

# The Mystery of Protestantism I

*Belief and sincerity is not the test of Truth; find the cure to Protestantism*

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Greetings, brethren! Welcome to Sabbath services! How many watched the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, put on by the First Baptist Church of Dallas with Robert Jeffress the pastor? Very impressive, very good, very inspiring; it really was. The music was great. Even Jeffress' speech was good, very good.

I do believe he's right that God raised up Donald Trump at this time, since God raises up kings and puts them down. I think God put down Hillary, because nobody expected it. With all the troubles that we're looking at now, we can say we're glad she's not there.

Then they had Donald Trump come in and give a speech. It was a great speech, one of his best. What they had, he covered many different topics in it and how we need to do right, and what needs to be done in Washington, D.C., and what he needs to do, and so forth.

Then right toward the end of it was very interesting. He brought up God several times. He said, '**And we are all made by the one Almighty God!**' I thought, yes, that's good. Everything in the speech was good up to that time. Then he said, 'By the way, we're all going to say *Merry Christmas* again.' The prayers were good, the music was good. I was sitting there thinking, 'I wonder how many people think that all of this conforms to what God wants.' That gave the inspiration for today's sermon: **What is the mystery of Protestantism?**

I switched to TBN {Trinity Broadcasting Network). There was David Jeremiah talking about what heaven was like and how we're all going to get there. Then after that came on Charles Stanley. Charles Stanley is one of the better Protestant ministers. He gave a very good explanation about Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden. His theme was the consequences of sin.

I'm sitting there thinking about that. Every sermon that he has, is a half hour and it's all about the crucifixion of Christ and forgiveness of sin. Everything in Protestantism seems to *start and stop* with that. There are a few variations on the theme. I thought, just looking at the people, they panned the audience and they're all with him, and everything, I thought how many people there are really searching for the Truth. One thing he didn't say is what sin was. They're all there, listening to these good words. I thought of Jer. 23.

When you stop and think about it, God even made Baalim speak the Truth. The Protestants do a

lot of reading from the Bible, but if you pay careful attention to what they do, they come up to certain points and they go no further.

Jeremiah 23:11: "'For both prophet and priest are ungodly; yea, in My house... [the very temple of God] ...I have found their evil,' says the LORD. 'So their way shall be to them as slippery ways in the darkness; they shall be driven on, and fall in *their way*; for I will bring evil on them, **even the year of their judgment**,' says the LORD" (vs 11-12).

There's *a year of judgment* coming. There was the year of judgment coming for all the priests and things during the days of Jeremiah.

Verse 13: "And I have seen repulsive things in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal and caused My people Israel to go astray." Think of this for a minute:

- In causing them to go astray did they believe they were doing right?
- Because if all you have to do is believe, can you be sincere in that belief? *Yes!*
- Do people sincerely believe things that are absolutely untrue and varying degrees of Truth in between? *Yes!*

So, these people *think* they're doing good, just like here.

Verse 14: "I have also seen in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing; they commit adultery and walk in lies. They also strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that none returns from his evil; they are all of them like Sodom to Me, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah."

What is the land filled with today because of the failures of Protestantism, and add in there Catholicism? They already have books on Catholicism, such as *Babylon Mystery Babylon* by Ralph Woodrow.

Sidebar on Robert Jeffress: I saw him on TBN and he was speaking about—his church is the Trinity Baptist Church of Dallas—hell, either doomed to go to hell or you go to heaven, the choice is yours. So, everyone sitting there believed that! He believes it! He preaches it!

Isn't it interesting that there are some places in the Bible you can misinterpret to make it look like that's true, but it's not.

Verse 15: "Therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets, 'Behold, I will

feed them wormwood, and make them drink poisonous water; for from the prophets of Jerusalem ungodliness has gone forth into all the land” — *even if they read some Scriptures.*

Verse 16: “Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you vain; they speak a vision from their own heart, not out of the mouth of the LORD.’” How do you speak out of the mouth of the Lord? *By the Word of God!*

Verse 17: “‘They still say to those who despise Me.’ The LORD has said, ‘You shall have peace!’”

‘God’s love is unconditional,’ that’s one of the big things of Protestantism. Doesn’t matter what you do, God loves you. They mistakenly associate that with love unto salvation.

“...And they say to everyone who walks after the imagination of his own heart, ‘No evil shall come upon you!’ For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD to see and hear His Word? Who has attended to His Word and heard *it*? Behold, the tempest of the LORD has gone forth in fury, a whirling tempest. It shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked” (vs 17-19).

