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Chapter 1: Healings, Speaking in Tongues, Adding to and Subtracting from the Bible, Women Teaching, and the Seventh Day Sabbath

Question

What Bible verses can I give someone who thinks they can heal?

Answer

I don't think there is a verse that speaks directly against healing like that. But there's a need to understand that sickness in the Bible points to being in one's sins, and the healing of a sickness to salvation from sin. This is why God speaks the way He does in this verse:

Isaiah 6:10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

The Lord is pointing out the errors of the heart and that conversion would be as healing it.

Also, we read of the connection between illness and sin through a Hebrew parallelism:

Psalm 103:3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

A Hebrew parallelism is when the first part of the verse (forgiving all iniquities) matches up and agrees with the second part of the verse (healeth all thy diseases). The Hebrew parallelism in this verse shows us that iniquity is like diseases, and forgiveness is like healing.

This is the reason why the Lord moved James to write:

James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Initially we sort of pull back from this Scripture. How can the prayer of faith save the sick? We know that once the Bible was completed, God stopped working supernaturally to perform miracles of healing. Therefore, we also know these things mentioned in James 5 do not agree with the idea of miraculous physical healings in any way. But what is God saying to us then?

The answer comes when we realize that it is parabolic language. Sickness equals iniquity or sinfulness. And healing equals salvation or forgiveness of sins. The prayer of faith would identify with the prayer of Christ (Himself the essence of faith).

John 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

Prayer for healing then identifies with prayer that others be saved (healed) from their sinful condition (sickness).

But for someone to understand these things, it would really require an understanding or at least an openness to the truth that Christ spoke in parables, and without a parable He did not speak (Matthew 13:34). Of course, it's right to share these things nonetheless, but I wouldn't have too much expectation for someone involved with healings to understand.

Question

Why pick up bits and pieces to defend the lie. Truth needs no defense for it can stand on its own. No God speaks in ambiguity. Confusing masses straight to hell. Ask your inner self deeply: no Bible, remove any prior belief, just let your soul do the talking, let God do the talking from within, then what is the answer. I'm sure you don't like the answer, but that's the answer. No man will lead you to the truth but only God within whom he resides in YOUR SPIRIT.

Answer

It seems you are saying that we should not go to the Bible in order to find truth, through the process of comparing here a little, and there a little (the bits and pieces you're referring to), but that we should instead look to the God within us to answer our spiritual questions? I think that's what you're saying.

And if it is, it is about as wrong of a way to find truth as anyone has ever suggested. Truth is a Person. That Person is Jesus Christ (John 14:6). Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh, which is why the Bible tells us that the Word is Truth (John 17:17). In order to find truth, we must search the Word of God. And, to find truth, we must search the Scriptures according to the methodology God Himself gives us for searching the Scriptures, which is comparing spiritual with spiritual, and the Holy Ghost teaches (1 Corinthians 2:13).

The Bible is, in fact, the only way to hear directly from God. Your thoughts are just that – your thoughts. They are not God’s thoughts. Every other man’s thoughts are that man’s thoughts. They are not God’s thoughts. While it is true that God’s Spirit indwells certain ones (His elect) that He has saved, this does not mean that their thoughts become God’s thoughts. No, the things they think are still their thoughts. God’s thoughts can only be found in the Bible. And they can only be properly known as God’s Spirit guides those whom He has saved into all truth (John 16:13). God’s Spirit guides into truth through the searching of the Bible. God’s Spirit does not guide us into truth through the searching of our inner being. That’s an entirely different thing. The thoughts of man are puny, tainted with sin, and should never be trusted. The thoughts of God are weighty and powerful, and ought to be trusted wholeheartedly:

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Question 1 of 2

A man commented on an EBF advertisement featuring a video on Revelation 22:11:

Revelation was inspired by Satan as a diversionary tactic so that you will not obey the words of Jesus Christ and his apostles. John of Apocalypse is the disciple of Isaiah not Jesus Christ. If you want to be saved obey the words of Jesus Christ. If you want to be terrorized then cannot go to heaven then obey Isaiah and his apostle John. Both of them are frauds.

Answer 1 of 2

Revelation 22:18 **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: 19 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.**

The book you condemn has itself condemned you, and anyone else that would remove a single word from the Holy Word of God, the Bible. It's a terrible thing to have one's part taken out of the book of life. To those whose name has been removed, it means they will not live, but they will surely die.

Question 2 of 2

The problem with you people is that you are quack Christians. Why do you believe in that fraud Revelation? Believe in the words of Jesus Christ and his disciples.

Answer 2 of 2

I'm sorry to say but the fact is that you have no understanding of the truth of God's Holy Word, the Bible. You do not understand that all Scripture was written by inspiration of God. And that Jesus is the embodiment of all Scripture (Genesis through Revelation). Speaking against any one part of the whole of the Bible is akin to speaking against Christ Himself.

We do not come to the Bible and think, Paul wrote this part, and John wrote that part, and Moses another part. That's worldly-minded thinking. When an elect child of God approaches the Bible, we understand that God moved Paul to write this, and God moved John to write that, and so forth. God's elect people understand that the human writer of a passage of Scripture was simply used by God as an instrument or vehicle as He would move him to write down the very words that flowed from the mouth of God (Jeremiah 36:4). Many are ignorant of this incredibly important truth. God Himself is the Author of all Scripture. Your criticisms against the book of Revelation, therefore, are criticisms against God's Holy Word.

2 Peter 1:21 **For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as *they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.**

2 Timothy 3:16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

2 Peter 3:15 **And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;**

16 **As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.**

Tragically, the things you are expressing are revealing your wresting of the Scriptures which will certainly lead unto your own destruction (Revelation 22:18).

Question

Can a woman preach on the street in public at this point in time? For example, she has tracts and says the world is coming to an end and reads from the Bible in public. Can a woman do this, or should she remain silent?

Answer

The Bible's answer is for all time periods throughout the history of this world including our time of the end:

1 Timothy 2:11 **Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.**

12 **But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.**

13 **For Adam was first formed, then Eve.**

14 **And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.**

The only way a woman can “street preach” is if all those around her in the street (without exception) are also women or children. Typically, though, the crowd that passes will be a mixed group of men and women, and therefore a woman should not teach, but instead silently distribute the tracts to those around her.

It's the same thing on the internet: a woman can share Scripture without comment or share someone else's teaching (like sharing a tract), but she should

not be producing and putting forth her own Bible studies for general consumption – unless those receiving her studies are 100% women and children.

Question

Brother McCann, it has been said that E Bible Fellowship's social media page is the essence or the very nature of the Bible or Bible teaching or words to that effect. In the past, many women would bring Bible verses in rebellion to 1 Timothy 2:12 ... I suffer a woman not to teach or usurp authority over the man ... By God's grace and the growing in grace, many women have hearkened unto this command of God and refrained from posting Bible verses on this page where men are present. As it is written in Revelation 22:11 ... the righteous and holy will be righteous and holy still. It also says that the unjust and filthy will be unjust and filthy still. As we grow in grace and tear down the high places in our sinful lives, God blesses us with great spiritual blessings both as a group or fellowship and as individuals. May we continue to tear down these high places both as a fellowship and as individuals. Those that fail to do so impede the growth of others. No other works we do or monies we offer will promote God's good will as much as obedience to his word. Thank you, brother, if I may call you "brother."

Answer

The Bible is very clear that a woman is not to teach men:

1 Timothy 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

In the past, many have tried to say that this verse did not apply to social media or to the electronic medium. E Bible Fellowship (EBF) has carefully pointed out that teaching is teaching, whether it's done physically, or through social media. At times, we have asked some women not to post things that were actual teachings or that lead in that direction. We are very careful when it comes to this subject.

Posting, or sharing Scriptures, I believe is another matter. Basically, when we see a post online in one of E Bible Fellowship's groups, it is as though a woman has handed a Bible verse to the one reading it. And there's no problem with that, as far as I can see. Women are able to share the Scriptures directly without comment. This is what they did when they would hand people tracts. And on the tract would be numerous Scriptures. A man might pass by and accept a tract from the woman and begin to read it. Was the woman "teaching"

by handing the man a tract? No. Not at all. The man that received the tract would not have thought so either. It's commonly understood that printed matter like that comes from an author. And it's even more commonly understood that the Scriptures have an Author who is God. If a woman quotes a Scripture and places it beneath a beautiful scenic picture, that's not teaching in any way.

Teaching would be sharing a Scripture and then commenting on it. Explaining, "now in this verse God is speaking about truth. And truth is Christ. And truth is the Word of God." And so on. Then she would be instructing on the Scriptures. And that's fine if she is instructing other women or children. But it would not be fine if men were present. This is the type of thing we look out for in E Bible Fellowship's groups and pages.

Question

Prior to Christ demonstrating and fulfilling the Saturday Sabbath, what did the Jewish people do on the Saturday Sabbath? What was their day like?

Answer

We know what God commanded regarding the seventh day (Saturday) Sabbath – and that was that no work of any kind was to be performed. But I don't think the Bible really gets into details concerning the general carrying out of this commandment in the lives of the Israelites. We read of the man in the wilderness who picked up a few sticks on the Sabbath, and as a result was ordered by God to be stoned to death (Numbers 15:32-36). And we also know in the New Testament that there appeared to be a great deal of zeal on the part of the Jewish leaders not to violate the Sabbath as they pointed out several times that certain acts like carrying one's bed was being done on the Sabbath day. However, that leaves a great amount of time in between the wilderness sojourn (1447 BC / 1407 BC) to the days of Jesus' ministry (29 AD / 33 AD) wherein we're not told too much. Although there are some statements in the Old Testament that are very revealing:

Ezekiel 20:12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that sanctify them.

13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

...

16 Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

In the book of Nehemiah, we read an interesting account that explains a lot to us concerning Israel's failure to properly keep the seventh day Sabbath:

Nehemiah 13:15 **In those days saw I in Judah *some* treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *manner of* burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified *against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals.**

16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing *is* this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day?

18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and *some* of my servants set I at the gates, *that* there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.

20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do *so* again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they *no more* on the sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and *that* they should come *and* keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

Notice in verse 18 that Nehemiah says their fathers had committed similar wickedness on the Sabbath and God brought evil upon them for it. That appears to be a reference to the judgment of God upon Judah as He raised up the Babylonians to destroy that land.

This passage also helps us to understand a little bit more about this verse:

2 Chronicles 36:19 **And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.**

20 **And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:**

21 **To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.**

The judgment of 70 years upon Judah was accomplished so that the land could enjoy her Sabbaths.

Sabbaths is a reference to more than just the seventh day, but it would also include the seventh day Sabbath as well. And we know that the judgment of God on Judah was a historical parable that pictured the judgment of God on the churches and congregations. Why did God judge the churches and congregations? He judged them because of their high places, yes, their erroneous doctrines that were established in confessions and creeds, that's true. But one major reason for the judgment of God on the churches is due to their pollution of the Sabbath rest. No, not the seventh day Sabbath, but what the seventh day Sabbath rest pointed to which was resting in the finished work of Christ when it came to salvation. As the churches taught their congregations to perform certain acts like baptism, or partaking of the Lord's table, or accepting Christ, or saying a sinner's prayer, in order to become saved, they were violating the spiritual teaching of the seventh day Sabbath. And although the seventh day Sabbath observance was done away with once Jesus rose from the dead early Sunday morning, yet the spiritual principle it established is an eternal principle that is to be always upheld. Therefore, God judged the churches and congregations for their spiritual violation of Sabbath rest as they taught the people to contribute a little work to get themselves saved (rather than Christ does all the work in the matter of salvation). This is why the Lord opened up the information regarding salvation by the faith of Christ at the time in which He did, so that the proclamation of the Latter Rain outside of the world's churches could be one wherein sabbath rest was observed (that is, a proclamation of the gospel that stressed Jesus did all the work to save His elect people, and that man contributed nothing at all).

Question

In the Greek, the word "Sabbath" in proper context can also mean "week" as well. Which makes logical sense in Luke 18:12: "Week" or "Sabbath"?

How do you fast twice in the Sabbath? That makes no sense. This verse completely destroys your argument. You can't get around Luke 18:12.

Luke 18:12 I fast twice in the sabbath, I give tithes of all that I possess.

Answer

If you look up the word “fasting” in the Bible, you’ll find it is often associated with prayer. For example:

1 Corinthians 7:5 Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; ...

**Acts 10:30 And Cornelius said, four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,
31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.**

In Luke 18:12, to “fast twice in the Sabbath,” is language used by the man in the parable in order to indicate how holy he thinks he is because he spends his time devoutly fasting and praying to God, not just once, but twice each Sabbath day. The idea is similar to those who attend morning and evening church services. We can know that “twice in the Sabbath” is the correct understanding of the verse once we read of Anna the prophetess in the gospel of Luke:

**Luke 2:36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;
37 And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.**

Notice that Anna is said to have served God with (both) fastings and prayers NIGHT and DAY. That’s twice in the Sabbath.

You might want to also consider that the seventh day Sabbath day began in the evening on Friday. A Jew seeking to show himself holy, like the one in Luke 18:12, could then fast over his dinner in the evening portion of the Sabbath. The next day—still the Sabbath day—he wakes up and continues his fast throughout the daylight portion of the Sabbath. Thus, fasting twice (over

dinner on Friday night, and over breakfast or lunch on Saturday) in the Sabbath.

Question

Most miss the commandments! Especially the 4th commandment. His Sabbath day! If you keep Constantine's Sunday, you are NOT keeping the Almighty's Sabbath! Do not be deceived!

Answer

No, that's not the case at all. When Christ rose from the dead, God changed the Sabbath day from Saturday (the seventh day) to Sunday (the first day). This change can be seen in the Greek text of Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-2, Luke 24:1, as well as John 20:1. The King James translators, for some odd reason, translated the word *Sabbaton*, which is a plural word meaning "Sabbaths," as the singular word "week." It is an incorrect translation. Once we make the correction, we can readily see what God has done. Literally, the text for Matthew 28:1 reads this way:

"In the end of the sabbaths, as it began to dawn towards the first of the sabbaths."

That is, as Jesus went to the cross, He fulfilled the spiritual meaning of the Old Testament seventh day Sabbath, thus ending them. And as He arose early Sunday morning, God instituted the Sunday Sabbath for the New Testament era. It's very clear once we look at the Greek text.

Chapter 2: Mental Health, Anxiety, God's Help, Blessing, and Guilt

Question

Hi Chris. I understand that God doesn't want us to be anxious for anything but to pray instead. Currently, I'm dealing with a matter very difficult to solve and I don't know if it will ever get fixed. What comes to mind is in the book of Esther. Were the Jews worried because they didn't sound calm but scared? How do I ask God for help without being afraid that he won't help on this particular matter?

Esther 4:3 And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Answer

It seems that your real concern isn't that God won't help, because He certainly will help, but that He may not help in the manner you would like for Him to help. And that is very possible.

All we know is that God has told us not to burden ourselves with cares and concerns that we have no power over to change or control.

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

We know that God does possess the power and ability to change and control our troubling situation. Therefore, we go to Him in prayer (with thanksgiving) and present the cause of our anxiety to Him. And, if we're anxious an hour later, we may go again and ask Him for help, and request that we might leave it with Him and not involve ourselves in needless worry. We can do this again and again, day after day. Whenever the anxious thoughts return, we can take them to the throne of God's grace and make specific requests about the things which are frightening and disturbing to us.

God's people have been led by the Spirit of God to take advantage of this wonderful antidote to anxiety down through the centuries of history. Certainly, Jonah in the fish's belly rehearsed the principles laid out in Philippians

4:6-7, as he experienced three days and nights of dreadful uncertainty (Jonah 2). And Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had to be praying and beseeching the Lord not to fear (be anxious) as they were not careful to answer the king in the matter of bowing down to the golden image (Daniel 3:16). As a result of God's Spirit calming their souls, they walked like men into the fire rather than fearful men crying and weeping for all the enemies of God's kingdom to see.

Or what of Daniel's night in the lion's den with a pack of hungry lions roaming all about him (Daniel 6)? Certainly, he passed the night through prayer and supplication making request that he not be anxious for the lion passing by roughly rubbing against his leg in the dark den.

Also, as church history records, God comforted His people, among the men and women burned at the stake for the crime of sharing the word of God in the language of the people. The days prior to the burning, and finally the trip to the stake itself, must have been a great cause of anxiety and fear, yet, Latimer was reported to have said to his fellow reformer Ridley, "Be of good comfort, Mr. Ridley, and play the man!"

Yes, we have anxious situations today. But nothing like these past events. And if God took care of His people all through those awful and grievous experiences, it is sure He will take care of His people today as well.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Question

It's become very common today for people to use the phrase, "I've been blessed," when referring to their state in this world. They may have financial prosperity, good health, a new baby or a new spouse, new car, new house, etc. Some may even use it to describe their involvement in their church, or a response to a sermon they thought was especially touching and moving. Can you speak about what it means Biblically to be blessed?

Answer

To be blessed of God can cover a wide variety of things. It's not inaccurate for people to thank God for their earthly blessings because all things do come forth from Him. But the Bible does speak of a greater and more lasting blessing that only a few out of the whole of mankind receives. That is the blessing

of salvation. Jacob received this enduring blessing from God while his twin brother Esau did not. Esau received an earthly blessing:

Genesis 27:30 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

...

32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau.

33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.

