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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

What a crazy, mixed up world we live in! That's because Satan is running it at the moment (Matthew 4:8-9 and Ephesians 2:2-3). If you're an American, you have probably noticed how things have sadly changed so much lately. This is no longer the same God fearing, enlightened country our founders imagined it would be. There is an ugly, dangerous spirit hovering over the nation, that is trying to suffocate all the freedoms, peace, and tranquility we have always held so dear. It is called "woke." The term insinuates that we have all been unaware of social injustices that have taken place since the foundation of our nation. But now we must "awoke" to them. In other words, to be "woken up." The evils, they tell us can be fixed if we do five things: (1) dissolve the traditional family unit of man as husband, woman as wife, and their children. (2) Eliminate capitalism, so you no longer make the decisions about how your money gets spent. Someone else makes that decision for you. (3) Abolish all religion so that you will have no allegiance to a higher deity. Your loyalty is supposed to be to a system of government and those who rule it. (4) Fourthly, rewrite the American constitution, (5) And raise children gender neutral. Those who promote these ideas imply it will create a utopia. The packaging may be new, but the product has been tried before, many times, with dire consequences. It is more familiarly known by another name, Communism! Never has the American way of life been in so much danger. Circumstantial evidence indicates a strong Chinese influence in all that is woke.

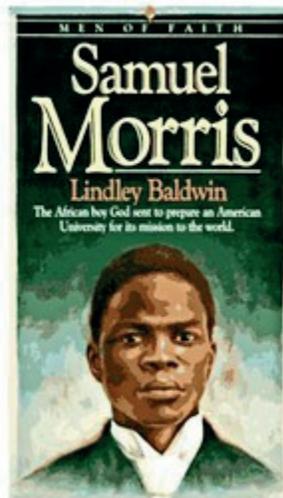
Can you think of anything more in keeping with the devil's agenda and more anti-Christian? The strategy used to promote this evil agenda is to divide us. That's why you hear the term "racism" used so much in the liberal agenda. White people are supposed to feel guilty that other races have suffered injustice. Black people are supposed to feel that they have suffered due to their ethnicity. And no matter what their social position, or economic status, they are supposed to become angry and belligerent, thus destroying any unity and strength that comes from working for a common cause. That's where the idea of reparations comes from, even though the ancestors of most white people in the United States had nothing to do with slavery. And those who did own slaves were used by God to redeem African people from the slavery they suffered as a result of the African tribes who enslaved them. That is explained beautifully in the book "Samuel Morris" of which we purchased 26,000 copies and distributed them in prisons and jails nationwide.

The book is about a young African boy, named Kaboo who is a prince in his tribe. He is taken hostage by a more belligerent tribe in order to extort a large payment from them. The opposing tribe tortures the young prince without mercy until he is almost dead. Then God miraculously fills him with strength and sets him free. God tells him, "Run Kaboo, run!" The young man runs for his life until he gets to a plantation owned by white missionaries. There Kaboo learns about the God who saved him. Eventually Kaboo, whose name

was changed to Samuel Morris after his conversion, travels to America as a type of reverse missionary. Like the ones who helped Kaboo, God sent many missionaries to Africa to reach the people with the gospel. However, with such a big continent, it was easier to bring Africans to America, where they could hear about salvation through Christ and eventually be set free. This is similar to the story of Joseph who was enslaved by his own brothers, but was raised up by God to save his own people. There are thousands of black men and woman in Heaven today due to slavery. As Joseph told his brothers, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" (Genesis 50:20 NIV).

As Christians, we know that our enemy is the devil (1 Peter 5:8). The Bible tells us that Satan's plan is to separate us from God

so that we will end up burning in Hell forever with him (Revelation 20:10 thru 21:8). We also know Satan doesn't have much time to accomplish his destructive strategy (Revelation 12:12). Sadly, the United States is not a Christian country anymore, and God is no longer receiving the respect He did when America was at its most powerful, during the late nineteen fifties to early nineteen sixties. Even many Christian churches have become lukewarm (Revelation 3:16-22) in their relationship with Christ and tend to take Him for granted. A recent survey from Probe Ministries states that 60% of Born-Again Christians (John 3:3) under 40 say that salvation can be received through Jesus, Buddha, or Muhammad (www.christianheadlines.com/blog/60-percent-of-us-born-again-christians-under-40-say-salvation-can-be-received-through-jesus-buddha-or-muhammad.html).



Not so! "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (1 Timothy 2:5-6 KJV). Despite everything Christ has done for us, the majority of today's society has either taken Him for granted, or discarded Him altogether. It is no surprise then that the United States is on the brink of disaster. For God rejects everyone who rejects Him. And "...from everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked" (Luke 12:48 NIV).

