

APOLLO QUIBOLOY

A False Christ with a False Kingdom





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“To all the faithful pastors and leaders in the Philippines who have served Jesus without personal gain, vainglory, or selfish ambition. May God continue to use you to make disciples of Christ!”

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SECTION 1

*Apollo Quiboloy: A False Christ with a
False Kingdom*

CHAPTER ONE

A Brief Summary of Apollo Quiboloy & Reasons for Writing

Matthew 24:24 (ESV), "For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray."

Apollo Quiboloy was born in 1950 in Davao City, Philippines. In his early 20's he was a leader in a "Oneness Pentecostal" denomination (a group that denies the Trinity) and eventually resigned to spend time with God in the mountains. After supposedly spending many years being tested and receiving the "Father's revelations" he said God gave him the calling to be the "Appointed Son of God."¹

As a result in 1985, at 35 years old, Apollo started the church, "Kingdom of Jesus Christ, Name Above Every Name" in Davao City with just a handful of members. Since then Quiboloy claimed that in 2003 the Father finished His work in him and that he was appointed to be the Son of God, which makes him the human representative of the Father's will on the earth.²

Then on April 13th, 2005 Quiboloy stated that God told him it was the Day of Lord as spoken of in the Bible because he was given the "Kingship" to rule God's "Kingdom Nation" from the "Restored Garden of Eden."³ Now today he claims to have over 4 million followers (Kingdom Citizens) in the Philippines and over 2 million around the world.

Though Apollo's claims to "Sonship & Kingship" are 100% false, what is true is that he has amassed a large devoted following, earned millions of dollars, and is spreading his lies

¹ "Life & Calling," accessed July 25th, 2014,

² "The Entrustments to the Appointed Son of God," accessed July 25th, 2014, <http://www.kingdomofjesuschrist.org/2012/pastor-apollo-quiboloy-entrustments/>

³ "The Day of the Lord," by Apollo Quiboloy, accessed July 25th, 2014, <http://www.kingdomofjesuschrist.org/2012/pastor-apollo-c-quiboloy-the-day-of-the-lord/>

like a cancer throughout the Philippines and other places where Filipinos live; Hong Kong, Toronto, Los Angeles, New York, etc.

It is my prayer and deepest heart felt desire that this book will be used to expose Quiboloy's lies and set all the people free who have been deceived. I believe our present generation is living in the times that Paul spoke about so we must be preachers and teachers of God's Word in accordance with sound doctrine!

1 Timothy 4:1-5, *"1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."*

Why Write a Book About Apollo Quiboloy?

The first reason I personally feel called by God to write a book exposing Apollo Quiboloy and his false "Kingdom Nation" is because of the love Jesus has for the Filipino people and all who may encounter this blasphemous heresy. Apollo has been used by the devil to gain a following from mostly uniformed Christians who are desperate for hope. It is my heart and desire to prevent further growth of this damnable leader.

Second, I am concerned for Apollo's followers and those who may try to leave the group because he has made public death threats against those who have come against him and has been accused of stealing land from local villagers.⁴⁵ Which

⁴ Video where Apollo curses Eli Soriano and states he will die within 6 months, accessed July 25, 2014, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPzgg_FCxbc

means his group might be bullying those who stand in their way. As a result, I humbly make myself available to help everyone who sees the truth to leave the group safely with biblical guidance.

Lastly, I believe the Body of Christ needs a solid rebuttal to Apollo's outrageous and unbiblical claims. It appears that Apollo's fast rise to stardom is going mostly unchecked by many in the Christian community and thus I believe he warrants a proper spiritual rebuking.⁶ Paul said in Titus 1:13 that certain false teachers like Apollo need stern public correction; *"This saying is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith."* Even if the leaders don't listen, hopefully those following them will respond and be saved.

Basic Format of the Book

This book was written based primarily on the information I gained from his website at www.KingdomofJesusChrist.org as of July 25th, 2014. At this time Apollo doesn't seem to have any written materials that I know of other than his website. For that reason, this book is also hosting its own website at www.TheFalseKingdom.com so that I can add information as needed and keep the work moving forward if he adds or changes his beliefs.

I truly believe our website will serve as the best venue for this book because it is in the same format that Apollo uses to grow his movement outside of the Philippines, mainly through his online videos, teachings, and music. Please pray for this project and support us online!

⁵ Article found here, accessed July 25th, 2014, <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/inquirerheadlines/regions/view/20080517-137214/Why-did-they-kill-the-Bagobo-datu>

⁶ Because of his Sonshine TV/Radio stations, Garden of Eden Restored super center, the church's publicized community services, lavish lifestyle, and charismatic services the movement is growing very fast.

CHAPTER TWO

Let Us Pray

John 17:3, "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

Regardless of who you are or what your reasons may be for reading this book I want to pray for you and then ask you to pray with me.

First my prayer for you as the reader is as follows, "Heavenly Father, I come to you in the awesome name of Jesus Christ and humbly ask for you to use this simple book to exalt and lift up your One and Only Son. May your words, found in the Bible, come alive by the Holy Spirit and convict all who read it of your unchanging truth. I ask that the eyes of everyone's heart would be open to understand who Jesus was, is, and will always be! For you said in Isaiah 9:7, *"Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever."* In Jesus' name I pray, Amen!"

Now I would like to ask you to please humbly pray this simple prayer out loud to open your heart towards God, "Heavenly Father, I ask in the name of Jesus that you would send your Holy Spirit to guide me into all truth so that I might be saved and live a life pleasing unto you. For you said in Isaiah 1:18-19, *"18 "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land."* In Jesus' name I pray, Amen!"

I would like to end the introduction with the timely words Jesus spoke to the Jews who believed and took interest in Him as recorded in the book of John. I believe that today these words powerfully express the heart Jesus has for all those

who truly seek Him. John 8:31-32, *"31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* May we all believe in the real Jesus, know and hold to His teachings found in the Bible, and experience the freedom that only His truth can bring!

Summarized

1. If everyone would simply humble themselves and pray to the Father in Jesus and seek the truth they would find it, 2 Chronicles 7:14.
2. Studying God's Word should be accompanied with humility, prayer, and integrity; 1 Peter 5:5-11.

CHAPTER THREE

Apollo Quiboloy, One Among Many False Christs

Matthew 24:23 (ESV), "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it."

Today, like never before, we are seeing the meteoric rise of people claiming to be Jesus (or His equal). Some of these deceivers have followers that number in the millions and others have just a handful of believers. Though all their claims to deity may differ in some ways they all have something in common- they are fulfilling one of Jesus' prophetic signs of the end times!

Jesus said in Matthew 24:24-26 (ESV), "*24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.*"

I have witnessed many weak attempts for false christs (messiahs) to avoid acknowledging Jesus' warning.⁷ But no matter their excuses Jesus clearly states when He comes back He will not need TV, radio, or anything else to tell of His coming. The whole world will see it like lightening coming from the east to the west!

⁷ Some false christs say, "I don't perform any signs in the form of miracles as my proof so how could I be this kind of person?" However, the Bible considers a "sign" anything that points to God's work on the earth. Also, note that Jesus is stating that the greatness of the false signs/wonders affects the level of deception. In other words, by the time the last false christ comes- the Anti-Christ, he will deceive the entire world, Revelation 13:13-14! At the same time, Jesus doesn't say there is just "one false christ" and "one false prophet," but rather in the end times He states that there will be plural (many) false christs and prophets.

Apollo Quiboloy's deception is growing today more than most false christs because he has more false signs and wonders. For example, he claims that his private jet is a "sign" of the Almighty Father's blessings so anyone (especially local poor villagers) looking for a sign of God's blessing can easily be deceived. Also, he likes to point to the fast growing nature of his kingdom as a "sign" of the end time harvest so people who believe that the bigger something is means the better it is will be deceived.

Is Apollo alone or unique in his claims to being the Son of God? Certainly not! He is just one among many false christs who have given false signs and wonders to deceive people into following their lies.⁸ For example, look at the list below to learn about some of Apollo's false christ competitors:

- **Jose Luis De Jesus Miranda (The Man Christ Jesus):** Jose, also known as, "Jesus from Puerto Rico," claimed he was the second coming of Jesus assigned by the Father to proclaim the message of grace. He adopted the biblical number of the anti-christ and began having his followers tattoo "666" all over their bodies. At the height of his "reign" he owned a TV station and claimed to have 2 million followers in 30 countries. However, he recently died in 2013 and his widow now claims she is the Archangel Michael!
- **Sun Myong Moon & Hak Ja Han (The True Parents of Mankind):** Sun claimed that Jesus appeared to him in South Korea and asked him to finish the work He left unfinished at the cross. He and his wife started the Unification Church (also known as the, "Moonies") and began to hold mass weddings ceremonies all over the world to populate the new kingdom with their "children." Sun died in 2012 and now his wife continues the work as the "True Mother." They have churches all over the world, claim three million

⁸ There may be different teachings and less important claims each false christ makes but I am addressing the very nature of their shared claim- to be God in the flesh.

followers, and have billions of dollars from their church owned businesses.

- **Visssarion (The Reincarnation of Jesus):** Russian born Sergey Torop claims that in 1990 he had a vision that revealed to him he was Jesus reincarnated. Today he lives on a commune with around 10,000 of his followers, practices veganism & mediation, and teaches what he calls, "The Last Testament."
- **Ahn Sahng-hong & Jang Gil-ja (World Mission Society Church of God):** Based in South Korea Ahn was believed to be the second coming of Jesus and after his death in 1985 was claimed to have ascended into heaven. Afterward, Jang (not related to Ahn) proclaimed herself to be Jesus' divine bride, the "Mother God." Now today "Mother God" leads the church with over 1.75 million members in 150 countries with 2,200 churches. The group mixes laws of the Old Testament with "Mother's" teachings.
- **Other Notable False Christs Still Alive:** Inri Cristo (Brazil), Wayne Bent (U.S.), & Alan Miller (Australia).

God have mercy! It is deeply grieving for me to see so much deception upon the earth today. I wish I could get all these groups together and have them see how much they have in common so hopefully they would understand the deception that they are in. However, pride always makes it is easier to recognize the error in other's people lives than our own. Therefore, I pray that we as true disciples of Christ can help them see the light of God's Word and return to the real Jesus!

The truth is most of their followers come from Christian backgrounds either being Protestant or Roman Catholic. But because like most churchgoers today they weren't trained in the Word of God they were not able to resist the deceptive tactics used by the false christs. In other words, they "put up" with the false Jesus instead of "putting them out" of their lives. Paul

said the people of Corinth had this same very problem. He wrote in 2 Corinthians 11:4, *“For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.”*

Dear friends, let us also hear the warning of the apostle John so that we will strive to know the true Son of God and stay away from idols- no matter who’s image they are in. 1 John 5:20-21 states, *“20 We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 21 Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.”*

Apollo Quiboloy is an idolater because he worships himself and whoever places their hope in him is likewise an idol worshipper. He is also a liar and so is anyone who teaches his false doctrines. Therefore, both Apollo and all the Kingdom Citizens will suffer the same fate in the lake of fire unless they repent and come to know the one and only Son of God! Heed the words of Revelation 21:8, *“But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars – they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”*

Summarized

1. Apollo is just one among many false christ and prophets who are being used by the devil to fulfill Jesus’ prophecies concerning the end times.
2. If people who believe in Apollo Quiboloy would honestly consider all the other false christs they would see how much he has in common with them; for example, “finishing Jesus’ work,” “redefining the second coming of Christ,” “claiming radical devotion to the false leader for salvation,” “making millions of dollars and establishing super centers,” and many more...

3. Worship and faith in Apollo Quiboloy is the sin of idolatry and everyone will be punished who follows him, Revelation 21:8.

For Further Study on Cults & Antichrists

1. *"Kingdom of the Cults"* by Walter Martin.
2. *"Religious Groups,"* at the "CARM" website, "Christian Apologetics & Research Ministry," found online at, <http://carm.org/religious-groups>

CHAPTER FOUR

Apollo's Oneness Theology vs. The Bible

2 Corinthians 13:14, "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

God is Three Persons in One Divine Being, Not One Divine Person with Three Different Titles

Since Apollo comes from a "Oneness Pentecostal" background his denial of the Trinity is rooted in his previous denomination's misguided and ignorant biblical interpretations. Therefore, when he bases his own claims on the false belief that Jesus is the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit his entire theological system falls apart when the triune nature of God is clearly established in the Scripture. In other words, if Apollo has his doctrine of God wrong (which is his foundation) then everything built on that false belief falls apart.

