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

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## FROM US TO YOU

The "From Us To You" for this issue is hard to write. Because when you endeavor to do the will of God, it is **His** message you have to bring to the people (John 15:26-27, 2 Peter 1:20-21, 1 Corinthians 2:16, Galatians 1:10-12)! And it is not always pleasant. Take a look at 1 Kings 22:4-23, especially verse 14. People want to hear flattery (Daniel 11:32, 1 Thessalonians 2:5). They want to believe that they can sin with impunity and that God will bless them (Isaiah 59:1-2, James 4:3). And, if the news is bad, they can become very angry at the servant of God who brings it (1 Kings 22:24-28, Mark 13:9-13, Luke 11:47-52). These are troubling times. Jesus prophesied of them long ago (see Mark 13:7-8). Most people are hurting. Everything they once counted on is being swept away. Americans are losing their homes due to the mortgage crisis and natural disasters. Some have loved ones in war zones. Others have lost their jobs or are worried that they will. The cost of fuel has skyrocketed, affecting travel plans, daily commutes, and increased stress. There is anger, frustration, and fear in the hearts of many. How can we tell people who are already hurting that things are not likely to get any better? God is real! We have been trying to warn people for over a decade (Rev. 3:13). Because the Lord is very angry (Jeremiah 51:44-47 and Revelation 19:15-16)! When you have His Spirit in your heart (John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 2:13-16), and you live for Jesus Christ (Galatians 2:20, Philippians 1:21, Colossians 2:6), you can sense God's emotions (Amos 3:7).

We can feel His pain at the callous, disrespectful way He has been treated. Even churches have blasphemed our Savior, Jesus Christ! Homosexuals, lesbians (see Romans 1:24-28), and pedophiles (Mark 9:42) have been given positions of leadership among the flock! Filthy movies, songs, and television shows have created a callousness among the people. Ministers who should have been developing their flocks (1 Peter 5:1-4), have exploited them instead (2 Peter 2:18-22). Pastors who have sought to bring the truth of God's Word to their congregation have been abandoned and shunned by them (2 Timothy 4:3-4). The pain that God feels is "*as it was in the days of Noah...*" (Matthew 24:37 NIV. See Genesis 6:6-8). He has been long suffering and patient (Galatians 5:22, 2 Peter 3:9) for decades. But there is a limit even to God's patience (Deuteronomy 32:18-26). Now He is bringing His people to a fork in the road. For the lukewarm Laodicean church (Revelation 3:14-19) of today is beyond His tolerance. Christ has been pleading with the backsliders, "*Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent*" (Revelation 3:19 NIV). Why would the Lord be so earnest in His request? He has no personal fear for Himself. No one is more powerful (Deuteronomy 32:39, Isaiah 43:13, John 10:28)! His fear is for His flock (Isaiah 53:6)! Don't you know how much He loves you? Don't you know He came into this world and suffered and died for you (John 3:16, Romans 5:7-9)? Do you think the Lord takes pleasure in punishing His wayward sheep (Hebrews 12:5-6)? No! He loves His sheep (John 10:12-15)

so much that He will do all He can to keep His little lambs from being ripped apart by the wolves (Matthew 18:12-13 & 7:15). Yet He sees how much more His lambs want to run to the wolves (2 Peter 2:1-2) than to their Shepherd.

Whatever you may be suffering now, it cannot be compared to the never ending torture and misery of Hell (Matthew 8:12, 13:50, 18:34, 24:51, and Luke 16:19-25) and the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:14-15, 21:8). The devil would have you believe that the warnings in the Bible are all fantasy. But Jesus said that Satan "*...was a murderer from the beginning... for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies*" (John 8:44 NIV). Twentieth century scientists discovered that the center of the earth contains sulfur and liquid fire. The Word of God tells us that Hell is in the center of the earth (Deuteronomy 32:22, Job 28:5, Psalm 63:9, Numbers 16:28-33, and Ezekiel 26:20). So, thousands of years ago, how did the writers of the Bible know that the center of the earth contains a "...*lake which burneth with fire and brimstone...*" (Revelation 21:8 KJV)? Brimstone is sulfur!

