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Is Your Music Scripturally Sound or a Significant Stumblingblock? (By: Andrew Lacroix)

Text: II Corinthians 4:1-6

We are all attracted to music. For some music defines them. It defines what they like in life; it defines who they are; and for many, music is their god. It is placed on a high pedestal; sold-out concerts with throbs of dedicated listeners worship them and pay them the big money. Their God-given talent is given over to Satan.

Satan has a proverbial stranglehold over much of this world. In fact, Paul articulates in verse 4 that he is the "god of this world" and he governs the minds and music of almost the entire world. Having been lost in my own sins and transgressions for over 23 years, I know much about the music of

the world. Now, having been changed (cf. 5:17), God has allowed me to see how music negatively affects the world and also the Christian who chooses to listen to it.

Before I was saved in 2009, I had been attending an independent, fundamental Baptist church in PA for almost 18 months. I heard 1 message on music and how it relates to the Christian. That was a month after I started attending this church. I have heard NOTHING other than brief mentions on it since. I dabbled in worldly music, and therefore I know, sadly, many songs, many artists, and many wicked sins these songs and artists promote. I must lay this disclaimer: I am by no means a music expert. I have no degrees from any certified school on the matter of music. What I do know is the Bible, and that is only by God revealing such truth unto me, and His grace allows me to present what the Bible says on music. Perhaps through His grace and His Words, we will see how our music should be turned over to Him. As we open this study, I'd like to answer two big questions: First, do we know just how the world's music impacts the changed heart? Second, is our music, our personal taste, scripturally sound or is it a significant stumblingblock?

Before I go any further, this commentary on music will not enter the realm of the current Contemporary Christian Music (CCM) debacle in IFB churches. Many have commented, but I will do so at a more convenient time. In our text (2 Cor. 4:1-6), Paul starts off by saying, "As we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty..." Those believers at Corinth were turning their lives around 180 degrees. After Paul took them to task on a number of issues in his first letter, it is reported to him that there is much fruit. These Christians were humbled and given to much prayer regarding their walks with the Lord. Yet not all at Corinth had taken to this. Some there wanted to deny this change and criticize the ministry God had blessed Paul with. Those, I am led to believe, had been successfully guided, blinded, and used by Satan to deceive others. Are we all aware that Satan has duped many with music? Those who choose to listen to nearly all of the world's music are also choosing to serve the god of this world. Now, since this is not often preached on or taught (which it should be more often in my opinion), there may be some who have never sought Scripture on their music, and there is very little said on music in the Bible. It does require extra time in His Word and on our knees, but we will be able to see just why much of the music out today is not for us to be listening to. The music of the world now is a far cry from what they may have had two to three thousand years ago. I believe there are Christians who honestly and truthfully may be unaware of just the type of impact the world's music has on their lives and the lives of those they attempt to win to Christ. I also believe that some are just ignorant and continue to listen and purchase the world's music in spite of what the Bible says on it. My prayer is that with an open look and heart, God's Word would not be taken lightly on this matter.

Music is a blinder used by Satan, who uses many people in his attempt to neutralize the witness of Christians. This is due in part by music, which takes normal, neutral words, combines them with a beat that is attractive to the flesh and sin nature that we all have, and thus you have music. Many churches, furthermore, in today's day and age have practically no standards on music, which allows for not only CCM but also the world's music, to infiltrate the church and those in it. With all of this in mind, let us carefully examine the world's music and how practically all of it, for the Christian anyway, is a significant stumblingblock. Five music styles we will consider:

