



HAS CHRISTIANITY WORKED?

INTRODUCTION DISK 1

In a moment of quiet time Billy Graham confessed to his family that he felt like he had been a failure. The reason was quite simple, after being seen and heard by millions he did not see a nation that was any closer to God!



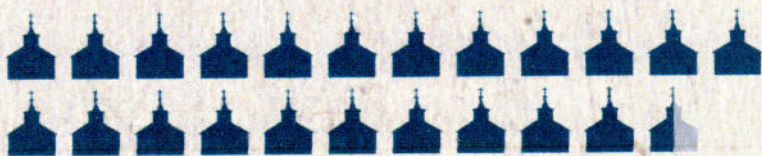
“I’m not saying that Christianity will not work, I’m just saying the kind of Christianity we’ve been practicing as a nation will not work.”

Quote from the book: How to Begin a Relationship with God Without Church and Religion

Workbook

IN THE U.S. THERE ARE OVER **450,000 CHURCHES**
THAT DOT OUR LANDSCAPE

 = 20,000 churches



59% say gay and lesbian sexual relationships are morally acceptable.



63% say sex between unmarried men and women is morally acceptable.

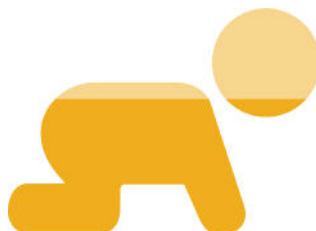
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84% of Americans claim to believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ and 74% confess commitment to Jesus Christ. On the surface it would seem that we are a Christian nation. Yet, 72% of Americans say the moral value of America is worse than ever before.



The divorce rate among Christians is the same as non-Christians, about 50%.



60% say having a baby outside of marriage is morally acceptable.



68% of Americans say divorce is morally acceptable.



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Questions for review from program 1:

1-Since 84% of Americans believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ and 74% confess commitment to Him, if these statistics were at 100% would we see a nation that was closer to God?

2-According to the statistics above only about 25% are unbelievers the rest claim to be "Christian." Is it really true that only 25% of unbelievers are causing all the problems we see in America?

3-Why has Christianity not made a greater impact when it comes to morality?

4-There are 450,000 churches in America. Why have the churches not influenced morality and good behavior more?

Why Do You Want a Relationship with God? Disk 2

"The problem we are faced with today is simply this, as Americans, we have substituted a personal relationship with God for Church and Religion! A relationship with God starts with you. It doesn't start at church, it doesn't start with your religion, it starts with you!"

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Questions for review from program 2:

1-Explain some of the ways you think church could make you a hypocrite.

2-Do you think church is a place where people can truly be authentic?

3-Would you be more likely to find people just being themselves at church or a bar?

4-Why do you think pretense, playacting is so prevalent in churches today?

“Before we get into a relationship with God, we must first answer the question; why do you want a relationship with God? If you can’t answer that question, you will never have a relationship with God!”

Quote from the book: How to Begin a Relationship with God Without Church and Religion

Questions for review from program 2:

5-Why do you want a relationship with God? [Check all that apply]

- ☐ To look religious
- ☐ To appease my parents
- ☐ To get myself saved
- ☐ To understand the will of God for my life
- ☐ To make my life work
- ☐ To avoid hell
- ☐ To love God

6-What is the one thing you must have to prove the existence of God?

All the facts about the nature of God

I must have read my Bible though at least one time

I must understand the Athanasian Creed

20 years of Bible study

40 years of being in a church

I must understand all the scientific facts about creation

I must understand and be able to explain evolution

I must be able to rebut the atheist arguments

I must want to believe in the existence of God

7- Four reasons for wanting to know God

1-Your personal intellect is limited! You cannot build or create something smarter than yourself therefor, there is a great designer that can enlighten your mind.

2-In order to make your life work. The Bible should be viewed as an instruction manual on how to make your life work. This will work - This will not work! Every mistake you have encountered was the result of a violation of a principle of God’s law.

