

What The Bible Says About ---

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Part Sixteen

What The Bible Says About - THE PROSPERITY GOSPEL

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3 Definition: The prosperity “gospel,” also known by some as the health and wealth
4 “gospel,” is a teaching that financial blessing is the will of God for Christians and that
5 faith, positive speech, and giving (primarily to Christian ministries) will increase one’s
6 material wealth. The teaching views the Bible as a contract between God and human
7 beings: if humans have faith in God, He will deliver the promises of security and
8 prosperity (and in some teaching - physical health). Verbal confessing of these alleged
9 promises causes them to somehow prosper. Personal empowerment is emphasized. To
10 some church historians, this is warmed-over Christian science, which is neither Christian
11 nor science.

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13 Recently, one of the strongest purveyors of this teaching said from the pulpit on national
14 television (this is a direct quote): *“I just wanna encourage every one of us to realize*
15 *(that) when we obey God, we’re not doin’ it for God– I mean that’s one way to look at*
16 *it. (But) we’re doin’ it for ourself! Because God takes pleasure when we’re happy!*
17 *That’s the thing that gives Him the greatest joy this morning. So I want you to know*
18 *this morning – just do good for your own self. Do good ‘cause God wants you to be*
19 *happy. When you come to church, when you worship Him, you’re not doin’ it for G*
20 *od really – you’re doin’ it for yourself! Because that’s what makes God happy.*
21 *Amen! Let’s open our hearts to Him today!”*

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23 Let’s contrast that quote with a portion of Scripture written by the Holy Spirit through the
24 Apostle Paul:

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26 1 Tim. 6:3-12

27 **If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words**
28 **of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; [4] He**
29 **is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof**
30 **cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, [5] Perverse disputings of men of**
31 **corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such**
32 **withdraw thyself. [6] But godliness with contentment is great gain. [7] For we**
33 **brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. [8] And**
34 **having food and raiment let us be therewith content. [9] But they that will be rich**
35 **fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which**

1 **drown men in destruction and perdition. [10] For the love of money is the root of all**
2 **evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced**
3 **themselves through with many sorrows. [11] But thou, O man of God, flee these**
4 **things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. [12]**
5 **Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called,**
6 **and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.**

7 8 A KEY TO THE PROSPERITY "GOSPEL" 9

10 There can be little question that the prosperity teaching is motivated by the dollar. Let
11 me explain:

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13 With the advent of television, many churches and ministers have utilized this remarkable
14 invention for the spread of the Gospel. This church, First Assembly of God, is shown on
15 local television every day and on nationwide TV on Saturday evenings, via DISH and
16 DIRECT, courtesy of the Christian Television Network in Largo, Florida. Although we
17 have been seen on daily television for years, we have never asked the viewers for their
18 money. We have never asked for them to send God's tithes to us. The cost of media
19 exposure is paid for out of the General Fund, from the Saturday night/Sunday morning
20 offerings here in the church. We are not appealing to people to give their money to this
21 ministry. Because the church's liberal giving, we are able to use the media effectively.

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23 This is not so with many of the "television evangelists." Some of them spend literally
24 millions of dollars a year in the purchase of TV air time. This means they have to have
25 financial support from the "viewer-ship." One of the ten leading tel-evangelists told me
26 face-to-face that if he preaches about eternal issues, such as heaven and hell, or
27 discipleship, his giving the next week drops 50% or more. He said to me, "I cannot
28 afford to preach the eternities."

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30 So out of this need for income and for TV ratings, a "tickle-the-ears" doctrine has been
31 formulated called the prosperity gospel. It is an irresponsible, idolatrous and contrary-
32 to-scripture theory that could well cause millions of people to lose their souls, not to
33 mention mandating these "preachers" to face God to give account for their mishandling of
34 God's Word.

35 36 THE ROLE OF A CHURCH PASTOR IN PROTECTING THE FLOCK 37

38 I am going to give you some scriptures here that indicate the responsibilities of a pastor.
39 I believe these passages will cause you to be aware that the pastor's role is to (a)
40 spiritually feed the flock (the flock being those who attend the church) and (b) to protect

1 it. As an under-shepherd of this flock, I believe one of the wolves attacking the sheep is
2 this malicious prosperity “gospel.”

