

The Dumbing Down of America (Christianity)

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*As we have discussed in earlier studies, most people throughout the History of mankind are in Hell right now. They refused God's eternal life, they refused the Cross of Jesus Christ, they refused the Victory God offered them in this life, and they refused the wisdom of God causing them to live a defeated life in this world and eternal destruction in the one to come. This is incredible and very hard to believe but that's what God has said in His Word - which cannot lie! Some people have died and come back to life (resuscitated) and gave witness that this is true. God is deadly serious about His Word. His Only Son Jesus Christ died on a Cruel Cross (Calvary) to prove it. People don't take God seriously, they don't Reverence who He is, don't believe His Word, and when they die and find themselves in Hell for an eternity, they cry, throw fits of rage, and blame God. God does not send anyone to Hell, we send ourselves because of the **three reasons or warnings** we will discuss below.*

1. Lack of God's Knowledge Will Destroy You

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because **thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee,** that thou shalt be **no priest to me:** seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. (Hos. 4:6)

*I am amazed at the stupidity and ignorance that has captivated the United States of America and the World at large. Ignorance (lack of Knowledge) has given entrance to **all sorts of lies** from politicians, doctors, community leaders, school systems, news medias, and dumb people who have no idea what Truth is. Scripture speaks of a time when society will be so self deceived, so evil, it will say good is evil, and evil is good, dark is light, and light is dark: (Is. 5:20-25) Yes, I'm afraid Noah's days are here again and God will once again have to destroy humanity.*

(Matt. 24:37-39)

The fool (*moron*) **hath said in his heart, There is no God.** Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good. (Psa. 53:1)

Christ's Gifts Are to Mature His Church

And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers, **for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.** As a result, **we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head,** that is, **Christ.** (Eph. 4:11-15) NASB

You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, **be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unscrupulous people and lose your own firm commitment,** but **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.** To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. (2 Pet. 3:17,18) NASB

***A True** Teacher, Preacher, Evangelist, Prophet, Apostle; is greatly to be valued in the church. If they are worth their salt that congregation will grow quickly and mature in Christ. But, I must warn you to be careful of who you listen to, because there are many, many false teachers and ministries. Be very careful that that ministry is rightly dividing the Word of Truth through the Power of the Holy Spirit. (2 Tim. 2:15)*

For it is written, **I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,** and **will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.** Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not **God made foolish the wisdom of this world?** For after that **in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.** For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But **we preach Christ crucified,** unto the Jews a **stumblingblock,** and unto the Greeks **foolishness;** But **unto them which are called,** both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God,** and **the wisdom of God.** (1 Cor. 1:19-24)

2. *Unbelief (Lack of FAITH) Will Destroy You*

Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached **entered not in because of unbelief**: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, **To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts**. (Heb. 4:6,7) NIV

So, **as the Holy Spirit says**: “Today, **if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert**, where **your fathers tested and tried me** and for forty years saw what I did. That is why **I was angry with that generation**, and I said, ‘**Their hearts are always going astray**, and **they have not known my ways**.’ So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘**They shall never enter my rest**.’” (Heb. 3:7-11) NIV

God takes a person's unbelief very serious.

Unbelief will send you to an eternal hell. The choice is ours to make;

That **if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus**, and **shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved**. For **with the heart man believeth unto righteousness**; and **with the mouth confession is made unto salvation**. (Rom. 10:9,10)

They said, “**Believe in the Lord Jesus**, and **you will be saved, you and your household**.” (Acts 16:31)

One can know about Christ but yet not believe or know Him personally. Religion is a perfect example. Religions know the details about their god, but never have an experience with Him. Religion says; the way to heaven is through good works. In other words, salvation by works and not grace and faith.

For **by grace you have been saved through faith**; and **this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast**. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. (Eph. 2:8-10) NASB

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. (Gal. 2:16)

I do not frustrate the grace of God: for **if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.** (Gal. 2:21)

But that **no man is justified by the law in the sight of God**, it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith.** And **the law is not of faith**: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us**: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That **the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ**; that **we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.** (Gal. 3:11-14)

3. Deception by Satan and his Demonic Forces

And **there was war in heaven**: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and **the dragon fought and his angels**, And **prevailed not**; **neither was their place found any more in heaven**. And **the great dragon was cast out**, that old serpent, **called the Devil**, and **Satan**, which **deceiveth the whole world**: he was **cast out into the earth**, and **his angels were cast out with him.** (Rev. 12:7-9)

For **our struggle is not against flesh and blood**, but **against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.** (Eph. 6:12) NASB

Have you ever wondered; what is going on? why are things so crazy and evil? Well, the Bible warns us we have a powerful and horrible enemy. He is so evil we cannot even fathom that level of wickedness. He wants to destroy mankind and he would if God did not hold him on a leash.

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

Whom **resist steadfast in the faith**, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. (1 Pet. 5:8,9)

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came so that they would have life, and have it abundantly. “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. “He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters the flock. “He flees because he is a hired hand and does not care about the sheep. “I am the good shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me. (John 10:10-14) NASB

We conclude this study by understanding Christ is the Wisdom and Knowledge of God. If we try to defeat the world, the flesh, and the devil by our own efforts or will power we will fail miserably and acquire the consequences of such a stupid act. (Rom. 7:14-25) We need the power of the Holy Spirit (God) working inside of us in order to have victory over these three powerful enemies.

But **unto them which are called**, both **Jews and Greeks**, **Christ the power of God**, and **the wisdom of God**. (1 Cor. 1:24)

And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb**, and **by the word of their testimony**; and **they loved not their lives unto the death**. (Rev. 12:11)