Now then, we’ll come again here to the prophets of Baal. Remember Baalism was always the day of worship of the ten tribes of Israel—*Sunday.*

Could you apply this to old Worldwide Church of God? *Yes, especially Ezek. 34!* Here’s a key concerning Truth: ***If you believe the Truth when you come across it and you hold fast to it and you continue to study the Word of God, it will be revealed from the Word of God to you!*** That’s God teaching you. It says, ‘All will be taught of God.’ That’s how He teaches you. That’s pretty fantastic individually. Then He sends His Holy Spirit. It will lead you to more Truth and more Truth.

Verse 20: “The anger of the LORD shall not return, until He has executed and until He has performed the purposes of His heart; in the latter days you shall understand it perfectly. **‘I have not sent these prophets...’**” (vs 20-21).

What was the first thing Jesus said about the times of the end? ***‘Beware that no one deceive you.’***

“...**yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet, they prophesied.** But if they had stood in My counsel and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings” (vs 21-22).

How much Truth do they have? For a person out in the world who knows nothing, how are they going to know? *They read from the Bible, that is the Word of God, which is Truth, and they read some of the words!*

I’m going to tell you the story of two ruby-red grapefruits. This will demonstrate the point. I couldn’t get to the store, so I had someone buy for me some ruby-red grapefruit juice. This is what I got back: Ocean Spray Ruby Red Grapefruit, no high fructose corn syrup. Original. In the small print: ruby red grapefruit juice *drink*. It’s like Dolores always says that when I go to store—because she knows I’ll grab the first things, so it’s finally sinking in my head—‘read the labels, read the dates’. This one is best before 25 Oct, 17.

First of all I had a glass of it. It was so sweet I couldn’t stand it. I fix juice for Dolores every day, so I fix it, put some of that in, brought it down. She took one taste and almost spit it out on me it was so sweet. I look over here on this other label. You always have to read your enemy’s books, too. Right here in small print on the side:

contains 30% juice. Ingredients: filtered water, ruby red grapefruit juice, water and ruby red grapefruit juice concentrate, sugar.

that’s why they said no corn syrup

grapefruit juice pulp, citric acid, vegetable concentrate for color, natural flavor,

that can be the monosodium glutamate, a little bit

...sodium citrate, ascorbic acid, vitamin C, beta keratin for color.

I would have never been able to live this down if I bought it, but I didn’t. The tale of two cartons:

{showing another carton} Ruby Red Grapefruit Juice. They add a little calcium in there. It says: non-GMO. The date on this is July 26, 17, that is if it’s refrigerated. This other one doesn’t have to be. On the side it says: *100% grapefruit juice*. Then it lists the ingredients: 100% grapefruit juice and then the calcium that they add to it because this is one that has calcium added.

- Which tasted the best? *The 100% juice*
- Which was the best for you? *The 100% juice*

The comparison is this:

How much Truth can the Protestants preach and still sound authentic? *They sound very authentic.* Charles Stanley was very convincing. Pastor Jeffress, it showed his congregation out there. They were all transfixed on what he is saying. They believe it.

- **What is the mystery of Protestantism?**

- How much error is necessary for you to be rejected by God? *Read about the seven churches in Rev. 2 and 3!*
- How much error does God put up with? *Not very much!*

2-Thessalonians 2:7: “For the mystery of lawlessness... [How much lawlessness is necessary to remove you from God?] ...is already working; only *there is* One Who is restraining at the present *time* until it arises out of *the* midst. And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth, and will destroy with the brightness of His coming); *even* the one whose coming is according to *the* inner working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are perishing **because they did not receive the love of the Truth**, so that they might be saved” (vs 7-10).

- What is the Truth? *Jesus said, ‘Your Word is the Truth!’*
- How much of God’s Word is the Truth? *All of God’s Word!*

If you could put it in a comparable carton, it would be **100% God’s Word with no traditions!**

Notice God is involved in the whole thing. I’ll just throw another little one in here. While I’m recuperating with my hip, I’ve been watching a little more TV. I watched several episodes of *I Almost Got Away With It*. When they do wrong and they escape from jail and are on the run, they believe that they are going to succeed. ***Belief and sincerity is not the test of Truth!*** The test of Truth is the Word of God and what are we do with everything with the Word of God? *Prove all things!*

You can listen to these wonderful sermons and they speak well, they do ‘good.’ They preach out of the Bible. But what greater deception can there be than to have just enough Truth in whatever denomination, varying degrees of Truth for people to believe.