34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

The blessing given to Jacob but not given to Esau is more clearly seen in this verse:

Psalm 133:3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Life forevermore is the blessing God has bestowed upon His chosen people. The enormity of this particular blessing dwarfs every other earthly blessing. In fact, all the possible earthly blessings could be gathered together and bundled as one tremendous blessing, and it would not even begin to compare with the eternal weight of glory that God has blessed each one of His elect children with salvation. The reason why spiritual blessings in Christ far outweigh earthly physical blessings is because every physical blessing is temporal. It's given for a short period of time and then it is gone – it vanishes away into nothingness.

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

It's obvious, then, since the one blessing of eternal life far exceeds all the other blessings combined, that it should be the constant focus and cause of thanksgiving for all the true people of God.

Question

While we are in judgment, does God bring up things we've done in the past? For some reason I'm thinking of things I've done in the past and I don't know how to move from it. Even when I ask for forgiveness I still feel guilty. Is this a part of God's judgment? Or is this just something I'm going through and need to trust in Him to fully find peace?

Answer

Since we're living at a time wherein God has completed His salvation program, one thing can be known for certain: either all of our sins, past, present, and future, are all forgiven, every one of them – or none of them are forgiven. I find this helpful to remember. If you feel guilty about a particular sin, ask yourself: Has God forgiven me this sin? And if we're truly saved, the answer must be – yes, I've been forgiven this sin as well as all other sins. OK, so why am I mourning over this sin? Am I trying to show some sort of repentance? Or am I trying to offer up some kind of atonement (payment) for it? Hasn't Christ's atoning payment been satisfactory enough? Do I need to add something additional to it to make it more complete? The answer is no. Absolutely not! Then why am I wasting time feeling sorry for myself over having committed this sin? Do I think I need to feel guilty in order to teach myself not to do it again? Well, the truth is that I'm far more likely to do the sin again if I morosely dwell on it and make myself depressed because of it – as sin is ready to offer itself as a solution to help change my down cast mood. A good verse to read when feeling guilty about sin is:

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

Of course, this verse is conditional upon the fact that one must be born again for it to be true. But if we have truly been born again, then there is indeed no more condemnation from God towards us for any of our sins. Therefore, it's good to remind ourselves from time to time, to stop the self-condemnation, and put that sin behind you (forget it), and proceed to walk, once again, in the

truth of the Word of God, seeking to obey His commandments as much as lieth in us.

Chapter 3: The Deity of Christ and the Trinity

Question

The fundamental doctrines of Christendom are based not on the Bible but on ancient myths—those of Greece, Egypt, Babylon, and others. Teachings such as the inherent immortality of the human soul, eternal torment in hellfire, purgatory, and the Trinity (three persons in one Godhead), are not found in the Bible.

For example, consider the teaching that bad people will be tortured forever in a fiery hell. How do you feel about this idea? Many find it repugnant. They find it unreasonable that God would forever torture humans, keeping them in excruciating pain. Such a fiendish idea is contrary to the God of the Bible, for “God is love” (1 John 4:8). The Bible is clear that such a teaching “had not come into the heart” of Almighty God. — Jeremiah 7:31; 19:5; 32:35.

Today, many religions, including the churches of Christendom, teach that humans have an immortal soul, which at death goes to heaven or hell. This is not a Bible teaching. Instead, the Bible clearly states: “The living is conscious that they will die; but as for the dead, they are conscious of nothing at all, ... for there is no work nor devising nor knowledge nor wisdom in Sheol [the grave], the place to which you are going” (Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10). And the psalmist states that at death man “goes back to his ground; in that day his thoughts do perish” (Psalm 146:4).

Recall, too, that when Adam and Eve broke God’s law, the punishment was not immortality. That would have been a reward, not a punishment! Instead, they were told that they would “return to the ground, for out of it [they] were taken.” God emphasized to Adam: “For dust you are and to dust you will return” (Genesis 3:19). Thus, the teaching of inherent immortality of the soul is not in the Bible but was borrowed by Christendom from non-Christian peoples who lived before them.

Also, Christendom’s Trinity doctrine portrays God as some mysterious three-in-one God. But that teaching is not found in the Bible either. For instance, in Isaiah 40:25, God clearly states: “To whom can you people liken me so that I should be made his equal?” The answer is obvious: No one can be his equal. Also, Psalm 83:18 simply states: “You, whose name is Jehovah, you alone are the Most High over all the earth.”— See also Isaiah 45:5, 46:9; John 5:19, 6:38, 7:16.

The teachings of the Bible about God and his purposes are clear, easy to understand, and reasonable. But the teachings of Christendom's churches are not. Worse, they contradict the Bible.

Answer

You're correct regarding the Bible teaching that there is no place of eternal torment. The Bible teaches that the end of the wicked is to be destroyed in an eternal way (annihilation). This means when the unsaved individual dies that person will cease all conscious existence.¹

However, you are horribly wrong about the Bible's teaching concerning the Trinity. From the beginning to the end, and all in between, the Bible teaches that God is One God and yet Three distinct Persons (Father, Son, Holy Ghost). To make reference to a couple of verses and not account for the literally hundreds of Scriptures that teach the Trinity is extremely careless Bible study.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: ...

The Hebrew word translated as "God" in the verse above is *Elohim* (Strong's #430), which is used repeatedly in Genesis chapter 1 and throughout the entire Old Testament. *Elohim* is the plural word for God. So, "God (*Elohim*) said, Let us make man in our image." Why would God use plural pronouns when speaking about making man in His own image? The reason is because God reveals Himself in the Bible as One God and yet Three Persons.

Let's consider another verse:

Revelation 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; ...

Notice, "unto God AND His Father." How is it possible for God to have a Father? It's possible when God the Son is likewise eternal God.

Unfortunately, many men deny the Bible's teaching of the Trinity because they cannot understand it. They look to themselves, and to all the other people in the world, and realize that they are limited to being one personality. In fact, they've never seen anyone who was one personality and yet three

¹ See more on the doctrine of annihilation on pages 72-73, 75-76, and 77-78.

personalities, and so they come to the conclusion that it is impossible for God to be One God and yet Three Persons. But their problem – and it’s an enormous problem – is that they are analyzing the creatures and finding limitations in the creatures, and then applying those same creature limitations to God Himself. This is an incredibly foolish thing to do.

I can give an example of a creature deficiency that cannot be applied to God in order to show that this type of reasoning is unwise. Let’s ask the question: Did you have a beginning? Yes, you did. Did I have a beginning? Yes, I did. Did everyone else alive in the world right now have a beginning to their lives? Yes, they did. So if we take the fact that all people have beginnings, and we apply that particular creature limitation to God Himself, we could then conclude that since all human beings we know and see in the world today have had beginnings, this means that God Himself must have had a beginning. Would we be right or wrong in our conclusion? Well, obviously we would be as wrong as anyone could be. The Bible is definite that God is eternal God. He is from everlasting:

Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

Therefore, the idea of arriving at a conclusion by reasoning that if the creature is limited in some way, then God must be limited in a similar way, is faulty. The Bible tells us the truth of the matter:

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

And even if we, due to our own creature limitations, cannot comprehend how One God can also be Three distinct Persons – we nevertheless believe it wholeheartedly because God tells us it is so in His Holy Word, the Bible.

Question

How was Joseph made father unto Pharaoh in Genesis 45:8, and was Pharaoh young? Spiritually of course.

Genesis 45:8 So now *it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.*

Answer

Historically, a statement like this indicates that Pharaoh was probably a young man. We do know that the butler had been released from prison just a couple of years earlier by a different Pharaoh.² Which means that the Pharaoh that Joseph says he is a father unto is someone that recently began to reign.

Spiritually, we normally think of Joseph as a type of Christ, and Christ is the Son of God. In the wonderful Genesis account of exalting Joseph to the second in command of all Egypt, Pharaoh is a type and figure of God. Why then would Joseph say he was made a father unto Pharaoh? It seems the roles are reversed. The answer may be in the fact that God is One God and yet reveals Himself as Three distinct Persons. For example, in the book of Isaiah we read this about the Son:

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

In this verse it says the Son is also the Everlasting Father. All we can say is that Genesis 45:8 reveals the truth that within the Godhead there are mysteries that we cannot fully understand.

² Genesis 41:13 ... **me he restored unto mine office ...** – Since the butler is speaking directly with Pharaoh in this verse, he would not use the personal pronoun “he” if he were addressing him.

Chapter 4: Observing Christmas and Holidays

Question 1 of 2

I want to ask a question concerning Christmas. Knowing that Christ was not born on 25th December, but sometime in October 7 BC, are the elect to solemnly observe Christmas, or does God regard 25th December as He does with Sunday Sabbath?

Answer 1 of 2

Christmas is a wonderful day wherein the people of God are reminded of and can speak to others about the glorious coming of God to earth as the man Christ Jesus. Also, it's a wonderful time for openly singing beautiful hymns which highlight the mind-boggling fact that God emptied Himself of His glory and was born of a virgin in a manger. But, insofar as the Bible is concerned, it does not matter if we observe it on December 25th, or October 1st, or even if we observe it at all. The Bible does not present the time of Christ's birth as a feast day which is to be ceremonially observed. It's up to the individual child of God. We can observe it or not observe it. Yes, I know it's become highly commercialized, yet you can still find a Christmas card that declares a Biblical truth and then freely share it with a typically receptive audience. Or turn on your radio and hear even secular stations playing "O Come all ye Faithful." It's like a temporary, very temporary, reprieve from the usual separation—and tremendous distance—that exists between the world and the kingdom of God. Personally, I feel it's a blessing each year.

Question 2 of 2

I disagree with your answer to this question. Christmas is combination of two words: one from the word "Christ" and other from the word "mass" which is of pagan origin. "Christmas" is nowhere in the Bible, so the elect should have nothing to do with it.

Answer 2 of 2

Most people I know celebrate Christmas, not Christ's mass. The word "Christmas" has taken on a meaning all of its own. Just as the names for the days of the week come from some unsavory identifications with false gods. Do we refuse to speak the word "Thursday" because it is derived from the old

English name for “Thor”? No. We tell people, “I’ll plan to see you Thursday,” without the slightest thought or regard for the mythical god first associated with the day’s name.

Again, if Christians do not wish to observe or celebrate the idea of Christ’s birth at “Christmas” time, that’s their prerogative to do. But likewise, if Christians wants to observe or celebrate the idea of Christ’s birth at Christmas time on December 25th, that’s also their prerogative to do. The Bible does not command observance of Christmas nor forbid observance of Christmas. Personally, I love the Christmas season and the opportunities it presents for sharing cards with family and others with Scripture on them, and I look forward to perhaps sharing the fact that Christmas time has to do with God becoming man and entering into the human race. I also love Christmas music that is even played on some secular stations.

Question

A woman responded to the post on nativity scenes on our “EBF Open Forum” page. She wrote: *Yes, they are Biblical.*

Answer

The question you need to ask is, “Is Jesus God?” And of course, the answer the Bible gives is – absolutely yes! Jesus is God. Alright, then the next question needed to be asked is, “Does the Bible forbid images to be made of God?” And again, the answer is yes, the Bible does forbid this (see Exodus 20:1-5). Well, if Jesus is God, and the Bible forbids images to be made of God, then obviously all pictures of Christ hanging on the cross, or images of a baby Jesus in a nativity scene, are violations of God’s commandment not to make any image of Him.

Unfortunately, the terrible problem we have today of making images of Christ (God) is largely due to the apostate churches which have put images of Christ on crosses, and on stained glass windows, and on statues, etc. The congregational members have been trained to accept this as normal. And yet, none of it is Biblical.

Question

Are Christmas trees idols? Can you please explain why Jeremiah 10:1-5 is not talking about a Christmas tree?

Answer

Here's the passage you're referring to:

Jeremiah 10:1 Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:

2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

3 For the customs of the people *are* vain: for *one* cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

5 They *are* upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also *is it* in them to do good.

This passage in Jeremiah 10:1-5 is describing the making of an idol. Historically, men would cut down a tree and carve an image of some kind, and then deck it with gold or silver and begin to worship it as a god. This process is also described in the book of Isaiah:

Isaiah 40:18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

19 The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains.

20 He that *is* so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree *that* will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, *that* shall not be moved.

Again, Jeremiah 10 is referencing the making of an idol. It is not referring to the cutting down of a Christmas tree in any way. Now, if someone cut down a tree and brought it into their house and decked it with silver and gold, and began to worship it as a god – that, of course, would be a violation of God's command to have no other gods before Him (Exodus 20:3).

But none of that is happening with a Christmas tree. The Bible does not say anything against having a tree in one's house and putting some lights on it as a form of decoration.

Question

Will you explain the difference between making an image to idolize, and making any other image at all?

I offer two scriptures, one where God commands no image be made to idolize (Exodus 20:3-5), and one where God commands that everything seen in the heavens is a pattern after which to make the earthly tabernacle (Exodus 25:9).

I don't understand why I could use a Christmas Tree which does not teach about God, in decorating for the holiday, because I do NOT bow to and serve a Christmas Tree. Why then could I not use a nativity scene which teaches the Word of God? I neither bow to nor serve a nativity scene, nor am I aware of anyone who ever has worshipped a nativity scene.

No one knows what Jesus looked like, but man is made in His image and we all look different, and we all post images of people and of ourselves, but we don't worship every image made.

Again, my question is, will you explain the difference between making an image to idolize and making any other image at all? And Hebrews chapter 9 discusses the earthly tabernacle and the more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, although I don't know if it helps in this question.

Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Exodus 25:9 According to all that I shew thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*.

Answer

The Christmas tree has no religious significance. It's a decoration like the wreath on the door. If there was some religious tie in, then that would be a problem. But as far as I know, there is none. And since there is no religious connection, there is no idol in view to bow down to.

But there is a very definite religious significance with a nativity scene. The whole image itself is patterned after the words of God found in the Bible. If we place a little male doll in a crib along with some image of Mary and Joseph, we are certainly trying to picture the newborn baby Jesus with that doll. And that would mean we had made an image of Jesus, and Jesus is God; therefore, we made an image of God. And that is against the law of God to do (Exodus 20:4-5).

Chapter 5: The End of the Church Age and the Great Tribulation

Question

A man from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania commented on a post concerning the end of the Church Age:

I strongly disagree with this article. The Holy Spirit is actively working in the blood washed church today. Jesus said He would send another comforter that would aid with us forever. John 14:16. The true church will be actively engaged in preaching the gospel of Christ until the rapture of the church occurs. It is true that many of the churches are not preaching the gospel, not calling the world to repentance, but this is not true of all churches. The pastors and elders of our church are actively engaged in refuting things that have no Biblical foundation. Though the world is an ever-darkening place to live, the light of Jesus is still shining. As the world gets darker, the light of Jesus looks even brighter. I am afraid we are using e-communication as an excuse for laziness which keeps us from engaging with other people in Bible-believing churches.

Answer

Simply saying God is with us is no proof of any kind. The Jews say the same thing today despite the fact that God left them almost two thousand years ago when the veil of the temple was rent in twain (Matthew 27:51). Now the corporate church has experienced the same judgment of God as the Jews before them, due to the same type of unfaithfulness towards the Word of God.

When you say that God gave the Holy Spirit to be with us forever, you're confusing the corporate church with the eternal church. God is still with His elect people – all of which have obediently left the world's churches, but continue to worship Him outside the church in the world as individuals.

There are no more “true churches” because Christ abandoned all the churches in the world many years ago now, and at the point of the Spirit of Christ's departure out of the corporate church, all churches immediately lost the light of the Gospel and ceased to be true or faithful churches.

Question

I am still a little confused about this question of the timing of judgment upon the churches. You have said in the past that the departure of the Holy Spirit

was THE judgment upon the churches. Did that happen on May 21, 1988, and if so, isn't that when judgment began at the house of God?

Answer

Yes, when the Holy Spirit departed on May 21, 1988, judgment began on the churches. That was also the beginning of the Great Tribulation period. That information has not changed. But now we're learning new information that is highlighting the Jubilee year of 1994 as the starting point of a forty-year timeline for the judgments on the corporate church and the world. The new information has to be factored in and harmonized with everything else we know. The only way to understand this focus on the year 1994 is to recognize it as the "official" beginning of the judgment on the New Testament corporate church. And as I explained previously, God abandoned the church at the point of the end of the Church Age (May 21, 1988) and brought to pass the grievous period of 2,300 evening mornings in which virtually no one was saved.

It was not until September 7, 1994, and the time of announcing the second Jubilee, that it could be known for certain that God's use of the church had come to an end. Once God began to save people again and do so without using the vessel of the corporate church, then the judgment of God was confirmed. You could look at September 7, 1994, as the date of the official confirmation regarding the judgment on the churches and the end of the Church Age.

Question

In Revelation 2:9, there is reference to the "synagogue of Satan" – a place where truth was being manipulated to say the least. God warned them plainly yet they obviously did not listen. So my question is, do (you) think that the blame is on the church/pastor for not making correction, or the individuals themselves who attended the church?

Revelation 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Answer

The pastors, the elders, and deacons, all the spiritual rulers, are typically addressed by God when the Lord pronounces His condemnations upon the rebellious house of Israel (corporate church). For example, God says the following in:

Jeremiah 23:1 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

Jesus also declared judgments upon the spiritual leaders of Israel in His day:

Matthew 23:1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, 2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers.

