

The Papal Church a Political Machine

The Church and Politics

- Many people left land to the church when they died- making the church one of the largest landholders in Europe (divided up this land into fiefs)
- All church clergy, bishops and abbots were involved in politics
 - They often advised local rulers
 - Some were so involved with politics that they had little time dealing with church affairs



So political is the Catholic Church that its religious aspect is a negligible quantity. In the Vatican the religious aspect of any question is little thought of. The officials of the Church there are not interested in true religion.

Are Indulgences Still Being Sold?



One of the historic abuses that fired the indignation of Martin Luther was the sale of indulgences. They are still being covertly sold today.

The Canonization of Joan of Arc; or, Rome's Duplicity



Roman Catholic Church condemned Joan of Arc to death, burned her alive at the stake, and then canonizing her as a saint 488 years later! Talk about duplicity!

Liberty of Conscience in Italy



WALDENSES HUNTED BY THE
KNIGHTS OF ROME

The King opposes the Pope and gives the Waldenses who were much persecuted by the Roman Catholic Church their civil rights!

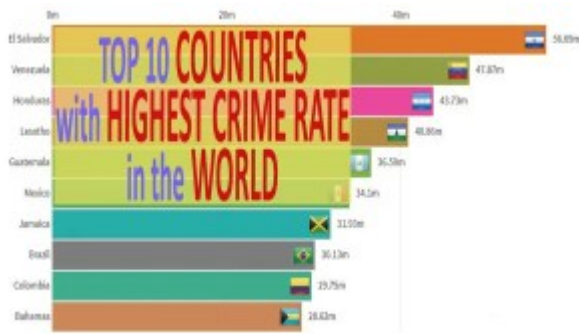
Do You Confess Your Sins To A Priest?



The priest has no right to search out and discover all the secret sins of your life. It is none of his business. God knows your sins. Go to Him and

confess them.

Crime And Religion



Certain religious teachings, far from helping to lessen crime in youths and adults, and among nations, may actually foster it.

The Third Temple Deception



A third temple would be an abomination. It would be blasphemous to build a temple. Why? Are you saying that the blood of Jesus isn't good enough anymore?

Fake Relics And Miracles



II Thess. 2:9-11) warned of this “working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those that perish... And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.”

The Dishonesty Of The Crucifix

Because the point of this article is Catholics should not worship the image of Jesus dying on the cross of Calvary, I am not including a picture of it. I am a former Roman Catholic.

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BETWEEN the two great declarations of the Lord's death and resurrection is the explicit statement: *“He was buried.”* From then on we know not Christ after the flesh – “Yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh,” says Paul, “yet now henceforth know we Him no more.” The importance of this is that, **if Christ must still be contemplated on the cross, and still in His place of sacrifice, then our sins also remain upon us**; Christ's work is unfinished.

This is what the Roman Catholic church would have us believe, since **an unfinished work of Christ is the only excuse for the continuance of its priesthood** and the baneful control it exerts over the souls of millions. Priests and the sacrifice they falsely offer daily for the sins of men, it teaches, are necessary to make up for the imperfectness of the redemptive work of Christ. For, **if the saving work of Christ is perfect and complete, then the Roman priesthood has no reason for existence.**

But the Gospel fact is that He was buried. The body of death is thus forever put out of sight, and with that body of death went all our sins. **Only profane and impious men would dare make the sign of death the adored symbol of salvation and life.**

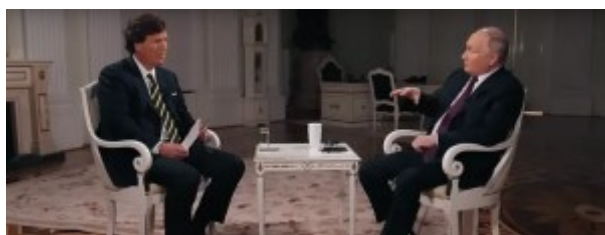
How dishonest is the crucifix! **It has become an idol and a snare to millions, a fetish and a relic of an apostate Christendom, diverting men's minds from**

light to darkness, from life to death. So it happened to the serpent of brass that Moses once lifted up as a promise in the wilderness, but which the great King Hezekiah long after was forced to break in pieces because it, too, had become an idol and a snare to his people.

Christ in glory is the only object of the true Christian's contemplation, adoration and affection – the victorious, life-giving, all-powerful Saviour and only High Priest: **"Who needeth not daily,** as those other priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself." (Heb. 7:27)

By beholding and contemplating, not a dead or dying Christ, but this powerful, living Saviour, we are changed into the same image of Him, from glory unto glory.

[A View of Tucker Carlson's Interview with Vladimir Putin](#)



Before you get upset with me for telling you something that you may not like, please let me tell you why I think the way I do.

First of all, I lived in Russia from 1994 to 1997 in the cities of Novosibirsk in Siberia, [St. Petersburg](#), and [Murmansk in the Arctic Circle](#), to share the Gospel with the Russian people. And I visited one of the most remote places in the Russian Arctic, the [village of Teriberka](#). The Russians were very kind to me and I made lots of friends. It was fun learning to communicate in Russian and learning the customs and culture of the Russian people. Russians have a sense of humor just like Americans. They often use amusing sarcasm to make their point. They're a well-mannered people and sometimes corrected me on my manners, something I appreciated.

Besides Russians, I also met the peoples of all the 14 other republics of the former Soviet Union who lived in Russia. There were lots of ethnic Ukrainians in Russia including two sisters in Christ from Kiev, my partners in evangelism to the Russians. I can tell you at the time there was no natural enmity between Russians and Ukrainians, at least there wasn't until Putin came along. Russians and Ukrainians were like cousins, one big family. I couldn't tell them apart! All the Ukrainians in Russia speak the Russian language, and even in Ukraine 1/3 of Ukrainians speak only Russian.

At the time there was still a spiritual vacuum in Russia because of the demise of Communism. One lady told me Communism and the Soviet government was her god. She said it was as if her god had died when the Soviet Union broke apart. Many were disheartened. But because of that, they were open to hearing the Gospel! My [elderly friend from Moscow, Helen](#), one of the English-Russian interpreters to Japanese NHK journalists when they interviewed the first man to orbit the earth, Yuri Gagarin, appreciated all the Bible-based literature I gave her. I saw a lot of Russians come to know Jesus as their savior!

I also went to other former Soviet Republics, [Estonia where I lived for one month](#), Latvia for one week, and Lithuania for a couple of days. There's an ethnic Russian population in those former Soviet Republics, and they live in peace with each other. All the ethnic Russians had to learn the languages of those countries to earn a living there after the Soviet Union broke apart. Before that in Soviet times, they were allowed to do business speaking Russian. Now they are not!

Unlike Belarus and Ukraine then, there was a natural enmity between those three Baltic nations and Russia! And why? Russian is not their language and they were forced to join the Soviet Union against their will.

I once passed through Belarus on my way from St. Petersburg to Poland, the land of my grandparents. Lukashenko was president of Belarus even then! I was surprised then (1976) to learn that not all of the Polish people like Russia. Much less now for sure.

I also passed through Ukraine by train from Novorossiysk, a city on the Black Sea, on my way back to St. Petersburg. Ukrainian immigration officials saw that I didn't have a visa for Ukraine, but my Russian friends talked them out of fining me! I was on a train line built during Soviet times. There were no borders then between Soviet Republics. The area of Ukraine I passed through is the Donbas region Putin annexed to Russia. I do not believe it was with the will of the people there.

Before I went to Russia when I lived in Japan, I met a young lady from Latvia in Tokyo. I knew she could speak Russian, and because I was studying the Russian language from NHK radio programs, I wanted to try out my Russian with her. I spoke to her some words in Russian and she immediately stopped me! "Russian is not my language," she said. But there's no doubt in my mind she understood what I said.

Once in Tallinn Estonia, I heard a lady scold a boy for standing on the park bench. At first, she spoke to him in Estonian, and because he didn't seem to understand her, she spoke in Russian and he got the point. That was in 1977. I'm sure Russian speakers in Estonia are less and less and all ethnic Russians in Estonia are Estonia speakers by now.

Of the 15 former Soviet Republics, only Ukrainians and Belorussians are Slavic peoples with a language very similar to Russian. It stands to reason they would get along with each other more. The other former Soviet peoples all have different languages, and those languages are not related to each other.

I'm telling you all this because I didn't know the attitudes of the people of these countries before I actually lived there, and therefore I'm assuming you may not know them either. It's one of the reasons why I was heartbroken over Putin's invasion of Ukraine! Not only Ukrainians, but the Russian people themselves are suffering and dying in this war! I only want the war to stop!

I also want you to know that I like Tucker Carlson. I appreciate his conservative views. I saw once a video an average New Yorker made when he saw Tucker Carlson fly fishing in Central Park New York City. Tucker was very cordial to him and answered all his questions. You can tell a lot about a person when you see how he treats others.

That being said, I was surprised Tucker went out of his way to give Putin an opportunity to spread his propaganda.

Putin, a former head of the KGB, is not to be trusted no matter what he says. I met lots of Russians on the island of Guam where I lived for 5 years. None of them like Putin! They *ALL* call him a criminal! And they *all* support Ukrainian resistance to the Russian invasion! I know that for a fact. I had a Russian friend who attended my church in Guam, Alex from a town in southern Russia near Crimea and the Black Sea, and that's what he told me. And I met other Russians in Guam who agreed with him. Some of them actually fled from Russia to escape prosecution by Putin's government!

Putin is not merely just a criminal, he's a murderer of his OWN PEOPLE! The [1999 Moscow apartment bombings were a false flag operation](#) that brought him into power. Yeltsin appointed him to take over under the condition Putin would not prosecute the Yeltsin family for ripping off billions from the Russian government. They are ALL corrupt! And Tucker trusts that guy?! Incredible!

Putin is the aggressor. He invaded Ukraine. To justify him for the invasion is a great delusion. To think he's justified in what he's doing is spitting on all the graves of the ones that died in the war so far, the graves of BOTH Ukrainians AND Russians!!

