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**Section -1—The Problem: Bad Information, Difficult Conditions, Pilot Error**

1. \_\_\_\_\_% of the World is Christian
2. \_\_\_\_\_% of the World is not Christian
3. \_\_\_\_\_% of the World is Moslem
4. \_\_\_\_\_% of the World is Hindu
5. \_\_\_\_\_% of the World has no Religion as their Religion
6. \_\_\_\_\_% of the U.S. is Christian
7. Less than \_\_\_\_\_% of Christians know anything at all about their religion
8. ValueGenesis1 (1992) \_\_\_\_\_% of Adults believe you get to Heaven by your behavior
9. Only \_\_\_\_\_% of the youth attending these religious schools believe they are saved by what Christ has done!
10. Value Genesis2 (2004) \_\_\_\_\_% of youth agree salvation is a free gift, but we must keep the law to be worthy.
11. \_\_\_\_\_% of Christians do not know that Protestant churches teach salvation by grace alone.
12. \_\_\_\_\_% of Christians cannot name the first book of the Bible.
13. \_\_\_\_\_% of Christians cannot name the four Gospels.
14. \_\_\_\_\_% of Christians do not know the Golden Rule is not one of the Ten Commandments.

### Section 0—The Impossible

1. The punishment for sin is eternal death, \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness. There is no such thing as an “\_\_\_\_\_ soul”
2. Gen. 2:17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will \_\_\_\_\_ die.”
3. We are all \_\_\_\_\_ wicked sinners
4. Jer. 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and \_\_\_\_\_cure. Who can understand it?
5. Psa. 51:5 Surely I was sinful at \_\_\_\_\_, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
6. Rom. 3:23 for \_\_\_\_\_ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
7. God’s law is perfect and holy and \_\_\_\_\_ be changed at any time
8. Psalms 19:7 ¶ The law of the LORD *is* \_\_\_\_\_, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.
9. Adam did not break the ten commandments, he broke the \_\_\_\_\_ law of the Universe
10. Satan broke the Universal law of the Universe \_\_\_\_\_ his Encounter with Eve
11. Substitutes are \_\_\_\_\_ allowed
12. Deuteronomy 12:31 You must not worship the LORD your God in their way, because in worshiping their gods, they do all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ things the LORD hates. They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire as sacrifices to their gods.
13. Deut. 24:16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his \_\_\_\_\_sin.
14. Jer. 31:30 Instead, everyone will die for his \_\_\_\_\_ sin; whoever eats sour grapes — his own teeth will be set on edge.
15. Ezek. 18:4 For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son — both alike belong to me. The \_\_\_\_\_ sins is the one who will die.

16. Exodus 34:7 maintaining love to thousands, and \_\_\_\_\_, rebellion and sin. Yet he \_\_\_\_\_ leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”

### Part 1—Justified

1. Summary—Justification was and is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the entire human race. This Justification (legalization) was both \_\_\_\_\_ (legal or judicial) and physiological (biological). Justification took place at the \_\_\_\_\_ and went forward and backward in time.

2. Summary—Justification has absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ to do with human behavior. Justification is \_\_\_\_\_ the work of Christ.

3. Romans 5:12 ¶ Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned —

4. Psalms 51:5 Indeed, I was \_\_\_\_\_ guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. NRSV

5. Romans 5:18 ¶ Consequently, \_\_\_\_\_ the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

6. Romans 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

### Steps to Salvation Series, Part 2. Sanctification

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of humankind and allows the \_\_\_\_\_ (to make Holy) of any sinner who accepts Christ, which causes their \_\_\_\_\_ in the Deity of Christ’s person.

2. When you are Sanctified, your \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ behavior has no impact on your salvation.

3. 1John 5:16 ¶ If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that \_\_\_\_\_ lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that.

4. 1John 5:17 All \_\_\_\_\_ is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

5. 1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from \_\_\_\_\_unrighteousness.
6. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
7. Rom. 15:16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, \_\_\_\_\_by the Holy Spirit.
8. 1Cor. 6:11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were \_\_\_\_\_, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
9. 2Corinthians 5:5 Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, \_\_\_\_\_ what is to come.
10. Colossians 1:22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you \_\_\_\_\_ in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

**Notes Steps to Salvation Series, Part -1, The Problem:  
Bad Information, Difficult Conditions, Pilot Error**

- 1. The Problem of being the biggest**
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- 8. Fastest Growing Church**
- 9. Divided by Color**
- 10. Atonement Confusion**

**1. Christianity is the World’s Largest Religion: That’s the Problem.** While 29% of the world is Christian, 71% are not. And very few of the 29% that are Christian actually believe in their professed religion. Islam and Hinduism are a far second and third with 22.8% and 14.5% respectively. From there, the numbers drop to single digits except that 12% of the world claim no religion at all, fourth place.

North America is extremely Christian compared to the rest of the world, with 67.5% claiming to be adherents of the crucified and 16.9% claiming no religion. All other religious groups in North American are in low single digits.<sup>1</sup> However, very few of those who claim to be Christian are active believers and even fewer know anything at all about their religion.

**2. No One Understands Grace: ValueGenesis1**—In the 1990s, the Seventh-day Adventist education system in North America “is the second largest parochial education system in the world.”<sup>2</sup> At that time there were more than 50,000 students in SDA primary schools, 16,000 high school level and 17,000 at the college and University level. In the 1980s these colleges and universities conferred 18,000 degrees. The value of the fixed assets of all these schools was \$840 million in the 1980s. But as good as that may sound, the church leadership found that high school and college enrollment was not keeping pace with church membership. That is, the Church was growing faster than the schools. Usually it is the other way around.

