts from other portions of the Bible and history that will help us to understand and harmonize the wonderful Scriptures that our God has given to us.

That is called reading the Bible for proof of our own beliefs and not for understanding. In the modern vernacular we would say; don’t confuse me with facts because my mind is already made up. Jesus told us in Matthew 13:23 that when we are exposed to the word of God (Bible), it is in the understanding of the words, that we will bring forth good fruit in our lives. The Apostle Paul desired for the people to receive understanding from the Lord (II Timothy 2:7) and the Apostle John confirmed that Jesus has given us understanding (IF we will receive it) in I John 5:20. Now let us look at Revelation and try to understand it.

The word “Revelation” means to reveal or disclose something and that is exactly how the book begins in the first verse. We should all agree that the Revelation is REVEALED TO US by our Savior, Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:1). However, please notice that this book was written somewhere between 60 to 70 years **after** Jesus was resurrected from the dead and rose to sit at the right hand of God. With this thought firmly attached to our thought process please notice that God gave this group of facts to Jesus. Jesus did not know these things before **GOD TOLD HIM!** After sit-

ting and communing with God for over 60 years in Heaven, Jesus still does not know everything? How then can we say that Jesus is a God and is co-equal?

After 60 to 70 years of sitting at the right hand of God in heaven and the majority of Christianity claiming that Jesus was and is co-equal with God, we find that JESUS STILL DOES NOT KNOW EVERYTHING THAT GOD KNOWS. How can we possible say that Jesus is co-equal when Jesus personally tells us that there are things that only God knows? Jesus cannot be co-equal: To be co-equal means that you each know everything that the other knows. In the book of Revelation Jesus tells us that GOD HAS REVEALED to Him (Jesus) the events that WILL SHORTLY COME TO PASS. That means that this prophecy is true and absolute. It also means that Jesus did not know it before that time. If Jesus already knew these facts then God would not have to reveal it to Jesus 60 to 70 years after Jesus was sitting and communicating with God in Heaven.

We now have the fact firmly established in our mind that Revelation gives us facts that Jesus did not know. Only God, The Father, knew what was to transpire. Just this one verse is enough to prove that the *Co-equality Doctrine* is false. The Doctrine of Co-equality leads us away from the sovereignty and glory that only belongs to God. This does not take away from the Glory that belongs to Jesus. Jesus has wonderful glory that we do not fully comprehend. Think about the facts as we examine the Scriptures. The resurrected and eternal Jesus teaches us that God is **HIS GOD** in the Book of Revelation, as we shall show shortly.

The Book of Revelation is no different than any other book of the Bible in that it requires study and a fervent appeal to God for HIS gift of understanding. God’s revelations come to us as information that requires obedience. God’s

revelations are information to help us to obey the rule of faith and conduct that He requires. God's revelations are, in essence a demand for us to trust God and obey what is revealed in the revelation itself. Our lives must be governed by a "trust and obey" mentality and not by whims and fancies or guesses as to what God meant to say. God is consistent. Therefore, we cannot take just one verse or one passage of Scripture and ignore the rest of the Bible. That kind of attitude will lead us to believe and manufacture false Doctrines.

The old saying that you cannot see the forest because of the trees applies here. A forest is a large complete area and a tree only makes up part of the forest. With that in mind let us go to the top of the mountain and first look at the beauty of the entire forest before we go down and look at individual trees. In the case of the Book of Revelation we see a beautiful picture of the world and all of its ramifications from Christ's time on earth, to the eternal Kingdom of God, where God Himself will be the light and we will have no need for the sun anymore (Rev. 22:5).

The Book of Revelation covers at least 3,000 years of history that was explained to us before it happened through the providence of God. From Jesus' time on earth until His second coming we have approximately 2,000 years. Then we are shown that Jesus will reign on earth for 1,000 years before turning the earth over to God so that God will be "ALL IN ALL". I Corinthians 15:28 explains this fact very well and also tells us distinctly that Jesus will also be in subjection to God in the eternal Kingdom. After reading this, how can we say that Jesus and God are co-equal?

As we admire the overall scope of the book of Revelation we discover that it explains to us the consequences that were to happen to the people of the church of the living God during this 3,000-year period of time. To show the complete picture in Revelation for the time period that it covers the Bible reveals the enemy of the Church of God and the tactics that are used to destroy God's people. God's Church is the battleground and the battles are fully described. God transports us spiritually to different vantage points so that we can see the scope of the problem and battles from different angles. Through this means

we get a clear picture of the events that were going to take place.

From each vantage point that God has given to us, we have the privilege of viewing the events that He has described in the Book of Revelation; we recognize the fact that God starts them from about the time of Christ's first time on earth or later. God shows us the beginning from Christ's first time on earth, down to the time that Christ turns the entire world over to God so that God will be "ALL IN ALL". God concludes the Book of Revelation, Chapters 21 and 22, with a brief and wonderful picture of New Jerusalem coming down to earth and God, Himself walking the "STREETS OF GLORY" among all of the saints with Jesus by His side. God gives us details of Christ's second reign on earth (the Millennium) so that we can begin to see and truly understand the gift of Love (Eternal life) that God has prepared for His children. This all comes to us in this one short and magnificent Book of the Bible.

At this time we will only deal with two of the vantage points that we have available to us. We have already noticed that the First Chapter teaches us that God is the one giving Christ this information. Chapter one also goes on to show the glory that Christ had at that time and what John was to do with this precious information that he was going to receive. Chapters 2 and 3 deals with Seven Churches that I believe are the seven eras of the Church during this 2,000-year period that we are currently in. This 2,000-year period culminates in Christ's return. There are many that believe that these were simply seven churches that John was supposed to contact and there was no more to it. The facts do not support that doctrine.