Lydia from Kyiv was my evangelism partner in St. Petersburg and Murmansk. Wouldn't you think she knows the situation better than most Americans who never have been to Russia or Ukraine? This is what she wrote me:

From my relatives and acquaintances I know how strong and effective Russian propaganda is. I experienced friends who turned to enemies because they believed what was broadcast more than the people involved. But the truth is people from Donbas could travel all over Ukraine freely, speak Russian, and even get Ukrainian social benefits. Nobody was attacking them either in words or by deeds. You are smart man, but it seems to me you've caught some of that propaganda. Putin is a liar. And he used the same false accusations to attack other countries as well. You might've known that.

That video you posted about what was happening in 2013, before and after is not accurate, not true. The same twisted lies they fed and keep on feeding to Russians and anybody for that matter.

If someone in power is concerned that somebody's rights are violated (like

ethnic Russians), why can't he do it the civil way: collect the evidence and go to international court with it?

Ukrainian independence is what Putin didn't like and you can get that message from his speeches before he started this inhuman war. By what can you justify the targeted bombing of a maternity hospital, and an orphanage, and the shootings of unarmed civilians?

Why do we have to run from our homes for dear lives to become refugees now? Every day cities and towns are bombed. Every day something is destroyed in Kyiv and I check the news in the morning worried sick it might be our apartment building. I just pray for my parents, sister, and all my loved ones to be safe. Over 60 of my fellow Kievans were killed, four of them were children.

In Ukraine people of different nationalities live together peacefully and we don't want anyone's territory. We want to live in peace and choose our own course without anybody dictating to us what to do.

The sad truth is most Russians consider themselves superior to Ukrainians and any other nations as well.

I'm sorry if I sound overly emotional, I actually am and some of the thoughts are hard to put into words. I didn't want to offend you in any way, and I hope you'll come to the right conclusions.

Lydia apparently thought from something I posted on Facebook that I agreed with Putin's invasion of Ukraine. I never did. I made that clear to her in a reply.

If you have seen Tucker Carlson's interview with Vladimir Putin, how can you reconcile what he says with what Ukrainian Lydia says? You can't. I trust what Lydia says. She's fled Kyiv for her life with her daughter Diana and is now living in France.

Just because Biden supports the Ukrainian resistance against the Russian invasion does not mean Putin is wearing the white hat! We should not judge according to appearances! I don't support Biden or most of his policies, but neither do I justify Putin in his actions. I think the situation is deeper than most people realize.

My friend from Belarus, Yanek, another one of my evangelism partners in St. Petersburg and Murmansk Russia, believes Putin was tricked into invading Ukraine because he was given false information. He thought the war would be over in days. He apparently thought the Ukrainian people would welcome the Russian soldiers as liberators from Volodymyr Zelenskyy's "repressive" government! Whatever you may think about Zelenskyy and his government, you can see that was not the case!

My friend Russian friend Alex says the Orthodox Church fully supports Putin's invasion of Ukraine. I hear the Catholic Church is stronger than the Orthodox in Western Ukraine. Could the war really be all about a Jesuit / Vatican plan to destroy Russia? I believe Western Europe is controlled by the Vatican, and the Vatican has failed twice so far to conquer Russia through Napoleon and Hitler.

Contrary to what others are saying, I can't see how Putin can win this war.

Even if he takes over Kyiv, it'll be like the Nazi takeover of Paris. Just like the French underground resistance was a thorn in Hitler's side, so would a Ukrainian underground resistance be to Putin. That's what I believe.

Historically Ukrainians have more reasons to not like Russians than vice versa. [Millions of Ukrainians starved to death from 1932-1933](#) because all the food from their farms was shipped to Russia!

I have lost friends over my view about Putin and the Russian invasion. Putin is feeding American conservatives what he knows they like and want to hear! But his only interest is money and power. He's not in it for the welfare of the Russian people.

I hope I don't lose you too, but this is how I see it based on what I know directly from my own experiences in that part of the world and what my Russian and Ukrainian friends tell me, and not what the media or American conservatives tell me. I too am an American conservative! But my allegiance is first of all to God's Kingdom, the Lord Jesus, and the truth.

Decoding Putin's Interview with Tucker Carlson

The 7-minute video below is an interview with [Jack Barsky, a former KGB spy in America](#). He gives insights into Vladimir Putin's recent interview with Tucker Carlson about Putin's assertions about Ukraine, military support, and diplomatic strategies.

Here's a quote during the interview from Mr. Barsky:

Mr. Carlson sat through most of that interview like a middle school student. But at one point he should have been prepared to know that Putin was just lying. Putin was stating that the war was started by Nazis in the Ukraine in 2014. **That's a blatant lie!** In 2014 there was an uprising by the people to support the parliament's decision to get closer to the European Union. And then Putin's next step: He invaded Crimea.

Comment from a new friend on Facebook:

I was very impressed by what this man has to say about why the Republicans are embracing Putin.

Its all some kind of harebrained gambit to discredit the other political party. Tucker's logic for this is something like "If Biden and the Dems hate Putin, we will embrace him." Trump and others play this same game. The truth or what is right doesn't matter. The only thing that matters is if "our" team comes out on top. The underlying modus operandi is "Blow up all our institutions and our long-standing views on decency and manners, as well as what is right or wrong. If we are the creators of chaos, we can be the

rulers when the whole thing collapses.” I’m a bit of a liberal, but I have to say the Dems do something similar, but in an awkwardly opposite style. They just ignore any major problem that the Republicans want to fix. For example, Biden’s inaction on the border and illegal immigration. Also, some Dems also champion new so-called “liberal” ideas, such as gender reassignment for adolescents that is widely unpopular and drives many Centrist and conservative voters away. The extremists on both sides are making headlines with radical views, and that makes it impossible to do the things that 80% of Americans need and want; repair bring our infrastructure up to date, put in place logical, practical, workable solutions to the border problems. solve the homeless crisis, make it possible to financially support your family if you work. (Thanks for listening to my rant ☐)

May the war between Russia and Ukraine end! In Jesus’ Name!

Is The Catholic Confessional A Cause Of Crime?



By Joseph Zacchello

This article is from a PDF file on LutheranLibrary.org written in 1944. It was published by *The Converted Catholic Magazine* and edited by former Roman Catholic priest, Leo Herbert Lehmann. If you see the word “recently,” just think it was recent relative to 1944. But I believe the subject of this article is still relevant today. If you’ve seen the film, “The Godfather,” I think you know what I mean.

Joseph Zacchello is a former Roman Catholic priest born in Italy in 1917. You can read his interesting life story and conversion to Christ from Roman darkness on, [The Priest Who Found Christ](#).

After studying the Bible for the first time in my life after hearing the

Gospel in 1971, one of the things I rejoiced in was not having to confess my sins to a Catholic priest in the confessional box! Jesus is my High Priest! The Bible says,

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:9

MANY WERE STARTLED by the statistics from official Catholic sources in *The Converted Catholic Magazine* for January showing **the abnormally high percentage of Roman Catholics in our jails and penitentiaries**, as well as the disproportionate number of Catholics among young people arrested in New York as juvenile delinquents. Persistent Catholic propaganda by radio, press and pulpit had almost convinced Protestant Americans that all the crime in America was the result of our “Godless” American public schools, and that few, if any, Roman Catholics ever went to jail.

It is too much to expect that Catholic propagandists will publicize their own crime statistics and allow their Catholic people to find out who or what is responsible for the abnormally high rate of crime among Catholics.

There are priests in the Catholic church who place the blame on the fact that nuns are made the moral teachers of youth in Catholic schools. Nuns, they say, because of their self-repressive, ascetic training are not fitted to teach and prepare Catholic children to face the real facts of life. Nuns regard every thought of sex, for example, as a mortal sin and feel guilty themselves even when they look at the nude image of Christ on the crucifix. But these days, when children have so many ways of discovering the facts of sex for themselves outside school, the influence of the nuns in this regard may be largely discounted.

In the January issue of *The Converted Catholic Magazine*, Mr. Lehmann points to **the unethical teaching of the Catholic Church on theft and robbery as a possible cause of the high rate of crime among Catholics**. This teaching, which gives the reasons that excuse from theft, should not be underestimated since, as he proves on good authority, more than 50% of all crimes among youth are connected with thievery. But such explanations are merely partial and still leave us to find some underlying cause in the Catholic church's whole moral system of the alarming rate of crime among Catholics. This root cause is the Catholic practice of confession, one of the seven ‘sacraments’ or foundation-stones upon which the entire superstructure of Roman Catholicism is built.

Protestants oppose **the Roman Catholic confessional** because it **is a purely Roman invention, is contrary to scripture teaching, and was never taught or practiced by Christ or his apostles**. But few, if any, have ever brought to light its evil effects in social and moral matters. These evil consequences flow from the fact that Roman Catholics are taught to believe that the priest, a mere man, has the power to absolve them from their sins, on the simple condition that they tell their sins in secrecy to him in the confession-box, and promise to perform a simple ‘penance’ that he imposes. The following should be noted with regard to the practice of confession:

1. The priest is a real judge.
2. He himself can forgive, or withhold forgiveness, of every kind, degree and number of crimes at his own discretion;
3. There are no witnesses;
4. The sinner is his own accuser;
5. No record of the proceedings is kept; a guarantee in fact is given the sinner that absolute secrecy will be observed;
6. **No public jail sentence or fine is imposed**, only a few minutes of prayers and a verbal promise of reform;
7. By this procedure **all effects of the crimes confessed are destroyed and the criminal instantly made "holy"** and a good citizen again.
8. This secret process of **forgiveness and hiding of crimes may be accomplished again and again as long as the sinner conforms to the regulations** set forth above and as laid down in Catholic Canon Law.

Canon 888 says:

"The priest has to remember that in hearing confessions he is a judge."

Again Canon 872:

"For the hearing of confessions there is required in the priest not only the power of orders [the priesthood] but also a juridical investment."