To try to understand this phenomena, the Church commissioned a study to try to understand “what factors in Adventist homes, schools, and churches nurture the values and faith that we cherish in our young people.”<sup>3</sup> The Church hired an outside research firms to conduct the study

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<sup>1</sup> Association of Religion Data Archives, Religious Adherents, World data, 2015, accessed January 28, 2019, <http://www.thearda.com/internationaldata/compareR2.asp?r=5&r=3>

<sup>2</sup> Roger L. Dudley and V. Bailey Gillespie, *Valuegenesis: Farith in the Balance* (Riverside, Calif.: La Sierra University Press, 1992), 4.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, 13.

to avoid internal bias. They surveyed 16,600 respondents, which included 10,641 Adventist students in Adventist schools, 457 students in non-Adventist schools, 1044 non-Adventist students in Adventist schools, 1,892 parents, 155 pastors, 383 teachers, and 176 principals.<sup>4</sup>

What they found was this—65% Adventist adults agreed and 51% strongly agreed that “A person’s standing before God is based on his/her obedience to God’s law.”<sup>5</sup> Only 29% of the young people surveyed who attend SDA schools agreed with the statement “There is nothing I can do to earn salvation.”<sup>6</sup> If you did not attend an SDA school the percentage was 25.

That is, in the 1990s neither SDA adults or youth believed they were saved by grace. This is startling because these are the most dedicated parents (spending money for Christian education) and the most cared for students (attending SDA schools) and yet they do not believe or understand how they are saved.

**3. Soteriological Schizophrenia: ValueGenesis2**— The results of ValueGenesis1 were bad. So ten years later the Church came back and conducted ValueGenesis2 in 2004.<sup>7</sup> By 2004 the Church estimated the value of its educational assets worldwide at \$1.7 billion. U.S. education assets were \$866 million.<sup>8</sup> ValueGenesis2 had 21,000 respondents. This is what ValueGenesis2 found.

61% agree salvation is God’s free gift.

63% agree that good works are a response to God’s gift of grace.

But only 48% agree we can do nothing to earn salvation and 51% agree salvation is a free gift, but we must keep the law to be worthy.<sup>9</sup>

ValueGenesis2 shows more confusion than ValueGenesis1. In ValueGenesis1 neither adults or youth believed they were saved by grace. In ValueGenesis2, youth believe they are saved by grace, but they need to obey the law to be “worthy” to be saved by grace, if that makes any sense. The response of the church is to say “Adventists have a very clear teaching about God’s grace which provides everything a person would ever need regarding his or her salvation.”<sup>10</sup> With less than half of youth agreeing we can do nothing to earn our salvation and over half saying we must keep the law to be worthy of grace, the Church’s belief they have a clear teaching about grace cannot be at all true. The youth suffer from a type of soteriological schizophrenia.

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid., 14-15.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., 98.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., 100.

<sup>7</sup> V. Bailey Gillespie and Michael J. Donahue, *Valuegenesis: Ten Years Later, a Study of Two Generations* (Riverside, Cal.: Hancock Center Publication, 2004).

<sup>8</sup> Ibid., 35.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid., 134-35.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid., 130.



**4. Really Bad Information: Pew Survey of Religious Knowledge**—Things have not changed much since ValueGenesis2 in 2004. The Pew Survey of Religious Knowledge was the first survey of religious knowledge ever conducted in the U.S.<sup>11</sup> Like the ValueGenesis studies, the results are a startling vision of the lack of preparedness of the Christian community. After surveying 3,400 adults on 32 religious knowledge questions, Pew found that 85% of Christians do not know that Protestant churches teach salvation by grace alone, 35% of Christians cannot name the first book of the Bible, 50% of Christians cannot name the four Gospels and 43% of Christians do not know the Golden Rule is not one of the Ten Commandments.

But it gets worse. Atheists and Agnostics scored higher than Christians on religious knowledge, even when matched for education. And the stronger your belief in the Bible, the lower your religious knowledge. That is, those who believe the most, know the least. This is a deplorable state for the Church.

**5. Belief in God: Almost Gone**—The GSS shows Belief in God is dropping like a rock.

Figure 1 shows that overall, in less than 20 years, most Americans will not even believe in God. Almost all the other beliefs about God are on the raise, atheism, agnostics, those who believe is some higher power, but belief in God is dropping like a rock. In 2016, only 56% of all Americans have an unqualified belief in God, and this includes America's most religious racial group, Black Americans.

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If you compare beliefs only for white Americans, America's largest racial group, Figure 2 is what you get. In Figure 2 the only belief groups for whites on the decline is belief in God, which declined from 62% in 1972 to 50.6% in 2016, and belief with doubts, which declined from 19.5% in 1972 to 18.4% in 2016. All the other beliefs about God are increasing. There seems little doubt that the next release of the General Social Survey in two years will show that most whites no longer believe in God.

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**6.. Church Attendance: Where the Rubber hits the Road**

Barna states "attending church is a good indicator of faith practice," and here Barna and I agree, only about a third of Americans are "practicing Christians."<sup>12</sup> Figure 3 shows that from 1972 to 2016, regular church attendance for white Americans declined from 48% to 34%. These numbers should not surprise anyone. How long would you expect people to follow a religion where there has never been a clear understanding of its central thesis. Neither churches or theologians have reason to think they they are doing a good job of engaging people, even in a so called Christian nation like the U.S.

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<sup>11</sup> Pew Forum on Religion and Public life, "U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey," (Washington, D.C.: Pew Research Center, 2010).

<sup>12</sup> Barna Group, "The State of the Church 2016," (2016), <https://www.barna.com/research/state-church-2016/>.