And,

Matthew 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Jesus was clearly singling out the leaders of the congregation of Israel. However, God does speak to the guilt of the rulers as well as the congregation itself in some places:

Jeremiah 5:30 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land;

31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love *to have it* so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

The above verse in Jeremiah reveals that the congregation was just as corrupt as those in authority over it. How else could the pastors get away with

teaching the things they did? If the people did not love the free will gospels, they would have left the church, and the church would have collapsed. But instead, the false free will gospel brought in even more people, and the congregation kept the pastor and his false doctrine/gospel, because it served the purpose of all involved.

Question

I have been invited to go help feed the poor on Sunday's. I know that we can do good in the world. My concern is that there are many people that do this that go to different churches. There are some that do not go to a church. What I understand is that the money used is from donations from many churches. We meet at a church that the homeless live close to. I prayed about it all week, and then the morning I was going to go help, I got a cold and could not go. Was this a sign for me not to go? And was I going to go doing wrong?

Answer

I would be very careful. Remember king Jehoshaphat and his relationship with Ahab, king of Israel. It never worked out well for Jehoshaphat, a true elect child of God, when he entered into league with the wicked Ahab and the wicked kingdom of the north. The battle was a disaster. Upon his return to Judah, the LORD sent a prophet to meet with Jehoshaphat:

2 Chronicles 19:1 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

Another time, Jehoshaphat joined together with another wicked king of Israel to make ships to go to Tarshish. That also did not go well:

2 Chronicles 20:35 And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:

36 And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-geber.

37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah,

the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

I guess the point is, that we might view our joint efforts with churches just as a way of helping some needy people, yet God does not seem to view it that way.

Question

Hi Chris McCann, in Acts 27:14, why did God give us the name of the wind “Euroclydon”? What would be its spiritual meaning?

Acts 27:14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

Answer

Eurokludon (Strong’s #2148) is a transliterated word. That is, it’s a translation into English of the Greek word itself. *Eurokludon* is a compound Greek word. The first part of the word is a bit of a mystery, but we know that the second part of the word, *kludon*, comes from #2830 in Strong’s Concordance. It’s the word translated as “raging” in:

Luke 8:24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging [#2830] of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

It’s also translated as “wave” in the epistle of James:

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave [#2830] of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

It’s significant that even in James, the “wave” of the sea is driven by the wind and tossed, indicating more of a violent wave than a calm one.

Again, the first part of the word, *euro*, is not that easy to understand. It could be a word that implies a “wide” or “broad” impact. I say this because another word (#2149) has the same letters (*euro*) and is also a compound word with the second part of it simply meaning, “coast, ground, country” – and yet when joined with *euro*, it takes on the meaning of “broad.” It is the word in Matthew 7:13 that speaks of the “broad” way that leads to destruction.

So, I would say that *Eurokludon* is a word that means wide or broad raging of the waters. It's a word that vividly describes exactly what happens when there's a bad storm at sea.

Spiritually, we know that the storm is what led to the destruction of the ship (which represents the corporate church), and to the abandoning of the ship (which is a picture of the elect coming out of the church). This makes the spiritual picture of the storm fairly simple for us to understand: it is pointing to the judgment on the world's churches during the Great Tribulation period.

Question

A man responded on my social media page to an article discussing God's wrath on the churches:

I strongly disagree that the churches are feeble and powerless. Jesus will stir and raise Moses and Elijah from the dead churches as of the time of Egypt and the time of false prophets filled the whole Israel. Revival will come soon though, there is no cloud nor rain, the depression will fill with water. Only believe and pray unceasingly.

Answer

It's not going to happen. There's not the slightest possibility that the churches will be used by God ever again. They had their time of use, but it's past now. Just as Israel had its day of use which is also past. Not only is the corporate church (all churches and denominations in every nation of the world) dead and ineffective, but it is also judged. God poured out His wrath upon them for 23 years (May 21, 1988 through May 21, 2011). And at the conclusion of that 23-year judgment, God bundled all professed Christians from all the world's churches into one neat bundle of tares for burning. These days after the tribulation (judgment) are the time of its burning.

Matthew 13:40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Question

The Bible speaks of a period of 7 years that will last that event. Half of that period is three and a half years. I do not understand what it means with the evenings and mornings that you say and that proportion of time as half of the tribulation with that amount of time of 2,300. I have seen your message but those periods of time are not clear to me.

Answer

Some theologians have taught that the Great Tribulation will be 7 years in length. They might get this idea from the 7 years of famine in Joseph's day, which was referred to as "great affliction (tribulation)" in Acts 7:11. But in actuality, the Bible teaches us that the Great Tribulation was a period of 23 exact years (May 21, 1988 through May 21, 2011). The Bible also teaches us that the Great Tribulation period (which is another way of saying the time of God's judgment on the churches – see 1 Peter 4:17) was two parts. The first part came at its beginning. Starting on the date of May 21, 1988, for 2,300 evening mornings there was a terrible and awful period of time wherein no person in any church, and virtually no one in all the world, was being saved. Then came September 7, 1994, and the fulfillment of the second Jubilee period. On that date, the 2,300 evening mornings came to a close and the Latter Rain period of the Great Tribulation began. The Latter Rain was God's program of sending forth His Holy Spirit a second time, in order to evangelize the earth. Only this time, it was God's plan to save a great multitude of people outside of the churches and congregations of the world. All the while the spiritual famine of hearing the Word of God (Amos 8:11) continued within the churches, God was actively working to save souls outside of the churches among the nations of the world.

Soon, He would open the Scriptures to reveal the doctrine of the end of the Church Age, and the need for all true elect children of God to depart out of the midst of the churches and worship the Lord out in the world. This process would be the mechanism by which the Lord would bring to pass the separation between the wheat and the tares (Matthew 13:30).

Finally, the Latter Rain period concluded on May 21, 2011, and Judgment Day began. The fruit (great multitude) remains outside the churches as God carries out a prolonged period of spiritual judgment on the unsaved inhabitants of the world.

Question

The Bible teaches us that the Church Age has come to an end. Please show me from the Bible where it teaches this.

Answer

To begin with, let's look at God's warnings to the churches and congregations:

Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

In this verse, the Lord Jesus is clearly warning the churches – (and yes, while addressed to the church at Ephesus, it's also true that what was said to that church was for all the churches, see Revelation 2:7) – that if they do not repent, He will one day come and take away their “candlestick.” The candlestick relates to the light of the Gospel which the Bible also calls the “daily.”

In the book of Daniel, we read that at the time of the end, the “daily” will be taken away, and the abomination of desolation set up (Daniel 12:11). This transaction is referred to in the gospel of Matthew, chapter 24, after Jesus had said to the disciples that not one stone would be left upon another, as far as the temple (house of God) was concerned; the disciples then asked Him, what would be the sign of His coming and the end of the world? In Jesus' response, He said:

Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

If one sees the “abomination of desolation” within the holy place, then it's also true that the daily (light of the Gospel / candlestick) has been taken away – as it is impossible for the abomination of desolation to dwell together with the daily. Therefore, once the abomination of desolation (who is Satan as he has taken his seat in the temple/church) is seen where he should not be, then the command for those in Judaea to flee to the mountains is activated. Here, Judah, the Old Testament outward representation of the kingdom of God on earth, is a spiritual reference to the corporate church, which is the New Testament outward representation of the kingdom of God on the earth. The reference to Judah also helps us in that we can go back to the books of

Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and other Old Testament references, and understand that Judah/Israel is a historical type and figure of the New Testament churches. Understanding this mystery opens up enormous truths hidden in historical parables found throughout the Old Testament. For example, when we read of God raising up king Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians to come against Judah, we can see that this points to the Lord's action of loosing Satan (typified by the king of Babylon) at the time of the end in order to bring spiritual destruction to the world's churches. Further, as we find that God commanded the Jews to leave Judah and go into Babylonian captivity, we find confirmation of the command in Matthew 24:15-16 to depart out of Judah and flee to the mountains.

There's much, much more that can be said about this. Harold Camping wrote a book called, *The End of the Church Age ... and After*, which you may be able to read online. I would highly recommend that book which has hundreds of pages laying out the Bible's teaching on this subject in detail.

Question

This reference to the door in Genesis 19:5-11 reminds me of those inside the ark and outside the ark. Which also made me think of pre-Judgment Day and after Judgment Day. Am I correct?

Genesis 19:5 **And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.**

6 **And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,**

7 **And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.**

8 **Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.**

9 **And they said, Stand back. And they said *again*, This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.**

10 **But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.**

11 **And they smote the men that *were* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.**

Answer

In this account, Lot is still within the city of Sodom, and the fire and brimstone has not yet fallen to destroy the city. So, these men who desired illicit relations with the visiting angels (two messengers who were actually God Himself) are struck with blindness and unable to find the door (Christ, the entry into heaven). Since God likens the spiritually dead church to Sodom in Revelation 11:8, and since these men wind up stumbling around, unable to find the door, while God's messengers direct Lot to flee the city and to escape the wrath of God, we can understand that the men struck with blindness to be those within the churches and congregations of the world, who are struck with the terrible judgment of not even being able to locate the door. That is, they could not find the entry point into God's kingdom because it was the Lord's will to save people outside of the churches and not within, which means, no matter where those within the churches were looking—this denomination, that denomination, reformed preaching, or free will preaching, etc., etc.—they were unable to locate the entry point into God's eternal kingdom of heaven. And all the while God's elect were continuing to follow the Lord's command to flee the city and find refuge (in Zoar) from the wrath of God that would soon rain down upon the cities of the plain.

Question

I am looking into Numbers 16:19-21 and 46-49. Does this reflect on the timeline from the beginning to the end of Church Age as we read in Revelation 18:1-10?

Answer

Rebellion of the Israelites in the wilderness was fairly constant. During this particular rebellion, 250 men that aligned themselves with Korah were destroyed by fire from the LORD (Numbers 16:35); and when all the congregation murmured against what God had done (v. 41), the Lord sent a plague that slew 14,700 more people. Combining the 250 that died with Korah and the 14,700 that died in the plague (v. 49), a total of 14,950 people died at that time. This number, 14,950, helps us to understand the spiritual meaning in view with this historical parable, as it breaks down to:

$$5 \times 10 \times 13 \times 23 = 14,950$$

The number 5 points to the atonement; the number 10 to completeness; the number 13 to the end of the world or super fulfillment; and the number 23 to judgment. Putting it all together, we can understand that those people without

a Savior will have to atone (#5) for their own sins through their own death at the time of the end of the world (#13), when God's complete (#10) judgment (#23) will be on all the world's congregations.

Regarding Revelation chapter 18 and the command to come out of Babylon, we have learned that it is a command given at the time of Babylon's fall:

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

And Babylon's fall, or the fall of Satan's kingdom of this world, occurred on the date of May 21, 2011. The Lord commanded all of His people to come out of her (the kingdom of Satan of this world) at that time in order that we not partake in her destruction:

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

The following verse shows us that it is at Babylon that the whole world falls:

Jeremiah 51:49 As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.

As the Lord continues to cause division among the people of the earth (the inhabitants of Babylon), we can see why God commanded us to come out of the world. If we are a part of this world (Babylon), we will certainly take sides as brother destroys brother. But if we have come out of Babylon, we will leave the fighting to the worldlings and not enter into the political disputes between left and right, or any other division that divides the world. We are in the world but not a part of the world. Therefore, our pathway to traverse the Day of Judgment is straight before us without turning to the left or to the right.

Question

Mr. McCann, have you ever looked at Ezekiel 34:2-3?

Answer

Here are the verses you're referring to:

Ezekiel 34:1 **And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,**
2 **Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy,**
and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds;
Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should
not the shepherds feed the flocks?
3 **Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that**
are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

This type of language is found fairly often in the Old Testament. God, who has the vantage point of knowing all things that are happening on the earth, sees those who call themselves pastors or shepherds over His people misuse their position and improperly handle His Holy Word, the Bible. As a result, the people are not spiritually nourished. In Ezekiel 34, the Lord is expressing His intense anger against the shepherds who have abused their roles as shepherds, and, in His wrath, God has judged them by no longer permitting them to feed His people:

Ezekiel 34:9 **Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;**
10 **Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds;**
and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease
from feeding the flock; ...

Historically, these verses did have application to the nation of Judah and those in authority there, but spiritually, this whole chapter is looking towards the time of the end in general and the end of the Church Age in particular. Once judgment began at the house of God (back in 1988), the Lord ended His relationship with the churches and stopped using its pastors to feed His flock. Instead, after the grievous 2,300-day period, in the year 1994, God Himself would take responsibility for bringing truth (feeding) to His people outside of the churches and congregations by sending forth the Latter Rain to the world. God tells us that He would perform this feeding on the mountains of Israel (which ties in with the command of Matthew 24:16 to flee to the mountains):

Ezekiel 34:13 **And I will bring them out from the people, and gather**
them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and
feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the
inhabited places of the country.
14 **I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains**
of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in
a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

Question

A brother who is not in the church and came out after Family Radio announced the end of the Church Age. He asks why God hears churchgoers when they pray.

Answer

God hears prayer that is according to His will:

1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

Therefore, God will NOT hear the prayer of anyone in the church who is praying for salvation, or blessing upon the preached word, or for the mission's outreach of the church. God will not hear these prayers because He has ended the Church Age and has removed His Spirit from operating within the congregations, and from blessing the people in the churches with spiritual blessings. Actually, God told us very directly not to pray for the work of the church:

Jeremiah 7:16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

The verse above is historically referring to the people of Judah as God brought judgment upon them by raising up the Babylonians to destroy them. However, spiritually, it is a reference to the corporate church at the time of the end as Satan was loosed to come against the congregations and to bring spiritual destruction upon them. God's command to not pray for them is a command to not pray for the work of the church. So, anyone within the church praying for blessing in any way upon themselves, their family, or the ministry of the church, will most definitely not be heard by God in any way.

Now, as far as people praying for other things, such as the health of a loved one, or for a good job, or a person to marry, sometimes it may seem to work out for people, and sometimes it doesn't. It's all according to the will of God for them and their lives.

Chapter 6: Judgment Day, May 21, 2011, the Shut Door of Heaven, and When is the Rapture?

Question

Many Christians have passed on to be with the LORD without any knowledge of an end date. Did they miss out on anything not knowing the Rapture date? Jonah preached judgment day and Nineveh's citizens repented and their lives were spared. So, Jonah's preaching was not in vain. But you say no one can be saved now. So, the question is to what purpose is this end date being proclaimed then? For the Christian's sake? The Christian is secure in Christ. What difference does it make for him whether he goes to be with Christ sooner or later?

Answer

You refer to Christians of the past who died without knowledge of the end date and ask: "Did they miss out on anything not knowing the Rapture date?"

The answer to your question is that God gives His people differing degrees of information (truth) for the particular time and season they are born into. To show your question is framed entirely the wrong way, let's ask another question: Did Christians of past generations who died and went to be with the Lord, prior to Christ's entry into the world as He was born of a virgin, miss out on anything not knowing the historical details of His birth and eventual death on the cross? This type of question is not fair, because yes, on the one hand they did miss out on certain things, but on the other hand, they had all spiritual needs met and applied to them for their time of living.

To say this another way, God reveals to His people necessary information which is custom fitted for their time of living in the world. The custom fitted information God has prepared for His elect people living at the time of the end of the world will obviously be quite different than the information revealed to earlier generations who did not live at the time of the end. Now, the problem with people living in any generation who outwardly identify with God and His Word, the Bible, but inwardly are not true men, (they are not born again), is that they tend to reject the revealed truth of God given to them in their time period. You can search the Bible and easily see this is the case with Old Testament Israel and Judah that rejected the message of the prophets who declared the judgment of God upon them (see Jeremiah 8:7), and also at the time of Christ when Jesus pronounced a judgment upon them for not

knowing the time of His visitation (Luke 19:44). They, too, could have made light of “knowing the time,” as you are doing in your comments. And yet we see from Christ’s own words that their failure to know God’s program for times and seasons was key in their rejection of the Messiah who they claimed they wanted to come.

Your second question is an appropriate question: you point out that E Bible Fellowship teaches that no one can be saved any longer (and yes, we teach this because the Bible teaches that God shut the door of heaven on May 21, 2011, and completed His salvation program at that point); and so you ask, “to what purpose is the end date being proclaimed then?”

The answer is that an end date is simply another doctrine – another teaching from the Bible. When we get down to it, God’s elect people are only lowly messengers of God. We diligently search the Bible for whatever truth we can find. Sometimes the truth has to do with things like Sunday is the Sabbath day. Or, that we’re saved by the faith of Christ and not our own faith (Galatians 2:16). Or, that baptism by the Holy Spirit is the washing away of sin. Or, that Jesus died and made payment for sins at the foundation of the world—and demonstrated that death in time on the cross. And so on. We study everything. And as we do so, God opens up our eyes of understanding from time to time to learn various truths.

One of the truths the Lord has opened up is the Biblical calendar of history, from which we can see that God has worked out key Biblical events in a very precise manner. Things of the past were not done haphazardly or without any thought to a timeline. No, the Biblical calendar shows us that God fulfilled His Word and His program for times and seasons in a very exact way. Therefore, we expect Him to do the same with those promises He has made concerning the time of the end. And so, we follow the Biblical precedent of time paths that were fulfilled – and project them into the future expecting God to remain consistent, and to fulfill His last remaining promises.

