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“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” MARK 16:15

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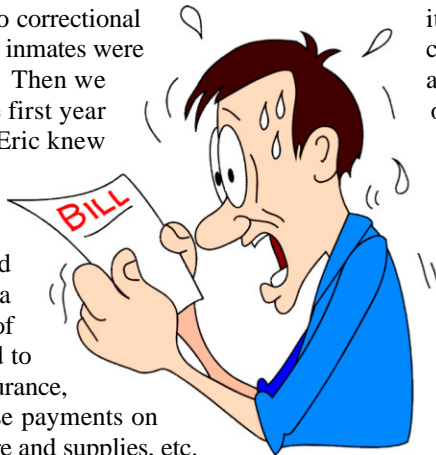
Thankfully, we are finally able to get this newsletter out! We wanted it to be to be a Summer issue. Then we heard the bad news! The monthly payment from our Federation was thousands of dollars less than expected. It was not enough to cover the high cost of printing and distribution. This ministry started in late 1988 with the publication of our first newsletter. We became incorporated in New York State in 1989 and Federally tax exempt in 1990. God led us into a prison ministry. Then the inmate letters began to come in. The need was so great and our resources were so meager! We tried to support the ministry ourselves, but it was impossible. Then we found out about the Combined Federal Campaign and applied to the local office. That brought in \$700 for the year. Prisoners have sometimes donated a few dollars. But the little bit of money that people originally donated began to dwindle. People that we knew, wanted our newsletter, but offered little or no financial support.

After a few years, BBFI was reaching into correctional facilities in more than 15 states. Chaplains and inmates were volunteering to distribute the material for us. Then we were accepted into the nationwide CFC! The first year the campaign brought in \$150,000. So once Eric knew that we had been accepted back into the CFC for the following year, he left his job and we signed a lease on a 1,000 square foot office. It was the same month that Anne’s mother died of cancer. The CFC donation had seemed like a lot. But we soon found out that it takes a lot of money to run a nonprofit corporation! We had to pay for the office lease, building and health insurance, thousands of dollars in distribution costs, lease payments on our equipment, phones, printing, office furniture and supplies, etc. We both took small salaries of \$25,000 a year each, less than Eric had made at the job he gave up. And we hired two employees, which meant more expenses in salaries, as well as taxes (social security, workers’ comp., unemployment insurance, etc.). People think that you don’t pay taxes when you’re tax-exempt. Yet that only applies to donations!

In 1994, we had our best year ever. CFC pledges amounted to \$360,000. So our salaries were raised to \$30,000 yearly. We began spending thousands of dollars buying paperback Bibles for prisoners. We printed our own tracts and Bible Booklets. We purchased thousands of dollars worth of Christian videos, and ordered 26,000 role model books. As of this writing, we are currently down to about 800. As well as those mentioned, we had legal, accounting, and New York State Charities fees, plus a yearly audit. The costs kept mounting up! However, the following year wasn’t as good. Far less money was donated through the campaign. Then in 1996, we were denied participation in the CFC because we only had three people on our Board of Directors. It was our only real source of funding! We added two unpaid Directors, but were forced to lay off our employees. And we reduced our salaries to \$17,500 per year. They remained that way for ten years! The work was done by us, independent contractors, and volunteers. In 1997, we were accepted back into the CFC. But

so many lobbying groups had been added to the CFC list that our donations were way down. We were locked into long leases on our equipment and the government mandates certain professional services. The ministry began to go into so much debt that we accumulated a year’s worth of paychecks we couldn’t cash. They would have bounced! Eventually our funding dropped so low that the ministry had to move into donated office space.

In 2001, we were invited to join our Federation, “Christian Charities USA,” a division of “Independent Charities of America.” Therefore, we are now in 10 state campaigns as well. Still, the donations from the campaigns are not enough to cover our expenses. In the Autumn 2006 fund-raising campaigns, we were pledged \$94,000. However, as of late July 2007, only \$12,750 has come in from the campaigns. And they take a percentage of that, as does the Federation. Nor do we receive that money right away. The campaigns don’t release



it until months after they receive it. Final payments can take years! Worse still, the government is now allowing CFC payments to be made quarterly instead of monthly. That includes the largest campaigns of all, Washington, D.C. and Overseas! We receive no interest on the money they’re holding. This ministry is deeply in debt! And due to low salaries and going without paychecks so long, we are also personally more than \$90,000 in debt! We began our website in 1996 in the hope that it would raise funding for us from the public. Very little has come in. In our best year, the total amount of funding we received directly from the public only amounted to about \$8,000. Half of that was from screensaver sales. But we receive thousands of requests from

people asking for free material, and even money. None of them has been willing to donate to us!