**7. Organized Churches have failed in every worldwide Crisis the last 200 years**—In every major crisis in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century the organized Christian church has apostatized. These are the examples that come readily to mind

- A. The world's largest Christian denomination supported the worst genocide in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, 10 million Congolese were killed in the Belgian Congo for their rubber.<sup>13</sup>
- B. The churches, Protestant and Catholic, collaborated with Nazi Germany.
  - a. The contention of this book is that the German churches played a far more important role in Nazi atrocities than has hitherto been supposed. Most important, their role involved moral suasion: Through the support of Nazi policies articulated by many religious leaders, ordinary Germans were reassured that those policies did not violate the tenants of Christian faith and morality. This role was actively encouraged by the Third Reich, which viewed propaganda as central to meeting its goals and at first courted the churches as powerful shapers of public opinion. The minister wearing long black robes, preaching from the church pulpit on Sundays, could be far more effective than a politician, especially for believers. A minister claims to be God's voice on earth, while politicians are notorious as nearly universal symbols of duplicity.<sup>14</sup>
  - b. Nazi Protestants...believed that Jesus Christ had been sent to them in the form of Hitler, that God had sanctified the Aryan way of life and that racial mixing was wrong. With this in mind [Protestants] attempted to pass a motion that required Aryan origin as a basis for clerical office.... In the end, both [Catholic and Protestant] Christian Churches failed to understand the threat that the Nazis represented. While many individual clergy acted heroically, the Churches as organized bodies did little to impede the Nazi takeover of Germany; their response was to issue feeble objections rather than orchestrate mass protest.<sup>15</sup>
  - c. German Catholicism Enters the Third Reich—The German bishops at their recent meeting in Fulda have state in clear language the ideas and goals we have in common with the National Socialist movement. They have thereby worked out the positive foundation for our participation in the work of the new state. This theme of active participation was expressed also by individual churchmen. Bishop Bornewasser addressed a gathering of Catholic youth in the Cathedral of Trier and declared "With raised heads and firm step we have entered the new Reich and we are prepared to serve it with all the might of our body and soul."<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> Adam Hochschild, *King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1998).

<sup>14</sup> Robert P. Ericksen and Susannah Heschel, eds., *Betrayal: German Churches and the Holocaust* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1999), 4.

<sup>15</sup> Mathhew Hughes and Chris Mann, *Inside Hitler's Germany: Life under the Third Reich* (New York: MJF Books, 2000), 81, 83.

<sup>16</sup> Guenter Lewy, *The Catholic Church and Nazi Germany* (Boston: Da Capo Press, 2000), 100.

- d. "...both Browning and Goldhagen make it clear that the widespread belief that Germans were forced to follow orders on pain of death is nothing more than fantasy. In reality, we have no reports of any German being court-martialed, shot, or seriously punished for refusing to carry out an order to kill civilians...murderers killed Jews out of conviction—because they wanted to kill Jews.... What is striking is that at least some of the murderers felt no qualms about inviting their wives, girlfriends, or other family members to visit and observe the shooting firsthand.<sup>17</sup>
- C. Churches actively supported slavery and Jim Crow.<sup>18</sup> Georgetown University and many other Colleges and Universities actually owned slaves themselves.<sup>19</sup> The nation's largest Protestant denomination apologized for their support of American slavery only in 1995, 150 years after it condoned the enslavement of Africans.<sup>20</sup>
- D. The annihilation of the American Indians and driving them off their homelands and the Genocide in Rwanda both took place in "Christian," nations. The Last nation to abolish the enslavement of Africans, Brazil in 1988, was officially Catholic.<sup>21</sup>

**8. Fastest Growing Church is No Church**—The Fastest growing church in the U.S. are those with no religious affiliation and "nothing in particular." Together, these two groups grew over 10 times faster than the fastest growing church (Pentecostal).<sup>22</sup>

**9. Church Racial Segregation**—Rather than being a social leader, the church is the most racially segregated major sector of society.

- A. **Most Integrated: The Military**—16.8% of the U.S. active duty military is Black, a higher rate than Blacks in the population. 18.3% of active duty enlisted members are Black. 9.5% of active duty officers are Black.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Ericksen and Heschel, 2-3.

<sup>18</sup> Josiah Priest, *Bible Defense of Slavery; or the Origin, History, and Fortunes of the Negro Race* (Glasgow, KY: Rev. W.S. Brown, M.D., 1853); Simon Clough, *Biblical Defenses of Slavery* (Chareleston, S.C.: A.E. Miller, 1823).

<sup>19</sup> Craig Steven Wilder, *Ebony & Ivy: Race, Slavery, and the Troubled History of America's Universities* (New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2013).

<sup>20</sup> Southern Baptist Convention, "Resolution on Racial Reconciliation on the 150th Anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention," (1995), <http://www.sbc.net/resolutions/899/resolution-on-racial-reconciliation-on-the-150th-anniversary-of-the-southern-baptist-convention>.

<sup>21</sup> Robert Edgar Conrad, *Children of God's Fire: A Documentary History of Black Slavery in Brazil* (University Park, Penn.: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1984); Ian Barnes, *The Historical Atlas of Native Americans: 150 Maps Chronicle the Fascinating and Tragic Story of North America's Indigenous Peoples* (Chartwell Books, 2011); Charles Eastman, *Living in Two Worlds: The American Indian Experience* (World Wisdom, 2009).

<sup>22</sup> Pew Foundation, "U.S. Religious Landscape Survey," (Washington, D.C.: The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, 2008).

<sup>23</sup> Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, "2012 Demographics: Profile of the Military Community," ed. Department of Defence, 24.,

- B. **Discrimination Exists: Labor Force**—Blacks constitute approximately 13% of the labor force, essentially equal to their population percentage of 13.1%, in 2017.<sup>24</sup> There are a disproportionate percentage of Blacks among the unemployed and labor force participation is lower for Blacks than for whites. There are also large differences in occupation levels and wages between Blacks and whites.
- C. **Highly Segregated: Housing**—A dissimilarity index of under 30 is low, 30-60 is moderate and over 60 is high. In the year 2000 some American cities had a dissimilarity index of over 80 (Detroit, Milwaukee, New York, Newark). The U.S. average is 63.9 meaning nearly 64% of the residents would have to move to achieve an integrated neighborhood. Of the nearly 50 largest cities the lowest is 37.1. Most of the cities with moderate segregation are in California.<sup>25</sup>
- D. **Highly Segregated: K-12 Education**—90% of Black and Latino K-12 children attend schools that are mostly minority.<sup>26</sup>
- E. **Apartheid: American Churches**—92% of Blacks attend historically Black Churches, only 2% of whites attend historically Black churches. 91% of whites attend mainline white churches, only 2% of Blacks attend mainline white churches.<sup>27</sup>

