

# Denominationalism: The Bitter Root of Rome and the Straw Man of Protestantism



Janus, the two-faced Roman god, the god of gods to the pagan, is nothing more than a symbol of confusion inherent in Nimrod's Babylonian religion of mystery. This man-centered, counterfeit system, set up to rival the established patriarchal system worshipping Jehovah prior to the worldwide flood of Noah, was ever void and bankrupt of the 'truth.' Presenting a face of respectability to the uninitiated and naive, its inner workings and daily operations were best known by its innocent, rebel captives as one of gross, perverse illegitimacy.

Figure 1-Two-faced Roman god named Janus, *WikiMedia Commons* image

It is a known fact that the first protests against Rome came from those within the Catholic Church. A system of dead works, the traditions and commandments of men, and the sinister leaven of compromise at all cost, better known as ecumenism, Rome is indeed that bitter root opposed to everything dear to the elect in Christ. How can a system whose evil root which is traced to the Babylonian mysteries and its ruthless religious tyrant Nimrod, first mentioned in Genesis 10:8, and the offspring of Cush, Ham's direct descendent, be in any way, shape or form Christian?

The straw man of Rome, Protestantism, IS a decoy. He appears like a real man, but of course is just a pretense, or straw man. The strategy behind setting up a straw man is to give the multitude the impression that two distinct parties oppose one another, or as Oxford puts it "an intentional misrepresented proposition" is put forth, in this case that Protestantism is legit because it 'appears' to oppose Rome. Little do people realize; however, is that both parties are clandestinely working together through the subtle, inconspicuous channels known as compromise.

The ultimate objective of compromise is to weaken the resolute determinism of a group, through persistent lies, incremental deception, academic and seminary propaganda, and undermining the existing authority through a multiplicity of 'bibles.' The end goal of the straw man strategy is pseudo-unity. The intentional misrepresented proposition or apparent struggle IS the *dialectic* (see end of article for more info.) of Karl Marx, the *synthesis* of Hegel (thesis + antithesis = synthesis), and *the grand lie* of Satan to Eve in the Garden of Eden that, "ye shall be as gods." (Gen. 3:5)

We have been led to believe that those protests by Martin Luther, and others that were responsible for the Protestant Reformation (1517), was the single most important event in the history of the post-apostolic church.<sup>1</sup> Let me just say, any

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<sup>1</sup> Contrary to popular belief, the Protestant Reformation was not the most important event to follow the disappearance of the apostolic church. The seminal event that followed the disappearance of the apostolic church was the completion of the scriptures. Why? Because it forever settled the issue of authority—

kind of compromise emerging from Rome, is still compromise. Our Lord knew this better than anyone. The difference between law (works) and grace (Holy Spirit living) IS the difference between hell and heaven.

His blood that purchased redemption, and his Holy Spirit that regenerated the sinner, secured a heavenly pact against a counterfeit religious movement, the likes of which, the Old Testament was NEVER privy too. It was the completion of the scriptures that brought about the elimination of authority within the agency of man. The scripture's completion was the greatest post-apostolic event to occur since the giving of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost.

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between the commandments of men, or denominationalism, and scripture. Which would be followed? Man's authority or God's authority. For this IS what is behind the textual critical movement, the plethora of counterfeit's touting themselves as 'bibles,' and ultimately, the sinister leaven of denominationalism.