In his teachings about God's singular nature he uses the same heretical techniques that Oneness Pentecostals wrongly use and miserably fail at. For example, Apollo teaches that since Matthew 28:19 states, "*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*" that the singular "name" must be Jesus. Why? Because in Isaiah 9:6 the prophet stated about the Son, "*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*" As a result, Apollo claims that since Jesus ("the Son") is given the title "*Everlasting Father,*" referring to the Father in the Bible and "*Wonderful Counselor*" referring to the Holy Spirit in John 14:26 that there can only be one person in the nature of God; Jesus.

Simply stated, Apollo believes there is one God whose name is Jesus and He has three different titles- the Father, Son,

and the Holy. And to drive the point home he then points to all the references in the Scriptures that show there is only one God; such as Deuteronomy 6:4, James 2:19, etc.⁹

Also, Apollo sadly believes the historical misinformation promoted by many cults and Oneness Pentecostals that somehow the newly converted Roman Emperor Constantine invented the doctrine of the Trinity in 325 A.D. at the Council of Nicaea (which can easily be proven false in church history).¹⁰ Therefore, Apollo's supposed revelation of the "essence of God" is a tired old lie promoted by the worst kind of teachers and ignorant historians.

The Apostle John Taught Jesus and the Father Were Separate Persons

To refute Apollo's Oneness claims all one has to do is study who Jesus is in the book of John and then properly interrupt the rest of the Bible (and certainly church history will prove this true). There is no better place to start than the book of John because John gives the clearest statements about Jesus' origins, mission, and nature within his first 18 verses. Let us look at some of his writings in the first chapter and find the "real" Jesus.

John wrote in John 1:1, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* In this opening verse the Greek (the original language of the New Testament) is perfectly clear, *"the Word was with God."* In the Greek the word for *"with"* is *"pros,"* which literally means, *"face to face with."* John is stating that the Word was *"face-to-face with God."* Therefore, the Word cannot be the same person as God mentioned in verse one.

⁹ *"Essence of God,"* by Apollo Quiboloy accessed on July 25th, 2014 at , <http://www.kingdomofjesuschrist.org/2012/pastor-apollo-c-quiboloy-the-essence-of-god/>

¹⁰ Read, *"Appendix A: Understanding the Trinity"* at the end of this book for more insight.

Now some might say, "But the last part of the verse states, *"the Word was God,"* so God and the Word must be the same person." However, once again someone only naïvely reading the English or non-Greek original version would say this. Because in the original Greek text the phrase, *"the Word was God,"* literally means, *"the Word was divine in nature."* Why? The Greek word for "God" (*"theos"*) does not have an article before it and thus it is used in the predicate normative form (a descriptive word for the subject).¹¹

In other words, the *"logos"* (Greek for "Word") is the subject and John uses the word, *"theos"* to describe the Word's nature.¹² Not to mention it would be impossible for the Word to be "face-to-face" (*pros*) with Himself as stated again in verse 2, *"He was with (pros/face to face with) God in the beginning."*

At this point, I can only imagine the frustration Apollo and his followers would have with this information because they obviously cannot read Greek nor understand its meaning. So let us move on to the more obvious and clear context (even seen in the English version) before we are faced with their weak excuses that they don't need Greek scholarship but only the "spiritual" interpretations given by their "Father" (of lies).

The first chapter of John doesn't leave us only Greek insight to its meaning, but also clear context to who the Word is. Let's continue to John 1:14, *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* John now separates the persons He was describing in verse one, mainly, the "Son & Father." So we can go back with this information and better understand verse one. *"In the beginning was the Word (the Son), and the Word (the Son) was with (face to face with) God (the Father), and the Word (the Son) was God (divine in nature)."*

¹¹ Jehovah Witnesses, another cult, try to make an issue out of the missing article and claim it should read, "was a god." However, the missing article actually does the opposite because it fully assures the reader that whatever God is in John 1:1b, the Word is as a different person in John 1:1c. See footnote "12" for further study of the Greek.

¹² For further study read Dr. James White's article on John 1:1. He is an expert in the Greek language and Christian theology. Found here, accessed July 25th, 2014, http://vintage.aomin.org/JOHN1_1.html

Someone might interject and say, "You're just twisting the Scripture to say what you want it to say!" Well, let's look at the verses again. Verse one states that the Word was with God, but neither names the Word or the God He is facing. So in verse 14 we read that the Word became flesh and is called the "*one and only Son*," thus, it is now clear that the Word is the Son. But maybe someone is not convinced yet the Father is the same "God" in verse one that the Son (the Word) is facing. So let's go on to verse 18 in the same chapter for further clarification, "*18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.*"

Wow, did you just read that!? John clearly teaches us that no one has ever seen God, God the Father that is, but we have seen God, the one and only Son (Jesus). How could John be true if Apollos considers Jesus to be the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit all in the same person? If Jesus was just using different titles then John couldn't say that we haven't seen God because Abraham saw God in Genesis 18:1 by the trees of Mamre. Plus, everyone saw Jesus (God the one and only Son) while He lived on earth! As a result, we're only left with two options... Either, (a) John lied about God's nature and Apollos is right. Or (b) God's nature is three persons (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit) in one divine being.

After understanding the context of John's first chapter I now humbly ask you to read the verses again and decide which interpretation you believe is the Holy Spirit's original intention. John 1:1,14,18, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth... No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.*"

Properly Interpreting Matthew 28:19 & Isaiah 9:6

Concerning how to rightly understand the “proof texts” that Apollo uses to promote his Oneness theology the answers are simple. In Matthew 28:19, the one name isn't Jesus, it is “Yahweh,” the divine name used by the Israelites in the Old Testament for God, Psalm 135:13. Matthew is teaching us that Jesus (the Son) shared the same divine attributes and qualities that the Father and Holy Spirit have. That is why the author of Hebrews wrote in Hebrews 13:8, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”* Also, Jesus shared in the one divine name while on earth because in Hebrew Jesus' name is, *“Yhowshua/Joshua,”* which means, *“Yahweh is Salvation.”*

Next, Isaiah 9:6 does say the Son will be called *“Everlasting Father”* and *“Wonderful Counselor,”* however, those are not referring to the other two persons in the Trinity, but rather they are descriptive titles for Jesus. Meaning, Jesus is an Everlasting Father (ruler/protector) to creation because everything was created (Colossians 1:16) and is sustained by Him (Hebrews 1:3). Just like how Joseph in Genesis 45:8 said that God made him a “father,” “lord,” and “ruler” to Pharaoh, *“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.”*

Lastly, Jesus is a Wonderful Counselor through the person of the Holy Spirit because it is His Words the Holy Spirit speaks. Notice the triune nature of God in John 14:26, *“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”* God the Father sends the Advocate (God the Holy Spirit) in the name of Jesus (God the Son)! It couldn't get any clearer than that! Well, maybe at Jesus' baptism- Jesus (God the Son) is being baptized, while God the Holy Spirit descends like a dove, and God the Father speaks, Matthew 3:16-17!

Time and space doesn't allow me to go through each and every verse Apollo misinterprets but I hope that this section can make it plain to all with open hearts and minds that God is three co-equal persons in one divine being. For those who get lost in the mystery of God's complex unity remember what the

psalmist said in Psalm 89:5-8, "5 *The heavens praise your wonders, Lord, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.* 6 *For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?* 7 *In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.* 8 *Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.*"

Summarized

1. Apollo's teachings about "*The Essence of God*" comes directly from his past heretical Oneness Pentecostal theology.
2. John 1:1 clearly teaches, "*In the beginning was the Word (the Son), and the Word (the Son) was with (face to face with) God (the Father), and the Word (the Son) was God (divine in nature).*"
3. Matthew 28:19 refers to the "one name" of "Yahweh" not "Jesus."
4. Isaiah 9:6 expresses different titles given to Jesus, not proof that Jesus is the Father and the Holy Spirit in one person.

For Further Study on the Triune Nature of God

1. "*Appendix A: Understanding the Trinity,*" found at the end of this book.
2. "*The Forgotten Trinity,*" by Dr. James White.
3. Visit online, "*What is the Trinity,*" by Matt Slick at, <http://carm.org/what-trinity>

4. Visit online, "*What Does the Bible Teach About the Trinity?*" at <http://www.gotquestions.org/Trinity-Bible.html>

CHAPTER FIVE

Apollo Quiboloy is an Antichrist

Jude 1:4, "For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord."

How To Prove Apollo is an Antichrist

Apollo, like with all the other cults- once he got God's nature wrong he began to preach another Jesus. Instead of following the warnings in Scripture he and his followers actually distort the Word of God to make their accusers out to be the antichrists! When in actuality they are truly the ones preaching another Jesus and gospel.¹³

Sad but true, Quiboloy tries to use the Bible to claim that those who reject him as the Appointed Son of God are of the antichrist spirit. He writes, *"If you believe Jesus Christ as the Word of God, who is God Himself, who was made flesh, you are of God. Two thousand years after, which is my generation today, this verse is still in effect. Do you believe Jesus Christ came in the flesh? The Second Coming is here. He has come in the flesh."*¹⁴ However, its actually the opposite, John said that only those who deny that Jesus, God the Son, came in the flesh, as the "one and only begotten Son," are really the antichrists.

Read 1 John 4:2-3 for yourself and see, *"2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the*

¹³ "Anti-Christ, False Christs, False Prophets," by Apollo Quiboloy, accessed July 25th, 2014, <http://www.apolloquiboloy.com/apollo-quiboloy-anti-christ-false-christs-false-prophets/>

¹⁴ Ibid

antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world." Apollo believes this verse applies to him, but how could it? Did Quiboloy exist previously in heaven before his birth like Jesus? Certainly not. These verses could only be referring to Jesus, God the Son, because He existed before eternity with the Father and came in the flesh through a virgin. Therefore, when Apollo preaches that these verses are referring to him he is a blasphemous egomaniac playing "make believe."

Also, notice how John said, *"Jesus Christ has come in the flesh from God."* This is another example of how the Trinity is proven true because like in John 3:16, God the Father sends God the Son. In other words, Jesus didn't send Himself, He was sent! How can we prove that the person John is calling "God" in 1 John 4:2 is the Father and Jesus Christ is the "Son?" By continuing to read until 1 John 4:14, *"And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world."*

As a result, just studying a few verses in context we plainly see that it is Apollo who is of antichrist spirit because he denies that God the Father sent God the Son to come in the flesh. He believes that Jesus was the Father sending Himself as the Son (which makes no sense and contradicts the clear reading of John). Thus, Quiboloy cannot recognize the Spirit of God! For it is the Spirit of God that acknowledges and proclaims that God the Father sent Jesus Christ.

Summarized

1. Apollo denies that the Father and Son are separate persons, therefore, according to 1 John 4:2-3 he has the antichrist spirit.
2. The apostle John taught in 1 John 4:2-3 & 14, that the Father sent the Son, and it was Jesus, not the Father who came in the flesh to be the Savior of World.
3. 1 John 4:2-3 cannot apply to those who don't accept Quiboloy because he did not come from heaven into the

world to be our Savior by dying on the cross. However, we are actually commanded to reject him because he is an antichrist!