**10. Atonement Confusion**—Very few Christian laity or pastors know that there are at least 10 major theories on how killing Jesus saves the world. While leading theologians have never decided which one is correct, there is almost universal agreement among theologians that the most popular theory, substitution, is wrong. WOW. David van Biema, Oxford dictionary of Christianity

...penal substitution...is without doubt the most controversial aspect of satisfaction theory among contemporary theologians...proponents of satisfaction theory generally do not answer the objection by defending vicarious punishment or penal substitution across the board. They grant...that the criminal justice system should not allow a criminal's best friend to serve the specified term in prison for the criminal. The case of Jesus' atonement for human sin is considered a special case of punishment, one that requires special treatment. Yet even if vicarious punishment is restricted to the case of Jesus, it retains its disturbing character specifically because of Jesus' innocence and the horrible nature of his death...God's insistence on the blood, sweat, pain, and anguish

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<sup>24</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Labor Force Characteristics by Race and Ethnicity 2017 " (2018), <https://www.bls.gov/opub/reports/race-and-ethnicity/2017/home.htm>.

<sup>25</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Census 1980, 1990, and 2000 Summary File 1.; James H. Carr and Nandinee K. Kutty, eds., *Segregation: The Rising Costs for America* (New York: Routledge, 2008), Chapter 2.

<sup>26</sup> Gary Orfield, *Reviving the Goal of an Integrated Society: A 21st Century Challenge* (Los Angeles, Calif.: The Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles at UCLA, 2009).

<sup>27</sup> Pew Foundation, 44.

involved in the crucifixion of his innocent Son now seems to cast doubt...on the moral character of the Deity.<sup>28</sup>

what is most noticeable about the literature on atonement written in the last 150 years is the intense concern with problems that the authors (and presumably the readers) have with the traditional doctrines of the atonement. The agenda is largely set by the widespread dismay regarding the received doctrines of atonement, for instance, such notions as these: God's honor was damaged by human sin; God demanded a blood victim—innocent or guilty—to pay for human sin; God was persuaded to alter God's verdict against humanity when the Son of God offered to endure humanity's punishment; the death of the Son thus function as a payoff; salvation was purchased.<sup>29</sup>

there is almost universal consensus that explanations along the lines of compensation (or satisfaction) ... are now untenable.<sup>30</sup>

there has never been any official formulation in orthodox Christianity of the mystery of the Lord's redemptive work and...there is every likelihood that a variety of emphases and interpretations will continue.<sup>31</sup>

...a question whose answer at first seems as though it should be as simple as "Jesus loves me, this I know," but in fact has divided theologians and clergy for centuries with no end in sight: Why did Jesus die? That is not who on earth killed him or even exactly how much he suffered. But what was the cosmic reason for his agony? What is its purpose, its divine calculus? How precisely does his death, usually referred to in this context as the atonement, lead to the salvation of humanity? The atonement is the centerpiece of Christianity, and it's what distinguishes it from all other religions...Without at least an intuitive comprehension of atonement, a believer stands little chance of making sense of the faith's promises of redemption and eternal life. Yet, oddly enough, in many churches the issue of why Christ died is inert...One reason is that any deviation beyond the rote "He gave his life for us" quickly plunges into metaphysical formulations for which all but religious scholars lack the basic vocabulary...And that in turn suggest a Christology with a large hole in it where, at the very least, some thought should go.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> Linda Radzik, *Making Amends: Atonement in Morality, Law and Politics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), 30.

<sup>29</sup> Stephen Finlan, *Problems with Atonement* (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 2005), 1.

<sup>30</sup> Michael Winter, *Problems in Theology: The Atonement* (London: Geoffrey Chapman, 1995), vii.

<sup>31</sup> F.L. Cross and E.A. Livingstone, eds., "Christology." *In the Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, : Oxford University Press,, 2005.

[Http://Www.Oxfordreference.Com.Proxy.Library.Emory.Edu/View/10.1093/Acref/9780192802903.001.0001/Acref-9780192802903-E-1420.](http://www.oxfordreference.com.proxy.library.emory.edu/view/10.1093/acref/9780192802903.001.0001/acref-9780192802903-E-1420), see listing on "Atonement".

<sup>32</sup> David Van Biema, "Why Did Jesus Die?," *Time*, April 12 2004, 56-57, 61.

Conclusions—While Christianity is the world’s largest religion, and 68% of American’s claim to be Christians, only 1/3 of that number actually go to church. The percentage of those who believe in God is lower than those who claim to be Christian. Only 15% of Christians believe they are saved by grace. The more you believe in the Bible, the less you know about it. My guess is that when E.G. White said that not 5% of the Church would ever see God’s face, she was padding the numbers.<sup>33</sup>

### Part 1 notes

#### Points Covered

1. The Christ is God
2. The Christ is the source of all life in the Universe
3. The Christ Has the Entire human genetic pool in Him
4. The entire physical universe is in God the Creator
5. Life travels in the Blood, genetic line
6. Death Came through Adam’s genes
7. No one is held responsible for what Adam did, but the law must hold
8. The law is just but not fair or merciful
9. God is not only just, but He is fair and merciful
10. Life Came through the genes of the Christ to all men

1. Jesus is God and the source of all life. (God is the creator—Gen 1, Psalm 33:6, Psalm 104; Jesus is God—1 John 1:1-4 . John 3:13, John 10:17-18, John 20:28, Hebrews 1, John 8:58, John 10:30, Matthew 28:19, John 5:26, Acts 3:15, Micah 5:2, Jesus is the creator God—Colossians 1:15-17, John 1:1-4, Heb 1:2-3

A. God is the creator—Genesis 1:1 ¶ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

B. Jesus is God—John 8:58 ¶ “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

John 8:59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

B. Jesus is God—John 10:17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. KJV

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<sup>33</sup> “...not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner.” Ellen G. White, The General Conference Daily Bulletin, February 4, 1893, 132,133. [https://egwwritings.org/?ref=en\\_ChS.41.1&para=13.264](https://egwwritings.org/?ref=en_ChS.41.1&para=13.264)

B. Jesus is God—John 10:18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. KJV

C. Jesus is the Creator God—

John 1:1...the Word was with God....