It should be no surprise then that we have a president who leaves a fortune in United States weapons and equipment behind for our enemies in Afghanistan. Worse still, at this writing, he has stranded possibly thousands of American citizens, and Afghans who helped us, at the mercy of the Taliban, who have no mercy. Brings to mind the image of Nero fiddling while Rome burns. Nevertheless, even when God rejects a nation, individuals who love Him can still come to Him in contrition, love, and trust, as occurred in the case of Daniel when Jerusalem was besieged by Babylon (2 Kings 24:1 and Daniel 1:1-8).

In the Lord's service everyone, *Eric and Anne Kaestner*

Colors of the Wind

By Anne Kaestner

With all the recent talk about masks and the woke agenda, I am reminded about a brief vacation my husband, Eric, and I took in Washington D.C. back in the mid-1990's. The city had statues everywhere (see Exodus 20:4). And the museums were filled with tribal artifacts, with a heavy influence toward anything pagan. While there I picked up some reference material. Like any good trial attorney, a Christian needs to know what the opposition is promoting without being seduced by its influence. One of the things I purchased was a video called "The Spirit of the Mask." People think pagan ceremonial masks are harmless. Some people decorate their homes with them. But I was shocked when I watched the video and saw what happened when a woman put one on and demonstrated its demon inspired power. She began to take on the mannerisms of a bird, strutting around in bizarre fashion and vocalizing in an animalistic way! When used in tribal ceremonies, the "witch doctor" or his equivalent, would wear the mask, along with feathers and talons, drink a strange potion, sometimes with animal blood, and begin to go into some kind of a trance where tribal spirits would take over his body, sending him into inhuman convulsions. Other ceremonial practices and beliefs were also revealed in the video.

During a staff meeting one day, I decided to play the video for some employees. Two of the men there were Christians from Haiti, and of African heritage. One of them got very upset. "Turn that off" he yelled. He began to look terrified. Then he said, "It reminds me of the things I saw in Haiti." The video claimed to unlock "the secret world of the Northwest Coastal Indians." However, it was clear that the differences between ancient Native American culture and African were not significant. Both stemmed from the same branch. And it was certainly not the Vine of Christ (John 15:1-8)! There is such an anti-Christian spirit in current American education and the media that it tends to endorse this type of thing. Even lukewarm Christians can be sucked into it (2 Corinthians 11:2-3). Many years ago, someone sent us a folder of music CD's. It's a good example of what I am saying. The discs had a smattering of Christian music on it. It also had some very worldly stuff as well.

One song in particular grabbed my attention, "Colors of the Wind."

I played it several times, trying to decipher the words. For the melody was hauntingly beautiful, and I sensed a strange spiritual tone to it. However, as the words became more clear, I knew it was definitely not Christian! Words like, "Have you ever heard the wolf cry to the blue corn moon or asked the grinning bobcat why he grinned? Can you sing with all the voices of the mountains? Can you paint with all the colors of the wind?" Before I even began to research the song, I recognized a Native American influence to it. The same vocalist who sang "Colors of the Wind" on the audio I mentioned also sang some Christian songs as well. But the way she sang it, the Christian music had no anointing on it at all! The spiritual power was all in the pagan one. So, let's analyze the words of the song together. As I suspected, the song was about Native American culture. It came from the Disney movie, "Pocahontas." When I saw the video and listened to its music, I could understand how it had such a magical appeal to the lukewarm (Revelation 3:16) church.

Here are the words to the song "Colors of the Wind" by Stephen Schwartz -

"You think I'm an ignorant savage. And you've been so many places, I guess it must be so. But still I cannot see if the savage one is me. How can there be so much that you don't know? You don't know... You

think you own whatever land you land on. The Earth is just a dead thing you can claim. But I know every rock and tree and creature has a life, has a spirit, has a name. You think the only people who are people are the people who look and think like you. But if you walk the footsteps of a stranger You'll learn things you never knew you never knew. Have you ever heard the wolf cry to the blue corn moon or asked the grinning bobcat why he grinned? Can you sing with all the voices of the Mountains? Can you paint with all the colors of the wind? Can you paint with all the colors of the wind? Come run the hidden pine trails of the forest. Come taste the sun-sweet berries of the Earth. Come roll in all the riches all around you, and for once, never wonder what they're worth. The rainstorm and the river are my brothers. The heron and the otter are my friends. And we are all connected to each other, in a circle, in a hoop that never ends. How high will the sycamore grow? If you cut it down, then you'll never know. And you'll never hear the wolf cry to the blue corn moon. For whether we are white or copper skinned, we need to sing with all the voices of the mountains. We need to paint with all the colors of the wind. You can own the Earth and still all you'll own is Earth until you can paint with all the colors of the wind."

