

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of January 16, 2022 -

Sunday Morning Service -----	29
Sunday Evening Service -----	23

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of January 16, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 946.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/16/22:	\$ 996.00

- Week of January 9, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,598.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 20.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/09/22:	\$ 1,618.00

- Week of January 1, 2022 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,038.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 01/02/22:	\$ 2,088.00

- Week of December 26, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,105.35
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/26/21:	\$ 1,105.35

- Week of December 19, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,271.89
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/19/21:	\$ 2,271.89

- Week of December 12, 2021 -

<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,012.30
Love Offering -----	\$ 50.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 12/12/21:	\$ 2,062.30

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, Who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*



THANK YOU For Your Continued Faithfulness In Giving!

During the early part this pandemic, we were unable to meet in the church-house. But - that did not mean that the expenses of having a church-house were suspended. We still had bills to pay - electricity, gas, water, trash pickup, phone, internet, facility insurance, copier lease, office supplies, etc., and, praise the Lord, His people kept praying, watching online, & supporting their church with their giving.

Sadly, some people only give when they are in attendance at church - sort of like paying for "services rendered" - but the truth is that they are robbing **THEMSELVES** of God's blessings when they withhold their tithes and offerings and only give when they are here (see Malachi 3:10). Thankfully, most of our people have remained faithful, in so many ways, during this crisis, including financially.

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REMINDER



Dr. Angel Martinez
09/20/21 - 08/17/95

Can A Modern Man Believe In Hell?

by Dr. Angel Martinez

"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments..." - Luke 16:23



The doctrine of hell is a salute to the freedom of the will. If there were no hell, then man would not be a free moral agent. For if every man has to go to heaven, then heaven would become hell to those who do not want to go. The enjoyment of anything is conditioned by the nature of the person. If you would take a genuine Christian and place him in a night club where people are engaged in gradual self-destruction, the Christian would be in hell; though for the unsaved man, such a place would be heaven. On the other hand, if you were to place an unsaved man, carnal and selfish in his make up, in a prayer meeting, though to the Christian that

would be heaven, to him the prayer meeting would be hell. For an unsaved man to be forced to go to heaven when he doesn't want to go, heaven would become hell for him.

When I was in my teens, I preached a strong sermon on hell in the course of a revival. A very suave and cultured lady came and spoke to me after the service. She pleaded with me that I not preach on that subject again. She reminded me that such a view was not consistent with the love of God for all men. God could never allow such a place to exist, and to preach such a doctrine would do injustice to the mercy of God for us. I then responded by asking her what I should preach. She replied that I major on the Sermon on the Mount. In that sermon is all the material for the minister. She did not know her Bible. She was stunned when I told her that one could not preach the Sermon on the Mount without preaching on hell. Then I showed her Matthew 5:29, 30, where Jesus said, **"If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."**

In the attempt to discourage ministers from dwelling upon this dreadful reality, I have heard people refer to them as being "Hell, fire, and damnation preachers." This ought to be a compliment to the conscientiousness of the minister. That proves that he is declaring the whole counsel of God. That means that he is not trimming his sails to catch the breeze of passing popularity.

Woe unto the minister who succumbs to the wants of the people instead of the will of God. We ought to obey God rather than men. Men didn't call the preacher into the ministry; God called him. His first loyalty is to the Lord. You might as well make fun of a medical doctor by saying that he believes in cancer, tuberculosis, and polio. Why, certainly he does, and he would not be true to his practice if he disregarded these dreadful realities simply to soothe the minds of his patients.

I began my ministry at the age of thirteen. As a youngster, in the course of preparing sermons, I would think some thoughts that for the moment would frighten me. Some of these thoughts I never voiced in the course of the message. I thought that perhaps it would be better to store them and let time judge their validity. I want to express a thought now that I felt was true in my teens, but then I surmised that mature reflection would eliminate it. However, after these many years in the ministry, I find it to be true. This is it, if a man believes that there is no hell, he is going there when he dies. For if there is no hell, then Christ is a liar and He cannot be our Redeemer. For a man to say that there is no hell makes Christ a liar, and He cannot be that man's Saviour. It is not a pleasant thought that man can so sin so as to separate from God forever. But the word of God is infallible, and its teaching is inerrant. We may not understand the ramifications of this tragic truth, but if we want to eliminate its deadly results on us, then let's quit arguing about it and head for the cross.