John 1:3 ¶ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

2. Christ is the Source of all Life in the Universe

John 1:3 ¶ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life.

Colossians 1:16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

3. The Christ Contains the Entire human Genetic pool in him

Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

4. The Entire Physical Universe is in the Creator God—the Christ

Hebrews 1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

5. Life Travels through the Blood (DNA)

Leviticus 17:11 For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

6. Death to all Humans came through Adam's genes

Romans 5:12 ¶ Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned —

Psalms 51:5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. NRSV

Romans 5:12 ¶ Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned —

Romans 5:13 for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.

Romans 5:14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

Romans 5:15 ¶ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

Romans 5:16 Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

Romans 5:17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:18 ¶ Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

Romans 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

#### 7. No one is Held Responsible for Adam's Sin, but the law must hold

2Corinthians 5:19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

#### 8. The law is just, but not fair or merciful

Romans 8:3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man,

Romans 3:20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

#### 9. God is not only just, but He is fair and merciful

Deuteronomy 5:9 ...for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me,

Deuteronomy 5:10 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

#### 10. Life Came through the genes (blood) of the Christ to All humans



Romans 5:9 ¶ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! Notice that the justification here is different and distinct from being "saved from God's wrath." What type of salvation is Paul describing?

### Notes Steps to Salvation Series, Part 2. Sanctification

#### Famous Misquotes

"Sanctification is the work of a lifetime" is used to mean we are never at the point where God considers us saved, or holy in his sight.<sup>34</sup>

At every stage of development our life may be perfect; yet if God's purpose for us is fulfilled, there will be continual advancement. Sanctification is the work of a lifetime. As our opportunities multiply, our experience will enlarge, and our knowledge increase. We shall become strong to bear responsibility, and our maturity will be in proportion to our privileges.<sup>35</sup>

"While Good works will not save even one soul, yet it is impossible for even on soul to be saved without good works."

Ellen G. White, Faith and works, p111.1

Every use of the word sanctified or sanctify shows that the process is instant, permanent and the work of Christ, not human behavior.

John 17:17 *Sanctify* them by the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:19 For them I *sanctify* myself, that they too may be truly *sanctified*.

Acts 20:32 ¶ "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are *sanctified*."

Acts 26:18 to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are *sanctified* by faith in me.'

Rom. 15:16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, *sanctified* by the Holy Spirit.

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<sup>34</sup> Ellen G. White, *Christ's Object Lessons* (Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1900, 1941).

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, 65-66.

1Cor. 1:2 ¶ To the church of God in Corinth, to those *sanctified* in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ — their Lord and ours:

1Cor. 6:11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were *sanctified*, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1Cor. 7:14 For the unbelieving husband has been *sanctified* through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been *sanctified* through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

1Th. 4:3 ¶ It is God's will that you should be *sanctified*: that you should avoid sexual immorality;

1Th. 5:23 ¶ May God himself, the God of peace, *sanctify* you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Th. 2:13 ¶ But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the *sanctifying* work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

Heb. 9:13 The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean *sanctify* them so that they are outwardly clean. Heb. 9:14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

1Pet. 1:2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the *sanctifying* work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: ¶ Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Paul addresses the unforgivable sin

Hebrews 10:26 ¶ If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left,

Hebrews 10:27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

Hebrews 10:28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Heb. 10:29 How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that *sanctified* him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

The Holy Spirit does not produce good works, the Holy Spirit produces perfect works—Col. 1:22, Jude 24, Matt 5:48, 2 Cor. 12:9, Col 1:28, 2 Tim. 2:21, Heb. 10:14, James 1:17, 1 John 4:18

### Steps to Salvation, Part 3, Effectuation

Interlocutor—What is “Effectuation”?

Major—Effectuation is my favorite term to indicate the administration, actualization, investment, completion of the sentence of eternal death on the sinner by neutralization, destruction, vaporization or crucifixion.

Interlocutor—How does “Effectuation,” or the death of Christ save the world?

Major—The Death of Christ saves the world by cutting off the genetic (blood) line of anyone who is in Christ

Interlocutor—How do you know that? It sounds strange. Didn’t God kill Jesus as our substitute?

Major—First, I know it because all the other major theories of how the death of Jesus saves the world violate either God’s law, God’s character or God’s principals

Major—Second, I know it because the sacrificial system, Jesus own statements, the statements of the disciples and Apostles say so clearly.

Major—Third, I know it because juridical science, good theory and formal argument all support what I call objective atonement theory

Interlocutor—OK, show me!

Jesus does not save the world by being

1. A ransom
2. A substitute
3. An Example
4. A Deterrent
5. A Penal Satisfaction
6. An Ethical Satisfaction
7. A moral influence

None of the Subjective atonement theories can satisfy the three demands of Good theory.

1. Law of Death for Sin
2. God’s Character of Mercy
3. God’s Principal of Unity of the Human soul

Major—Because subjective theories cannot satisfy or explain how killing Jesus saves us, they rely secondary sin removal devices like sacraments, sacrifice, behavior, faith or pardon to remove sin

Even in the Old Testament, God clearly said the blood of Animals cannot remove sin.

Amos 5:22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept *them*: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

Amos 5:23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

Amos 5:24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

The New Testament also says that Animal Sacrifices cannot take away sin

Hebrews 10:4 because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

We also saw in Part 0, “The Impossible,” that there is not a single instance of a human substitute being accepted by God at any time, in fact, God himself forbids it in his law

The New Testament describes a complex biological system where we actually die in Christ’s physical body. This is not a metaphor as many believe.