Stop and think of prophecy as it is taught in the Bible for a moment. When God gave to the true prophet of God a dual-purpose prophecy, the prophet spoke to the present situation that he and God's people were facing. This situation was in their present, or very soon to come, situation. As the prophet relayed to the people God's instructions the prophecy was usually written down so that the prophecy could be used to enlighten God's followers to the events that they would face at whatever time in the future, whether

near or far, that the prophecy would take place. Study the prophets in the Bible and this should become clear. For a very easy example for us to understand if we look in Deut. 18:15-19 we find Moses addressing a situation for the Israelites that Moses knew would happen soon after Moses' rapidly approaching death. The Bible and secular history tell us that Moses' prophecy was fulfilled. However, that same prophecy was speaking directly of the Messiah, Christ Jesus, which was also fulfilled about 1,300 years later (Acts 3:22 / John 1:45).

Some Church denominations go so far as to say that ALL of the first part of Revelation was completed by 70 AD when Jerusalem fell. That is extremely strange and hard to believe since the Book of Revelation that foretold all of the events that were to take place was not written until 20-30 years AFTER the fall of Jerusalem. Was the Apostle John, the beloved, just writing down History and then trying to sell it to us as a future prophecy that was given to him by Jesus? Does this mean that God and Jesus were giving us false information on purpose? This is an absolute false Doctrine. The logic of this theology has a severe hole in it.

We should not be surprised by this false Doctrine. IF we study history we will see a simple fact. This particular false Doctrine is a product of the Catholic Church in the late 1500's to shove back the Reformers that understood that the Catholic Church was the Apostate Church of Revelation. The Reformers were teaching this fact from the Bible and were winning the battle, so the Papacy fought back with this false Doctrine to point the Reformers away from the Catholics. Secular history will verify this fact! The only thing that should surprise us is the fact that so many people accept, teach and believe this false Doctrine. If you really looked into this false Doctrine you would find that the majority of the people teaching this false Doctrine are Protestants!

For now let us pull out an obvious fact from Revelation Chapter 3. Scholarship agrees that the Book of Revelation was written somewhere between 90 and 100 AD. That means that Jesus has been with His Father, God, for somewhere

between 60 and 70 years. In verse 21 of Chapter 3 Jesus states that He is sitting with God in His throne. With these FACTS in mind we would have to agree that Jesus had close personal contact with God for many years. With that thought instilled in us let us listen to the words of our Messiah, who was now unquestionably *eternal*, as He describes His Father, God.

*"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of **MY GOD**, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of **MY GOD**, and the name of the city of **MY GOD**, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from **MY GOD**: and I will write upon him my new name"* (Revelation 3:12).

Does anyone besides me find it strange that anyone can read this verse and still say that Jesus is co-equal with God? Here we have the resurrected Messiah, who is now Eternal and has been sitting with God in His throne for almost 70 years, and Jesus admits and calls God the Father, "**MY GOD**". To top it off, Jesus elaborates to us this fact 4 times and describes what God will do. It is all in this one verse.

The end of Revelation Chapter 3 marks the end of one view of the Church age of God's people. In Chapter 4 we start a new view of the Church age. Theologians try to make these separate views that Revelation gives to us, such as the 7 churches followed by the seven seals of Chapters 4-8, happen in chronological order. That cannot be and that is where so many people get off track. Think about this idea in a logical manner. After Chapters 2 and 3 we find that Chapters 4 and 5 set the stage for the next view of the Church age. If it were chronological in time then we would have to assume that these 7 Churches happened BEFORE Christ's time on earth, since Revelation 4 shows us that God is on His throne with all of His creation showing the greatness of God and Jesus is no place to be found as Revelation 5:1- 4 very plainly shows us. We find that Jesus enters the picture in Revelation Chapter 5. The 7 churches were set up years after Jesus' death and resurrection! To try to make Revelation all fall into a chronological time frame just will not work.

In Revelation 5:6 Jesus enters this beautiful picture. Jesus' entrance into this elaborate picture is **AFTER** Jesus' resurrection, since Jesus stood before the throne as a "**LAMB THAT HAD BEEN SLAIN.**"

*"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, **STOOD A LAMB AS IT HAD BEEN SLAIN,** having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth."*

Meditate on what this passage of Scripture is teaching us. For Jesus to appear, in God's Heaven, and stand with God; the man, Christ Jesus, had to have been resurrected to eternal life to stand before God face to face.

*"Now this I say, brethren, that **FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD;** neither doth corruption inherit incorruption"  
(1 Corinthians 15:50).*

The Apostle Paul goes on to explain to us in verse 51 of Chapter 15 that EVERYONE will have to be changed, just as Christ was, in order to be able to enter and live in God's Kingdom!

The facts that we have just learned are plain and simple. Christ is introduced into this narration, not as God, for God is still on the throne, but as a lamb before the throne. Christ is praised for being worthy to take the Book from God and the Scriptures are plain that this was not because Christ had a divine nature as we are taught now.

Look again at Revelation 5:9 because it is very explicit as to why Christ was worthy.