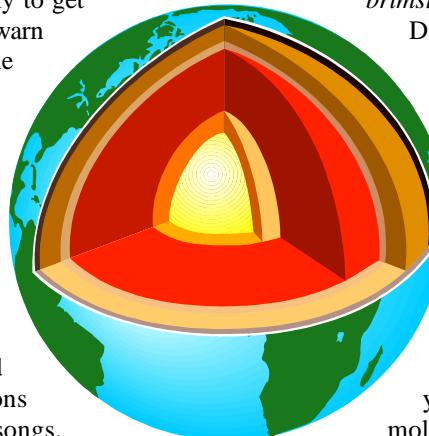
Do you think you can save yourself (Isaiah 64:6)?

Many churches teach that (see Isaiah 47:14). But common sense tells us that if we could save ourselves, God would not have had to send His Son into this world to die in our place! Some teach that Hell is a place of sinful fun and games. If so, why would God sacrifice His Son for us (John 3:16-17)? All that is pleasurable was created by God, not Satan! The devil never created anything good. He only perverts the good that God created! In case we still have not convinced you how serious this is, the next time you see a volcanic eruption, take a look at the hot, molten **fire and sulfur** that spews out of it. It is coming

from the center of the earth! For those who want to know the truth, this is a "no brainer." Yet most prefer to believe a lie (Romans 1:20-23, 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)!

God is trying to wake people up (1 Peter 5:8-9) before it is too late! Yet some are so determined to believe the false prophets (see Matthew 24:11) and the "worldly wise" (1 Corinthians 3:19) that God is taking drastic measures to get their attention. The Lord overthrew the entire world in Noah's day. But He protected Noah and his family. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:24, Luke 17:28-29). But He protected Lot and his family. "*At that time His voice shook the earth, but now He has promised, 'Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.'* The words 'once more' indicate the removing of what can be shaken--that is, created things--so that what cannot be shaken may remain" (Hebrews 12:26-27 NIV). The Lord protects those who trust in Him (Psalm 33:18-22). He is not interested in your churchianity (Acts 7:49-51), good works (Ephesians 2:8-9), or sacrifice. The only sacrifices God wants "...are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise" (Psalms 51:17 NIV).

We remain, in the Lord's Service, *Eric and Anne Kaestner*



# THE POPULAR SIN OF CHURCHIANITY

By Anne Kaestner

Before I met my husband, I lived in an apartment in Staten Island. One Summer the other tenants decided to have a party in the parking lot. I was out most of the day. When I got home, it was still going on, but I went straight up to my apartment. Later that evening, I heard a commotion out in the hall. Nancy, a pretty, petite, nineteen year old woman had been attacked by one of the party goers as she returned to her apartment. She'd been hit and shoved, and while she was not seriously hurt, she was quite shaken up. Another woman had run down to tell Nancy's husband about it. He had ascended the staircase quickly with an entourage of neighbors following him, two of which were New York City cops. They arrested the attacker, mostly to save him from the wrath of the woman's angry husband. It was that night that God began speaking to me about going to visit Nancy, and comforting her. She and her husband had just moved out from Reno, Nevada. They were trying to make a fresh start away from the lures and temptation of the gambling casinos and lurid lifestyle. I was between jobs at the time and didn't have much money. The day after the party I had been on job interviews all day. Yet I couldn't get Nancy out of my mind. "Go to her. Talk to her," the Lord kept telling me. I didn't want to get involved. Yet the Lord wouldn't let up. "Comfort her!" He persisted. Finally, I gave up and agreed to comply. I decided to buy an assortment of fruit and nuts and package them up in a small wicker basket. Nervously, I knocked on her door. She was alone and invited me in. One of my fears had been that I didn't know what to say to her. But that didn't seem to be a problem. She knew that I am a Christian and was touched by my gift. Then she began to tell me about an experience she'd had years before when she had visited a Christian church. "The people were very religious," she began. "But I never felt comfortable there. They all knew each other and they made me feel like a terrible sinner because I bleached my hair and wore makeup. No one would talk to me." I sat there, soaking up the pain Nancy had felt from these church people who had such disdain and contempt for her that she thought God had rejected her as well. "Nancy, God loves you. Those people were wrong to treat you that way," I replied.