1. **Rap.** Rap is one of the fastest growing music trends of the late 20th century and into the present time. It is extremely popular amongst young listeners because of the way it is written: it rhymes, it has a steady, head bouncing, flesh motivating beat, and it represents their life. What these

listeners are being tuned into is a buffet of blasphemy, anger, rebellion, and sin. In each point I make we will examine artists, songs, and the lifestyle of the artist. I said earlier that music defines who they are, and to prove that, I will articulate from the Bible as to why we should not identify with that artist, song, or music that artist portrays. Let's start with rap mogul Marshall Mathers. You may know him by his stage name, Eminem. The Detroit born and raised music and movie star ("8 Mile") was made very popular by his frequent usage of outrageous lyrics that are definitely not worth repeating or much less reprinted. It is easy to see that Eminem, his music, and his lifestyle serve the god of this world. He swears excessively in his music (including gross violations of the Third Commandment, cf. Ex. 20:7; Deut. 5:11), has had known drug usage and abuse, and has adorned his body with tattoos. The idea that one could print markings on their body was foreseen by God when he told the Israelites: "Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead; nor print any markings upon you; I am the Lord" (Lev. 19:28). The word tattoo, by the way, is not found in Scripture. The Israelites were to be set apart, separated, and holy. Body piercings, including the nose, ear, and tongue are all popular today, but God said no to the Israelites regarding this practice in Leviticus 21:5. Tattoo shows are all too commonplace, and these programs further enhance destroying what God gave you. Friend, we all get one body. Give it to God and don't let it become a walking advertisement. Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (cf. I Cor. 6:19). Tattooing the body draws attention to one's self. Self ought to stand for serving every lust flippantly. As Paul spoke in our text, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord..." (v. 5). Eminem should not be followed. Neither should other rap artists such as, but not limited to, Nicki Minaj, Snoop Dogg, Limp Bizkit, Diddy, Jay-Z, and T.I. Many of these artists cross over into other music styles, and this ecumenical music pact draws youth further and further away from Bible truth. Some of these other artists have had run-ins with authority, and rap leads the charge, permeating gangs and leading to violence, including murder. Murder claimed the lives of two well know rap artists: Tupac Shakur and the Notorious B.I.G. (real name Christopher Wallace). Wallace's murder is still unsolved after fifteen years. Christian, do these lifestyles apply to your life? They ought not, and we should not identify with these lifestyles and this music style.

2. **Rock/Metal.** This music is what most of our parents heard and grew up with. As a result it has a fairly popular contingent of listeners. Many of its corresponding groups, lead singers, and followers are involved in some vile sins grossly offensive to God. Consider rock group Queen, famous for "We are the Champions" and "We Will Rock You". Former lead singer Freddy Mercury (now deceased) was a known offender of an abomination in Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13. (Since little eyes may be perusing other articles in the newsletter I will be a little discreet with my words, but I am not discreet when it comes to marking it as sin). This sin, which is an abomination, was judged with fire in Genesis 19. KISS' popular 80's hit "I Wanna Rock and Roll All Night" talks about partying, which leads to drinking and other such sinful material. AC/DC, the hard rock group, had male members with long hair, considered for a man to be a shame in the Bible (cf. I Cor. 11:14). AC/DC ought to be thought of as "absolutely crummy disgusting content" when talking about their music. The highly blasphemous song "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" was first done by Bob Dylan, but later recovered by others such as Eric Clapton, Grateful Dead, and Guns 'N' Roses. All of these groups/singers are to be avoided at all costs as well. The Beatles were atheistic in their songs, including Lennon's "Imagine". Metal group Black Sabbath is highly blasphemous. Drug-drenched lifestyles and bad influences ruin the lives of these groups, singers, and possibly their followers as well. To think that this is normal is abnormal! Drugs overtook the lives of Kurt Cobain (the lead singer of Nirvana), Janis Joplin, and Jimi Hendrix. All died at the age of 27. The atheistic Cobain killed himself. Is suicide really an answer? Nickelback might currently be the hottest rock ticket, but it's not a ticket any Christian should hold. Long haired lead singer Chad Kroeger has been reported to chain-smoke Marlboros before and after

concerts. Smoking is one of the most harmful things one can do to their body, and its effects are often devastating, scarring, and permanent. Others songs promote drinking and the rock and roll hippy lifestyle. We don't need this background to influence our lives, we need the Bible to influence our lives, Amen!

