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**MEDITATE ON THE WORD** (*Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148*)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to wish all the fathers and grandfathers out there a belated happy fathers day! I neglected to mention that in the previous issue. Also, I want to wish you all a happy 4th of July!

This month I promised you a sermon and outline entitled “Why Does God Allow Sin?” You will find that below. Also, you will find an interesting article I found recently that contrasts Christ and the Pope! This is a great witnessing tool and eye opener exposing the error and falsehood of the Papacy and the Biblical truth of a suffering, dying, risen, and resurrected Savior!

**WHY DOES GOD ALLOW SIN?**

SIN TODAY IS EVERYWHERE WE GO & EVERYWHERE WE LOOK. NO MATTER WHERE WE GO AND WHAT WE DO, IT SEEMS THAT SIN IS AROUND US IN SOME FORM OR ANOTHER.

AS BELIEVERS, WE SEE AND HEAR SIN AND IT BOTHERS US. FOR THE LOST, SIN IS LIKE NOTHING TO THEM. THEY WILLFULLY AND HABITUALLY SIN AND HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF IT.

I HEARD A GREAT SAYING IN A MESSAGE ONE TIME THAT GOES LIKE THIS, “YOU CAN CHOOSE THE SIN, BUT YOU CAN’T CHOOSE THE CONSEQUENCES.” ROMANS 6:23 SAYS THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH (HELL).

IS THERE AN ESCAPE? THE ESCAPE IS TRUSTING JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOR. SATAN MAKES IT VERY HARD IN THIS DAY AND AGE FOR PEOPLE TO SEE THEIR NEED TO TRUST CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOR.

WE MUST REALIZE THOUGH THAT GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL. THIS IS MY FATHERS WORLD AND GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE WE SING IN TWO GREAT HYMNS OF THE FAITH.

GOD IS ALLOWING THE SIN TO FULFILL HIS PERFECT WILL. GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES. SOMEDAY, AMEN! SATAN WILL BE DEFEATED AND CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE WHICH IS PREPARED FOR HIM AND HIS ANGELS.

WHY DOES GOD ALLOW THE SIN? THE SIN WHICH TROUBLES AND DISCOURAGES MANY BELIEVERS. WHY DOES HE ALLOW SO MUCH SIN AND SUCH HORRIBLE SIN TO EXIST ALL AROUND US? WHY DO SOME OF THESE THINGS HAVE TO HAPPEN? IN THIS MESSAGE, I WANT TO COVER WHAT THE SPIRIT HAS BROUGHT TO MY HEART IN THIS MATTER.

FIRST LET ME TELL YOU THAT WE ARE DEFINITELY IN THE LAST DAYS BEFORE THE RETURN OF THE LORD. ANY BELIEVER CAN SEE THAT WITH HOW FAR THIS WORLD IN GENERAL HAS TURNED FROM THEIR CREATOR GOD AND TURNED TO A LIFE OF SIN. WHY DOES GOD ALLOW OR TOLERATE THIS? ALLOW MEANS TO PERMIT. TOLERATE MEANS TO ALLOW TO BE, OR TO BE DONE WITHOUT HINDRANCE; TO ENDURE OR RESIST THE ACTION OF.

**WHY DOES GOD ALLOW AND TOLERATE SIN?**

- A. HE IS A GRACIOUS GOD (Titus 2:11) (Grace is undeserved favor that God richly and abundantly bestows on both saved and lost)
1. We all deserve Hell (Rom. 3:12-18, 23)
  2. He allows and tolerates it because of his grace (Rom. 6:1, 14-16)
  3. He knows that we are going to sin because we are born in sin (Psalm 51:5)
  4. He knows we have a free-will to commit sin...even after hearing the gospel (Heb. 10:26 – there will be more on this later on)
  5. He is a long-suffering, compassionate and merciful God. God loves you and wants to save you from sin (Exo 34:6; Psalm 86:15; II Pet. 3:9). We don't deserve any of this amazing GRACE. We deserve HELL!
- B. IT IS OUR NATURE TO SIN (Satan is the father of sin – 1 John 3:8; John 8:44)
1. We are born with a sinful nature (Psalm 51:5; Rom. 5:12)
  2. There is \*pleasure in sin (Satisfying the sensations) (John 8:34)  
\*Kinds of pleasure: Physical (Eccl. 2:1-10); Worldly (Luke 8:14 ); Immoral (Titus 3:3 – the unsaved take pleasure in this immorality) (TV, music, movies, sexual, drugs, crime & violence – We have all this because it is our nature to rebel against our creator God and the gospel of Christ...for Satan blinds them – II Cor. 4:3-4)
  3. That sinful nature is still with us after we are saved (Rom. 6:12-22), but we have the Holy Spirit (John 16:13) to help us
- C. THERE IS A COMING JUDGMENT BY GOD AGAINST SIN (God is a holy God who hates sin and will have no part of it)
1. God planned it all and makes no mistakes (Rom. 9:16-23 – He knows who will and won't trust Christ as Savior)
  2. God will laugh at the wicked (Psalm 2:4-9; 59:8; 37:12-13; Prov 1:22-33)
  3. He is angry with the wicked everyday (Psalm 7:11)
  4. A Great White Throne Judgment is coming and those that rejected Christ as Savior from their sin will be cast into the Lake of Fire (Matt. 10:28; Rev. 20:11-15)
- D. THERE IS A SAVIOR FROM SIN AND THAT SAVIOR WHO IS SINLESS (1 John 3:5,9; II Cor. 5:21) IS JESUS CHRIST ALONE (JOHN 14:6)
1. Jesus is the Savior from the Penalty of Sin (saved from Eternal death & Hell) (John 3:16-21, 1 John 2:1-2)
  2. Jesus is the Savior from the Power of Sin (By the Holy Spirit – currently! (we see this in Rom. 8:1-14)
  3. Jesus is the Savior from the Presence of Sin (He promises a home in Heaven someday)
  4. Jesus wants to save all from sin (II Pet. 3:9; Titus 2:11; 1 Tim. 4:10) and save them forever (John 3:15-16; 10:28-29)
- E. LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN A WICKED WORLD (Separation from sin – Rom. 6:1-2, 6-7; II Cor. 5:17)
1. Study the Bible daily
  2. Go to church faithfully and often
  3. Prayer daily and often
  4. Praise the Lord in song
  5. Witnessing
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## CHRIST AND THE POPE CONTRASTED