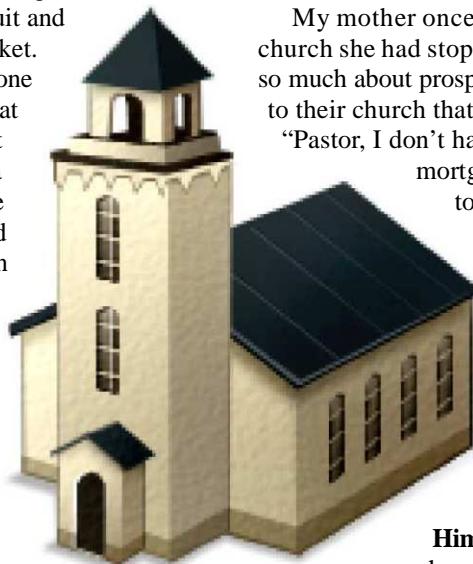
I thought of how this "churchianity" differed from the words of Christ to the woman caught in adultery. The angry religious leaders were ready to stone her to death. Yet Jesus saw the hypocrisy (see Matthew 22:18) in their hearts and saved her life. He said to them, "...If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8:7 NIV). After they all walked away, He said, "...'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she said. 'Then neither do I condemn you... Go now and leave your life of sin'" (John 8:10-11 NIV). Did He tell her to go to the synagogue so that the Rabbis could have spiritual authority over her? No. They were the ones who wanted to kill her! Jesus told the woman to **leave** her life of sin (Romans 3:23). He said, "...I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6 NIV). Did the law say that the woman should have been stoned to death? Yes! (Leviticus 20:10). Did Jesus come to do away with the law? No (Matthew 5:17-18)! So why did Jesus save the woman's life? It was because those condemning her were more sinful than she was! For **pride** was the original sin. It was what caused Lucifer to rebel against God and become Satan (Revelation 12:7-9)! And it was what caused Eve to sin against God and eat the

forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:4-6)! Consider the self-righteousness that went on in Lucifer's mind. God said to him, "*How art thou fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! ...For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into Heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation... I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to Hell, to the sides of the pit*" (Isaiah 14:12-15 KJV). Notice the repetition of the word "I" in Lucifer's assertion. It is the only one letter word that is always capitalized in the English language! Jesus never had any trouble with the honest sinner in His day. He even delivered the demon possessed! Yet the most evil of all were the religious leaders (John 8:44-45). These men looked down at the honest sinners among them (Mark 2:14-16 and Luke 7:37-48). They thought of themselves as being holy and closer to God than others, because of their religiosity. However, Jesus warned the people, "...Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces, and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely" (Mark 12:38-40 NIV).

My mother once told me about the pastor of a large, wealthy church she had stopped attending. She said that he had preached so much about prosperity and how God will bless people who give to their church that a woman in his congregation had asked him, "Pastor, I don't have much money for giving. I have to pay the mortgage on my house. But should I give the money to the church instead and trust God that He will provide the mortgage money?" The pastor told the woman yes. My mother said that, as a result, the woman lost her house and her husband divorced her. It's what Jude was talking about when he wrote, "*These men are... shepherds who feed only themselves... without fruit and uprooted--twice dead*" (Jude 1:12 NIV). Faith is a good thing (Hebrews 11:1,6) when God tells us specifically to do something, and we obey **Him**. But when it comes to something as important as a house payment, the Holy Spirit is the only one who

has the right to tell you not to pay it, but to trust God. Does that mean that a pastor cannot tell a member of his congregation that God has told him to tell them to do such and so? No. It is a minister's job to hear the Word of God, even in the lives of specific individuals, and tell them about it. However, if it's really coming from God, the Holy Spirit will confirm it in the heart of the recipient!