Figure 2-Nimrod, obelisk, ziggurat, and confessional  
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The 15' bronze sculpture above, by Fred Parhad, an artist of Assyrian pedigree, appears on the grounds of the San Francisco Civic Center, San Francisco, California. The statue, supposedly of Assurbanipal king of Assyria, is really a better rendition of Gilgamesh, or Nimrod, the mighty hunter of Genesis 10, where we find the famed and accurate table of nations. God uses the word "mighty" to describe Nimrod's physical appearance (Gen. 10:8). For mighty is a reference to an individual possessing unusual strength on account of their stature and overall incomparable, muscular physique. Between his imposing size and his charismatic personality, as well as his worldly wisdom, Nimrod was poised to be a king over men. A leader by the world's standards, Nimrod became the unquestioned supreme rebel, leading a godless insurrection that got the attention of Providence like no other earthly potentate (Isa. 14:12-23); The obelisk (Obélisque de Louxor) above from the Egyptian Temple of Luxor now in France's Place de la Concorde in Paris, is a tapered, four-sided pillar, whose four sides correspond to the four directions of the compass. The obelisk is an occult symbol representing occult dominance in the world (from four directions: religion, politics, academia and 'science'). This object also carries with it the suggestion of life through sex (fleshly, temporal gratification). This is in direct opposition to the New Testament's teaching of the believer's life in Christ (spiritual, eternal—the consummation of a peace that passes all understanding). The obelisk, therefore, is a phallic symbol, i.e. the representation of a man's privy member; The Great Mosque in Samarra, Iraq is, most likely, similar to the one originally constructed by Nimrod in ancient Babylon. The highest and supreme level atop Nimrod's ziggurat was to represent Babylon's ultimate level of enlightenment. The knowledge at this level, however, was to be kept under wraps, i.e. secret. It was here, all manner of vice and esoteric knowledge (knowledge heretofore purposely concealed, now revealed) became apparent. It is also here where temple prostitution, or 'quid pro quo,' abounded. It was also where the confessional originated—making sure that what was done there, stayed there—through blackmail.



Figure 3-Luther and his 95 theses  
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For Luther, his belief that Rome could somehow be reformed, was evidence enough that there were problems in his capacity to discern between Christ and the wisdom of men. Luther's belief in baptismal regeneration (or the notion that man's water baptism could replace the precious blood of the Savior in redemption), was just another proof that denominationalism would now assail the gospel of Christ, while man's religion would now replace the faith of the Holy Spirit. Under the guise of another gospel, Lutheranism, as well as the rise of all denominations, signaled the birth of a new movement known as the Protestant Reformation. Rome not only created the appearance of the classic Hegelian dialectic of thesis—antithesis—synthesis, Rome initiated this struggle between spiritual despotism and denominationalism. By planting the seeds of dead works and lifeless, slavish devotion to the commandments and doctrines of men, Rome re-positioned itself as the standard bearer of Christ, while subtly holding the conscience of men captive. Rome accomplished this by transubstantiating (changing) the blood of Christ into an inebriate substance, the Holy Spirit exchanged for the “free-will” of man, and the authority of scripture subjugated to the papal bulls and decrees of a sovereign pontiff.



Figure 4—John on the Isle of Patmos where he completed the canon of scripture giving us The Book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ *WikiMedia Commons image*

After the crucifixion of Christ and the giving of the Holy Spirit, the single most important event that was to happen after the disappearance of the apostolic church, and its leadership, was the completion of scripture. It is in this truth, that the agency of man would from this point forward, be subject to the inspired word of God. This is something the pride of man could not tolerate.

For an examination of just how men would reject the authority of the inerrant scriptures and replace them with denominationalism, let us briefly examine one of these heretical movements, or denominations—specifically, Lutheranism. We will briefly note some major differences within this religion and what scripture says.

**Regarding scripture**, unlike their founder Martin Luther, Lutheranism rejects biblical inerrancy, even though they may say they believe the scriptures to be the sole witness of the gospel. Then, of course, there is the problem of which ‘bible’ is to be accepted as the word of God—the N.I.V., the Message, the N.K.J.V., the New American Standard, the Amplified Bible, etc.

Again, unlike Luther, the Lutherans, like all the other sheep-like denominations following one another, accepts inerrancy only in the original apostolic autographs. Forget about the Holy Spirit’s ability to preserve, transmit, and faithfully translate the scriptures.

**Regarding baptism,** Lutheranism believes in *baptismal regeneration*, or the belief that baptism can save the individual. Not only is this commandment of men not biblical, but the whole concept of water baptism would eventually disappear from the apostolic church. Holy Spirit baptism was to replace water baptism<sup>2</sup> as the Holy Spirit's fruit of repentance was now to be evident prior to spiritual regeneration.

**Regarding the ordinance of Communion,** Lutherans approach this event from two perspectives. First, they believe that Christ is *with* the elements or substance, a term known as *consubstantiation*. There are other Lutherans that believe the substance, the bread and wine, are the body and blood of Christ—*sacramental union*.

