

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE		
- Week of June 17, 2018 - Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	\$	608.38
Total Received for Week of 06/17/18:	\$ \$	608.38
- Week of June 10, 2018 - <u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings	\$	1,767.60
Love Offering, Dr. Paul Stringer	<u>\$</u>	40.00
Total Received for Week of 06/10/18: - Week of June 3, 2018 -	Þ	1,807.60
<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings Total Received for Week of 06/03/18:		1,259.00 1,259.00
- Week of May 27, 2018 -		
<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings Total Received for Week of 05/27/18:	<u>\$</u> \$	738.59 738.59
- Week of May 20, 2018 - Undesignated Tithes & Offerings	¢	15 11
Total Received for Week of 05/20/18:	\$ \$	15.11 15.11
- Week of May 13, 2018 -	_	
<u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings Total Received for Week of 05/13/18:	<u>\$</u> \$	849.65 849.65



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.
- 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.



Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go *up*. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start *today - OK?* Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White	Doctor
Mickie Shatwell	Pianist
Lois Mae Floyd	Pianist/ Organist
Volunteer Needed!	Greeter
Shayne Hooper, Charity Crawford, LeAnna White	eS.S. Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars, Dwayne English	Outreach
Bertha Segebarrt	Custodian
Flowers Shir	ley White, Charity Crawford

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HOW SATAN IS PREPARING MANKIND FOR THE ONE-WORLD RELIGION OF THE ANTICHRIST

by Todd W. White, Pastor South Heights Baptist Church

iblical Christianity has come to a pivotal period in history unlike any other. Time is on a collision course with the end of the Church Age, which will culminate in the Rapture of all believers and usher in the Tribulation (Revelation 1:19 & 4:1; I Corinthians 15:51-52: & I Thessalonians 4:13-18). Immediately prior to the removal of the church, the Bible says that there will be a "falling away", not only in the secular culture, but also in the professing church itself

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition" (II Thessalonians 2:3).

This falling away is usually thought of by most Christians as closed churches or the ones that do remain open having few attendees each week. In my years as a Christian and a pastor, I have come to believe that "The Great Falling Away", as it is often called, will **NOT** be empty buildings, but, instead, **WILL BE**, for the most part, **BUILDINGS FULL OF EMPTY PEOPLE**.

There is coming, under the antichrist, a -

- ' ONE-WORLD GOVERNMENT,
- ' ONE-WORLD ECONOMY,

and, according to Revelation Chapter 17 (among other places in Scripture), he will also set up a -

' ONE-WORLD RELIGION

The antichrist will be Satan incarnate, and he will set up his counterfeit religion as soon as the true church is gone and the restraining power of the Holy Spirit that he currently chafes at is withdrawn (II Thessalonians 2:7). Then, he will be totally free to accomplish one of his long-desired goals, which is to set up a world-wide counterfeit religion, which will **IMITATE** Christianity, but be empty and without the true spiritual life that only the Lord Jesus Christ can give. During the 7-year Tribulation, the antichrist will compel the peoples of the world to do several things with regard to religion. Among others, he will push all people:

- 1. To abandon the Bible as the Living Word of God,
- 2. To ignore "doctrinal differences" and unite around "common beliefs" and practices,
- 3. To worship HIM as the great savior of the world,
- 4. To unite together in ONE gigantic faith system, with himself as the head of it,

and -

5. To place EXPERIENCE, SUBJECTIVISM, MYSTICISM, INCLUSIVISM, MULTICULTURALISM, and OTHER HERESIES as THE basis of religion, instead of the Living Word of God and the ONLY Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, to do all of that *immediately* following the Rapture would be impossible. There are too many differing belief systems (both of Christian denominations and other religions as well), too many differing traditions, too many differing opinions about faith and religion, and too many differing methods of "worship" to be able to get everyone in the various "camps" to unify in one fell swoop. They will have to be ready for it, prepared for it, anticipating it, and, yes, even already practicing it to a degree, when the Church Age ends and the Tribulation begins, and he is ALREADY well into his program of getting people to do so!