- Do most of the Seventh Day Adventists believe they’re right? *Yes!*
- Do the Catholics believe they’re right? *Yes!*

You can turn on to the Catholic channel and watch that nonsense.

Verse 11: “And for this cause God will send upon them a powerful deception that will cause them to believe *the lie.*”

- How many people get conned out of their money?
- Did they believe that the person was sincere?

Have you ever seen the ad where they have this financial adviser, all dressed up, real nice looking. He’s talking to a couple of people about their investments. He asks them, ‘Do you believe me?’ One woman said, ‘Yes, I trust you.’ Then he revealed his true identity. He was a rock star and had long hair. He was there to prove a point.

The point is being sincere and sounding nice and giving plausible sounding words, does not necessarily mean it’s true. Is Protestantism salvational? ***or*** Self-righteous? *Self-righteous!*

Then you have the Sabbath/Sunday. Someone sent me a sermon of a Sunday-keeping minister. He said, ‘We need to keep the Ten Commandments, except the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, all the rest of these are moral commandments.’ Except the Sabbath. How can that be unmoral and the other nine be moral?

- Do people believe the lie that the Law has been done away? *Yes!*
- Do they read the Bible and still say that? *Yes!*
- Do they profess that they believe in Jesus? *Yes!*
- How much of the Truth is God satisfied with?
  - it is true that if you do keep some of the commandments of God in the letter of the Law you’ll receive certain blessings
  - it is true that you will be considered a good person
  - it is true that many people may like you
- But is that salvational? *Not quite!*

Like with Trump’s speech. He speaks of God in a way that he must have some relationship with God.

- Is it salvational?

Is it better for people who have not been called to have a society that has some of God’s laws, rather than living totally satanically in total lawlessness? *Yes!*

- Is that salvational?

Protestants have it, ‘You all come to church.’ If your heart is touched and you stand up and say, ‘I believe in Jesus.’ They say, ‘Your sins are forgiven; you are saved.’ Is that eternal salvation? Or maybe temporary sorrow because of sin?

Do people feel bad when they’ve done bad things? Especially when they get caught. Before they get caught they think they’re going to get away with it.

Let’s compare the 10-20-30-40-50-60%. You read the seven Churches of God, they all got in

trouble because they didn't stay with God the way that they should. So, God told them to repent.

How much of God's Word do you really need for salvation? Because there are a lot of people out there who have Christian moral values, but are not called to salvation. Christ is talking salvation here:

Matthew 4:4: "But He answered *and* said... [to the devil] ... 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."'” ***All of the Word of God!***

What did Paul say about all Scripture? 2-Timothy 3:16: "All Scripture... [each and every one]...*is* God-breathed..."

They have the same Bible in their pews for those attending church, on their laps or on their tables. How many Protestant ministers read this:

Matthew 5:17: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill."

How do they get around that? *By saying it's fulfilled: 'the Old Testament is all fulfilled and therefore, since it's been fulfilled, and the Sabbath is for the Jews, Sunday is just fine for us.'* I don't think they have told any of those in their congregations to read *Rome's Challenge to the Protestants* {Note: Appendix N, *The Holy Bible in Its Original Order*}.

How do we know? If I filled this bottle full of water, it's half full right now, if I fill it to full do I do away with it? *No!* It's better, it's got twice as much water. If He fulfills the Law and the Prophets He makes it better. The Law then becomes spiritual.

Now then, we'll just jump ahead here a little bit. Since God doesn't want to make any mistakes on those that He calls to salvation, Who draws them? *The Father!* He brings them to Christ. **What another mystery of Protestantism?** *If you have Jesus, you have everything.* 1-John 2 shows you've got to have both.

I wonder how they get away with not reading v 18: "For truly I say to you, until the heaven and the earth shall pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no way pass from the Law until everything has been fulfilled."

We're going to send this out along with this sermon: **A Comparison between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant** {Note Appendix I in *The Holy Bible in Its Original Order*} There are 14 points. I'll just cover a few:

- Old Covenant: Physical covenant with physical promises of physical life
- New Covenant: Spiritual covenant based on spiritual promises and eternal life

*The fulfillment is greater than the letter.*

- Old Covenant: Circumcision. That was done on all males the 8<sup>th</sup> day

How much did that affect their life in the way that they live? *Not very much!*

- New Covenant you have repentance and circumcision of the heart through baptism

I want you to study it, look up all the Scriptures when you get it. Let's go over a couple more of these here I've written down here.