For Further Study on Cults & Antichrists

1. *"Kingdom of the Cults"* by Walter Martin.
2. *"Marks of a True Believer,"* an in-depth study of the passages in 1 John 4 that warns about antichrists, by Dr. John MacArthur, found online at, <http://www.gty.org/resources/study-guides/40-5145/christians-and-antichrists>

CHAPTER SIX

Jesus is the Only Son of God

2 Corinthians 11:4, "For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough."

There are Not Two Sons of God, There is Only One and His Name is Jesus

The biggest lie I believe Apollo teaches is that the "Begotten Son of God" and the "Appointed Son of God" are two different persons. On his website and in his preaching he likes to say things like, *"I have inherited the Sonship from Him as the Begotten Son in the Jewish setting. He was in the position of the Begotten Son to complete the physical sacrifice of being the Son to produce the spiritual. I am the production of the spiritual sacrifice on the cross. I inherited the Sonship from Him. He took it away from Satan Lucifer the devil and delivered it to His Appointed Son, whom He has appointed in these last days. (Hebrews 1:1) I was able to finish His work (John 17:4). I have completed the spiritual component of salvation which was not completed during the Jewish Age and the Church Age. I am the Father's finish product of what He had done on the cross. (Rev. 21:7)."*¹⁵

All we have to do to crush this idea of there being two different "sons" is to clearly show that the "Begotten Son of God" born to the virgin Mary is the exact same "Appointed Son of God" taught in Scriptures. Once we can clearly show that there is absolutely no biblical basis to believe Apollo's false claims we then can glorify and lift up the real Jesus to the

¹⁵ "Kingdom Doctrine: Frequently Asked Questions," accessed on July 25th, 2014, <http://www.kingdomofjesuschrist.org/2012/faq-kingdom-doctrine/>

Kingdom Citizens in hopes they will repent of their idolatry and place their trust in Jesus and be saved, Romans 10:9!

Five Reasons Why Jesus is Both the Begotten Son and the Appointed Son of God

- 1) **PAUL EXPLICITLY TAUGHT THAT JESUS IS THE APPOINTED SON OF GOD NOT JUST THE BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD:** Paul wrote in Romans 1:3-4, *“3 Regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.”* Quiboloy cannot be the Appointed Son of God according to Paul because, (1) He is not a descendant of David, (2) He was not raised from the dead, and (3) He is not Jesus Christ our Lord, the one born 2,000 years ago.
- 2) **THE GREEK LANGUAGE OF THE BIBLE IS CLEAR THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE SON OF GOD, NOT TWO:** For example in John 3:16 the Greek word for *“only begotten”* is *“monogenes”* and it literally means, *“unique, one of a kind.”*¹⁶ So there can never be an equal to Jesus. This term, *“monogenes”* is used to describe Jesus also in John 1:14, 1:18, 3:18, & 1 John 4:9. Never forget this powerful verse, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only (“unique and one of a kind”) Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*
- 3) **NO ONE ELSE IS GIVEN THE KINGSHIP AND AUTHORITY TO RULE THE FATHER’S KINGDOM EXCEPT JESUS, THE LAMB OF GOD:** For example, God’s people may have been called *“sons of God”* in Genesis 6:2 and even angels were called the *“sons of God”* in Job 1:6 however, there is only one pre-existent Son of God who came from the Father in the flesh to die for mankind’s

¹⁶ *“The Complete Word Study Bible & Dictionary,” monogenēs.*

salvation and was given an everlasting kingdom. Jesus, the Lamb of God, who sacrificed Himself for the whole world is the only one that the Father appointed to rule as His King. Revelation 17:4 proclaims, *“They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings – and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”*

Also, Paul boldly stated in Philippians 2:8-11, *“8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* So why is the only begotten Son of God appointed by the Father to have a name above every name and rule the world as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords? Because Jesus came and died on the cross as the suffering Lamb of God. That is why salvation is only found in His name. Romans 10:9, *“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

- 4) **APOLLO IS NOT THE SON OF GOD AS HE CLAIMS, SPOKEN ABOUT IN HEBREWS 1:1, BECAUSE JESUS (WHO DIED ON THE CROSS FOR OUR SINS) WAS THE FINAL MESSAGE OF GOD:**¹⁷ Read for yourself the whole passage in context and learn the truth, Hebrews 1:1-3, *“1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”*

¹⁷ *“Kingdom Doctrine: Frequently Asked Questions,”* accessed on July 25th, 2014, <http://www.kingdomofjesuschrist.org/2012/faq-kingdom-doctrine/>

Its impossible for these verses to apply to Apollo because, (1) He is not the Son God used to make the universe- Jesus is, (2) Apollo is in a sinful body showing signs of age and corruption- but Jesus the Son has a glorified body that is the exact representation of the Father, (3) Apollo does not sustain all things by his word- Jesus the Son does, (4) Apollo did not provide purification for sins- Jesus the Son did, & (5) Apollo is not seated at the right of Majesty in heaven- Jesus the Son is!

- 5) **JESUS NEVER STOPPED BEING THE SON OF GOD AS APOLLO TEACHES:** His bio states, *“That as soon as the Appointed Son was chosen, Jesus Christ ceased to be the Begotten Son. He now sits on the position of the Almighty Father while the Son will be the inheritor and the heir of the Father.”*¹⁸ Due to Quiboloy’s debunked Oneness theology he believes that Jesus is no longer the Son, but the Father. Once again this not only proves he has an antichrist spirit according to 1 John 4:2-3, but that he has forgot Hebrews 13:8, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”*

As a result, the Bible never teaches Jesus stopped being the Son and become the Father. Jesus has always been the Son for as long as the Father has been God.

Summarized

1. There is no biblical basis for Apollo’s claims that there are two Sons of God- one begotten and one appointed. One for the Jewish setting and the other for the Gentiles.
2. There are five reasons in the Bible to believe that Jesus is the only Son of God- both begotten and appointed.

¹⁸ *“Life & Calling,”* accessed July 25th, 2014, <http://www.apolloquiboloy.com/pastor-apollo-c-quiboloy-life-calling/>

- i) Paul explicitly taught that Jesus is the Appointed Son of God not just the “Begotten Son of God,” Romans 1:3-4.
- ii) John used the Greek word for “unique” (“*monogenes*”) in John 1:18 & 3:16 to clearly teach that Jesus is the one and only Son of God and there is no one else like Him.
- iii) Even though the Bible may call others “sons of God” no one is given the kingship and authority to rule the Father’s Kingdom except Jesus the Lamb of God, Revelation 17:4.
- iv) Apollo is not the Son of God as he claims, spoken about in Hebrews 1:1, because the context teaches that Jesus (the Son who died on the cross for our sins) is the final message of God.
- v) Jesus never stopped being the Son of God nor ever became the Father, as Apollo teaches, but rather He is the eternal never changing Son of God according to Hebrews 13:8.

For Further Study on Understanding Jesus

1. “*More Than a Carpenter,*” by Josh McDowell.
2. “*Reinventing Jesus,*” by Daniel Wallace.
3. “*The Case for Christ,*” by Lee Strobel.
4. “*Who is Jesus?*” by Matt Slick found online at, <http://carm.org/jesus>

CHAPTER SEVEN

Jesus, the Son of Man, is the Father's Appointed King

Acts 7:56, "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

The Biblical Meaning of the title, "Son of Man"

Quiboloy teaches foolishly that Jesus was the Son of God because God was His Father and that He was the Son of Man because Mary was his mother!¹⁹ As a Bible college professor I wouldn't allow a first year student to pass my class with that kind of ridiculous thinking. Jesus wasn't called the Son of Man because Mary was His mother or that He came in the flesh. Rather, He was called the "Son of Man" because He was the divine Son of Man prophesied about in Daniel whom the Ancient of Days (the Father) gave all His authority and power to rule the world!

Read Daniel 7:13-14 carefully and see if you can make the connection, *"13 In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."*

Now read the words of Jesus while He was on trial in Mark 14:62, *"I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."* Lastly, hear Jesus' words about His second coming

¹⁹ His bio states, "The Almighty Father begot Jesus Christ. This makes Him the Son of God. His mother is Mary, a human being. This makes Him the Son of man.." *"Life & Calling,"* accessed July 25th, 2014, <http://www.apolloquiboloy.com/pastor-apollo-c-quiboloy-life-calling/>

in Matthew 19:28-30, “28 Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.”

Who did Daniel say would have everlasting dominion and receive a kingdom that would never be destroyed? The Son of Man. Who did Jesus say He was at His trial? The Son of Man. Who did Jesus say would sit on a glorious throne, judge the tribes of Israel, and give rewards to His disciples? The Son of Man! Not Apollo Quiboloy- but the Son of Man is the King and Ruler of the Father’s everlasting Kingdom!

Even a child can understand that Jesus’ Son of Man title was given to Him by the Father to show us that He appointed Him as King over all His Kingdom. Therefore, the titles “Son of God,” “Son of Man,” and “Appointed Son of God” are simply different descriptions given to Jesus to bring glory to the Father. They will never be taken away and given to someone else.

Lastly, read Matthew 24:30-31 concerning the Son of Man because it is a warning for us to be ready when Jesus comes, “30 Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. 31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.” Come to Jesus (the Son of Man) today and become one of His elect- otherwise you will be cast into the fire!

Summarized

1. The Son of Man title refers to Jesus' kingship as prophesied in Daniel 7:13-14 not that Mary was His "mother."
2. Jesus used the phrase Son of Man to describe His second coming and judgment of the world, Matthew 19:28-30.
3. Jesus, the Son of Man, is coming to punish those who disobey Him and reward His followers, Matthew 24:30-31. So turn away from Apollo Quiboloy!

For Further Study on the Son of Man

1. *"Who is the Son of Man?"* by Got Questions, found at, <http://www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-Son-of-Man.html>
2. *"If Jesus was the Son of God, Why Did He Call Himself the Son of Man?"* by Christian Answers, found online at, <http://christiananswers.net/q-eden/son-of-man.html>

CHAPTER EIGHT

The Real Second Coming of Jesus

Revelation 1:7, "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;" and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."

It's Called the Second Coming Because Jesus Actually Comes Back!

Quiboloy fails miserably when trying to explain how he is the second of Christ. His basic teaching is that Jesus has come back through him because as the Appointed Son of God Apollo carries the teachings of Almighty Father. Quiboloy states, *"If you believe Jesus Christ as the Word of God, who is God Himself, who was made flesh, you are of God. Two thousand years after, which is my generation today, this verse is still in effect. Do you believe Jesus Christ came in the flesh? The Second Coming is here. He has come in the flesh."*²⁰ Therefore, in his sermon, "The Second Coming of Christ" he also says that all the ideas of a literal coming of Jesus with trumpet sounds and tribulations are misinterpreted by the church and are to be taken spiritually in him not literally in Jesus.²¹

The depth of Quiboloy's deception obviously knows no limits. The second coming of Jesus is the single most prophesied event in the whole Bible. As a matter of fact there are more verses in the Old Testament that prophesy his second coming than speak of His first! Prophecy expert Grant Jeffery writes, *"The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is the greatest single theme in Scripture. While there are approximately three hundred*

²⁰ "Anti-Christ, False Christs, False Prophets," by Apollo Quiboloy, accessed July 25th, 2014, <http://www.apolloquiboloy.com/apollo-quiboloy-anti-christ-false-christs-false-prophets/>

²¹ "The Second of Coming of Jesus" sermon by Apollo Quiboloy, accessed July 30th, 2014, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCIU-iYVn4A>

*prophecies in the Old Testament that foretold the first coming of Christ, there are more than eight times as many verses describing the Second Coming. In total, some 2400 verses throughout the Old and New Testaments reveal God's promises about the return of Jesus Christ. The enormous number of prophetic verses about the Second Coming underlines the vital importance of this event in God's plan for mankind. Consequently, we dare not ignore the prophetic signs pointing to the nearness of His return."*²²

To try to overlook or "spiritualize" these massive amount of verses that contain actual events and promises is to literally make the Bible itself useless. In other words, if the Bible gets Jesus' second coming wrong, then its whole message cannot be trusted. Below is a short list of the things the Bible teaches specifically will happen when Jesus comes back.

1. **JESUS ACTUALLY COMES BACK:** Not another version of Jesus or His reincarnation- or even a second son, but the very Jesus who was pierced, put to death, and raised from the dead in a glorified body. Acts 1:11, *"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."* This excludes anyone else, especially Quiboloy, for claiming they are the second coming.
2. **THE WHOLE WORLD WILL SEE HIM COME ON THE CLOUDS:** This is not just a parable or something to be taken metaphorically. God forbid! The Bible clearly teaches that just like how He left on clouds, He will returns on clouds. However, this time He will immediately begin to judge the world and many people will mourn because they will be punished. Matthew 24:30-31, *"30 Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. 31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect*

²² "Prophetic Signs of the Second Coming," by Grant Jeffrey, accessed July 30th, 2014, <http://www.grantjeffrey.com/article/chaparm.htm>

from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”
God have mercy on any who defy or disbelieve this- Jesus has spoken and it remains true!