3-In order to avoid pain. Pain is the one motivating force that God will allow in order to get us to change. Change and avoid the pain.

4-Eternity. In order to accomplish all that you want to accomplish, you will need eternity. God never intended for us, in this life, to have enough time to do everything we want to do.



YOU WERE BORN INTO A READY MADE WORLD OF RELIGION DISK 3

Questions for review from program 3:

- 1-Are you aware of the fact that you were born into a ready made world of religion, one that you did not design or create, and that Ready Made World of Religion tells you how you are to worship God?
- 2-Are you aware of the fact that this Ready Made World of Religion often does not match the Bible?
- 3-Have you ever questioned the trappings and traditions of mainstream Christianity such as the celebration of Christmas, Easter and even Halloween in churches?
- 4-Are you aware of the fact that you have been programmed to believe that the way you inter into a relationship with God is through church and religion?
- 5-Do you believe that God is limited to only church and religion when it comes to connecting people to Himself?
- 6-What if there were no churches in America and no religion on TV, how would you establish a relationship with God?

The 7 False Assumptions that People Build Their Faith on:

- Jesus Abolished the Law
- Jesus Went to Church on Sunday
- Jesus Celebrated Christmas
- Jesus Celebrated Easter
- Man has an Immortal Soul
- Lost People go to Hell and Burn Forever
- Saved People go to Heaven

“A lot of people have said there’s got to be more to a relationship with God than what I’m getting at church. People often get on the merry-go-round of Churchianity. What they end up doing is just busying themselves to death, and for a while it feels good, it’s one of the ways we compensate.”

Quote from the book: How to Begin a Relationship with God Without Church and Religion

"I would be willing to say about 80% of religious people are indeed addicted to religion in some fashion. What is Religious Addiction? It's being in a church, a religion, a denomination where you don't have to think and make decisions for yourself."

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RELIGIOUS ADDICTION TEST DISK 4

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| 1- I never question the minister or preacher. T - F | 12- Christianity is not a way of life. T - F |
| 2- Church authority is always right. T - F | 13- Being an overcomer is not required for salvation. T - F |
| 3- I never question my denominations view of doctrine. T - F | 14- Salvation is not a way of life. T-F |
| 4- My religious views have been passed down from my parents. T - F | 15- Grace plus Nothing. T - F |
| 5- Church doctrine is always right. T - F | 16- What you feel in your heart towards God is more important than what you do. T - F |
| 6- The more church activity I'm involved in the more spiritual I feel. T - F | 17- Knowing the definition of sin is not important when it comes to salvation. T - F |
| 7- The more involved at church the closer you will be to God. T - F | 18- Custom and tradition should dictate ones religion. T - F |
| 8- Joining a church makes you religious. T - F | 19- The majority is always right. T - F |
| 9- Questioning church authority is not good. T - F | 20- Sincerity is all that is needed in ones relationship with God. T - F |
| 10- All Mainstream religion is good. T - F | 21- Overcoming sin is not required to be religious. T - F |
| 11- The longer you've been in church the more spiritual you become. T - F | |

If you answered 2 - 3 as true -- A free thinker not addicted to religion

If you answered 5 - 8 as true -- Moderately addicted to religion

If you answered 10 or more as true -- Addicted to religion

PROPAGANDA

RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA

DISK 5

“Sometimes learning more about God is simply unlearning what someone else told you about God.”

Quote from the book: How to Begin a Relationship with God Without Church and Religion

Questions for review from program 5:

Religious propaganda is when you take a scripture out of context and repeat it over and over until it becomes a part of societies belief system. Let's look at a scripture in the Bible and see how people propagandize the Bible:

Eph. 2:8 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:”

Eph. 2:9 “Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

Eph. 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

When it comes to the subject of salvation you will often hear preachers quote **Eph. 2:9** “Not of works” over and over again but you will never hear the next verse, “we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works.”