Let me tell you a true story from the Bible that I have never heard preached from any church pulpit. It's about a young prophet. God used him to prophesy to King Jeroboam and to heal the King's hand. "*The king said to the man of God, 'Come home with me and have something to eat, and I will give you a gift.' But the man of God answered the king, 'Even if you were to give me half your possessions, I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water here. For I was commanded by the Word of the LORD: 'You must not eat bread or drink water or return by the way you came.'*" So he took another road and did not return by the way he had come to Bethel. Now there was a certain old prophet living in Bethel, whose sons came and told him all that the man of God had done there that day. They also told their father what he had said to the king" (1 Kings 13:7-11 NIV). The old prophet went out looking for the young man. When he did, he invited him to his house for a meal. Again, the young



prophet repeated what God had told him. However, “*The old prophet answered, ‘I too am a prophet... And an angel said to me by the Word of the LORD: ‘Bring him back with you to your house so that he may eat bread and drink water.’ (But he was lying to him)’*” (1 Kings 13:18 NIV). Disregarding what God told him, the young prophet put his trust in the man and went with him to his home where he ate and drank. “*While they were sitting at the table, the Word of the LORD came to the old prophet... He cried out to the man of God... ‘This is what the LORD says: ‘You have defied the Word of the LORD and have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you... Therefore your body will not be buried in the tomb of your fathers.’*” ...As he went on his way, a lion met him on the road and killed him, and his body was thrown down on the road, with both the donkey and the lion standing beside it” (1 Kings 13:20-24 NIV).

Remember also, when Jesus was transfigured before His disciples. “...His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord... if you wish, I will put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is My Son... Listen to Him!’” (Matthew 17:2-5 NIV). It doesn’t matter how important a religious leader may be or how much prestige he may have (Luke 6:26). Jesus Christ is the **only** mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5). It is, therefore, what you hear through the Holy Spirit that matters (Luke 12:12, John 12:26)! People can fail, and many religious leaders already have and will (see Matthew 7:22-23). But Jesus Christ never fails! Have you wondered why there are so many different denominations (1 Cor. 3:4-7) and doctrines (1 Timothy 4:1)? It is because, too often, God has been set aside so that man can become the authority over the people (Jeremiah 23:21-26, Acts 20:30). However, God has only one opinion about every subject. He “...does not change like shifting shadows” (James 1:17 NIV). There is no modern, updated version of Christianity. The laws of God are as timeless as He is (Rev. 22:13). “*This is what the LORD says: ‘Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD’*” (Jeremiah 17:5 NIV).

I originally came to Christ at my grandmother’s church when I was ten years old. Other than my paternal grandmother, I was the first one in my family to become “Born Again.” And I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:3-6) before my parents or siblings even knew what it was. My parents had refused to go there. My mother used to say it was “too religious” and that the people who went there were “fanatics.” For several years I also became one of those “fanatics.” I had fallen in love with Jesus Christ. He had become exciting to me! I had experienced the joy of His Presence (John 16:13-15) and wanted an even deeper walk with Him. I no longer wanted to play the silly telephone pranks I had played in the past. At an earlier age I had learned to lie. But now, everything had changed in me (Matthew 18:3). I stopped lying (Revelation 21:8). I didn’t want to do anything that would hurt my Savior. However, something strange started happening. All of a sudden the attitude of my parents changed toward me (Genesis 37:4, 1 Samuel 17:28-29, John 7:1-7, and Luke 21:16-17). Although I wanted to live a holy life for Christ, I started getting punished more often and more severely. I’d try to be a good Christian, with childlike faith, but somehow, without meaning to, I seemed to irritate both my parents (John 3:19-21, John 15:18-21). I wanted them to love me, but they became easily provoked around me (Matthew 24:10-13). I used to feel such love

from them. I had felt a part of their family. But now I was being treated like an outsider (John 1:12-13, 17:6-16, 1 Peter 2:11). In the past, the things they did for me were done out of love and concern. Now that had changed (Ephesians 2:1-5). I became just an obligation to them that they endured grudgingly. My refuge was the church, where I was treated like family (John 13:35 & 1 John 4:11-13). The concern and kindness they showed me never felt like a chore, but as a joy.

