



## Is Something Missing? Do All The Pieces Fit?

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(The following study is an article that I have been asked to write for an up and coming “live” internet broadcast. A study or “debate” on the doctrines of “once saved always saved” and “security of the believer, airing in the near future on “Prince of Peace Radio”, Popforeman.org and Bennie Blount Ministries).

First, let us begin our study with this scripture:

**All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: - 2 Timothy 3:16**

We are beginning our study here, for we must establish first the nature and infallibility of scripture. That is the building block that we will build upon. For if scripture is not perfect, and without error, there is no point in continuing. And by that statement, if scripture is imperfect and is not divinely inspired, then why are we basing our faith, upon erroneous writings?

And mere opinions of men?

Mere opinions of the Apostles and the Disciples that walked with our Lord Jesus Christ, and recorded for us the epistles or “letters” we now have referred as the “New Testament”.

To believe or hold true that not all scripture is perfect or infallible, places the very Gospel itself at jeopardy. For the word of God is not a pick and choose the verses that you wish to believe in, and ignore the rest, as some in the church today teach. All of it is perfect,... or none of it. This is taken in faith. And a major aspect or principle of the true “Christian” faith may I add.

If it is not perfect, and you dear reader are not holding that as perfect truth, then you are basing your promise of eternal life on a lie.

However I would like to add right now a bit of my own personal testimony. It is not a lie. The Gospel and the Word of God are perfect truth. For some in the church like myself have been truly blessed and have seen the Lord Christ Jesus. For myself, the first time was in a vision when I was a mere 19 years of age, some 26 years ago. And the second time in a dream, when I was much older at the age of 42. For those of us that have been blessed, it is not only just a matter of “faith” or of “believing” it is a matter of knowledge; a matter of knowing without doubt that all of the Gospel and scripture are perfect truth.

Mankind as a whole is often a quite predictable race. We often only place our faith in the “tangible” or in what we can see or touch, ruled by our limitations of our very own minds or understanding. Often if we ourselves who have not experienced something first hand, have a tendency to either not have a mental concept of understanding of it (an experience or truth), or dismiss it entirely. We are governed by our own first hand experiences. And this is quite contrary to scripture. For scripture tells us:

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. – John 20:29

The question you dear reader must ask yourself, do you believe or don't you. In Jesus Christ. Does He exist? And then what of your personal relationship

with Him? Are you governed by only first hand experiences, or perhaps are you a doubting Thomas? These are some very important questions in regards to faith. Your faith.

Now just briefly, I would like to cover something to those that may read this at a later date, or who may be listening to this live internet broadcast. This is addressed to those that I have had contact with and preached to over the past four years. I have a question for them.

Do you actually “believe” that I would have gone to such great lengths, to get you to see the truth if I only believed? If I only held it to be true, and have not actually known? Do you think I actually would have subjected myself and often at times my family to ridicule and persecution, if I had not had actually known? Had .. actual knowledge as well?

Please trust, if I had only just believed, I would have been reluctant to wade through all the denominational garbage, that I have waded through the last four years. I did not choose this people. Not unlike Jonah.

But God has blessed me, and I have known fully, that which has been revealed, and with that knowledge was an equal and yet greater share of love for you. And love for the truth. And yes.. love for Our Lord Jesus Christ.

And in that small house trailer on East 7<sup>th</sup> St. in Newark Ar., some 3 ½ years ago I was so blessed again. When He baptized me with His love, and His great love flowed through me, like that never ending spring. Yes, you see, I do know what love is. Our Lord instructed us, commanded us, to Love one another as He loved us. (John 13:24) And please trust, many of you are not even close. Not even close.

And trust I speak freely and of the truth. For it seems that you have not been listening, and have been dull of hearing. And I know and have knowledge that is perfect truth as well:

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. – Revelation 21:8

Yet, I know this is perfect truth as well. As a Preacher of the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, ordained by God, I am not going to blow sunshine

at you, and it not be perfect truth; for my own salvation would be at stake. And yes, I know the truth about those that err from the faith. But more on that later in this study.

And as to the blessings I receive daily from God, both past and present. They have been blessings indeed, however to who much is given, greater is the task and the judgment. (Luke 12:46-48)

But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes . For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more. – Luke 12:46-48

Yet on the other hand.. or “wing” shall I say, to much Grace has been given as well. Such Grace.. to I the modern day prodigal.