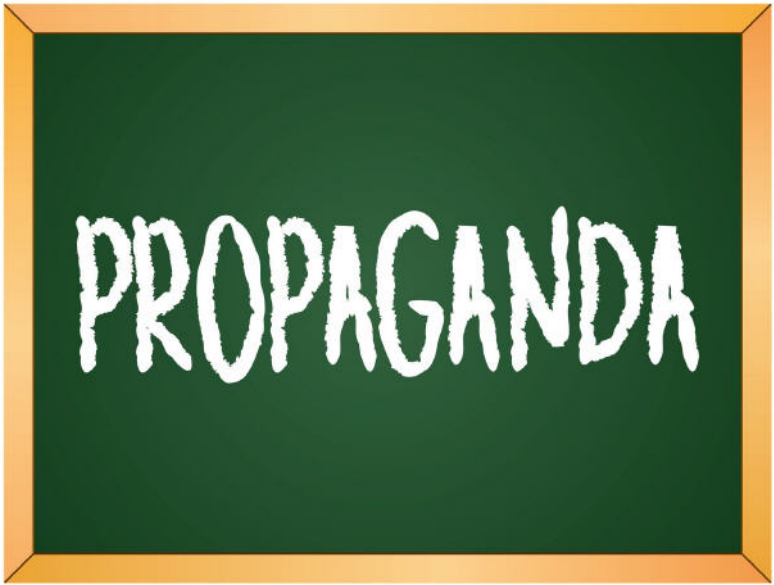
1-Why do you think people want to hear a “No Works” theology?

2- Why do you think preachers have deliberately not focused on the fact that we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works?

3-Why do you think “low information people” love religious propaganda?

Below is a list of one liners, sound bites, religious propaganda that has been used for the past 50 years.

Jesus Saves
Just Believe
Just give your heart to the Lord
Just invite Jesus into your heart
Just confess with your mouth
There's nothing you must do
Just come to the cross
Grace plus nothing
Jesus abolished the law
Jesus fulfilled the law
Not of works
Jesus is the reason for the season
Just call on the name of the Lord



Religious propaganda is not about education, it's not about a relationship with God, it's about repeating religious slogans that makes one feel spiritual and so you have people running around saying, I believe in Jesus but there's no inward change in the character of the person. The simple minded want simple answers, religious propaganda is not about intelligence, it's about calling attention to a cause and arousing emotions to the cause!

4-A rich man came to Jesus and asked Him, what must I do to be saved? Jesus' answer was, If you will enter into life keep the commandments. Do you see a contradiction between Jesus' answer and today's religious propaganda?

5-Why do you think the message of Jesus, "If you will enter into life keep the commandments," is not preached in today's churches for the most part?

6-Who should you believe, the Words of Jesus, "If you will enter into life keep the commandments" or the promoters of religious propaganda that say, "There's nothing you must do, Grace plus nothing, Jesus abolished the law?"

“The problem with religious propaganda is, the character of a nation doesn't change.”

Quote from the book: How to Begin a Relationship with God Without Church and Religion

DON'T GO TO CHURCH - BE THE CHURCH DISK 6

"People have it backwards, choosing the church of your choice is how most people enter a perceived relationship with God. Choosing a church should be way down on the list of a mature Christian."

Quote from the book: How to Begin a Relationship with God Without Church and Religion

Questions for review from program 6:

"Quit your worship charades. I can't stand your trivial religious games: Monthly conferences, weekly Sabbaths, special meetings-- meetings, meetings, meetings--I can't stand one more! Meetings for this, meetings for that. I hate them! You've worn me out! I'm sick of your religion, religion, religion, while you go right on sinning." Isa. 1:13-14 {The Message Bible}

1-In the above passage why is God sick of people's church going and religion?

2-Do you believe people can worship God in vain? _____

3-What is the Bible's definition of sin? **1 John 3:4** _____

4-Do you think it's possible for people to go to church and not know the definition of sin? _____

5-Is there more to worshipping God than just a 45 minute worship service? _____

6-Do you think it's possible for a person to substitute a personal relationship with God for church and religion? _____

7-What must you have inside of you to truly have a relationship with God? _____

8-In order to follow the leadership of the Spirit of God you must have the _____ inside of you.