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4 1 Peter 5:1-4

5 **The elders (pastors) which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a**
6 **witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be**
7 **revealed: [2] Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof,**
8 **not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; [3] Neither**
9 **as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. [4] And when**
10 **the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not**
11 **away.**

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13 Hebrews 13:17

14 **....for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do**
15 **it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.**

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17 Acts 20:28-29

18 **Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy**
19 **Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased**
20 **with his own blood. [29] For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous**
21 **wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.**

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23 That last passage was a result of Paul's final meeting with the elders (pastors) of western
24 Turkey.

- 25 1. Take heed....to all the flock! Pay attention to them!
26 2. God has purchased those people with His own blood! That's how important they
27 are!
28 3. Wolves will attack those precious sheep! Protect the flock from them!

29
30 Now perhaps you can understand why this under-shepherd is concerned about teaching
31 that can come your way that is unscriptural and potentially soul-damaging.

32
33 Early in my pastorate here, I received a phone call from a man and his wife who went
34 from church to church to speak and who were hugely popular on television. I was told
35 by them, “God wants us to come to your church because He has given us the ability to
36 give the gift of healing to your people.” I replied, “No, God has done no such thing.
37 First Corinthians 12:4-6 clearly teach that the gifts of the Spirit come from HIM, not from
38 you.” And I told them that I would not have them here.

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40 Well, they were incensed! (To put it mildly) They later called my General

1 Superintendent, who at that time was Dr. G. Raymond Carlson, to report my response to
2 them and my not allowing them to come here. Carlson said, "Pastor Betzer is right!
3 Only God bestows spiritual gifts - not you." (Then they were mad at him!)

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5 There is enough nonsense floating around this country in God's houses to fill an
6 encyclopedia! Small wonder people turn away.

7 8 PREACHING PROSPERITY ON DEATH ROW!

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10 Last week I was again on Florida's death row in Raiford - near Starke. I asked one of
11 the 400 or so inmates of the Row if they received any Christian television on their allotted
12 channels. He told me, "Yes, we do." Facetiously I asked him (with regard to a certain
13 prosperity preacher whom I know personally who constantly asks viewers for a monthly
14 commitment of money) if he, the inmate, had sent in his \$58 monthly, for which he would
15 allegedly have answered prayers and gifts. Instantly, that inmate was enraged! He
16 slammed the table where we sat and said, "That man is sending people to hell!" And,
17 "It's a terrible scam!" Imagine that - on death row! That inmate could discern what
18 many church members cannot. It's not the Gospel!

19 20 DRIVEN BY THE DOLLAR

21
22 In the afore-mentioned scriptures in I Peter 5, the great apostle warned pastors to be
23 careful of their motivation, never to be driven by money. Last year, a church a few
24 hundred miles from here launched a campaign to purchase their pastor a \$65 million
25 dollar jet. He already owns a private plane; however, it seems to him that he could do
26 God's work better in a new Gulfstream G-650 luxury jet.

27
28 Many ministries, including some television outreaches, rose up to criticize such a
29 ridiculous request. Yet, despite this travesty of scripture, other similar preachers
30 continue to attract big crowds. One politician who speaks in churches wrote in his book,
31 "While giving to the poor is important, the most powerful giving for wealth building is
32 upward giving." Amazing. This is diametrically opposed to Jesus' teachings.

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34 THERE IS NOTHING INHERENTLY WRONG WITH SUCCESS OR MONEY.....but
35 that's not what Jesus gave His life for on the cross. He gave His life as a ransom for the
36 lost, not to have riches.