*"And they sung a new song, saying, **THOU ART WORTHY** to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: **FOR THOU WAST SLAIN,** and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;"*

Jesus redeemed mankind to God by His Blood, which God could not do since God is not flesh and blood. Christ is now exalted to the highest position in heaven next to God. Equality is not taught anywhere in Revelation. It is always "the Lamb and God" or something similar. Christ is represented as reigning but always under the Supreme Sovereign, God. It is **THROUGH GOD'S POWER** that Christ can carry out the task of representing God. Are we any different?

Read the Chapters again and think about what they are teaching.

- Chapter 4 shows God in His glory sitting alone.
- Revelation 4:11 teaches us that God, alone, created all things. "**THOU ART WORTHY, O Lord, (GOD) to receive glory and honor and power: for THOU HAST CREATED all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**"
- Chapter 5 shows in verses 1-4 that there was no person in heaven or earth that was worthy to take the "Book" from God and open the seals that it was sealed with.
- In verses 5-7 we find that Christ, our Messiah, appeared on the scene according to God's timetable (Gal. 4:4, 5) and was found to be the only one worthy enough to take the book from God.
- Jesus took the book from God's hand and **then** the worship of Jesus started (verses 8-14).

The heavenly and earthly creation of God fell down to worship Jesus **WHEN** Jesus received the book from God.

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Then in verse 12 we hear the Song that was sung to Jesus by the heavenly angels and creation.

*“Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the **LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN TO RECEIVE power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and GLORY, and blessing.**”*

We must add to this thought the words of Jesus when He was reprimanding His own disciples for not understanding the facts that He had taught them.

“Then he said unto them, O **FOOLS**, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not **CHRIST TO HAVE SUFFERED THESE THINGS, AND TO ENTER INTO HIS GLORY?**”  
(Luke 24:25, 26).

This gives us a complete picture that goes beyond any doubt that Christ is covered with glory, but it comes **AFTER** his death and resurrection. Should we not believe what Jesus said to believe? Jesus, with His own words tells us that **HIS GLORY COMES AFTER HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION!**

We have to also recognize the fact that the Scriptures have shown us that even with all of the glory that has been, and will be, given to Christ, He is still not co-equal. Christ describes God as being HIS GOD after Christ had already been given His eternal body and life (John 20:17 / Rev. 3:12). Jesus’ goal and His job is to rule for God until the last foe is put under foot, and then turn the Kingdom over to God so that God may be *all in all* (I Cor. 15:28).

A quick review is in order at this point. God has emphatically declared that HE is the Creator of all things (Gen.1:31 / 2:3, 4 / 6:7 / 7:4; Ex. 20:11 / 31:17; Isa. 42:5 / 44:24 / 45:12 / Jer. 27:5 / Zech. 12:1 etc.). To say that Jesus is the Creator just does not work. The preponderance of evidence tells us that God, Jehovah, is the one speaking and testifying. Church Denominations, Theologians and Scholars try to explain the facts away by teaching that God was simply telling Jesus what He (God) wanted to accomplish and Jesus was the one doing all of the work of Creation. That is far from the facts that are given in the Scriptures. It is this kind of teaching that

necessitates reviews and repeating the facts many times. As we learn new facts and go back to read the same Scriptures, new light is able to enter into our mind and heart. That is true progress and that pleases God. Let us go back to our review.

God is giving us a clear picture of the time that Jesus came into this world in Revelation chapters 4 and 5. It is important to note the time-frame.

- In Chapter 4 we see God sitting alone on the throne and all of **HIS CREATION** is surrounding God and showering God with the Glory that he so richly deserves. *“Thou art worthy, O LORD, (Jehovah) **TO RECEIVE GLORY and honor and power: for THOU HAST CREATED ALL THINGS, and for thy pleasure they are and were created**” (Rev. 4:11).*

We find that the Apostle Paul was teaching this very fact in Romans 1:20; *“For the invisible things of him from the **CREATION OF THE WORLD** are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even **HIS ETERNAL POWER** and Godhead; so that they are **WITHOUT EXCUSE**.”* In this passage were the people giving God the glory that He deserved or were they giving it to someone else in the Apostle Paul’s time, just as people are trying to do now? Romans 1:21 gives us the answer; *“Because that, **WHEN THEY KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD,** neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”* This was not Jesus that these verses are referring to.

We now understand that Revelation 4 is all about God and the glory that HIS CREATION gives to Him. We also understand that God is alone. Jesus is nowhere to be found which is very strange if Jesus is a co-equal God and the Creator of everything as many teach now. In Revelation Chapter 5 and verse one we find God sitting on His throne by Himself with a book that was sealed. We cannot try to say that this is referring to Genesis because we are told that God was surrounded by His Creation. In verse 2 we find a powerful angel asking if there was any-

one that was worthy enough to break the seals and open the book that God was holding. Verse 3 tells us that there was **NOBODY IN HEAVEN OR ON EARTH** that could open the book. They even looked under the earth so that ruled out claiming that this happens when Jesus was buried. Where was Jesus hiding? The glaring fact is that Jesus was not there. The Scripture does not leave Jesus anyplace to exist.

If Jesus were co-equal with God then Jesus would have been seen with God.