9-Should we expect a preacher or a church to be perfect? _____

10-Man will always let you down but God will never let you down, do you agree? _____

11-Do you think it's possible for a church, a religion, a man of God, a denomination to actually get in the way of your relationship with God? _____

HOW TO UNDERSTAND GOD WITHOUT THE BIBLE DISK 7

“What you have got to wrap your mind around is this, you could spend a lifetime understanding God without the Bible!”

Quote from the book: How to Begin a Relationship with God Without Church and Religion

Questions for review from program 7:

Rom. 1:20 (ISV) “For since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes-his eternal power and divine nature-have been understood and observed by what he made, so that people are without excuse.”

1-Read the scripture above; where does one start to understand God? _____



Most liquids contract {decrease in volume} as they cool and freeze. When pure water cools below 39°F however, it expands until it freezes at 32°F. Because of ice's low density, it floats on water instead of sinking. Without this property, ice would form on the bottom, rather than on the top, of lakes and rivers. Without this unique property the earth would be uninhabitable for mankind.



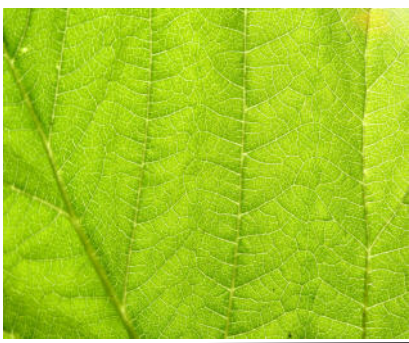
Rain is a part of a process known as the hydrologic cycle. This process begins with the evaporation of water from the surface of the earth-mostly from the ocean. When ocean water evaporates, the deadly salt water remains in the ocean. The water vapor condenses, forming clouds of liquid droplets. The golden droplets are then carried away by clouds. Eventually, they fall to the surface as precipitation. Much of the precipitation that falls on continents eventually flows in rivers into the ocean. The process then repeats itself.



The sun gives off a steady and constant supply of energy. Many other stars do not give off steady amounts of energy. We can be thankful that our sun does not behave as those stars do. If the sun were to increase its output of energy by a fairly small amount, the snow in the Antarctic regions would melt. Then the oceans would rise about 100 feet. If that happened, one fourth of the people on earth would be flooded out of their homes.

“You cannot create or build something smarter than yourself.”

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Photosynthesis provides oxygen for all living organisms. All living animals including humans breathe out carbon dioxide. All green plant life takes in this carbon dioxide and in return gives to us fresh oxygen. Without the activities of leaves, the earth's supply of breathable oxygen would soon be used up.



Tides are caused chiefly by the gravitational pull of the moon on Earth. Without this force our oceans and large bodies of water would stagnate and all sea life would die.



The earth travels around the sun at a speed of 64,000 miles per hour. From the time you go to bed till the time you get up in the morning, you have traveled over a half million miles on this tiny space shuttle called planet earth.



As the fall season approaches the trees begin to prepare for the long winter season by retaining moisture, the leaves soon begin to turn. The bright golds and reds create the beauty of the fall season.



Snow is part of God's wise provision for living things. The winter snowfall forms a blanket over the colder parts of the earth. It protects plants and animals by insulating them from the winter air. With the return of warmer temperatures in the spring, the blanket of snow melts to provide the water needed by germinating seeds.

"The western mind explains everything and understands nothing!"

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THE COMMANDED DISCONNECT DISK 8

“And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.”

