Have you been duped...

defrauded, lied to about being saved, born again, about becoming a Christian, a child of God? Would anyone want to hurt you and the friends, the folks near and dear to you in such a way?

Satan would! He started out his evil ways in the Garden of Eden when there was only one commandment to be broken and the consequences of breaking that commandment was DEATH (Genesis 3). Satan is a murderer and liar. "He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44).

Satan wants you, he wants us, he wants everyone to spend eternity in hell with him. And he is not afraid to go after ANYONE. He even tried to bring down Jesus (Luke 4:1-13).

There are many good people today that have been deceived by Satan into believing various lies. Jesus said, "But in vain do they worship me, teaching <u>AS DOCTRINES</u> the PRECEPTS OF MEN (Matthew 15:9). Also check out these other scriptures that give warnings about Satan working through false teachers:

"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! Galatians 1:6-9 NIV

"For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths." II Timothy 4:3-4 NIV

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves." Matthew 7:15 NIV

"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ." Colossians 2:8 NIV

"But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute." II Peter 2:1-2 NIV

"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. I Timothy 4:1-2 NIV

"For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve." II Corinthians 11:13-15 NIV

"He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction." II Peter 3:16 NIV

What is Satan up to NOW??? Is it possible that Satan is trying to dupe good people into believing that they can be "saved" or "born again" by praying what is commonly called a sinners prayer? In many churches today folks are told that saying the sinner's prayer is all that one needs to do to be saved, to become a child of God. And if they were to die anytime after praying this prayer, this sinner's prayer, they would go to heaven.

Just for the record, this approach has barely been around a couple hundred years. It would have been a totally foreign concept to Christians living a couple hundred years ago and certainly to those living in the days of Jesus and the apostles. The Bible gives many examples of people becoming Christians and how they became Christians, but there is NO biblical record of anyone becoming a Christian by praying a sinner's prayer. NOT A SINGLE EXAMPLE!

You say that you trust, you believe in, the one or ones who told you that the sinner's prayer is God's way to save lost souls. We believe that good people can be sincere, but sincerely wrong. The apostle Paul was a good, sincere person who persecuted Christians before he was set on the right path and took corrective measures to change. When he was persecuting Christians he thought that they were evil people doing and teaching ungodly things. He was sincere, but wrong.

God is interested in the **TRUTH**. We are instructed to "worship in spirit and **TRUTH**" (John 4:24). We are told to "fear the Lord and serve Him in **TRUTH** with all your heart" (I Samuel 12:24). Proverbs 23:23 instructs us to "Buy **TRUTH**, and do not sell it". Jesus said, "I am the way, and the **TRUTH**, and the life" (John 14:6) He also said, "you will know the **TRUTH**, and the **TRUTH** will make you free" (John 8:32).

Does TRUTH mean anything to YOU? It certainly seems important to God. If you can prove from the Bible text that salvation or a new birth (being born again) comes through praying a sinner's prayer, we will give you \$1,000.00 cash. Just show us any example of anyone who became a Christian by praying a sinner's prayer in the Bible (must give book, chapter, and verse in an accepted version).

Go to the library or your computer and research (Google) the <u>HISTORY of</u>, or <u>ORIGIN of the Sinner's</u> <u>Prayer</u> and learn for yourself. "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but <u>TEST</u> the spirits, whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (I John 4:1).

Who couldn't use \$1,000.00? Tell others you know about this offer. If we are wrong, come get your money. If we are not wrong then this is EXTREMELY SERIOUS and <u>WE NEED TO TALK!</u> Do you know of anyone that thinks he or she was saved by praying the sinner's prayer? The best thing you can do for those friends is to share what you have learned by your research. If, by chance, we are incorrect, please help us to know the TRUTH... and collect your \$1,000.00 reward.

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Find and show us any Bible example of any individual becoming a Christian, being born again, by praying a Sinner's Prayer. (Buy TRUTH, and do not sell it; get wisdom and understanding. Proverbs 23:23)