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In the Details is where God's Glory and Satan's Deception Meet

There's an old saying you've probably heard, "The devil is in the details." It means that the little things, the ones we think are minor, can end up causing the biggest problems. But did you know that the original phrase was "God is in the details"? It meant that excellence, truth, and beauty are revealed when we pay careful attention to even the smallest things. Both statements are true, and both are confirmed in the Word of God. God works in the details to display His glory, His order, and His truth, while Satan works in the details to insert confusion, corruption, and deception. From Genesis to Revelation, the spiritual battle has been fought in the fine print, in the exactness of God's commands versus the slight alterations of the enemy.

Consider first the holy side, that God is in the details. When God commanded Moses to build the tabernacle, He did not speak in general ideas, but in precision. As it is written, "According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle... even so shall ye make it" (Exodus 25:9). The length of the curtains, the type of wood, the color of the fabrics, the placement of the Ark, none of it was left to imagination. Why was this so exact? Because the tabernacle was a shadow of heavenly things, and every detail pointed to the work of Christ. Alter the detail, and you corrupt the picture.

The same testimony is confirmed by Christ Himself, who declared, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18). A jot is the smallest letter, and a tittle is the smallest stroke, yet not even these are insignificant before God. Christ did not only fulfill what men consider great prophecies, but also what many would

overlook, riding on a colt, being betrayed for thirty pieces of silver, and fulfilling even the timing of three days. This shows that in the Kingdom of God, nothing is too small to matter, and if even the smallest details were fulfilled with such precision, then nothing in God's Word is subject to change, delay, or reinterpretation until all is completed at the return of Christ.

And again, the Spirit teaches, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10). God measures a man not first by public acts, but by hidden obedience. David was not proven in the throne, but in the field, guarding sheep when no one was watching. The small places are where God establishes the foundation of greatness.

Now consider the danger side, that the devil is in the details. Satan does not usually confront truth directly, he corrupts it. He does not remove the Word, he adjusts it. In the garden, he did not deny God, he questioned Him, "Yea, hath God said...?" (Genesis 3:1). He repeated God's command, yet twisted its meaning, making it appear negotiable. This is the pattern that has never changed.

Paul warned of this very thing, saying that there are those who "pervert the gospel of Christ" (Galatians 1:6-7). They do not come rejecting Christ openly but claiming Him while altering what He requires. A gospel that is mostly true is not partially safe, it is completely dangerous. Just as a small amount of poison corrupts the whole cup, so a small change corrupts the whole message.

Even when Satan tempted Christ, he quoted Scripture, yet he edited it. He removed words, shifted emphasis, and attempted to lead Christ into disobedience while appearing to stand on truth (Matthew 4:6). This reveals something sobering, error does not always sound like rebellion, it often sounds like Scripture, slightly altered.

So, what then shall we say? If God is in the details, and Satan is also working in the details, then the battle for your soul is not fought in what is obvious, but in what is overlooked. Not in what is loudly denied, but in what is quietly adjusted. This is where many fall, not because they reject truth, but because they accept something close enough to it.

Do you not see the danger? If the enemy can change one word, one meaning, one step, he does not need to remove the whole truth. He only needs to weaken it. And once weakened, it no longer saves, it only convinces.

Therefore, examine everything. Do not assume that what you were taught is correct simply because it sounds right. Do not defend what you have received without testing it against the full counsel of Scripture. Because God does not bless approximation, He honors obedience. And obedience is not built on what is almost true, but on what is exactly true.

If the tabernacle could not be built with altered measurements, what makes you think salvation can be built with altered doctrine? If not one jot or tittle could pass from the law, why do men believe entire instructions can be redefined without consequence? If faithfulness is proven in the smallest things, why are the smallest commandments treated as optional?

I speak plainly, not to accuse, but to awaken. Many are confident, yet have never examined the details. Many are sincere, yet sincerity does not correct error. And many are following a pattern that was never given by the apostles, but constructed over time through small, acceptable changes.

The line is drawn here, not between those who believe and those who do not, but between those who follow what is written and those who follow what has been adjusted.

Choose carefully what you accept, because what seems small is not small before God. The detail you overlook today may be the very place where truth was replaced.

And if the enemy has worked in the details to deceive, then you must return to the details to be restored. Not to tradition, not to assumption, but to the exact pattern that was delivered from the beginning. For in the details, God's glory is revealed, and in those same details, deception is either exposed or embraced.

Matthew 7:21-23 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven... And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.

With urgency and clarity,

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Truth or deceit?