Genesis 2:2-3 (KJV)

Questions for review from program 8:

- 1-Were you aware of the fact that the first commanded worship service in the Bible comes 2,000 years later? **Exodus 12:16** _____
- 2-How did people connect with God before this command to come together and worship was given?_____
- 3-On what day of the week is the Sabbath?_____
- 4-For how many hours does the Sabbath last?_____
- 5-Children spell love T-I-M-E, how do you think God spells love?_____
- 6-Do you ever feel time is just going by too fast, that you are too busy, that the world is just too busy, that you are addicted to doing something continually?_____
- 7-**Exo. 20:9** “Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work...” Do you understand why it is so important for you to disconnect from your busy life?_____
- 8-What are we to do the other six days of the week?_____
- 9-Is there more to honoring God than just a 45 minute worship service?_____
- 10-What day did God bless? What day did God make holy?_____
- 11-The Sabbath identifies the God that you serve. Explain what that means to you.

APPOINTMENTS WITH GOD DISK 9

“Very early in church history the Sabbath day was abandoned for Sunday keeping and God’s feast days were abandoned for Christmas and Easter.”

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Questions for review from program 9:

Lev. 23:4 “These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.”

1-Read the above scripture, the appointments with God are referred to in the Bible as “feast days” or “Holy Days,” whose feast days are they? _____

A Summary of each Appointment with God

There are a total of 7 annual holy days in your Bible, 3 occur in the spring time and 4 occur in the fall.

PASSOVER

To remember the Crucifixion and death of Christ, to renew our baptismal covenant and to acknowledge that His Blood has cleansed us of our sin and we are healed by the stripes upon His broken body.

FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

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PENTECOST

That Pentecost the year of Jesus' death is considered the birth of today's Christian church and the arrival of God's Holy Spirit is expected to help us to successfully keep leavening (sin) out of our life. When the end of the age has arrived (as symbolized by the fifty days), it will be the time of the gathering of the saints as the first fruits of the Kingdom of God.

TRUMPETS

The last trumpet will sound **Revelation 11:15**, Christ will gather the saints, **Revelation 14:14-16**, the Wedding Feast will take place during the time of the wrath of God and Christ will return to the Earth and establish His Kingdom **Revelation 19:11-16**.

ATONEMENT

In the present, a most solemn time of renewing one's relationship with Christ. In future it is a symbol of the binding of Satan after Christ's return.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

A symbolic representation of the millennium, the thousand year reign of Christ on Earth with His saints.

THE LAST GREAT DAY

After the millennium is completed the Book of Life will be opened, the people of the Second Resurrection will be judged, some written into the Book, others condemned to the Lake of Fire. This is the time when Jesus separates the sheep from the goats. After all of this is over, the new Heaven and new Earth will be in place and the Eternal Kingdom will begin. It will be a time of great joy and celebration as the saints enter triumphantly into God's fully established Kingdom. A truly Last Great Day.

A CLASH OF WILLS DISK 10

“Where do you find people that view themselves as good, upright, and righteous? You find them at church and God’s not interested in religious people, I’m not interested in attracting religious people.”

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Questions for review from program 10:

Mark 2:16 “And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?”

1-Read the above scripture, what kind of people did Jesus hang out with? _____

Mark 2:17 “When Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

2-Read the above scripture, what kind of people was Jesus attracted to? _____

3-Do you view yourself as a sick sinner or a good religious person? _____

If you don’t have a clash of wills going on chances are you don’t even have a relationship with God. “A Clash of Wills” is when you come up against the authority of the Word of God and you don’t want to do it.

Mark 14:36 “And he said, Abba, Father, all things *are* possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.”

4-What can we learn from Jesus’ clash of wills? _____

5-What does it mean to surrender your will to God’s will? _____

“Are you a sinner? Do you have problems? Do you have things in your life that you know displeases God? Thank God! God may just be working with you.”

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CHOOSING A SUPPORT GROUP DISK 11

"If you want to find Satan's most deceptive creative works go to church, if you Really want to be deceived Just Assume all churches are good!"

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Questions for review from program 11:

2 Cor. 11:14-15 "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

1-Study the above scripture; were you aware that Satan has ministers? _____

2-How do these ministers appear? _____

3-Where do you think you would find these ministers? _____

4-What would be their message? _____

TEN QUESTIONS YOU MUST ASK BEFORE VISITING OR JOINING A CHURCH

1-What is it that you believe?