If the words confuse you, don't worry, because they were designed that way. In reality, they make no sense and are total nonsense. The term "blue corn moon" has no meaning in Native

American Folklore. According to Wikipedia, it

was made up by lyricist Stephen Schwartz because he liked the sound of it, being inspired

by a Native American love poem that read "I will come to you in the moon of green corn."

You can try painting with "all the colors of the wind" but unless you are high on some hallucinatory drug, there won't be anything to see. The

wind is invisible. As Jesus said, "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going..." (John 3:8

NIV). You can try asking the grinning bobcat why he grinned, but don't expect an understandable answer.

Moreover, be aware that demons can enter into the bodies of animals (see Luke 8:32-33) and can speak through them. Remember that Satan had entered the

body of a serpent when he tempted Eve (Genesis

3:1-6). The Bible tells us he was "...that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray" (Revelation 12:9

NIV). And in rare cases, a bobcat can be dangerous, especially if he has rabies. Those who read their Bible know why the bobcat looks that way. It's because that's the way God made him. "And God said,

'Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals

according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds.

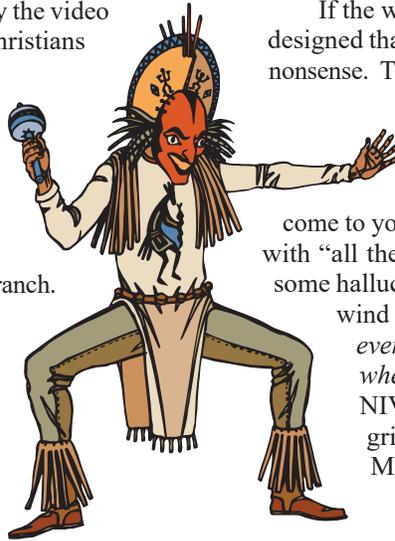
And God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:24-25 NIV).

And that leads us to the part of the song that says, "the rainstorm and the river are my brothers." It comes from the pagan belief that there are so called "gods" that have jurisdiction over creation.

All pagan cultures have that belief because they don't know the truth (1 Timothy 2:5-6). Some of them are more familiar to Americans.

The ancient Hawaiians believed that Pele was the goddess of fire, lightning, wind, and volcanoes as well as the creator of the Hawaiian Islands. The ancient Greeks and Romans had their own mythology.

For example, they believed that Aphrodite was an ancient Greek goddess associated with love, beauty, pleasure, passion, and procreation. She was considered identical with the Roman goddess Venus. And



there are many other so called “gods” and “goddesses” that pagans believe. In reality, if they have any real power, their gods are not gods at all. They are demon spirits (fallen angels) who oversee certain areas of the earth for Satan, who acquired authority over the earth when Adam sinned against God (Genesis 3:6).

In Old Testament times, the Jews were the only people on earth who worshiped the one and only true God. And even they would frequently backslide away from Him into horrible sin. They would want to get along with the pagans around them, even though God told them to kill them (see 1 Samuel 15:17-19). He knew that if they became friends with the pagans, they would eventually adopt their evil practices. And that’s exactly what happened. The Jews even got to the place of sacrificing little babies to Baal and other idols. The Lord became livid about this. He said that Israel, also called “Jeshurun,” “...abandoned the God who made him and rejected the Rock his Savior. They made Him jealous with their foreign gods and angered Him with their detestable idols. **They sacrificed to demons, which are not God—gods they had not known, gods that recently appeared, gods your fathers did not fear. You deserted the Rock, who fathered you; you forgot the God who gave you birth. The LORD saw this and rejected them because He was angered by His sons and daughters**” (Deuteronomy 32:15-19 NIV).

God had given the earth to Adam. However, Adam obeyed his wife, who obeyed Satan, who had entered the body of a snake (Revelation 12:9). And “...everyone who sins is a slave to sin” (John 8:34 NIV). Consequently, everything that God had given to Adam became the property of the devil, Satan, including control over this world (Matthew 4:8-10) for a specific period of time. That time period is soon to end. That’s why things are so bad right now, even for formally Christian countries. Satan wants to do as much harm as he can while he has time left. “Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short” (Revelation 12:12 NIV).