As to the power of the priest as judge in confession, Canon 870 says:

"In the confessional the minister has the power to forgive all crimes committed after baptism."

The Council of Trent (Sess. VI. Chap. 7.D.B. 799) decreed that the priest not only forgives sins in confession, but has power to destroy them and thus make of the criminal a perfect citizen and a saint: "The crimes are not only forgiven but destroyed and the criminal made as a new person – a saint". To obtain pardon it is not necessary to be sorry for crimes committed because they are offenses against society or God, but it is sufficient if the criminal is sorry for fear he will go to hell forever if he does not confess them and obtain the forgiveness from the priest in confession. On this point the Council of Trent (Sess. 14, C.H.) says of the sinner: "It is sufficient if he is sorry for fear of otherwise burning in hell for all eternity."

All the decrees of the Council of Trent are binding on Catholics under pain of anathema and excommunication.

The main reason why crime is high in Catholic nations: Catholics have no deterrent to crime!

Anyone can understand that **this practice of the Catholic confession is no deterrent to crime**, and can easily, in fact, be made an excuse for continuing in it. Big-time criminals and racketeers, especially, generally can find ways to circumvent the civil law and its penalties. If they are Roman Catholics and believe in confession, they have assurance of an easy way of also escaping punishment in the next life.

Examples are plentiful of such big-time Catholic criminals and racketeers continuing in crime without any qualms of conscience. 'Big Tom' Prendergast of Kansas City who died recently after release from Federal penitentiary was one of them. Under his rule, Kansas City was a menace to the morals of young and old... Brothels flourished openly and criminal gangs enforced his dictates. Gambling houses were as commonplace as grocery stores, and he himself was the biggest gambler of his age. Political corruption abounded and Prendergast, as boss of it all, grew fabulously rich from the wealth that flowed into his pockets from this underground traffic in crime. Yet, when he died last January 26, Monsignor Thomas B. McDonald who preached his funeral sermon after solemn high mass, publicly proclaimed him "a man with a noble heart and a true friend," because *"he went to mass every morning at 7:30 for 30 years."*

Tom Prendergast, and other Catholic criminals like him, did not fear the penalties of the civil law, because he could escape them by bribing and corrupting judges and officers of the law whom he himself had appointed. As a Catholic, however, he feared the tortures of hell in the next life. But he was assured by his church's teaching that he could also escape God's punishment as long as he went to confession regularly, told his crimes to the priest and said he was sorry merely because he was afraid of going to hell. He was further assured that he could continue his life of crime with impunity as long as he made sure of having a priest to absolve him before he died and to say masses afterwards for his soul in Purgatory.

Mayor Hague of Jersey City is another of many examples of 'devout' Catholic political bosses and racketeers who escape the punishment of the civil law by bribery and corruption, and at the same time have the assurance from their church's teaching that they can also escape God's punishment in the next life by obtaining pardon regularly from their priests in confession.

Why then should Catholic parents wonder if their wayward children, trained to confession in a Catholic school, refuse to heed their admonitions? Forgiveness may be had in confession without any expression of sorrow to their parents. Nor should a Catholic wife wonder how her husband can remain unfaithful, even after going many times to the priest to tell him the details of his unfaithfulness. Each time his sin is blotted out and he again becomes the ideal husband – all by merely confessing to the priest and saying a few 'Hail Mary's' as a 'penance.'

Should we wonder why there are so many Catholic criminals? Perhaps we should wonder why there are not many more. That there are not many more may be due to the fact that not all 'judges' sit in confession-boxes, but on criminal court benches and send criminals to jail and penitentiaries, and even to the electric chair.

We former priests now know what true forgiveness of sins means in Christian teaching: that God alone forgives sins and with forgiveness comes a complete change of life. The Catholic practice of confession is merely a recital to a man of sins committed, with no guarantee of pardon from God, and nothing to prevent the repetition of the same sins over and over again. In true Christian teaching, forgiveness of sins is not just the wiping off of old sins from the soul and then going forth to soil it again with more of the

same sins. It means the gift of a whole new soul, the rebirth to a new life for the sinner to whom sin becomes abhorrent and who remains sanctified and a true child of God thereafter. Then the sinner is really saved. He becomes not only a saint, but also a good citizen. Only this kind of religious teaching is a real deterrent to crime.

The Catholic Church And Science



Science and Roman Catholicism are essentially antagonistic. The former faces the untried future with experiment as its only tool and honesty to truth its only guide. Roman Catholicism fears the future, and is opposed to experiment and change as revolutionary and destructive of its fixed dogmas and religious practices.

Christian Zionism & End Time Deception and Delusion



This is one of the best talks I've heard to date that exposes so called

Christian Zionism as a false unbiblical doctrine and deception of the enemy. The YouTube is an hour and 8 minutes long, but the speaker, Charles A. Jennings, speaks quite slowly. It's faster to read what he has to say than listen to him. And he has very important things to say!

Transcript

Welcome to truth in history.

Have you ever wondered what is the biggest end-time deception that has entered the Church? What is the biggest, not a deception, but *the* biggest deception that has entered especially the fundamental Evangelical Church World, especially here in America. It's something to think about. It's a very serious matter, and I'm afraid that most Christian people in the Evangelical, fundamental, Pentecostal, Baptist, independent, that type of Church, are the biggest ones, the biggest crowd to be deceived by this delusion that has come along and hit the Church world. It's been around for approximately 120 years, but the worst part of it has been around ever since about 1970 after The Six Day War in the Middle East.

This is what I want to talk about today, and that is Christian Zionism. I believe that **it is the biggest delusion, deception, that has come along in a very very long time.** There's been a lot of isms that have come along in the Church, but Christian Zionism has affected not only the Church, the preaching, the singing, the offerings, the money, it has affected our society and also foreign relations, and even our national foreign policy.

Now, in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2, the Apostle Paul is warning the Church concerning the man of sin that is yet to be revealed, not in our day, but was yet to be revealed after Paul's day. And he said that this man of sin would be in the Temple, this is 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 and verse 4, he said who opposeth and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he as God sitteth in the Temple of God showing himself to be God.

Now, we believe historically, or **I believe that that was the dynasty of popes.** But do you notice where this man of sin puts himself in the Temple of God? Not the *hieron*, the physical brick and mortar of Solomon's Temple or Herod's Temple, but he puts himself in the *naos* the body of Christ, in the true Church, or where the religious people, Bible believing people, were located. That's where he sat himself, in the *naos*, in the spiritual Church I should say. And that's where Christian Zionism has set itself.

But reading on in this same chapter in verse number nine it says, "even him whose coming is after the working of Satan." The opposer. Satan means opposer. "With all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish because they receive not the love of the truth that they might be saved."

And then in verse number 11 he gives the reason. He says, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie."

Now the Church world that I named, Evangelical, fundamental, "Bible believing" Pentecostal World, a large part of the Baptist world, the independent World, **they are under a strong delusion.** Or, whoever else believes in Christian Zionism, they are under a strong delusion that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believe not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. It says that they may be damned or judged. **There is coming a judgment against this whole Christian Zionist philosophy that has invaded the Church.**

Now, why am I not a Christian Zionist? There are many reasons, but the Christian Zionist movement is built upon the sand. It's built upon a shaky foundation. It's not a solid foundation. **It's not a Biblical Foundation. It's a lot of misinterpretation of Scripture.**

And the first one ... well let me say this about Christian Zionism. Christian Zionism is that element, that philosophy, that "Bible" interpretation, and I put that in quotes because it's not in the Bible, that believes that the Jewish people living today, number one, they believe that the Jewish people are the descendants, the direct lineal descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and that God gave that land to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He gave it to "the Jews." And they're equating Jews with all of Israel, all 12 or 13 tribes. They're equating just the Jews as all 13 tribes. See, right there is a wrong premise because the Jews do not have an unbroken genealogical line back to the Bible Patriarchs.

If you study and read after the Jewish scholars that are honest, the historians, they will tell you that the Jews of today is that class of people that is made up of many many different ethnic groups, and it's a religion, and it's a culture, it's a social culture, it's a religious culture, it's a historical culture. So during the centuries many people have joined themselves by either adopting the Judaistic religion, accepting the Talmud as their sacred book, and or they have married into people who were considered Jews, so they were considered Jews. There are Chinese Jews, black Jews, white Jews, Japanese Jews, there's Jews of all type. So it's not a clean genealogical unbroken line all the way back to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And if anyone believes that that's the case, they are delusional. Read the Jewish historians and scholars.

Number two, they believe that the Jews have a right to that land of Palestine, which that we know is not the proper name for the place, but it was given that name by the Romans. So they believe that the Arabs have no right to the land at all, they need to get out. And greater Israel as they call it, the Jews believe that they have a ancestral right from the Euphrates river to the river of Egypt. So they say, "That's ours. The Arabs have no right whatsoever. I don't care how long they've been there, I don't care how many are there, they need to get out."

The next thing that Christian Zionism believes, is that if Christians around the world, especially American Christians with American money will help finance the Jews going back to Canaan land, and building up the place, and planting orchards and gardens and buildings, and raising up houses in the different settlements, that it will hasten the coming of Jesus Christ. And

they also believe that when Jesus Christ comes, that He will sit in a rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem and rule from a Jewish State. And many of them believe that the Old Testament ceremonial rituals will be reinstated, blood sacrifice, animal sacrifice, and they will be reinstated so that the Jews can have a means of salvation.

Many Zionists today believe that there's two plans of salvation, for the Gentiles – that is everyone that's not Jewish – they can have their salvation through Jesus, but the Jews, they can have salvation through returning to the Old Testament ceremonies of sacrifice of animals. Now, how ridiculous is that?

So that's just some of the things that they believe. No doubt they believe more than that because it has become cultish. It is absolutely working themselves into becoming a cult, a Christian Zionistic cult. And one of these cult members could be your pastor. It could be someone that is sitting in the pew next to you. It could be your relative. And the people that are most rabid in believing this are the fundamental Evangelical Bible believing Christians who carry a Scofield Bible.