3. **Pop.** This music style has quite the fleshly beat to it and has a number of problems the Christian should heed and steer clear of. Amy Winehouse was a pop star in the United Kingdom. Drugs overran her life and she died at the age of 27 in 2011. Earlier in 2012 the pop star Whitney Houston, who lived 48 years, was found dead. She was discovered in a liberal Baptist church in New Jersey and apparently either overdosed on prescription medicine or she drowned herself at a party. Immorality is also promoted in this music. A popular pop song is called "Just Dance". Dancing was done in two forms in the Bible: One who was extremely joyful danced in a good, moral way, as in the example of King David (cf. I Samuel 18:6). Today's dancing is immoral and sinful (cf. Matt. 14:6) and it was done as a leadup to the beheading of John the Baptist. Nelly Furtado had a popular hit (with rap artist Timbaland) entitled "Promiscuous Girl". This need not have too much explanation. Why is teen pregnancy and abortion so big nowadays? Why do grotesque MTV shows like "16 and Pregnant", "Teen Mom", and "Jersey Shore" get such great ratings? This world, dear Christian, loves pleasure, sins, and lusts (cf. I John 2:15-17) and why should we be advocates of such loathsome material? Adele reportedly smoked six cigarettes in a one hour interview. Popular N'SYNC boy band member Lance Bass admitted to violating Lev. 18:22. These are not the types of lives a Christian ought to model!

4. **"Soft" Rock.** Don't let the word soft fool you. It attracts older listeners by simply turning down its beat and the heavy instruments are utilized different. However, it is not any less sinful. Sin is still sin, last I checked, and sin grieves the Holy Spirit (cf. Ephesians 4:30). This is a music style that I dabbled in for a number of years and I am permanently scarred by it. Let me explain that last statement: Songs of this type can be played on a loudspeaker in a restaurant or retail store, and I will recognize the song and the artist more times than not. The memories of such come flooding back, and if I'm not on my full guard, I may just end up singing it as if I had never changed. You may feel the same way about whatever music you dabbled in before your conversion, dear servant of God. This is why from an early age, children of Christians NEED to have good music. I'll speak to this a bit later. Elton John is a British soft rock legend, with hits such as "Philadelphia Freedom", "Crocodile Rock", and "Benny and the Jets". However, it is a known fact that Elton promotes and lives the wicked lifestyle that Mercury and Bass also lived. Consider the lyrics to John's hit, "Tiny Dancer": "Jesus freaks/out in the streets/handin' tickets out like gold/lookin' back/she just laughed..." This song mocks Christians for doing their job: telling people about the One who can save them from their sins. It also promotes the popular "no Hell" teaching that has spread to pop culture. This blasphemous song mocks Christianity, takes Hell lightly, and lifestyles like that of Elton John should not be identified with. Paul wrote: "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11). Singer/songwriter Billy Joel has written and performed songs that were about drinking ("Pianoman"), rebellion ("Only the Good Die Young", "Movin' Out"), and has been married (and divorced) thrice. Attempted immorality is the theme behind Rupert Holmes' "Escape (The Pina Colada Song)". Many of soft rock's writers/singers were influenced by harder rock, and when you have such influences as AC/DC's "Highway to Hell", Charlie Daniel's Band's "The Devil Went Down to Georgia", and Van Halen's "Running with the Devil", why should soft rock be toned down and therefore "acceptable"? None of the songs, topics, or artists I have covered should be in ANY Christian's library or home for that matter!