3. JESUS CONQUERS THE BEAST & THE KINGS OF THE EARTH: Could the apostle John be clearer in describing what he saw? Certainly not. No amount of Apollo’s “spiritualization” can change God’s Word!

Revelation 19:11-21, “11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. 12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.”

He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords. 17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, “Come, gather together for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small.”

19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. 20 But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. 21 The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.”

That’s what it’s like when the real Jesus comes back-not a sinful man dressed in a suit on TV preaching lies!

4. JESUS SETS US HIS KINGDOM AND RULES FOR A THOUSAND YEARS: After the Great Tribulation (Revelation 6) and the Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:16-21). Jesus rules the earth with His people. Apollo may rule over a tiny garden now, but Jesus will rule over the whole universe! Revelation 20:6, *"Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years."*

I pray that you will be ready for Jesus' second coming and not be deceived by the false christs and prophets that Jesus warned about. May we all bring this message to the whole world and especially to those in the Kingdom Nation!

Revelation 22:12-21, *"12 Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. 14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. 15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.*

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." 17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. 18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. 19 And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll. 20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen."

Summarized

1. Quiboloy fails miserably at trying to teach that all the 2,400 verses prophesying Jesus' second coming are "spiritually" about him.
2. The Bible gives four main proofs that Apollo is not the second coming of Jesus:
 - i) Jesus is prophesied in Revelation 1:7 to actually come back in His resurrected body with His nail piercings like Thomas touched in John 20:25-29.
 - ii) Jesus will come back on the clouds (just like how he left) but this time for the whole world to see, Matthew 24:30 & Acts 1:11.
 - iii) Jesus conquers the beast and the kings of the earth when He returns, Revelation 19:11-21.
 - iv) Jesus establishes and rules over a worldwide kingdom for a thousand years with his people as kings and priests, Revelation 20:6.

For Further Study on the Second Coming

1. *"Are We Living in the End Times?"* by Tim LaHaye.
2. *"Rapture Ready,"* Christian website with tons of great articles, <http://www.raptureready.com>

CHAPTER NINE

The Finished Work of Jesus Christ

John 19:30, "When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

What About, "It is Finished!" Does Quiboloy Not Understand?

For Quiboloy to deceive people into believing that he is the "Appointed Son of God" sent to finish the word of salvation he has to first, (1) Deny the Triune nature of God, (2) Teach there is a difference between the Begotten Son of God and the Appointed Son of God, and lastly, (3) Promote the idea that Jesus didn't complete the work of salvation. Check, check, and check- he has sadly done all three.

In his own words he states, "I have inherited the Sonship from Him as the Begotten Son in the Jewish setting. He was in the position of the Begotten Son to complete the physical sacrifice of being the Son to produce the spiritual. I am the production of the spiritual sacrifice on the cross. I inherited the Sonship from Him. He took it away from Satan Lucifer the devil and delivered it to His Appointed Son, whom He has appointed in these last days. (Hebrews 1:1) I was able to finish His work (John 17:4). I have completed the spiritual component of salvation which was not completed during the Jewish Age and the Church Age. I am the Father's finish product of what He had done on the cross. (Rev. 21:7) "²³

As was pointed out previously, there is no difference between the Begotten Son of God and the Appointed Son of God in the Bible- they are the same person Jesus! Therefore, when you can clearly show that there is only one Son of God sent by the Father Apollo's whole doctrine of "completing the

²³ "Kingdom Doctrine: Frequently Asked Questions," accessed on July 31st, 2014, <http://www.kingdomofjesuschrist.org/2012/faq-kingdom-doctrine/>

Father's work" falls apart. But just for further clarity I will present five reasons with their verses that prove Jesus completed the work of salvation and that there is no need for someone else to "inherit Sonship" or "complete the spiritual component." Obviously, John 17:4-5 can only apply to Jesus because He was vindicated and glorified by being raised from the dead. When Apollo dies, like all the other false prophets before him, his body will remain in the grave! John 17:24-25, *"I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began."*

Five Biblical Reasons that Prove Jesus Completed the Father's Work of Salvation

- 1. JESUS IS THE ONE AND ONLY SEED SENT TO CRUSH THE SERPANT'S HEAD:** In the Garden of Eden Eve was promised that her "seed" not "seeds" would crush the serpent, that seed according to Galatians 3:16 is and will always be Jesus. Galatians 3:16, *"The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ."*
- 2. JESUS, THE SUFFERING SERVANT, NEVER TRANSFERRED HIS SONSHIP:** The prophet Isaiah said that the "suffering servant" would see His offspring prosper and this cannot be referring to Apollo because in Revelation 21:7 Jesus proclaims, *"Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children."* Therefore, Jesus never "transfers" His Sonship to another; He is given children to rule over because He purchased their salvation with His blood.

3. **JESUS FULLY ACCOMPLISHED THE FATHER'S ETERNAL PURPOSES FOR SALVATION:** When Jesus came to earth, born of a virgin, it was for the sole purpose of completing the requirements for mankind's salvation. That is why He said, *"It is finished"* on the cross before He died. There was nothing left undone because everything the Father required was fulfilled and accomplished. That is why John the Baptist said about Jesus, *"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"* And Paul said that the Father *"accomplished His eternal purpose in Jesus!"* Ephesians 3:11, *"According to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

4. **JESUS, THE LAMB OF GOD, WILL FOREVER BE WORSHIPPED WITH GOD THE FATHER:** Since Jesus is the Lamb of God, He is worshipped and given a place of great honor that is equal to the Father (no one else gets that place). Read what John recorded he saw in heaven, Revelation 5:13-14, *"13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" 14 The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped."* The one who sits on the throne is the Father and the Son is the Lamb, therefore, there is no room or need for Apollo. Heaven considers the work of Jesus complete.

5. **JESUS IS FOREVER THE HIGH PRIEST AND MEDIATOR OF THE FATHER'S NEW COVENANT:** Despite Apollo trying to teach that the church age is over (which is a lie because Jesus hasn't come back and established His earthly Kingdom) the Bible teaches that there was a New Covenant given to mankind because of Jesus' work on the cross, Jeremiah 31:31-34.

As a result, Jesus is the only priest needed now and forever. Hebrews 7:23-25, *"23 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; 24 but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood."*

25 *Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*" Since His priesthood is unchanging and will continue forever there is no need for another "son" to be a "mediator" between God and man. Therefore, Jesus alone perfects and fully saves all those who come to Him. Hebrews 10:14, *"For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy."*

In conclusion, it is clear to see that there was no need for God to find someone else on earth to make perfect to do His will so they could inherit "Sonship." Both the *"Serpent Seed"* and the *"Father's Completion"* doctrine are 100% false and unbiblical. All those who come to Jesus as saved from their sinful nature and perfected in Christ. Paul said in Galatians 5:24, *"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."* And in 2 Corinthians 5:17, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*

Place your full trust in Jesus and He will completely destroy the devil's work in your life! 1 John 3:8-9 states, *"8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God."* How is Adam's sin of rebellion that was handed down to you by birth defeated? By Jesus when you are born again, John 3:3!

Also, Peter said that because of Jesus everyone who comes to Jesus will be conqueror their evil human desires and obey God's will. You don't need Apollo Quiboloy to complete the Father's will in your life, all you need is Jesus! 1 Peter 4:1-2, *"1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. 2 As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God."*

Summarized

1. Quiboloy's "*Serpent Seed*" and "*Father's Completion*" doctrines are lies and contradict the Bible. Jesus' resurrection in a glorified body proves John 17:4-5 was solely about him.
2. Here are the five biblical reasons to reject Apollo's teachings on the "*Serpent Seed*":
 - i) Jesus is the one and only Seed used by the Father to crush the Serpent's head, Galatians 3:16.
 - ii) Jesus, the Suffering Servant, never has nor ever will transfer His Sonship to someone else, Revelation 21:7.
 - iii) Jesus accomplished and forever finished the Father's work of salvation on the cross, there is nothing left to do, Ephesians 3:11.
 - iv) Jesus, the Lamb of God, is given a place of worship by the Father's throne that no one else can ever have, Revelation 5:13-14.
 - v) Jesus has a never ending and unchanging priesthood based on the Father's New Covenant, Revelation 20:6.

For Further Study on the Completed Work of Jesus

1. "*The Finished Work of Christ*," by Francis Schaeffer.
2. "*It is Finished*," by Matt Slick found at, <http://carm.org/it-is-finished>

CHAPTER TEN

How to Be Born Again

John 3:3, "Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

From a Sinner to a Saint!

Man is a spiritual being with a soul that lives in a body. What makes man so special is that unlike angels he has a body with five senses. And unlike animals man has a self-conscious soul (mind, will, and emotions) that connects him both to the spiritual and physical world. Mankind's unique nature is called the "image of God" or in Latin, the "*imago dei*."

Genesis 1:27 says, "*So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*" The image of God in man is three-fold, (1) Man was created to have dominion over the physical world, like how God has dominion in the spiritual world, Genesis 1:28, (2) Man was created to be fruitful and multiply in procreation like how God multiplies in creation, Gen. 1:28, and lastly; (3) Man was created to have self-awareness and free will as God himself has freedom of choice and self-awareness, Gen. 2:17.

However, when Adam sinned and brought spiritual death to the world Jesus came to be the "second Adam," born without sin, to die for the sins of mankind, 1 Corinthians 15:45. As a result, when Jesus said to Nicodemus, "*no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again,*" He was referring to man being restored to the fullness of God's image.

The Spirit-filled life starts when someone is born again in his or her spirit and then their soul is filled overflowing with God's power. Though the body may not be made perfect in this life, the soul (mind, will, and emotions) and spirit can be totally saved and purified instantly. Peter said in 1 Peter 1:9, "*for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of*

your souls." As a result, we are spiritual beings that need to be born again in our spirits and renewed in our souls. The Holy Spirit is the only one that can do such a miracle and He will only do it if we confess Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Savior, Romans 10:9. Therefore, if you have not been born again please do so today and then join with all believers and call out to God to be filled with His Spirit in your inner most being!

Do you want to be born again? Simply follow the four biblical steps below!

- Admit you are a sinner and Jesus is your Lord and Savior.
- Believe Jesus' death, burial, and bodily resurrection was for your salvation.
- Confess Jesus as the Lord and Master of your life.
- Determine to live as an obedient disciple of Jesus Christ in a good church.

If you have prayed and made Jesus the Lord of your life-rejoice! You have been born again! Please contact us at www.TheFalseKingdom.com to send us your testimony and prayer requests. All the angels are rejoicing before the throne of God because you have become a citizen of Jesus' Kingdom. Declare Paul's words out loud and for everyone to hear, Romans 8:1-2, *"1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death!"*

Now take the next 30 days to read one discipleship lesson a day and apply it to your life! During this time find a good Bible believing church to help you grow in your faith. Congratulations!

SECTION 2

A 30 Day Devotional on Being a Disciple of Jesus Christ

Read one devotional a day and follow the action steps!

DAY 1

Disciples Are Born Again

1 Peter 1:23, "For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."

Peter, a disciple of Christ himself, in the above passage is reminding the disciples under his care that they have been born again by the Word of God. It is always important to remember that the most important aspect of being a disciple is being born again.

"Born again" simply means that you have been given a new spiritual life from God. The Bible clearly teaches that without being born again spiritually you cannot see the Kingdom of God, John 3:3. In turn, if someone is not born again they must put their full trust in the full person of Jesus and receive eternal life, John 3:16.

The passage above makes reference to the Word of God's role in the process of being born again. Peter writes that the Word of God acts as a seed that gives new life and it does not perish; it is living, and enduring. Likewise, Paul wrote in Romans 10:17, *"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."*

As a result, when a lost person hears the Word of God it is like a seed being placed in their heart. However, like Jesus said in the "Parable of the Sower" in Luke 8:4-15 that if the seed falls on the road side (an unbelieving heart) the Devil comes and takes it away like a bird. If the seed falls on the rocky soil (a weak faith) the sun (persecution) will come and burn its little plant all up. If the seed falls among thorns (a sinful heart) it will be choked out by the weeds. However, if the Word of God comes to a heart with pure faith (good soil) it will grow and produce good fruit.