For example, from creation (11,013 BC) to the time Christ hung on the cross in 33 AD was 11,046 calendar years, or 11,045 actual years (subtract 1 because there is no year zero). Now, if we take the same starting point and project it into our present day, we find that from creation in 11,013 BC until 2033 AD is 13,046 calendar years, or 13,045 actual years. The number follows the pattern of Christ’s first coming perfectly, only separated by 2,000 years. As a result, this is Biblical evidence. As evidence mounts, we begin to

find stronger and stronger support for the doctrine of a timeline that takes us to the year 2033 AD for the expected conclusion of Christ's second coming.

Why share it if God is no longer saving? Because in John 21, after bringing in the great catch of fish, Jesus gave the command three times to, "Feed My sheep"! Spiritually, it can be shown that the great catch of fish points to those saved out of great tribulation, and their being brought to Christ points to the completion of His salvation program. And the command to feed the sheep then ties in with Christ's command for His people during the days after the tribulation.³ Of the three times Jesus commanded Peter to "feed My sheep," one of the Greek words (Strong's #4165) translated as "feed" in John 21:15-17 is also translated as "rule" in this verse:

Revelation 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule [#4165] them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Christ "shall rule them with a rod of iron." The Greek word translated as "rule" is the same word translated as "feed" one time in John 21. Why the same word? Well, we know both passages have to do with the time after the tribulation, which means that both passages have to do with Judgment Day. By linking the word "feed" to "rule," the Lord is letting us know that the things that the Bible is bringing forth—as God continues to open up to us the things of His Word which were sealed up till the time of the end—will have everything to do with God's righteous judgment plan. And we must not avoid talking about them. Whether it involves the shutting of the door of heaven, or the elect's appearance before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10), or the dates for the prolonged final judgment itself (2011 to 2033), etc. These things must be shared, and as they are shared, they will also serve the function of feeding the sheep (God's elect who have already been saved but are alive and remaining on the earth in order to go through the prolonged judgment period).

Question

The prophecy in Revelation 22:11 is at the last days, but not that salvation is ended, because after that there is a 1,000-year reign of Christ with his saints and salvation continues (Revelation 20:4) after the reign of Christ for 1,000 years, and then Judgment Day comes (Acts 17:31).

³ Mark 13:24 **But in those days, after that tribulation**

Answer

The Bible teaches that when the Lord Jesus Christ comes the second time, it is to be the Judge of the world. The first act of God's judgment in that day is to shut the door of heaven and end His salvation program:

Luke 13:24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

We can see from the above verses that once the door is shut, none are able to enter in (into the kingdom of God). And though they knock to gain entry, entry is refused. Thus, showing that salvation has never been by man's works of accepting Christ or making a decision or any of those things. But salvation has always been the sovereign choice of God as He would decide to have mercy upon whom He would have mercy, so that it is not of him that wills, but of God that shows mercy (Romans 9:15-16).

The 1,000 years that are mentioned a few times in Revelation 20 are often enormously misunderstood by many theologians. Some have developed elaborate scenarios of Christ returning to earth and reigning on it for a literal 1,000-year period. But that's not in view at all. In the Bible, the number 10, or 100, or 1,000, or 10,000, all have the spiritual meaning of completeness of whatever is in view. For example, the man with 100 sheep who loses one is teaching the same thing as the woman with 10 coins who loses one. The number 10, or multiples of 10, point to the completeness of the thing in view.⁴ When God says that He owns the cattle upon a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10), does He literally mean that He only owns the cattle upon a thousand hills? Obviously, no. He means that He owns the cattle upon all the hills. The reference to 1,000 is expressing His complete ownership of all cattle and all hills.

Once we understand that 1,000 is representing completeness, then Revelation chapter 20 becomes fairly easy to understand. That Satan is bound for 1,000 years means that Satan is bound at the cross (33 AD) for the completion of the Church Age, and then loosed (in 1988).

⁴ For more on the number 10, see *50 Types & Figures Found in the Bible*, pages 37-38.

The souls of them beheaded for the witness of Christ live and reign with (Jesus) for 1,000 years. This means that those elect people who lived and died and went to heaven at the time of their death are given eternal life with Christ, and will reign with Him in eternity to come as kings or part of the royal family of God. The 1,000 years in this case refers to the completeness of eternal life.

Then, once again, we read of Satan being loosed after the thousand-year period has expired. This ties in with the year 1988. And the loosing of Satan, of course, is why iniquity has abounded across the face of the earth over the last few decades.

There is no literal thousand-year reign of Christ on earth, although there is a shorter period of time wherein Jesus does reign on this earth, and we are presently living in that time period. From May 21, 2011, until the year 2033 (according to Biblical evidence), is when Jesus reigns over the earth as He is seated upon His judgment throne. His earthly rule is not for the welfare, or the benefit, of mankind, in any way. Rather, His rule as King of the earth is strictly a rule designed by God to destroy mankind. This is why we're seeing the constant division taking place all around the world, in nation after nation, as division indicates the fall of a kingdom (house divided cannot stand), and Satan's kingdom of this world has fallen, as Christ has taken it over.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

This short period of time (22 actual years / 23 inclusive years) will be the only time Jesus reigns over this sin-cursed earth.

Question

You have no evidence to back up your claim. Not only do I know people have been getting saved still not inside the church, but outside the church. That's a huge statement you are making. You need to back it up with evidence to support it. People are always good at twisting scripture around to make it sound like it means something else to me. I believe that's Harold Camping's embarrassing cover-up story.

Answer

You personally have no idea about anyone's spiritual condition. What you've heard, or what you've seen, have been all outward indicators. And again, the

outward indicators that the church focuses on are works that people do, and the Bible is clear that no man is justified in God's sight by the work of the law (Galatians 2:16).

One major reason the Lord has shut the door and yet allowed time to continue on for a short while thereafter is to highlight the fact that He is completely sovereign over all aspects of His salvation program. The Lord is sovereign regarding whom He saved and when He saved them. The corporate church has trodden underfoot the Bible's gospel of grace. They have polluted God's grace, time after time, by adding their works of accepting Christ, or so-called believer's baptism, or walking down an aisle – none of which ever got any person saved at any time in history. Therefore, it is entirely appropriate for God to shut the door of heaven and end His salvation program upon a world and apostate church that has polluted His glorious gospel of grace. The churches say, we got so many new members last year, and by "members" they think these people became saved, and yet the Bible's answer is none of your new members were saved because God shut the door on the date of May 21, 2011.

Or churches and ministries outside the corporate church say that many people accepted Christ and made a decision for Him thereby becoming saved. And the Bible responds: Not so, the door is shut and none were saved. "But," they respond, "they accepted Christ – how can you say none were saved?" Because accepting Christ has never saved anyone at any time. God's shutting of the door highlights the truth that has been the truth all along, which is that He is Sovereign Lord over all matters related to His salvation program. Shutting the door of heaven counters all the false gospels and all the many works that professed Christians have deceitfully developed to pervert the pure gospel of grace.

Someone may say, "I was baptized and as a result saved." The Bible answers: you were not saved because the door is shut.

Another says, "I just started speaking in tongues, which is a sign of salvation. Therefore, I was saved." But the Bible answers: The door is shut! And tongues are a sign to them that believe not, not to them that believe (1 Corinthians 14:22).

Yet another cries out, "I walked down the aisle and accepted Jesus." The Bible answers: The door is shut! Your walking down the aisle was an empty act as it has always been an empty act.

Still more say, “I’m a member in good standing and give a large tithe to the church, and the pastor assures me I’m on my way to heaven.” The Bible answers: The door is shut! And the Church Age is over and all of God’s elect have departed out of the world’s congregations.

And so on. No matter what “work” any so-called Christians puts forth to claim they became saved, the answer from the Bible since the date of May 21, 2011 remains the same: The door is shut!

Question

Someone asked a question about the word “patience” in Revelation 14:12. In the study in Revelation 14, you had brought up that this word in the Greek is hupomone, which is actually two separate words. You then went into detail showing the usage of these two words and I believe the main conclusion was the elect’s continuance in the study of the word during the Day of Judgment. I don’t have notes, so cannot give detailed info, but just wanted to suggest to the person that it’s a blessing to have the studies in Revelation available on ebiblefellowship.org. Always a good idea to start there with questions in the book of Revelation. The studies are a wealth of knowledge and a tremendous blessing from the Lord.

Answer

Thank you for the reminder. The Greek word translated as “patience” in both Revelation 13:10 and 14:12 is Strong’s #5281 (*hupomone*). This word is derived from Strong’s #5278, *hupomeno*, which is a compound word. *Hupo* is Strong’s #5259, which is a preposition often translated as “under.” The other word, *mone*, is Strong’s #3306. Here are a few places we find *mone* (#3306):

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue [#3306] in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

1 Corinthians 3:14 If any man's work abide [#3306] which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

2 John 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth [#3306] not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth [#3306] in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

Putting both words (*hupomone*) together, we get the idea of “abiding under,” or “continuing under,” in a doctrinal sense. Therefore, when God says, “Here

is the patience of the saints,” He has in view their patience displayed as they continue to hold fast to the true and faithful doctrines opened up to them at the time of the end. Of course, it is noteworthy that they “continue under” such teachings, because so many others have failed to do so by turning back to former things.

Question

Hey Chris, as elect living in the Day of Judgment, should we refrain from sharing or posting any political post regarding the evil taking place, or commenting on them? Would this be considered trying to fight in the battle that has no winning side? (besides maybe posting verses as a comment). I know for myself it's very tempting to comment on these posts, and I often feel convicted if I do.

Answer

I can't tell anyone what to do. But I can share what I believe the Bible would have me to do personally as a child of God. And I'm convicted that the political situation in the world at this time is a major testing program that God is setting before His people.

First, due to circumstances after May 21, 2011, we all found ourselves with way too much time on our hands. Secondly, God's people tend to have a heightened sense of right and wrong concerning that which is just and unjust. And so, when we see things happening in the world that we feel are clearly unjust and wrong, there can be an impulsive reaction to want to side with any being unjustly oppressed over against their oppressors. However, as God's people, worldly injustices are not our battleground. And this is especially so at this time of the end of the world. How did the world manage to pass laws legalizing abortion? Or legalizing gay marriage or legalizing transgender rights? How could these things become the law of numerous nations and spread all over the earth? The answer is that these laws passed because God has given mankind up to do these things.

Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Now if God gave mankind up to do the wickedness that we see all around us—and according to the Bible, He did—then in what way would an elect child of God’s battle against such things be wise or even fruitful in the slightest way? Is anyone going to push back the mighty hand of God and cause the people of the world to come back under the restraining power of the Holy Spirit once again? Of course not. That’s a ridiculous idea. Since God has delivered mankind up to the judgment – and part of that delivering up to the judgment involves them being given over to do the things listed in Romans 1 – then no matter what we do, it will have zero impact – and change absolutely nothing. We cannot fight against the will of God. Anyone crusading to fix society (the world) would be in the identical situation of someone in the church who was trying to hold back the forces of Satan’s assault against them, and to uphold the truth of God’s Word and keep his church faithful. Obviously, once God raised up Satan to destroy the churches and congregations of the world, any attempt to hold back those dark spiritual forces would have been futile. It’s the same thing with the world today.

So yes, I agree that taking sides in the world’s battle would certainly be aligning oneself with the losing side, because there is no winner – both sides lose.

Question

Yeah, I was present for the rolling rapture – Wait? Why are we still here then? Oh, there WAS no rolling rapture – as guaranteed/certified by Camping and McCann.

Answer

Yes, that was an error and we (E Bible Fellowship) have received correction regarding it (2 Timothy 3:16). That’s what God requires of His people if they err in something. But you have no interest in offering correction (if you did, you would share Scripture and be willing to discuss the things you share and answer the responses to them). Your interest is simply in bringing up what you consider to be the unpardonable sin: that of “date setting.” Oh, how dreaded a thing it is to set a date. It’s far worse than falling over backwards (I doubt you’re going around telling pastors how awful a thing that is); and date setting is far worse than speaking in tongues (to you), and of prosperity gospels; and date setting to you is far worse than all those growing number of churches who set up homosexuals as bishops and pastors and elders. Or who

have changed the music of God's kingdom into the music of the world. Oh, the dreaded "date setters," they're the scum of the earth, aren't they, and far worse than those who edit and omit sections of the Bible, and who water down its words for the common reader, and of those gospels that are free will who allure and deceive multitudes of people with the lying promise of "life" if you simply believe. But you can't say anything about them – because that's your church. That's the group of people and their false gospels and their false doctrines that align with you and your bony little finger that you point at God's elect and cry, "False prophet! Date setter!" They got it wrong! Says the people in the churches who get practically everything in the Bible wrong. And despite getting practically everything in the Bible wrong, they have zero interest and zeal to fix (correct) any of it.

No, I'm not ashamed of saying that May 21, 2011, was Judgment Day! When in fact it was. Yet, there were errors in understanding the nature of the judgment. The Biblical language was interpreted literally (great earthquake) rather than spiritually. But now we've learned to interpret it spiritually as we proclaim a spiritual judgment of God has overtaken the world. That's it. Correction made.

Question

A person commented on EBF's video: "What is the Spiritual Meaning of Christ Coming in the Clouds?":

Please, please, please ... somebody listen. I have photos from May 21, 2011, at 6 pm. I was literally told to go get my new camera, go out back and take photos. Of what, I didn't know. I just did as I was instructed to do. These photos show that Jesus did come in the clouds and yes somebody photographed it.

Answer

The Bible uses clouds to represent the commandments of God (Scriptures).⁵ When we read that Jesus comes in the clouds immediately after the tribulation (Matthew 24:29-30) it is language indicating that Christ will be seen with eyes of faith on the pages of the Bible. This is why, for example, God says this:

Romans 2:5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

⁵ See *50 Types & Figures Found in the Bible*, pages 62-64.

If we take away the first part of the verse, it's a little easier to see what is being said: "... the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God." The conjunction "and" shows us that the day of wrath is also the day of revelation of the righteous judgment of God. This is exactly what has been happening as the Lord has shown to His elect people that Christ did come in judgment on the world in a spiritual way and has been actively judging the world since May 21, 2011. By the way, this is why the world has been so chaotic for the last few years as Christ has taken Satan's kingdom of this world and has divided it, which is evidence of its fall (Mark 3:24-26)

Also, don't ever look for any physical signs or for any supernatural communication from God; the Bible is clear that an evil and adulterous generation seeks after those signs. The only sign the Bible allows is that which can be found in the Scriptures themselves (the sign of Jonah – see Matthew 12:38-41).

Question

A man responded to a note declaring May 21, 2011, as the Day of Judgment: *This doesn't make any sense when I compare it with Mark 4:29. What is the harvest if not the end of the world? Hmm? What are we still doing here? No. Erroneous doctrine.*

Mark 4:26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Answer

Your note above is filled with several doctrinal errors.

The Bible tells us that immediately after the tribulation, Judgment Day came (Matthew 24:29 and following). The tribulation concluded on the day that God had broadcast to all the world that it would: May 21, 2011. Since that time until now, we are living on the earth in the Day of Judgment.

Judgment Day is NOT a single day. It is a prolonged period of time. God sometimes refers to a “day” when a longer period is in view:

Hebrews 3:8 **Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:**

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

Notice in the verses above that the Lord speaks of a “day of temptation.” He then proceeds to tell us that it lasted for forty years. This establishes Biblical precedent for a “day” to be longer than an actual 24-hour period. Other Scriptures can also be shown which do this same thing. Actually, all we have to do is remember that the Lord used the language of a “day” in relationship to salvation:

2 Corinthians 6:2 **(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.)**

How long did the “Day of Salvation” last? Was it for a single day in time? No, of course not. The Day of Salvation continued for many, many centuries.

Once we properly understand that we are living in the time period known as the “Day of Judgment,” there is no problem with harmonizing all the Scriptures having to do with harvest and the end of the world. The planting of seed and the falling of the (latter) rain is over and done with. The fruit of all those to be saved has been gathered safely into the kingdom of heaven. And yet the Day of Judgment is still unfolding.

Why are we here? That was a problematic question at first, but no more. As God’s elect people have continued to study the Bible, we have found several reasons why the Lord, in His infinite wisdom, has arranged for the final judgment of mankind to work out this way:

1. In order for the elect to make an appearance before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10).
2. To try and test all so that those consisting of true gold and silver will be purified (1 Corinthians 3:11-16).

3. There is one event to all (Ecclesiastes 9:2) – to showcase that God is not a respecter of persons; He judges both the righteous and the wicked.
4. We have a task to fulfill of “Feed My sheep.”
5. Shutting the door of heaven highlights the fact that man has long denied: namely, that God is sovereign in all matters related to His salvation program.
6. The time pattern of Christ’s first coming must be fulfilled.
7. God’s trial for all delivered by the great deliverance of the Latter Rain unfolds over the course of a period of 40 years of temptation (judgment), which is exactly as Israel experienced 40 years of testing before entering into the promised land of Canaan.
8. Spiritual judgment is the typical way judgments unfold in the Bible (Adam and Eve in Eden, Christ in Gethsemane, judgment on the corporate churches).

As far as your statement regarding the beast ruling the world, you are “out of season.” That already happened during the 23-year Great Tribulation period (May 21, 1988 through May 21, 2011). Satan is ruling nothing at this time as he was deposed and put down from all official rule once the Great Tribulation came to its end. Christ is presently ruling the nations of the world (as well as the churches). However, Christ is not ruling for their good or for their welfare. He is ruling them with a rod of iron as He pours out His wrath and punishes the unsaved inhabitants of the earth in a spiritual way over the course of this prolonged spiritual judgment that we find ourselves in.