In reality, a stone is just a stone. A rainstorm is just a rainstorm. They have no life in them! Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6 NIV). Life from God is an eternal thing. Now contrary to pagan culture, there is no reincarnation. The Bible says, “...man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment” (Hebrews 9:27 NIV). Now animals are a different situation. They have personalities, but not eternal souls. And, despite the lies of Satan that you may hear, animals are not equal to humans. The Bible states, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground’” (Genesis 1:26 NIV). God is speaking in the plural here because the term “Us” refers to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus didn’t die for the animal kingdom. When their bodies die, so do they. They have no afterlife.

Our bodies will eventually die, but our souls will continue to exist somewhere in either Heaven or Hell. However, Jesus indicated that most people won’t make it to Heaven (see Matthew 7:13-14) because they won’t repent of their sin to God, accept His salvation, and live for Him (John 15:1-6). For Jesus Christ is the Rock of our salvation (Matthew 7:24-27). “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12 NIV). Contrary to what the song says, earthly things, like an ordinary rock, has no life in it. It is just part of the earth that God created and which will be eventually destroyed by God. “...The present

heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men” (2 Peter 3:7 NIV). True permanent existence can only exist in humans. When God is ready, every material thing that people hold precious will be destroyed. You can’t take it with you! Jesus will return to earth after Satan’s time of running it will be over. He will control this world for a thousand years (see Revelation 20:1-6). Then, as He promised, He will make everything new (2 Peter 3:13 and Revelation 21:1-4). Christ, God’s Son, will return suddenly, when no one is expecting Him. It will be like a thief in the night (Matthew 24:42-44). “The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat” (2 Peter 3:10-12 NIV).

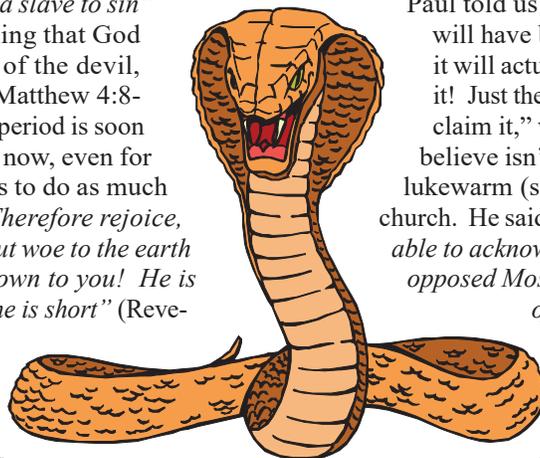
Now it’s one thing when nominal Christians and worldly folk are deceived by the devil’s lies. For the Bible calls him “...that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world...” (Revelation 12:9 KJV). But it’s another thing entirely when Christians, who should know better, are so easily deceived by him! Most churches these days have fallen so far away from Christ that they can even engage in witchcraft, and think they are doing it for God! The Apostle Paul told us that in these last days, much of the church

will have become so homogenized with the world that it will actually engage in witchcraft and not even know it! Just the labels are changed to things like “name it and claim it,” which is disguised as faith doctrine. Hard to believe isn’t it? Paul was writing to Timothy about the lukewarm (see Revelation 3:16), backslidden latter-day church. He said they would be “...always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth—men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected” (2 Timothy 3:7-8 NIV. Also, see Jude 1:4). Bible scholars tell us that Jannes and Jambres are the magicians that Pharaoh used to counterfeit the miracles God performed through Moses!

They did this through their sorcery. And sorcery is evil in the sight of God (see Deuteronomy 18:10) because it is used to enter into the spirit world without God, our Redeemer, Christ. Those practicing such occult arts are being assisted by demons! And they deceive people into believing they can stop the sin at any time without bitter consequences. Smokers think they can stop, alcoholics think they can stop, pornography seekers think they can stop. They think they control the sin. But the sin begins to control them! And they can’t stop!

Likewise, those who enter into the occult, even in seemingly harmless ways, such as Ouija boards, tarot cards, horoscopes, and computer games, like the old “Dungeons & Dragons” are opening themselves up to demonic influence, oppression, or even demonic possession (Mark 1:32-34)! Such things make God very angry (see Isaiah 47:11-15)! So, unless you come back to Him in serious repentance and remorse over your sin, He will usually allow the devil to have his way with you (Judges 10:11-14), even if it leads to torture, murder, and other unspeakable miseries. That’s why I am amazed at the demonic poison that has been entering into the church. Satan and his demons have become so skilled at deluding gullible Christians that he has even come up with a counterfeit Christ. The Apostle Paul told the church, “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