- Holy Days vs Holidays

If you have 80% of the Word of God and you reject the Sabbath and the Holy Days and keep Halloween, Christmas, Easter, New Years, Lent, all of that... What did God say about His Sabbaths? *They are a sign, 'My Sabbaths—plural—are a sign between Me and My people'!*

The keeping of the Sabbath is a ***perpetual*** covenant. The Sabbath is within the Ten Commandments, but then Sabbath-keeping is a ***perpetual covenant***, running through all people, all times. How did God like it when Aaron said, 'Let's make a golden calf'? They had a good time.

- Lord's Supper vs Passover

Or with the Catholic Sacrifice of the Mass. Yet, the book of Hebrews says, 'Is Christ sacrificed over and over again?' *No!*

- Faith only and no works

'Except the works we want you to do. One of the first ones would be to 'support this ministry' and come to church. ***We have conversion and faith led by God's Spirit***, and God has set before us good works, ordained that we walk in them.

- Doctrine

Once you accept the sacrifice of Christ it is finished; there's nothing else you need to do. We'll cover that and show that Jesus says there are four things to be finished.

- God's love

Love and emotion. God's love to you is unconditional. Very seldom do you hear them say you must love God with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul and all your being.

Let's see a verse we all know. How do they get away with not using all of the Bible? *Because nobody's really converted and they're all carnal so they accept what they are told!*

They all know the Sabbath is Saturday. 'You don't need to keep the Sabbath.' People think, 'That

would be pretty hard for me to keep the Sabbath, my job, shopping, sports events for my children on Friday night, night clubbing, all of this. No, we don't need that Sabbath thing. I can sober up Sunday.' ***Their love is God to them and very seldom it is your love back to God!***

1-John 2:3: "And by this *standard* we know that we know Him: if we keep His commandments."

- How can you say the Law is done away and know the Lord?
- Which Lord do you know?

Let's make another little one. In thinking about this I watched the Catholic channel, too. They've got it on two channels. It showed a pontifical mass and how they have the attendants with folded hands, do all of these rituals that is supposed to make everything work better. You bow down and you kiss the prayer book. People think it's the Bible, it's not; it's their prayer book, missal.

Are there demons that are sweet, self-righteous, yet, evil, but bringing good feelings to people who keep the mass and who keep those things of Catholicism?

The world thinks of Satan like he's a totally evil, fire-breathing dragon. That is true! So, they wouldn't be able to tell the different if there's a sweet-sounding demon. Remember the one I did on the gentleness of Satan with Copeland and the pope. We ought put that back up online again up front.

To some people that was magnificent, wonderful, uplifting and spiritually inspiring. I imagine that those in the audience had tingles going up and down their spine, ***but it wasn't from God!*** Did they believe it? *Yes*, especially 'seeing is believing.' That's why God says *it's not how you feel*, that's secondary, *it's what you do* is primary.

There is a big difference between Protestants and Catholics, that's true, depending on how much Truth they have. Depending on how much Scripture they have.

"...***if*** we keep His commandments....[then that becomes obvious] ...The one who says, 'I know Him' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him." (vs 3-4).

- Can he still be convincing? *Yes!*
- Can he still be sincere? *But of course!*

Verse 5: "On the other hand, ***if*** anyone is keeping His Word... [totally different story] ...truly in this one the love of God is being perfected...."

The work isn't finished when you have your sins forgiven. Your work just begins when you have your sins forgiven.

"...By this *means* we know that we are in Him. Anyone who claims to dwell in Him is **obligating himself also to walk even as He Himself walked**" (vs 5-6).

Those verses destroy the mysteries of Protestantism, but you look at it and it's good. You look at some of these programs and they have great choirs singing, very inspiring and wonderful.

After saying keep praying. Luke 18:8: "I tell you that He [God] will execute vengeance for them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, shall He find the ***true*** faith on the earth?" In the Greek it is ***the*** faith. So, to clarify it in English we put the word *true*. The true faith is based upon:

- God's Word
- God's Spirit
- God's laws
- God's commandments

How about ***born again?***

(go to the next track)

2-Corinthians 1:18: "But God *is* faithful, so that our word to you was not yes and no. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, Who was preached by us among you (by me and Silvanus and Timothy), was not *first* yes and *then* no, but in Him has *always* been yes. For whatever promises of God *there are*, in Him *is* the yes, and in Him the Amen, with glory to God by us" (vs 18-20).

In other words, ***all of God's Word, all of the Truth, all of the Gospel*** comes from God.