Question

Comment received via a contact form on EBF’s website:

So, I found a card you left somewhere describing that as of May, 2011, heaven has been “closed,” and the wrath of God is upon us. First of all, if that is true, then your ministry is meaningless, because no one else can be saved. Just look at Sodom and Gomorrah. God’s wrath fell upon them and they were condemned. However, have a look at 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9-10 in which it talks about the saved being spared the wrath of God. The alternative would be to say that none living now are saved, which is certainly not up to you to say.

Answer

Meaning is not determined by the things man decides are meaningful and important. The world is full of vain and empty things that men think are full of great meaning and value. But true meaning comes only through God and His Word, the Bible; and true meaning can only be found as the Spirit of God reveals His purpose to His people in accord with the proper time and season. For example, during the Church Age (33 AD to 1988 AD) it was the purpose of God for Christians to go to church and worship and minister to the world via the churches. The activity of church going was good and proper and meaningful for almost 2,000 years. But once the time of the end arrived, the season for the church came to a close, and immediately church attendance and participation became an empty and vain thing. True worshipers of God were called to go outside of the world's churches (Matthew 24:15-16) and to worship God there by sharing the Bible's teachings of the approaching Day of Judgment (which began on May 21, 2011). God's people sounded the trumpet and warned the world of that day – and that activity was of great significance and purpose. The Lord used the warning sounding forth from His people to save a great multitude of souls outside of the churches and congregations of the world.

Then came the day of May 21, 2011, the first day of Judgment Day. And on that day, God shut the door of heaven and ended His salvation program. At once, the evangelistic efforts of the elect children of God ceased because the time and season had changed. It was no longer the “Day of Salvation,” but instead it was now the “Day of Judgment.” Yet it is God's plan to leave His people on the earth to go through the final judgment process.

The Lord also provided a task for them to perform while they wait for the last day of the prolonged judgment period to come. That task is to feed God's sheep (the elect). To feed all that became saved during the Great Tribulation period (John 21:15-17). The Lord has assigned us this task and therefore it is not meaningless or without purpose. The fact that God has commanded it makes it important and significant and of great value. Obeying God's commands are good works of labor that the Bible tells us are not in vain:

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

On the other hand, once the Lord shut the door of heaven and ended His salvation program, all of man's efforts to evangelize and to bring the Gospel in order that people might be saved are vain efforts and vain works that have lost ALL value and purpose simply because God is not with anyone carrying out that kind of activity. And it is certain that without God, no one can become saved. Man's good intentions can't save anyone.

Question

Hi Chris, the word "watch" (Strong's #5438) in the New Testament is used as "prison" many times. In Luke 12:38, the word "watch" is used when referring to the Lord's return. Now, in Mark 6:48, the fourth watch, or "guard," Christ comes! Can these "watches" refer to specific points in the timeline of history, i.e., 1988, 1994, 2011?

Answer

No, I don't think we can assign the meaning of the four night watches to these significant dates because there's nothing in the Bible, that I'm aware of, which would link the first watch with 1988 and the second watch with 1994, etc.

By the way, the Greek word translated as "watch" (#5438) is, as you mentioned, often translated as "prison," because that's basically what a prison is. A prison is where they put criminals and undesirables under watch of a guard. So the two words became almost synonymous.

Question

I just want to clarify if Catholic people can no longer change their mind before the judgment? Or if they can ask forgiveness before judgment? Why are you saying that? I want to clarify also, is God the save one? He saves? Catholic people are one of the victims of wrong communication and interpretation.

What if, one of these days before Christ returns, Catholic people enlighten their mind then? They change their mind and go back to Christ?

Answer

I'm sorry but the whole matter of each individual's spiritual condition, whether saved or unsaved, is now settled and fixed and cannot be changed. This is so because Christ has ALREADY returned as the Judge of the earth. May 21, 2011 began the Day of Judgment.

On the date of May 21, 2011, the door to heaven was shut and at that point each person's fate was established and is now unalterable. Those who were saved remain saved for all eternity, while those unsaved will die in their sins.

Revelation 22:11 **He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.**

Again, I would like to tell you something else that might give you hope, but all I can say is what the Bible says, and the Bible is no longer giving men hope or extending the scepter of God's grace to those who are unsaved.

Question

Good evening, Chris. A friend of mine asked me about Matthew 24:40-41. I told him I will post it in the Q&A. Could you elaborate as to the meaning of these verses? I removed the words in italics in verse 41.

Matthew 24:40 **Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.**

41 **Two grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.**

Answer

These verses have always been very mysterious. But by God's grace, we are now able to understand them quite clearly. The key to understanding this separation between two in the field and two grinding at the mill is found once we look more carefully at the word "taken." I'll share the parallel passage found in Luke 17:

Luke 17:34 **I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; the one shall be taken [#3880], and the other shall be left.**

35 **Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken [#3880], and the other left.**

36 **Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken [#3880], and the other left.**

The word "taken," which is used three times in the above passage, is the Greek word #3880 in Strong's Concordance. It is a word used in a few different ways including being translated as "received." And it is a word that relates to being taken aside in order to be taught spiritual truth. For example, we find this same Greek word in:

Matthew 20:17 **And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took [#3880] the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,**
18 **Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,**
19 **And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *him*: and the third day he shall rise again.**

Notice that once Jesus took (the one shall be taken) the disciples apart in the way, He began to teach them important truths concerning what would happen to Him in the days ahead. We will see, as we continue to look at this word #3880, that time and again it relates to being taught the Word of God. Let's also look at:

1 Corinthians 15:1 **Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received [#3880], and wherein ye stand;**

...

3 **For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received [#3880], how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

The Gospel preached unto you – which also ye have RECEIVED. To receive means to have been taught. The same idea of being taught is found in verse 3 as well. Let's go to:

Philippians 4:9 **Those things, which ye have both learned, and received [#3880], and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.**

Again, we see that the verse above is referring to being instructed in the Word of God and thereby receiving that instruction. In other words, it has to do with learning the Bible.

Likewise:

Colossians 2:6 **As ye have therefore received [#3880] Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:**

In what way was Christ received? In the way of instruction. And it is that way in which you are so to walk, as to “walk” in the Bible identifies with keeping the commandments of God (Ezekiel 36:27).

Additionally:

Mark 7:4 And *when they come* from the market, except they wash they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received [#3880] to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brassen vessels, and of tables.

To have “received to hold” means they were taught that in their tradition. Again, and again, to receive (or to take) points to being taught something, especially in connection with the Word of God.

Many times, Jesus would “take” some of the disciples or the twelve apart in order to teach them:

Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus taketh [#3880] *with him* Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

Mark 10:32 And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took [#3880] again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,

Jesus took Peter, James, and John. Certainly, the mount of transfiguration was very instructive to them in revealing exactly who Jesus was. Jesus took the twelve disciples and began to teach them. This is a very direct statement linking being taken and being taught by Christ.

One last verse:

1 Corinthians 11:23 For I have received [#3880] of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

What does the apostle Paul mean that he “received of the Lord” and delivered it unto the Corinthians? He means that the Lord taught him the information about the Lord’s supper, and therefore he is able to teach it to them.

Now, given the enormous weight of Biblical evidence that to be “taken” means to be taken aside by the Lord in order to be instructed or taught some truth in the Word of God, we can understand very well what is being said in Matthew 24 and in the parallel passage of Luke 17.

Here are the verses from Matthew again:

Matthew 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

In the Day of Judgment (the coming of the Son of man), two shall be in the field. And we know from the rest of the Bible that the field is a reference to the world (cf. Matthew 13:38), and the two are typifying those that would identify as God’s people. They are the caretakers (#2) of the Word of God, the Bible. The Bible was sent out into all the world (the field) and God’s people (the two) went forth faithfully carrying that word. But when the Son of man comes in judgment on the world, the one is taken – aside to receive further instruction by God Himself concerning the Scriptures. And the other is “left” (Strong’s #863).

This Greek word translated as “left” (#863) is a word that can be translated in a positive way related to the idea of God leaving a sinner’s sins which implies the forgiving of them. But given that the connotation in both Matthew 24 and Luke 17 is certainly a negative connotation, we can be sure that the idea of leaving the one behind has nothing to do with forgiveness of sins, but instead is pointing to being forsaken by God. That is, it’s not their sins that God has left, but it is the person himself that has been left by God. It carries the idea of being forsaken and is translated that way a few times:

Matthew 26:56 But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook [#863] him, and fled.

Luke 13:35 **Behold, your house is left [#863] unto you desolate: ...**

Returning to the passage in Matthew 24, the one is taken or receives further instruction from the Lord in the Day of Judgment, which means the Lord has opened up his understanding concerning the righteous judgment of God. This individual begins to understand the shut door of heaven and the many other truths the Bible reveals at the time of the final judgment. Therefore, he ceases his evangelistic work in the world (field). He is taken out of the world in the sense that he has learned from the Bible that he's no longer to tell people God is saving. He realizes salvation has come to an end.

The other one, however, is left in the field (world), and continues to do exactly what he had been doing as though no change in God's program has taken place. God's leaving of this person to the task of evangelism is akin to forsaking him since the work of evangelism itself becomes a vain work given that the Lord is not with him and is no longer saving any one at all in the world (field).

The two grinding at the mill are declaring the same truth, as the work of grinding at a mill involves getting the Gospel out. One is taken (instructed) to stop that work as he learns of the revelation of the judgment; and the other, forsaken, continues in the work of grinding just as before. We've seen this verse fulfilled right before our eyes as God's elect people have been taken away from the task of evangelization and have been further instructed by the Spirit of God through the Word of God in the Day of Judgment; while others refuse to acknowledge any further instruction or to have received any commandment to cease the former work. So, they continue on as though this day (Judgment Day) is like all the previous days before it. In this, they have been forsaken by the Lord. It is, in fact, part of God's judgment upon them.

Question

A man commented on EBF's "May 21, 2011 WAS Judgment Day!" page:

Are you all STILL all these years later insisting there is no hope for children post-2011? THAT stubborn pride still? How many families with such children have stayed loyal to this doctrine? Or did you all change the doctrine to accommodate? It is simply amazing to me how pridefully hard-headed (hard hearted) people are with their religious doctrine rooted in the literal (i.e., ALL the sects/cults/denominations swearing to "KNOW" the mind of God).

Answer

Truth doesn't change. And truth is not subject to whether it personally impacts us or not. The fact is, that a good number of people do adjust their beliefs based on whether or not a doctrine touches their lives. God's elect people, however, dare not do such a thing. We realize that we are not the designers of the true Gospel of the Bible. We do not control God's program for times and seasons. We do not open doors and shut doors. Not at all. We're simply door keepers. We receive from on high direction concerning the status of the door of heaven.

During the Great Tribulation period, the Lord revealed that He had opened up a great and effectual door as He saved a great multitude of people. And at the end of the Great Tribulation period, the same Lord revealed that He shut the door to heaven. We, as simple humble doorkeepers, tell people the condition of the door. That's all.

If anyone has a problem with the condition of the door being shut, they need to go to the One who shut it.

Psalm 84:10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

And,

Revelation 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

Luke 13:24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

Chapter 7: The Great Multitude, Feeding God's Sheep, and Drawing the Great Catch of Fish

Question

Hi Chris, I've been looking at the two major fishing expeditions in the Bible (Luke 5, John 21). If I understand correctly, you say the catch of fish in Luke 5 represents those caught during the Church Age representing both elect (wheat) and non-elect (tares) because the net break, and also the fact that Jesus was in the ship, picturing Christ ruling in the churches. And that John 21 represents those saved during the Latter Rain because of the 153 great fish caught (representing the great multitude), and the fact that the net didn't break, and also because Jesus wasn't in the ship. I'm wondering if there are additional verses that you can show me that also support these conclusions? Thanks.

Answer

Good question. Of course, you can search out the word “fish,” and you’ll quickly find that it has to do with being fishers of men⁶ – and the bringing of the fish out of the sea points to those being delivered from the wrath of God (which the sea can typify)⁷. Additionally, all the Scriptures that point to two outpourings of the Holy Spirit serve as evidence to support the idea that the two fishing expeditions point to two major periods wherein God was saving.

Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

The former rain (early) brought in the harvest of firstfruits (those saved within the congregations) and identifies with the first fishing expedition. The Latter Rain brought in the great multitude found outside the churches and identifies with the second fishing expedition. This verse also points to two major periods of times and seasons wherein God would save His people:

⁶ Matthew 4:19 **And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.**

⁷ As one example, see Exodus 14:26-31.

James 5:7 **Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.**

The Husbandman (God) patiently waited until He received the early and latter rain. That is, He held off His wrath until the harvest of the church (early rain) came in, and the harvest of those outside the churches came in (latter rain). Two periods of salvation for the New Testament era. The language found in John 21 of a strange fishing expedition that takes place after a time of catching nothing (pointing to the awful 2,300 days that began the Great Tribulation period), and then, after they follow Christ's directions from land, there is a tremendous catch of great fish (the great multitude saved out of Great Tribulation via the Latter Rain), wherein the net does not break – and this certainly points to the things God did in the days leading up to May 21, 2011.

Question

We read statements like, and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, or as the stars of heaven, or as the sand upon the sea shore, or thousands of millions in Genesis 24:60. These numbers sound infinite. Is the seed referring to God or to the believers?

Genesis 24:60 **And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.**

Answer

God points out that Jesus Christ is the promised Seed (singular):

Galatians 3:16 **Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

But the elect are in Christ (the Seed) and therefore we are also counted as Abraham's seed:

Galatians 3:29 **And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

Question

If I hand out Bibles, am I feeding God's sheep?

Answer

All we can do in our attempt to feed God's sheep is to share the truth of the Word of God. Giving someone a Bible may or may not be a good way of doing that. Bibles are fairly expensive to distribute to people. Given their cost, we will probably only be able to hand out a few of them. Therefore, the few we give out would be better utilized by narrowing down the recipients to a group who appear more likely to be God's elect (the sheep). We can accomplish this narrowing down by first handing out tracts like *Why is the World so Divided?* and waiting for those that might respond in a positive way to the message of the tract. Then, after getting a positive response to the tract, we could follow up with that individual by offering a Bible if we had one to give. This is typically how it's done on tract trips. The tract team may have 100 Bibles and so they each take a handful with them, and as they are handing out tracts, they give a Bible to someone that might show interest in the tract's message.

Question 1 of 2

I understand that if the bride of Christ, full of the Holy Spirit, is still in the world, then the Holy Spirit is still in the world. I am understanding that after the harpazo,⁸ then the Holy Spirit won't be in the world any more. I may be wrong, but it sure makes sense. God bless.

Answer 1 of 2

Yes, of course, the Holy Spirit is still in the world in the sense of being in His people. But the Holy Spirit indwelling His elect people does no unsaved person any good insofar as salvation is concerned as we cannot impart the Spirit God has blessed us with to others.

Consider the first part of the Great Tribulation period (the 2,300 days from May 1988 to September 1994). During that time, the Holy Spirit came out of all the world's churches – never to return. Yet, the elect were not aware of this and remained within the churches for a few years more. On one hand, the Holy Spirit had departed, while on the other hand, He still indwelt the elect within the churches. But the elect possessing the indwelling Spirit of God were unable to bring salvation to anyone else in the church who lacked it.

⁸ *Harpazo* is Strong's #726 in the Greek and it has been identified with the rapture, as it is translated as "shall be caught up" in 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

Question 2 of 2

I understand. But what is the Bride still doing here, if not to tell others? What are we waiting for? Or what is God waiting for? If we are not to let our light shine before others anymore (Matthew 5:14, 16) ... why then are we still in the world? What should I do when I feel the urge in my heart to share the gospel with someone?

Answer 2 of 2

By God's grace, we have learned several reasons. One has to do with the task of feeding sheep while the Lord works out His judgment program on the world. Another has to do with God being a just Judge, and as a just Judge, He is having all people (the righteous and the wicked) come to the judgment. The elect's appearance before the judgment seat of Christ is clearly spoken of in 2 Corinthians 5:

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

The plural pronoun "we" is used repeatedly in chapter 5, and in every case, it can only describe God's elect. The elect's appearance before the judgment seat of Christ is actually a doctrine that is stated in numerous places, but our theological position did not permit us to properly see it until we reached the actual time of the judgment.⁹ For example, the Lord clearly laid out His plans to judge both the righteous and the wicked in this verse:

Ecclesiastes 3:16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, *that* wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, *that* iniquity was there.

17 I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work.

A third important reason for keeping the elect on the earth to go through the judgment process involves God's end time testing program. As you may be aware, the Lord has been testing His people primarily through the opening up of hidden truth to reveal doctrines at the time of the end. These doctrines are

⁹ For more information, please see E Bible Fellowship's booklet, *The Elect's Appearance Before the Judgment Seat of Christ*.

extremely difficult for the professed Christian to hold onto. Anyone not truly saved will surely go back from them at some point, and in doing so, fail the test. The Lord speaks of this as putting the fire to the substance to see what we are really made of (spiritually):

1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

The fire that tries our “work” is the fire lit by God Himself on the Day of Judgment (May 21, 2011).

So that's three quick and yet very important reasons why we're still here even after God's salvation program has come to an end. Again, first to feed sheep. Secondly, to appear before the judgment seat of Christ. Thirdly, to experience the final trial of our faith. If we are gold and silver, we'll be purified at the end. If we are wood, hay, stubble, then we'll burn up. God's elect will endure the spiritual flames all the way until the end:

Isaiah 24:6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

Zechariah 13:8 And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, *It is* my people: and they shall say, *The LORD is* my God.