We have received a lot of donated Christian literature and Bibles from the public and the American Bible Society. However, distribution costs are high! Donations of material are appreciated, but they don’t pay the bills! Our newsletter was originally published monthly. Then we had to reduce it to quarterly. Then yearly. Yet it is the most popular aspect of our ministry among prison inmates! Some refer to them as “Bible Studies.” As donations have gone down, crime has gone way up! Most inmates will eventually get out of prison. And, without the knowledge and grace of Jesus Christ, the majority of them will return to their old lifestyles. People, if we are going to continue to run this charity, we need to receive help directly from the public! We have also noticed that many areas of the country that have cut back significantly on their donations to Christ, have suffered huge financial losses through natural disasters (Amos 4:7-11)! “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob Me. But you ask, ‘How do we rob You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse – the whole nation of you – because you are robbing Me” (Malachi 3:8-9 NIV). In closing, we would remind you of the words of Jesus, “...It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35 NIV).

In the Lord’s Service, *Eric and Anne Kaestner*

# WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

By Anne W. Kaestner

Last night my husband told me about a television show he thought would interest me. It was a documentary about the merchandising of Christianity in America (John 2:13-16, Acts 8:9-23). I told him that I don't like to watch shows like that because they make me angry (Ephesians 4:26). However, I had to clear away the dinner dishes and was busy in the kitchen cleaning up and getting desserts. So, since I wasn't in there, he started watching it. As a result, I ended up seeing portions of the show anyway, during my frequent trips in and out of our family room. The focus seemed to be largely on mega churches and the huge crowds they attract. The cameras scanned over members of the congregation praising God. The churches were supposed to be Christian. The strange thing is, I didn't hear any kind of a message from the pulpit that even resembled the true Word of God! There was a lot of lip service given to Christ (Isaiah 29:13, Mark 7:6-9). And much adoration. But the Christ that they were worshiping didn't bear any similarity to the Christ of the Bible! The Christ that was being worshiped was a Jesus that would make them rich (Luke 9:58). Yet the Jesus I serve said, "No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and Money" (Luke 16:13 NIV). Their view is that they are "King's Kids." Therefore, nothing is too good for them! There's a bottomless pit of redemption out there. So sin all you want. God will forgive you. Live it up. But that is not the God that I know (Luke 12:16-21, Galatians 6:8, Proverbs 1:7, Hebrews 6:4-6, 2 Peter 2:21-22)!

The Jesus they worshiped would heal them of all their afflictions. Yet the Jesus of the Bible told the suffering, impoverished church of Smyrna, "I know your afflictions and your poverty – yet you are rich! ...Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer... The devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution... Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death" (Revelation 2:9-11 NIV. Also, see Revelation 20:6, 14-15, & 21:8). Afflictions, poverty, suffering, persecution? They don't sound like words that the popular Jesus of the mega churches would use! And such a Jesus would not expect you to be an overcomer either. After all, what is there to overcome? He wants to give you the good life, all the great things this world has to offer, right? Yet that doesn't sound at all like the Jesus who said, "...My kingdom is not of this world..." (John 18:36 NIV). But I'll tell you who it does sound like. "Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 'All this I will give You,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away from Me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only'" (Matthew 4:8-10 NIV).

The true Jesus never disputed Satan's claim on this world. God originally gave control over this world system to Adam. But Adam foolishly allowed the serpent to finagle it away from Him. There are passages of the Bible that hint to the fact that Satan once ruled the Earth prior to the creation of mankind. It was back in the days that he was serving God as a perfect Heavenly angel, named Lucifer. But he allowed the original sin of **pride** (see Isaiah 14:12-19) to enter into his heart (Proverbs 16:18). Consequently, Satan led a mutiny that caused a "...war in Heaven... But he was not strong enough... that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the Earth, and his angels with him" (Rev. 12:7-9 NIV). In fact, Satan was able to persuade one third of God's angels (referred