- Continuing on: in Revelation 5:4 we found that John understood the gravity of the situation and was crying because His heart was broken. Remember that in verse 3 we found that they were **SEARCHING FOR A MAN** and in Verse 5 we found that John is comforted to get word from the heavenly host that **A MAN HAD BEEN FOUND ON EARTH**. They even gave the lineage of this man that is called Jesus.
- Verse 6 explains to us that this lamb (Jesus) was able to stand before God's throne only after this man (Lamb) was slain and resurrected. *"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, **STOOD A LAMB AS IT HAD BEEN SLAIN**..."* This is the LAMB that Abraham prophesied of in Genesis 22:8 and John the Baptist saw and testified of in John 1:29, 36.
- When we continue on in Chapter 5 we find that verse 9 tells us that this man (Jesus) was worthy because He was slain to redeem humanity.
- Then, as we have already shown, verse 12 teaches us that **JESUS WAS SLAIN** so that He could then **RECEIVE THE GLORY AND PROMISES OF GOD** that were prophesied for the Messiah to receive and to share with the children of God. These two chapters paint a beautiful picture of our loving God and our Savior, Jesus, and how God's plan of salvation came together.

The question in the mind of many at this time is, *"Why do we spend so much time going over much of the same material again and again."* The answer is that we pick up knowledge and learn a little bit here and a little bit there. As we gain

in knowledge we then begin to understand the same Scriptures in a better way. God specifically told us that this is the best way for us to learn.

**"WHOM SHALL HE (Jehovah) TEACH KNOWLEDGE? AND WHOM SHALL HE MAKE TO UNDERSTAND DOCTRINE? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. FOR PRECEPT MUST BE UPON PRECEPT, precept upon precept; LINE UPON LINE, line upon line; HERE A LITTLE, AND THERE A LITTLE:"** (Isaiah 28:9, 10).

Since our knowledge has been increased through this study of our one and only God, the facts that we will now look at will make much more sense. We should consider that there are 1,300 places in the New Testament alone that we find that the word God appears. There is not one of the 1,300 Scriptures that essentially tell us that there is more than one God or any kind of a "division" of the one God. In the Old Testament there are over 2,000 places in which the word God appears and there is no hint of a distinction of different persons that are included in this word. In the New Testament there are 17 places in which the **FATHER, IS CALLED THE ONLY GOD** or **THE ONE**.

As a true believer in the One and only true God we have explained and given the true meaning of the very few Scriptures that are used to try to sell us on the idea that there are multiple, co-equal Gods. Should not the Denominations that are pushing the false Doctrine that there are multiple, co-equal Gods, be forced to explain the thousands of very plain Scriptures that teach us that there is only **ONE GOD, AND THAT IS JEHOVAH?**

Let us take a look at the term **ALMIGHTY** as it is used in the Bible. This word appears 57 times in the Bible, 9 times in the New Testament and 48 times in the Old Testament. The word is never used to represent our Savior Jesus. The word is always used to represent the **ONE AND ONLY GOD**. For an example in the Old Testament, look at Genesis 17:1. God appears to a 99 year old childless Abram and changes Abram's name to Abraham, as God made a covenant with

Abraham to make him a father of many nations.

*“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the **LORD** (Jehovah) appeared to Abram, and said unto him, **I AM THE ALMIGHTY GOD**; walk before me, and be thou perfect.”*

This verse tells us that the Almighty God and Jehovah are one and the same.

When God was dealing with Moses we find confirmation of the fact that God Almighty is Jehovah in Exodus 6:2, 3.

*“And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, **I AM THE LORD** (Jehovah): And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of **GOD ALMIGHTY**, but by **MY NAME JEHOVAH** was I not known to them.”*

What we need to realize from these two examples is that the term ALMIGHTY was never used of anyone other than Jehovah! There are 46 more examples in the Old Testament.

In the New Testament we have 9 times that the word ALMIGHTY is used. Once again we find as we examine the verses that the word Almighty was never used for Jesus. It is interesting to note that 8 of the times that the term Almighty is used appear in the Book of Revelation. One of the facts that jump off of the pages of the Bible in the Book of Revelation is that fact that the Lord God Almighty is **always** singular.

- The Lord God Almighty is the one and only Jehovah.
- The Lord God Almighty is not divided.

The Book of Revelation seems to want to impress this fact upon us.

The only other place that the word Almighty appears in the New Testament is in II Corinthians 6:18,

*“And will be a **FATHER** unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord **ALMIGHTY**.”*

We can now say with emphatic certainty that the term Almighty always and only refers to the Father, Jehovah, and never to Christ. How can we come to any other realistic conclusion?

- The term Almighty in the Greek is Strong's #3841 in the New Testament, and is defined as, “God the absolute and universal Sovereign; omnipotent”.
- It is also interesting to note that the word absolute is defined in Webster's as, “free from imperfection **OR MIXTURE**”.
- Webster's also defines Almighty as a noun, and the name of that noun is GOD.

We should now have a very clear understanding that both from the Bible and from the Secular writings, our God is not split up into multiple parts that all come together to form a being that we call God! Our God is not some kind of mixture. Our God is one and our God is complete. We have brought out and studied the Scriptures in which our God gives His personal testimony that there **NEVER HAS BEEN AND NEVER WILL BE ANOTHER GOD**.

We stated earlier that Satan also has a long-term plan. After all, Satan has been battling God for thousands of years that we know of. For us to compose a complete picture of the Doctrinal damage that the “**ALEXANDRIAN CONNECTION**” gave to Christianity it is time to briefly study the history of the Septuagint. The earliest version of the Septuagint that we know of was translated at Alexandria.

There are many ways to verify this fact. The Alexandrian dialect is the idiom in which the Septuagint version was originally made. When the Septuagint is examined it gives the historian manifest proof that it was not the accomplishment of the Jews in Palestine. It originated from the Jews in Egypt. There are words and expressions that plainly indicate to a linguist that this work was of an Alexandrian source.