While Jesus told his apostolic disciples that the bread is his body, and likewise the “fruit of the vine” (grape juice, Matthew 26:29) is his blood, this observance is to be understood as a memorial, or an event done in remembrance<sup>3</sup> of what Christ does for the saint.

The elements of the bread and the grape juice are types, representations, or equivalents of the real thing, NOT the actual, visible thing. Just as Jesus in the last supper spoke figuratively of the elements representing his body and blood, so too, did Jesus speak figuratively in John 6:53-56 when he told the Jews that his flesh and his blood are meat and drink “indeed” (John 6:55). In verse 55, Jesus declares that these elements of the bread and grape juice become his body and blood outwardly—indeed. In action, in behavior, and in deed we partake of the elements which have their counterpart invisibly, supernaturally, or spiritually.

In conclusion, therefore the elements of the ordinance of communion **represent** spiritual components within an external Christian observance—they are not changed into Christ, *transubstantiation*, are with Christ, *consubstantiation*, or are even Christ through *sacramental union*. They simply represent Christ within the context of a spiritual, solemn observance known as Christian communion.

Now the evidence of what denominationalism has become:

1. **ORIGIN IN ROME**—The Protestant Church is rooted in Rome because the first protests were made by Catholics against Rome's abuses and indulgences,<sup>4</sup> hence protesters, or protestants. It is quite clear from events preceding the Protestant Reformation who the real believers were. They were those who understood Rome and her willingness to compromise Christ at the

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<sup>2</sup> While John the Baptist's baptism of repentance produced the fruit of repentance, his baptism could not save the individual. Nothing short of Christ's blood could purchase man's pardon from condemnation. Nothing short of Christ's Holy Spirit baptism could seal the transaction between what Christ did for the sinner on the cross AND alter the sinner's position before God from condemnation to justification.

<sup>3</sup> I Corinthians 11:24, 25— “. . . in remembrance of me.”

<sup>4</sup> As the main source of papal revenue, indulgences, or literally “selling the privilege to sin,” was most lucrative. “In 1517 John Tetzel came through Germany selling certificates, signed by the Pope, offering pardon of all sins, to buyers and their friends, without confession, repentance, penance, or absolution by the priest. He said to the people, ‘as soon as your coin clinks in the chest the souls of your friends will rise out of Purgatory into Heaven.’” *Halley's Bible Handbook*, Henry H. Halley, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49530, Copyright © 1959, p. 787.

slightest opportunity for worldly advancement or for personal recognition, fame, influence, power, and wealth. The Protestant Reformation is officially observed to have begun when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517 (on the Catholic holy day, All Saints Day, or All Hallows' Eve—an observance of those saints, known and unknown, who had departed this life by natural causes, or given their life by martyrdom to the cause of Christ)

2. **BIBLICAL INSPIRATION AND PRESERVATION REJECTED**—The bulk of Protestant Churches mock the doctrine of biblical inspiration and preservation, or the Bible to be without error, as well as its accurate transmission, as we have it in the K.J.V. (Authorized Version or Majority Text)
3. **FEMINIZATION HAS OCCURRED BECAUSE EMPHASIS IS ON SUBJECTIVE FEELINGS, EMOTIONS, INTENTIONS, EXPERIENCES, NOT ON OBJECTIVE TRUTH**—The Protestant Church has become feminized through the practice of 'Christian psychology.' Emphasis is on self and how others have wronged the individual, NOT on Christ and how that individual has wronged God
4. **ORIGIN OF DENOMINATIONS**—The Protestant Church is personality driven, hence the variety of denominations
5. **DOCTRINE OF MAN'S WRETCHED DEPRAVITY DENIED**—The redemptive paradigm in Protestant Churches is NOT New Testament, where the individual is seen as so depraved he cannot reach out to God on his own. (See Romans 3:10, 11)
6. **HUMANISM'S RACIAL SUPERIORITY AND BIGOTRY ARE FUELED BY JACOB ARMINIUS' TEACHING OF "PREVENIENT GRACE"**—The doctrine of election is soundly rejected for Arminianism's "prevenient grace." By the acceptance of Arminianism, and its belief that some men are better than others, the Protestant Church has unadvisedly moved, in principle, toward an odious (foul, detestable) arena containing such loathsome tenets as racial superiority, and bigotry
7. **DON'T USE THE LEFT'S LANGUAGE: IT'S GLOSSOLALIA, NOT TONGUES**—Through the phenomenon of glossolalia (gibberish), the religious left, has hijacked a Holy Spirit gift from the New Testament apostolic church, speaking in tongues (known human languages), and linked it with this contemporary, demonically inspired ecumenical benchmark. Like political conservatives, when will the Protestant Church learn to stop using the vocabulary of the left. Like criminal violence, instead of "gun violence," glossolalia is gibberish, not tongues which is a known human language
8. **CANNOT ENTER INTO CHRIST'S REST**—The Protestant Church engages in a work's-based system of redemption. The individual can never rest in Christ's finished work because he must always be busy doing, "what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" (Matt. 19:16)
9. **BE YE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY**—The doctrine of biblical separation is completely ignored and not taught, as individuals within the Protestant community bring in the sinister leaven of the world. Because the whole counsel of God is not taught, many vices persist and even flourish within the church, as tolerance (justification for one's sin) and pride (the pastor not wanting to offend anyone for fear of losing support for 'his' church) are the