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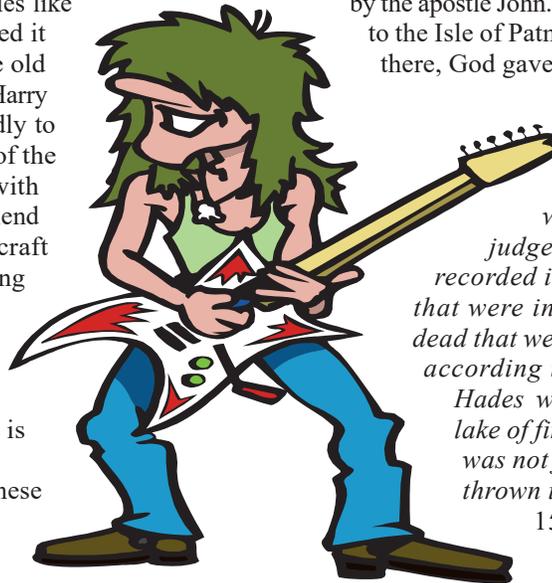


no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from Heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!" (Galatians 1:6-8 NIV).

How foolish it is that these days, Christians can go to "R" rated movies, watch blasphemous television shows, and listen to the devil's music, yet not even realize how far they have fallen from Christ! The same is true with the "Harry Potter" books which are very popular these days. I never read any of them, because they promote the occult. However, I saw a book review of them on television. They originally started out by portraying the Harry Potter character as being badly treated, and locked in a closet, so that the public will have sympathy for him and like him better.

As Paul told the 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" (2 Corinthians 11:3 NIV). This once Christian country, has been so seduced, over the decades, that it doesn't even become alarmed anymore by the media promoting witchcraft. It originally became acceptable to society through Disney cartoons. Then movies like "The Wizard of Oz." Then television decided it was time to do the same. It started with the old 1960's television show, "Bewitched." Like "Harry Potter," their main character was treated badly to provoke sympathy. During the first season of the show, Samantha, the witch, is treated with condescension from her husband's old girlfriend and her friends. So, Samantha uses witchcraft to get even. The viewer, probably identifying with her due to similar treatment in their own life, is made so angry that they are deceived into thinking Samantha's revenge of witchcraft is justified by their snobbery. Thus, the gullible Christian, if watching it, is not alarmed by her occult practices.

It's incredible what we get in the mail these days from businesses who equate Christian beliefs with worldly ideas, such as promotions for group trips to "Radio City Music Hall" or some musical on Broadway. Terms like "Christian Fiction" are popping up. Jesus said, "...I am the way and the truth and the life..." (John 14:6 NIV). Seventy-eight times in the Gospels Jesus said, "I tell you the truth..." (Matthew 5:18 NIV). Beginning with Matthew 5:18 and ending with John 21:18. So what could true Christianity possibly have in common with fiction? It's an oxymoron! And what about the term "Christian Rock?" I am not an aficionado of Jimmy Swaggart since his fall from grace in 1987. But he is the first cousin of Jerry Lee Lewis, who, along with Elvis Presley, made "rock" music acceptable to the white race. Swaggart has said that the term "rock" was used as a reference to the sexual act. Do you remember how Elvis Presley used to sway his hips while singing? That's why! In the movie, "Great Balls of Fire" there's even a scene where Jimmy and Jerry Lee slipped away to watch a group of African Americans dancing. Parts of it were very salacious! It comes from African culture and was originally used in tribal worship. And that certainly has no place in Christian culture! That's why God sent so many missionaries to Africa. For years white Christians had no interest in rock music. But the devil has made great inroads into the church by simply adding the prefix "Christian" to it. I have never heard any kind of "Christian Rock" music that had even the remotest holy anointing on it! You may



think you feel an anointing on it. But it sure isn't coming from God! Remember Paul's warning about the devil's deception.

Beware of the subtle "...work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved" (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 NIV). Remember the words of Jesus to His latter-day church, "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—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; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent" (Revelation 3:15-19 NIV).

Contrary to the words of the song, we are not all connected to each other, in a circle, in a hoop that never ends. We all originated from the same family of Noah, but we are two distinct groups, those whose names are written in God's Book of Life and those whose names are not. The final future of all mankind was recorded for us by the apostle John. He was taken, as a prisoner of the Romans to the Isle of Patmos, in the Aegean, where he died. While there, God gave him a vision of the future. Near the end of the book John states, "And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:12-15 NIV).

There is much suffering in the church right now, as God is trying to refine those He loves and bring them to repentance. As Peter told the suffering church in his day, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now 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 and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:3-9 NIV).

In closing, I want to remind you of the words of Joshua to his people long ago. "...If serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15 NIV).