Sadly, the world has various ideas about who and what a “Christian” is or isn’t. Some believe a Christian is anyone born into a Christian-professing family and or christened by a priest or minister. Others say a Christian is one who has “given his heart to the Lord” and is “born again” or perhaps a Christian is one who simply claims to be a believer!

It is a sad fact however, that some live and die assuming that he or she is a “Christian” only to find out in Judgment Day that God never recognized their brand of “Christianity”.

Christ, in fact, warned us of that.

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV) Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

So, which are you?

Are you a Christian, a believer, or a disciple of Christ?

In reality it does not matter which one you choose to call yourself, because everyone is in danger of losing their salvation.

In reference to believers: Believing alone does not save anyone. As a matter of fact, believing only gets us closer to salvation. Romans 13:11 (KJV) and that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now, is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

In reference to disciples: the gospel is also quick to show us that even disciples are in danger of losing or giving up their salvation. Paul gives us the story of a disciple that forsook him because he loved this world. 2 Tim 4:10 (KJV) For Demas hath forsaken me,

having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

In John **6:66** The gospel is quick to tell us that “Many” disciples walked no more with Christ.

You Can read the whole chapter to understand why many left, but you will have to go back and start in chapter 5 to get the full story.

There is a BIG difference between being a follower of God, following His example and being an imitator. Ephesians 5:1 (KJV) Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children. Please check your bible and see what it says. Small changes in words here and there does not seem much, but it makes major differences when it comes to the word of God. It becomes the difference between eternal life and death.

There is a difference in this world between accepting the truth of “Christ” or the lies, which will maintain you in a worldly, empty spiritual life, where your soul will always be seeking, wondering, and never finding rest.

We are NOT to imitate God, we are NOT to be God, we are not even to be like God. We are to be Godly, we are to follow Him, honor Him, worship Him and love Him.

Study and verify everything you know and learn because your eternal life depends on it.

You shall eventually know that I am not your regular daily preacher, that there is always more to what God has to say through me.

Whether anyone wants to hear what God has to say, teach, or correct through me is a different story. We all have free will and our flesh/feelings tend to do the opposite of what He created us to be or do. Gal 5:7 (KJV) For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

I know most of the time I can make people uncomfortable. Some of the reasons that I have heard is because I am too serious or

straight to the point. I have heard that I am a very devout believer and say it “how it is”. Some have even said that I am too harsh and opinionated on delivering the truth. Some have even dared to call me legalistic, because I follow the 10 commandments or try to be obedient to everything, He commands us to do. So, Am I really legalistic?

In all truth and reality, my obedience to the Lord, my love for the brethren, my good intentions, my devotion to preach and teach truth, and the burden I carry for those lost or stuck with erroneous teachings does not mean ANYTHING for those who choose to be blind to the word of God and/or have chosen their own doctrine according to their family tradition or personal understanding.

The word of God says, Matthew 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Luke 13:23 (KJV) Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, 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.

Matthew 22:14 (KJV) For many are called, but few are chosen.

The big question is “why will only a few be chosen or only a few will find this gate?” and Why are pastors teaching a salvation plan that is so contradictive to what the Gospel says?

Jude 1:3 warns us of a false faith, a false salvation. He tells his brethren to go back to the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. Some of them were influenced and were following doctrines other than the Apostles doctrine.

Ladies and gentlemen, this was TWO THOUSAND years ago and things have gotten worse and harder to find the truth since then. Have you guys ever heard of anyone teaching the apostles doctrine?

Who or what makes us believe that we are truly saved?

-A pastor that tells us what we want to hear and makes us feel good?

-A family member with a long Christian tradition record that has the gospel down-right to their understanding.

-A church whether big or small where we feel happy, safe, and comfortable?

-Or an easy-to-read Holy Bible like the NIV, NLT, NASB or Jehovah witness bible?

1 Peter 4:18 (KJV) And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Hmm, “righteousness”, another study. You can find it in B3-C04-S04- “Righteousness and Holiness Obedience That God Recognizes”.

Our heavenly Father has warned us for the last two thousand years of those things to happen. And some brethren do not know, do not care or are just naive to think that Satan will not creep into their homes with his poisonous teachings, just because they choose to “believe” otherwise.

2 Timothy 3:1 (KJV) This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

God tells us that we are not to be dependent on anyone for our salvation and even then, He tells us that we have to work it out with fear and trembling Philippians 2:12 (KJV) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

I'm pretty sure most of us need more understanding about the meaning of fear and trembling to God but that's another study. Here are clues on how and what to do when we have questions.