The most reasonable conclusion that we can come to, is that this version was accomplished for the Egyptian King. Afterwards, the Hellenistic Jews used it as they became less familiar with the original HEBREW language that the Old

Testament was written in. We do know that the Jews of Egypt and surrounding areas got their copies from the Royal Library at Alexandria, which was under the providence of the Egyptian King. These are the simple facts that we know. There are many stories about how it was actually created but we will stay above the arguments and stick to the basic facts that we know.

It is true that the translators were Jews. However, they were Jews that had been transplanted into Egypt. They were full of their own thoughts as to the meaning of the Scriptures. They had to figure out how to bring their theological concepts into the language of the Gentiles. Consequently they were forced to use words and phrases in different ways and try to make them suitable for belief and understanding. At Alexandria the Hellenistic Jews attached to the Septuagint the greatest Authority that they could give. It spread from Alexandria to the Jews of the Dispersion and was in common use to Greek speaking Jews outside of Jerusalem and Israel.

The text of the Septuagint varies in so many important ways from the Hebrew text that the Septuagint fell into disfavor with the devout Jews. The Septuagint departed from the sense of the Hebrew Scriptures in many places. The Septuagint had many inadequate renderings and many Doctrinal deficiencies that came about because of the limited abilities of the Egyptian Jews. However, the Septuagint flourished among the non-Jewish converts for many reasons, not the least of which was their natural dislike for the Jews.

About the year 126 A.D. a Jew by the name of Aquila translated a Greek version of the Old Testament. It is said to have been created with the strict purpose of counteracting the Septuagint. Also in the 2nd Century A.D. two Ebionites, Symmachus and Theodotion, made their own Greek translations of the Old Testament. Origen created the Hexapla, which contains six Translations. Origen used the versions of Aquila, Symmachus, Theodotion, The Septuagint-Hebrew and his own translation from Hebrew to Greek, to make the 6 columns in his Hexapla.

There were 2 more attempts to correct the Septuagint in the 4th Century AD. From the 4th Century onward we have no credible evidence of anyone else attempting to correct the Septuagint. One of the reasons for the endurance and acceptance of the Septuagint is the general ignorance of the Hebrew language among the early Christians. This lack of knowledge of the Hebrew language prevented the early Pagan Christians from going to the fountain of knowledge, which was given to us by God in the Hebrew Scriptures to form true Doctrines. Therefore, the Septuagint led to the formation of some strange Doctrines since the Septuagint differed in many ways from the Hebrew text. The Septuagint was able to endure all challenges to its credibility.

You may think, *“That this has all been very interesting but how does this knowledge affect me?”* In an earlier chapter we showed how the Hebrew Bible left us with no doubt in Genesis 2:4, 5 that Jehovah is the Creator. The word Lord in the Old Testament is translated 6,510 times from the Hebrew word Jehovah. When we see the words “Lord God” in English, in the Hebrew it would be written, “Jehovah Eloheim.” For a newborn Christian that is trying to learn from the Greek he will find that the Septuagint has eliminated the word Jehovah (Lord) from the 4th verse. The only word that is listed there in the Greek is “theos” (Strong’s #2316), which simply means “deity”. This places the new Christian in the position of accepting the false Doctrine that Jesus is the Creator, which was being taught then (and now).

As a New Christian goes on into verse 5 he finds the word “Lord God” in English but the Greek from the Septuagint lists God again as “theos”. To describe “theos” the Greek word “kuri-os” (Strong’s #2962) is written for “Lord”. When we look up the word Kurios we find that it means “God, Lord, master or Sir.” Where is the sanctity and holiness of that definition? There is nothing special about this word as compared to the Hebrew “JEHOVAH”. The Septuagint definition of Lord puts a meaning into our New Christian that is an eternity away from the thought that “Jehovah Eloheim” leaves in a persons mind. That was how the “WORD=LOGOS=JESUS=GOD” was able to gain strength and develop into the multi-

God battle that was fought for years, and landed into the “courts” of the Roman Emperors. In the 4th Century they not only changed the Sabbath to Sunday, they also changed the Bible’s teaching of Monotheism into the Trinitarian system that the developing Apostate Church wanted.

How does this false multi-God Doctrine affect us now, and why should we be concerned? A New Christian is now being taught in his home Church, and television, and radio, that Jesus is the Creator and this teaching makes perfect sense to the New Christian, even if it is a totally false Doctrine. After all, this false Doctrine can be proved (?) from his Bible and shown through history. Why should a person not believe this Doctrine? There is much more that could be said and shown to prove the many discrepancies that lead to false Doctrines that we find in the Septuagint but for now let us move on.

The work of the spreading the Doctrine of the deification of Christ that came from Alexandria, Egypt was a slow process. Orthodox Jewish believers knew better and fought the idea that Jesus was a co-equal God. However, the Pagans that were being converted were familiar with multiple gods so this was natural to them to accept and to believe in the deification of Christ. Added to their background in Pagan rituals the Septuagint was easy for them to read since it was Greek, so it was natural for them to follow this new false Doctrine. We have shown you just one of the many places that the Septuagint could lead someone astray.

It was not too many years before there was many more Pagan converts than there were Orthodox Jewish converts. The Church was soon filled with Pagans who had been educated in the Pagan ideas of God. It was natural that if Jesus were the Son of God then He would have the same nature and qualifications as God, so therefore, Jesus must be God. In their mind that is how Jupiter became a God. Jupiter was created by Saturn; therefore, Jupiter was a God also. That was what they had been taught.