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Let's talk for a moment about **HOW** Satan is working, **RIGHT NOW**, at getting people ready for his one-world religion.

I. SATAN HATES THE WORD OF GOD. First, we must realize that Satan's main attack has always been, and always will be, on the Word of God. In Eden, when speaking to Eve, he questioned the truth of the Word of God -

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (Genesis 3:1)

Notice that he didn't DENY what God said - he questioned it. He cast doubt against it. He tried to get her to doubt it in her mind. This is one of his most favorite tools - to cast doubt on the Word of God in the minds of people.

The **Textual Criticism** method of Bible study was developed by Satan, and he is using it with great success. This is a method of studying the Bible that looks at the "oldest and best" existing manuscripts and attempts to discover what the penmen were "really saying". While so much could be said about it, the bottom line is that Textual Criticism is a method of biblical interpretation which attempts to read the Bible as a purely human document from the distant past. *In other words, the historical-critical method does not typically regard the Bible as divinely inspired. It is merely a human book, like any other, and should thus be read like any other book.*

In reality, modern textual criticism produces and is believed by rationalists who deny the infallibility of the Scriptures, who hold the heretical documentary views of the Old Testament, and do not believe that God has preserved His inspired, infallible, inerrant Word for us to this very hour.

HOWEVER - knowing that he could not get people to throw out the Bible in their churches overnight, Satan devised a plan to get them to substitute the Bible with a book that CONTAINED the Word of God, but was not THE Living Word of God. He did so by slowing pushing the idea that the King James Version of the Bible was "difficult to understand", "antiquated", "not relevant for our times", and supposedly "inferior" to the texts that produced the modern versions of the Bible, Starting with the Revised Version in 1881, which was based on the work of two infidels, Brooke Foss Westcott and Fenton John Anthony Hort, Satan has continued to produce corrupted versions of the Bible and foist them on an unsuspecting church population since that time.

While I will not attempt here to address what is wrong with the work of Wescott, Hort, and others like them, suffice to say the Revised Version, like all of the modern versions I am aware of, including the New American Standard, the New International Version, The Message, the New King James Bible, the Holman Standard Bible, and even the English Standard Version, are all built upon the corrupted texts that came through Alexendria, which are the basis of Westcott & Hort's work.

Once he has convinced someone to accept as true a corrupt

version of the Bible, Satan can proceed to Step #2 -

II. WITHOUT THE TRUE WORD OF GOD, ANYONE CAN BELIEVE ANYTHING THEY CHOOSE. Without the true, inspired, infallible, inerrant, authoritative, preserved Word of God, you can believe whatever you want. The Bible becomes secondary, at best, to the life of the professing Christian who uses a corrupted Bible.

Once having deluded a professing Christian into believing that he has a "superior" version of the Bible, Satan begins working on his mind. He tricks him into "interpreting" what God has said using a false, man-centered criteria. For example, once he has convinced a person to interpret the Bible based upon his *experience*, rather than what the Bible actually SAYS, he's got that person right where he wants them, and they are his to sift as wheat (Luke 22:31). Of course, he doesn't stop there. He also likes to trick people into viewing/interpreting Scripture through the lens of their own person opinions, biases, social agendas, etc.

Now, while it is correct to observe that the Bible has been used for centuries to "prove" things true that were blatantly immoral and wrong, such as human slavery, the TRUE teachings of the Bible eventually overruled those teachers, their followers, and their beliefs. *BUT* - without the preserved Word of God in their hands, there is nothing to anchor them, their church, their pastor, their denomination, or their nation itself, thus they are prey to whatever the devil wants them to believe, practice, or do.

Of course, this falls right in line with Satan's plan - he hates the Word of God, but he cannot destroy it, so he questions it, he corrupts it, and he places counterfeit versions of God's Word in the hands of unsuspecting church members. It doesn't matter WHICH version they use (if any), as long as it isn't THE Word of God. Then, after having gotten them to "make the switch", they're fair game for all kinds of heresies, lies, and false teaching, all in the name of Christ and "the Church", and become **totally ignorant** of what God REALLY says and thinks.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..."