excuses. I realize, Christ did not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance, however when he confronted and forgave the woman caught in adultery, he also went on to rebuke her by saying, “go, and sin no more.” (John 8:11)

10. **DISPENSATIONALIST TEACHING REJECTED**—The vast body of Protestant denominations teach, and believe, there is no difference between the apostolic church age, ending in 100 A.D., and the Protestant assemblies of today. What this means is the church is still the source of Christ’s authority, not the inspired scriptures. According to I Corinthians 13:8-10 what this actually suggests is prophecy is incomplete, tongues have not ceased, and the extent of biblical knowledge is incomplete (“in part,” v. 9)
11. **THE ORDINANCE OF WATER BAPTISM; A MEANS OF CONTROL**—Prevalent in many Protestant denominations, especially the Baptists (especially Landmark Baptists), the ordinance of water baptism is a means of control, in spite of the fact this practice was to be replaced by the Holy Spirit’s baptism of regeneration and reconciliation. Even John the Baptist taught, “he (Christ) must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30). Not only did our Lord not baptize, according to John 4:2,<sup>5</sup> but he re-emphasized to his disciples and apostles, in Acts 1:5, “For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”
12. **CHURCH ATTENDANCE EQUIVALENT TO SALVATION**—Like Rome, the Protestant believes church attendance is equivalent to salvation. Ever ask a Protestant if he/she is born again? I have. In most cases they will answer, ‘I attend church.’ If you ask them what it means to be “born again” they will reply, that it was them that initiated the move toward salvation, and it was them that realized they were a sinner. They also believe they came to the realization of what sin was independently of the Holy Spirit’s external influence. Nothing is mentioned about the Holy Spirit. This is typical of the brainwashed Protestant church goer
13. **GENESIS’ DOMINION MANDATE IGNORED**—The social gospel, in Protestant denominations, is taught whether they realize it or not. Entering in through the fields of academia, education, Hollywood, politics, ‘science,’ or even sports, the left, politically and religiously, are teaching a hatred and disrespect for the rule of law, our institutions and our founding documents

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<sup>5</sup> This is one of those verses that must be read carefully, much like the verse in Matthew 5:32 where the end of the verse says “whosoever shall marry her that is divorced (divorced because of adultery) committeth adultery.” One must read John 3:22 carefully. It says, “After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.” We must remember what it says in John 4:2—Jesus did not baptize! After Jesus’ encounter with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and ruler of the Jews, one learns that Jesus and his disciples came into the land of Judaea. First, this statement reveals two parties, **Jesus**, and **Jesus’ disciples**. It says they both came into the southernmost province of Israel, Judaea. At the tail end of this statement you have a semi-colon which provides two separate thoughts on each of the two parties mentioned. One, we learn that Jesus tarried with the disciples. Two, Jesus’ disciples baptized. And thirdly, there is a comma separating Jesus’ action of remaining with his disciples AND his disciples baptizing in the land of Judaea. This is what the verse says. It must be read and accepted for this truth it proclaims. Scripture cannot violate itself!