Verse 21: "But He Who establishes us with you in Christ, and Who has anointed us, *is* God, Who has also sealed us and has given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts" (vs 21-22).

For those who are baptized, received the Holy Spirit, you have been sealed. Therefore, no one currently having the Holy Spirit of God can be considered one of the 144,000 or later the great innumerable multitude.

Verse 23: "But I call upon God to bear witness of my intentions, that in order to spare you I did not yet come to Corinth; not that we exercise lordship over your faith..." (vs 23-24).

That's very important. Remember what God said of Pergamos, what He would do to them because they had the hierarchy, He would fight against them *with the sword of His mouth*.

"...but because we are working with you *to increase* your joy. For you stand by faith" (v 24).

Then he said that he was resolved to come and he would get there. Then he mentioned about the

man that they had to put out of the Church who had repented.

2-Corinthians 2:4: “For out of much distress and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears—not that you might be sorrowful, but that you might know the overflowing love which I have for you. But if anyone has caused sorrow, he has not grieved me, but you all, *at least* in part (in order that I may not overcharge *him*). To such a one this punishment, which *was inflicted* by the majority of *you, is sufficient*” (vs 4-6).

In other words, when there’s repentance, then they come back. That’s why we find in Rev. 2 and 3 all the churches have to repent, with the exception of Pergamos and Philadelphia.

Verse 7: “So that on the contrary, you should rather forgive and encourage *him*, lest such a one be swallowed up with overwhelming sorrow. For this reason, I exhort you to confirm *your* love toward *him*” (vs 7-8).

What happens, the whole thing here is very important. What happens if you insist in staying with things that are not right? Notice what he says here.

Verse 10: “But to whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*; and if I also have forgiven anything, to whomever I have forgiven *it*, for your sakes *I forgave it* in the person of Christ; so that we may not be outwitted by Satan...” (vs 10-11).

Satan is always there. He doesn’t have to worry about keeping the Protestants or Catholics involved in lies. He’s already got them. This is why we started with ‘when Christ returns will He find faith in the earth.’

Think what it would be if you quit keeping the Sabbath. How soon would your mind be filled with the world? Satan wouldn’t have to do anything, because spiritual knowledge must be replenished in your mind all the time.

That’s one of the scheming or cunning things of Satan the devil. He doesn’t come and say, ‘Here’s evil; I want you to do it.’ He comes and says, ‘I have a better way. What do you think about this?’

How did the Seventh Day Adventists ever come to the conclusion that they should keep the Lord’s Supper, and many of the Protestants do the same, the first Sabbath of each quarter? *Four times a yea!*

- How did they come to that conclusion? *Because they got away from the Word of God!*
- What did they not keep? *The Passover and the Holy Days!*

- conversion
- God’s Spirit
- Sabbath
- Passover
- Holy Days

Those are the mainframe, the ribs, the girders of God’s way. Everything else is attached to that, one way or the other.

Satan likes to come along and say, ‘Why don’t you do this?’ The truth of the matter is that once you start leaving the Word of God, what does Satan do? What do you do? *or* Anybody does? Not you, because you’re all here. He brings along other things to keep the mind occupied.

I see this quite often in the e-mails that I get. I got an e-mail from a man who says he’s doing this, and remembers me in the college, so forth and so on. He’s studying the Greek and doing this. So, he sent me an outline of what he was doing. He was injecting the sacred names into the Greek text.

How do you answer that question? Because the sacred names are in the Old Testament, aren’t they? *Yes, they are!* How do you answer that question? *Jesus said, ‘I have revealed, Father, Your name to them’ (John 17)!*

If it were anything other than the Father, it would have been put there. The only sacred names in the New Testament are: ***the Father***, Who is *our* Father. Jesus revealed that when right in the Sermon on the Mount, when He said, ‘When you pray, say, ***Our Father*** Who is in heaven.’

The only other sacred name is—and it was revealed by Gabriel to Mary—‘*and you shall call His name Jesus.*’ Since He’s the Anointed one, *the Christ*. Those are the sacred names of the New Testament.

I e-mailed him back and said, ‘I don’t understand what you’re doing. There are not sacred names in the New Testament. And what authority do you have to in the Greek text interject Hebrew names, when the New Testament was written in Greek, not Hebrew?’ I haven’t heard back from him.

But that’s one of the schemes. ‘I have an idea.’ Where did that idea come from? Dolores has a good answer: ***all ideas are not good ideas, and some ideas are very bad ideas!*** That was helping me define some things.

