

Present Day Idol: The 'KJV Only' Bible

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Many of you are looking at this article and you are asking yourself this: How can the Bible be an idol?

Well, if you understand idols, ANYTHING can be an idol, and the Bible is not exempt.

This is brought on by pastors of some churches and denominations that insist that their parishioners read the 'King James Version of the Bible ONLY', as they are seeing the 'updated; versions of the Bible with errors in them.

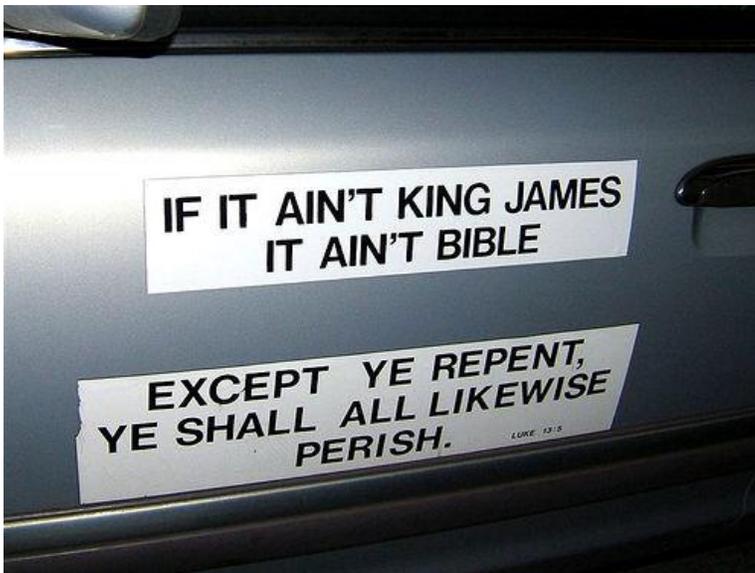
'Well', you say, '**how can that be a bad thing?**'

It is not, and it is a good thing that these pastors are seeing that the devil is trying to water down the word through making changes to the Word. However, what these pastors are not seeing or do not know is that the Word is a PERSON, and that Word is the Lord Jesus Christ. We can see that in the gospel of John:

John 1:1-3 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:14 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

So why would we consider the KJV Bible an IDOL?



As we said before, humans will worship ANYTHING, and that includes the Bible.

You see, Christian, by saying that the KJV Bible is the ONLY 'real' version of the Bible, **those pastors that tout this are making the Bible an Idol.** Many people are led to believe that the actual BOOK, the Bible, is the unadulterated Word of God. We have just shown you that the Word of God is a PERSON, who is the Lord Jesus Christ. We are warned to NOT worship idols, as you

can see in scripture here:

Exodus 20:4-5 - Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: 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;

An Idol is defined as:

noun

1. an image or other material object representing a deity to which religious worship is addressed.
2. *Bible*.
 - a. an image of a deity other than God.
 - b. the deity itself.
3. **any person or thing regarded with blind admiration, adoration, or devotion:**
4. a mere image or semblance of something, visible but without substance, as a phantom.
5. a figment of the mind; fantasy.
6. a false conception or notion; fallacy.

For this definition, item 3 fits what we are talking about, so let's take a closer look at this:

any person or thing regarded with blind admiration, adoration, or devotion.

As you can plainly see, the pastors who tout 'KJV Only' **have blind adoration or devotion to that version of the Bible because they think it is the purest version of the Bible**, and that does violate the tenets of idolatry that the Lord set up. In fact, these pastors **are teaching their congregations to worship the KJV version of the Bible**, if not the Bible itself. They have forgotten that the Word is NOT the written Bible you see in a book, but a PERSON known as the Lord Jesus Christ.