This scenario fits right into I Corinthians 1:23 *“But we preach **CHRIST CRUCIFIED**, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and **UNTO THE***

**GREEKS FOOLISHNESS**.” For the Greeks it was foolish for them to try to believe that “the man Christ Jesus” could accomplish what was necessary. In their own mind they knew that no human could free humanity. They knew that it would take a “god” to have the power to be able to free humanity.

If we now turn our attention to the “Creeds” of the Church, as they came down through the ages we can see the development, in a simple way, of the false Doctrine that we are now locked in mortal conflict with.

We should start with the Apostles Creed that started somewhere in the 2nd Century AD. The Apostles Creed states;

“I believe in God, the Father Almighty, (Note: all of the ancient copies have ONE GOD), Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary...”

Notice that there is no allusion in this statement to Christ’s preexistence. There is no statement to tell us that Christ is or was deity.

In the year 325 AD we find the Nicene Creed and a very different definition put onto the Sonship of Christ;

“We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of all things visible and invisible. And in **ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER [THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN; THAT IS, OF THE ESSENCE OF THE FATHER, GOD OF GOD], LIGHT OF LIGHT, VERY GOD OF VERY GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH THE FATHER; BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE [BOTH IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH];**”

Here we see the official position of the Church has changed. This is the first time that it is formally stated as a belief and a formal Doctrine of the Church that Jesus is the same substance (Deity) as the Father. As it states,

Jesus is "**GOD OF GOD**" and is "**VERY GOD**" because He was derived from the "very God" That is quite a change. The Pagan influence is so blatantly obvious in this statement. You could substitute the words Jupiter and Saturn and it would fit perfectly!

We will now find another major change in the "OFFICIAL" Creed of the "Official Church" (?) that happened in Constantinople in the year 381 AD. They officially put in the Constantinople Creed that Jesus was "**BEFORE ALL WORLDS**" in plain language, since it was only hinted at in the statement in the Nicene Creed. The Holy Spirit was also now made an official God on His own;

"And in **THE HOLY GHOST, THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDETH FROM THE FATHER, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON TOGETHER IS WORSHIPED AND GLORIFIED**, who spake by the prophets."

It took approximately three hundred years to officially make 2 Gods. After we add another 55 years we now have 3 official Gods. The Holy Ghost has a very important position as a co-equal god in the Trinity. The Holy Ghost is the one that gives life now. I wonder what God and Jesus are supposed to do in this scenario?

However wait, there is more. In the middle of the Dark Ages the Athanasian Creed was developed. It is very long but here is the essence;

"The Father is neither made, created, nor begotten. The Son of the Father is not made, nor created, but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and Son but is neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceedeth.... And in this Trinity none is before, or after another; none is greater, or less than another. But the whole three Persons are **CO-ETERNAL, AND CO-EQUAL**. So that in all things, as aforesaid; the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped."

As we look back it is very easy to see the

consistency in the plan of Satan to put into play this false Doctrine.

There was one more step that has been taken. After the Reformation the words were changed so that there is no longer any words showing begotten or proceeding. It now simply states;

**"There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. These three are One God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory."**

This is how the majority of Christianity teaches "GOD" in our society now. As we look at the progression of this false Doctrine we must truly realize that our allegiance must remain with the simple truth of a monotheistic JEHOVA. Christians must return to the simple truths that were taught by Christ and the apostles.

We must remember that sometimes the same word can have different meanings. In the Greek there are many words that fall into that category. Through history we have witnessed many theological phrases brought into Christianity and gradually they have replaced the pure Monotheism of the Old Testament. This has brought our world back into Polytheism, which is the worship of more than one God and it is all being done in the name of God.

Jehovah personally spoke this very simple command to His people. "**THOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.**" What do we do with this simple command? How will we answer Jehovah? Our wonderful Savior, Jesus, instructed us as to what our answer should be through the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 5:11,

**"AND HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE UNFRUITFUL WORKS OF DARKNESS, BUT RATHER REPROVE THEM."**

Amen?

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# The Time of the Gentiles has Passed

by Donald A. Syvanen

I base my words on a verse in Luke 21:24,

*“And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”*

The title indicates my conclusion that I will support. In general, members of our group, the Church of God, 7th Day, some Adventists, and some Jehovah Witnesses, understand this time of ‘falling by the sword’ was the fall of Jerusalem shortly after Jesus’ death and resurrection. The end of the ‘times of the Gentiles’ has taken place beginning at the conclusion of World War 2 and the reestablishment of the State of Israel and the gaining strength of Messianic Jews.

In Romans 11:11-12 Paul states:

*“I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness?”*

Paul fulfilled his mission as an apostle to the Gentiles. The Gentile nations have spread the Gospel to nearly all the world. But upon the election of what I call an agnostic President who plays the role of a ‘Christian’ or a ‘Muslim,’ who bows to the leader of Saudi Arabia, I know we are in trouble and the end is near!

For another example, from the creeping sharia web-page<sup>1</sup>, it’s quoted how in some schools it’s illegal to say Christian prayers, but the school gives Muslim students a break when it’s one of the five prayer times! America is not a supplier of missionaries as in need of missionaries!

Ignorance by Americans appears to be our specialty sometimes. Besides most people being Bible illiterate, they are very Quran illiterate too. Therefore, it is a fair often occurrence for ‘Christian’ Preachers or Muslim Imams to say that Allah is the same as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. However, a little reading can show the two beings of two different kinds.