Colossians 2:12 having been buried with him in baptism

Colossians 2:20 ¶ Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world

John 6:54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

John 6:56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.

John 15:5 ¶ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Romans 6:8 ¶ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Romans 7:4 ¶ So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.

Colossians 3:3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Major—All of these verses put together and the lack of a single verse supporting substitution makes it clear that we actually die in Christ, we are crucified in Christ’s physical body

Interlocutor—Wow, I have never heard this. Is this your personal theory?

Major—Well, I accept this theory, but I am not the first person to say this. W.W. Prescott, and Seventh-day Adventist pastor said this in 1919, Rudolf Bultmann, the well-known German theologian said it again in 1955. And my teacher, H. Jack Sequeira has written these things<sup>36</sup>

Interlocutor—OK, but the problem for me is that the Bible specifically says that Jesus is our substitute and that he died in our place and instead of us. I can show you the verses!

Major—OK, go ahead

Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1Thessalonians 5:10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

Interlocutor—I think that pretty well shoots down your “objective” theory, as you call it!

Major—I don’t think so. Clearly, Jesus died “for us,” but that does not mean he died “instead of us,” or that he died “in our place.”

Major—Jesus himself used three examples of the atonement: 1. The mother and unborn child (John 3), 2. the vine and the Branches (John 15) and 3. eat my flesh (John 6). And in each case, the “for us” fits well, but the “instead of us” does not.

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<sup>36</sup> Rudolf Bultmann, *Theology of the New Testament, Volume I*, 2 vols. (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1951); W.W. Prescott, *The Doctrine of Christ: A Series of Bible Studies for Use in Colleges and Seminaries, Part One* (Takoma Park, Md.: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1919); Jack Sequeira, *The Savior of All Men* (Paris, Ohio: Glad Tidings Publishers, 1994); *Savior of the World: The Humanity of Christ in the Light of the Everlasting Gospel* (Boise, ID: Pacific Press, 1996).

Major—If the mother gets sick or dies, does she die “instead of” the fetus. Of course not, the mother and child are connected together, if the mother dies, so does the unborn child. We are talking about a very complex biological union

Major—If you cut the vine, can the branch live? Do you cut the vine “instead of” the branch? Does or can the vine die in the branches’ place? Again, the substitution theory does not fit Jesus description.

Major—Lastly, if you eat food, does your stomach eat the food instead of you or in your place? Notice that Jesus specifically said that the flesh and blood fusion between he and his followers was “real,” not a metaphor

Interlocutor—I have never heard such things

Major—There is only one thing that Jesus did “in our place” and “instead of us.”

Interlocutor—Oh, what is that?

Major—He actually experienced the final struggle of the human soul with eternal death, while we are “in Christ,” like a child in the womb.

#### **Part 4, Glorification notes**

1. Definitions
2. When will we be glorified
3. What happens to the good and bad people who are alive when Jesus comes
4. What happens to the good and bad people who have died before Jesus comes
5. Special cases of the wicked and righteous
6. What happens physically to the Earth
7. How many people will go to Heaven
8. What we do in Heaven during the 1,000 years
9. When does God decide who is going to Heaven

1. When will we be glorified? Very soon, probably less than three and a half years, after the Trumpets of Revelation 8.

Matthew 24:29 ¶ “Immediately after the distress of those days “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

Matthew 24:30 ¶ “At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Mark 13:24-26 repeats Matthew exactly

Luke 21:25 ¶ “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.

Luke 21:26 Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

Luke 21:27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Luke 21:28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

2. What happens to the Righteous dead and the Righteous living? The Righteous dead are raised to life and transported to Heaven. The Righteous living are also transported with them, to Heaven, we all go together, and spend 1,000 years in Heaven

1Corinthians 15:51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed

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1Corinthians 15:52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

1Corinthians 15:53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

1Corinthians 15:54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

1Corinthians 15:55 “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

1Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

1Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Corinthians 15:58 ¶ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1Thessalonians 4:13 ¶ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Thessalonians 4:17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1Thessalonians 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

3. What happens to the wicked dead and the wicked living? The wicked living are killed by the heat and light of the armies of Heaven. Most of the wicked dead remain in their graves until after the millennium.

2Thessalonians 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Revelation 19:11 ¶ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

Revelation 19:12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

Revelation 19:13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

Revelation 19:14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Revelation 19:15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.

Revelation 19:19 ¶ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army.

Revelation 19:20 But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Revelation 19:21 The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Revelation 20:5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

4. But some of the wicked dead are raised just to experience the terror of the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ. Those who killed Christ and the most violent opponents of his people are raised just to see the event they most feared.

Daniel 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Revelation 1:7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.



5. What happens physically to the Earth? The Earth convulses because of the gravitational pull of the transport vehicle. The oceans raise and swallow the coasts, islands are swallowed and the crust cracks. The Earth becomes a desolate wilderness.

Jeremiah 4:23 I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone.

Jeremiah 4:24 I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying.

Jeremiah 4:25 I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away.

Jeremiah 4:26 I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

Revelation 6:12 ¶ I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red,  
Revelation 6:13 and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.

Revelation 6:14 The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

Revelation 6:15 ¶ Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.

Revelation 6:16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

Revelation 6:17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

6. How many people will go to Heaven? Very few according to the Bible. Ellen G. White said that not five percent of the church would go to Heaven. That says a lot about the rest of the world.

Matthew 7:13 ¶ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

Matthew 7:14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 22:14 ¶ "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Matthew 24:37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Luke 13:24 "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.

Romans 9:27 ¶ Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved.

7. What do we do in Heaven during the 1,000 years? We judge the wicked, we learn and study the history of Earth and we heal emotionally and physically. Only that study and learning heals our emotions. That is how God wipes away all our tears.

Revelation 7:17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Revelation 20:4 ¶ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

8. When does God decide who goes to Heaven? When Jesus returns, the decisions about who is going to Heaven have already been made. There is no second chance to decide for God after you see him come in the clouds. This life, right now, is the only chance you have to decide to be in Christ. That is why evangelism is so important. Many people have been deceived into thinking either everyone will be saved, or you get to decide for Christ after you see his victory. Those are fatal errors.