In Genesis 12:1, this is one of their favorite verses, Genesis 12:1, it says this:

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Now, in whom and in what posterity has all the families of the earth been blessed? Through the Jews? Or through *true* Israel, "the Gentiles" that have preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world? Who has blessed the world more? Have the Jews taken the Gospel? We all know the answer to that.

Also, the Lord said, "And I will bless them that bless thee." He said nothing about blessing a modern State. He spoke to Abraham. He said, "I will bless them that bless thee and in thy seed, and in thee, shall all nations of the earth be blessed. And in his seed, Abraham's offspring, if you bless them. It says absolutely nothing about blessing or cursing a political State, nothing. So the Christian Zionists have no right to use that verse to promote their support of the modern state of Israel.

Now, also we see this in 2 Chronicles chapter number 19 verse number one.

2 Chronicles Chapter 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.

Wrath came upon him because he helped the ungodly and them that hated the Lord. Do the Jewish people love the Lord? Who is the the Lord? The Lord is the Lord Jesus Christ. Do they love Him? Or do they curse Him? So we see this principle where why should Christians bless someone with their moral support or monetary support that hate the Lord, that hates Jesus Christ, denies His divinity, that believed that he was conceived by Mary who was a prostitute and sired by a Roman soldier? They believe that!

So that's one reason why I'm not a Christian Zionist. I cannot support support the enemy, love the ungodly. It's an abomination, it's a delusion, it's a deception, but yet, the Jewish lobby and the lackeys that go along with it, the big-name evangelists for the last 50 years, ever since about 1970, have been *promoters* of this concept. And **they have become prostitutes for an ungodly element**. They became lackeys, lap dogs for the Jewish nation and the Jewish Lobby in this country. I could name some names but I think you know who I'm talking about.

Now, how did this concept get started? In around 1860 or so some of the Jewish rabbis said we need a homeland. Well, the the idea caught on among a lot of Jewish people, especially those living in Europe. And so Theodore Herzl in 1897 held his Zionist conference in Basel Switzerland and said, "We need a homeland." And they began to look around and said, "Where can we create a homeland?" They thought of Madagascar. They thought of Uganda and possibly other places in that part of the world. But some of the Christians like Arno C. Gaebelin and Brooks, and another man by the name of Scofield and Clarence Larkin and other Bible believing people said, "No, the Bible prophesies that the Jews would return to Palestine."

So the Zionist movement was born 1917 in November. Lord Balfour signs the Balfour Declaration. He was the Home Secretary of the British government. He signs the Balfour Declaration in agreement with Rothschild and giving the Jews the right to go to Palestine and form a homeland. But it did not say a nation, it just said you can go there and live peaceably with the Arabs, and the civil and religious rights of the Arabs shall not be disturbed at all. That was in the Balfour Declaration. But they soon broke that.

Immediately after World War II the conflict between the Jews over there and the Arabs intensified. More Jews were coming in from around the world and taking the property of the Arabs. So there was warfare, violence on each side, extreme violence. It's not just one-sided that lasted through the 20s the 30s and the 40s, when Menachem Begin who later became a prime minister, with his leader of the Ingun gang or the Stern gang. They blew up the King David hotel. I think that was in 1947, and killed several British soldiers and officers, because Britain had a mandate for that land. And when the British left, they declared themselves a nation.

And then our president, Harry S Truman, who was a self-proclaimed Baptist, who had been trained under the teaching of Scofield by his pastors, said according to Bible prophecy the Jews have a right to that land. So the nation of Israel was formed in May of 1948. And they had conflict with the Arabs throughout the 50s, but in 1967 was The Six Day War, and they won hands down. Look at the American money and American equipment that they had.

So that (the popularity of the doctrine of Christian Zionism) started after The Six Day War. The Christians in this country, the fundamental evangelicals, got the idea that these are God's people, this is God's land, and they deserve to have this land. So they began their big support for the Jewish cause.

Now, the teaching, "Bible" teaching or "Bible" justification for Zionism came out of the Scofield Reference Bible, and Scofield along with Arno C. Gaebeline wrote the notes. And then Mr. Clarence Larkin came along and made the real big book chart full of charts, and it just went through the Christian World in this country like wildfire. And people began to support it during the 20s 30s and 40s. And then in around 1970 you had preachers that were on television, that way they could speak to millions of Americans and they promoted this Zionist cause.

Now, who was it? You name the big television evangelists that were on television starting in around 1970 working this way, and some of them still on, and some new ones. Those are the ones that generate moral and monetary support for Christian Zionism. And it's become an absolute last day fever! You ought to hear some of these Christian Zionists on TV these days during this Israeli Hamas conflict! They are cultish! One man told me that every Arab should be killed! How ridiculous! And he being a Christian who told me that, "Every one of them should be just killed and let the Jews have the land whatever they want, and this will help Jesus to come back and rapture the Church." So they're they're really happy.

You've got the Left Behind Series that came along which is absolute fiction. And this fiction has just taken over the mind of people that the 70th week of Daniel is future, there will be a third Temple built, the Rapture will take place, then 7-year tribulation for everybody that's left, but a third of the Jews will be killed. They say a third of them will be killed and some of the some of the Jews on TV are not too happy about that because they're not happy with the Christian Zionists who are saying, "Go back to Palestine and be killed." So it's a mixed up mess. Also Hal Lindsay's book, *The Late Great Planet Earth* that was in 1970 really got the ball rolling.

Now, here's some of the heresies that they teach. They teach that God has two Divine plans, one for an Earthly people called the Jews, and another plan for His Heavenly people called the Church. Now where is that in the Bible? An Earthly people and a Heavenly people. He's working on two fronts at the same time. And the preacher in San Antonio says that there's a plan of salvation strictly for the Jews, and one strictly for "the Gentiles," the non-Jews. And the salvation plan for the Jews is animal sacrifice. So they advocate the re-institution of animal sacrifice.

Also, they believe in a postponement theory that when Jesus came the first time the Jews rejected Him because Jesus did not assume the Throne of David when He came but he went to the Cross instead. He went to the cross when he should have went strictly to the throne. So Jesus came, the Jews rejected Him, so the postponement theory is the Jews will accept Him when He comes again or something like that. And they're going to be flaming evangelists, 144,000 of them, listed in Revelation chapter 7. They're going to be the

flaming evangelist to go around the world, and there'll be the greatest revival ever to take place. Folks, that is nonsense! The Bible never says anything about 144,000 Jews preaching the Gospel. That's a perversion. It's a lie. In Revelation chapter 7 when those tribes are named, it's the tribes of Israel, all 12 tribes of Israel. Now, I know Dan is missing, but this is talking about something totally different. This is talking about true Israel, not apostate Israel.

So they (evangelicals) believe that when Jesus comes again they (the Jews) will accept Him. He'll set up His throne, and it will be a Jewish Throne, a Jewish State, a Jewish gospel, and they will rule over the Gentiles, all non-Jews, like they're a bunch of slaves or peons. That's what these people believe.

In believing the idea that the 70th week of Daniel is future, they they believe in an Antichrist, a one man Antichrist. And this one man Antichrist is going to make a covenant or a treaty with the Jews. But this is what John the Apostle tells us about the definition of an antichrist. The Bible never teaches a one man Antichrist, but that's what the Christian Zionists believe. 1 John Chapter 2 the first Epistle of John chapter 2: 18.

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

The last time John was writing this, it was in the first century, and he considered that the last days. And he said antichrist shall come, there are *many* antichrists whereby we know that it is the last time. And then in verse 22:

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

Do you know any people that denies that Jesus is the Messiah? You guessed it. He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son. If you deny the Son you deny the Father also.

Don't tell me like these Christian Zionists believe, "Well, the Jews believe the Old Testament God is the one they worship. The Christians worship Jesus." Two Gods?! That's how nutty these people are.

Verse 23:

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.- 1 John 2:23

Then in the first Epistle of John chapter 4, verse number one:

¶Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: – 1 John 4:1-2

In other words, God incarnate, in flesh. That's what he's talking about, is of God.

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: – 1 John 4:3a

What group of people, what religion, does not believe that Jesus Christ is the incarnate God?

and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. – 1 John 4:3b

Because those people, those Pharisees, scribes Herodians, they denied the deity of Jesus Christ. They say, "Who are you? Who are you?"

Also in the Second Epistle of John verse 7,

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

How can these Christian Zionists go to church and sing, "Oh, how I Love Jesus," and then the next night go to a Night for Israel rally, and wave their little flag with six-pointed star on it and yell, "Israel, Israel, Israel," thinking of the Jews. And dig into their pocketbook and say, "We need to send some money to the soldiers." Soldiers? they're well equipped already, especially with the Iron Dome paid for by the US and \$3.5 billion dollars every year of our tax money goes there.

So this is the Antichrist. Those people are antichrist. And how can two walk together except they be agreed? Christian Zionism, folks, is a delusion. It's a deception, and it's the biggest one that's come down the pike for the last 50 years.

They also believe in the Rapture. They believe that Revelation 4:1 when the angel told John to come up higher or come up hither that's the Rapture. Oh how weak, how weak is that exegesis (reading *out* of Scripture)! That's not exegesis, that's eisegesis, reading something into the text (based on one's own bias and interpretation).

And there they go again with 1 Thessalonians chapter 4. But that's talking about the resurrection, not a flying away, not a flying away to another planet. That's talking about the resurrection of the righteous.

They believe that another Temple, the Third Temple they call it, must be rebuilt. I find an interesting verse in Jeremiah chapter 7 beginning with verse number one.