The Word of God is always the same and nothing can change its power. However, it is the faith of man, in his heart, that determines how the seed will grow in one's own life. Therefore, have faith in God's Word to be born again and remain in faith to have the Word of God continue to produce good fruit in your life.

Reflection | Do you have a fruitful new life in Christ?

Action | (1) If you are not born again, place your faith in Jesus and be born again today. (2) Allow the Word of God to grow deep roots in your life and produce good fruit. (3) Lastly, remain in good faith- let nothing take away the Word of God from your life.

DAY 2

Disciples Are Fishers of Men

Matthew 4:19, *“Come, follow me, Jesus said, and I will send you out to fish for people.”*

Matthew records that the first four disciples of Jesus were fisherman. Jesus saw them when He was teaching by the Sea of Galilee. He called His first set of brothers, Peter and Andrew, and said the words recorded above. He then immediately called the next set of brothers, James and John, and most likely repeated what He said or they overheard His previous call.

When Jesus called these four fishermen to be His disciples He was making a direct comparison to their lifestyle of fishing to what He was going to do with them. Both sets of brothers were probably trained from a small child by their fathers to be successful fisherman by being able to read the weather patterns, cast a net, safely be in a boat, the right seasons to catch each kind of fish, how to clean fish, and bring them to market.

Jesus understood this same principle of mentorship because he was probably raised by Joseph to be a carpenter in the same way, Matthew 13:55. Plus, during Jesus' early years he most likely went by the sea and saw people fishing all the time. And would've seen fishermen at the markets and might have even gone fishing with His friends on occasion.

As a result, when Jesus wanted to pick His first disciples He purposely chose hard working fishermen that would understand the value of mentorship- for their very lives depended on it. Thus, I believe He chose them because He knew they would be zealous to teach others all that He was going to teach them.

Now imagine what most “Christians” would say if their pastor would tell them this Sunday, “Everything I teach you here today, I expect you to go out and teach others.” I believe many “Christians” would say, “But I'm not ‘called’ to do that,

that's the pastor's job!" How sad! Most churches today have forgotten the lesson Jesus taught His first disciples- "what I do 'to' you, must go 'through' you!"

Decide today, that you will be a disciple like the first disciples in the Bible- trained fishers of men!

Reflection | Do you fish for people?

Action | (1) Write down what you think would be your first response if Jesus told you to fish for men. (2) Make a decision and pray for God to make you a fisher of men. (3) Lastly, everything God does "to" you let Him do it "through" you to others.

DAY 3

Disciples Forsake All

Matthew 4:20, *“At once they left their nets and followed him.”*

Imagine if your whole life revolved around being a fisherman. Consider if everything you did everyday was focused on one thing- catching fish. You would wake up early each day to get your nets ready, work on the boat, get bait, and head out on the water. Now imagine if Jesus said to you, “Drop everything you’re doing and come follow me- I’m going to make you a fisher of men!”

What do you think would be your first response? Maybe you would say, “I’m sorry, I can’t leave now- my family depends on my fishing.” Or, “I’ll come after I check with my father because fishing is our family business and he needs me.” Now consider what you do for a living. Could you imagine leaving your job in the middle of the day to follow Jesus?

The first disciples- Peter, Andrew, James, and John were willing to leave everything behind to follow Jesus. The verse above says they didn’t even hesitate, but rather, *“at once they left their nets and followed Him.”* When Jesus, God in the flesh, walked the earth He deserved totally commitment and abandonment of everything else.

Today in modern times Jesus is no longer walking the earth so we don’t have to literally stop working just to be close to Him. However, at the same time, Jesus is still asking His disciples to do whatever it takes to follow Him 100%. For some people they may have to forsake certain friends, others might have to give up distracting hobbies, and some might even have to change jobs.

No matter what it is- if Jesus asks you to leave it to follow Him do it because He is worth it. Leaving things behind may

not be easy, but with Jesus all things are possible, Matthew 19:26! Make a decision today to do whatever it takes to be a disciple of Jesus, even if you have to leave things behind!

Reflection | Are you willing to forsake everything to be a disciple of Christ?

Action | (1) Pray and ask God to show anything that may be getting in the way of you following Him. (2) Lastly, leave your past behind and choose to follow Jesus all the way today- don't hesitate!

DAY 4

Disciples Deny Themselves

Matthew 16:24, *“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.’”*

After calling people to come and follow Him Jesus in the above verse gives the basic criteria of being His disciple. The word disciple was not just a term that Jesus used to describe His followers, but rather it was a popular term in Jesus’ day to describe any kind of student studying under a teacher.

The word disciple, *“mathetes”* in Greek, simply means, “a student or pupil of a teacher.” Just like in modern times when a person joins a mentoring program for their job, a college class, or a martial arts dojo the student is first asked to agree to the requirements of the course given by the teacher, the same was true with Jesus and His followers.

Jesus’ three main criteria of being one of His students was; (1) to deny one’s self, (2) take up one’s own cross, and lastly, (3) follow Jesus in all His ways. If a person could agree to these requirements Jesus would then consider them one of His students or disciples.

The first criterion Jesus gives is to “deny one’s self.” To deny yourself means to no longer rely upon your own abilities and human effort to guide and save your life. This was Jesus’ way of teaching His students to no longer depend on their mental intellect, good works, or even religious beliefs for salvation and daily guidance but to rather trust in God. A popular way of saying this today would be, “let go and let God.”

Certainly, Jesus didn’t want His students to “turn off their brain” and lay helpless on the floor because they denied their own ability to even sit, stand, or walk and were to wait for

God to move them like a puppet. However, Jesus was referring to the principle He had taught in Matthew 5:3, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*"

Therefore, the first step to being a disciple of Jesus is to honestly realize your spiritual poverty and put your faith in Jesus for the true riches of heaven. In other words, "I deny my efforts to save myself, but I believe Jesus can fully save me."

Reflection | Have you denied yourself to be a disciple of Jesus?

Action | (1) Think of 2-3 ways you have tried to save or guide your own life. (2) Ask God to help you deny your impulses to guide your life. (3) Lastly, trust Jesus to save and guide you everyday!

DAY 5

Disciples Take Up Their Cross

Matthew 16:24, "Then Jesus said to his disciples, Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

The second criterion Jesus gave to be His disciple was to "take up one's own cross." The cross was a form of torture and execution in the Roman world. Jesus was clearly letting His disciples know that they had to be willing to suffer persecution if they wanted to follow Him, Matt. 5:11, Mark 13:9-11, & Luke 10:3.

Some teachers have tried to promote the idea that carry one's cross means to "die daily to sin." However, though this may be an acceptable interpretation to some, it is neither true to the text or the whole of Scripture. Jesus never taught that the act of continual sinning would be normative in the believer's life. Jesus clearly taught in John 8:36 in regards to sin, "*So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*"

Also, Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 15:31, "*I die daily*" is directly related to the persecution he faced everyday preaching the Gospel. If someone wants to consider "carry one's cross" as a reference to sanctification it should not be looked at as a "daily dying," but rather a "once and for all spiritual death" that happened the moment they accepted Jesus.

Paul taught that the disciple's "old sinful self" was (past tense) crucified with Christ when they received salvation. As a result, Paul believed that disciples no longer had an inner sinful nature because it was once and for all put to death with Jesus' sacrifice, 2 Cor. 5:17. Paul made this distinction clear in Galatians 5:24, "*Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*"

In turn, being willing to suffer is the real criterion all future disciples must consider and agree to if they want to truly follow Jesus. We all know that eventually the Romans crucified Jesus. But most don't know how the rest of the disciples died.

Here is just a brief overview of how eight of the disciples died; (1) Peter was crucified upside down, (2) James was beaten to death, (3) Thomas was speared and burned alive, (3) Philip was crucified, (4) Matthew was beheaded, (5) Nathaniel was crucified, (6) Simon was crucified, (7) Thaddeus was beaten to death, & (8) Andrew was hanged.

Christians shouldn't walk around depressed or with a death wish, however, as Jesus clearly stated we must be willing to lay down our lives if we truly want to be one of His disciples. Over 100,000 Christians around the world die each year for their faith in Jesus (mostly in Muslim and Communist countries)- may never forget the reality of Jesus' words.

Reflection | Are you willing to carry your cross and suffer persecution for the sake of Christ?

Action | (1) Repent of any false beliefs you might have held about "carrying your cross." (2) Ask Jesus for boldness to not only believe in Him, but also to suffer for His name, Philippians 1:29. (3) Lastly, if you suffer persecution, (a) forgive your enemies, (b) remain faithful, and (c) be encouraged to know that you're not alone, Matthew 28:20 & Hebrews 13:5.

DAY 6

Disciples Follow Jesus

Matthew 16:24, "Then Jesus said to his disciples, Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

The last of the three criteria that Jesus gave to be His disciple was to "follow Him." To follow a teacher in the times of Jesus meant a 100% sold out dedication to the leader's teachings. Likewise, whatever Jesus taught the disciples they were to fully believe and practice it.

Jesus reiterated this concept of being sold out to His teachings at the end of His ministry in John 14:15 when He said, *"If you love me, keep my commands."* To Jesus there was no such thing as a disciple that did not follow His example, teachings, and commands. In other words, Jesus never made a "plan b;" it was always His way or no way.

After Jesus' ascension to heaven He sent the Holy Spirit to daily guide the disciples and lead them into all truth, John 14:26. He also said through the Holy Spirit He, along with the Father, would make His home in the disciple's life. John 14:23, *"Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'"*

Therefore, even though we cannot physically see Jesus and follow Him from town to town like the first disciples, we can be led by the Holy Spirit every day and follow His example. John wrote in 1 John 4:17, *"In this world we are like Jesus."*

Paul wrote in Galatians 5:25, *"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."* Consequently, every disciple- for all times in all places, are to follow Jesus by obeying all His commands through the leading of the Holy Spirit!

Reflection | Are you willing to follow Jesus by keeping in step with the Holy Spirit?

Action | (1) Repent of anything that keeps you from following Jesus 100%. (2) Ask the Holy Spirit to led you everyday in the ways of Jesus. (3) Lastly, if you ever get out of step with Jesus, repent and return to walking in His footprints!

DAY 7

Disciples Count the Cost

Luke 14:28, "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?"

Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is free, but it will cost you everything you have. In other words, to be a disciple doesn't require an application or a sum of money to "buy." But rather, discipleship is costly because it's just not a one-time decision or purchase- it's a life long journey of obedience to King Jesus.

Jesus never manipulated people or tried to water down His message to gain more followers. He wasn't "seeker sensitive," but rather Jesus was always, "Father sensitive." Jesus consistently pleased the Father, rather than pleasing man's opinions and feelings, John 8:29.

The above verse is taken from a set of parables Jesus gave to express the seriousness of being His disciple. Jesus used both the example of building a tower and going to war to demonstrate the kind of forethought someone should have before choosing to follow Him.

In both examples the cost must be soberly considered because lack of commitment will end in horrible consequences. The general who doesn't properly examine both his army and the one he is opposing can lead his men into a blood bath. Also, the if the person building the tower (skyscraper) doesn't consider the amount of supplies needed to complete the project will only be able to build a weak half-finished structure that will be both dangerous to all around and a mockery to those who see it.

Therefore, Jesus is clearly teaching that all who follow Him and choose to be His disciple must "count the cost." Every person will pay a different price, but no one can follow Jesus without giving up everything they have.

Take time today to count the cost of following Jesus and make a well-informed decision to follow Him!

Reflection | What cost do you have to pay to be Jesus' disciple?

Action | (1) Repent if you have taken being Jesus' disciple too lightly. (2) Consider what it will cost to follow Jesus all the days of your life. (3) Lastly, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to do all that Jesus commanded.

DAY 8

Disciples Are Always With Jesus

Scripture | Mark 3:14, *“He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.”*

By far the most important aspect of being a disciple is spending time with Jesus. Doing good works, performing miracles, and helping others are all results of spending time with the Master. If a disciple ever attempts to do good works, miracles, and help others without Christ, their work will be in vain and lack any good fruit.