1. 2 Timothy 2:15 will tell you how to find that answer.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God,

2. 2 Tim 3:16-17 will show you what to do, how, why, and where to find that answer.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

3. 1 John 4 will tell you what to do with everything you read, hear or learn.

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

4. If you have any issues, or get stuck, go back, and start with #1 again.

Getting back in track, the one thing I can see in common with all the reasons that stops them from listening and receiving what I present is that I make them feel “uncomfortable”, and sadly we have learned through the knowledge of the world that un·com·fort·a·ble is an adjective that means causing or feeling slight pain or physical discomfort or distress; painful; irritating. in a state of discomfort; uneasy; conscious of stress or strain. (This is from an oxford dictionary and google). And sadly, we are always hearing that no one needs to feel uncomfortable.

In reality being uncomfortable can be both a bad and good thing. Like being uncomfortable to speak in front of others about Christ, Right? Or maybe even like being uncomfortable when we tell our non-believing family that we have chosen to follow Him. Or someone feeling uncomfortable when they are invited to a bible study and they don't want to hear or care about it. Think about it! When it comes to confessing Christ as Lord and saviour, or studying or sharing the gospel, is it really about being

in pain, and distress, or in a state of discomfort, stressed out? Or could it also be a state of being afraid or ashamed?

So, we can add to the definition of being uncomfortable the feeling of being afraid, shameful, or ashamed, (for whatever reasons it may be).

So, with the above said we can conclude and truly say that when our faith or doctrine is questioned, it can be a good sign. But It's only a good sign if it can show us where we need to grow as a believer.

Whether it be having more courage in talking to other people about our God and His salvation, or whether it is having more courage to correct others.

A lack of courage could also be a sign of the fear of failure due to the lack of knowledge.

Another VERY important question is; What are we lacking, or what is the issue that blocks us when we choose not to listen and receive possible corrections?

Hmm, A penny for your thoughts!

Maybe a lack of humbleness, meekness, love, or maybe indoctrination?

So, we must go deep and ask ourselves, “what are we lacking?” is it a lack of courage, a lack of Godly knowledge, a lack of Godly understanding, a lack of faith, a lack of humility, is it too much unbelief, or are we just ashamed of the gospel?

You might find this hard to believe or connect, but whatever that block may be, it boils down to unbelief!

Matthew 13:58 (KJV) And He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Matthew 17:20 (KJV) And Christ said unto them, because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

And this “unbelief” is something we must check within ourselves daily!

Like I said, there is always more to it! The main thing we must see and understand is that the first thing Satan attacks through unbelief is our identity. And if that works for Satan, then he will continue attacking us with it until the death of our bodies. This is another study B3-C03-S02- “Called and Chosen Set Apart Through Obedience”.

There is always more to it than just “faith alone”.

More than the watered-down “by faith alone you are saved”, that is sold by most Pastors. More than the watered-down faith that God simply will answer all of our prayer requests just because we ask. More than “God’s love for everyone” is automatic because someone just chooses to believe!

There are many and I say many staggered (hesitant) and unfruitful brothers in Christ because of their lack of believing and Godly faith. Romans 4:20

□ A “lack of faith” is brought through the lack of Godly understanding. 2 Tim 3:16-16

□ A lack of “Godly understanding” is because we lean to our own understanding instead of God’s understanding. Prov 3:5, Prov 28:26.

□ We lean to “Our own understanding” because of the lack of Godly knowledge. Prov 3:5-6, Prov 10:13
A lack of Godly knowledge brings death. Hosea 4:6

□ A “lack of “Godly knowledge” is due to a lack of studying the word of God. 2 Tim 2:15

□ A “lack of studying” is because of plain laziness or of an overflow of faith and trust to false teachings, through the

acceptance of the knowledge that the world gives through false teachers and false prophets. Proverbs 24:32, James 4:17,

□ A “trust to false teachings” because we listen to our deceitful hearts and run with it because it just feels right. Most do this without even taking their time to verify their teachings being disobedient to when God tell us to “TEST EVERY SPIRIT” whether is from Him or not. 1 John 4,

□ A “deceitful heart” is because of a lack of obedience. Disobeying God’s commandments such us to study, test every spirit, to correct, be corrected, instruct, reproof, etc. Matt 15:19, Mark 7:21, Luke 12:24, Luke 6:45.

Lack of obedience! The exact same reason Adam and Eve got kicked out of the garden of Eve. Man’s first sin!