Jeremiah 7:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD. 3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these. 5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; 6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: 7 **Then will I cause you to dwell in this place**, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

What the Jews did back in Judah long before the time of Christ, they thought that the Temple was everything. **The whole Judaistic religion revolved around the Temple.** The Temple, that was their great emphasis. And they neglected these other things that I just read about, justice, fairness, righteousness, etc. They put an emphasis upon the Temple. But what did Jesus say in Matthew 24? He knew that the Temple had become an idol. The ceremonial law had become an idol. And at that time, it really wasn't the law of Moses, it was Talmudic law. And they were carrying on all their ceremonies. And Jesus simply said, "There shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down." Why did He destroy the Temple? It had become a religious icon, an idol that was the center of Judaism. And there's where Jesus prophesied that the Roman army would come and destroy that place.

Who is the real Temple? In John Chapter 2 and verse 18 we read this:

Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.** 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, (See, they were thinking about the brick and the mortar.) and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

The true Temple of God is Jesus Christ, his literal physical body. But He said, "I'm going to build a Church." And the Church has become the body of Christ. That's the true Temple. This is what Paul said in 1 Corinthians

chapter 6:19.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost? Not *heron*, brick and mortar, but *naos*, the Temple of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit resides within every believer. That's the true Temple of God. And Christian Zionists are collecting money to build a third Temple, brick and mortar, and all the furnishings and the furniture, and then go through that ritual again? I mean are they thinking straight? It's a delusion! The Lord said, "I will send a strong delusion that they will even believe a lie. They're believing a lie.

2 Corinthians chapter 6 says this:

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Clear enough. He dwells in us. Christ dwells in us. Christ in you the hope of glory. And we dwell in Christ. And Paul said that's His body, that's the true Temple. Why does the Christian world or the Jews or anybody else need a third Temple? **It's a political thing.** The Christian Zionists are under delusion.

Another verse that these Christian Zionists use is found in Psalm 122 and verse 6. They quote it all the time.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Now, what is the context of this verse? Psalms 120 through 134, that's 15 Psalms. They are what are called songs of degrees. And if you notice they're like stepping stones or steps going higher and higher. And **they were sung by the worshippers on their way to Jerusalem, or the captives returning from Babylon, returning back to Jerusalem**, when people were literally returning back to the old city of Jerusalem from Babylon, or when they were going up to worship. And they said, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." They lived there. That was the center of their worship. That was the center of their religion. That was the center of the priesthood. That's where the labor (?) was located and the golden altar of incense, and the Tabernacle or the Temple, and the holy place and the most holy place, and the brazen altar. But we don't have all that today. It's irrelevant and nowhere, nowhere in New Testament theology, are we commanded to pray for Jerusalem.

This Scripture, Psalm 122 verse 6 is misapplied. They use it all the time.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Naturally the people back then in Old Testament times, this is a thousand years before Christ, this is the setting for this verse. They wanted a peaceful city because there's where the Lord put His Name.

But He forsook the place in Matthew 24. And when we come to Matthew 23, He uttered all these woes, all these woes. And then we come down to verse 37 of Matthew 23.

0 Jerusalem, Jerusalem

Now listen. Jesus did not pray for the city of Jerusalem. He wept over it. He cursed it.

0 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. – Matthew 23:37-38

Is that a prayer? That's a curse! Your religion is left under you desolate. Your Temple is desolate. Your city is desolate. And about 40 years later here comes the Roman army. That was the judgment of God because they rejected the Son of God. And those people are still rejecting the Son of God.

Josephus the Jewish historian tells us that they continued, the Jews continued sacrificing animals even after the sacrifice of Jesus. So concerning the sacrifice of Jesus when He was on the cross, what did He say? John 19:30: "It is finished." All the sacrifices are gone. The veil of the Temple rent in twain. That way you don't need that physical holy place anymore.

Jesus is the holy place, and He exposed that the Temple system was a farce. Behind that veil, there was no Ark of the Covenant, no Mercy Seat, and no glory cloud. It was a farce. But they held the people in bondage because of it.

In the book of Hebrews chapter number 10 it says in verse 10.

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

One time. We do not need another animal sacrifice. You may agree with me on many topics, but let's all agree on the fact that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ was totally sufficient for our sins personal and national, and to redeem creation back to Him.

Hebrews 10:11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Hebrews 10:18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

But what about those who continue their blood sacrifice of animals? It was an *affront* unto the sacrifice of Jesus Christ! I looked up the word "affront" in the dictionary. It says to encounter face to face, to insult openly and purposely, to slight, to confront defiantly. They did that. That Judaistic system, and it's still going on today. If they do not accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as being sufficient as the God-man, then they are making an affront, to encounter face to face, to defiantly confront, to insult openly and purposely, and to slight the sacrifice.

Back to Hebrews chapter 10:

Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

This phrase, "an unholy thing" means of no value, unholy, of no value. That's what they considered the blood of Jesus Christ.

And hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing and hath done despite under the spirit of grace. "Despite" means to insult. This is a serious thing. Christian Zionism that promotes, believes, campaigns for, goes goofy after, and supports with money and trips over there, and padding the Jewish Prime Ministers or religious rulers or government rulers on the back, "We are with you. This is a match made in heaven," and all such nonsense. And they're promoting another Temple and another institution of animal blood sacrifice. They are insulting the Son of God. They are trampling His Blood underfoot, and they are rejecting, they are rejecting the Son of God, and considering His Blood of no value.

They even go further. They say, "Well, the Jews need a red heifer because they believe that under religious law every Jew is presumed to have had

contact with the dead." I'm reading this out of a book entitled *On the Road to Armageddon* by Timothy Weber. For lack of a red heifer's ashes there is simply nothing to be done about it. No way for Jews to purify themselves to enter the Sacred Square. No way for Judaism to reclaim the Mount. No way to rebuild the Temple. So they need a red heifer that's born over there. And there's so many silly American cattlemen ranchers and cattlemen that are trying to raise a red heifer. What do we need a red heifer for? And this misguided cattleman from Mississippi transported all these heifers over there, all this cattle, hoping that a red heifer, a perfect one, will be born over there. How silly! It's a cult, folks. It's an absolute cult.

I made mention of this book. We do not handle this book, we do not sell this book, this is the only copy that I have, but you can look online on Amazon and search for this book. I think it's still available: [On the Road to Armageddon: How Evangelicals Became Israel's Best Friend](#). It's very informative. It'll bring you up to date with a lot of names and places. It's written by Timothy Weber. Every one of these television evangelists needs to read that book. It's well worth the read.

Another thing about Christian Zionism is that **they supplant Christ as being the focal point of history**. What do they do? They make *the Jews* the focal point of history. In Revelation 19 in verse number 10 it says.

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**.

But yet Clarence Larkin, Arno C. Gaebeline, and many of these ministers that are writing these books, mainly television evangelists are writing these books promoting Christian Zionism, are saying that the Jewish people and that land over there is the focal point of all prophecy. It's not! Jesus Christ is the focal point of prophecy! The issue is what are you going to do with Jesus? It's not what are you going to do with the Jewish people. Because folks, the Jews are not Israel anyway. They're not.

So we see where Christian Zionism is a delusion. It's a lie. It's an oxymoron. Jesus Christ and the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Folks I pray that I have said something that would be encouraging to somebody that's in this cult to get out. And there's a lot more to it, because Christian Zionism, as some of the government leaders of the State of Israel have said, We could not exist without the American Christian support. Moral support, political support, and a lot of their money."

Folks, we need the Lord Jesus to come, the true Messiah, to set up His Kingdom, and destroy every idol that man has built. And unfortunately the Christian World, especially as I see it in America, is **irredeemable**, it's over the hill with falsehood, delusions, deceptions, lies, and the biggest one right now is Christian Zionism that is gotten us in trouble in the Middle East. They're constantly lobbying our congressmen and our senators to send

more money, send more money, send more money. That's our tax dollars which could be used at home to help the poor, close the border, and do many other things.

I want to lift up Jesus Christ, not just an ethnic people on the earth whoever they may be, true Israel or false Israel. I want to exalt Jesus Christ as the true Prophet our Melchizedek priest, and our coming King.

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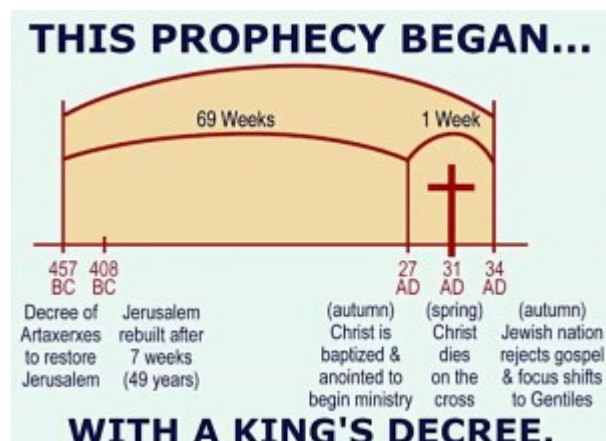
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Summary of the Prophecy of Daniel

9:24-27 by David Nikao Wilcoxson



David Nikao Wilcoxson is the brother in Christ who opened my eyes to the true interpretation of the prophecy of Daniel 9 and the true meaning of the 70th Week of Daniel. This was in December of 2014, a fraction of the time since I came to know Jesus and the Gospel after coming from Roman Catholic darkness in early 1971. I used to teach the Jesuit / Darby / Scofield interpretation of Daniel 9:27. Imagine that. I'm trying now to help my friends see the truth about it. It was so plain to me when I read it from David's website. I think unless the Holy Spirit enlightens a believer when he or she hears it, it will be like water off a duck's back. You'll either get it immediately, or you won't. Many people just don't get it due to their cognitive bias of hearing the false interpretation of the 70th Week of Daniel most of their lives as a Christian. Or maybe they will get it better from David Wilcoxson than from me which is why I'm posting it.

Here's what David has to say:

I'm sharing this message with you because I appreciate your impact on my life. *Iron sharpens iron*, and I hope I can bless you in return. As I've witnessed the crazy things taking place in our world, it caused me to want to understand the prophecies in Revelation.