to as stars) to side with him in his mutiny (Revelation 12:4). We learn about Satan's background through scripture. God speaks directly to Satan and says, "You were in Eden, the garden of God... You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you... You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you" (Ezekiel 28:13-15 NIV). So we know that Lucifer was in the Garden of Eden. Revelation 12:9 tells us that Satan was the serpent! So why didn't he have the body of an angel? Angels look so much like men that many people have assumed them to be human (Genesis 19:1-15, Hebrews 13:2). It was because he had already been defeated in his attempt to take over Heaven. He had been thrown to our planet, **Earth**. He had been stripped of all the power and authority God had once granted him in Heaven. Moreover, even his body that he was so proud of (Ezekiel 28:17) was destroyed. God burned it to a crisp (Ezekiel 28:18). So, we can assume that all the angels who mutinied with Satan suffered the same fate. They no longer had solid bodies. That's why, in Luke 8:27-33, the fallen angels, who had become demons, and had inhabited the body of a man, begged Jesus to allow them to enter into some pigs that were grazing nearby rather than have no warm body to inhabit. Jesus allowed this, and they had the same destructive effect on the pigs that they eventually have on humans.

However, what I want to focus on is the reason for Lucifer's rebellion against God, **pride** (James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5)!

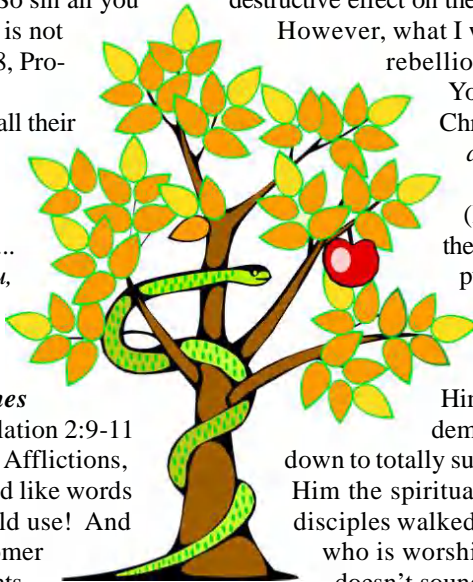
You see, the Bible tells us, in prophesy about Christ, that "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief..."

He was despised, and we esteemed Him not" (Isaiah 53:3 KJV). I'm sure you've heard of the doctrine of "self-esteem," that is preached from pulpits all over the country (2 Corinthians 10:18).

People are taught to highly esteem themselves. Yet the real Jesus Christ was not esteemed by mankind. The crowds followed Him for the healings He performed, and to have demons cast out of them. But when it came right

down to totally surrendering their hearts to Christ, and making Him the spiritual nourishment for their souls, many of His disciples walked away (John 6:53-66). The popular "Jesus" who is worshiped so much in many churches today, sure doesn't sound like the despised, rejected Redeemer of the Bible. And the doctrine of self-esteem doesn't fit with what Christ told His flock, "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you... If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed My teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of My name, for they do not know the One who sent Me" (John 15:18-21 NIV. Also, see Mark 13:13).

Likewise, the highly regarded Prosperity Gospel doesn't sound much like the teaching of Christ, who said "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21 NIV. Also, see Matthew 6:25-34, Luke 14:8-11, and James 5:1-3). Most mega-preachers are profiting greatly from the things of this world. And some of them are highly praised by the media and big business. They are often interviewed on television talk shows. They are seen at all the "politically correct" events (Mark 12:38-40). And they are frequently courted by politicians. Such





individuals are an economic powerhouse. The last time my husband and I were at a bookstore, we were amazed at the copious amount of books these individuals generate. I'm not talking about a Christian bookstore. I'm talking about Barnes and Noble! Why are these preachers so popular with the world? It is because they are **of** the world! The general public seems to be gobbling these books up! They believe that these hirelings (John 10:12-13) and wolves (Matthew 7:15-16) will teach them how to become rich and successful in this world. Yet, the Bible says, "Do not love the world or anything in the world..." (1 John 2:15 NIV). The real Jesus prayed for His disciples, saying to His Father, "I have given them Your word and **the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world**" (John 17:14 NIV).