Notice that in every parable Jesus told, Talents (Matthew 25), Sheep and Goats (Matthew 25), Ten Virgins (Matthew 25), rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16), the decision of God about who goes to Heaven is final. That means the decision about who gets in is made before the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming, not after.

### **Steps to Salvation Series, Part 5, Purification**

Purification, is the third coming of Christ to the Earth. Sometimes it is called the “Great White Throne Judgment.”

Purification takes place after the millennium. You can follow the events in Revelation 20

1. After the millennium, the New Jerusalem comes down from Heaven and lands on the Mount of Olives.

Zechariah 14:4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

Zechariah 14:6 ¶ On that day there will be no light, no cold or frost.

Zechariah 14:7 It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime — a day known to the LORD. When evening comes, there will be light.

Zechariah 14:8 ¶ On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter.

Zechariah 14:9 ¶ The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.

Zechariah 14:10 ¶ The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. But Jerusalem will be raised up and remain in its place, from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal

winepresses.

Zechariah 14:11 It will be inhabited; never again will it be destroyed. Jerusalem will be secure.

Revelation 21:2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

2. Satan is released from being bound to the Earth after the 1,000 years (in Rev. 20:1 he was bound to the Earth)

Revelation 20:1 ¶ And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain.

Revelation 20:2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

3. The Wicked, who were all dead, are raised. Satan is in total control of the wicked and prepares them to attack the Holy City.

Revelation 20:7 ¶ When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison  
Revelation 20:8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth — Gog and Magog — to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.

4. The wicked are arrested in their attack as the “Great White Throne” (probably a panorama in the sky) is set up. The wicked are now judged, that is, their sentence of eternal death and their punishment in the lake of fire is announced. Notice how methodical and judicial God is. All the records are available and seen. Wow!

Revelation 20:11 ¶ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

Revelation 20:13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.

5. After the sentence is announced, judgment is executed and the wicked, Satan, his angels and the wicked humans, are thrown alive into the lake of fire. Hell, Satan’s kingdom and death are also destroyed. The entire universe is remade.

2Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2Peter 3:11 ¶ *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

2Peter 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

2Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Revelation 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

Revelation 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:1 ¶ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

## The Objective Atonement Theorem, Extrapolation and Formula

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The real gospel of Jesus Christ is extremely complex when all the details are laid out. However, the gospel, the good news, the objective atonement may be stated in a very simple theorem, extrapolation or formula.

There are many complex principals which can be reduced to simple statements. Martin Luther King, Jr. used the phrase "I have a Dream," to summarize the cruelty of injustice against Black people in a country which claims it is a nation of laws and not of men. The seemingly simple words "I have a Dream today," dismantled 100 years of Supreme Court Doctrine, Jim Crow segregation and near universal racial discrimination with the support of the law. The words I have a dream are so simply anyone can understand, but the jurisprudence behind the words, the science of law behind the words is not at all simple, it is?

The "double helix" by Watson and Crick which unlocked the key to cellular and biological reproduction is another example of a simple concept or extrapolation which hides a very complex process. What about  $E=MC^2$  formulated by Albert Einstein in 1905. Energy equals mass times the speed of light squared. That is, mass has a great deal of energy stored inside. Atomic energy and physics has shown Einstein to be correct.

The difference between Albert Einstein and normal church people is that Einstein's "simple" formula is correct once it is explained and expanded in detail. However, in trying to explain the salvation process, most church people resort to metaphors, analogies or anecdotes because they actually do not have a theorem, extrapolation or formula for the actual atonement process. The simple metaphors are not actual descriptions for how the atonement works. When you try to expand the church analogies, metaphors, examples or anecdotes, they are either contradictory, legal fictions or nonsensical. The objective atonement theorem changes all of that.

Similar to Einstein, the complexities of the atonement may be stated in a very simple formula,  $L=DC^2$ , life equals death in Christ squared. The squared means anything in the Christ takes on the attributes of the Christ. We can write out and expand the objective atonement theorem in sentences.

Theorem 1—Human beings are saved by entering into the Christ life form, which replicates the Saint in the duality which Christ is. The destruction of the humanity of Christ, destroys anyone or anything in him. Saints live in the divinity of Christ and are revealed in mind, body and spirit, when Christ comes again.

The objective atonement formula is counter to the typical behavior based metaphors used by most church people to try to explain how the salvation process works. A typical explanation might sound something like this.

Theorem 2—When we accept Christ, by faith, through grace alone, God forgives us of all our past sins. Then, we no longer live but Christ lives in us. And the evidence that you believe in Jesus is your obedience to the law of God, which God accepts because of Christ's shed blood on the Cross in our place. Works are not the root but the fruit of salvation.

I call this second theorem, the commercial theory, since it was invented in 1095 A.D. by St. Anselm of Canterbury, the twice sainted doctor of the Roman Catholic Church.<sup>37</sup> My object here is to demonstrate that theory 1 is the only logical, legal and scientifically viable method to save humankind and that theory 2 is not only incorrect, but naturally leads to behavior based, salvation by works theology.

Let me start by making a formal argument for the Biblical support for objective atonement theory. A basic formal argument consists of a claim, a reason for the claim, and evidence to support the reason.<sup>38</sup>

Claim— Human beings are saved by entering into the Christ life form, which replicates the Saint in the duality which Christ is. The destruction of the humanity of Christ, destroys anyone or anything in him. Saints live in the divinity of Christ and are revealed in mind, body and spirit, when Christ comes again.

Reason— God is holy and His law is as holy and perfect as He is. God's law requires absolute perfection or the law demands the nonexistence of the offender. Once a creature violates the law, destruction is demanded. God has no option if God is bound by His own law. The pardon or forgive the sinner is to violate the law. Yet, God insists that He is merciful and forgives. Thus, God's law and his mercy are opposites and are in contradiction to one another.