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38 And the question must be addressed, IF WE ARE BLESSED FINANCIALLY, WHAT
39 DO WE DO WITH IT? Or...IF WE ARE BLESSED WITH GOOD HEALTH, ARE
40 WE JUST WASTING OUR LIVES ON THINGS OR ACTIVITIES THAT DON'T

1 REALLY MATTER?
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3 The basis for the prosperity “gospel” seems to be this: It stems from its proponents view
4 of Scripture. The Bible is seen as a faith contract between God and believers. God is
5 understood to be faithful and just, so believers must fulfill their end of the contract to
6 receive God’s promises. This leads to a belief in positive confession, the belief that
7 believers may claim whatever they desire from God - simply by speaking it. The
8 proponents teach that since God “spoke everything into existence” in the beginning
9 (except man, whom He hand-created), that we, too, being the “little gods” that we are can
10 do the same thing. The prayers are sometimes astounding in their temerity: (For
11 example) “I speak health into your body!” Then there is not much need for God, is
12 there?
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14 One person told me that she spoke a “year-old Lincoln” into her existence and was
15 driving it now. Then she added, “The payments are only \$400 a month.”
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17 Prosperity theology teaches that the Bible has promised prosperity for believers, so
18 positive confession means that believers are speaking in faith what God has already
19 spoken about them. Positive confession is practiced to bring about what is already
20 believed in or for. Thus faith itself is a confession, and speaking it brings it into reality.
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22 The problem is – it’s just not biblically good exegesis (or drawing out the truth in
23 scripture.) Yes, we MUST have faith (“...without which no man shall see God” Hebrews
24 11:6). But there is a huge difference in the faith proscribed in scripture and presumption
25 (which the prosperity “gospel” seems to be - presumption.) Why would I say such a
26 thing? Let’s take a good look at that classic chapter of Hebrews. In the first part, the
27 writer tells us of the faith of such overcomers as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses
28 and others who: Hebrews 11:29-31 **“By faith ... passed through the Red sea as by dry**
29 **land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. [30] By faith the walls of**
30 **Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. [31] By faith the**
31 **harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the**
32 **spies with peace.”** What faith. The writer continued: Hebrews 11:32-35 **“And**
33 **what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak,**
34 **and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:**
35 **[33] Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained**
36 **promises, stopped the mouths of lions, [34] Quenched the violence of fire, escaped**
37 **the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight,**
38 **turned to flight the armies of the aliens. [35] Women received their dead raised to**
39 **life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might**
40 **obtain a better resurrection:”** Wow! We say! See....there it is - overcoming power

1 and victory through faith! Ah....but continue reading. Right after these sobering two
2 words:

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4 **....AND OTHERS....**

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6 Hebrews 11:36-40 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea,
7 moreover of bonds and imprisonment: [37] They were stoned, they were sawn
8 asunder (Isaiah), were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in
9 sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; [38] (Of whom the
10 world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens
11 and caves of the earth. [39] And these all, having obtained a good report through
12 faith, received not the promise: [40] God having provided some better thing for us,
13 that they without us should not be made perfect. What???? Is the Bible actually
14 informing us that Isaiah was tortured and killed and did not roam around the Middle East
15 in a private jet? Well....*Isaiah must not have had much faith, huh?*

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17 Ah, dear critic, you're not paying attention. These heroes are all listed in God's Gallery
18 of Faith! And what does the Bible say about them in verse 39? **THEY RECEIVED**
19 **NOT THE PROMISE!** These faithful saints of God refused to conform to the world's
20 low standards or to enjoy its immoral pleasures, and in return they received scorn and
21 affliction from the world. Many throughout Scripture - great people of God! - endured
22 affliction and destitution. Jesus Himself said that believers would have persecution, not
23 prosperity, in this world. John 16:33 **These things I have spoken unto you, that in me**
24 **ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I**
25 **have overcome the world.**

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27 So much for speaking things into existence. Where is the "conforming to the image of
28 Christ" Who endured the cross? The great German pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whom
29 Hitler hanged the week of his own death called all of this nonsense **CHEAP GRACE**.

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31 Here is the cardinal issue: **ARE THE THINGS WE LIVE FOR....WORTH CHRIST'S**
32 **DYING FOR?** Did Jesus endure the agony of the vicious flogging, the crown of thorns,
33 the nails through His hands and feet, the spear driven through His side so I could have a
34 jet? He Himself did not have a place to live. (Some of the prosperity preachers
35 proclaim that Jesus was rich. One claimed Jesus wore designer clothes.)