God has always desired fellowship with mankind (both male and female). The story of creation in Genesis shows God created man in His own image and likeness. God is a multi-personal being (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit) with emotions, a mind, and a will. When God created mankind He gave them the same abilities for communion with Himself, Genesis 3:8.

When man freely chose to separate Himself from God by sinning, the Father sent His Son to restore what was lost by taking our place, John 3:16. The Bible then records that after Judgment Day the Father will say to His people, *“I will be their God and they will be my children,”* Revelation 21:7. Therefore, from beginning to end and everything in between God has and always will desire fellowship with His creation.

As a result, the simple question to all potential disciples is, *“Do you want to be with Jesus?”* Everyone may be called, but not everyone is chosen, Matthew 22:14. God only chooses to be with those who truly set their heart on Him. Jesus said in Revelation 3:20, *“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”*

Therefore, just like the first disciples had to make a personal choice to be with Jesus, you must make a faithful commitment to be with Jesus!

Reflection | Do you want to spend eternity with Jesus?

Action | (1) Proclaim your love for Jesus by opening the door of your heart to Him both now and for the rest of your life. (2) Lastly, never leave Jesus.

DAY 9

Disciples Do the Work of Jesus

Mark 3:14, *“He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.”*

When disciples spend time with Jesus they get the privilege of knowing His heart for the people He has made. Jesus loves His creation so much that He came in the flesh to die for their sins and carry their burdens. The Bible says in Matthew 9:36, *“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”* No one understands and knows the condition of the human race better than Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30.

He told the parables of the lost coin, the lost sheep, and the prodigal son to express how valuable each person is to Him, Luke 15:1-32. Jesus said in Luke 15:10 in regards to winning one soul that, *“there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

The disciples certainly caught His heart and passion for the lost. Peter wrote in 2 Peter 3:9 that God *“is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”* John declared that Jesus *“is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world,”* 1 John 2:2.

Therefore, it is obvious that if we are with Him and truly love Him we will want to be sent out preach His Gospel (Good News) to all creation. The word “preach” simply means, “to proclaim or publicly make known the message of Jesus.” Preaching and proclaiming the message of Jesus isn’t just for pastors on Sundays- it is a command for every disciple seven days a week!

As a result, as a disciple of Christ be obedient to both be with Jesus and share Jesus by preaching. When you see it like He sees it, you will do it like He did it!

Reflection | Are you willing to publically tell people about Jesus?

Action | (1) Repent of any shyness or timidity you may have in proclaiming Jesus' message to this world. (2) Pray for three people in your life you can preach the Gospel to this week. (3) Lastly, find a time and place to share your faith with strangers. For example: In a park, in front of your church, or door-to-door.

DAY 10

Disciples Hold to the Teachings of Christ

John 8:31, *"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.'"*

To be a disciple (a student) of Christ it is essential that you hold to His teachings. To claim to know Jesus and not do what He teaches makes you a liar according to John. 1 John 2:4, *"Whoever says, 'I know him, but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.'"*

In the above passage Jesus is speaking to Jews that had come to believe in Him as the Messiah. However, Jesus went on to teach them that their "belief" must be followed by their "obedience." In other words, Jesus not only wanted "believers," He wanted "disciples." James, the half brother of Jesus, declared, *"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead,"* James 2:17.

Paul also clearly taught that we are saved by faith and not by works, however, he also taught that after we are saved we are called to do good works. Ephesians 2:8-10, *"8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

Therefore, Jesus is calling all believers to be followers of His teachings. He commands everyone to not only "believe" what He teaches, but to "do" what He teaches. The idea of "holding" onto Jesus' teachings gives the impression that we must never let go of what He says.

Think about holding on to Jesus' teachings like you would hold on to a life preserver in the middle of the ocean. At anytime you could let go, but because you value your life you

hold on to it with all your strength. As born again believers Jesus expects us to hold on to His teachings by the power of the Holy Spirit. Make a decision today to hold to Jesus' teachings and never let go!

Reflection | Do you hold on to all of Jesus' teachings?

Action | (1) Learn Jesus' teachings by reading the Bible. (2) Hold onto Jesus' teachings. (3) Lastly, never let God of Jesus' teachings!

DAY 11

Disciples Are Set Free From Sin

John 8:32, *“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

Disciples of Christ are no more to have sin in their lives than an airplane is to have holes in its wings. Jesus clearly taught that He was not only able to save His people from sin’s penalty, but also its power and presence. The same sacrifice of Jesus that cleanses a man’s soul from sin is also able to set him free from its influence.

John writes, *“1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”* Though the disciple can still sin and be forgiven, the first and most important command is, *“to not sin.”*

Sin is a disease, Jesus is the cure. Sin is an addiction, Jesus is the remedy. Sin is a prison, Jesus is the deliverer. Sin is a slave master, Jesus is the emancipator. Sin is a stain, Jesus is the cleansing. Sin is a lie, Jesus is the truth. Sin is destruction, Jesus is restoration. Sin is death, Jesus is life.

In the above passage Jesus makes His claim for all to understand, *“when disciples know the truth, it will set them free!”* The teachings and the words Jesus spoke are the truth and all those who believe Him and do what He says will be completely set free from sin.

Therefore, the choice is simple, *“Will you believe the truth of Jesus or the lies of Satan?”* What you decide will determine who’s disciple you are- Jesus’ or the Devil’s. Make a choice today to be a disciple of Christ. Know the truth and be set from free from all your sins and *“if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed,”* John 8:36!

Reflection | Are you free from your sins?

Action | (1) Learn the truth by studying God's Word. (2) Ask Jesus to set you free from all of your sins. (3) Lastly, by the power of the Holy Spirit, live by the truth of God and remain free from sin, Psalm 119:9. If you do sin, be quick to repent, and return to following the path of truth and freedom!

DAY 12

Disciples Eat Jesus' Words & Drink From His Spirit

John 6:35, *"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'"*

Without question John 6:25-71 is one of the most misunderstood and pivotal passages in the book of John. Jesus had just finished feeding the five thousand and walked across the Sea of Galilee from Bethsaida to Capernaum when the people who wanted more food found him.

The passage begins with Jesus rebuking them sternly because the people were "seeking signs" and wanting Jesus to give them "manna from heaven" to eat like how Moses gave the Israelites in times past. Jesus then spoke to them in metaphorical language and said; *"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them,"* John 6:56.

The people got offended because they didn't understand the meaning behind Jesus' words. They took Him literally and assumed they would have to be "cannibals" to be His disciple. However, Jesus explained, *"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life,"* John 6:63.

As a result, the people were embarrassed, ashamed, and thus went home and stopped following Jesus, John 6:66. But all this confusion could have been avoided if they would have heard the above verse in John 6:35 at the beginning of Jesus' talk with them. Jesus was simply teaching them to be consumed with His words (bread of life) and Spirit (spiritual drink).

The lesson for all disciples today is to believe in Jesus and be consumed with His words. True disciples of Christ should

come to the bread of heaven and eat of His words until their souls are filled and drink of His Spirit until they overflow to the world around them.

Reflection | Do you daily eat Jesus' words and drink from His Spirit?

Action | (1) Make time each day to read God's word and let it feed your soul. (2) Daily take time to invite the Holy Spirit to fill you with the character and mind of Christ. (3) Lastly, never stop feeding on Jesus' words and spirit.

DAY 13

Disciples Receive Correction

Matthew 16:23, "Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'"

Could you imagine being Peter and being called "Satan" by Jesus in front of every one? Some people think Jesus was actually talking to Satan personally who was using Peter to speak his words. Others believe Peter was being called "Satan" directly because he had adopted his words. Either way, I'm sure it was embarrassing for Peter to be rebuked so sternly by Jesus.

Just in the verses earlier Peter was the only disciple to publically affirm who Jesus was, "The Christ." However, just a few moments later Peter tries to persuade Jesus to not go to the cross and simply be the conquering King the Jews had all been waiting.

Jesus in the above verse was quick to correct Peter's satanic inspired plan because if Jesus would not suffer and rise again no one could be saved and cleansed of their sins. Though we may never have the chance to rebel against Jesus' plans face to face like Peter did we may at times reject Jesus' plans for our lives in our hearts and share in Peter's rebellion.

Many times God wants us to do something with Him and we come up with excuses that have their origin in Satan. However, Jesus loves us enough to correct us and let us know at those times that our ways are not His ways and that we should repent and follow Him.

The book of Hebrews teaches us that God disciplines those He loves like a Father. If God wouldn't correct us in our times of rebellion it would actually mean He doesn't love us as His children, Hebrews 12:5-13. As a result, we as Jesus'

disciples should always be teachable and humble.

If God loves us enough to correct us when we're heading to destruction, we should love Him enough to repent and follow His path of salvation!

Reflection | How do you react when the Lord corrects you?

Action | (1) Repent of the times you did not receive the Lord's correction with humility. (2) Ask God to show you the areas in your life that need to change. (3) Lastly, always be sensitive to follow the plans and commands of God for your life. If you get off track, hear the Lord's correction, be quick to repent, and continue following Jesus in humility.

DAY 14

Disciples Have No Where Else To Go

John 6:68, *"Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'"*

Could you imagine walking away from Jesus and no longer following Him? What if you watched 100s of people leave with bitterness in their heart towards God, would you stay or leave? Peter had just watched a great exodus of Jesus' disciples when He looked at the twelve and said, *"You do not want to leave too, do you?"*

Peter's response shows the heart of a true disciple. He basically said, "I can't leave you because I have no where else to go and find the words of eternal life." Later on in Peter's life after he denied Christ three times He tried to go back to fishing, but even then Jesus found Him, restored Him, and brought Him back, John 21:15-19. There was never any place Peter could go and find the same things he had with Jesus.

The same is true today; there are 100s of different religions, philosophies, and wise men to choose from. However, Jesus is the only One that can offer the words of eternal life. He is truly the only Good Shepherd that laid down His life for the sheep, John 10:11.

What makes Jesus so unique is that He was (and is) God in the flesh. He wasn't born into existence, He had always existed as God the Son dwelling with the Father in glory, John 1:1. Plus, Jesus proved His divinity and work of salvation by rising from the dead and ascending into heaven. Therefore, no one can truly give the words (information) about the Father's plan of eternal life (salvation) like Jesus, John 3:16. Are you willing to always follow Jesus and never leave?

Reflection | Have you ever thought about leaving Jesus?

Action | (1) Ask the Holy Spirit to convict and comfort you through your times of doubts and testing. (2) Make a personal decision to never leave Jesus. (3) Lastly, if you should ever walk away from Jesus in a time of hardship like Peter, always remember He will come after you to try to bring you back!

DAY 15

Disciples Receive the Kingdom Like a Child

Luke 18:17, *“Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”*

Jesus was so popular that people from all over Israel began to come to Him just to be blessed. Some of the people would even travel with their children so Jesus could touch them and speak a blessing over their lives. One day as a large number of parents brought their babies and children for Jesus to bless the disciples told them He was too busy.

Upon hearing what the disciples were saying to the parents Jesus corrected them and said, *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these,”* Luke 18:16. Jesus then used the children as an example for the disciples and taught the following truth- that unless everyone receives the Kingdom of God like a child they will never enter into it.

Children, though no perfect or free from error, have simple faith and trust in their parents. Children receive by faith whatever their parents give them because if they don't they will die. They literally have to receive whatever their parents give them for their day-to-day survival.

Likewise, Jesus was teaching His disciples that they must “receive” the Kingdom of God in the same way. God's Kingdom is the rule of King Jesus in one's life. Therefore, when someone is in Jesus' Kingdom they are to receive by faith His righteousness, peace, and joy without hesitation.

Often times when we face hard times we lose our child like faith in Jesus and try to fix our own problems. However, in our times of testing Jesus wants us to fully trust Him like a child. Therefore, be like a child in your faith and receive all the

good Jesus has for you!

Reflection | Do you have child-like faith in Jesus?

Action | (1) Examine your heart to see if you truly trust Jesus 100%. (2) Repent of any prideful mindsets you may have. (3) Lastly, daily receive from Jesus all His blessings like a child receives from His father.

DAY 16

Disciples Help the Poor

Acts 2:45, *“They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.”*

The book of Acts serves as a historical record for the early church. The name “Acts” actually means, “The Acts of the Apostles and Disciples.” The book was written by Luke, who was a companion of Paul and a physician, with the intent of leaving behind a legacy for future generations of disciples to follow and aspire to.