Exodus 20:13 *“Thou shalt not kill.”*

[Quran \(2:191-193\)](#) - *“And kill them wherever you find them, and turn them out from where they have turned you out. And Al-Fitnah [disbelief] is worse than killing . . . but if they desist, then lo! Allah is forgiving and merciful. And fight them until there is no more Fitnah [disbelief and worshipping of others along with Allah] and worship is for Allah alone. But if they cease, let there be no transgression except against Az-Zalimun 2 (the polytheists, and wrongdoers, etc.)”*

[Http://www.thereligionofpeace.com/quran/023violence.htm](http://www.thereligionofpeace.com/quran/023violence.htm) has much more to show, showing the difference between Biblical violence and Quran violence.

Another indication that America is past-the-point-of-no-return, that the times of the Gentiles is done, is the number of bona fide corporations that are voluntarily becoming accomplices to crimes! But the additional problem is that ‘our’ government knows it and goes along with it!

The example I wish to illustrate is a conference to be done at Hilton Anaheim of the ISNA, the Islamic Society of North America. An outline of the conference is given on the Creeping Sharia webpage<sup>2</sup>, that in new Arabic terms it’s called Islamic Dawa, but in old terms it’s called proselytizing! In public schools it’s called ‘out-reach’ and it is taxpayer funded!

In old terminology, this is called a double standard<sup>3</sup>. Without God, people do this. But God is in control. It is all Holy Spirit or lack of the Holy Spirit motivated. In America, it seems people are being ignorant-on-purpose, but in Iran, there are many underground churches! Even in Jerusalem, when any past Messianic Jew had to be underground also, but they have a few open churches now!

So now, the focus is in Israel. America filled her roll in spreading the Gospel to the world, but it looks like our time is up. No more great conversions, but salvation is one person at a time. So we need to stay close to Jesus in prayers with no end. And in the meantime, learn a little Arabic, learn about a kafir<sup>4</sup>, and be proud of it!

By the way, if you care to go and stay in Israel, I snooped for the rules:

#### 4. Naturalization

A person 18 years of age or older may acquire Israeli nationality by naturalization if he meets these criteria: (1) is currently in Israel, (2) has been in Israel for 3 of the 5 preceding years, (3) intends to settle in the country (4) has some knowledge of Hebrew (former Palestinian citizens

are exempt from this provision), (5) renounces any and all foreign nationalities, and (6) takes an oath of loyalty to the State of Israel. Completion of all of the above requirements is not essential in all instances, however, as the Minister of the Interior at his discretion has the power (for a special reason) to waive requirements (1), (2), (4), and (5) above. 5. By grant from the Minister of the Interior to certain categories of minors. The law provides, in addition, for a discretionary grant of citizenship to minors who are not Israeli nationals but who are residents of Israel.

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O Come, let us worship and  
bow down: let us kneel before  
the LORD our maker  
(Psalm 95:6).

# Living Free

By Rodney Boone

I have written this piece right after the fourth of July, knowing it won't be printed until later. However, I was so busy on the Fourth, that I didn't feel I had proper time to reflect and be grateful for what our founding fathers did for us. So I jumped at the opportunity to make this comparison between the freedom that was given to us at the cross, and the freedom that was given to us by the founding patriots. Because I believe this American freedom is Spiritual, and based on Christ, rather than a few patriots in the 18th Century. But I also understand that each generation has to make its decision about whether or not we will be free. Just as the Patriots did, we have to understand what freedom is before we can live it.

Freedom is something we love to boast of having. But there's a price for freedom. Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty, or give me death," and eventually, Thomas Jefferson reinforced the idea with the line, "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." The Declaration of Independence ended with, "we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." Using these examples, I think I have ample proof to suggest that in order to gain freedom we have to give our lives to the pursuit of it. Now, I want to point out that not all of the 56 signers of the Declaration died in the Revolution, but at least nine of them did. Of the rest, several lost family, and 17 lost everything they owned. You have to wonder if they realized what they were promising, when they signed, and whether they would have signed if they knew what they would give. But that they were willing to risk it all cannot be underscored enough. I bring this up because I so appreciate that freedom. But I also bring it up because it illustrates another great freedom we have. That is the freedom from eternally paying for our sins. Without a doubt, we pay for the mistakes we have made, and sometimes we pay for the mistakes other people made. And we can complain that the punishment is greater than the crime, or that it certainly wasn't our fault.

But the other option we have is a much better option.

I hope we can see clearly, that no matter what, we always have options. The colonists had the option of accepting a king to rule from afar and without their best interests at heart or on the other hand, setting up their own government with the risk being great and the rewards uncertain. They chose the hard road, and ended up building something that had never before existed.

Even prisoners have options. They can bemoan their fate, accept their fate, and be content, or they can work on an escape plan, for instance, using a spoon to wear away the walls that imprison them. The last option may not seem like much, but for the patient, it can pay off, sometimes. There are known instances where people broke out of prison that way. But I want to talk to you today about a different option. Remember, I said liberty may cost you everything, but liberty is a matter of our attitude, not our physical body. A man in prison may be more liberated than a man who is physically free, if the man in prison has the right attitude, and the unchained man has the wrong one.

See, it's possible to be so weighed down by cares that we don't celebrate our freedom. I don't mean that we don't have a party for it. I mean, we don't have a celebratory attitude. Our mood is not lifted up; we are sad, rather than happy. This mood thing, (and really, it's more than just a mood) but it is more important than anything else we can possess.

What possessions do you have that you would never give up? Or, maybe, you have already given up possessions that you wish you still had? You do think they are, or were important, right? What if you never had them or never wanted them? But you do, right? But see if you can imagine never wanting anything. You are free from desires and needs. If you never wanted for anything, how would you feel?