Verse 11: “So that we may not be outwitted by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.”

- How does he come? *Notice it started immediately!*
- What’s the first false minister in the book of Acts? *Simon Magus!*
- Did he repent? *No!*

He had the name of Jesus and that was a good thing.

There were those people who were casting out demons in the name of Christ that weren't with the group of the apostles and disciples. James and John came and said, 'Lord, we forbid them from casting out demons.' He said, '*Don't forbid them. The one who is on our part is not against us.*' Then He said, '*the ones who are not for us are against us*' (Matt. 12).

There is that area in between where people are beginning to learn. That's why I have said, some Protestants are for Jesus and some are against. Concerning the Protestants: All the different translations of the Bible. Lo, there are many! The NIV has *65,000 fewer words*, excised out.

2-Corinthians 11:1: "I would *that* you might bear with me in a little nonsense; but indeed, do bear with me. For I am jealous over you with *the* jealousy of God because I have espoused you to one husband, so that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent... [with his schemes] ...deceived Eve by his craftiness... ['the serpent was more cunning than any other'] ...so your minds might be corrupted from *the* simplicity that *is* in Christ. For indeed, if someone comes preaching another Jesus ..." (vs 1-4).

That's what it is, because it must be *Jesus Christ and God the Father*, that's how you can tell the difference. The Jews are perfectly content for the Protestants to believe that the Old Testament has been fulfilled and it's not needed. It's for the Jews only. The Jews are perfectly content to reject the New Testament, though that's what they need more than anything else. Why? *Because the spiritual blinding comes!*

Spiritual blinding can be all the way from pitch-blackness to fuzzy figures. Those who have some understanding of some of the Truth, or those who see certain things, they can see certain of the commandments that are necessary. But if they're told you don't need to keep the Sabbath, that is a cunning argument to take you away from God. The Sabbath is the day that puts you in connection with God. All of these things, the mystery of Protestantism is really something.

When we heard the choir on that tribute on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, it was actually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, beautiful choir, nice band. They sang the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, plus some others. That one, it was so good, it brought tears to your eyes.

So, they can do great and wonderful things, but if they don't have the Father, they're missing 50%. Just the tale of two grapefruit juices, 30% juice with all the things that men have invented to add to it to make more money.

By the way, \$8.64 for the juice drink; 100% juice, no GMO, they did put calcium in it, but they said so, \$3.99. Will those who believe in the false thing pay a higher price? *Absolutely!* I thought of that after Dolores rejected her juice drink that was so sweet. It was awful! For someone with a sweet tooth they might like it. If you know no difference, what is your base of comparison?

Likewise, Satan can get a scheme upon us, outwit us, if we don't stick with the Word of God and the Spirit of God. The thing is, you look at some of these presentations, and you think: How can all of these people not get it?

I wonder what kind of reaction you would get if you asked Robert Jeffress a question: 'You're a pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church?' *Yes, I am.* 'Did you know the Bible doesn't teach about the trinity?' Do you think he'd be willing to accept that? Look at all he'd have to stand down to accept that:

- his pastorship
- his church
- all the deacons
- all the people that have taught it
- all those who believe it

How could he go before his congregation and say— it would be a miracle if he did— 'I'm coming to you to repent and to tell you that the New Testament does not teach the doctrine of the trinity.' I wonder if the deacons would take him off the stage.

Once you get to the point that you believe and you accept and it's entrenched and it's part of the establishment of what you do, how hard is that? But it comes very craftily, just like with the translations. I know the Greek plenty well enough to know that it cannot come from the New Testament, or John 14-16. That I know for sure.

Let me give you a little clue. How much Greek does it take to know that? *Probably just the first nine months!* How many have had years of Greek, going to theological schools and things like this? Another Jesus! Isn't it interesting, they always have pictures of long-haired Jesus? That's another Jesus. I've got a whole series on [churchathome.org](http://churchathome.org) on *Who is the True Jesus?*

2-Corinthians 11:4: "...another Jesus, whom we did not preach, or you receive a different spirit, which you did not receive, or a different gospel, which you did not accept, you put up with it as *something good.*"

Then he says, v 13: "For such *are* false apostles—deceitful workers who are transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And *it is* no marvel, for Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light" (vs 13-14).

Let's talk about *belief*. This is at the temple. The Pharisees and Sadducees come after Him, and the priests as well because He healed a man on the Sabbath and told him to pick up his bed roll and walk. The *King James Version* says, 'And Jesus broke the Sabbath.' *No*, the word is *loosed!* Is a sleeping bag a burden to carry on the Sabbath? *No!* So, they came after Him. He told them about John the Baptist, and they didn't believe Him, even though some bathed in his light for a while.