In the beginning of the book, after Luke described the day of Pentecost and the outpour of the Holy Spirit, he wrote a basic overview of what the church of the first disciples looked like in those early days. The above text is taken from that summary and is helpful to know because it highlights the generosity and love the disciples had for the needy.

Likewise, the Gospels clearly show that the disciples were just following Jesus’ example and teachings; (1) Jesus stated He came to preach to the poor in Luke 4:18, (2) He commanded a rich man to sell all he had and give it to the poor in Matthew 19:21, (3) He commanded His disciples to invite the poor, the cripple, and the outcasts to their banquets and treat them equally in Luke 14:13, (4) Jesus taught to regularly give to the poor in Matthew 6:3, and lastly, (5) He gave a chilling insight that He would judge them based on their acts of compassion to the needy in Matthew 25:35-40.

It is of no surprise to see in the first moments of the church’s conception that the more prosperous disciples were selling what they could afford to do without to give to those who were in need. Plus, Paul in his epistle to Timothy made it clear that caring for widows was extremely important and should never be neglected, 1 Timothy 5:3-16. And James, half brother of Jesus and leader of the early church, wrote that care

for orphans and widows was true religion, James 1:27.

As a result, all disciples should live a lifestyle of compassion for the poor and needy. Whether it is giving regularly to acts of charity, taking mission trips, volunteering in local charities, or helping those around you with less- all true disciples should have a generous heart for the poor.

Reflection | Do you give regularly to the poor and needy?

Action | (1) Repent for the sins of greed and selfishness if you haven't been like Jesus and the disciples in regards to the less fortunate. (2) Ask God to show you what you can do to help others. (3) Lastly, ask God to bless you to be a blessing to others all the days of your life.

DAY 17

Disciples Serve

Matthew 23:11, *“The greatest among you will be your servant.”*

Jesus in the context of the above passage corrected the Jewish leaders and Pharisees for their ungodly heart in leading the people of Israel, Matthew 23:1-39. They had made themselves equal to the Bible by making their man made traditions a burden upon people’s souls, but yet they wouldn’t even lift a finger to help people carry their wrongly placed burdens.

Many of the leaders in the Jewish religion in Jesus’ day no longer cared for the poor and the authentic commands of God. They just did charity to have a good reputation and they made religious traditions to seem holy on the outside, but on the inside they were really white washed tombs, Matthew 23:27.

Jesus even went as far as to call these leaders, “hypocrites,” “children of hell,” blind guides,” “fools,” and “snakes & vipers.” However, Jesus ended His rebuke with a metaphor about Israel being like small chicks and Jesus was the mother hen trying to gather them in- but despite God’s great love and mercy, the Jewish leadership kept rejecting Him, Matthew 23:37.

As a result, Jesus’ words to His disciples and future leaders of the Church was simple- don’t be like the Jewish leaders who are hypocrites and love authority, be servants. Jesus said He didn’t come to “be served,” but rather to “serve,” Matthew 20:28.

Today in the church, we as Christ’s disciples and followers should have the same heart He had to serve. Let us not desire a title, but rather a towel. For it was when Jesus took off His cloak and grabbed a towel that He washed His disciples feet and truly expressed a servant’s heart, John 13:5.

Reflection | Do you want to have a title or a towel?

Action | (1) Repent if you have fallen into the trap of loving authority. (2) Ask Jesus to make you a servant like Him. (3) Lastly, pray that Holy Spirit empowers you to be the kind of leader that always loves and serves God's people.

DAY 18

Disciples Are Devoted to God's Word

Acts 2:42, "They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

In the above passage Luke, the author of Acts and companion of Paul, notes four major things the first disciples were devoted to, (1) The Apostle's teaching, (2) Fellowship, (3) Breaking of bread, and to (4) Prayer.

These four things are still very important for today's disciples to be devoted to. First, in the time of the early the church the New Testament hadn't been completed yet because the apostles were writing it over their lifetime. Therefore, if a first century disciple wanted to hear the Word of God they needed to go to where the apostles were teaching and have fellowship with them. Thus, the modern equivalent of disciples devoting themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship would be reading the Bible and going to church, 2 Timothy 4:2.

Second, the phrase "breaking of bread" most likely refers to communion. Communion is a time when disciples remember the sacrificial work of Jesus on the cross by partaking of bread and wine (or grape juice). The symbolic act of taking communion results in a spiritual renewal and testimony of God's amazing grace. The modern application of "breaking bread" is simply taking communion and rejoicing in God's goodness with other disciples, 1 Cor. 11:25.

Lastly, the disciples devoted themselves to prayer. Prayer for them could either be in groups, like in Acts 4:31, when they prayed for God to fill them with boldness and the house they prayed in was shaken. And other times, praying would refer to their private times of fellowshiping with God. The modern application of prayer would be to both pray in public with others and privately by yourself.

In summary, every disciple should be devoted to reading their Bible, going to church, partaking of communion, and praying. I believe when we do what the early disciples did, we will see what the early disciples saw- God's Kingdom come to earth!

Reflection | Are you devoted to reading your Bible, going to church, taking communion, and prayer?

Action | (1) Examine your heart to see if you need to repent for not being devoted to God as you should. (2) Be devoted to a great church. (3) Lastly, pray, read your Bible, and receive communion as often as you can.

DAY 19

Disciples Pray

Matthew 6:6, *“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”*

Prayer is the lifeline of every child of God; no true disciple can live without its daily blessings. Every good thing the disciple will ever receive will come through prayer. In prayer the Holy Spirit applies the Words of God personally to the disciple's life. Prayer opens wide the windows of Heaven and reveals the presence of God. The gifts of the Spirit are received and manifested, strength is imparted, the mind is sanctified, sins are forgiven, bondages are broken, Satan's work is thwarted, and direction is given. To live without daily prayer would be to try to operate a car without gas. The human soul must be in daily fellowship with God to both know God's will and receive His love.

In the above passage, Jesus gives clear instructions for the disciples to follow to have a great personal prayer life. It is also commanded and beneficial to pray with others and have prayer meetings, but in this passage Jesus is emphasizing the importance of private devotions. Devotions are the modern term Christians use to describe their personal time with God to pray and read His Word.

Here are some practical ways to have a great prayer life in your devotional times as taught by Jesus, (1) *“When you pray,”* Jesus always expected us to pray- thus not praying is not an option; (2) *“Go into your room,”* find a private place to pray where you cannot be disturbed; (3) *“Close the door and pray to your Father,”* Once you are alone you're to address God as your Father and make known to Him your needs and be open to His guidance by the power of the Holy Spirit; and lastly, (4) *“Will*

reward you," The Father will reward you for your prayers with answers here on earth and blessings in heaven. Be a disciple that spends quality time alone with God everyday in prayer-you're soul depends on it!

Reflection | Do you have a consistent private prayer time?

Action | (1) Make time to pray everyday. (2) Pray to the Father in Jesus name and be patient for the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart. (3) Lastly, encourage private prayer in your family and church.

DAY 20

Disciples Study the Word of God

2 Timothy 2:15 (AMP), "Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth."

For the disciple the Word of God is the winning playbook for the game of life. The Bible is the marching orders for followers of Christ to win their spiritual battles. I even personally like the acronym for B.I.B.L.E- it is the, "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth."

All the great leaders of the past have loved the Word of God. As a matter of fact David wrote the longest chapter in Psalms just about the Word of God- Psalm 119! David said in Psalm 119:105, "*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*" He also wrote in Psalm 119:11, "*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*" And in Psalm 119:16 he joyfully declared, "*I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.*"

Paul in the above passage was commanding his beloved spiritual son Timothy to study the Word of Truth with his best efforts so he can be an approved worker for God that is without shame and properly handles the Bible. Do you want to be like Timothy?

Do you want to be a good worker for Jesus? Do you want to know how to correctly handle the Word of Truth? Do you desire to understand God's will upon the earth? And lastly, do you want to avoid shame and embarrassment in regards to your knowledge of the Bible?

If you answered positively to all the questions, the plan moving

forward is simple- “Study the Word of God!” You can study the Bible by, (a) reading it everyday, (b) following along with good commentaries and dictionaries, & (c) taking Bible classes when offered in the church to learn from experienced leaders.

Reflection | How well from a scale of 1-10 do you think you understand the Word of God?

Action | (1) Repent if you have not taken studying God’s Word serious. (2) Make plans to read the Bible consistently everyday. (3) Lastly, look into buying good study materials like study Bibles, commentaries, and dictionaries.

DAY 21

Disciples Build the Church

Matthew 16:18, *“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”*

When Jesus was on this earth He had a two-part mission. His first mission was to redeem lost mankind by His death on the cross and His second mission was to build a living organization that would remain after His departure to heaven and represent His teachings upon the earth.

This living organization is called the “church.” The Greek word for church is *“ekklesia.”* Ekklesia means “called out ones who gather together.” The church refers to people who have been called out of the world and gather together to know God and to make Him known. The main purpose for Jesus making disciples was so that they could be apart of His church and spread the Word of God to all the nations.

One day Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was. Peter received a revelation from the Father and said that Jesus was the “Christ” or the “Anointed One.” Jesus then replied, *“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it,”* Matthew 16:17-18.

Jesus declared that upon the revelation of who He was that He was going to build a church that Satan himself could not even stop. Gates are meant to keep people out. And since the fall of mankind in the Garden of Eden, Satan has had power over this earth. But now for anyone who believes Jesus is the Christ they will invade the Devil’s territory and establish the Kingdom of God!

Jesus came and destroyed the works of the devil on the cross and established His church and told His disciples to go

into the entire world and make more disciples. Therefore, because of the work of the disciples throughout the ages Jesus is the most well known name in the world, the Bible is the most read book, and Christianity grows 8x faster than the rate of birth!

Today you must join this church and build it with the power of God. When you help build the church with the knowledge of who Jesus is and with the Word of God the gates of hell will not prevail against it. The gates of hell will not prevail in your house, community, city, or nation!

Reflection | Do you want to build the church with Jesus?

Action | (1) Join a great church. (2) Do whatever it takes to a leader in the church. (3) Lastly, be faithful and co-labor with Jesus to build the church, 1 Corinthians 3:9!

DAY 22

Disciples Lead in the Church

Acts 14:23, "Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust."

After the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost they went everywhere and preached the Gospel with signs following, Mark 16:20. As the people accepted the message they made them disciples by teaching them all that Jesus had commanded. Even Paul, after his conversion encounter with Jesus was instantly compelled to preach and teach about Jesus, Acts 9:20.

As a result of the disciple's mass evangelism and explosive church growth they began to appoint leaders to govern the people. The main leaders they appointed or set up over the preaching and teaching were called, "elders." The Greek word for elders, "*presbuteros*," means, "older or experienced leader." Another word for the main leaders of the church was "overseer," which comes from the Greek word, "*episkopos*," and simply means "a leader with oversight."

These two words, "elders and overseers" were used interchangeable to describe the same position as seen in Titus 1:5 & 7, "*5 Appoint elders (presbuteros).. 7 Since an overseer (episkopos) manages Gods household.*" Thus, the disciples that were the most experienced and trust worthy were appointed as leaders in the church after the Apostles left to oversee the work of God.

Paul went into great detail giving the qualifications and responsibilities of elders in his letter to Timothy. However, something that sticks out to me is that before he gave his list of expectations he stated, "*Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task,*" 1 Timothy 3:1. As a

result, the position of elder/overseer is something every disciple can desire, "*whoever.*"

Therefore, I would like to challenge you to read Paul's requirements for being a leader and ask God to make you a leader in the church the others can follow!

Reflection | Do you want to be a leader in the church?

Action | (1) Read Paul's requirements in 1 Timothy 3:1-11. (2) Talk to the leaders in your church and ask how they appoint elders. (3) Lastly, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to make you the kind of disciple that lead in the church.

DAY 23

Disciples Defend the Truth

1 Peter 3:15, *“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”*

Today the Christian faith is being attacked in many different ways and on many different levels. For example, the educational system, both on the college and grammar school level, is undermining the very foundation of the Bible claiming that it is nothing more than an inaccurate book filled with ancient myths that was poorly handed down over 2,000 years ago.