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I. THE REALITY OF HELL-

Jesus did most of the teaching on the doctrine of hell. He said more about it than any other person in the Bible.

- After the parable of the tares He said, **“The tares shall be cast into the furnace of fire” (Matthew 13:42)**. He was referring to unsaved people.

- After the parable of the fish He said, **“The unsaved shall be cast into a place where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 13:50)**.

- He called hell **“outer darkness” in the case of the unprofitable servant (Matthew 25:30)**.

- He says to the unsaved, **“Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25: 41)**.

- He said, **“These shall go away into everlasting punishment” (Matthew 25:46)**.

- He told the Pharisees that when they made a proselyte, they made him a child of hell (Matthew 23:15).

- He said to them, **“Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell?” (Matthew 23:33)**.

No one can forget the realistic description that Christ gives concerning hell in the sixteenth chapter of Luke. Remember, this is not a parable. Jesus tore a page out of the book of eternity and gave us a picture of life on the other side of the grave. The unsaved man went to hell immediately after his death (v. 23).

☛ He could see in hell (v. 23).

☛ He could speak in hell (v. 24).

☛ He could feel in hell (v. 24).

☛ He could think in hell (v. 25).

☛ The man was conscious in hell; he was not engaging in soul sleeping. Jesus taught that there was no help in hell (v. 26). He taught that men go there for not repenting (v. 30).

The principle of hell is not only written in the Bible, it is inherent in everything that we see around us. For every good thing in life can be inverted to produce sorrow and disaster. And the better the thing is, the greater its potential for producing calamity and despair. For example, fire is a wonderful blessing. It heats the house, it makes food edible, it produces energy for commerce. That is the heaven side of fire. But fire also possesses its hell side. It can burn the house down; it can destroy lives; it can fall on a city in the form of an atomic bomb. Water has its heaven side — a cold drink of water, a running brook, a swim on a hot day. But water has its hell side. Some years ago in Galveston, Texas, the hand of nature reached into the Gulf and poured water on the land and hundreds died. That’s the hell side of water.

Marriage can be heaven or hell. A beautiful home, where two people love each other supremely, is heaven. A home where two people wrangle and endure one another is hell.

The doctrine of hell is woven into the warp and woof of our existence.

The Bible teaches that there will be degrees in hell. Everyone

will not suffer alike. When I began my ministry 26 years ago, I would exhort the sinner that if he did not plan to go to heaven, his wisest course would be to live it up. Pay no attention to the moral laws; fill the cup of iniquity to the brim, because there would be no good times in hell. But more mature reflection has changed my views. Now I say, if the sinner is not going to heaven, live a good life, pay your debts, be ethical, be moral, for the hell of the good man will not be the same as the hell of the wicked man.

Jesus clearly taught that this was so. Speaking about the scribes who devour widows’ houses, He said, **“These shall receive the greater damnation” (Mark 12:40)**. And when He was upbraiding the cities, He said, **“Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you” (Matthew 11:21,22)**.

But let me say this, and let’s not forget it, that men and women do not go to hell for anything that they do on the moral level. If men went to hell for getting drunk, God is unjust. It would be like putting a man in the penitentiary for life for stealing a loaf of bread. If men go to hell for committing adultery or for murder, then God is unjust. It would be like sending a man to the gas chamber for running a red light. Men are not going to hell for any sin that they commit on the moral level. Men will experience hell on this earth for their sin; a bitter conscience and dull regrets testify to this for those who do wrong. Men go to hell for rejecting Christ. Jesus placed salvation on the level with man’s rejection of the way of salvation. Now there will be murderers in hell and thieves and good men, but they are not there for their sins; they are there because they would not avail themselves of the remedy of redemption. Hitler is not in hell for killing the Jews; he is there for rejecting Christ. The only sin that sends men to hell is rejecting Christ.

The reason hell is such a horrible truth is that it will put men out of position. Man was made for God, and to have to suffer eternal separation from God forever is what makes hell. Man was made for God like the lungs were made for air. Man was made for God like the ear was made for sound or the eye for color. Take, for example, a bird and a fish. A bird in the air is in heaven; a fish in the water is in heaven. But place the bird in the water and the fish in the air, and you produce hell for both. So man was made for God, but when a man refuses the offer of mercy, then by his own will he separated himself from God forever. That is what makes salvation so imperative.