The Gospel is the truth of the Word of God in its proper time and season. For example, the true Gospel during the Church Age included directing people to go to church. Once the Church Age ended, the true Gospel included directing people to come out of the church. Likewise, in the Day of Salvation, the true gospel included telling people about the mercy of God and that He was actively saving. But now, in the Day of Judgment, the true Gospel must include

the sorrowful news that the door to heaven has been shut and God has completed His salvation program.

Typically, when God makes a change in program, there will be those who fail to comply to that change and insist on bringing the “gospel” they are accustomed to. Yet God is the One who is in charge of determining the boundaries of what is the true Gospel, and His program for times and seasons must be consulted if one is to bring the true Gospel to others.

Question

Do you think that perhaps God will use the division that is taking place in the world to draw some of His elect around the world? All the chaos and disorder might cause them to flee to His Word? You mentioned the evidence in John chapter 21 that there is a delay in the drawing process, e.g., maybe an elect in Paris, let's say, sees all the chaos and division that is taking place, and wants to learn why it could be happening and so they take a tract? Kind of like a wakeup call?

Answer

Yes, I do think that when people see the tract, *Why is the World so Divided?*, that they are going to be interested in reading it because there is unrest and division taking place in so many places around the world. And among those that take and read the tract will be God's elect, and God's elect, for the most part, will be drawn by the information to find out more details, I think we can be sure of that. And as they find out more, they will be drawn ever closer to the truth (Christ) thus fulfilling what we read in John 21 regarding the initial delay in drawing the fish (elect), but then later drawing them to Christ:

John 21:6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find.

They cast therefore, and now they were NOT ABLE TO DRAW it for the multitude of fishes.

John 21:10 Jesus saith unto them, bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

Of course, it must be pointed out that this drawing of the elect in the Day of Judgment is not referring to salvation, but it is drawing those who were already saved before God shut the door on May 21, 2011. I think this drawing of the elect also relates to what we read in:

Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The drawing of the elect to Christ is the same as the gathering of the elect mentioned above. The angels who are sent to gather them are themselves the elect – the messengers of God.

Question

Hello Chris, I have a comment and a question regarding the Lord's commandment to feed His sheep. In recent days, the Lord has been impressing on me greatly that this is something He wants me to be involved in personally.

Now I do have some physical and mental health considerations that up until now have held me back from feeling able to pass out tracts for instance. I am overjoyed to be in a position financially where I can support a faithful ministry like E Bible Fellowship now more than at almost any other time in my life.

As I have continually walked away from the things of this world and more towards the things of the Lord, blessings both spiritual and financial have resulted. For example, giving up television and the accompanying expenses associated with it have freed up a considerable amount of my monthly income for the Lord. (Now I'm not saying television is a sin or that people shouldn't watch it. That's not my place.) For me it is a sin and I no longer need it in my life. Nor do I miss it. (It took about three weeks to get over the initial awkwardness.)

Now my question is this, is my giving financially in and of itself enough? I would love to do more but also need to stay within my own fleshly limitations. Can you offer me any suggestions of any other ways of contributing my part to this second great commission? I love your ministry and appreciate all the Lord does through you and your team. Family Radio was instrumental in

guiding me to the Truth from 1992-2012. After brother Harold Camping passed way and nothing “seemed to happen on May 21, 2011,” I was lost and losing more and more truth every day. I continued to listen to the new Family Radio. I finally shut it off completely when they announced that they would no longer air Mr. Camping’s teachings. As the Word warned, to him that has shall more be given, but to him that has not shall be taken away even that which he seems to have. This statement had never felt more real to me than when I watched Family Radio flee back to the church. I apologize for the length of my remarks.

Answer

Your question is, are there other ways, besides going on a tract trip and besides supporting E Bible Fellowship financially, wherein you can help with the second great commission of feeding God’s sheep in the Day of Judgment? Yes. To being with, I would suggest praying that very thing to the Lord and asking Him to show you things you could do. But here are a few ideas:

Prayer. E Bible Fellowship needs people praying for us. Praying that the Lord might help us with technical things and direct people with technical skills to assist us (we struggle in this area), and also pray that the Lord would lead some of those faithful people out there, who formerly listened to Mr. Camping and Family Radio prior to May 21, 2011, but are struggling themselves (as you were), to find us somehow. Either by finding our website, or finding our video page, social media pages, etc. Pray that they might stumble across us somehow.

Additionally, we can certainly use prayer for the upcoming tract trips. It would be good to start praying for Tony (EBF’s tract coordinator) and Pam who searches out the various potential tract trip destinations. Pray that the Lord give them wisdom and direction. Pray for the preparation of upcoming trips. There are many, many things to pray about concerning a tract trip. Pray for the people receiving the tracts and who will encounter the team. Often times we leave off praying for these things until the very time the team leaves for the trip. But there’s so much to pray for we often do a poor job of praying for the overall effort.

Anyone can also participate in the feeding of God’s sheep by getting active on social media within E Bible Fellowship’s groups/pages. For example, when we hand out tracts locally, maybe we’re able to hand out 100 tracts. Or if we go on a tract trip, perhaps by the end of the trip we were able to hand out 10,000 tracts. Well, anyone can copy the link of the same tract (*Why is the*

World so Divided?) and paste it in any of E Bible's groups. Or anyone can copy/paste the tract on any of E Bible's pages. I don't know how many people might see it. But there are tens of thousands of people who have joined our various groups and thousands more that visit our social media pages. Posting the tract is akin to handing out a tract. Maybe 99 out of the 100 throw the actual physical tract into the trash can. But one reads it. Maybe, however, many thousands on social media, who, for whatever reason have come to us, to a place where they appear to be willing to hear such information, and yet even if all but one ignores the tract—the one person clicks on the link and reads it seriously for the first time and is impacted by it. This is the very same result as those who traveled overseas or went out on their local street corner. I use the example of a tract, but any true Bible study in any form (text, audio, video) could be distributed in the same way.

Chapter 8: Unsealed Doctrines: Annihilation, the Lamb Slain, and Appearing Before the Judgment Seat

Question

Chris could you please show how the phrase in Hebrews 8:8 "... I will make a new covenant ..." would be better translated as "... I will finish a new covenant ..." by citing examples of how this Greek word is translated in other parts of the Bible? Thanks so much.

Answer

Let's take a look at the verse which precedes it also:

Hebrews 8:7 **For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.**
8 **For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:**

The first covenant is referring to the Old Testament Scriptures, and the second covenant is referring to the New Testament Scriptures. Concerning both of these covenants we read:

Hebrews 8:8 **For finding fault with them ...**

Now if the first and second covenants are speaking of the Old and New Testaments, then this means God is speaking of the entire Bible. And if the entire Bible is in view, how is it possible that any fault was found with it? Isn't the Bible perfect and without error of any kind? Yes, it is perfect and without error of any kind. But the problem with the Bible has always been it is too deep and too spiritual for the fallen man to grasp or understand. The first covenant (Old Testament) was largely veiled and hard for even the people of God to understand. So, God gave a second covenant (New Testament) wherein He explained many things about the first. For instance, He explained much more about the Messiah and various types and figures (such as the sacrifices) having to do with Him. Yet, although clearer than the first, the second covenant was still viewed by God's people as looking through a glass darkly. Many mysteries of the Bible remained. Therefore, finding fault with them (that is, the fault of the first and second covenant lie with man's inability to

comprehend many spiritual truths), God determined to make a new covenant with the house of Israel (His elect people).

You're correct regarding your comment that Hebrews 8:8 would be better translated, "I will finish a new covenant." The Greek word translated as "make" is Strong's #4931. This word is used 7 times overall; 4 times it is translated as "ended," one time as "fulfilled," and once more as "finish" in:

Romans 9:28 For he will finish [#4931] the work, and cut *it* short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

So, the verse we're looking at in Hebrews really should have been translated one of these ways:

Hebrews 8:8 For finding fault with them, He saith, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will FINISH/FULFILL/END a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

We have learned that this finishing of the covenant has to do with the opening of the Scriptures at the time of the end to the understanding of God's elect people. God has revealed so much information that He likens it to the completion of finishing of the new covenant (we could look at it in the sense of a third covenant). The third covenant is finished not by any additional divine revelation being brought forth – no, that's not possible. But it's being finished as the Lord reveals the many hidden truths He had kept sealed up until the time of the end. We could give a long list of doctrines that we've learned over the course of the last couple of decades, but I won't do that here. It's an enormous amount of Biblical information, and, in that way, it's on par with being another covenant.

Question

Can we expect more and more revelations of God's mystery up till the very end?

Answer

Yes. We can know this will be the case because God has told us that the Day of Judgment is also a time of revelation:

Romans 2:5 ... the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

When we read the verse above carefully, we see that the conjunction (and) is joining together the language of the “day of wrath” with “revelation of the righteous judgment of God.” And this is exactly what we’ve been finding. God has been revealing item after item related to His judgment program (i.e., spiritual judgment, prolonged judgment period, the elect standing before Him during the time of the judgment, Satan’s kingdom of this world being judged through division, etc., etc.).

Also, recently we have been learning that the 40-year wilderness sojourn of Israel after their coming out of Egypt, strongly identifies with the timeline we’ve learned from the Bible for the overall judgment period (1994 through 2033 = 40 [inclusive] years). There are many similarities between these two periods of time. A major one is the fact that the Israelites were fed and nourished by Manna falling from heaven for the entire 40-year period. The Bible relates the Manna to Christ (John 6:48-51), and Christ is the Word of God. Therefore, the Manna from heaven points to the unsealing of God’s Word at the time of the end. God gave the Manna to prove the Israelites whether they would obey His commandments or not:

Deuteronomy 8:15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee [#5254], to do thee good at thy latter end;

Notice the Manna was given to “... humble thee, and that He might PROVE thee.” The Hebrew word (Strong’s #5254) translated as “prove” is the same word translated as “tempt.” It has to do with testing. God gave the miraculous bread from heaven to test the Israelites to see if they would keep His commandments or not.

Likewise, God has been opening up the Scriptures and revealing truth from His Word never before known. With each opening of a doctrine, there has been a severe testing program for those who profess to be “true believers.” Doctrines such as the faith of Christ, the Sunday Sabbath, true baptism (i.e., the washing away of sin), and Christ’s atonement at the foundation of the

world, hell as compared to annihilation, end of the Church Age, spiritual judgment on May 21, 2011, the end of salvation, etc. Each one coming down from above to provide spiritual nourishment for the elect people of God; but also, each one developed specifically by God to probe and test the hearts of those called His people.

The Manna continued for 40 years until they made it to the promised land. Therefore, we can expect the Lord to continue to open up His Word and reveal more truths to feed and nourish us as well as to prove us.

Question

Knowing that the Son had been resurrected, what is meant that God “gave” the Son in John 3:16?

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.

Answer

It's a good question. The Greek word translated as “gave” (as well as the Greek word translated as “loved”) is a verb in the third person singular, which is indicative aorist active. In New Testament Greek grammar, “the aorist tense is a secondary tense, and accordingly, in the indicative mood it indicates past action.”¹⁰ So, this means that when God made this statement concerning His Son, He was looking back at a past action. Of course, by God's grace, we know today that the past action God the Father was looking back upon was the slaying of the Lamb at the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8), and His resurrection which led to the declaration of Jesus as the “Son of God” (Romans 1:3-4).

Question

Question via private message: *Are there verses that support annihilation?*

Answer

Yes. All the verses that speak of being cut off, or perishing. Specifically, you can look at Psalm 146:4, Ecclesiastes 3:18-20, and Isaiah 51:6 (which shows that what happens to the universe also happens to those that dwell therein, i.e., man).

¹⁰ From NTGreek.net, Course II, Lesson 2.

Also, it's very clear that a place for eternal punishment wherein unsaved man will be endlessly beaten with stripes for all eternity is not Biblical:

Deuteronomy 25:1 **If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that *the judges* may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.**

2 **And it shall be, if the wicked man *be* worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.**

3 **Forty stripes he may give him, *and* not exceed: lest, *if* he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.**

In these verses, God sets a limit on the number of stripes a judge can impose. Since God is under His own law (Psalm 138:2), and is Himself a most just judge, there is no possibility that He, as Judge of the earth, can sentence sinners to endless stripes (far exceeding the stated 40), for such a penalty would contradict His own law.

Question

Hi Chris, some people claim that since the animal sacrifices in the Old Testament pointed to Christ, this proves He paid for the sins of His elect in 33 AD, not at the foundation of the world. Can the sacrifices point back in time as well as forward? Perhaps Hebrews 13:8 can be tied to the atonement, serving as proof that it took place at the foundation of the world? (Christ is always the essence of grace.) By claiming the atonement took place in 33 AD, are we in effect saying Christ came out of Jacob, but Jacob did not come out of Christ?

Hebrews 13:8 **Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.**

Malachi 3:6 **For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed,**

Answer

Some people might make that claim, but that idea is coming out of their own minds, and is not something the Bible is saying. We know that the Old Testament sacrifices were types and figures of the one true sacrifice of Christ. The Bible is clear that God never desired animal sacrifice or delighted in any of the animal sacrifices performed repeatedly in the Old Testament age:

Psalm 51:16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The New Testament tells us plainly that animal sacrifices were never able to take away sin:

Hebrews 10:3 But in those *sacrifices there* is a remembrance again *made of sins every year.*

4 For *it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

As types and figures, the sacrifices simply pointed to the spiritual reality that they shadowed or typified.

That spiritual reality was the fact that Christ was the Lamb of God that would take away the sin of His elect people (John 1:29). The rest of the Bible reveals to us when the atoning sacrificial work of Christ took place – it was at the point of the foundation of the world:

Revelation 13:8 ... the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Additionally, we also know that the saints of the Old Testament truly became saved and had their sins washed away from them. Since it is certain that trusting in the shed blood of animal sacrifices couldn't possibly have saved them, it can only be that the shed blood of Christ—shed at the foundation of the world—was available to be applied to Abel, and Noah, and Abraham, and all the Old Testament saints. That's the only way they could possibly have become saved.

Question

Are we all now appearing before the judgment seat at this present time?

Answer

Yes! We read about this in:

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.*

In 2 Corinthians, chapter 5, the plural pronoun “we” is used repeatedly in the verses leading up to verse 10, in every single instance, the plural pronoun is referring to God’s elect and not to the unsaved.

Therefore, when we get to verse 10, the elect of God are the ones in view who are said to “appear” before the judgment seat of Christ. Actually, the Greek word translated as “appear” is a word that is used a few times to describe the demonstration of the Lord Jesus Christ as He went to the cross. In fact, since this particular word is used, it indicates that the ones appearing (demonstrating) before Christ’s judgment seat can only be the elect – because only the elect of God have previously gone through the judgment (in Christ at the foundation of the world), and, as a result, only they are qualified to make an appearance (demonstration) of that judgment.

In other words, the unsaved people of the world cannot appear before Christ’s judgment seat to demonstrate the judgment, since they have never before experienced it. Their judgment therefore does not qualify as an appearance (demonstration). It is not a tableau for them in any way. No, it’s the actual initial and final judgment experience for them which will ultimately destroy them forever.¹¹

Concerning the timeline for the elect’s appearance before Christ’s judgment seat, we can understand that once God shut the door of heaven, as He did do on the date of May 21, 2011, at that point in time all those truly saved (the elect) began to make their appearance before the judgment seat. This appearance will continue unabated throughout the entirety of the prolonged judgment period, which, according to Biblical evidence, will be until the year 2033 AD.

Question

God’s peace be upon one and all! I remember when God made us aware that there will be no physical place called hell where unsaved mankind will suffer for all eternity. I remember Mr. Camping said on one of the Open Forums that it’s a win-win situation, both for the saved and unsaved: the soul of the saved goes to heaven upon death, and the unsaved (body and soul) will not suffer upon death, nor have any conscious existence.

My question is in Psalm 146:4. Is this verse telling us that the instant the unsaved die, at that precise moment, their soul is utterly destroyed? We know

¹¹ For more information, please see *The Elect’s Appearance Before the Judgment Seat of Christ*, available free of charge from E Bible Fellowship.

the body returns to the earth, but I am still puzzled about the soul of the un-saved upon death in regard to this verse?

Psalm 146:4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Answer

Before death, even while he lives, man's soul is dead. So, when he finally dies physically, his body becomes as lifeless as his soul has always been. Often times the thoughts of a man are mistaken for his soul. But in reality, a man's thoughts were flowing forth from the mind in his conscious condition or sub-conscious state, and once he died, that working of the mind within him also died as it was tied to his physical life.

This is one of the reasons why the idea of God resurrecting a sinner's body on the last day was never possible. God never resurrected the soul of any of the wicked not chosen by Him to obtain salvation.

Resurrection, or restoring the soul to life, could only be done by the saving work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Likewise, the Lord would never bring to life (resurrect) the dead body of any sinner either. Bringing a dead thing back to life completely identifies with salvation, and anyone who did not become saved could never experience that type of resurrection. Therefore, at the time man's body died, his thoughts perished once for all.

Question

When did Christ purchase the earth?