So, it’s just another big circle on which all boils down to DISOBEDIENCE.

So, a lack of faith is a lack of obedience!

Did I just hear someone say.... “WOW. All that sermon just to say that obedience to God’s commandments is important?”.

Yes, but not exactly 😊, The gospel says that the end of the commandment is sincere faith. 1 Tim 1:5 (KJV) now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.

But James says that perfect faith is brought by our works! 2:24 Sees thou how faith wrought with his works a man is made perfect?

Good works, that’s another class! B3-C02-S02- “Good Works Evidence, Not Earning”.

Now. Remember earlier when I said, “Some have even called me legalistic, because I follow the 10 commandments or try to be obedient to everything, He commands us to do”?

Well, there is always more to it! 😊

What does too legalistic mean to the world? Here is the google definition of “Being too legalistic” = giving too much attention to legal rules and details: a legalistic interpretation of the facts. Britannica’s Dictionary definition of LEGALISTIC. [more legalistic; most legalistic] disapproving.: too concerned with legal rules and details.

Well, I guess the world is right. Even some of the Pastors are correct. I AM LEGALISTIC 😞 , but I will not apologize for that. One of the reasons I will not apologize for it or change in any way, is because worst case scenario, I will be doing more of what God asks of me. And doing more will not hinder my end goal of being an eternity with Him. But not being legalistic CAN mean being short on obedience to Gods commandments, and that may hinder many from entering heaven.

The above information was my answer to the world. The real answer to our brothers and sisters who are truly seeking the truth is the following:

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV) Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Google says: in·iq·ui·ty = noun, immoral or grossly unfair behavior. 🤖

Biblical definition of INIQUITY = Strongs Number: G458
Greek Word: ἀνομία. Strongs Definition: illegality that is violation of law or (generally) wickedness.
INIQUITY G458 comes from the root word LAWLESS or WICKED= Strongs Number: G459

Greek Word: ἄνομος. Strongs Definition: lawless that is (negatively) not subject to (the Jewish) law; (by implication a Gentile) or (positively) wicked.

So, let's rephrase the verse with the correct definitions:

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV) then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work illegality.

OR Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV) then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work lawlessness.

Seems that our Heavenly Father does not like illegality. On which He also sees as wickedness.

And the opposite of illegality is legality.

So, would it not being legalistic when it comes to God's commandments be a good thing?

And NOT BEING LEGALISTIC be a bad and wicked thing?

We all need to understand that the more obedient we are to Gods commandments, the more we show our love to Him and because our love grows, our obedience also grows, and because our obedience grows, our love continues to grow! It is just another big circle!

See B3-C02-S01- "Love Proven Only Through Obedience".

Have you ever heard Pastors tell EVERYONE "God loves you, and you and you?"

I see that as giving candy to babies. It's not healthy!

Some will even dare to say: God loves you just the way you are. "Christ loves sinners".

Did you know that there are only 2 ways to receive our heavenly Fathers' love?

His love is NOT automatic, neither is His saving grace.

We "earn" His love by being obedient to His commandments!!!!

John 14:23 (KJV) Christ answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

John 14:21 (KJV) He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Have you ever heard; God does not hate people? Or God hates the sin, not the sinner? That God only hated the deeds of the people like the Nicolaitans?

Well, some of us used to strongly believe that.... UNTIL our Lord showed us and we searched the scriptures and verified it! What does God really say?

Well, it seems that HATE is a harsh word and the world does not like it. But our Heavenly Father is not a respecter of people and seems He preferred to use a different deeper meaning word. The word "Abhor":

*Strong's Number: H1602, Hebrew Word: אָצַל. Strong's Definition: to detest; by implication to reject.

* Strong's Number: H8581, Hebrew Word: . תִּעַב . Strong's Definition: to {loathe} that {is} (morally) detest.

Lev 26:11 H1602 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor/detest you.

Lev 26:30 H1602 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor/detest you.

Ps 5:6 H8581 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor/detest the bloody and deceitful man.

Let's put the John 14 verses in a different perspective.

John 14:23 (KJV) Christ answered and said unto him, If a man does not love me, he will not keep my words: and my Father will not love him, and we will not come unto him, and make our abode with him.

John 14:21 (KJV) He that does not hath my commandments, and does not keepeth them, he it is that hateth me: and he that hateth me shall be hated of my Father, and I will hate him, and will not manifest myself to him.

When it comes to what God commands us to do, even though we are to love our neighbor and our enemies (Luke 6:27, Luke 6:35, Matt 5:44), the gospel is also quick to tell us that we are to detest that which is evil.