5. **Country.** Having been raised under this type of music, I know way too much about this. While the south claims to be the "Bible Belt", all of this music is not Christ-like and certainly is not centered around the Bible. God is not at the forefront of their lives. At best He is utterly relegated to a "religious" role, and at utterly worst His precious name is blasphemed. Many country singers/songwriters attend religious services. Now many Baptist churches in the south are Southern Baptist, and many are ecumenical, promote southern gospel or CCM, are worldly, carnal, and even falsely teach professions over possessions when it comes to salvation. A lot use modern Bible versions. I highly doubt any of these singers/songwriters have a good testimony of true repentance and trust in Christ alone, and I further believe that hardly any of these are saved individuals. Consider popular country artist Randy Travis. Travis has gone back and forth between country and southern gospel. Now while his southern gospel albums are done better than most (for example, he refuses to use an electric guitar or drums for these albums), his unwillingness to separate from country music and its influences leaves doubt of true saving faith. Once a Christian has worked out their own salvation (cf. Philippians 2:12), they should never leave doubt of their salvation with others. It should be obvious to everyone you talk to that you are different, Amen. Recently Travis was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. What a shame. A popular singer bounced back and forth between country and gospel. Guess which one finally influenced Elvis Presley more? The answer's pretty obvious to me. Ponder Lady Antebellum. This two guy, one girl trio's 2011 hit "I Need You Now" contains the following lyrics: "It's a quarter after one/I'm a little drunk/and I need you now..." Drinking is very popular in the south (and everywhere else), is often written in song, and ought not to be touched by Christians. Consider the worldly "Happy Hour" philosophy that is encouraged in Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffett's duet, "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere". This is not the first instance for either of these singers to dab in drinking songs. Jackson (whom like others professes to be a Christian and is most known for his post 9/11 hit "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)) did a song called "Pop a Top" where one drinks to forget things. We should not drink to forget things; we should let go and let God handle all our anxieties and worries. Buffett had a popular song called "Margaritaville". One of Toby Keith's hits is called "I Love this Bar". Recently it has been franchised with a restaurant, and it has many locations, including one next to Gillette Stadium (Patriots) in Foxboro, Mass. Sheryl Crow, known more for rock and soft rock, did a duet with Kid Rock (a blasphemous long haired rebel) called "Picture" that talks about drug usage and drinking. Brooks and Dunn did a song entitled "Red Dirt Road" that entails the following lyrics: "It's where I drank my first beer/it's where I found Jesus/where I wrecked my first car/I tore it all to pieces/I learned the path to Heaven/is full of sinners and believers..." Not only does this song promote drinking, it also promotes false teaching! A double whammy! Unrepentant sinners go to Hell, and those who repent and put their faith in Christ alone to save them, they go to Heaven. See what utter blasphemy is being permeated in music today? Garth Brooks has put out a number of drinking songs, including "Friends in Low Places". This bar song encourages drinking to get away from life and has the "Cheers" type of mentality. Life needs to be influenced not by beer, but by the Bible (Prov. 6:23). Other drinking songs include "The Honky-Tonk Bar Association" (Garth Brooks), "Ten Rounds" (Tracy Byrd), "Pour Me" (Trick Pony), "Alcohol" (Brad Paisley), and probably the worst offender of this is the "drink to your death" song "Whiskey Lullaby". This abhorrent, filthy, vile piece of songwriting was performed by Paisley and Allison Krauss, and it tells a sad tale of two people who drink bad memories away to the point where they intoxicate and perish. Drinking is one of the leading causes of preventable death in America! Christian, should your music promote something that leads to death? God forbid!

Other country songs promote gambling (Kenny Rogers' "The Gambler"), and infidelity and revenge (Carrie Underwood's "Before He Cheats"), as well as her blasphemous hit "Jesus Take the

Wheel" is the icing on top of the proverbial cake.

Well, at this point I've said quite a lot about why this music should not be listened to, purchased, and shared by Christians. There are other styles of music, such as jazz, blues, opera, and others still that I have not covered, but enough has been made known. Be a Berean (cf. Acts 17:11) and search to see if that music is acceptable by God's standard or not. This study has CLEARLY proven that this all is not for a born-again child of God to have. It is worldly, wicked, and worthless. It promotes things God has saved us from. This music is used by Satan to keep unbelievers from truth as well as deceive Christians and limit their testimonies. The lifestyle promotes Satan even though they may "sing about God". This does not follow the God of the Bible, it does not promote a changed life, and does not honor or follow His Words. For a Christian to continue to support this music and these lifestyles can make you a significant stumblingblock. You have been saved and you are continually being changed into His glorious image. Why can't you give up this aspect like you have other things? It is hard for much of the unsaved world to see a person who says they are separated and different yet their music is the same and believe your message. Do you like having your testimony minimized? Do you see the harm in this?