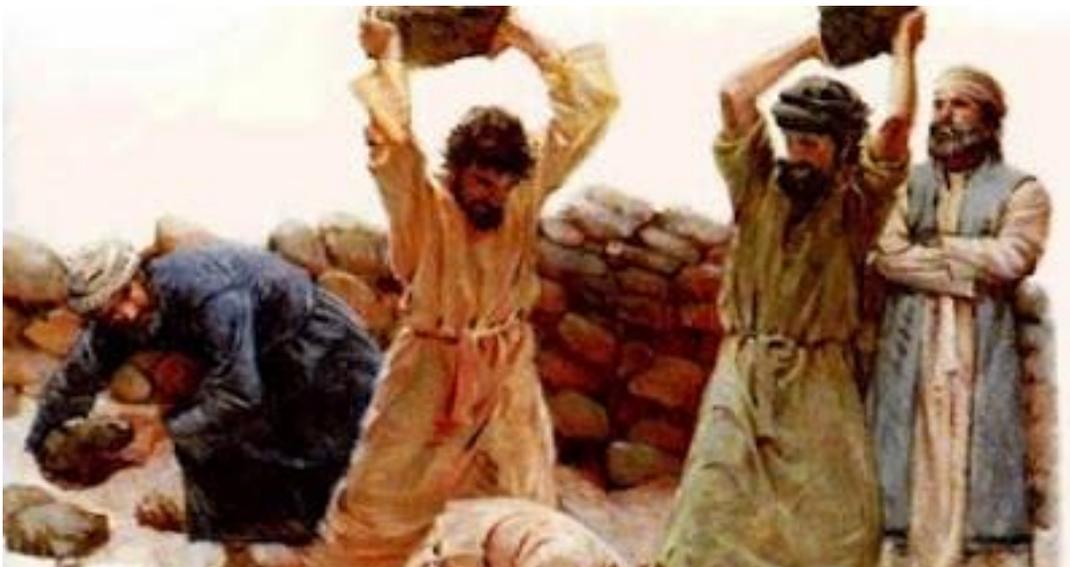
Also, which is error on the pastors part, we are to not only read the Bible that we have, but **we need to have the Bible revealed to us via the Holy Ghost**. This is the cause of a lot of bad doctrine that has nothing to do with the Lord Jesus Christ. By just reading the Bible, and not having the Bible revealed by the Holy Ghost, many things can be taken as 'truth' when they are not.

This makes sense because the Bible is a supernatural Book that will actually change you to be able to deal with and conform to what the Lord wants for His children. Just reading the Bible is NOT enough; **you have to experience the Bible**, and that is when you will see that the Bible is so RICH in spiritual food. There is so much food in the Bible that you will NEVER run out of spiritual food even if you had multiple lifetimes.

The Bible is written in such a way as to keep the enemy from actually getting anything from the Bible. We saw that when Jesus was driven into the wilderness by the Holy Ghost, where the devil quoted **Psalms 91** perfectly. Like many of these pastors, the devil was able to quote the letter of the Bible, **but his spirit was NOT RIGHT**, so the letter quoted was dead letter.

Only when the Holy Ghost reveals the Bible to you, the letter is quickened to you By the Spirit – the Holy Spirit. This is how you experience the Bible, Christian, and you can only experience the Bible with the Holy Ghost.

Many of these 'KJV Only' Bible pastors **are of the WRONG SPIRIT**, as they are teaching the letter of the Bible, or what the Bible says. They do not have the understanding of the SPIRIT of the Bible, and it is the SPIRIT of the Bible that will change you.



For example, let's take the example of when Stephen was being stoned to death in the Book of Acts. Take a look at the scripture here:

Acts 7:59-60 - And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, **Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.** And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

If you just read this scripture, you would see that Stephen was dying from being stoned to death. Stephen was a martyr, and because He stood up and challenged his accusers, they stoned him to death, and as he was dying, Stephen asked the Lord to forgive the people who were stoning him.

'OK', you say, **'so what? Stephen was killed for the Gospel.'**

Yes, and you would be right. However, Stephen did something that is VERY important before he died. Can you tell from reading the letter in the Bible? I submit that you cannot. However, the Holy Ghost reveals to you the importance of what Stephen did. Did you catch it?

In case you didn't catch it, here is the important thing that Stephen did: Stephen asked the Lord to forgive the people who stoned him to death.

Why did he do that?

He did that because if he didn't forgive, even to the death, **he would have sinned by harbouring hatred in his heart.** Even though he may have been justified in being angry, by forgiving the people who were killing him **he shed all of his sin so he could be received by Jesus.** Jesus would NOT have received Stephen if Stephen hated the people who were killing him!! By forgiving, as the scripture tells us, Stephen was FREED from this earthly planet and was received by Jesus with honours as a **'good and faithful servant'**.

Unless that was revealed to you, you would NEVER get the significance of what was done. It is also a good lesson for people to keep in mind when they are wronged or betrayed. What does scripture tell us?

Mark 11:25-26 - And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Stephen was obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ to the end, as he remembered this scripture and acted upon this scripture as he was being stoned to death by people whom he could have rightfully been angry with.