- Hosea 4:6

Now, next week, we'll look at *HOW SATAN IS USING THE IGNORANCE ON THE PART OF GOD'S PEOPLE TO GET THEM TO ACCEPT AS TRUE ALL KINDS OF ETERNALLY DANGEROUS TEACHINGS.*

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

KFEWER AMERICANS ARE TITHING TO THEIR CHURCHES - According to Barna research, there has been a steady decrease in the percentage of Americans who give 10% of their income to churches. In 2002, the percentage was 3%, down from 8% in 2001 ("The Ancient Rise and Recent Fall of Tithing," Christian History, Aug. 2008). This is a sad and telling statistic. God's people should give more than 10% of their income to the Lord's churches for God's great business on this earth. "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (I Timothy 3:15).

"Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (Proverbs 3:9-10).

K DRAG QUEEN CHILDREN TV SHOWS - The following is excerpted from "Drag Queen Children TV Shows Coming to America," Christian Post, Jun. 11, 2018:

"At least two new animated television shows about drag queens, one featuring children characters, are set to debut in America, drawing high concern from conservative commentators. World of Wonder released a trailer in May about 'Drag Tots!,' a show about toddler drag queens coming June 28th, featuring transgender model RuPaul. 'In a world on the brink of chaos, where fear is the rule of the land, the voices of a generation have banded together to give our planet what it needs...BABY DRAG QUEENS!' proclaims a preview on YouTube. On May 31, Netflix announced the animated 'Super Drags,' with a teaser preview that is yet to be given a release date stating: 'By night, they tighten up their corsets and transform into the baddest SUPER DRAGS in town, ready to combat shade and rescue the world's glitter from the evil villains. Get ready, because the SUPER DRAGS are going deeper than you think.' ... Rod Dreher observes, 'Netflix is turning drag queens into animated superheroes, and RuPaul's streaming service is turning drag queens into child superheroes. You might think--I certainly hope you think--that your child will not be exposed to this filth. The thing is, your child, and all of us, have to live in a world in which this is normal, and in which the popular culture thinks that dressing little boys up like sexually provocative women is not only permissible, but a sign of cultural progress.' Dreher pointed to other such efforts, like the 'Drag Queen Story Hours' that have been held in libraries across America. They have been adapted by other countries as well, including the United Kingdom, with activists defending the idea of drag queens reading to children." KBABYLON IN THE BIBLE - Babylon is mentioned nearly 300 times in the Bible, more than any city other than Jerusalem. Babylon is many things. First, Babylon is the kingdom established by Nimrod at the time of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 10-11). It was here that idolatry was invented, and from here it spread to all of mankind. This is described in Romans 1:21-32. Second, Babylon is the devil's world kingdom stemming from the time of the Tower of Babel. It is the kingdom of the "god of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4). Third, Babylon was one of the city-states of ancient Mesopotamia that vied with other city-states (such as Ur and Ebla) for power and wealth, rising and falling in position and prestige over the centuries. Hammurabi was the most famous of Babylon's ancient kings. Fourth, Babylon is the ancient kingdom of Daniel 2, the head of gold world kingdom founded by Nebuchadnezzar. This was the Babylon of the prophet Jeremiah's time. Fifth, Babylon is the Antichrist's end-time kingdom, called Mystery Babylon (Rev. 17-18). Prophecies about Babylon are found in Isaiah 13-14; 21:1-10; 47:1-15; Jeremiah 25:11-14; 50-51. ÷

The Love of God

The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell; It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell: The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin. Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song. When hoary time shall pass away, And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall, When men who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call, God's love so sure, shall still endure, All measureless and strong; Redeeming grace to Adam's race— The saints' and angels' song. Could we with ink the ocean fill. And were the skies of parchment made, Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky. Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!

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