Now let us continue our study:

**All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: - 2 Timothy 3:16**

If we look at the original Greek language of the New Testament, for the scripture from 2 Timothy 3:16 we will find the following meaning, I have included the Strong’s Numbers for your reference:

All<3956> scripture<1124> *is* given by inspiration of God<2315>, and<2532> *is* profitable for<4314> doctrine<1319>, for<4314> reproof<1650>, for<4314> correction<1882>, for<4314> instruction<3809> in<1722> righteousness<1343>:

The original Greek word or entry for “is given by inspiration of God” <2315> is:

theopneustos

divinely breathed in:--given by inspiration of God.

Scripture is “God Breathed”, inspired.

Now that we have established the very nature of inspirational writing, let us continue with the subject of truth.

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; - Titus 1:2

It is impossible for God to lie. This establishes the truth of inspirational writing and scripture.

Now with this “fundamental” concept firmly established let us press onward, and into the “Doctrine of Men” known as “Once Saved Always Saved”, and then “Security of the Believer”.

The first scripture that we will be looking at first will be the last, from the Book of Revelation Chapter 22, verse 19.

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. – Revelation 22:19

The “Book of Life” mentioned here in scripture is the Lamb’s Book of Life that contains the names of all those “saved”, or that have accepted Jesus Christ. To have one’s part taken away from the Book is to have one’s name removed from it. And to have one’s part taken out of the holy city, is to be with “out”; outside the city and the presence of God. Outside or “without” will be those to be eternally consumed within the lake of fire.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. – Revelation 22:14

A person’s name does not appear in the “Book of Life” or “Lamb’s Book of Life” here again unless they have been saved, or accepted Jesus Christ. To have one’s name stricken from the book is to lose one’s salvation. But then again that is still a matter of “free will” is it not? More on “free will” will be discussed later in this study.

It quite amazes me sometimes how often this scripture is twisted outside of its context, and how those that embrace the doctrine of “Once Saved

Always Saved”, attempt to justify it. They justify it by saying that “no true Christian would ever change the word of God”, and thus; then you can’t lose your salvation, because you just wouldn’t do such a thing.

Perhaps this has a ring of truth to it, that no true “Christian” would ever change the Holy Word of God, nor change the meaning of those Holy words. However, they attempt to “justify” this by this concept of their human understanding and ignore the reality. And the reality is this: I promise you reader, and I “Prophecy” that if you attempt to change the words of the Book of Revelation or the words or meaning of any Book of His Holy Bible, His Holy Word, you are in danger of judgment. Just as John the beloved prophesied:

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. – Revelation 22:19

Take away from the Holy Word of God, and change the meaning of His word, and I promise you dear reader.. you shall be “without”, outside the Holy City, and I promise you God will “Light You Up”. In the lake of fire. And the same shall be of all false teachers.

For as I have told you time and time before, to deny the Holy Word of God, is to deny Jesus Christ. And the Word is perfect and was made flesh.. and dwelt among us. And we beheld His Glory.. yet esteemed Him not..

Now let us continue with our study:

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the

Spirit saith unto the churches. – Revelation 3:1-6

He that hath an ear, let him hear.

What the Spirit said to the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation, the same applies to us today.

Just as with the Church at Sardis, there are many assemblies in the Church today that although they have a name that they live (appear physically healthy) are spiritually dead.

Let him or her that has an ear; hear.

Our Lord, who was addressing the Church at Sardis, was addressing “Christians”. “The Church”. This is why they were in danger of having their names “blot” out of the Book of Life. The Lamb’s Book of Life.

For those that teach falsely that there are two separate books, I wish to relay this thought: Who do you think IS speaking here in these verses, and just what book do you think that He has in His possession? Let go of your denominational heresies, and embrace the truth.

In the original Greek text of the New Testament, the word for our English word “blot out” is:

exaleipho - to smear out, i.e. obliterate

To those that now embrace the false doctrine of men, or the “once saved always saved” I ask now, what part of “blot out”, “smear out”, and “obliterate” of your name out of the Book of Life, DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND? That you are in danger of, less you overcome and repent. I would try to explain it to you in this forum, however I don’t believe that you would “get it”. However, I would be more than happy to set down and explain to you what “blot out”, “smeared out” and “you have been “erased” means.

Remember... those that deny the word, denies Jesus Christ. And there is no leeway for false teaching:

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even

denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. – 2 Peter 2:1-2

By reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. Those that attempt to turn the perfect truth of God into a lie. And embrace false teaching, and shall not repent and enter the straight gate. Those that ignore scripture, and preach and teach a quite different Gospel. For straight is the gate.. and few there be that find it. Few.. not many.