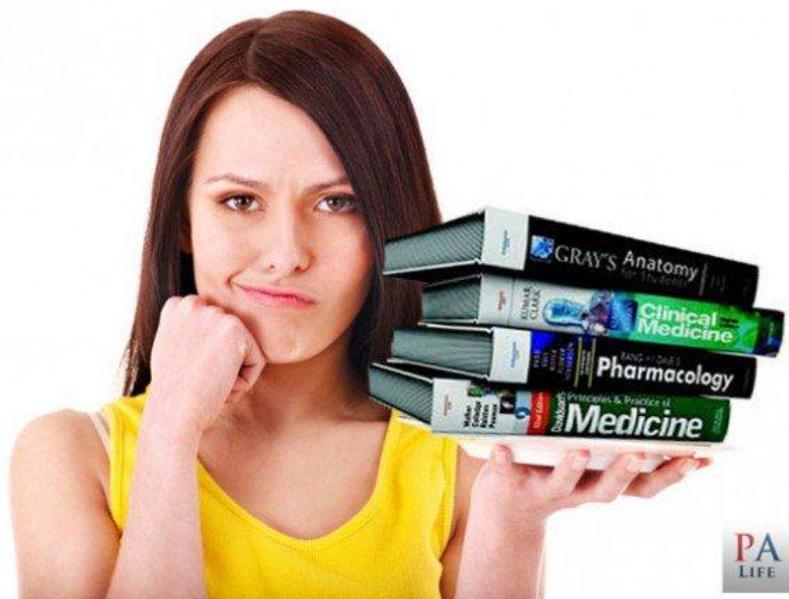
This is the type of spiritual food that you can exact from one verse from the Bible. Now, if you didn't have the Bible revealed to you, how could you teach this to people? How could you show how important what

Stephen did to help you in your walk with the Lord Jesus Christ? From this one scripture, as you can see, the Bible not only reinforces itself, you can see the wisdom in the scripture through examples!!



‘So what does this have to do with KJV only?’, you ask.

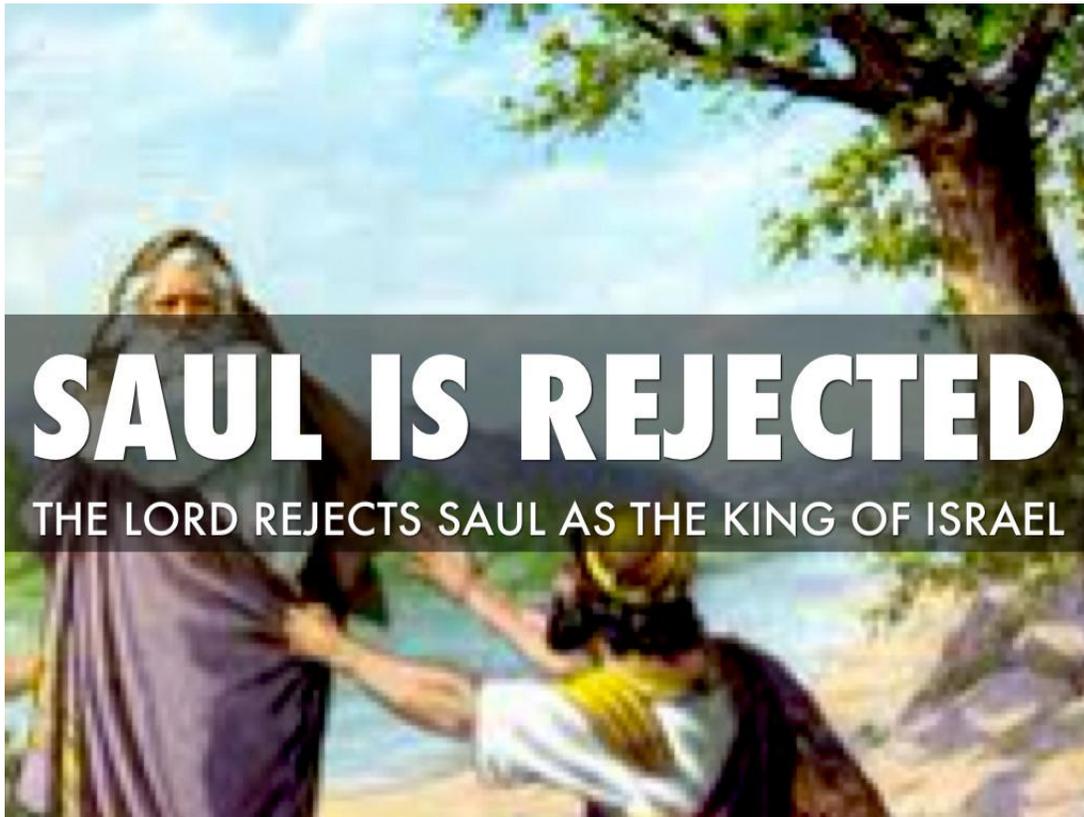
It takes the Holy Ghost to shine His light on the Word for you to truly understand and experience the Word. Again, the Bible is a supernatural Book, and it takes a Supernatural Being to reveal it to you. This is akin to having a plumber read a Brain surgery manual. Yes, the plumber CAN read the brain surgery manual, but unless you have practicum – where you are shown things in the manual – it is just dead letter.