Romans 12:9 (KJV) Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

In other words: Let love be sincere. Hate/detest that which is evil; stick to or glue to that which is good.

So, again, what is truth and what is error?

Think about this verse: Luke 13:23-24 (KJV) Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

“Many will seek and shall not be able”.

This is mostly due to blindness and lack of knowledge in the word of God. It is due to lies and indoctrination. It is brought by Satan through unbiblical teachings by our family members, friends, pastors, ancestors, and their customs. And we are at fault because we allow it, by not studying, questioning, and verifying every doctrine that is presented to us!

Maybe you feel that the Jehovah witnesses have it wrong, or the Catholics, or the Mormons, or the Methodist, Lutherans, Calvinists, etc. (They are all Christians).

Do you feel empowered or believe your church has it all right, just because you keep the Sabbath?

What makes you certain that you are not on the same boat?

Your sabbath is wrong also! See B4-C03-S01- “The Sabbath God’s Covenant Sign and Appointed Rest” and find out why!

It is my prayer that you are seeking truth and are open to listening and verifying what you listen to and read here. And I also pray you take 2 Tim 3:16 to heart and abide by it. That the same way you may correct someone, that you may be able to also receive correction.

2 Tim 3:16 (KJV) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

The reality is that “Pastor X” is not alone with his teaching of salvation!

There are many churches and denominations that teach a belief alone or faith alone salvation plan! (To understand this Pastor X comment, you will need to read B2-C01-S07- “A Common Salvation Story Examined”).

Some examples of their teachings are:

Salvation is a gift of God's grace through Christ received by faith alone. Baptism does not save a person; it is a symbol and celebration of salvation, they quote (1 Peter 3:21).

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward change. It is a public declaration of how Christ changed your life. Being baptized shows others that you have decided to follow Christ, and allows them to celebrate this decision with you, they quote (Acts 16:31-34).

God's Word says that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ and not by our own efforts or works, they quote (Ephesians 2:8-9). Grace Alone. ... Our best efforts can never be good enough to earn salvation, but God declares us righteous for Christ's sake.

Thanks to John Doe, now we have more good questions added to the initial ones we had! We have combined both sets of questions and placed them in order to be answered. The study number and page number on the study will be found on (RED) at the end of the question.

1. Why does the bible say that if we do not believe and are baptized, we will not be saved in Mark 16:16? (B2-C01-S10- “Believing Nearer to Salvation”, Not Saved”)

- 2.** Are we truly saved by believing ALONE or by faith ALONE? (B2-C01-S10- “Believing Nearer to Salvation”, Not Saved pg. 01)
- 3.** Does God require more of us than just believing or faith? (B2-C01-S10- “Believing Nearer to Salvation”, Not Saved pg. 05)
- 4.** Do we need remission of sins for salvation and how do we attain it? (B2-C03-S01- “Remission of Sins When God Erases the Past”, pg. 03)
- 5.** Why does the bible say, baptism also saves us in 1 Peter 3:21? (B2-C03-S02- “Baptism God’s Appointed Moment of Remission”, pg. 03)
- 6.** Why do the NIV and NLT do not have the word remission and instead change it to forgiveness? When in forgiveness: you forgive, but you still remember and in remission you forget and let go as it never happened! (B2-C03-S02- “Baptism God’s Appointed Moment of Remission”, pg. 04)
- 7.** Is water baptism necessary for salvation or is it only an outward expression of our faith? (B2-C03-S02- “Baptism God’s Appointed Moment of Remission”, pg. 12)
- 8.** Why does Acts 2:38 say that baptism is performed for the remission for our sins? (B2-C03-S02- “Baptism God’s Appointed Moment of Remission”, pg. 13)
- 9.** Why did Paul baptize some disciples again in order to receive the Holy Ghost in Acts 9:18? (B2-C03-S03- “The Holy Ghost The Indwelling Gift of the New Covenant”.)
- 10.** Was Apostle Peter saved during the first two years that he walked with Christ? Because in Luke 22:31-32 Christ says that Peter was not converted and denied Christ 3 times by the time of the resurrection & then in Matthew 18:3 Christ Himself also tells us that if we are not converted, we will not enter into the kingdom of heaven? (B2-C03-S03- “The Holy Ghost The Indwelling Gift of the New Covenant”.)
- 11.** When and how do we receive the indwelling of the Holy Ghost? (B2-C03-S03- “The Holy Ghost The Indwelling Gift of the New Covenant”.)
- 12.** Is conversion needed for our salvation? Was Peter saved before Christ’s Crucifixion? (B2-C03-S06- “Conversion From Belief to a Changed Life”, pg. 02)