II. THE RESIDENTS OF HELL -

The child of God will not be there. No one who has ever been saved will be in hell. God will discipline His own in His own sovereign way, but He will not send any of His children to hell. Some years ago I was preaching on this subject and the next day I received a telephone call. The gentleman at the other end of the line told me that he did not find my sermon logical. He said, “I have two sons; I love those boys with all of my heart. Sometimes

they disobey me and I have to discipline them. But no matter how they hurt me, I would never send them to a place of eternal punishment. I am just an earthly father; God’s love is as superior to mine as the mountains are above the earth and I don’t believe that God would send any of His children to hell.”

I agreed with him and said, “My friend, I did not say that God would send His children to hell. I agree with you. That is why I believe in ‘once saved always saved.’ I said that God would send the devil’s children to hell so that they can be with their papa.”

“Oh,” he said, “don’t you believe that all men are God’s children? Didn’t He make us?”

“Jesus didn’t believe that all men are God’s children,” I replied. “In John 8:44, Jesus told the good moral Pharisees, **‘Ye are of your father the devil.’** So Satan has some children. I believe that God made us, but He also made snakes and buzzards — is He their father? There’s a difference between creatorhood and fatherhood. God is the Creator of life, but the Father only of those who have been born into His family. None of God’s children will be in hell.”

The open sinner will be there. We are told that men who live without Christ will be there because they rejected Jesus. The drunkard and the murderer and the liar will be there. The man who lived as if there were no God, no Christ, no church, no Ten Commandments, no cross, no Holy Spirit, no heaven, no hell, will be there. Not because of his sins, for the cross could have taken care of those, but because of his willful rebellion against Christ.

Man is the only creature that defied God. Everything else in nature obeys His voice. When God said, **“Let there be light,”** it was so. When God said, **“Let fish swim in the sea, birds fly in the air, beasts roam in the field,”** it was so. When God said to a fig tree, **“Wither and die,”** it was so. But man can shake a fist of dust in the face of God and rebel against His will and go to hell. God does not want any man to go to hell. When an unsaved man dies, God must stand by the coffin and say, “I didn’t plan it that way.”

“As I live,” saith the Lord, **“I do not delight in the death of the wicked.”** The Lord willeth that none should perish, but that all should come unto repentance. God is interested in the salvation of every person upon the face of the earth. His interest is manifested in nature, in man, in the Bible, in the cross, in the church, and God continually insists that man should come unto Him and be saved.

The good moral man will be there. The Pharisees were good moral men, but the Lord told them that the drunkard and the harlot will be in heaven ahead of them (Matthew 21:31). Men are not saved by being good. The best in human goodness is like filthy rags in the sight of God. The Lord can accept nothing short of perfection. God is all that, and man can never be that. The Lord does not disparage human goodness; it is fine on the moral and human level. The divine ire is provoked when a fragile human attempts to substitute human goodness for divine righteousness.

We often say that man was made in the image of God, but this is not actually so. Adam was made in the image of God, but the rest of us are made in the image of fallen Adam. Only salvation restores the image of God in man.

The unsaved church member will be there. Men are not converted by the reading of the label. The reality of Christ must be inside the bottle. If the devil cannot keep you from being religious, then he will suggest that you substitute church membership for eternal salvation. Many people reject Jesus by joining a church. The church is wonderful and has its place, but it is not identical with salvation any more than a wedding ring is marriage. The ring symbolizes marriage, but it is not marriage. The scribes and the priests and the Levites were religious men, but they were not Christians. Judas was religious, but he wasn’t saved. There is no substitute for **“Ye must be born again.”**

The procrastinator will be there. This is the man who had good intentions. He came to church, he listened, but he postponed decision to a mythical tomorrow. This man was not against the church, and he did not pride himself in his moral achievements. He knew full well the implications of the gospel message. He knew full well that redemption is rooted in Christ, not in conduct. He was in the courtship period with Jesus, but he never got married to Christ. The seed of the Scripture had been sown in the soil of the soul. It had been warmed by the rays of divine love, and watered by the tears of human concern. He did not deride salvation nor vilify its message. He just waited. He said, “Tomorrow.” Oh, friends, there is no promise in the Bible of a tomorrow salvation. **“Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.”** God’s clock says “now”; the devil’s clock says “tomorrow.”