We've been taught that most of the Revelation prophecies are yet to be fulfilled during the last 7 or 3 ½ years, so I wanted to understand what prophecy the seven years is based upon. Most people point to the seventy weeks of Daniel 9:24-27 prophecy.

Many teach that the first 69 weeks of the 70-week prophecy have been fulfilled, but there's a 2000-year time gap between the 69th and 70th week. My first impression is that it doesn't make sense. Why would the Heavenly Father give a 70-week timeline which isn't fulfilled in 70 consecutive weeks?

We've been taught that the 'covenant' in Daniel 9:27 points to the antichrist making a 7-year peace agreement with Israel. When I read Daniel 9 to understand the context, I saw that Daniel was not praying about the end times or the antichrist but that he wanted to know what would happen to the Jews

when they would be released from captivity in Babylon.

And to me, it doesn't make sense that the same four verses, which foretold when Messiah came to die for our sins, are also about His enemy, the antichrist, who appears 2000 years later.

I noticed that Daniel 9:4 mentions a *covenant* that the Heavenly Father keeps *with those who love Him and seek to obey Him*. The highlight of the prophecy is *Messiah the Prince*, so it makes sense that He came to *confirm* the *everlasting covenant* of mercy to those who love the Father.

And then the Spirit led me to verses that validate it. Romans 15:8 says *He was sent to confirm the promises made unto Abraham*. Galatians 3:17 points to Messiah *confirming the covenant*. Hebrews 7:22 tells us that *Messiah is the surety of the covenant, that He is the bondsman who ratified it with His blood*. Hebrews 8:6, 9:15-17, and 12:24 say He is the covenant's Mediator. Hebrews 13:20 says that *we're saved through the blood of the everlasting covenant*, shed by Messiah.

There's a consistent narrative: Daniel 9:27 points to Messiah the Prince confirming the everlasting covenant, and the New Testament contains verses about Messiah and the covenant.

And this explanation fulfills the 70 weeks of Daniel 9 in 70 consecutive weeks. This was a game-changing revelation for me, as it shows that the enemy has created a grand deception about the fulfillment of prophecy. I know this explanation is contrary to what we've been led to believe, so I pray that you will pursue this matter, as we'll be held accountable for what we teach about prophecy. I've included a summary about the fulfillment of the 70th week of Daniel 9. I pray that it opens your eyes.

The fulfillment of the Daniel 9 prophecy testifies to the glory of our King! Hallelujah!

(End of message from David Wilcoxson.)

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1. The Bible And The People

THE OFFICIAL ATTITUDE of the Roman Catholic Church, concerning the Bible is a puzzle to most people and needs clarification for all fair-minded Christians. This attitude is so hesitant and contradictory that, even on the face of it, one cannot help concluding at once that the Roman church would be very much more at ease if the Bible never existed at all. Certainly, it would make things easier for the Roman Catholic church in our day if the Bible could still be kept from the people as it was in the Middle Ages.

But the Church of Rome is now faced with the fact that no other book in the world is so easy of access to everyone. Since the Protestant Reformation the Bible has been translated into every known language, and has flooded every nation on the face of the earth. This worldwide distribution of the Bible, however, has been exclusively the work of Protestants, and meets with actual opposition from the Roman Catholic church in Roman Catholic countries. The Gideons alone have freely distributed as many Bibles as would reach, if placed end to end, from Albany to New York City.

2. Effect On Protestants Who Become Catholics

Every Protestant, clergyman or layman, who joins the Roman church, must solemnly swear to God, with his hand upon the very Bible itself, as follows¹

"I, N. N., having before me the holy Gospels which I touch with my hand, and knowing that no one can be saved without that faith which the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, Roman Church holds, believes and teaches, and against which I grieve that I have greatly erred... I now with sorrow and contrition for my past errors, profess that I believe the Holy Catholic, Apostolic, Roman Church to be the only true Church established on earth by Jesus Christ, to which I submit myself with my whole soul. I reject and condemn all that she rejects and condemns, and I am ready to observe all that she commands me... "I believe in the authority of the Apostolic and Ecclesiastical Traditions, and of the Holy Scriptures, which we must interpret and understand only in the sense which our holy mother the Catholic church has held and does hold..."

In other words, in order to become a Roman Catholic, you must not only repudiate the true Gospel message, but you also must doubt the very book of the Gospel itself. On the other hand, Catholics who become Protestants can do so only by full acceptance both of the Gospels themselves and the message of salvation therein contained.

3. No Protestant Has Ever Confessed That He Has Become A Catholic Through The Bible.

Mr. John Moody (founder of Moody's Investors Service), a layman who became a Catholic, declared in a review of his book ("The Long Read Home") in the *N. Y. Herald Tribune*, Sept. 3, 1932:

"It was through the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas that I found the way... Then I made what was for me the surprising discovery that the Catholic Church alone of all Christian bodies had been teaching for 19 hundred years, and is still teaching, the only interpretation of the Bible and of the life of Christ that makes sense."

On page 78 of his book he confesses that, as a young man, he put his Bible on a shelf where it remained unopened ever after.

It is the same with other Protestants of note who have yielded with fanfare to the authority of the Pope in preference to the authority of the Word of God. In the writings of Cardinal Newman, G. K. Chesterton, Arnold Lunn, Rev. Seldon Delaney and others who have been used so aggressively by the Roman Church in America to propagandize its teachings, you will find that the Bible was never their guide to Rome.

On the other hand:

Every Catholic priest and layman who is converted to Protestantism confesses that he found the way through the Bible.

Such, for instance, was the case with Rev. Charles Chiniquy, the famous French Canadian priest who left the Roman Church after 25 years of honest effort to teach Christ. He brought his entire congregation with him into the light of Evangelical Christianity, and for 40 more years after labored with great zeal and brought tens of thousands of Roman Catholics to accept Christ through the Bible and to renounce the unwarranted claims of the Pope of Rome.

In fact, Father Chiniquy and his congregation broke with the church of Rome expressly because of its attitude towards the Bible. In the name of his congregation he drew up, as a test, an act of submission to the Bishop of Illinois, conditioned only on the truth of the Bible and the Commandments of God, as follows:

"My Lord Bishop Smith:

We, French Canadians of Illinois, want to live and die in the Holy Catholic Church, out of which there is no salvation; and to prove this to your Lordship, we promise to obey the authority of the Church according to the Word and Commandments of God as we find them expressed in the Gospel of

Christ.”

The Bishop refused to accept this form of submission. “Take away,” he said, “the words, *Word of God and Gospel of Christ*, or I will punish you as a rebel.” Upon the refusal of Father Chiniquy to do so, the Bishop replied: “You can therefore no longer be a Catholic priest.” (See *Forty Years in the Church of Christ*, p. 44, by Father Chiniquy). He had committed the unpardonable sin of judging the Church by the Bible and not the Bible by the Church.

The Rev. James A. O’Connor, also a former priest, labored in New York City after his conversion as a teacher of New Testament Christianity. He founded Christ’s Mission and led over 150 priests and thousands of Catholic lay people to renounce the errors of Rome and to accept Christ at his Word as found in the Gospel. Protestants, after they become Catholics, do not bother about the Bible but teach and preach the dogmas of Rome about transubstantiation, indulgences, purgatory, papal infallibility, worship of the saints and the Virgin Mary – none of which are to be found in the Bible.

4. Contradictions

It will be noted in the first place, that the Roman Church has actually decreed as an article of faith, that the Bible – from Genesis to Revelation – is the actual Word of God. Yet, the individual is made to swear, on the Bible itself, that he will not take God at His Word! He is blasphemously made to swear that he will take the word of a man instead!

Furthermore, according to the Decrees of the Council of Trent, a Catholic is solemnly bound to interpret the Bible only according to the unanimous consent of the Fathers. Now, if you are too ignorant, too unintelligent, to understand the plain wording of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John when they speak directly for Jesus Christ, how can you be expected to understand Tertullian, Jerome, Augustine, etc., who had no contact with Jesus Christ, and who are far more obscure than the Evangelists? But even apart from this, there is no such thing as “the unanimous consent of the Fathers.” They all differed greatly in their interpretations of the texts of the Gospel, and their writings fill more than 200 large volumes!

5. Harmful Mixture Of Roman Catholic Tradition With Scripture

This “tradition” is nothing else but the shameful process by means of which the Papacy built up its great power over the nations of Europe. This poisonous concoction, however, comes first in everything Catholics are forced to believe and practice. None of it – the mass, indulgences, purgatory, mariolatry, fish in place of lamb chops on Fridays – is found in the New Testament. But a Catholic is condemned to hell if he does not believe and practice them all, whereas there is no need for him to know and believe in Jesus Christ as the sole mediator between God and Man. He is taught to believe instead, that the priest is the mediator between God and man.

Recently, in America particularly, Roman Catholics boast of the “permission” allowed them to read the Bible (i.e. only the approved Roman Catholic

version). This has been forced upon the Catholic church, in democratic countries, by the outcry of Protestants against the historical denial of the Bible in the Catholic church down through the centuries. But like so many other seemingly Protestant innovations in the Roman church, this reading of the Bible is only “tolerated” and for the time being. Even this “permission” is limited. Catholics must read only a Papal version of God’s word, and give it only the convenient interpretation which is explained for them in the footnotes! It is like handing a thirsty person a glass of fresh water into which has been poured a poisonous concoction.

The grasp of the Bible and its distortion by the Roman church have been the means by which the Papacy attained its unwarranted power over peoples and nations. By this means it has subdued its people and kept them ignorant. It guarantees absolute obedience of the people to the priests and hierarchy. As the extravagant Romanist Bloy bluntly puts it:

“My first duty is obedience. But Jesus has told me to obey the Pope, and that is enough for me.”

The true Christian takes Christ at his word when he says:

“Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest... Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me...”

And it was Peter – whom Roman Catholics claim was their first Pope, – speaking for the other apostles, who assured his Master:

“To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.” – John 6:68.