Now I know to many this is “strong meat”, however it is time for “strong meat”, and time for many of you to become of age. No longer fed with milk, let us move onward into the deep things of God. “You have to go deep”. As the time draws near. These are truly the “latter days”.

Time and false teaching has taken it’s toll upon the Church, it has become a church truly racked with “complacency”. And yes, the Love of many have waxed cold. And yet scripture prophesied this very fact...dear readers, dear brothers and sister’s in Christ, don’t you just love it when the Holy word comes to pass? Well I guess some will... and some won’t. When the rapture occurs, and trust it will... many will be wondering as they say here in Arkansas “What Happen”? Still here. For failure to hear.

“The Love of Many will wax cold”

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. – Matthew 24:12

Christ is referencing here the “latter days”, and that the love of many shall wax cold. He is talking of those in the Church. For a love to wax cold, it must be present in the first place. Take a strong look at the Church as whole today... iniquity abounds.. whole assemblies are embracing homosexuality for example as if it is not an abomination to God. Which it is. Iniquity abounds. The embracing of false teaching and false doctrine, a “falling away” from the truth. And turning the truth of God into the lie.

The love of “Christians” shall wax cold. Another point against the once saved always saved heresy. Is God’s word perfect and without error, or is it not? I believe we have already established that point. I do not mean to be so blunt, and to the point, but some of you are not hearing.

One of the keys to interpreting scripture I have found is try to think with the mind of an Apostle. And in many instances that of a Hebrew Jew. I will admit that thinking like a Jew and becoming familiar with customs and history takes a bit, but thinking like an Apostle is easy enough try it. Try to think as He thinks. Such as the attitudes, experiences, and teachings of Paul. Fully realize the mind of the man. He was inspired by God, and that is a common denominator.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 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. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? – Hebrews 10:23-29

Willful sin. And iniquity shall abound and the love of many shall wax cold.

The “free will” that I mentioned earlier. Man was created in the image of God and was given “free will”. The ability of choice. And woman created from the rib of man, possesses free will as well.

When someone accepts Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, that “free will” is not removed. You not cease to be in the image of God, and loose that power of choice. Neither will you after all have gone to Heaven. You will always have that ability of free choice. Even the Angels, as celestial beings and residents of Heaven had/have free will. They fell. Let it no longer be a great mystery. You shall forever have free choice.

And what sorer punishment, think you have they have trodden under foot the Son of God, sanctified despite His spirit of Grace? To be honest I shudder to think about it.

The love of many shall wax cold. They will cease to “follow Jesus”. And

will follow myths and lies and imaginations instead.

The entire Book of Hebrews is written to Hebrew Christians that have been turning away from the faith. That provide any clue? “Follow Jesus”. Follow Him my beloved brethren.

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. – James 5:19-20

Let me begin with the above verse from James by stating that the NIV translation of the Holy Bible that many use today, substitutes “Body” for the word soul. This is an error in translation, and most likely do to denominational prejudice during translation from the original Greek text. The King James is correct as well as the superior “New American Standard”. The New American Standard being superior in that many of the words used in the King James and the “King’s English” are difficult to understand or no longer exist in our English language. The New American Standard has taken care of that. The NIV is inferior, and erred.

Brethren. My brothers and sisters in Christ, don’t you love it when scripture addresses us directly? James is talking to Christians who may err from the truth. And letting them know that whoever converts those that have erred, will have saved their soul from death. Spiritual death. Destruction and damnation. For the soul is eternal and cannot physically die. The only death it knows is destruction in the lake of fire. In Hell. And yes, Hell is a very real place. Read of Jonah’s experience and view of corruption, and “the bars of the earth”, he went to Nineveh pretty quick, after God brought him back from the dead, and oh yes the belly of a big fish. After three days... so was Christ. Dead and resurrected. Not swallowed by the same fish.

As to the use of the term “body” by the NIV: What has the hiding of a multitude of sins to do with the death of the body? The forgiveness, the hiding of sin has always been a “spiritual matter”, why try to place it on something tangible and physical as a body? This should have provided a real first clue to the translators.

James 5:19-20. One can err from the faith. After conversion and salvation in the present tense has been observed.

Now just briefly, I wish to address this salvation in the “present tense”.

Salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ, has a salvation in the present tense, in that it free’s us from the guilt of sin. Salvation in the future tense, is only fully achieved or realized when Jesus Christ returns.

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. – Revelation 22:12-15

And unless I miss my guess, He hasn’t returned yet. And His reward of eternal life is with Him. A reward to all those that persevere and overcome.

Salvation in the present sense, is best described in my teaching entitled “The Betrothal”, the following is a brief excerpt:

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Welcome to Phoenix Seven.