(emphasizing the rights<sup>6</sup> granted to men by Nature's God,<sup>7</sup> NOT governments). The liberal objective is quite clear—a one world humanistic-evolutionary, energized government.

The dominion mandate clearly taught in Genesis 1:26-28 to Adam and Eve, as well as their offspring, and then re-emphasized in Genesis 9:1-7 by God to Noah and his family, is a clear repudiation of the left's worship of nature, with its unscientific devotion to climate change and extreme, punitive environmentalist policies based on faulty, error driven data

**14. BIBLICAL CREATIONISM EXCHANGED FOR THEISTIC EVOLUTION OR INTELLIGENT DESIGN**—Most people in the Protestant Church reject the Genesis account of man's origins for organic evolution. If they do not adhere to this point, with any conviction, they are further indoctrinated into the left's corner by the belief that a universal god created all things and then left his creation while developing species variation and diversity through *theistic evolution*. If theistic evolution is not problematic enough, there is another heresy that is equally popular among institutional, denominational church attenders. *Intelligent design* says, "certain features of the universe and of living things are best explained by an intelligent cause, not an undirected process such as natural selection." (direct quote taken from [www.intelligentdesign.org](http://www.intelligentdesign.org) website) This intelligent cause is NOT the creator, Jesus Christ. This cause is left to the imagination of the individual. Like all things of sacred significance, man's origins and a holy Creator become corrupted through the lens of intelligent design. This is because the "intelligent cause" can take the form of any generic, nebulous, unholy, inoffensive god the disciple of intelligent design wants God to be. Perhaps, the question to ask the disciple of intelligent design is, 'who is the intelligent designer, OR what is the intelligent cause?' In the end, theistic evolution and intelligent design offer the individual no biblical explanation for man's origins, but a circuitous, confusing path that leads right back to evolution's door—that man is the center of all things.

Remember it is evolution that has given us such practices as forced sterilization, racial purity, ethnic cleansing, bigotry, abortion, euthanasia, shock treatments, etc.

**15. AUTHORITY IN THE AGENCY OF MAN, NOT IN THE INERRANT SCRIPTURES**—Since the death of the apostles and the corresponding disappearance of the apostolic council in Jerusalem, the completion of scripture is the key to the believer's authority. Since the Bible's translation, transmission, preservation and distribution has occurred in many lands and to many people, the Bible is an unparalleled book. The incomparable method in which scripture was produced, with respect to any other humanly

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<sup>6</sup> Those rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness have no meaning without a biblical context. Jesus said, 'Let the dead bury their dead.' (Matt. 8:22; Lk. 9:60) One might be alive physically; however, life can only be deemed life if the individual is "in Christ." (Roman 8:1; Romans 12:5; II Cor. 5:17) The natural man is a slave to his sin. To talk about [liberty](#) to a slave who is a servant of their sin, is an alien concept. Happiness can only be realized if one is walking in the will of God.

<sup>7</sup> Nature's God is an open-ended definition of the founder's refusal to define God according to the inerrant scriptures. Many of the founders, who were Freemasons, did not view God from a biblical perspective. By the world's standard the founding fathers were statesmen, good men, noble and of good character. We know however, what Jesus thought of man's definition of goodness (see [Mark 10:17-22](#)).

conceived work, was that it was/is theopneustos (God breathed). I say “is” because it is eternal, with no beginning or end. Woefully, the Protestant gets around scriptural inerrancy by their pathetic statement, ‘We believe the scriptures to have been inspired in their original autographs.’ So, what do they believe in now?

**16. THE PRESENCE OF THE OCCULT AND THE POWERS OF DARKNESS—**

Occultism and the powers of darkness have now gained a foothold in the Protestant Church. Because of relentless Romanizing campaigns and indoctrination some in ‘Christian’ cinema now condone the Bible’s forbidden practice of necromancy.<sup>8</sup> Specifically, the powers of darkness now reside in many congregations through The Tongues Movement, “Christian” rock music and pastoral leadership whose members are involved in [Masonry](#). There are many members within congregations who believe the practice of visualization augmented by self-hypnosis and yoga (literally the individual’s ability to yoke, union with a demon) are acceptable practices. This is because these individuals cannot differentiate between evil and good, and because pastors will not preach against it for fear of losing support.