Answer

These verses help us to understand that the earth was purchased through the giving of Christ's life:

Matthew 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

The language of “selling all that He had,” used in both of these mini parables, is pointing to Jesus giving up His life (dying). Now we know that Jesus gave up His life two times: once at the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8) to pay for the sins of His chosen people; and once at the cross in 33 AD to make manifest the earlier atoning work. This means that the field (world) was purchased (Christ gave all that He had) at either of these two occasions. The question is, which one?

The answer to the question of when Christ purchased the world must be – at the foundation of the world.

The reason it had to be at the foundation of the world is also seen in the parable of the treasure hid in the field (Matthew 13:44). The field (world) is purchased for the specific reason of gaining ownership of the treasure (the elect). If Christ purchased the world in 33 AD, that would be fine for all the saints saved during the New Testament era, but what about all of the elect who lived and died prior to that time? The parable reveals that ownership of the field had to be made through selling all that He (the man) had before He could obtain the treasure (the elect).

This presents another major problem for those who deny that Jesus’ atoning work took place at the foundation of the world. Basically, the finding of the hid treasure (the elect) in the Old Testament period would be akin to stealing it due to the fact that purchase of the field (world) was not made until long after Noah, and Abraham, and many others, were dead and buried.

However, once we understand that Jesus gave all that He had by dying at the foundation of the world, and thereby purchased the field and obtained ownership, we can see how God began to find the hid treasure (His elect) right from the beginning of time.

Question

I was wondering, when a non-elect person dies, at what point does God reveal that He is who He says He is? Or do the non-elect just cease to exist without ever knowing God and the truth even though they weren’t saved? Thank you.

Answer

The unsaved (non-elect) die all the time without God making Himself known to them in any kind of dramatic supernatural way. However, the Bible does tell us that Pharaoh and the Egyptians, a type and figure of Satan and the unsaved forces under his control, did come to know the LORD:

Exodus 14:17 **And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.**

18 **And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.**

Additionally, we know that every time a human being dies in his sins, his death is the result of God's judgment upon mankind for his sins; and God says this about His judgments:

Psalm 9:16 **The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth:**

...

Therefore, we can conclude that every unsaved person who has ever died has come to know the LORD.

No, not by God divinely revealing Himself to them at the moment of death – not that way – but they have come to know the judgment of God (death) upon them by experiencing it, and, as a result, they have come to know the judgment of LORD through their experience of death.

Chapter 9: The Year 2033 and the End of the World, the Timeline of History, and “No Man Knows”

Question

April 15, 2033 is probably the last day in the world. There are two important evidences:

*1. April 3, 33 AD – the Jewish calendar Nisan 16 – Jesus’ resurrection
April 15, 2033 – the Jewish calendar Nisan 16 – the rapture of the believers*

*2. May 21, 2011 – April 15, 2033 = 8,000 days.
The 8,000 days is 5 months, or 1,600 furlongs.*

$$8,000 = 5 \times 1,600$$

Is this the last piece in the jigsaw puzzle?

Matthew 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

Revelation 9:5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment *was* as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

...

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power *was* to hurt men five months.

Revelation 14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand *and* six hundred furlongs.

Answer

It is a possibility. The 8,000 days would break down to $5 \times 40 \times 40$ or $5 \times 1,600$, as you pointed out. And so, the number 5 ties in with the atonement of Christ, and the number 40 doubled would point to the completion of God's testing program. Of course, there's a whole series of number 40's converging in that year. The year 2033 is the 40th inclusive year since 1994. It's the 4,000th ($40 \times 10 \times 10$) calendar year since Esau failed the test in 1967 BC at the age of 40. It is also the 40th year of the 40th Jubilee period since 7 BC.

So yes, we have to take the possibility of God ending the world and resurrecting His people on the date Christ experienced resurrection, as a very serious possibility.

Question

God has given His people ears to hear things like the end of the Church Age and May 21, 2011. You have lately declared some may come to understand these things later. And my question is, how is a believer to go about sharing things concerning when the earth was created and certain timelines a believer does not understand? I personally do not know much of the math behind these things. God has just given me ears to hear/a heart to believe. I know without a shadow of a doubt that the Church Age is over. I know without a shadow of a doubt that Judgment Day began on May 21, 2011.

But there are things I do not know. For example, certain dates and time paths. As wanting to be as faithful as possible, it has concerned me sharing things I do not understand. Again, you may understand about precisely when Christ went to the cross and certain dates. But this kind of understanding can only come with years of study, and also much math is necessary to be done to come to those conclusions. Now, God has given His people ears to hear. But God has not given His people all the ability to come to understand everything about all the numbers in the Bible. And these matters have really been upon my heart for some time now. Let me share: in New York City before May 21, 2011, everybody was declaring Christ was coming at 6 pm I believe. And I thought to myself: How many had any knowledge this was the case? So where I am going is: at what point is someone with little knowledge crossing the line proclaiming things he does not know? Or getting behind them. Another example: I personally do not know how to show in the Bible how God's salvation lasted 13,000 years. All I know is it lasted a long time and it's over. In conclusion, it's wearied me saying anything I do not know for myself. Anything you can share on this?

Answer

You're asking a good question. We know God would have His people check out the things they are hearing in order to make sure they are so.

1 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.

But each one of us is limited in some way. With some people it's math, with others it may be understanding deep principles like Christ dying for sins at the foundation of the world but later entering into the world in order to demonstrate those things on the cross in 33 AD. What are God's elect people to do when they are called upon to check out a teaching, but sometimes they may not fully understand the teaching they are required to check out and verify?

I think you provided part of the answer above when you said, "God has just given me ears to hear/a heart to believe." Someone might criticize that statement, but it is actually very correct.

**John 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.
5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.**

I think the Lord would have everyone study as the things they are hearing as much as lieth in them (2 Timothy 2:15). That is, when they hear about time paths and things like that, they make a concentrated effort to understand it. It is possible that for a person to sort of run an automatic program through their mind wherein they say to themselves, "I don't get math too well, it's just a bunch of numbers," and because this has been the case during their school years or past life, they don't even try to comprehend the mathematical things put forth in studies that lay out time paths and dates. For example, if a person sits down and says, "I'm going to try and understand this information about the year 2033." And if he really tries, I'm sure he would be able to pick up on the fact that 2033 is exactly 2,000 years from 33 AD. And that 2033 is 7,023 calendar years from the flood, and the flood was 6,023 years from creation. That's two major pieces of Biblical evidence that practically anyone can grasp.

But, if after giving a concentrated effort to understand timelines, etc., and there is still a lack of understanding, a person in that situation can say, “Well, let me check out everything else about these people or that ministry and see if they’re true and faithful in these other areas.” And after checking out many teachings E Bible Fellowship teaches, you could say, “Alright, I checked out the things they say, and I find them faithful in the version of the Bible they use (King James Version); and in the fact that they believe the Bible is the only authority; and that they believe in the absolute inerrancy of the Scriptures. And they also use the Bible’s methodology of comparing spiritual with spiritual to come to truth. Further, I find them faithful in other doctrinal areas I know to be true. A woman’s role. Marriage and divorce. Election. The sinfulness of man. The faith of Christ in salvation and not the faith of man. I find them faithful in maintaining and holding onto the things God opened up at the end, like the end of the Church Age. And annihilation, and Christ’s atonement at the foundation of the world. And they also hold onto the Biblical calendar of history, and the dates for the Church Age and Great Tribulation and Judgment Day occurring on May 21, 2011. And so on.

In summary, overall, even though I don’t have the mathematical skills to confirm many of the things they are saying about the year 2033, I do find them to be faithful to God’s Word in these other areas. At the same time, I also find many others (churches and various ministries) to be unfaithful to God’s Word in these other areas.

Therefore, my going along with literature that may speak of dates like 2033 is not mindless or blind trust at all. I’ve checked them out as much as I’m capable of checking them out.

I think that’s probably the best way of handling it if someone’s math skills are really not able to confirm the things said about the timeline.

Question

Chris, is it possible that the 3,910 years from 1877 BC to 2033 AD can be a double of the 1,955 years of the Church Age, just as the 46 inclusive years from 1988 AD to 2033 AD is a double of the 23-year Great Tribulation? And could this also be included as a part of the “double unto her double” in Revelation 18:6?

Answer

We know that the end of the Church Age in the year 1988 began the Great Tribulation period and occurred in the 13,000th year of earth’s history. The

fact that Jacob entered into Egypt after two years of a famine, which is called a “great affliction” (great tribulation) in Acts 7:11, and Jacob gives his age to Pharaoh of 130 upon entering into Egypt, clearly ties together that date (1877 BC) and the duration of the Church Age (1,955 years). Then, the doubling of 1,955 years (3,910), takes us right to the year 2033 AD, which ties together the end of the Church Age, the Great Tribulation, and the end of the world.

I think the 46 inclusive years¹² of overall judgment shows the recompense nature of this second tribulation on the world. I believe that the statement in Revelation 18:6, “double unto her double,” can be understood by the doubling of the size of the group that has come under judgment.

For instance, we know that the figure of one third represents the churches in Revelation chapter 8 as they experience the judgment of God, which pictured judgment beginning at the house of God. We also know that Satan and his emissaries were instrumental as they were used by God to bring to pass the judgment on the churches (again, represented by the figure of one third). Once the judgment on the churches concluded on the date of May 21, 2011, then God turned around and began to judge Satan and his forces which are typified by the figure of two thirds in the Bible (see Zechariah 13:8-9). The figure of two thirds is double that of one third. And in this figure, the cup of God’s wrath is indeed doubled unto her (Babylon) double.

Question

Brother Chris McCann, do you still see 46 years (2 x 23 years) as part of the solution?

Answer

11,013 BC (creation) to 33 AD (cross) = 11,045/46 years (11,045 actual years / 11,046 calendar years).

11,013 BC (creation) to 2033 AD (end of the world) = 13,045/46 years (13,045 actual years / 13,046 calendar years)

Given the above timeline, yes, the 46 years (2 x 23) is built into God’s judgment program.

The first world up until the flood: 11,013 BC to 4990 BC = 6,023 years

The second world from the flood to the end: 4990 BC to 2033 AD = 7,023

¹² 23 years tribulation / judgment on the churches + 23 inclusive years tribulation / judgment on the world.

calendar years

The 45/46 years are the result of adding the two tribulation numbers together for both worlds.

And yes, God's judgment/tribulation on the churches was 23 actual years. And God's judgment/tribulation on the world (according to Biblical evidence) will be 23 inclusive years = 45/46 years (1988 through 2033).

Question

This question was posted in another of E Bible's groups:

Has the world ended yet?

Answer

Has the world ended yet? No, not quite yet.

However, when we see that Israel is a nation again after almost 2,000 years of being a scattered people, we can know that it (the end) is near (Matthew 24:32).

Also, when we see that the churches of the world have all gone apostate, 100 percent, as we see in our time, we can know that the "falling away" first, which occurs before the end, has happened (2 Thessalonians 2:3).

And when we see sin multiply and run rampant across the face of the earth as we have witnessed over the last few decades, then we can know that God has given mankind up, just as He said He would do in Romans chapter 1, and that can only mean the end of the world is upon us.

Further, we see the sin of homosexuality not only accepted, but embraced and proclaimed as a good and moral thing. And when we see men marrying men, and women marrying women, as we see all around us today, we can know that God has allowed this to happen in order to highlight the fact that the world has become like Sodom and like Gomorrah – right before they were destroyed (Luke 17:28-30, Jude 7).

In other words, I would not make myself too comfortable in this world. All of the Biblical indicators show that it will be gone very soon.

1 John 2:15 **Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**
16 **For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.**
17 **And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**

Question

Does Jesus know the days that Judgment Day ISN'T on? Seeing He has all knowledge of everything else.

Answer

The answer to your question is yes. Jesus is eternal God and knows all things: past, present, and future.

Acts 15:18 **Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.**

Now, let's suppose that it were true (which it's not) that Jesus did limit Himself to not knowing the day and hour or the timing for the final judgment of the world. For whatever reason, let's say that He held back that information from Himself, and He truly did not know which day would be the last day. We're setting up a scenario where we are allowing there to be one exception to His vast storehouse of knowledge and understanding; we're allowing for the idea that He did not know the day nor hour. He knows everything else, but He did not know the time for the end of the world.

OK, let's suppose we ourselves possessed all knowledge of all things, except for the events that would take place on one particular day. We knew everything that would transpire leading up to that day, and we also knew everything that would happen after that day passed. How much brain power would it take for us (tiny little finite creatures) to come to the understanding of the date for that one single day we're ignorant of? It wouldn't take all that much thought, would it? In other words, we could almost instantaneously draw a circle around that date on a calendar as that special day. Now, if we, who are so limited in our beings, could quickly draw that kind of a conclusion, how much more could the Lord Jesus Christ – who is eternal God Himself, and as such, knows everything about everything – easily determine the date for the end of the world based on simple deductive reasoning?

To say it another way, if Jesus kept back knowledge from Himself regarding the “day and hour” or timing of Judgment Day, He could still easily discern when it would happen by the process of elimination. By knowing all things that would take place up until that day, and by knowing all things that would take place after that day (into eternity future), it becomes super obvious that the one day where knowledge is lacking is the day for the world’s end. Which shows us what we knew to be true already: that Jesus Christ, as Almighty God, most definitely knows all things about the end of the world, including the timing for it.

Job 24:1 Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?

Question

A woman responded to a post in EBF’s group, “Biblical Evidence the World will End in 2033”:

But the Bible said the time of the coming of Jesus no one knows, not even the son Jesus.

Answer

Here’s one place that statement is made:

Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.
37 But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Notice how after saying “of that day and hour knoweth no man,” the Lord immediately mentions the days of Noah as an example of His coming. Since Noah is an example of the coming of Christ, let’s ask the question: What did Noah know about the coming of the flood?

The Bible’s answer is striking:

Genesis 7:1 And the LORD said unto Noah, ...

...

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

God not only told Noah the flood was going to come, but He also told him the precise day (“yet seven days”). Therefore, Noah knew all about the timing for the flood. And yes, the flood did come seven days later – on the very day foretold to Noah.

Now let me ask you a question: Why, after saying “of that day and hour knoweth no man,” does Jesus give a Biblical example wherein His servant (Noah) *did* know the exact time of the judgment? In order to support the idea that the time of the end is unknowable, why didn’t Christ’s example show that everyone in the world (including Noah and his family) were caught unaware?

The Bible is not a book that can be read casually, and its surface skimmed, and a verse quickly pulled out (such as “no man knows”) in order to avoid real deep consideration and discussion of the things God has said about time and judgment.

Ecclesiastes 8:5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man’s heart discerneth both time and judgment.

A thorough study of the Scriptures instructs us that God reveals time information to His people – while coming on the wicked unexpectedly (Amos 3:7, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4).

Question

A woman posted this question in the group, “Biblical Evidence the World will End in 2033”:

Good morning, my brothers and sisters in the Lord. I am new here and I want to ask question about the name of the group. I want to know where it is written in the Bible that the world will end in 2033?

Answer

The evidence is found in the Biblical calendar of history which is based on the genealogies found in the Scriptures. Once we understand the Biblical calendar, we find that God acted and accomplished many major events in the Bible on key dates. And we also find that there is a synchronization of these things in God’s timetable as He orchestrated all things in relationship to His salvation and judgment programs. For example, David, a great type of Christ, became king over Israel in 1007 BC. Jesus, the man David typified, was born as the King of the Jews in 7 BC – exactly 1,000 years from David’s

coronation. Was this time relationship just a coincidence? No, it wasn't a coincidence. It was God arranging events to fit a specific time pattern.

Additionally, king David, the great type of Christ, died after 40 years of rule in the year 967 BC. Upon David's death, the foundation of the temple was laid. Exactly 1,000 years from that date, king Jesus died on the cross in 33 AD, demonstrating His atoning work performed at the foundation of the world, which served to lay the foundation for the spiritual house of God.

Jesus' time on earth added up to 40 calendar years (7 BC to 33 AD) just as David's reign was 40 years (1007 BC to 967 BC). Again, this is not a coincidence at all, but a pattern showing how the forty years of David's life foreshadowed the Lord Jesus Christ's time on earth.

Of course, since Jesus died and resurrected in 33 AD, the year 2033 AD is highly significant because 2033 is exactly 2,000 years from the cross and the resurrection afterwards. We expect the Lord to fulfill the time pattern for the second coming of Christ as He did for the first, and to resurrect the body of Christ (all those He saved) precisely two thousand years after Jesus' resurrection:

Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Question 1 of 2

A man commented regarding the date of 2033 as the end of the world:

I'm sorry, I just gotta come in here. We can keep adding date upon date, and we can show how all these various numbers add up to other numbers, and we can keep tagging people along with this scenario until the cows come home, but unless there is truth, we have made God's Holy Word into a mockery, and ourselves into a liar. The fact is, there are many Biblical tie-ins to the year 2044, but Chris McCann so desperately desires his head ship – even though he was supposed to step down, and this pride keeps him and his followers from thinking outside the box that they fashioned for themselves. Just the fact that the year 2044 is the 70th Jubilee year, far surpasses all their number lineups. However, Chris McCann is so inept as a Bible scholar, he will probably not even recognize that that year is the 70th jubilee year. This year also

has many other Biblical tie-ins to King David, Joseph the 11th son of Jacob, and others. I could post much more, but Chris McCann informed me to not post my studies here, so now you get these limited presentations. Moreover, I'm not saying this year, or any others, is the end of time, because my educated belief is that the spiritual heavens and earth have already been burned up in fiery judgment, exactly as prophesied. 2044 is a perfect spiritual year. Chris McCann is looking for an event that is long past.