Some of the following is an excerpt from "The Channel" Grace through Faith.

And all is...

True to Life:

Betrothal with the ancient Hebrews was of a more formal and far more binding nature than the "engagement" is with us. Indeed, it was esteemed a part of the transaction of marriage, and that the most binding part.

Among the Jews the betrothal was so far regarded as binding that, if marriage should not take place, owing to the absconding of the bridegroom or the breach of contract on his part, the young woman could not be married to another man until she was liberated by a due process and a paper of divorce. A similar custom prevails in China

and Japan, and in cases becomes very oppressive. The marriage may have been intended by the parents from the infancy of the parties, but this formality of betrothal is not entered on till the marriage is considered reasonably certain and measurably near. A prolonged interval between betrothal and marriage was deemed undesirable on many accounts, though often an interval was needed that the groom might render the stipulated service or pay the price-- say a year or two, or, as in the case of Jacob, it might be seven years. The betrothed parties were legally in the position of a married couple, and unfaithfulness was "adultery" (#Deu 22:23; Mat 1:19).

Additional Reference: Spiritual Adultery. Rev 3:1-5, Rev 3:15-16, Rev 2:4, 1Co 11:27-32.

Just as in the Old Testament, the Betrothal of the Church to the Lamb is extremely important and binding: Not in the sense that it cannot be broken, but in the sense their are vast consequences for the "infidelity" or in case of the New Testament, "spiritual infidelity". Recall the parable of the ten virgins and their lamps. Mat 25:1-12, also Rev 2:18-22, Rev 3:1-5, Rev 3:13-17. (For additional study see "The Harvest" in topical notes section)-Phoenix

This is just one more proof against the false doctrines "Once Saved Always Saved, and "Security of the Believer". No doctrines have done more damage in the church than those of John Calvin.(See additional topic notes "Make Your Election Sure") In the latter, the problem with "Security of the Believer" is that you better be careful what you believe. There is security in Christ, if you reside or stay in Christ. Joh 15:1-2 The church in Galatians 5 found that out, as the 7 churches in the Book of Revelation. Gal 5:1-4 . Jude.

And in with the former, it is not a matter of God, or the Groom, which is "Christ" keeping you. It is a matter of you keeping and following him. Most people, especially many of the Baptists, are dyslexic and are really backwards about this. Such is perseverance, endurance and overcoming the world (Mat 24:12-13, Mar 13:13, Rev 2:7, Rev 2:11, Rev 3:5, Rev 3:21, Rev 21:7).

Now a true to life example of this dyslexia. A member of a Baptist congregation a little over a year ago. It was during Sunday School

preview one evening that the Pastor of the church (and I use the term Pastor loosely for he is everything but a man of God Mat 7:21-23) on the scripture from Matthew 24:13 stated: Mat 24:13

**Mat 24:13** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Emil stated that those that endure to the end shall be saved. But then He added and taught that it could be read as the saved shall endure. **This is not the same thing**, think about it. Once you think about it, it is actually backwards or dyslexic. First, on his version of the truth he placed that salvation in the present tense will assure endurance. This is not what scripture teaches, and is a falling away from the truth. For it discounts man's free will, and yes.. in many instances man's ability to fall away from, to turn from, to err from the truth; and also to "mess things up".

Eph 4:14, 1Ti 6:21, Jam 5:19-20, 2Pe 3:17.

The problem of "Once Saved Always Saved" and "Security of the Believer" is that you better be careful what you believe. Put your faith in God's word and Jesus Christ of the Bible, not your own version. If he would have read the previous verses too from Matthew 24:11-12 it would have discounted this.

Mat 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

**Mat 24:12** And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

In the New Testament: If the wedding betrothal is broken, it is by the BRIDE. Or shall we say, a (member) of "The Brides Party" (See additional study notes on the "Bride" in the topical notes section) Recall once again the seven churches of Revelation, and the Parable of the Sower, and the seed among the thorns.

**The Betrothal - is an excellent description of the state of salvation in the present tense. Including the promise. 1Jo 2:24-25**

With full salvation completed, prior to Christ's return for and with the saints. Rev 22:11-14 . And you can trust this truth. Only those worthy will be taken. To meet the Lord in the Air. Mat 22:2-13, Luk 21:36 .

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

**It is only then that salvation is complete and death is swallowed up in victory. So walk worthy of your calling and make your salvation sure- work out your salvation:**

**Phi 2:12** Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

For worthiness is not unto automatic. 1Pe 1:2, And the price for spiritual infidelity, or adultery?