I sensed the love of Christ so keenly among the people. I wanted my parents to feel God’s love as I had. They had tried a church of a different denomination, but my mother lost interest in it. “They don’t teach about the Bible. They just teach the ceremonial aspects of their church, the altar cloths they use, and stuff like that,” she would say (Matthew 23:23-27). So that church wasn’t Christian enough for her, and my Grandmother’s church was too “emotional.” All this began to change when we moved out to Long Island. My parents, once again, began looking for a church with a goldilocks perspective. It couldn’t be too on fire for Christ (Acts 2:3, Hebrews 12:28-29). But then, it couldn’t be too cold either. They finally found a church that was just what they were looking for. The people believed in being “Born Again,” but flatly rejected anything to do with the Holy Spirit anointing (1 John 2:20, 26-27). I’d go to the church with them on Sundays, but something was missing. It was all basic theology, with no real desire for holiness (1 Peter 1:15-16). It was just a religious social club. It had just enough Christianity to make the congregation feel righteous, but not enough to get in the way of the worldly things they wanted to do (John 17:14-16). I could feel myself getting disillusioned with the church. They had religion. But no **relationship** with Christ (John 14:6)! I didn’t feel the soft, comforting Presence of God (Galatians 5:25-26 and Philippians 4:7). And I couldn’t understand why people who considered themselves Christians wanted to put a quota on their relationship with Christ. God could go just so far, but they had no desire to be totally sold out to Christ (1 Corinthians 6:20, Revelation 3:16)!



My mother became socially active in her church. She would invite them to her home and the gossip would flow (2 Corinthians 12:20, 1 Timothy 5:13). She also belonged to a Christian woman’s club called “Aglow.” One time I went with her to an Aglow meeting. Some blank papers were circulated to each table so that we could privately write our prayer requests on them. I had an appointment for a painful biopsy a few days later. So that was what my prayer request was about. I folded over the paper and handed it back. A day or two later my mother asked me what my biopsy was for. One of the ladies from Aglow had called her up and asked her about it. “That was supposed to be private,” I said. “How did they know it was me?” “They already know everyone else’s business,” mother told me. “You were the only one left.” My mother would also watch “Christian” television shows, especially the political type. Like the shows she’d watch, she had “...a form of godliness but denying its Power...” (2 Timothy 3:5 NIV). I’d often find that people I barely knew, were aware of personal things about me that I never told them. I also recognized something else in my mother. It was a spiritual influence that I once felt myself. As the first born I had been the center of attention in my family. So, when my younger sister came along, I resented having to share the limelight with her. I’d subtly go along with playing the sisterly bit. But then, whenever possible, I’d try to turn other people against her. If she wanted to do something, I’d find some sneaky way of sabotaging it. I did it in such a way that my family never knew of my

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resentment. I lived up to my duty as an older sister, but my hostility toward her was always under the surface. However, everything changed when I accepted Christ! My resentment toward her disappeared, and never came back! Yet now I recognized the same attitude in my mother toward me. But hers didn't go away! I noticed that whenever I brought a friend to her house, I'd end up in an argument with them about something my mother said.

There were so many painful experiences from people who claimed to be Christian, that I backslid for several years. The "Charismatic Movement" had come along in the church and my family was excited about it. Movie stars, who remained movie stars, claimed to be "Born Again" (John 3:3). The same thing was true with politicians and athletes. Did they become a "...a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV)? I saw no evidence of it! The only thing that had changed was their rhetoric, and the "Christian" label they put on themselves. Even some "Miss America" contest winners would claim to be reborn in Christ (John 1:12-13), while they were parading up and down pageant runways in their bathing suits (1 Peter 4:17-18). Did their lifestyles glorify Jesus Christ? Did people feel His Presence while they sang or danced to some worldly music? I sure didn't! But they did fit right in with the Atlantic City lifestyle. (These days the pageant is held in Las Vegas!) It all seemed so strange to me. My Bible told me not to love the world (1 John 2:15-16) because I had been delivered out of it (2 Corinthians 4:6, 1 Peter 2:9). And because "...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). However, the televangelists, and many church pastors, were trying to lower the standards of God (see Ezekiel 22:26), in order to increase the sizes of their congregation (Acts 20:25-31), their own prestige (Proverbs 16:18), and donations (1 Timothy 6:9-10 and 1 Peter 5:2-4). It took decades of study of the Word of God, before the Lord was able to teach me how deceptive (Revelation 12:9) the devil really is.