I plead with you who need to say yes right now. If you plan to do it some day, do it today. All there is between you and hell is just a heartbeat. Don’t gamble on a heartbeat. Open your heart to Christ. You will never regret it; it will be the finest hour of your life.

III. THE REDEMPTION FROM HELL -

The purpose of the Crucifixion is to reveal the love of God and reflect the horrible nature of rejecting Christ. Some surmise that there can be no hell since God’s love is a proven fact in the realm of human experience. But the love of God is made evident through the cross. The only way that anyone could accuse God of not having love would be for there to be no way out of hell. God doesn’t allow our sins to be enough to send us to hell. For although sin is wicked and sordid, some would find reasons for sin in the light of their environment.

Sin is real, and it hurts, and sometimes it hurts for a lifetime, and it is no respecter of persons. It will hurt the saint as well as sinners, but because of the cross, it is not sufficient to send a man to hell.

If a man were sent to hell for drunkenness, he could plead at the bar and say, “My father drank and my grandfather drank. They made me drunk when I was a little boy. As I grew, every time I had troubles, I tried to solve them through drink.” But God

would say, “I foresaw that, and since My Son died on the cross, sin cannot send the soul to hell. But if you reject My Son, if you can stoop low enough to reject crucified love, and since your rejection would be your refusal to accept My remedy, then you must go to hell by your own hand.”

Let me put it this way - Suppose I were a physician, and I would diagnose the case and say to my patient, “My friend, you have a horrible disease, and there is a remedy for it, but it is very expensive. It costs a million dollars. Do you have a million dollars?”

The patient would say, “Sorry, Doc, I would love to live, but I do not have that kind of money, so I must die.”

Let’s imagine that I would say, “Now you lie quietly. I am going to see what I can do.” Imagine that I would go everywhere attempting to raise a million dollars. I would borrow, and mortgage, and finally I would raise the money. Then, after three days, I would come to the patient’s house, tired and weary, and I would say to him, “My friend, I have good news for you. I have secured the remedy for you. I mortgaged and borrowed everything I had. I will spend the rest of my life paying it back. Look! I have secured healing for you! Now take it and you will be well.”

Suppose the patient would take the bottle with the expensive fluid, look at it for a moment, then dash the bottle on the floor, and the liquid would run in every direction. Could he raise his finger in the doctor’s face and say, “Doc, if I die, it will be your fault”? We would say that a man like that deserves to die. How, my friends, can sinners push God’s remedy aside and blame Him for not loving them because a hell exists. A hell does exist, but so does the remedy, and God pity the wickedness of the hard heart that makes light of that provision that cost God His only begotten Son on a cruel cross. We would say that any man who refuses that remedy deserves to die forever in the pits of hell.

We do not know what hell is. The Bible calls it “outer darkness...weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth...the bottomless pit...a place where memory burns for ever...eternal dying but never dead.” But I think the summation of all of these is revealed by what Christ said when dying on the cross. He became sin for us and on the cross suffered hell for every man. In the midst of that experience, He cried, “**My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?**”

That’s what hell is. It is eternal separation from God. How horrible! To be forsaken from God forever. To suffer eternal lonesomeness.

- ☛ No church bells ring in hell.
- ☛ No Bible in hell.
- ☛ No Holy Spirit in hell.
- ☛ No hymns in hell.
- ☛ No sermons announcing the good news of God’s grace in hell.

My friend, hell is no place for human beings. God never intended for human beings to spend eternity there. God prepared hell for the devil and his angels. But if man refuses heaven, he

must live somewhere forever, so he chooses hell. Don’t forget it — if you refuse Christ as your Saviour, you will suffer in hell forever what Christ suffered on the cross during the hours of darkness.

But there is no need for this. The way of salvation has been provided for everyone. Come to the Saviour, and you will never know the reality of hell. God is pleading for you. Christ, with nail-pierced hands, is pleading for you. The Holy Spirit is pleading for you. The Bible is pleading for you. The saints who are gone are pleading for you. The angels in heaven are pleading for you. The church, with her hymns and sermons and services, is pleading for you.