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<sup>37</sup> Anselm of Canterbury, *Why God Became Man*, trans. Jasper Hopkins and Herbert W. Richardson, 1980 ed. (Lewiston, New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 1098).

<sup>38</sup> Joseph M. Williams and Gregory G. Colomb, *The Craft of Argument: Concise Edition* (New York: Longman, 2003).

The only way for God to follow his own law and be merciful at the same time, is to give the law breaker two lives: One mortal and subject to the law, the other eternal and thus immune to the law. Arguments which base the salvation process on subjective theories or sin removal devices fall victim to being unjust, unmerciful, or both.

Evidence— Biblical support for the objective atonement, philosophical arguments for objective atonement and against subjective atonement, juridical science.

**1. Human beings are saved**—this part of the formula states that humankind is lost and subject to eternal death.

- i. John 3:16 ¶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- ii. John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
- iii. Colossians 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
- iv. Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

**2. By entering into the Christ life form**—We physically and spiritually enter into the body of Christ when we believe on him

- i. John 6:56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.
- ii. John 2:24 ¶ See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.
- iii. 1John 3:24 Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them.
- iv. 1John 4:15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

**3. Which replicates the saint**—The Cross is a giant copy machine. When we enter the Christ we take on the two lives which Christ has, one human and subject to death, the other divine, eternal and not subject to death.

- i. 2Corinthians 3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

- ii. 2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
- iii. John 15:5 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. KJV

**4. In the duality which Christ is**—Christology, the study of the nature of Christ is one of the most hotly contested theological principals ever addressed by the Christian church. If you master it, you can understand the objective atonement. If you do not, you can only accept works based sin removal devices. The Bible never says once that Jesus was a duality, yet this concept is extensive in both the Old and New Testaments.

The Bible never uses the words "trinity" or "eternal death," yet both concepts must be implied to understand the salvation process. I am always amazed that people so easily accept substitution, a word not used in any translation and specifically rejected by both the Old and New Testaments and logic, yet who struggle with the duality of Christ's nature.

Without Christ, human beings only have one life, mortal and doomed to eternal death. However, Jesus had two lives, one mortal and doomed to eternal death and a second life, divine and eternal. Both of these lives were fused and joined together, not intermingled, in one person we call the Christ.

- A. Christ's humanity—There are four types of sin: 1. A sinful ancestry, 2. A sinful nature, 3. A corrupt physical body, 4. Sinful behavior. Jesus had the first three types of sin, so he had sin (noun), but he was not a sinner (verb).
  - i. Jesus suffered from depression—Matthew 26:38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. KJV
  - ii. Jesus got physically sick, meaning his body was corrupt— Luke 22:44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.
  - iii. Jesus was subject to death, meaning his humanity was not perfect—John 3:14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,
  - iv. Jesus had sin—2Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,
  - v. Jesus humanity was created as a child of Adam, as are we all, thus his ancestry was corrupted—Hebrews 10:5 ¶ Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

- vi. Jesus nature was subject to the same temptations we have—Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin.
  - vii. In the KJV of the four Gospels, the term "son of man," is used 80 times, 78 times by Jesus himself. Jesus flesh was carnal. Matthew 8:20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head.
- B. Christ's Divinity—Jesus possess all the powers of deity: Omnipotent, Omnipresence, Omniscient, immutability, and eternal. The disciples testified to Christ's divinity. John 20:28 ¶ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” And Jesus himself claimed to be deity. John 11:25 ¶ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
- i. Omnipotent—Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
  - ii. Omniscient—Colossians 2:2 My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, Colossians 2:3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
  - iii. Omnipresent— Matthew 28:20 And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
  - iv. Eternal and Self-Existent—John 8:58 ¶ “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” John 8:59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.
  - v. Eternal—Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
  - vi. Immutable— Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.



- vii. Equality with God the Father and the Holy Spirit—Matthew 28:19  
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

C. Christ's Humanity and Divinity combined—

- i. Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- ii. Matthew 17:1 ¶ After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. Matthew 17:2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.
- iii. Mark 10:18 ¶ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good — except God alone.
- iv. Luke 5:24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. . . .” He said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”
- v. John 10:17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again. John 10:18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”
- vi. John 7:28 ¶ Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, “Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, John 7:29 but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.” John 7:30 ¶ At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his time had not yet come.
- vii. John 8:42 ¶ Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me.

**5. The destruction of the humanity of Christ**—Notice that Jesus regarded his death as a final event

John 2:19 ¶ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

**6. Destroys anyone**—

- i. 2Corinthians 5:14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.
- ii. Colossians 1:22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation —
- iii. Colossians 2:12 having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.
- iv. Colossians 2:20 ¶ Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules:

### **7. or anything assumed by him—**

Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

### **8. Saints live in the divinity of Christ—**

- i. 2Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- ii. Colossians 3:3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

### **9. And are revealed in mind, body and spirit when Christ comes again.—**

- i. Matthew 27:51 ¶ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. Matthew 27:52 The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. Matthew 27:53 They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.
- ii. John 6:40 For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."
- iii. Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
- iv. 1Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 1Thessalonians 4:17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 1Thessalonians 4:18 Therefore encourage each other with these words.

D. The Bible states plainly that the gift of the Holy Spirit is the only evidence that you are in Christ and Christ is in you.

**Romans 8:23** Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

**2Corinthians 1:22** set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, **guaranteeing** what is to come.

**2Corinthians 5:5** Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, **guaranteeing** what is to come.

**Ephesians 1:13** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, **Ephesians 1:14** who is a deposit **guaranteeing** our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory.

**1John 3:24** Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

E. Notice that the term "good works" is used 12 times in the NIV New Testament and 27 times in the KJV New testament. But neither version ever says, not even once, that good works are the evidence you are saved.

The New Testament speaks many times about bearing fruit. But notice that this fruit is never outward behavior. The fruit of the spirit is love for God and love for our fellow man. The fruit of the spirit is always perfect. The very best human behavior never is. God can never accept human good works as righteous, only the righteousness of Christ will suffice.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Ephesians 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

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