Answer 1 of 2

God instituted the Jubilee year once Israel had spent fifty years in the land of Canaan after entering into it in the year 1407 BC. The 50th year after that was 1357 BC. And then 1307 BC, and every fifty years thereafter, was the Jubilee year. When we go from 1407 BC to 1994 AD, the total number of years is:

$$1407 + 1994 = 3401 - 1 \text{ (to account for no year zero)} = 3,400 \text{ years.}$$

$$3,400 \text{ divided by } 50 \text{ (duration between Jubilee periods)} = 68.$$

Therefore, 1994 was the 68th Jubilee, which breaks down to:

$2 \times 2 \times 17$ or 4×17 (#4 = furthest extent of God's salvation program/deliverance of captives, and #17 = heaven for all those delivered out of captivity).

These are the factual Biblical numbers. Therefore, the year 2044 AD would be the 69th Jubilee if it were to be reached. But again, there is not sufficient Biblical evidence pointing to the year 2044. You can scoff, if you want, at the various time paths and evidence that points to the year 2033 AD for the end of the world, but that evidence is quite strong and constantly growing. For example, 2033 is exactly 2,000 years from the cross in 33 AD, while 2044 is 2011 years, a meaningless number as far as the Bible is concerned. Or, 2033 is exactly 3,000 years from the laying of the foundation of the temple in 967 BC, while 2044 is 3,011 years – another meaningless number. The flood date of 4990 BC is 7,023 calendar years from 2033 while it is 7,034 years from 2044 – a meaningless number. The example of Christ's first coming is to start with a Jubilee year (7 BC) and go 40 calendar years until the cross (33 AD). The timeline of 1994 to 2033 matches the timeline of Christ's first coming perfectly! It is the identical time duration only separated by an even 2,000 years.

The fulfillment of Jesus' first coming in the Jubilee year of 7 BC was not completed in the year 44 AD (the next Jubilee year). No, it was completed in the year 33 AD. Likewise, the fulfillment of the second Jubilee period, or second outpouring of the Holy Spirit, began in the Jubilee year of 1994 and, according to mounting Biblical evidence, will follow the pattern of Christ's first coming and be completed in the year 2033 AD.

Question 2 of 2

Chris McCann, just as I thought you would do. The problem with your foolish reasoning is that God has the year that Israel entered the promised land in 1407 BC as the first jubilee, just as the first Christmas day was not the year after Jesus was born, but that very year. See Leviticus 25:2.

That first year was a Sabbath unto the Lord because it was the first jubilee, and every fifty years thereafter. The first year began the counting to fifty years so the first year (1407 BC) had to be the first jubilee. This means the year 1994 was correctly set as the 69th ($69 = 2 \times 23$) judgment jubilee, and it makes the year 2044 (2043 AD) the perfect 70th jubilee year. Nevertheless, I am in no way saying that 2044 is the end of time, because my educated belief is that the spiritual heavens and spiritual earth have already been burned up in God's fiery judgment. Now we look for the world to come, spiritually that is. There is no doubt that the judgment jubilee 69, was in 1994 – perfectly, and the year 2044 (2043 AD) is the 70th jubilee.

Answer 2 of 2

Your conclusion is incorrect due to carelessness. Here is the verse you mentioned in context:

Leviticus 25:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.

3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

God is indicating that the year Israel entered into Egypt (1407 BC) was a Sabbath year, and every seven years thereafter would also be a Sabbath year. This information was necessary for them to know in relationship to the Jubilee because the Jubilee year followed seven Sabbaths of years:

Leviticus 25:8 **And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.**

9 **Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.**

10 **And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.**

1407 BC was a Sabbath year. Then seven years later would be the next Sabbath. Here's how the Sabbath years worked out:

- 1407 to 1400 BC (1st Sabbath period)
- 1400 to 1393 (2nd Sabbath period)
- 1393 to 1386 (3rd Sabbath period)
- 1386 to 1379 (4th Sabbath period)
- 1379 to 1372 (5th Sabbath period)
- 1372 to 1365 (6th Sabbath period)
- 1365 to 1358 (7th Sabbath period) – the next year after the seven Sabbaths of years is 1357 BC, the Jubilee year.

The fact is that the year 1407 BC does NOT qualify as the Jubilee year according to the Biblical language because there were not seven Sabbaths of years leading up to that date. Israel was still in bondage 49 years before the year 1407 BC. Your conclusion does not stand up to the test of the Word of God.

Question

So an end date is preached, unlike Jonah and during “almost” all the history of the world, not so that the people might repent and be saved, but rather to advance the things of judgment. While also ministering to the already saved sheep. I see your point.

I wonder, if indeed God has ceased saving people. Since He intently established the church institution from the day of Pentecost to carry out His divine mission on earth, why then would God not have clearly made this new doctrine known to the church, which claims cessation of salvation? You may

reply, Family Radio preached it. But one problem is that this is not a doctrine that any believer of Christ can read from the Word of God, without several years of intense study (if it is true). That does not hold with the nature of God's Gospel for the human race.

God encourages us to study His word, but I doubt He reserves His word to be understood only by a few super scholars. Yes, He used few prophets in the Old Testament and even more teachers in the New Testament, however, once the servants brought the message, it was understandable to the masses. What person can even study the Bible and pull out doctrines such as the end of the Church Age and salvation ceasing? These come across strange. I feel more secure and content sticking to the basics and simplicity of the Gospel I read in the Bible. I can easily understand when the Bible tells me I'm a sinner in need of a Savior and God provided His one and only Son as a sacrificial payment for my sin. Jesus crucified and rose the third day and is coming back to judge the world and receive His people into glory. Even the parables, by God's mercy, are clearly understood by God's lay people, from children on up.

As you say, I'm sure there is mounting evidence for the new date. However, from what I understood of the pattern you played out here: that 11,045 years from creation until the cross and 13,045 years from creation until 2033 AD. The link here is the similar 45 years? and having the even number, 2,000 years separation? That's interesting, (I'm far from a timeline expert), but these specific two patterns (45 & 2,000 years) do not appear to be robust to build a great claim upon. I could see maybe as supplemental to other more direct evidence. Sorry for the lengthiness.

Could you also address how this date is any different than May 21, or October 21, 2011, etc., which were even said to be guaranteed by the Bible? I remember Mr. Camping even saying it was sinful and expressing some sort of repentance. Also, the gravity of such claims in light of Biblical warnings that we shall not say thus says the LORD when He has not said, and God attaching to this sin the penalty even of death.

Answer

You ask why God would not make the new doctrine of the cessation of salvation known to the churches? The answer is because God has completely ended His relationship with the churches and is no longer using them. As a matter of fact, the judgment of God came on the world's churches way back in May of 1988, and it was at that point that salvation ceased within all the world's

congregations. The churches were ignorant of this fact, and have continued on ever since believing that all is well between them and God and that all kinds of people are being saved within the congregations. It's obvious that since the corporate church is unable to discern that the wrath of God has fallen upon themselves, and the resulting end of salvation in their own gatherings, that they will not be able to discern the judgment of God on all mankind and the end of salvation taking place in the world. By definition, a spiritual judgment can only be discerned spiritually. And in order to properly discern a spiritual judgment, there is a requirement of having the Spirit guide and direct (comparing spiritual with spiritual) into understanding. The unsaved are completely unequipped for such things. This is why the Bible says the natural minded person cannot discern things that are spiritually taught (1 Corinthians 2:13-15).

With your next point, you make a major mistake. You say this doctrine "is not a doctrine that any believer in Christ can read of the Word of God without several years of intense study." This implies that the idea of God shutting the door of heaven requires a Master of Divinity degree in order to understand. That's nonsense. What's so hard about understanding that God, in His wrath, has shut the door of heaven? Especially when the Bible tells us that this very thing is what happens during Judgment Day:

Luke 13:24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

It's not too hard to grasp. God declared a day wherein He determined to judge the world by that man He had established to do it (Jesus Christ). God warned the whole world in an unparallel manner with the worldwide proclamation of "Judgment Day! May 21, 2011." Then, once the day came, He did what He said He would do and started the judgment process on this world by shutting the door of heaven – just as Luke 13 states. And here we are discussing these things, and you, as well as many others, are trying to prove that the door is not shut, and thus you are as those knocking at the door in the time of the world's judgment, saying, as it were, "Open the door."

Of course, God's elect people understand these truths through God opening up their eyes to them, whether it is an apparently simple truth or a very

complex truth. Either way, the simplicity or complexity doesn't matter, because God is able to open up the eyes of someone to behold both. We are able to know the truth of the Trinity, aren't we? And I doubt there is a more complex and difficult doctrine than that to comprehend. As a matter of fact, none of us are actually able to truly comprehend how it can be that God is One God and yet Three Persons. Nobody knows how this can be. But God grants grace to His elect people to believe it and to know it is true. Again, it is through the grace imparted to us that allows us to be able to hear and follow His voice.

The problem with your plan for sticking to the basics and simplicity of the Gospel is that we have entered into the time when the Lord has called us to move on from the milk of the word to the meat of the word. Those who fail to make the adjustment are like children who insist upon continuing with childish things despite the fact that the Holy Spirit has done away with them. Every child must grow up.

1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

In the natural world, children who refuse to get off baby food and move on to strong meat have a serious and unhealthy problem. Likewise, children in doctrinal things must also mature or it becomes obvious there is a serious spiritual problem with them.

Additionally, there is no safety in holding to the basics of the Gospel, such as how we are sinners, and God has provided a salvation program, when a major focus of God's judgment is the close of salvation for this world. By holding onto the basic and simple things of the Gospel such as salvation, at a time when God has ended His salvation program, is actually setting oneself up in opposition against God and against His judgment program.

I don't know where you got the idea that Christ's parables were easy to understand by those in the churches? They are still subject to dispute by many, and their meaning is often misunderstood by great numbers of people. In fact, Christ spoke in parables in order to hide truth from the eyes of them who were not given to receive it (Matthew 13:10-13).

Finally, the time paths to 2033 are numerous and strong. The 11,045/46 years from creation to the cross, and 13,045/46 years from creation to 2033, is an outstanding time path because it's following a pattern of the first coming of Christ and we see the exact time pattern in view for the second coming.

The time pattern of Christ's first coming is also seen by His birth in a Jubilee year (7 BC) and His death on the cross 40 calendar years later (33 AD).

In our time, we had the official end of the Church Age take place in 1994 AD (Jubilee year), along with the second outpouring of the Holy Spirit as the Latter Rain began to fall on the nations outside of the world's churches. And then, 40 inclusive years later, we have the year 2033 AD. It is a mirror image of Christ's first coming, only separated by an exact two thousand years.

I'll give one more piece of Biblical evidence, although several others could also be shared. From the completion of Christ's first coming, with His death on the cross in 33 AD, until the completion of His second coming, and what Biblical evidence indicates will be the end of the world in 2033 AD, is exactly 2,000 years.

That's three major and strong pieces of Biblical evidence pointing to the year 2033.

Question

How significant might the 3,000 years be that bridges 1 Kings 6:1 and the foundation of Solomon's temple in the 480th year after the Exodus to 2033? ($2033 - 967 = 3,000$ exclusive of the year 0). What about comparing the 3,000 years from when David rose to the throne in 1007 BC to 1994 AD (both Jubilee years) inclusive of the year 0?

Answer

It is extremely significant. The dates the Bible provides for king David's coronation (1007 BC) and death date (967 BC) are amazing in the way they tie in with the first coming of Christ (7 BC to 33 AD) and for the timeline of His second coming (1994 to 2033 AD). We find that the year David became king (1007 BC) was a Jubilee year. Just as the year of Christ's birth (7 BC) was a Jubilee year, and the year the Latter Rain began (1994) was a Jubilee year. We also find that David reigned for 40 years just as Jesus' ministry lasted 40 calendar years ($7 \text{ BC} + 33 \text{ AD} = 40$ calendar years), and just as our current timeline is projected to be 40 years (1994 to $2033 = 40$ inclusive years). Further, we see that David died in 967 BC and in that same year the foundation of the temple was laid. One thousand years later, in 33 AD, Christ died in demonstration of His atonement at the foundation of the world wherein He laid the spiritual foundation for the temple of God. And 3,000 years after 967

BC, which is the year 2033 AD, we are expecting God to complete all things related to His spiritual temple through the rapture and the resurrection.

Here are the amazing time paths: first, I'll show how the time path goes to Christ's birth and to the cross in order to highlight the time path's accuracy for Jesus' first coming, and of course, since it was proven accurate at that time, that encourages us for the projection of it into the future regarding His second coming:

1007 BC – David became king of Israel

967 BC – David died and the foundation of the temple was laid (David's reign spans 40 years)

7 BC – King Jesus born

33 AD – Jesus dies on the cross

(Christ's earthly ministry spans 40 calendar years)

1994 AD – Latter Rain begins outside of the churches

2033 AD – End of prolonged Judgment Day period / Christ destroys the world (Christ's judgment reign on the earth spans 40 inclusive years)

Time paths:

First Coming of Christ

1007 BC (David begins to reign) to 7 BC (Christ born) = 1,000 years (#10 = completeness)

967 BC (David dies/foundation of temple laid) to 33 AD (Christ dies which is a demonstration of the foundation laid) = 1,000 years (#10 = completeness)

Second Coming of Christ

1007 BC (David begins reign) to 1994 (Latter Rain begins) = 3,000 years (#3 = purpose / #10 = completeness)

967 BC (David dies/foundation of temple laid) to 2033 AD (Christ ends the world) = 3,000 years (#3 = purpose / #10 = completeness)

Additional note: Each starting point begins in a Jubilee year: 1007 BC, 7 BC, and 1994 AD, are all Jubilee years. The concluding point in each scenario is always 40 years (whether calendar years, inclusive years, or actual years) from the Jubilee year.

Question 1 of 2

Scripture says no one knows the time of the end. The Lord says He will come as a thief in the night for His own people.

Answer 1 of 2

That's not accurate: God (the Lord Jesus) knows the time of the end. And it is His plan to impart understanding of secret things (things only He knows) to His people (Deuteronomy 29:29, Amos 3:7).

Also, regarding Christ's coming as a thief, it says this:

1 Thessalonians 5:4 **But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.**

Which means it is the exact opposite of what you stated. Jesus comes as a thief in the night for the unsaved. But when it comes to His people they are not overtaken as a thief.

Question 2 of 2

The day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night. P.S. fact very accurate lol bud.

Answer 2 of 2

You did not carefully read the verse I shared from 1 Thessalonians 5, which is the very place that tells us of Christ coming as a thief. In 1 Thessalonians 5:4, God tells the brethren (God's elect) that the day of Christ's coming will not take them as a thief.

The Bible teaches us that it is the norm for God to reveal information, including time, regarding His judgments. For example:

Genesis 7:1 **And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.**

...

4 **For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.**

In the verses above, the Lord came to Noah, prior to the flood, and specifically revealed to him the day the flood would begin. Armed with this information,

Noah loaded the ark with the animals and his family and himself before God shut the door exactly seven days later as He foretold:

Genesis 7:15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

This means that Noah knew precisely the day and hour the flood judgment would begin. He knew the time because God revealed the time to him. And Jesus refers to Noah as an example of His coming – right after saying, “no man knows the day or hour”:

Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

This by itself shoots down the corporate church’s idea that the believers cannot know anything about Christ’s second coming. That’s an extremely careless conclusion to make. Did the theologians not read the Genesis account wherein God reveals to Noah the very day of the flood? Do they not understand that since Jesus references the flood as an example of His own coming, that this goes completely against their idea that the people of God cannot know anything related to the time?

The statement in Matthew 24:36 regarding no man knowing the day and hour must be viewed in light of the very next verse that tells us of Noah, and we know that Noah knew the exact time of the flood judgment, which in turn means God’s elect may also know the exact time of Christ’s second coming.

Question

I understand that God knows everything. The question still is, why has Jesus stated that the Son knoweth not? I recall that Camping said the “son” in Matthew 24:36 was the “son of perdition.”

1. Is that correct?

2. Is this the same “son” as Mark 13:32? If so, does this change your answer?

Answer

Thanks for bringing this up. No, it doesn't change my answer at all. I'm aware that Mr. Camping taught this. Actually, Mark 13:32 has proven to be an extremely difficult verse for us to understand. Over the years, Mr. Camping presented a few different conclusions on the meaning of this verse. I believe the last one was that the "son" should not have been capitalized and was actually speaking of Satan – the son of perdition. However, since Mark 13:32 already mentioned "angels," and Satan was a fallen angel, it would have been repetitive for "son" to also be a reference to him.

As we have continued to study this verse, the Biblical evidence for "knowing" as identifying with the experience of judgment is strong. I do not recall Mr. Camping getting into the details of the word "knoweth" and going over the many Scriptures that relate to "know" with judgment. For example:

Exodus 14:17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

Also,

Psalm 9:16 The LORD is known by the judgment *which* he executeth:
...

Many more citations could be given to show the same link between the experience of the judgment of God and knowing the Lord. The fact that we can see these things in our time is simply a result of God continuing to open up His Word to the understanding of His people.

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We're very glad that you have found this booklet, and it is our hope and prayer that the Lord may have saved you (prior to May 21, 2011) and is perhaps now drawing you ever closer to Himself (by drawing you to His Word, the Bible), and that the information you read here might be of help in that process.

Thank you! And may the Lord's perfect will be done.

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