☛ Every star in heaven tells you of the Bright and Morning Star who saves you from hell.

☛ Every flower is proclaiming the story of the Lily of the Valley who saves from hell.

☛ Every stone in the field is pointing to the Rock of Ages who saves you from hell.

☛ Every river is God’s love in motion.

☛ Every mountain is God’s love piled up.

☛ Every star is God’s love in diamond.

☛ Every flower is God’s love in bloom.

☛ Every bird is God’s love on the wing.

Oh, friend, how can you dodge all these messages of affection and plunge your soul into eternal desolation? Run to the cross. Throw yourself on the mercy of the cross.

☛ He knows your weaknesses; He can forgive those.

☛ He knows the past; He can forget that;

☛ He knows your problems and can fortify you for them.

☛ He knows the future.

Only Jesus, only Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

Tell me not, O infidel,

There is no heaven or hell.

A solemn murmur, within the soul

Tells of a world to be,

Like sinners hear the billows roll,

Before they reach the sea.

Tell me not, O infidel,

There is no saving Christ.

When seas their angry billows fling.

How sweet to lean on what He said;

How humbly to His cross we cling.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☐ ***CHRISTIAN RAPPER RENOUNCES HIS FAITH*** - Brady Goodwin (aka Phanatik) is the latest in a line of Christian rock/rap musicians and prominent evangelicals who have renounced their faith. Goodwin is a founding member of the Christian hip-hop group **The Cross Movement** and the author of **The Death of Hip-Hop, Marriage and Morals** (2010) and **From Hip Hop to Hollywood: The Art of Christianity** (2013). In a YouTube video this month, Goodwin said, “*I am denouncing the*

Christian faith that I have believed, professed, proclaimed, and defended for the last 30 years of my life.”

Goodwin is 45 years old, so he must have made a profession of faith at about 15. He made the point of saying, “*I’m good; I’m where I think I’m going to be.*” All of these men make the point of saying that everything is good now that they have renounced Jesus Christ, but that is nonsense.

In August 2019, **Marty Sampson**, a worship leader and song writer for Hillsong, said he was seriously entertaining atheism and was “*so happy now, so at peace with the world.*” That same month, **Joshua Harris**, author of ***I Kissed Dating Goodbye***, announced that he had renounced his faith in Christ and was divorcing his wife. He wanted everyone to know that he was “following his heart” and was at peace.

In May 2020, **Jon Steingard**, of the Christian rock band **Hawk Nelson**, renounced his belief in God. In an Instagram post, he said that renouncing God is “*refreshing and a weight being lifted.*” He said, “*I am stunned by the number of people in visible positions within Christian circles that feel the same way as I do. Like me, they fear losing everything if they’re open about it.*”

Comment by David Cloud: I don’t relate to these men in any way. I didn’t like to go to church or read the Bible or pray before I was born again at age 23, but everything changed then, and I have never looked back with any longing whatsoever, never doubted God or the Bible or Jesus Christ or any biblical teaching. I relate, rather, to Peter who was converted out of a rough fisherman’s lifestyle, and had no interest in renouncing Christ. When the crowds left Jesus, He asked the twelve, “Will ye also go away?” Peter replied with the testimony of a true born again believer: “***Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God***” (***John 6:68-69***).

We would warn that the Christianity of the aforementioned men was **never** a biblical Christianity. Their Christian philosophy is described in ***II Timothy 4:3***, “... ***they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.***” Their Christianity was a “live by your lusts” Christianity. By their lifestyle and associations, they said, “*No one is going to tell me who I can befriend or what music I can listen to or what I can look at or where I can go or what I can drink or what I can wear.*”

But God **DOES** tell His people what kind of friends to have (Proverbs 1:15; 22:24; II Cor. 6:14-18; James 4:4) and what kind of music to listen to (Eph. 5:18; Col. 3:16) and where they should go and not go (Prov. 4:26) and what they should speak (Proverbs 4:24; Eph. 4:29) and what they should look at (Psalm 101:3; Proverbs 4:25; Matt. 5:28) and what they should drink (Proverbs 20:1; 23:31-35; I Cor. 10:21) and what they should wear (I Timothy. 2:9-10).

Separation from evil and error is not an optional part of biblical Christianity - “***And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them***” (***Eph.***

5:11). “***Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?***” (***II Cor. 6:14***). “***Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them***” (***Rom. 16:17***).