1. From the *Rituale Romanum* – official Roman ritual-book used by priests in administering the sacraments.↵

[Billy Graham, The Catholic Church, and Halley’s Bible Handbook](#)



This is a section from Dr. Cathy Burn’s book, *Billy Graham and His Friends*, from the section, *MARY IS THE CENTER*. All emphasis in bold font are from the author.

Vatican II, however, was the instrument that helped the Vatican open up the door to the ecumenical movement. New Ager and occultist, Robert Muller, bragged: "There is no doubt that Paul VI, together with John XXIII and John Paul II, will be remembered as the three great Popes of Peace, pioneers of a momentous **transcendence of the Catholic Church into the New Age.**"

In spite of this, the **Billy Graham organization recommended the biography of John XXIII** which "contained hundreds of pages of the Pope's devotion to Mary and the saints, worship of the Eucharistic wafer, and his trust in the sacraments for salvation...." Graham "commended it in ads as 'a classic in devotion.'"

Pope John XXIII remarked: "Mary is the center of all things in the sight of God." He also said: "Mary is the center and light of all theology. Without Mary's light, theology is in darkness, in heresy. Without Mary, and if it were not for Mary, God would not have made the world.'"

Graham himself said in 1966: "I find myself closer to Catholics than the radical Protestants."

Cardinal Cushing, a Roman Catholic from Boston, made an interesting comment to the press in the **early 1950's** that "if he had half a dozen Billy Grahams, he would not worry about the future of his [Catholic] church!" In fact, Graham bragged: "No ranking member of the Catholic hierarchy spoke out against the [1957 New York Madison Square Garden] Crusade, and I suspect many Catholics knew of my friendship with various Catholic leaders."

"In **1964**, Graham spent forty-five minutes with Richard Cardinal Cushing, Catholic Archbishop of Boston. Cushing gave unqualified support for Graham. The Cleveland Plain Dealer for Oct. 8, 1964, reported Cushing's words: 'I am 100% for the evangelist. I have never known a religious crusade that was more effective than Dr. Graham's. I have never heard the slightest criticism of anything he has ever said from a Catholic source.'"
"Graham returned the favor by saying: 'I feel much closer to Roman Catholic tradition than to some of the more liberal Protestants....'"

Graham confessed: "My goal, I always made clear, was not to preach against Catholic beliefs or to proselytize people who were already committed to Christ within the Catholic Church."

He added: "I was grateful for the statement one U. S. Catholic newspaper made as it reviewed our first South American trip: 'Never once, at least in our memory, has [Billy Graham-B.G.] attacked the Catholic Church.'"

The July 1972 issue of *The Catholic Digest*,

"presented a feature article lauding Billy Graham. The Jesuit author wrote, 'Billy Graham is orthodox. I have read nothing by him that is contrary to Catholic faith.' In some places priests are being instructed to become familiar in the use of 'evangelical' terminology like 'getting saved' or being 'born again.'"

In 1978 Graham stated: "I found that **my beliefs are essentially the same as**

those of orthodox Catholics.”

“The **Detroit Free Press** for Sept. 29, 1991, quoted Graham as saying, ‘The Roman Catholics know that I’m not against them, and in my thinking, rightly or wrongly, I represent **all** the churches.’”

Not only does Graham not attack the falseness in the Catholic Church but he even protects the wrong. For instance,

“around **1961**, Billy Graham bought the rights to Halley’s Pocket Bible Handbook. The original Halley’s, up until the 22nd edition (1959), warned about the Jesuits. There are chapters about the Roman Papacy and the Jesuits. According to Mrs. Halley, Mr. Halley spent years working on those chapters and never would have permitted the book to be changed. However, when he died, Billy Graham bought the rights, and **removed all the research and warning about the Jesuits** in the editions Billy Graham printed.”

(End of the section.)

[The Enigma Of The Jesuits](#)



ROMAN CATHOLICS will not believe how much their own church has been opposed to the Jesuits, and think that anti-Jesuitism is the product of Protestant intolerance

[Biblical Unity or Papal Conformity?](#)



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Papal Penitence

On Sunday, March 12, 2000, the first Sunday of Lent, the Pope presided over a solemn ceremony called "The Day of Pardon" in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, in which he asked God for forgiveness for the historical wrongs of the Roman Catholic Church (RCC). The ceremony was presented as another profoundly significant event in the RC Church's "Millennium Jubilee Holy Year" and a further step, unprecedented but necessary, in the process of unity. It was a modern media event staged for maximum impact to encourage "unity". The impression given is that it is a genuine attempt to wipe the slate clean and to apologize for the past wrongs of the Church.

Careful examination, however, shows that the Pope's "Day of Pardon" was in fact not an apology, but rather a day of deception. In this service, the Pope continually prayed, purportedly as a Christian, while never admitting any of the horrendous sins of the Church of Rome. An egregious example from the prepared text that was used is found in Section III, "Confession of Sins Which Have Harmed the Unity of the Body of Christ".¹ The set prayer of the representative of the Roman Curia was as follows, "Let us pray that our recognition of the sins which have rent the unity of the Body of Christ and wounded fraternal charity will facilitate the way to reconciliation and communion among all Christians." This was followed by silent prayer, and then the prayer of "The Holy Father" addressed to the "Merciful Father",

Merciful Father, on the night before his Passion your Son prayed for the unity of those who believe in him: in disobedience to his will, however, believers have opposed one another, becoming divided, and have mutually condemned one another and fought against one another. We urgently implore your forgiveness and we beseech the gift of a repentant heart, so that all Christians, reconciled with you and with one another will be able, in one body and in one spirit, to experience anew the joy of full communion. We ask this through Christ our Lord."

If the Pope and the Roman Curia were really serious about their prayer offered to Holy God, they must face the fact that condemning curses of their Council of Trent were not mentioned nor repented of, including the condemnation of the Biblical Gospel and historical biblical Christianity, which led to the wholesale slaughter of millions of Christians during the 667 years of the Inquisition, and which have never been revoked, Vatican Council II notwithstanding. If this prayer were answered, it would be necessary to

dismantle the RCC with its false gospel, papal infallibility, and "irreformable"² ways, which clearly the Pope and his Curia have no intention of doing.

"The Week of Christian Unity"

The gathering of mainstream churches at St. Paul's Basilica in Rome earlier this year is thought to have been the largest assembly of Christian leaders with a Pope since the Vatican Council II in the early 1960s. On January 18th, the Tuesday of the week which had been designated 'The Week of Christian Unity' in the 'Holy Year, 2000', leaders representing four fifths of Eastern Orthodoxy gathered alongside Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists and Pentecostals. They were participating in celebration of the opening of the 'Holy Door at St. Paul Outside the Walls'. Archbishop George Carey, Primate of the Church of England, and Metropolitan Athanasius, representing Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople and head of the Orthodox Church, knelt on either side of Pope John Paul II before the newly opened door. Only one cushion had been provided as it was thought that only the Pope would kneel, but when they both fell to their knees, too, the Pope called out, "Unity! Thank you!" It was a highly symbolic moment.

The Pontiff had every reason to express his gratitude to the Churches represented and the two men flanking him. After all, in May 1999, the joint Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) had issued a statement "recognizing the Pope as the overall authority in the Christian World" and describing him as "a gift to be received by all Churches", (a gift yet to be accepted by the Synod of the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion, however). Five months later in October, 1999, on Reformation Day, the Roman Catholic and Lutheran Churches had signed a joint declaration announcing that their opposing views on justification have been reconciled.³ With this declaration of reconciliation and unity, the way seems clear for the Lutherans to join the Anglicans in accepting Papal primacy. The frosty relationship of earlier years with the Russian Orthodox Church has warmed up, and a Papal visit to Moscow and a meeting with Patriarch Alexy II is being discussed. Pentecostals and Charismatics have accelerated their Rome-ward journey and Evangelical leaders who have signed ECT ("Evangelicals and Catholics Together") have led very large numbers of Evangelicals to kneel before the open "holy" door that the Roman Catholic Church offers them.

The Pope's words that day were couched in the language associating equality with freedom. Carefully concealed in his response was the non-negotiable agenda of the Roman Catholic Church, for rather than looking for unity based on truth, the Papacy, as ever, is seeking to secure conformity through compromise. The "ecumenical dialogue" referred to by the Pope during the January 18th ceremony, is clearly governed by a special set of rules. Vatican Council II's postconciliar Document No. 42 on ecumenism states that "...dialogue is not an end in itself...it is not just an academic discussion."⁴ Rather,

"ecumenical dialogue...serves to transform modes of thought and behavior and the daily life of those [non-Catholic] communities. In this way, it **aims at**

preparing the way for their unity of faith in the bosom of a Church one and visible.”⁵

That the papacy expects this process of dialogue to take time to accomplish its stated aim of bringing all Christian churches under its authority is clear when she says,

“...little by little, as the obstacles to perfect ecclesial communion are overcome, all Christians will be gathered, in a common celebration of the Eucharist [the Mass] into that unity of the one and only Church....This unity, we believe, dwells in the Catholic Church as something we can never lose.”⁶

The “little by little” approach of the Vatican II document are now giant steps.

How many present at the January 18th gathering understand what is really happening? The Pope’s official position is that “ecumenical encounter is not merely an individual work, but also a task of the [RC] Church, **which takes precedence over all individual opinions.**”⁷ Thus the opinions of others present on January 18th are “individual opinions” and worthless. The final goal of any dialogue with the RCC is, first and foremost, “unity” in a visible and specific ritual. Under the authority of the Roman Catholic Church, “all Christians will be gathered, **in a common celebration of the Eucharist** into that unity of the one and only Church....unity we believe dwells in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose.” She could hardly state it more clearly.