**17. FALSE TEACHING LEGION IN THE CHURCH**

- i) Water baptism is taught as a necessary church ordinance
- ii) Counterfeit ‘bibles’ pushed as legitimate ‘bibles’ in the eyes of those in church leadership
- iii) Biblical inerrancy rejected, therefore man’s authority justified
- iv) The oxymoron of ‘Christian’ psychology is pushed so the rationalization of man’s sin can continue
- v) Biblical separation scoffed at, or is a means of controlling others, not a natural by-product of the Holy Spirit’s indwelling
- vi) Dispensationalism is rejected
- vii) Occult activity abounds:
  - a. Glossolalia exchanged for tongues—gibberish is being passed off as the apostolic church age ‘sign’ of the Holy Spirit’s presence. The three-fold problem with this
    1. **The inerrant scripture’s completion made tongues, as well as the gift of the *unknown tongue*, of none effect.** The fourfold ministry of tongues: doctrine, revelation, prophecy, knowledge became all encompassed when John the apostle penned the last book—The Revelation of Jesus Christ. This result meant there

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<sup>8</sup> Deut. 18:10, 11—There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

Necromancy can be described as the calling forth, summoning, of a deceased spirit, friend, loved one, or person of significance, for the purpose of making amends, or the revelation of future events, or knowledge heretofore unknown. What happens in such an encounter with a supposed deceased loved one is actually contact with a demon, or lying spirit occurs. God gives the conjurer over to a reprobate (spiritually unprincipled) mind. Most disturbing in the movie [Courageous](#) (a Kendrick brother’s production in conjunction with Sherwood Baptist Church) is the scene, beginning on the DVD at 1:24:24, where the character, Nathan Hayes talks to his deceased father. Obviously, the character in question believes his father can hear him . . . Otherwise why say anything. As to whether Nathan believes his father will reply is irrelevant. The idea of having a conversation with the dead is expressly forbidden in scripture.

would be no more doctrine, revelation, prophecy and knowledge outside scripture.

2. **Prophecy does not guarantee the person speaking in tongues is acting on behalf of God.** In I Samuel 18:10, we see Saul prophesying but the messenger, Saul, is obviously not from God, “And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul and he prophesied in the midst of the house . . . “
3. **It has been confirmed by missionaries in Australia that speaking in “tongues” revealed how a demon had influenced and possessed the “tongues” speaker.** What is crucial in these accounts is to remember that tongues were a sign to unbelievers, specifically, Jewish unbelievers. This is because the scriptures declare the Greeks seek wisdom, while the Jews seek a sign. While Satan always makes an emotional, subjective appeal, God’s Holy Spirit always confirms the objective truth of the inerrant scriptures by the Holy Spirit’s fruit—a teachable spirit.

**18. ECUMENISM IN RELIGIOUS CIRCLES, LIKE BI-PARTISAN COOPERATION IN POLITICS, HAS ELIMINATED ANY DISCTINCTION BETWEEN DISPARATE RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL GROUPS. THE VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS, MOVING TOWARD RELIGIOUS UNITY, ARE FUELING A COMPROMISE. THE OBJECTIVE—A ONE WORLD HARLOT CHURCH—**

Contrary to the teaching of all denominations that are numbers and results driven, the gospel teaching of Jesus was not inclusive, but exclusive. The teaching of exclusivism is taught in such stories as the Flood where only eight people out of a total of several billion were saved in the ark. There is the story of the Exodus from Egypt where only two, Joshua and Caleb, out of a generation of 600,000, saw the Promised Land. I could also cite the parable of the Sower and the Seed in Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8 where Jesus turns to his disciples, amidst a multitude, and says he speaks to them in parables because it is given them to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to the multitude assembled on the shore, it is not. I could go on and on with the one lost sheep versus the ninety and nine. Do not forget Jesus’ comment, “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.” (Matt. 7:13, 14)

## THE TWO COVENANTS: THE OLD TESTAMENT, THE NEW TESTAMENT

### Galatians 4:21-31

21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

23 But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by promise.

24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

27 For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now.

30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

### **Mark 10:17-22**

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? 18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God.* 19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. 20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. 21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. 22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.