☐ ***THOUSANDS OF PASTORS PROTEST CANADA’S LAW LABELING THE BIBLE’S TEACHING ON MARRIAGE A “MYTH”*** - The following is excerpted from “Thousands of churches raise alarm,” Fox News, Jan. 17, 2022:

“Thousands of clergy in North America devoted their sermons on Sunday to affirming biblical sexual morality in response to a new Canadian law some warn could effectively criminalize such teachings. An initiative begun by Liberty Coalition Canada and promulgated in the United States by Pastor John MacArthur of Los Angeles secured the support of more than 4,000 Christian pastors who publicly expressed their willingness to protest from the pulpit regarding Bill C-4, Fox News Digital has confirmed.

The controversial legislation, which went into effect Jan. 8 after being fast-tracked through the Canadian Parliament in December without extensive debate, describes as a ‘myth’ the belief that heterosexuality and cisgender identity are preferable. Counseling that does not align with such a worldview now carries a potential five-year jail sentence.

... MacArthur told Fox News that he believes widespread sexual immorality is evidence of divine judgment on a culture and predicted increased efforts to silence those who speak out against it. ... ‘Ultimately, the dissenters, the ones who will not cave in, are going to be those who are faithful to the Bible,’ he said. ‘And that’s what’s already leading to laws made against doing what we are commanded to do in Scripture, which is to confront that sin. And that’s just going to escalate.’

... MacArthur’s involvement in the initiative was in part because of an email he received from Pastor James Coates, who was the first Canadian clergyman to be imprisoned in the name of public health. When he refused to shutter his church in Edmonton last year, Coates spent more than a month in a maximum-security prison. Federal law enforcement later raided his church at dawn, locked it and barricaded it behind three layers of fencing.

... Coates told Fox News he believes that Bill C-4 is ‘anything but loving’ if it intends to ‘shut the LGBT community off from the saving and transforming message of the gospel of Jesus Christ.’ ‘I believe our government is capitalizing on a politically expedient segment of its constituency in an effort to further dismantle Western civilization as we know it. To do this, it must outlaw its very foundation, which is rooted in a Judeo-Christian worldview. Bill C-4 is another brick laid in this effort and is evidence that our government is under the judgment of God,’ he said.”

☐ ***CHARISMATIC PASTOR SAYS HE DIDN’T KNOW JESUS, BUT JESUS WALKED INTO HELL AND SAVED HIM CAR AFTER ACCIDENT*** - Charismatic leader, Jim

Maxim, tells a story of the time in his life when he had an unfortunate car accident while driving drunk that left him unconscious in the hospital. While in the hospital, he says his mother went home and prayed for him. As she was praying for him, he had died and gone to Hell. Never knowing Jesus during his life, Jesus walks into Hell where he is surrounded by two demons attempting to hurt him, and Jesus saved him and brought him back to life.

"I looked at those demons, it was then that Jesus Christ came to me on this side. I saw him but I can't describe him...it was a Spiritual thing. You see, I never read the Bible. I never been to a prayer meeting. I never been to a Christian Church..."

Of course, this is completely contradictory to the Scriptures that teach that it is appointed for man to die once, and then the judgment (Hebrews 9:27). Maxim did not go to Hell – he may have had a traumatic brain injury that caused hallucinations while he was out – but he did not go to Hell. And to tell people that he did – and especially tell people that Jesus saved him apart from knowing Him – is a lie.

☐ **"BAPTIST" PASTOR SAYS JESUS "TRANSGENDERED HIMSELF" WHEN WASHING DISCIPLES' FEET** - The level of blasphemy that those who profess Christ while trying to justify their perverted sexual desires and depraved lifestyles has reached an all-time high. We are clearly living in a worldwide time of Sodom and Gomorrah.

A so-called "Baptist" pastor, during a panel discussion at an Anglican Church, attempts to pervert the gospel by claiming that Jesus "transgendered" himself while washing his disciples' feet. Claiming that it was traditionally the woman's role to wash feet, he leaps to the outlandish conclusion that Jesus is "taking on" a woman's task and that somehow leads to him "transgendering" himself.