So now, having deemed this music as a significant stumblingblock, what should be done to it? The remedy is simple and unrefined. Throw it in a dumpster. Take a hammer and obliterate it into 10,000 pieces if you like (just not in front of somebody else, they may think you've lost it). I firmly believe you shouldn't sell your music collection because then you are enticing others to sin, and that compromises the positive thing you're attempting to do in ridding yourself of the filth.

Now, having gotten rid of the garbage that once ruled your life, you ought to replace it, and replace it with Scripturally sound music. Again, I am no expert on godly music, but by the grace of God allow me to share what He has enlightened me with. Let's examine a few things from the Word of God as to how He can help us make the right decisions regarding music and fill our homes, minds, thoughts, and hearts with His promises and elevate our worship of Him.

Children who grow up in a godly, conservative home ought to have this type of music playing, so they hear no compromise and it allows them to develop a close walk with the Lord as well. In Ephesians 5:19, Paul elaborates on this a bit. He says, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms..." Psalms are a great source of godly encouragement. Many of the psalms were put to music and used in temple worship. This is therefore certainly honoring to the Lord. Psalm 5 used "wind instruments" such as flutes and clarinets. Many instruments can be utilized in Christ-honoring worship. Psalm 6 introduced a harp ("Sheminith"). David obviously had no forms of worldly entertainment, and so at an early age, he was probably taught how to play instruments.

Paul goes on to use hymns as the next way to honor the Lord and have good music in the home and in the house of God. Many of the older and some newer hymns give great praise unto the Lord. There are songs about witnessing ("Seeking the Lost", "Rescue the Perishing"); living the Christian life ("Living for Jesus", "Take Time to be Holy"); Christian service ("Onward Christian Soldiers", "Stand Up for Jesus"); surrender ("I Surrender All", "Is Your All on the Altar?"), and of course, salvation ("Room at the Cross", "Just As I Am"). Many of these can be purchased and are great for building a collection of Scripturally sound songs. There are even solid Christian internet radio feeds where godly music can be played over your computer, downloaded unto your phone/MP3, and available for CD/cassette purchase. No excuses now.

Anything that has good values, implements Bible teaching, and doesn't sound like what the world would sing is a start. Many special numbers are well-written, chock full of Scripture, and it glorifies God. Just be careful to know who puts out the product and sample it to see if it truly delights the Lord or if it deceives and serves Satan, just masqueraded in "godly robes"

All of these previous points will allow you to conform to Eph. 5:20. Listening to and singing this type of music allows you to demonstrate your love for Him, your love for His Words, and your love for what He's done for you. You have a voice: use it to give thanks to God! There's no need to ruin it with stuff that doesn't please Him. If you still have your voice, use it to glorify God! Glory to His name! Praise ye the Lord! Psalms 149 and 150 both attach themselves well to the verses we looked at in Ephesians.

In closing, Scripturally sound music needs to be in our homes, our hearts, and the new song which Christ gave us (cf. Ps. 40:3). God does not want us to be or live in darkness any longer. To continue to ignore God's Words in this matter of music is like saying you want what you have to be hid (cf. 2 Cor. 4:3). Furthermore it is then a significant stumblingblock. Consider 2 Cor. 6:14-17. We have been made righteous because of the precious blood of Jesus Christ that covers our vile pile of sins. To listen to ungodly music willfully is like attempting to yoke with unbelievers, have part in unrighteousness, and be deceived. Let's "come out from among them, and be ye separate". Separate from the music which glorifies self, serves Satan, and is a significant stumblingblock. In its stead, consider what God has saved you from and accept Scripturally sound music. It is harder to find. It may mean ridding yourself of hundreds to even thousands of dollars spent in worldly junk and spending time and money (which is also God's, by the way) in finding what is acceptable by God's standard, the Bible. If you're further unsure, seek godly counsel regarding good music. I'm sure there HAS to be somebody in your church that has good music and will help you. You'll be better off for it. Your children will be better off for it.

"Alone" (Part #13) (By: Craig Glickman)

This is the continuation of a long, yet informative study on every appearance of the word "alone" in the Bible. This word appears 106 times in the King James Version. For sake of space, I will show only the reference but I encourage you to take your Bible and read the passages.