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37 **CONFLICT!**

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39 **"But...but...Pastor, you just wrote a book on why some churches are blessed. Isn't**
40 **this in direct opposition to this study?"**

1 No. We are not “naming and claiming” anything except what is in the Scripture. If we
2 take care of God’s business and obey His command, He takes care of our business. In
3 our missions outreach we are following Christ’s directive to take the whole Gospel to the
4 whole world. We are not manipulating or conning anyone. We are stewards of what
5 God has given to us
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7 Recently, a pastor in another part of the country told me that his church was slowing
8 down its missions outreach because the board had decided to have at least \$1 million in a
9 “slush fund.” You know - for emergencies. Can you imagine how unimpressed God
10 would be with that? Our philosophy of finances at First Assembly has been this:
11 whatever comes in, goes out. We have NO slush fund. Our general fund budget
12 requires about \$5 million per year which covers everything but missions. General fund
13 giving - or the tithes - is not given to missions except in great emergency. We operate
14 on the Saturday night and Sunday morning undesignated offerings - totally! Wednesday
15 night giving is always for the missionary. WE DO NOT GIVE “TO GET.” WE GIVE
16 “TO OBEY OUR LORD’S DIRECTIVES.”
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18 ANOTHER GOSPEL

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20 One of the issues the Apostle Paul faced, especially in Turkey, was efforts by some to
21 change the Gospel of grace to the alleged gospel of legalism. Saints in Galatia had been
22 hoodwinked into believing that works are the essence of salvation, not faith in the blood
23 of Jesus Christ. And....even Peter had bought into this “other gospel.” Note Paul’s
24 stringent writings:
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26 Galatians 1:6-9

27 **I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of**
28 **Christ unto another gospel: [7] Which is not another; but there be some that trouble**
29 **you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. [8] But though we, or an angel from**
30 **heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto**
31 **you, let him be accursed. [9] As we said before, so say I now again, If any man**
32 **preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.**
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34 Galatians 2:11

35 **But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was**
36 **to be blamed.**
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38 *Any spiritual leader who is guilty of false teaching must be opposed and rebuked. 1 Tim.*
39 *5:20 **Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. This must be***
40 *applied without respect of persons, even a prominent person like the Apostle Peter, who*

1 *was used mightily by God, needed in this instance corrective rebuke. Scripture indicates*
2 *that Peter recognized his error and accepted Paul's rebuke in a humble and repentant*
3 *manner. He later referred to Paul as "our beloved brother" (2 Peter 3:15).*

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6 For some years I was involved with several of the tel-evangelists on a quite personal
7 level, even on their ministry boards. They began well with honor and biblical
8 distinction. But as the ministries grew, so did the emergence of the prosperity gospel.
9 More and more money was needed to buy television air time, pay salaries and support
10 their individual lifestyles. And more and more, I watched their doctrines change from
11 what I would call early "quirks" into out-and-out heresy. One of the brothers - in my
12 hearing and presence - requested (demanded) a salary increase to over a million dollars a
13 year, plus a several million dollar home, plus royalties on his writings used in the ministry
14 - an additional several million dollars a year (which I believe is illegal according to the
15 IRS). It was the last board meeting for three of the members, including myself. We
16 resigned immediately. Unlike Peter, who accepted Paul's correction, this brother never
17 spoke to me again. It was not only financial actions deemed questionable, if not outright
18 illegal, but the teachings allegedly from the Bible were outright heresy.

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20 I hasten to add this may not be true of other tel-evangelists for there are some whom I
21 admire greatly. But they are not from the prosperity "gospel" teachers. These
22 honorable evangelists teach and preach the Word of God with honesty and excellence.

23
24 What did the Apostle Paul think of these "other gospel" ministers? Several times in
25 Galatians, he said let those men be accursed. Actually, much stronger in the original
26 text, "Let these men be damned by God!"