The plumber will not know the intricacies of the brain surgery manual because he does not know what to look for. This is what most pastors are doing – **they are giving you THEIR interpretation of the Bible instead of letting the Holy Ghost lead them to reveal the Bible to their congregation.** If the Holy Ghost reveals the Bible to you, **does it matter what version you are using?** Will it matter to the Holy Ghost, who already knows the Word?

Now, it may be the pastor's preference to use the KJV Bible, and that is fine; this **becomes idolatry when you insist that you can ONLY use the KJV Bible.**

When you are in your quiet time with the Lord Jesus Christ, ask Him about this example that you have been given and ask Him if the Bible is being used as an idol. If you are not already filled with the Holy Ghost, ask Jesus to send you the Holy Ghost and then ask the Holy Ghost to reveal to you what you have read in the Bible. You will begin to experience the Bible because the Holy Ghost would have revealed it to you.



Here is another example.

We have heard many Baptist pastors tell their congregations that Saul, the first King of Israel, is in heaven right now. If you have the Holy Ghost reveal to you the scripture about Saul, you will find the following things:

1. Saul **did NOT make it into heaven because he was FIRED as king by the Lord Himself** because of Saul's temperament and **disobedience**.
2. **The Lord of Hosts was sorry that He put Saul in as King** because of the things that Saul did, as being King went to his head.
3. **Saul went to the witch of Endor to conjure up Samuel**, as he was trying to get 'a word' from Samuel as to what he should do.
4. We see a man chosen by The Lord **lose his salvation** because he did not stay true to the Lord to the end.

We already know that anyone who goes to a witch or practices necromancy (talking with the dead, as Samuel was dead at that time) will never see heaven, **as witchcraft is rebellion**; we also know when the Lord fired Saul, that king was NOT going to make it in because of the King's **disobedience**.

How do we know for sure that Saul did not make it? You can see that in scripture here:

1 Samuel 16:14 - But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

This one scripture tells you HOW the Lord fired Saul. Anyone who the Lord of Hosts had His hand upon, **they ALL had the Spirit of the Lord, who is also known as the Holy Ghost.** From this one scripture, you can see that the Holy Ghost was the KEY. **The Holy Ghost will ONLY inhabit those whom the Lord sends Him to and the Holy Ghost will ALWAYS withdraw from beings that are unclean.** Also notice that the LORD HIMSELF sent Saul an evil spirit, making sure Saul was damned so he could NOT be saved.

It is not wise to fool with an angry God.

From this ONE scripture, we can refute the **Once Saved, Always Saved** doctrine, **as ALL beings in Heaven are filled with the Holy Ghost, and a person chosen by God can lose his salvation.** **If a person is NOT filled with the Holy Ghost, that person will NOT make it into the Kingdom of God,** and Jesus is going to look for the Holy Ghost in a person when they are being judged. If you just 'confess' that you are saved, you said a whole lot of nothing because **one of the requirements of getting into the Kingdom of God is that you MUST BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST.**

How do we know that this is true?

The Holy Ghost will reveal that to you if you ask Him.

'That is not true', you say.

Are you sure about that?