Luke 9:18 – This is the passage of Peter's confession of faith (vs. 18-22). Jesus is alone praying, probably for the disciples. Peter saw Him as the Messiah, The Christ of God! He had not yet defeated sin at Calvary and finished His work which is the reason for His response in verses 21-22. Do you have a prayer closet? Do you take time to get alone with God in prayer everyday? It is so important to do this. If Jesus did, you and I should as well.

Luke 9:36 – This is the passage Jesus and the disciples on the mount of transfiguration where Moses and Elijah briefly appear (vs. 27-36). This was to further prove to them that Christ is Messiah (vs. 33-36). God tells them by a voice from a cloud (possibly a thick fog) that was over all of them to hear Christ, His beloved Son alone (vs. 35). When the voice of God from the cloud ceased Jesus was found alone with His disciples and Moses and Elias were gone. Dear reader, Messiah has come. He came! He suffered! He died! He was buried! He is Risen! O' What a Savior!

Luke 10:40 – This is the passage of the contrast of Mary and Martha who were servants of Christ. Martha received Him into her house and her sister Mary is sitting at Jesus' feet hearing His word (vs. 38-39). Martha was busy about serving and questioned Christ about why she was serving alone and asked Jesus to tell Mary to help her (vs. 40). Christ's response to Martha comes in verses 41-42 showing that Mary's heart was focused on Christ and learning His word while Martha's heart was focused on cares and worries of the world! Where is your heart dear reader, on Christ alone and things above...or on self and the things, worries, cares and concerns of this world?

Emotions in The Bible (By: Craig Glickman)

There are many verses and passages in the Bible that relate to emotions and feelings of man and our Lord Himself in trials, suffering, affliction, and of course peace and joy. The following is an ongoing study of passages that have convicted, comforted, edified, encouraged or blessed me through hearing messages, devotions and studies over the years. I hope this is a blessing and help to you and I, and that the Lord may be honored and glorified in this series of studies on emotions in the Bible. Each issue, Lord willing, will have a verse or passage in the Bible covered. I am excited and privileged to do this. Praise God! I intend to break each passage down into the following: **Passage, Emotion(s), Cause, Effect, What does the passage say?, What does the passage say to you and I?, What should you and I do about it?, How do you and I stay accountable?**

Passage: Romans 12:10

Emotion(s): Affection (love/commitment to the brethren)

Cause: Love of the brethren

Effect: Fellowship and unity of those who are of like precious faith

What does the passage say?: This passage is an exhortation to love (vs. 9-21). All those who are devoted in faith to Jesus Christ must be devoted to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Thes. 4:9-10). They must be devoted with a sincere, kind and tender affection. We should be concerned for the welfare, needs and spiritual condition of our brothers' and sisters' in Christ. We should be earnestly praying for them daily. We should sympathize with them and help them in their sorrows and troubles. Selfishness and sowing discord destroys the unity and not only breaks the bond of fellowship with a brother or sister in Christ but is also a great sin that breaks our fellowship with Christ!

What does the passage say to you and I?: We must prefer one another in honor, i.e., we should be eager to respect and honor the good qualities in other believers (John 13:34-35). Love (Gk. *Agape*) must be the distinguishing mark of Christ's followers (1 John 3:23; 4:7-21). This agape love is basically a self-giving and sacrificial love which seeks the good of another (1 John 4:9-10). Thus, the relationship between all believers must be characterized by a devoted purposeful concern which sacrificially seeks to promote the highest good of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Christians should befriend each other in trials, be careful of each other's feelings and reputation, and deny themselves to promote each other's welfare (cf. 1 Cor. 13; Gal. 6:2; 1 Thes. 4:9; 2 Thes. 1:3; 1 Pet. 1:22; 2 Pet. 1:7; 1 John 3:23). Sadly, there may come a time that a brother or sister is in sin, rejects admonition, and is unrepentant. Therefore, in obedience to God we would need to separate from them but we should not cease to pray for them to repent and get right with God to restore fellowship with God and the brother or sister involved.

What should you and I do about it?: Seek to help, give to, edify and encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ and not tear them down by focusing on self, gossiping and sowing discord.