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28 Lest someone consider this lesson tonight as cold and arbitrary, Scripture reminds us that
29 God condemns anyone who preaches or teaches a gospel that is contrary to the Word of
30 God. Rev. 22:18-19 **For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the**
31 **prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto**
32 **him the plagues that are written in this book: [19] And if any man shall take away**
33 **from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the**
34 **book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this**
35 **book.** On Judgment Day, God is going to severely punish those who changed His Word
36 for their own benefit.

37 38 HISTORIC CHRISTIANITY

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40 A cult is any teaching or group that deviates from what is known as historic Christianity.

1 So what actually is HISTORIC CHRISTIANITY? These are the basic doctrines or
2 teachings of “the true faith.”
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4 1. The deity of Jesus Christ and His virgin birth. Matthew 1:23 **Behold, a virgin**
5 **shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name**
6 **Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.**
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8 2. The full inspiration and authority of God’s Word in all it teaches.
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10 3. The historicity of the fall of Adam. Romans 5:12-19

11 **Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so**
12 **death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: [13] (For until the law sin was in**
13 **the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. [14] Nevertheless death**
14 **reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the**
15 **similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. [15]**
16 **But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many**
17 **be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man,**
18 **Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. [16] And not as it was by one that sinned,**
19 **so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of**
20 **many offences unto justification. [17] For if by one man’s offence death reigned by**
21 **one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of**
22 **righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) [18] Therefore as by the**
23 **offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the**
24 **righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. [19]**
25 **For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of**
26 **one shall many be made righteous.**
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28 4. The inherent corruption of human nature. Genesis 6:5 **And God saw that the**
29 **wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the**
30 **thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**
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32 5. Humanity’s lostness without Christ. Acts 4:12 **Neither is there salvation in any**
33 **other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we**
34 **must be saved.**
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36 6. Salvation by grace through faith in Christ as Lord and Savior, accomplished by His
37 vicarious death and blood atonement. Romans 3:24-25 **Being justified freely by his**
38 **grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: [25] Whom God hath set forth**
39 **to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the**
40 **remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;**

1 7. Christ's bodily resurrection. Matthew 28:6 **He is not here: for he is risen, as he**
2 **said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.**

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4 8. The historical reality of miracles in both the Old and New Testament. 1 Cor. 10:1
5 **Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our**
6 **fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;**

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8 9. The reality of Satan and demons as spiritual beings. Ephes. 6:11-18

9 **Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of**
10 **the devil. [12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities,**
11 **against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual**
12 **wickedness in high places. [13] Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God,**
13 **that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. [14]**
14 **Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the**
15 **breastplate of righteousness; [15] And your feet shod with the preparation of the**
16 **gospel of peace; [16] Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able**
17 **to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. [17] And take the helmet of salvation, and**
18 **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: [18] Praying always with all**
19 **prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance**
20 **and supplication for all saints;**

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22 10. The Biblical teaching about Heaven and Hell. Matthew 10:28 **And fear not**
23 **them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which**
24 **is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**

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26 11. Christ's literal return to earth. Acts 1:11 **Which also said, Ye men of Galilee,**
27 **why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you**
28 **into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**

30 WARNINGS IN SCRIPTURE

31
32 I am listing just a few of the scriptures that warn about false teachers:

33
34 **Romans 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and**
35 **offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.**

36
37 **2 Peter 2:17-22**

38 **These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom**
39 **the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. [18] For when they speak great swelling**
40 **words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much**

1 wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. [19] While
2 they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of
3 whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. [20] For if after
4 they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord
5 and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter
6 end is worse with them than the beginning. [21] For it had been better for them not
7 to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn
8 from the holy commandment delivered unto them. [22] But it is happened unto them
9 according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the
10 sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

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12 2 John 1:9-11

13 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.
14 He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. [10]
15 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your
16 house, neither bid him God speed: [11] For he that biddeth him God speed is
17 partaker of his evil deeds.

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19 2 Cor. 11:13

20 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the
21 apostles of Christ.

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23 The believer's strong and basically only defense against false teachings is true knowledge
24 of the Word of God. That requires time and study in the scripture. There really is no
25 shortcut.

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30 NEXT TIME: What the Bible says about ETERNAL SECURITY.