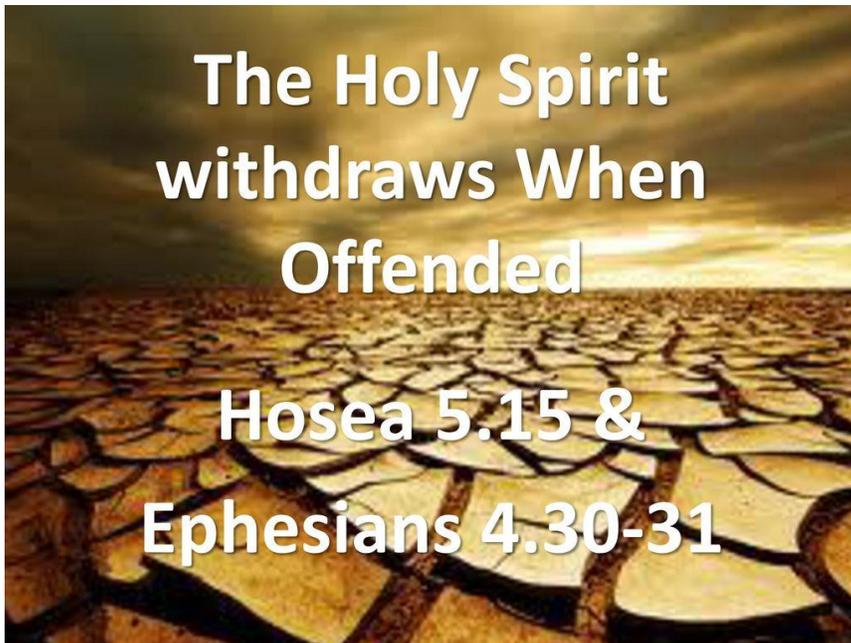
Although many people use the KJV Version, you MAY use the NIV or the other versions **under the supervision of the Holy Ghost.** The Holy Ghost, who is the Spirit of Truth, **will guide you around the pitfalls, traps and snares that the devil put into ALL of the Bible versions, including the KJV Version.** It is your study of the Bible WITH the Holy Ghost that is the most important thing.

This is why you CANNOT just pick up the Bible and read it cover to cover and think you know the Lord Jesus Christ by just that. The Bible needs to be revealed to you so you will experience the Bible; once you experience the Bible, you will NOT forget what it teaches.



Let's take a look at Lucifer, who is now known as satan. At one point when Lucifer was created, he was filled with the Holy Ghost, as he was a covering cherub angel, one of the highest orders of angels after the Seraphim (you know, the angels with 6 wings that were crying Holy, Holy, Holy, flying around heaven). However, there was iniquity found in Lucifer when He stated his 5 'I wills' as you can see in scripture here:

Isaiah 14:12-15 - How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.



What do you think happened to Lucifer?

That iniquity made Lucifer unclean, so the Holy Ghost withdrew from Him. Since Lucifer was unclean, the Lord of Hosts kicked Lucifer out of his place as the worship leader and renamed him satan, which means 'adversary'. Lucifer also took 1/3rd of the heavenly host with him, and as you can see, the Lord of Hosts did NOT stop them. However, when the 1/3rd of the Heavenly Host agreed to follow satan, the Holy Ghost withdrew from them as

well, making them unclean.

Just like Adam and Eve was expelled from the Garden of Eden as the Holy Ghost withdrew from Adam and Eve when they listened to satan, all of the Heavenly Host that followed satan were expelled from heaven to earth, where they are to this day, working for satan as his angels because they were unclean.



How did we know that the Holy Ghost is VITAL for a person to make it into the kingdom of God?

It was revealed to us by the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost also reveals this in scripture, as you can see here:

2 Corinthians 1:22 - Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Here is the same scripture in the **NKJV version**:

2 Corinthians 1:22 - who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Sometimes the newer versions are useful, and it is with the guidance of the Holy Ghost that will bring understanding. As you can see plainly in the scriptures above, the NKJV scripture is a lot clearer and more understandable than the KJV scripture. Let's look at another scripture about the Holy Ghost and compare them:

Ephesians 1:13 -14 - In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Here is the same text **from the NIV**:

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

Again, as you can see, the NIV version of this text is a lot clearer than the KJV text, and you can clearly see from the NIV version that the Holy Ghost is the deposit made by the Lord Jesus Christ that will guarantee your inheritance, which is the Kingdom of God. The Holy Ghost is the guarantee, Christian, NOT some 'belief' that you are in.



Are you getting it yet, Christian? Let's do one more scripture to drive the point home.

2 Corinthians 5:1-5 - For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

This is the same scripture in **the NLT (New Living Translation)**:

2 Corinthians 5:1- 5 - For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.

Can you now see how the KJV version of the Bible has been made an idol by these pastors and preachers? In this last scripture, the NLT is clearly superior in conveying that the Holy Ghost is the guarantee we are indeed saved.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST

ROMANS 14:17

Many of these 'KJV Only' pastors play down the importance of the Holy Ghost, saying that apostolic powers are 'not for today'; however **if they were filled with the Holy Ghost, they would be encouraging their congregations to get filled with the Holy Ghost**, as this is one of the most important things that a follower of Christ should be doing.