How do you and I stay accountable?: Ask your spouse, friend or pastor to help you to be kindly affectioned one to another. Simply put, ask them what you can do for them? One who is most happy and joyous is one that is doing things for His glory to help others and is occupied with helping others.

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

Jesus is the ONLY WAY to Heaven (By: Craig Glickman)

1. **WE ARE ALL LOST IN SIN and ON OUR WAY TO A SINNERS HELL:** The Bible says "...There is none righteous, no not one." (Rom. 3:10). The Bible also says, "...All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23). Sadly, we have all gone astray from God and His ways. The Bible says, "All we like sheep have gone astray..." (Isaiah 53:6).
2. **GOD IS PERFECTLY HOLY:** The Bible says, "...The LORD our God is holy." (Psalm 99:9). It also says, "...Thou are not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with Thee." (Psalm 5:4). We need to see that a thrice holy God wants nothing to do with sin and evil.
3. **JESUS BRIDGED THE GAP BY DYING FOR THE SIN OF ALL MANKIND:** We read in Romans 5:8 "...God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Dear reader, God loves you and I for He sent His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die for ALL our sins (John 3:16)!

Jesus saith...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. (John 14:6)

:) Children For Christ :)

Memory Verse: James 1:22 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Doers of the Word

1. True or False: The key to approaching God biblically is your response. ___ True ___ False
2. As you respond to what you read or hear, you approach God in a _____ way:
A. Deeper B. Wrong C. Incorrect
3. What happens if you attend church week after week, your heart is stirred, but your life is not changed? _____ A. You are not saved B. You are failing to see the significance of God's word in your life.
4. True or False: We need to let God's word settle in our hearts and effect a change into our lives which makes us doers and not just hearers of the word. ___ True ___ False
5. Hearing and Studying God's word should change: (Check all that applies)
___ Lifestyles ___ Homes ___ Marriages ___ Careers ___ Every part of our lives
6. Take some time and pray: "Lord, when I attend church, help my heart response to be not to only hear the preacher today. I want You to touch my heart and change my life through the power of your word. Lord, Help me to be a doer of the word. In Jesus name I pray Amen!"
7. True or False: Bible reading and preaching is designed to have an immediate impact upon our lives. ___ True ___ False

8. God's will is that His word quickly: (Check all that applies)
 ___ Touches our hearts ___ Impacts our lives ___ Changes our behavior
9. True or False: God wants to touch your heart every time you study or hear His word so that you will be a doer of His word. ___ True ___ False
10. Take a Bible and read Psalm 119:7. The Psalmist was saying, "When God impacts my heart, the response is praise to God, and thanks for what He has done. Dear reader, be thankful. Be a doer of the word!"

Dear Readers,

As you can see the format of Hunger For Truth has changed once again. I welcome Brother Andrew Lacroix as a new editor along with myself. Brother Lacroix is a long-time friend of mine and a dear brother in Christ. In this new format, though some columns are no longer in the newsletter, their will be many new articles, studies and devotionals. Also we've debuted a new column entitled "Only Jesus Saves!", which will have gospel outlines, devotionals and articles by Brother Lacroix and myself to share with lost souls and help you reflect upon what our precious Savior did for you and I. This new format will be as the Lord leads and is subject to change. Please feel free to contact Andrew or I if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for reading and may God richly bless.

In Christ,
 Craig Glickman
 Prov. 3:5-6

“There is no need to re-write the Bible, just re-read it and apply it to yourself.”

- Lester Roloff

“I do tremble on the Rock sometimes, but then I know that the Rock doesn't tremble under me.”

- Unknown

(1 Cor. 10:4, The Solid Rock)

Praises

- We praise God for the privilege and freedom to share our faith in Christ with others
- Praise God for the new format of Hunger For Truth

Prayer Requests

- Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)
- Lacroix family (Salvation)
- Rusty and family (Salvation)
- Job situation for Craig Glickman (day shift, new job)

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Thank you 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 Servants,
Craig Glickman Andrew Lacroix
Prov. 3:5-6 1 Thes. 5:18***