Comment: Most churches don't really believe anything, church is more like a pep rally that makes you feel good about yourself, change will rarely be the subject.

2-What do you believe about the law of God?

Comment: If you want to get specific ask what do you believe about the 4th commandment? Many churches will tell you the law has been fulfilled, abolished, nailed to the cross. A good rule to go by is **Isa. 8:20** "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there* is no light in them."

3-Ask the church you're thinking about visiting for a "Statement of Beliefs."

Comment: Before you turn your mind over to a church, you want to know what is it that you believe. Don't fall for we're just here to worship, we're just here to praise God, basically that means they don't believe anything. Also, beware of community churches and multiple faith churches, the reason multiple faith churches get along is because they really don't believe anything.

4-Do they know the definition of sin?

Comment: You should be able to find this in their statement of beliefs. The definition of sin is the breaking of the 10 commandments. **1 John 3:4** You cannot have a relationship with God without 1st understanding the definition of sin.

5-Do they know the definition of a Christian?

Comment: You would be surprised how many "Christians" don't know the definition of a Christian. A true Christian is one in whom the Holy Spirit dwells. **Romans 8:9** "...Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his."

6-What is the Holy Spirit and how do I receive it?

Comment: A church that cannot give you an absolute specific answer, what is the Holy Spirit and how do I receive it, is a dead church!

7-What is salvation?

Comment: Most churches will tell you salvation is inviting Jesus into your heart, believe on Him and say a sinners prayer. Wrong! Salvation is a process, this process includes one's calling, repentance, baptism, justification, receiving the Holy Spirit, life of faith and obedience.

8-Why do you exist as a church, what is your mission, what is your purpose?

Comment: Too many churches are just playing church, entertaining their local community. The primary purpose and commission of the church is to "Go ye therefore, and teach, (make disciples of) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." All other things are secondary.

9-Do you believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ to this earth?

Comment: Nearly half the churches that dot our landscape do not believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ to this earth. Which basically means we brilliant human beings will solve all of our problems ourselves, we don't need God's help. Christ said if He didn't make the time shorter (the end time that we now live in) no one will be left alive.

10-How will all the problems of our society and world be corrected?

Comment: With nearly half the churches not believing in the return of Jesus Christ, they really don't have an answer for this question. Your Bible reveals, in graphic detail, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in supreme power to set up the Kingdom of God on earth.

HOW TO RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF GOD DISK 12

“Without having the Spirit of God you cannot submit to the law of God but you can be deeply religious.”

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Questions for review from program 12:

Romans 8:7 (KJV) “Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”

1-Read the above scripture; why do you think, for the passed 40 years, there has been a bad attitude towards the law of God coming from preachers? Statements like; Jesus abolished the law, Jesus nailed it to His cross, just believe, there's noting you must do, not of works. _____

2-Is it possible for a so called “man of God” to have a bad attitude towards the law of God? _____

3-Where does this attitude come from? _____

4-What is the carnal mind not subject to? _____

5-Where does this grace plus nothing, no law theology come from? _____

6-In listening to preachers, have you ever been lead to believe that obedience to God is just not important? _____

7-**Hebrews 5:9 (KJV)** “And being made perfect, he (Jesus) became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;”

Comment: Read the above scripture, what connection do you see between obedience and salvation?

8-**Acts 5:32 (KJV)** “And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.”

Comment: Read the above scripture; who does God give His Spirit to? _____

Acts 2:38 (KJV) “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

1-Repent of Sin. Sin is the breaking of the 10 commandments.

2-Be Baptized. Baptism represents the old man being burried in a watery grave. Baptism is an outward confession that you are a sinner who's only hope is to be saved by God's grace.

3-In the name of Jesus. There is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

4-And you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is the moment of conception when a new creature in Christ starts to develop. From that day forward the Christian will spend his life overcoming sin and developing the nature and character of God.

“You will never change that man in the mirror, void of the spirit of God, all you will do is crash and burn. The spirit of God transforms the rebellious heart of man. There is no other way to change the heart of man but by receiving the spirit of God.”

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