13. Why does it say in Titus 1:16, that if we do not do good works we deny professing God, and are abominable in the eyes of God, and we are disobedient to God and reprobates or not pure unto every good work? (B3-C02-S02- “Good Works Evidence, Not Earning”, pg. 06)

14. Do we need any type of good works to be saved or maintain our salvation? (B3-C02-S02- “Good Works Evidence, Not Earning”, pg. 08)

15. What is the apostle’s doctrine? (B3-C02-S03- “Continuing in the Apostles’ Doctrine”, pg. 03)

The sad truth is that there are many, many churches that teach a common salvation plan. According to the word of God there is a common salvation plan on which is not of the true faith, just like Buddhism and Hinduism.

You must NOT accept or allow anyone to preach to you a common salvation plan that is NOT from God. Even God speaks about those that have received a false plan of salvation in Jude 1:3 (KJV) Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

So, in all truth and layman's terms, this is what Jude is saying: It was needful to write to you of the common salvation and appeal to you that ye should, (leave that common salvation plan and) with sincere and intense conviction, strive for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints.

Salvation through Christ by itself is the greatest gift of all. But if you have been lied to and have accepted a common salvation plan or doctrine, then you are on the exact same road to damnation! Just like the people following the Buddhism and Hinduism religion.

We are going to break it all down and be as orderly as possible. Because we should be able to prove to you that if we go and do

what “Pastor X” said is NOT biblical and left unchecked and uncorrected, it will lead anyone straight to hell! We are going to use John Doe as the guinea pig here as an example to find out if he went to heaven or not!

If you haven’t read the story of John Doe and Pastor X, please go and read it. It is on Book 2-Chapter 01-Study 07- “A Common Salvation Story Examined”

John Doe:

- He believed Christ is the Son of God.
- He believed Christ died for all our past sins.
- He believed Christ resurrected 3 days later.
- He believed that Christ is sitting on the right-hand side of the Father interceding for us!
- He confessed Christ as Lord and Savior (Through sinner’s prayer).
- He confessed himself as a sinner (Through sinner’s prayer).
- He repented of his sins. (Let us just say he truly repented when he believed!)
- He asked for forgiveness (Through sinner’s prayer).
- He called upon the Lord into his life (Through sinner’s prayer).
- He was baptized as a baby, by sprinkle!

Final Consideration

This study is a call to examine what we believe, not by tradition, feelings, denominational loyalty, or the words of any teacher, but by the Word of God itself. Throughout these pages, one truth has been repeated again and again: sincerity does not make error true, and confidence does not make a doctrine biblical. The question has never been whether we believe something strongly, but whether what we believe is actually written.

Before you set this study aside, ask yourself honestly:

Have I tested my beliefs by Scripture, or have I assumed they were true because I inherited them?

Have I examined every doctrine I hold, or only the ones that are convenient to question?

Am I following Christ according to the apostles' teaching, or according to the traditions of men?

The Bereans were called noble because they searched the Scriptures daily to verify what they heard. God never asked His people to blindly trust a preacher, a church, a denomination, or a family tradition. He commanded us to study, to test, to prove, and to hold fast to what is true.

If this study has challenged you, do not ignore that discomfort. Truth often exposes what error has made comfortable. Do not defend a doctrine simply because it is familiar. Open your Bible. Search diligently. Follow the evidence wherever Scripture leads, even if it requires you to leave behind long-held assumptions.

The issue is not whether this study agrees with your beliefs.

The issue is whether your beliefs agree with God's Word.

And if they do not, then it is not God's Word that must change.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." (1 Thessalonians
5:21)

May your desire for truth be greater than your desire to be right,
and may your loyalty remain with what is written rather than with
what is popular.

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These studies are provided freely so anyone may examine the Scriptures carefully.

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Truth spreads when it is shared.

Consider passing this booklet to someone else who may also need to ask these same questions.

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Continue Studying the Scriptures

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Take time to search the Scriptures carefully and test everything that you have been taught.

Do not accept or reject anything without examining the Word of God for yourself.

Truth never fears examination.

Test Everything by Scripture

Do not believe this booklet simply because you have read it.

Open your Bible.

Search the Scriptures.

Examine every claim carefully.

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Test everything by the Word of God.

NEED HELP?

You were not meant to figure this out alone.

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If it is not, it must fall.

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