Death.

For the wages of sin is death. Always has been and always will be. Rom 6:23

**Luk 12:4** And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

**Luk 12:5** But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Paul addresses in previous verses to this one in Romans:

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Those who choose to sin, or fall "short of, or miss the mark", have become like the five of the ten virgins with the lamps. The five that missed the bridegroom, and were locked out.

**Rom 6:17** But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Rom 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

Rom 6:20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

The question everyone should ask is not am I worthy, but am I worthy in God's eyes? By His definition. And just what does it mean to follow Christ? Not what you define it to be, but what he defines it to be. Luk 21:36 , Luk 9:57-62 .

**There is a saying I use, which is stong meat: Don't use "Christ as a crutch" which means don't use Christ and His great redemptive work for mankind on the Cross as an excuse not to follow Christ. Do not take advantage of Grace. For if you do, you shall surely fall.**

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

As the great reformers cried "Corum Deo" meaning "God is with us" or better translated, "The eyes of God are upon us. Us: upon us all. Perhaps, it is time. Time for a true revival throughout the Church. The great awakening has begun.

–the Phoenix

The Betrothal is an excellent example of salvation in the present tense... because it is true.

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One of the greatest arguments of those that hold true the doctrine of once saved always saved and security of the believer is this scripture:

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. – John 10:27

Most that quote this verse are quick to quote the pluck part... but leave out the “follow” part. The “follow” part as in “free will”. And “err” from the faith.

Follow Jesus my beloved brethren. And only Him. There is salvation in no other. Not the false Christ of the false teachers, for they are anti-Christ.

All the pieces are beginning to fall into place... would you not agree?

Let us continue onward:

Just briefly, I would like to state here that there is security in Christ. As scripture tells us just that. But often the placement or emphasis in the Church today is placed upon the “security” part. And very little or nothing on the “believing” part. The faith. Believe wrongly and there is no security.

The greatest example of this is in the book of Galatians, chapter 5:

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. – Galatians 5:1-4

The Galatians here in Galatians Chapter 5, started embracing a different Gospel then what was first delivered to them.

Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. – Galatians 5:7-9

You did run well. You started out believing the correct Gospel.

But then you ceased to obey the truth. And thus denied Christ. And have fallen from Grace.

The original Greek language places fallen from Grace as:

Ye are fallen from; Strongs number 1601:

ekpipto - to drop away; specially, be driven out of one's course; figuratively, to lose, become inefficient:--be cast, fail, fall (away, off),

to fall away from the faith.. the saving faith.

And the original Greek language for Grace; Strongs 5485:

charis - of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude):--acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace

For **by Grace are we saved** through faith. It is the Gift of God.

Fall from Grace and you are not saved people. **Period.**

For the saving faith; THE FAITH; ceased to be present as well.  
Praise God for the perfect and infallible truth of His word!

Follow Jesus Christ. And the truth that is the Word of God.

There are many more scripture references I can give, however to shorten things a bit, I would like to finish with this one:

From the Gospel of John Chapter 15:

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. **Every branch in me** that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. – John 15:1-6

One does not abide “in Christ”, unless he or she has accepted Christ and is saved. The lost don’t abide in Him. And neither do those that the Father takes away... for they are “lost” as well.

In closing, I would like to add that it is a shame the false teaching that has racked the Church as a whole today. Such complacency as well. What of the glorious things some have done for the Lord, yet embrace these heresies you ask?

Perhaps beloved, you should reference this scripture:

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. – Matthew 7:21-23

May God Bless the reading of His Holy word and Perfect Truth.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

God will use anyone to advance His Kingdom.. even the lost. But only then to a point.

Follow Jesus. The real Jesus Christ of scripture. And not the one made in the minds of many ‘Theologians’. Read the word of God yourself beloved, and let it’s wisdom and truth speak to you.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? – Matthew 16:24-26

For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. – Matthew 10:35-38

To state that one cannot loose their salvation due to their own free will or “choices” is a lie. Straight from the Father of all Lies.. Satan himself.

There is Security in Christ, as long as you abide in Him. In and on the vine.

Follow Jesus.

And. embrace the truth.... “make all the pieces fit”.

And above all... Love.

And that beloved... is “perfect truth”.

“the Phoenix”

This study will be concluded in “Something Missing? All the Pieces Fit? Part 2, “The Word Part2”.

To prepare for the second part of this study dear reader, please become acquainted with the following verses from scripture, as they will be addressed in part 2.

Luke 8:5-15

Hebrews 6:1-6

2 Peter 2:15-22