1. CHRIST wore a crown of thorns. THE POPE wears a crown of jewels.
  2. CHRIST carried on His shoulders the cross. THE POPE is carried on the shoulders of his servants in splendor.
  3. CHRIST declared the laws of His kingdom and urged His followers to do the same. THE POPE tramples them underfoot and substitutes his own instead.
  4. CHRIST sent the Holy Spirit to be His Vicar on earth. THE POPE claims to be the Vicar of Christ on earth.
  5. CHRIST is the Head of the Church. THE POPE claims to be the head.
  6. CHRIST taught that sin should be confessed to God. THE POPE teaches that sin should be confessed to the priests.
  7. CHRIST taught that He alone is the Saviour. THE POPE teaches that the Church is the Saviour.
  8. CHRIST taught that there was but one Mediator between God and man (I Tim. 2:5). THE POPE teaches that there are many mediators between God and man.
  9. CHRIST taught that salvation was and is by grace. THE POPE teaches that salvation is by works.
  10. CHRIST claimed infallibility for Himself and the Word of God alone. THE POPE claims infallibility for himself in matters of faith and morals.
  11. CHRIST had no place to lay His head. THE POPE lives in a magnificent palace surrounded by wealth.
  12. CHRIST gave His gospel free to all. THE POPE sells his masses and other favors.
  13. CHRIST said "Call no man father upon the earth; for one is your Father, which is in heaven" (Matt. 23:9). THE POPE commands all to call him 'Holy Father', and his priests feel insulted if persons do not address them as 'Father'.
  14. CHRIST was poor and lowly. THE POPE'S wealth is immense.
  15. CHRIST washed His disciples' feet, thus manifesting a spirit of humility worthy of emulation by His followers. THE POPE presents his foot to be kissed and requires genuflections and kneeling from those who have audiences with him.
  16. CHRIST taught His followers to pray to God through Him. THE POPE teaches his followers to pray to Virgin Mary.
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## SONG OF THE MONTH

**SONG** – *This is My Fathers World* (This is a great song about our Creator and His power and holiness. This song clearly teaches that though the wrong seems oft so strong...God is indeed the ruler yet!)

*"Let us praise our precious Savior in song all the day long."*

## NEWS

If you or somebody you know are interested in receiving current or past issues of STM E-news, please e-mail me and let me know.

## PRAISES

I praise God for the privilege and blessing of preparing and sending out STM E-news to people all across the land. We need revival and we need "re-Bible" all across this nation and other lands. Once again, I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month.

Just like last month I would like to challenge and encourage both young and old to take time each week to take a stack of gospel tracts from your local church and get them out to the lost however the Lord leads. Make sure you do not have any left by the end of the month. Maybe, you will need more, praise God! I will be doing the same myself and praying for you all as you do this for the honor and glory of the Lord.

Last month, I was able to distribute many tracts at work and saw most of them being read! Praise God! If the Lord leads please let me know how this worked out for you.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Salvation of my sister Wendy & her husband Mark
- Salvation of my nephew Jacob
- Wisdom regarding Saved Today Ministries and the e-newsletter

- Wisdom regarding FT Christian service for the Lord someday as the Lord leads
- God's blessing upon and growth of Bible believing, Bible preaching, Biblicist Baptist local churches all across the world and for more to be planted.
- Please pray for an upcoming trip in late July with a friend of mine to Atlanta, GA

**IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:**

You will find a yet to be chosen sermon and an article entitled "Reputation or Character?"

Thank you so much for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His Servant,  
Craig G.  
Prov. 3:5-6

P.S. If you have any ideas on any improvements to the newsletter, I'd like to hear from you. Please e-mail me and let me know. If you know somebody who would like to be added to the newsletter, please have them e-mail me and I will get it out to them as soon as possible. Also, just in case you do NOT wish to continue receiving this monthly newsletter, please e-mail me with "please remove" in the subject line.