For those of you that believe in the rapture, **how do you think the Lord is going to draw those who are His to Him?** It will be **all of the people who are filled with the Holy Ghost that will be drawn to Jesus in the sky**, because the Holy Ghost will be withdrawn from the earth right before the judgments are poured out.

You would know this **if you had this revealed to you by the Holy Ghost**. With this revelation, you will then know that **you MUST be filled with the Holy Ghost** and yes, the Holy Ghost IS for today.

Many of you Baptists out there are going to lose out and be damned because you read the letter of your 'KJV Only' Bible, but NEVER had it revealed to you. You listened to your pastor, who also is **NOT filled with the Holy Ghost**, and if they ascribe to **Once Saved, Always Saved**, **they are not even Born Again** (and neither are you if you believed that doctrine).

This is an action item, Christian, that you should get taken care of right away.

Once you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you would care less about the rapture because you would be concentrating on getting as many people saved as you can during the harvest, as you walk under the auspices of the Holy Ghost. You will also be following the Lord Jesus Christ as He puts you on the path to your salvation so you can be saved if you continue in Him until you die, completing the sanctification phase of your salvation.

There is a LOT of deception down here, Christian, and the Holy Ghost is freely given by the Lord Jesus Christ to guide us to all truth, as shown in scripture here:

John 16:13 - Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.



Wouldn't it make sense to talk to the Spirit of Truth and run everything you have heard and learned by Him? Don't we want to be RIGHT about what we believe? If we have the Spirit of Truth available to us, why are we NOT asking HIM to guide us and lead us?

Many people make the mistake of trusting their pastor to tell them the way when it is **YOUR** responsibility to take out **YOUR** Bible, **YOUR** concordance, **YOUR** dictionary, and search out the truth for **YOUR** salvation. The Lord Jesus Christ is waiting for you to seek Him out and talk to HIM about **YOUR** salvation, as He is going to judge you when you die.

Wouldn't it make sense to get what you need NOW from Jesus and the Holy Ghost so when you are judged, Jesus knows you and you know Him AND you are filled with the Holy Ghost? Why are you trusting your pastor with **YOUR** salvation?

What happens if your pastor is wrong?

Get with Jesus today and consult HIM about everything regarding your salvation. Jesus is a teacher is giving you the answers to the test BEFORE you take the test. Why? It is because He wants you to pass and be with Him for eternity.

Many of you are ignoring the answers and you are trying to go it alone on your own following a pastor instead of Jesus.

No, Christian, you need to stop that.

Get with Jesus and get filled with the Holy Ghost. Stop making the KJV Bible your idol and get the Holy Ghost to reveal the Bible to you so you will know Jesus personally.



As always, **take NOTHING that you have seen here in this book as the truth.** It is **YOUR responsibility to study and check out everything that you see and hear**, and you have an advocate in the Lord Jesus Christ who will help you if you would just ask Him.

Take this upon yourself, Christian, as **YOU** need to get **YOUR** Bible, **YOUR** concordance, **YOUR** dictionary, **YOUR** pens/pencils, **YOUR** notepad and then **YOU** need to seek out the Lord Jesus Christ and ask Him to help **YOU** so **YOU** can make it into His Kingdom, since it will be **YOU standing alone in front of Jesus** when **YOU** are being judged.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure **YOU** are in the faith and that **YOU** have completed **YOUR** sanctification during the sanctification process and **YOU** have gotten **YOUR** forgiveness and **YOU** have repented of all of **YOUR** sins before **YOU** are judged by Jesus.

Scripture tells us that hell will enlarge itself to accommodate all of the people who will be sent there because of idols like the pope, as you can see in scripture here:

Isaiah 5:14 - Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Take this as a warning, Christian, as the Lord Jesus Christ is NOT desperate for people, as **there were only 8 people** who got on the ark before the flood, and **only 2 people** from the Hebrews from Egypt made it into the Promised Land.

Be wise, and stay IN Jesus so you are not lost.



Here is Our Challenge to all of you:

We challenge you to go to Jesus directly **RIGHT NOW** and ask Him if what is shown here is true. Use this as a means to start a conversation with The Lord Jesus Christ and sit with Him and ask Him questions. Start with **(asking out loud)**:

“Jesus, is what I just read true?”

He will answer you, Christian; use this as an opportunity to start the conversation with the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep talking with Him. Get to know Him and He will start to reveal Himself to you.

You need to find out for yourself if what you support or believe is true, and what better way to find out than to ask the Lord Himself? You need to find out for yourself and work out **YOUR** salvation for **YOU**, as the scriptures tell us to.