Empty or content? Does anyone want a space ship that would take you instantly to another planet? Yeah, that would be great, if you thought there were any other planets with life on them. How many of you are sorry you don't have one? Do you feel pain inside, because you want one so bad? No, not really, because you know that doesn't exist. You can't really want something that doesn't exist, not in the mournful, "woe is me, cause I don't have one" kind of way. Now you might want a car, because they do exist, and lots of people have them. They are handy to get to places you want to go. You might want a smart phone too. You know, I heard on the radio that more than half of the people of the US have them now? I don't have one, I can't afford one. But people actually have *anguish*, because they don't have these things. They worry about it; they look longingly on what other people have. What do you want that you long for?

I also heard that only 20% of people now could go for more than a month if they lost their jobs. You have to wonder, if fewer people had smart phones, would more of them be able to go for more than a month without a job. I guess people want the smart phones, more than they want security. I don't want one, not really. I don't even "want" my regular phone. I just feel like I need one, because everyone else has them, I guess. Back when my great grandparents were alive, they didn't have a phone, not even one in their house. Course, they didn't have a car either, even in the fifties, when everyone else got a car, Ole Harvey Harrelson refused to have one, cause he thought they were too dangerous, and people were too dependant on them. Give him a horse and buggy any day.

Now, it's okay to have a car, anymore that's not a want, it's a need, just try to get to work without one. Better have a good bike and healthy legs otherwise. But here's the point. If you want what you don't have to the point of it dragging your emotions down, you should change something. Get one, or stop wanting one. Cause it's just going to make you unhappy. And even when you get one, it may not make you happy. You just want a better one. And that can be unending; because the things you want, never make you happy, even when you get them. There's always

something better. Until you get the ultimate thing that is, that thing that is more valuable to you than your own life. When you have everything you ever wanted. Is a lot of money going to get that ultimate thing that will make you happy? I watched two ultra wealthy families that I have worked for, here in Idaho, struggle with happiness, turning to alcohol for their happiness. And they still didn't find it. Why, because they didn't have any idea where happiness came from. They still thought it came from stuff, and they just didn't have enough of it yet. Happiness only comes from having the ultimate thing we long for, sometimes known as freedom. I know you are thinking, if those rich and powerful people don't have freedom, who does? Remember, I told you freedom costs you everything. These people aren't willing to give up anything. They have great possessions, and sadly, they want more, but they would never dream of going without so someone else could have it instead.

If I told you giving up everything were the key to happiness, would you believe it? If you gave up what you wanted, and watched someone else enjoy it, would that make you happy? Not if you didn't give it up willingly. But if you were willing to give it up, and saw it made someone else happy, yeah, that's going to make you happy. It's a difficult proposition to prove, because how do you know if you gave it up willingly? I could say if you are happy when you gave it up, you gave it up willingly. But that may be circular reasoning.

Is there a pain inside of you, something you want? What if I told you that I could tell you how to get rid of that pain? What if I describe for you someone who gave up their life willingly, so that you could have a happy life, so you could have freedom from that pain? Would that prove anything?

That's what Jesus did; He gave up His life, so you could have eternal life. And it's not just about eternal life; it's also about eternal freedom. You think that was tough to do? He only did it because He wanted to make other people happy, He certainly didn't do it for Himself. Let me read you just a couple of passages from the Bible:

“As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. ...Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself”

(John 10:15, 17, 18a).

How can Jesus be happy about this? He's getting ready to give up His life. And in case you don't believe His life was valuable to Him, Mark recorded in Chapter 14:34 that on the night before He died, He said to His disciples, “My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.” No, He wasn't happy about it, but He wanted to do it to give us something valuable. Not a possession, but the freedom from our sin that we needed to be happy. But really, if we counted it as a possession, it would be our most valuable possession, because it's the only one that actually makes us content, rather than always looking for something new. If you have that contentment, you don't need anything else. That, my friends, is the only true freedom.

But how can you gain it? Jesus died so you can have freedom, but you have no idea how to feel that freedom in your own soul. This is where the hard part comes in. Jesus wasn't the only one who has to give His life. Remember I said that in order to gain freedom, we have to give our lives to pursue it; like the patriots did in the founding of this country. They pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor toward the pursuit of that freedom. If you want a freedom from the fear and despair of your own wants and desires, the only way to that freedom, is to give everything to God. You have to pray to Him, giving everything you have to Him, and pledging your life to Him, giving Him everything, even your honor. Nothing can matter but Him. *But*, when you do that, you have unimaginable peace.

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## Greetings,

Can you believe that Camp Meeting is upon us? This is the last notice for this year to get your projects prepared and ready for the *Daughters of the King* Booth. You know we are not able to provide much assistance anywhere until we all contribute!

- It just would not be or have the same ambiance if only a couple of us complete projects, but that cumulative effort is fun to see, fun to experience and offers us the chance to serve God in the capacity that we have been able to provide...
- Remember also, see if you have an order for Joy Syvanen's jewelry that you may want to have prepared by the time Camp Meeting takes place, you can visit her on Facebook at Joy Syvanen, then click photos and you will see some of her creativity..., then if you want to, you can leave her a message.
- The schedules for Camp are not quite ready, so we will have more information for the ***Daughters of the King Luncheon*** available at Camp!
- Ladies it is **your** care, concerns and selfless giving of your time, talents and monies, whether it is buying a T-shirt, building a quilt or a block of fudge, which makes all the difference.
- I hope to see you all soon!

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