John 5:36: "But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works that the Father gave Me to complete... [finish] ...the *very* works that I am doing, themselves bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.... [He didn't come of Himself] ...And the Father Himself, Who sent Me, has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice nor seen His form at any time" (vs 36-37). That applies to *anyone*; **no one has seen the Father!**

Verse 38: "And you do not have His Word dwelling in you, for you do not believe Him Whom He has sent. You search the Scriptures, for in them you think that you have eternal life; and they are the ones that testify of Me. But you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life" (vs 38-40). That also includes coming to the Father.

The same thing is true with the Protestants and Catholics. They think they have eternal life with what they believe. Look at the Jews here, were they wrong? *Yes!* Did they know they were wrong? *Who knows!* Jesus told them they were.

Verse 41: "I do not receive glory from men; but I have known you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.... [very profound statement] ...I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me..." (vs 41-43).

Did they not have all the Law and all the Prophets, and everything, to know? When asked by Herod where was the Messiah to be born? *Bethlehem!* They knew that!

"...*but* if another comes in his own name, you will receive him. How are you able to believe, you who receive glory from one another, and do not seek the glory that *comes* from the only God?" (vs 43-44).

The next verses are very important. We can apply this to the Protestants, Catholics, anybody, because the Word of God is one complete unit here.

Verse 45: "Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is *one* who accuses you, *even* Moses, in whom you have hope."

What does this tell us? That's present tense in the Greek, by the way. ***The Word of God is living! The Word of God stands!*** There are nearly

1500 years removed from Moses and it still convicts them.

Verse 46: "But if you believed Moses, you would have believed Me; for he wrote about Me." That's a powerful statement there of itself. Think about that for a minute.

Why don't the Protestants really believe in the true Jesus and the true God the Father? I had one Protestant tell me in the church he went to they said, 'If you have Jesus, you have everything and you don't need anything else.' ***No! You need the Father!***

Verse 47: "And if you do not believe his writings, how shall you believe My words?"

Let's see that many people can believe superficially, but it is not salvational. That's what happens with Protestantism. They're sincere. 'You know the Lord Jesus?' *Yes, I do, I know the Lord.* Blah, blah, all the things that they have.

John 8:23: "And He said to them, 'You are from beneath; I am from above.... [Jesus told them where He came from] ...You are of this world; I am not of this world.'"

*Protestantism is of this world*, though they have more Truth than Catholicism, more Truth than the Jews. But they haven't shed all of their Catholic garments yet.

Verse 24: "That is why I said to you that you shall die in your sins; for if you do not believe **that I AM**, you shall die in your sins." They knew the phrase *I AM* referred to God. They understood that.

Verse 25: "Then they said to Him, 'Who are You?'.... [that made them stop and think] ...And Jesus said to them, 'The One that I said to you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge concerning you; but He Who sent Me is true, and what I have heard from Him, these things I speak to the world'" (vs 25-26). In other words, 'You want your lies. You don't want the Truth of God.'

Verse 27: "*But* they did not know that He was speaking to them of the Father. Then Jesus said to them, 'When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you yourselves shall know that I AM... [that is if you read the Bible] ...and *that* I do nothing of Myself. But as the Father taught Me, these things I speak. And He Who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone because I always do the things that please Him.' As He spoke these things, many believed in Him" (vs 27-30). How long did that belief last?

Verse 31: "Therefore, Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, 'If you continue in My Word, you are truly My disciples. And **you shall**

**know the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free”** (vs 31-32).

Were they willing? Just like with the Protestants today. If you tell them, ‘Read the whole Bible, really understand the General Epistles, read them, especially 1-John. What does it say? And the Gospel of John?’ Some Protestants hardly ever even do anything with the Gospel of John. No wonder they don’t know anything.

Verse 32: “And you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free.” Did they accept that and say, ‘Oh, yeah, we want to know the Truth. Tell us the Truth.’

- you’re not going to be saved believing the way that you believe
- you must believe Moses
- you must believe Me [Jesus]
- you must believe the Father
- you must repent of your sins and believe the Gospel

How did they answer?

Verse 33: “They answered Him, ‘We are Abraham’s seed, and have never been in bondage to anyone. What do You mean by saying, “You shall become free”?’ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly I say to you, **everyone who practices sin is a servant of sin**” (vs 33-34). Very important to understand.