Of course, it should come as no surprise as the name of this conference was *"Queer Theology Discussion Panel."* The panel was held at St. James Church Picadilly in London, UK. The effeminate man masquerading as a pastor who made these blasphemous remarks is "Reverend" Simon Woodman of Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church in London.

☐ **PASTOR TELLS HIS CHURCH THAT EMPHASIZING GATHERING FOR WORSHIP MIGHT BE IDOLATRY** - Since the "pandemic" began almost two years ago, many churches shut their doors – some for a very short time and some dragged it out as long as they could. Yet, as of today, some churches still aren't meeting regularly out of fear of catching a cold.

It has been reported that vaccination has become one of the professing church's new ordinances – being required by many churches for people to gather together corporately for worship. Those who don't submit themselves to the requirements have shown themselves unapproved in the eyes of woke, statist pastors and church leaders.

But another peculiar notion that has been exposed in light of

the "pandemic" is that the idea of corporate worship is not central to the Church. Many churches are now turning to this "be the Church" movement that says corporate gatherings are not required and, instead, Christians need to "be the Church" by acting like Christians in their daily lives.

Of course, we agree that acting like Christians in our daily lives is important – not doing so would expose one as a hypocrite, not a true, born-again Christian. But one pastor, Darryl Ford of Ikon Community Church, took it even further. He says that concerning yourself with corporate worship "might be idolatry."

Corporate worship is, of course, central to the Church. While many professing churches have redefined what corporate worship looks like – i.e. adding requirements such as seminary training for leadership that are not required by Scripture – it is not even debatable that regular corporate gathering is essential.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

Barring providential hinderance, Christians should make the effort to meet regularly, be a part of serving a local body, fellowship, teaching and be taught, building one another up, and sending out missionaries. That's functioning like a church. It is not idolatry. Being fed spiritual food and fellowshiping, in person, with the saints is how Christians survive in a world of persecution. Calling it "idolatry" is foolishness at best, and, well, probably blasphemous as it makes Christ a liar.

☐ **DC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FORCES KIDS TO CELEBRATE ABORTION, LGBTQ, BLACK LIVES MATTER, FOR MLK DAY** - In the wake of Martin Luther King day, many schools are publishing their students' projects celebrating the day. The vast majority of these schools have turned Martin Luther King into a patron saint of progressive Marxism and Critical Race Theory. But, perhaps, nothing is more blatant than what happened at a Washington, D.C. area elementary school this week.

Murch Elementary School, a public elementary school near the Wakefield neighborhood just north of downtown D.C., had their fifth graders paint banners and march in celebration of abortion, homosexuality, and Black Lives Matter for Martin Luther King day.

As Murch Elementary posted on Twitter on January 21, the fifth-grade class *"designed a banner for the Peace Walk this past Monday. Their banner represents MLK's message in our present environment: advocating for LGBTQ+ rights, women's rights, equal rights, Black Lives Matter, environmentalism & unity."*

Because everybody knows that Martin Luther King was all about burning down cities, judging people by the color of their skin, and making sure transgenders got to use the bathroom of their choice, right?

Of course, this is disgusting. I bet if a kid tried to put a Bible verse on one of these banners, the administration would have a meltdown.

ATTENTION ALL MEN! PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE

2022 MEN'S ADVANCE



**Friday, April 29,
at 7:00 p.m.
and Saturday,
April 30,
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The Men's Advance has been hosted by Bible Baptist Church of Stillwater for over ten years and is attended by men from all across the Midwest. The goal of the

Men's Advance is to impact the lives of men spiritually to make a difference in their homes, churches, relationships and community.

The meeting runs on a two-day format, beginning this year at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, April 28, 2017, and concluding at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 29. Again this year, we will again meet at the Payne County Expo Center, just east of Stillwater. Meals are provided on-site to allow the men more time to fellowship with one another, and include a full smoked meat dinner Friday night, complete breakfast Saturday morning, and a great lunch Saturday afternoon. In addition to the Advance, a golf tournament is open to all attendees and precede the Advance earlier on Friday.

The service times and break-out sessions are the focus of the event. Here, the men are challenged to examine their lives in the light of God's Word. Both humorous and contemplative skits are interspersed to reinforce the truths presented. Special music provided by the Bible Baptist Church Men's Group and others adds to the wonderful congregational hymns, including the traditional "It Is Well With My Soul" finale.

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