Unity: True and False

Very different from this man-made spurious unity is the true unity of believers in Christ. The foundation of Christian unity is the position of believers *“in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ.”*⁸ The Lord’s prayer in John 17:21 for unity is answered in the life of an individual who is justified by God’s saving grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. The fact that the Lord Jesus Christ prayed for unity means that unity of believers is actual. God, the Father of His people, Who before the world existed chose the believers to be in Christ His Son, justified them through His righteousness, and upon saving them, places them in Him, and will preserve them in that unity unto the culmination of all things. Believers are placed into the unity which is in Christ Jesus, a unity which they themselves did not establish, but which they are commanded to maintain. In the words of the Apostle Paul, they are *“to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”*⁹

True Ecumenism

The same Apostle shows clearly the ground of true unity. *“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”*¹⁰ Believers, therefore, who adhere to God only and His Written Word, as did the Lord and the Apostles after Him (‘Sola Scriptura’) are one in body, in Spirit, and in truth. They are saved before

the all-Holy God by grace alone ('Sola Gratia'), through faith alone ('Sola Fide'), and in Christ alone ('Solo Christo'), and all glory and praise is to God alone ('Soli Deo Gloria'). These five biblical principles together show the foundation of true unity in the Lord. They have helped the persecuted church through the centuries to hold fast to the simplicity of the Gospel. True ecumenism is fellowship or working together in adherence to the five basic biblical principles that maintain the foundation of true unity in the Lord. To the degree to which these key basic biblical standards are embraced, true unity will be evident.

False Ecumenism

On the other hand, false ecumenism, typically institutionalised, is the joining together for common causes of professing Christian groups, when in fact one or more of the parties involved are unconverted. While purporting to confess the Lord Jesus Christ according to the Scriptures, for the most part the five biblical principles that display the basis of true unity in the Lord are compromised. The extent to which these principles are not upheld usually shows the inclination of the church or group to submit to Rome.

The World Council of Churches is such an institution. Within it, there is no agreement on any of the five principles that demonstrate the fact that the foundation of true unity is in the Lord Jesus Christ alone. The Pope and his Church, likewise in apostasy from the true Gospel, are also without any of the five biblical standards. Counterfeiting the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, they are intent on finding successful ways to bind all to the very visible, active and attractive pontifical throne.

Pope Defines Conformity

In his official letter, "That they May Be One", the Pope defines full unity,

"The Catholic Church, both in her praxis and in her solemn documents, holds that the communion of the particular Churches with the Church of Rome, and of their Bishops with the Bishops of Rome is, in God's plan, an essential requisite of full and visible communion."¹¹

To arrive at that point of full unity, a different set of five principles must be adopted—principles that actually deny all five parameters of biblical truth. According to the Pope, "It is already possible to identify the areas in need of fuller study before a true consensus of faith can be achieved:

- (1) the relationship between Sacred Scripture, as the highest authority in matters of faith, and Sacred Tradition, as indispensable to the interpretation of the Word of God;
- (2) the Eucharist, as the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, an offering of praise to the Father, the sacrificial memorial and Real Presence of Christ and the sanctifying outpouring of the Holy Spirit;
- (3) Ordination, as a Sacrament, to the threefold Ministry of the episcopate, presbyterate and diaconate;
- (4) the Magisterium of the Church, entrusted to the Pope and the Bishops in communion with him, understood as a responsibility and an authority exercised

in the name of Christ for teaching and safeguarding the faith;
(5) the Virgin Mary, as Mother of God and Icon of the Church, the spiritual Mother who intercedes for Christ's disciples and for all humanity."¹²

The Pope's objective in declaring his five principles is that a ubiquitous visible conformity to the Church of Rome should be forged in accordance with and manifested through her institution alone. Thus the Pope decrees,

"...it is now necessary to advance towards **the visible unity** which is required and sufficient and which is manifested in a real and concrete way, so that the Churches may truly become a sign of that full communion in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church **which will be expressed in the common celebration of the Eucharist.**"¹³

The RCC is attempting to forge a man-made unity, visible by means of an institution to which all must conform. Such a conception stands in direct contradiction to the reality of believers who, having been placed invisibly in Christ by God, are to maintain the bond of unity given them by the Holy Spirit.

External Unity to be Attained by Power and Penalty

What is this conformity now so passionately advocated by the Pope? How would it be applied in practice? From all previous experience, and the official teaching of the same Pope in his Canon Law, those fully participating will be obliged to submit their faculties of both mind and will to 'the Holy Father' [the Pope], to his decrees, and to the dogma of his Church. Thus present day Roman law decrees,

Canon 752 "A religious respect of intellect and will, even if not the assent of faith, is to be paid to the teaching which the Supreme Pontiff or the college of bishops enunciate on faith or morals when they exercise the authentic magisterium even if they do not intend to proclaim it with a definitive act..."

In this official law Rome enunciates, in clearer terms than any cult states, the necessity of suppressing one's God given faculties, that of mind and will. This is not only demanded, the new Canon Law, the 'Papal Code' codified by the present Pope, includes a section entitled "Punishment of Offenses against Ecclesiastical Authorities and the Freedom of the Church". Under the heading, "The Punishment of Offenses in General", the Inquisition appears again as from old times, for Canon 1311 states,

"The Church has an innate and proper right **to coerce** offending members of the Christian faithful by means of penal sanctions."¹⁴

A brief acquaintance with history readily reveals that coercion is a term that the Roman Church understands very well. Naturally, when ushering all comers into her big tent, she makes light of its implications; but when once again in direct control of the levers of political power (which may well be provided by the fast advancing European super state), Canon 1311 could acquire that same notoriety as those that have so darkened the pages of

history.

It is important to remember always that the Roman Papacy is an absolute monarchy and also a secular government. Enormously wealthy, it has territorial sovereignty, its court, nobles, and diplomatic corps; its detective force and secret service; its laws, advocates, and system of jurisprudence as well as prison; taxes, bank, foreign treaties and concordats, enormous political influence, ambitious plans and policies, all as much as any secular kingdom. And it still has the Inquisition, now styled the Office of the Doctrine of the Faith, headed by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger.

Bride of the Lamb Understands Apostate Church

Believers of old were clear to call the Roman Catholic Church's imposed conformity "Satan's seat" or the Antichrist. This was known and spoken of even through the Middle Ages by Dante Alighieri (d. 1321), John Wycliff (d. 1384), John Huss (d. 1415), Savonarola (d. 1498), and William Tyndale (c. 1536). So Rome's conformity was described as Antichrist from the time of Reformation by Martin Luther (d. 1546), Nicholas Ridley (d. 1554), John Bradford (d. 1555), and John Foxe (d. 1587), and in more recent times by Isaac Newton (d. 1727) and Jonathan Edwards

(d. 1758). Now as the "Holy" Roman Empire revives in the European Superstate, can believers afford to remain ignorant of both history and Biblical prophecy as understood throughout the centuries? Confident believers of old saw that unity is in Christ and, consequently, warned of the conformity with Rome. They both knew the true church in Christ, and recognised the apostate Church in Rome. Understanding that unity with the Roman Catholic Church always meant submission to her traditions and finally obedience to her Pope, they rejoiced that their unity was in the Beloved, rather than dallying with sin.

Pope Identified

Extravagantly, apparently without trembling, the Pope has again fulfilled the Lord's prophetic Word (II Thessalonians 2:3-12) depicting the Man of Sin and Son of Perdition. The sitting Pope purports to take for himself a Divine position. Thus in Section III of the prepared program for the "Day of Pardon", "The Holy Father" is mentioned eight times. Nonetheless in the RCC, this title does not denote the All Holy One in heaven, but rather the sitting Pope. Seen in the light of Scripture, the RCC Pope who claims to be Christian, clearly is one "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (v. 4). The Pope of the RCC goes further when by taking to himself the title of "The Vicar of Christ", he presumes to take the place of Christ Himself, teacher, shepherd, and priest. This also is clearly tantamount to "as God sit[ting] in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." The assertion is not simply made, for the Pope's law gives it teeth in exacting submission of mind and will and promising punitive action against those who fail to obey, as Canon 752 and 1311 document. He is the worst and greatest enemy of Christ who under the pretence of service to Christ, presumes to undermine His unique offices by covertly usurping His position and power.

C. H. Spurgeon clearly understood these things. His timely words still apply,

Since he was cursed who rebuilt Jericho, much more the man who labours to restore Popery among us. In our fathers' days the gigantic walls of Popery fell by the power of their faith, the perseverance of their efforts, and the blast of their gospel trumpets; and now there are some who would rebuild that accursed system upon its old foundation. O Lord, be pleased to thwart their unrighteous endeavours, and pull down every stone, which they build. It should be a serious business with us to be thoroughly purged of every error which may have a tendency to foster the spirit of Popery; and when we have made a clean sweep at home we should seek in every way to oppose its all to rapid spread abroad in the church and in the world.¹⁵

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1 www.vatican.va/jubilee_2000/jubilevents/events_day_pardon

2 "This infallibility, however, with which the divine redeemer wished to endow his Church in defining doctrine pertaining to faith and morals...the Roman Pontiff...enjoys...when...he proclaims in an absolute decision...For this reason his definitions are rightly said to be irreformable by their very nature..." No. 28, Lumen Gentium, in Vatican Council II The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents, Austin Flannery, Ed., 1981 ed. (Northport, NY: Costello Publ. Co., 1975) p. 380.

3 See Richard Bennett's analysis, "The Roman Catholic-Lutheran 'Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification': A Denial of the Gospel and the Righteousness of Christ".

4 Flannery, No. 42, "Reflections and Suggestions Concerning Ecumenical Dialogue", S.P.U.C., 15 August 1975, p.549.

5 Ibid., pp. 540-1. Bolding in any quotation indicates emphasis added in this paper.

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8 1 Thessalonians 1:1.

9 Ephesians 4:3.

10 Ephesians 4:4-6.

11 Ut Unum Sint, "That They May Be One: On Commitment to Ecumenism", John Paul II (Washington, DC: United States Catholic Conference) Publ. No. 5-050, Para. 97.

12 Ibid., Para. 79.

13 Ibid., Para. 78.

14 Code of Canon Law, Latin-English Edition (Washington, DC: Canon Law Society of America, 1983).

15 Morning and Evening, on Joshua 6:26