How many things do the Protestants have that are sin?

- Sunday
- holidays
- going to heaven
- burning in hell
- born again
- Easter resurrection

Luke 6:46: “And why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord’... [Isn’t that what they do?] ...but you do not practice what I say?... [which is the same as saying, **Obey My voice!**] ...Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and practices them, I will show you what he is like” (vs 46-47).

Then it talks about the foundation and the storm and everything that comes. The one who doesn’t practice them is the one who builds his house on the sand.

- What did they do? *They built a house!*
- Do the Protestants have a doctrinal house? *Yes!*
- What foundation is that on? *Sand!*

John 8:36: “Therefore, if the Son shall set you free, you shall truly be free. I know that you are Abraham’s seed; but you are seeking to kill Me,

because My words do not enter into your *minds*” (vs 36-37).

They believed in Jesus, but they wanted to get rid of Him. What a paradox that is. Is that much different than Catholicism, taking the name of Jesus but saying, ‘We don’t even need the Bible to preach Catholicism’? *Yes!*

Verse 38: “I speak the things that I have seen from My Father, and you do the things that you have seen from your father.”

What I want to get across here is those who are ‘religious’ and are in ‘religious systems of Satan the devil,’ do they know they’re worshiping Satan? *No!* What do we have right here? We have Jews in Jerusalem at the temple who had the Word of God. We know from Jeremiah that the people thought if they get to the temple, then everything’s fine. So, here they were. Those who then believed in Him, they wanted to kill Him. Look at the paradoxes there.

Verse 39: “They answered and said to Him, ‘Our father is Abraham... [notice, *not* God] ...Jesus said to them, ‘If you were Abraham’s children...’” Notice the difference: *seed* and *children*. Were Ishmael and Esau of the seed of Abraham? *Yes, indeed!* Were they the children? *No!*

Likewise, there are a lot of those out there who profess Christianity, but are unwilling to do what God says the way it needs to be done. But do they believe they’re right? *Yes!* Just like the Jews here at the temple.

“...If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me... [He said that three times] ...a Man who has spoken the Truth to you, which I have heard from God; Abraham did not do this” (vs 39-40).

Now notice, as plain as can be! Do you suppose you would get out of a Catholic cathedral alive if you said these following words that we’re going to read? You might get out of a Protestant church alive, but thrown out bodily:

Verse 41: “‘You are doing the works of your father.’ Then they said to Him, ‘We have not been born of fornication... [They knew of Jesus and the circumstances of His birth] ...We have one Father, *and that is God.*’ Therefore, Jesus said to them, ‘If God were your Father, you would love Me, because I proceeded forth and came from God. For I have not come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why don’t you understand My speech? Because you cannot *bear* to hear My words.’.... [Why?] ...**You are of your father the devil...**” (vs 41-44).

Yet, they believed they were of God. ‘Here we are in God’s temple, God’s chosen people. God

chose Abraham. We're his descendants and who is this man telling us this?'

Think what it would be like to approach Catholics with this kind of thing. Approach Protestants with it. Wonder what would happen if at Pastor Jeffress' First Baptist Church they invited a guest speaker to speak, and he unloaded on them like this right here. Or try any other Protestant church. Try Charles Stanley, one of the best Protestant preachers. 'You condemn sin perfectly. You laid it out just right, but did you know you're living in sin by keeping Sunday? You're living in sin because you keep all of the holidays of this world?'

You wouldn't last very long, would you? But what is the Truth? *They preach from the Word of God and have blinded their minds to the Truth because of their own personal doctrines and the denominational things that they believe!* This is why, though it looks like there are many, many Christians out there, Jesus said, 'When I come, will the Son of man find faith in the earth?' **No!**

The Bible we have, *The Holy Bible in Its Original Order*, gives the answer to all the problems of Protestantism and Catholicism. All you have to do is read the commentaries and the appendices. That's why they're in the book. That's why they're in the Bible.

We have in there, first one starts out: Come to the That's just go quickly through the commentaries. All of these are the answers to the Protestants. If a Protestant is listening to this and you think I've lost my marbles, well, I haven't. Maybe you ought to find out how many you have.

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*In this Bible is the cure to Protestantism*

I did call and they're sending me the DVD of the celebration. It's worth watching. It's very good, very inspiring.

- Are there some good things that people do out there? *Yes!*
- Are they sincere in it? *Yes!*
- Will God bless them if they obey to a certain point and do certain things? *Yes!*

***But it is not salvational, it is a special calling to have eternal salvation!***

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