Church attendance had suddenly become very popular (2 Timothy 4:3-4). New doctrines were being spread throughout the church world. People were told to confess anything they wanted, Cadillacs, fancy houses, whatever. And to believe that God would give it to them. Yet doesn't the Bible say, "...that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (1 John 5:14 NIV)? And Jesus said, "**If you remain in Me...** ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you" (John 15:7 NIV. Also, see Isaiah 59:1-2). But I saw no confirmation that most of these people had ever been in Christ. Had they taken up their crosses to follow Him (Matthew 10:38)? Most didn't even know what the scripture meant! Did the world hate them for their faith (John 15:18-19)? Why should it? For they were still a part of the world (1 Cor. 3:3). If they were Christians, where was their discernment of spirits (1 Corinthians 12:10)? Some young people from my parent's church wanted to go into the city to see what they called a "Christian" musical called "Godspell." "All the actors in it are Christians," they told me. They convinced me to go with them, although I was skeptical. When we got there, I was shocked at what I saw! My Savior, Jesus Christ, was being portrayed as a clown! I felt no Presence of God in it. Instead it was a raucous, salacious, mockery of the Lord! When I told one of my companions that this was blasphemy, she replied, "Oh, Anne, I'm sure God has a sense of humor." Oh, really? The only times

the Bible tells us that God laughs is right before He brings judgment (Psalm 2:4 & 37:13). He is laughing at their foolishness!

Nor do I recall Christ being a stand up comic! Yet comedy has become a big part of the church today. I sometimes receive catalogs of items marketed for the church. It's amazing how many joke books are being offered to pastors! The descriptions say things like, "You'll be howling in your seat." Another says, "Get divine laughs." And words like "hilarious" are used. However, I find nothing funny about the suffering of Christ, or the torture and persecution (Hebrews 11:35-38) that thousands of godly Christians endured over the centuries in order to preserve for us a pure faith (1 Corinthians 5:6-7). Do you think it is just a coincidence that the musical I mentioned is called "Godspell"? Satan is the one with the sense of humor! He's the one laughing at the foolishness of many modern church people. For he has cast a "spell" of deception over the people of "God." For they are "...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God" (2 Timothy 3:4 NIV). It reminds me of the words Paul wrote to the church in Corinth (2 Corinthians 11:3-4). As for the false prophets who have been sowing so many "tares" or "weeds" (Matthew 13:24-30) among God's wheat field, Paul wrote, "...such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for **Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.** It is not surprising,

*then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve*" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15 NIV).

Even on her death bed, my mother was never willing to humble (Psalm 51:17, Luke 18:9-14) herself before God. She had convinced herself that her good deeds (Psalm 51:16, Isaiah 64:6, Ephesians 2:8-9) and church attendance (Acts 7:49-51) would get her to Heaven. My many attempts to move her toward Christ only hardened her heart toward

God and myself. She would sometimes say, "You act like we're a bunch of pagans. I've been a good Christian all my life." God had given her many chances, but her pride (1 Corinthians 13:4, James 4:6) became a stumbling block (Ezekiel 14:3) that would not be moved. The Lord prevented me from being with her when she died.

(There was a major snow storm that year and Eric's supervisor told him he would not be allowed time off

from work. We didn't get down to Delaware for the funeral until after Eric quit his job.) However, my sister-in-law, who was with my mother at the time, said that just a few moments before she died, she turned totally white. Sounds like she had seen something that terrified her! By contrast, my mother-in-law had seen the hypocrisy in the church and had no interest in Christ. Eric and I tried to talk to her about Him for eighteen years. But she was stubborn and preferred the occult (1 Chronicles 10:13, Acts 16:16-18, Galatians 5:19-21, Micah 5:12, 2 Kings 21:6, Exodus 22:18, Isaiah 8:19, Revelation 21:8). She had tried to learn how to tell fortunes through tea leaves, and had purchased tarot cards. And she was an alcoholic most of her life. Yet she loved us! She would read our newsletters, and was delighted when Eric left his previous job and we both began to work full time for the ministry. After we moved into our office building in 1993 she was giddy with excitement, and gave me a big hug. In fact, she showed me far greater love than my own family had! What a joy I had leading her to Christ five days before she died, with a peaceful look upon her face (Matthew 21:31)! As Jesus said to the judgmental, condescending Pharisees, "...They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Matthew 9:12-13 KJV).