Most Christians are such infants in the faith (Ephesians 4:14) that they are easily led astray by the false prophets (Matthew 24:24). Others have been "straddling the fence" for years. Like the latter-day Laodicean church that Jesus warned (Revelation 3:14-19), they feel that they can have Christ and all the idolatrous pleasures of this world too. As the Apostle Paul prophesied, "...There will be terrible times in the **last days**. People will be lovers of themselves [selfishness], lovers of money [Prosperity Gospel], boastful, proud [Kings Kid doctrine]... not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited [self-esteem], lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God [Fun Gospel] – having a form of godliness but denying its Power..." (2 Timothy 3:1-5 NIV)! The Power of God is the Holy Spirit! They seek a self-serving relationship with God for what they think He will give them. But they will not relinquish their hearts to Him and live according to the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:16-26). Yet they will claim to be Born Again (John 3:3)! They will come praising Jesus! However, Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!'" (Matthew 7:21-23 NIV).

I know some people who are faithful church goers. They claim to be Born Again. But they spent one of their vacations in Las Vegas, otherwise known as sin city! They claimed that they just went there to see the lights but had no plans to gamble. That's like admiring the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:1-7), holding it in your hand, then claiming you do not plan to eat it. However, Jesus said, "...No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62 NIV. Also, see Genesis 19:26). "A little leaveneth the whole lump" (Galatians 5:9 KJV). No hard core drug user starts out that way. They begin by sniffing glue or smoking marijuana! And many families have been ripped apart by something that began with a little flirting and an admiring glance! The same people who loved their church and their vacation in Las Vegas also took their children to Disneyland when they were young. On the surface, Disney seems cute and harmless. But "...Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14 NIV). In reality, there is nothing wholesome about Disney. It is a surreptitious method of promoting witchcraft and similar occult arts, which are strictly **forbidden** in the Word of God (Deuteronomy 18:10-14, 2 Chronicles 33:6, Micah 5:12, Nahum 3:4-5, Galatians 5:20). As James wrote to the fledgling church in his day, "You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an **enemy of God**" (James 4:4 NIV). James

wasn't talking about illicit sexual relations between one or two married people. He was talking about **spiritual** adultery (Ezekiel 16:1-42)! Paul told the Corinthian church, "I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ..." (2 Corinthians 11:2 NIV. Also, see Matthew 10:37-38).

Jesus warned His disciples, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and **many** enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a **few** find it. Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in **sheep's clothing**, but inwardly they are **ferocious wolves**" (Matthew 7:13-15 NIV). When the Apostle Paul was preparing to leave Ephesus, the elders walked with him down to the dock. There was much hugging, kissing, and weeping going on (Acts 20:37). Then Paul spoke a few parting words to them. He said, "I know that after I leave, **savage wolves** will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and **distort the truth** in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard!" (Acts 20:29-31 NIV). He said "savage wolves." Jesus used the term "ferocious wolves." He said that they will look like harmless sheep, as if they are humble servants of Christ. But in reality they are wolves disguised as sheep! Paul said that they will **distort** the truth, meaning they will take scripture out of context and tell you that it means something totally different from what is being said. That's why it's so important that everyone who loves and serves the Lord reads the Bible for themselves. Do not depend upon what you hear. Check it out for yourself! Jude wrote to the church in his day saying, "...I felt

I had to write and urge you to **contend for the faith** that was once for all entrusted to the saints. For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have **secretly** slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord" (Jude 1:3-4 NIV). They tell you that Christ alone isn't enough (1

Timothy 2:5). You need psychology (1 Corinthians 2:4-5) and occult arts (Isaiah 47:12-14 and Revelation 9:21, 18:23, 21:8, 22:15) like visualization (Jeremiah 23:16, Ezekiel 7:26)! The Apostle Peter told us, "...there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will **secretly** introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them – bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up..." (2 Peter 2:1-3 NIV. Also, see Jeremiah 23:21-25).

In these last days the "wolves" are pandemic! There are true ministers out there who love the sheep (John 21:15-18). However, they are becoming hard to find! The "hirelings" (John 10:12-13) are much more prevalent. They know who the wolves are, but they are afraid to point them out because they are more concerned about their careers and reputation than they are about the sheep (Ezekiel 34:7-16). They want to be popular both with the world and their flock. But Jesus said, "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets" (Luke 6:26 NIV). The Lord valued His sheep (Isaiah 53:6) more than His own life and was willing to die to protect them (John 10:14-15) from the wolves. Those of us who love Christ value the sheep for whom He shed His precious blood (1 Peter 1:18-19). And we care enough to risk our lives (see Matthew 16:24-25) in order to "...stand firm in one spirit, **contending** as one man for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27 NIV). Speaking of these last days, Jesus said, "...many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and

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many false prophets will appear and deceive many people” (Matthew 24:10-11 NIV). And Paul said, “...the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths” (2 Timothy 4:3-4 NIV). For “the Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars...” (1 Timothy 4:1-2 NIV).

Do you remember the demonic possession we were talking about earlier? Paul’s telling us that during these last days, many demon spirits have actually entered into the bodies of human beings and are deceiving people into accepting a counterfeit gospel! Despite the good things the Lord has given us in the free world, the church has not grown closer to Christ. It has been taking Him for granted! That’s why Jesus told the latter day Laodicean church “I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot... So, because you are lukewarm... I am about to spit you out of My mouth. You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich... Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent” (Revelation 3:15-19 NIV). Gold that is refined in the fire is pure gold! It was once just a hunk of dirty rock. It had no brilliance. Most people would pass it by and not even notice its potential. For it was still clinging to all the worthless earth and ore to which it had become accustomed. The refining process was painful (Isaiah 48:10 and Psalm 66:10). For the gold was heated to such a high temperature that the dirt and ore were burned off of it. It was no longer hard and rough. It had become pure and fluid enough for the refiner to mold into whatever he wanted it to be (Romans 9:20-21). The Apostle Peter told the suffering church in his day, “...for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine... for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls” (1 Peter 1:3-9 NIV).

The Jesus that Peter is talking about does not sound like a big Santa Claus in the sky (Matthew 16:26). He is not a Christ who serves us. He has already bled and died for us! We are to serve Him, not the other way around (Isaiah 29:16)! “...You are not your own... you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God...” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV). The early church went through many of the same misconceptions that today’s church has. Paul wrote to the church in Galatia, “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a **different gospel** – which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from Heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! ...Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? ...If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ” (Galatians 1:6-10 NIV). To those who thought of themselves as “King’s Kids,” Paul wrote, “Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have become **kings** – and that without us! How I wish that you really had become kings so that we might be kings with you! ...We are **fools for Christ**, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored! To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we

are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless... When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. Up to this moment we have become the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world. I am not writing this to shame you, but to warn you, as my dear children” (1 Corinthians 4:8-14 NIV). Paul was trying to wake up the church (see 1 Peter 5:8) with sarcasm, showing the contrast between those who loved Christ enough to suffer for Him, and those who had a lukewarm, fence sitting faith. The Corinthian church still had too much of the world in it (1 Corinthians 3:1-4). They were just babies in Christ (Matthew 18:3 and John 1:12-13, 3:1-8). The world didn’t consider them foolish, for they were still so much like the world! The Apostles were treated with contempt. For they did not place any value on the perishable things of this world (Matthew 6:19-21, 26), but on the things of God (Matthew 6:33). The world did not understand them (1 Corinthians 2:14). For they were not of this world. Their lives revolved around the things of God (Luke 12:15-32). The Corinthian church was like a dirty hunk of gold. It was still clinging to the things of the earth. It was not yet ready to be placed in a mold. But it was ready for the furnace!

Do you think that you have been suffering because God doesn’t love you? No! It is because He loves you so much (see John 3:16, Romans 5:3-8, 1 John 4:16)! He is a loving Shepherd to His sheep. He sees the wolves out there. He knows how they are devouring their prey (Ezekiel 22:26-28, 2 Peter 2:17-22, Galatians 2:4-6, Jude 1:10-13). And He is warning His precious flock to turn away from the things of this world (see 1 Corinthians 15:33-34). Get off of the “Titanic” and get into “Noah’s Ark” (1 Timothy 1:19)! Stop putting your trust in the carnal and put it in Christ. Stop living according to the desires of your flesh (see 1 Corinthians 15:50). “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25 KJV). As Paul said to the early church, “...I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes to you and preaches a **Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough**” (2 Corinthians 11:3-4 NIV). King David wrote, “...The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want... Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; **Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me**” (Psalms 23:1-4 NIV). When our Good Shepherd sees the wolf licking his lips and eyeing his prey, He moves quickly toward His beloved sheep (Luke 15:4-7). That little lamb is going to feel the Lord’s rod and it’s going to hurt (Hebrews 12:5-8). But that lamb will live (John 10:10), because the Shepherd has herded it away from the wolf! Those who have lost houses, loved ones, jobs, whatever the case may be (see Philippians 3:4-11), it’s not because the Lord hates you. He’s just trying to get your attention and steer you away from the wolves and hirelings! “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:35-39 NIV).