The outspoken atheistic community loves to distort such issues like “intelligent design” verses “evolution” to make the Christian look unintelligent and blinded by “religious fanaticism” rather than being “scientific” and “rational.” Even the mainstream media loves to present fundamental Christians as “backwards” and “intolerant” when it comes to social issues such as gay rights, abortion, and stem cell research.

Plus, at the same time secular skeptics are fighting against the Christian faith thousands of cults, counter Christian’s groups, and world religions like Islam have rose up and begun to teach their interpretation of the Bible, thus bringing confusion to the religious seeker. Just in the last 150 years there have been literally thousands of new religious sects and attacks on the Bible that may come from a thousand different angles, but they all agree one thing- the historic Christian faith is wrong!

Peter faced similar times when he wrote the above passage. The Roman world, with their pantheon of gods, mocked the Christians for only having “one God.” The Greek

philosophers ridiculed the Christians for believing in ole' Jewish myths and not rational thought, while the Jewish leaders called the new Christian faith "a cult" because it deified Jesus and seemed to break with Jewish scholarship. And to top it all off, multiple groups in Christianity like the Gnostics started to distort the teachings of Christ to fit with their previous pagan ideals like "dualism."

Therefore, Peter taught that all disciples must do the following, (1) Revere (honor) Jesus as Lord, (2) Always be prepared by studying the Bible thoroughly, (3) Give an answer (Greek, "*apologia*," known as "apologetics," the art of defending the truth) to those who question our faith, and (4) Give our answers and defense with gentleness and respect. Start today—defend the faith with the Spirit and truth!

Reflection | Are you ready to give biblical answers about your faith to the world around you?

Action | (1) Study the Bible to show yourself approved. (2) Consider taking some Bible classes on apologetics and buying some easy to read books on the various subjects. For example, "*Reasonable Faith*," by William Lane Craig or "*Kingdom of the Cults*," by Walter Martin. (3) Lastly, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to use you to preach the truth to those who question your faith.

DAY 24

Disciples Forgive

Matthew 6:15, *“But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”*

There is no way to avoid being hurt and sinned against in this world. Some people think that once they become a disciple God will protect them from offense and hurt. However, God never made such a promise, but actually said the opposite. Jesus said in Mark 13:13, *“Everyone will hate you because of me...”*

As a matter of fact, I would say that disciples deal with hurt and personal offense even more than the average person because they on average are involved in more people’s lives. In other words, if the average person has 10-20 people in their lives the church going person will have double to triple that because of being consistently in large church services, participating in small groups, and always attending church events with tons of people.

I can attest as being a pastor having way more people in my life on a personal level than probably any other profession. It’s not like a doctor, lawyer, or mechanic share their personal lives with their clients. Plus, we as pastors can’t “pick and choose” our customers, we are commanded by God to love and serve everyone.

Now consider the two following principles, “messy people cause messes” and “hurt people hurt people.” If you are involved in people’s lives eventually you’re going to run into messy people and hurt people. Therefore, you must learn to “Forgive Em’ and Move On (FEMO). Forgiveness doesn’t mean you excuse their behavior- it simply means you choose to give their offense to God.

Sometimes disciples can overlook the characteristic of forgiveness because they feel they have the “right” to hold a grudge because they are “right.” However, I can speak from

experience that unforgiveness is one of the most deceptive and harmful tricks of the enemy. Therefore, don't let the poison of others pollute your soul. Guard your heart and emotions by always forgiving others when they sin against you.

God will forgive you like you have forgiven others. Therefore, forgive generously and consistently.

Reflection | Are you holding any grudges against someone?

Action | (1) Ask God to search your heart and reveal any unforgiveness you may have. (2) Forgive all the people who have sinned against you. (3) Lastly, always be quick to forgive others when they sin against because their offense is not worth trading for your peace and joy.

DAY 25

Disciples Are Public Witness of Christ

Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Some "well intentioned Christians" have said that though all believers are to preach the "message" of Jesus, not everyone is commanded to follow His "method of public witness." Meaning, Jesus preached on the streets more than any one place- more than the temple, in homes, or in the market place... the streets and outdoor countrysides were His pulpit and the public was His congregation. However, many today in the modern church believe they can avoid following Jesus' example and simply choose whatever way is most comfortable for them.

No one would disagree with the belief that all disciples are to witness and have freedom to choose methods that work best for them- on the job, at lunch meetings, etc. However, the overwhelming example of Jesus' method on the streets must be followed and obeyed as the first priority. The very reason Jesus gave the disciples spiritual power was to be a "public witness" for His Gospel.

Also, notice Luke 14:23 where Jesus describes where the Gospel will go... to the "roads and country lanes," i.e., "the main streets and alleys/back roads!" Luke 14:23, *"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.'"*

In turn, when Jesus promised to give power to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth He expected His disciples to get out of the four walls of the church and home bible studies and take the message of the Gospel to the streets just like He did! I challenge you to be a

public witness for Jesus a minimum of once a month. Stand on the street in front of your church and invite people in, go door-to-door in your neighborhood, meet people at the park, go downtown, witness at the mall- whatever you do, "Go!"

Reflection | Are you a public witness for Jesus?

Action | (1) Repent if you have not followed Jesus' command to be a public witness for the Gospel. (2) Be filled with the Holy Spirit, trained by your church, and make a day and time to go witnessing in public to tell strangers about Jesus' good news. (3) Lastly, find others to go with you and start a street witnessing revolution in your community. Don't let the Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses out witness you!

DAY 26

Disciples Preach Everywhere

Mark 16:20, "Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it."

Please consider the following stats concerning evangelism in the U.S. in 2012:

- 95% of all Christians have never won someone to the Lord!
- 80% of Christians never even share their faith!
- Only 2% of all Christians are active in evangelism ministries at their church!
- 63% of the leadership, including deacons and elders, have not led one stranger to Jesus in the last two years through the method of "Go Ye" into all the world!
- 49% of the leadership ministries spend zero time in an average week ministering outside of the church!
- 89% of the leadership ministries have zero time reserved on their list of weekly priorities for going out to evangelize!
- 99% of church leadership believes that every Christian, including themselves, have been commanded to preach the gospel to a lost world (notice the hypocrisy, "they know and teach, but don't do and obey!").
- 97% of all Christians believe that if the church leadership had a greater conviction and involvement in evangelism, that it would be an example for them to follow.
- 96% of church leadership believe their churches would grow faster if every Christian would be more involved in evangelism.

Therefore, I challenge each and every disciple to be faithful to preach (publicly proclaim) God's message everywhere they go and expect God to confirm it with signs following. Souls are depending on it!

Reflection | Are you doing your part in spreading the message of Jesus everywhere you go?

Action | (1) List the last three people and places you shared the Gospel. (2) Repent for the times God led you to preach to someone but you didn't obey. (3) Lastly, pray and ask God to confirm His Word with miraculous signs!

DAY 27

Disciples Are Persecuted

John 15:20, "Remember what I told you: A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also."

Today around the world more disciples are suffering persecution than ever before for the sake of Christ and His teachings. It is estimated that over 100,000 children of God are martyred each year. Their only "crime" was that they believed in Jesus Christ as their great God and Savior.

Plus, literally countless millions of Christians are being displaced from their homes, arrested, and threatened for their faith in Jesus. The two biggest influences of persecution towards Christians are Islam and Communism.

Such places like Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Indonesia, Pakistan, Sudan, and Egypt have some of the highest rates of violence in the Islamic world. And even such nations like Nigeria where Christianity is the major religion; many of the Muslims terrorize the innocent Christians by burning their churches and destroying their property in hopes of stopping the rapid growth.

At the same time, Communist countries like China, North Korea, and Vietnam restrict the Gospel and persecute disciples that break their state policy of "anti-evangelism" and "non-registered church gatherings." North Korea is by far the worst example of a "state run religion" in a Communist state. All those who reject "emperor worship" and promote Christianity are arrested, sent to concentration camps, tortured physically, and are subjected to mental torture through "re-education."

Though some of us may not live in a nation where persecution is the norm and can result in physical harm and

even death. Many of us in the West suffer persecution in the form of family rejection, public mocking and ridicule, and oppression on our jobs and in the public square.

Therefore, no matter where you live or how bad you're being hated for the name of Christ Jesus don't think it strange. Because if they rejected and crucified Jesus, our Master and Teacher, how much more will they hate us as His students. As a result, let us rejoice when we are hated for the name of Christ for we are being treated like all the prophets and disciples that followed God!

Reflection | Have you ever suffered persecution?

Action | (1) Pray for the persecuted Christians around the world. (2) Consider how you can support the persecuted disciples around the world. Plan on sending mission's money to them so they can have Bibles, food, and medical relief. (3) Lastly, rejoice in your times of persecution because you are being honored to suffer for the name of Christ, Matthew 5:12.

DAY 28

Disciples Teach All Jesus Commanded

Matthew 28:20, “...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Disciples (students of Jesus) are not only to be taught everything Jesus commanded, but also they are to go out and teaching others all that Jesus commanded. In other words, “disciples make disciples.”

Jesus’ teachings can be found in the New Testament (27 books) both in His own words and in the words the Holy Spirit gave the disciples after He ascended to heaven. Jesus said in John 16:12-13, “12 I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

As a result, the best way receive Jesus’ teachings would be to obey all the New Testament writings. Here is a helpful way to understand the purpose of the 27 books; (a) FOUR GOSPELS | Stories about the life and teachings of Jesus, Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John; (b) ONE HISTORICAL BOOK | The book of Acts recounts the history of the early church and disciples, (c) TWENTY ONE EPISTLES | Letters written to the various churches and leaders by the disciples, 13 by Paul (Romans-Philemon), 1 by an unknown author (Hebrews), 1 by James (James), 2 by Peter (1-2 Peter), and 3 by John (1-3 John); and lastly, (d) ONE PROPHECY | A book about the end times given to John (Revelation).

There are a total of 260 chapters in the New Testament, thus if you were to read just three chapters a day you could read the entire NT over 4x each year! Now ofcourse, we believe the Old Testament is useful for teaching as well. However, the

OT must be taught through Jesus and His commands.

Therefore, I challenge you to read the whole New Testament, obey Jesus' commands, and then be obedient to the command to go into all the world and teach them to others!

Reflection | Are you a disciple that makes disciples?

Action | (1) Repent for breaking any of the commands Jesus taught. (2) Be faithful to the read the Bible- especially the commands of Jesus. (3) Lastly, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you the wisdom to teach Jesus' commands to others!

DAY 29

Disciples Have Blessed Families

1 Timothy 3:4, *“He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect.”*

The nature of God can be seen in a healthy family when there is a mother and father that work together as one and the children are obedient to their parents. This working together is like how the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) work together as one, with different roles, in their creation.

First, when the husband and wife work together as one, with different roles, they display the perfect nature of God to their children. If Mom and Dad both humbly serve God and each other, then nothing can separate them or tear them apart! The marriage that is built on the Word of God will last.

Second, when the children in the family obey their parents it reflects the way we as God’s children are to obey our heavenly Father. If a disciple’s home is out of order and the children don’t obey the parents this sets a bad example to the world because outsiders may think either, (a) Christian children are rebellious or (b) God, our heavenly Father, really doesn’t expect us to always obey him.

In turn, God commanded all His disciples to have a blessed family- Mom and Dad lovingly raising their children as a unified team. Hence, Paul wrote in the verse above that if disciples didn't have “their family” in order, then they couldn’t be trusted with leading “God’s family” (i.e., “the church”).

Therefore, make every effort to manage and lead your family in a way that not only blesses everyone in your family, but also is an example to those in the world. And if you’re single or coming from a broken family follow God’s Word all the more and let Him direct your paths!

Reflection | What is your family life like?

Action | (1) Repent if you have not always managed or served your family like Christ does the church. (2) Start following all of God's commands for the family and set the example for the rest of your family to follow. (3) Lastly, pray and ask the Lord to conform and unify each person in your family to His Word.

DAY 30

Disciples Are Always Disciples

2 Peter 1:12, *“So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have.”*

Some members in the church believe that when the discipleship program and classes end, that discipleship ends. Not only that, but some pastors even believe that once they graduate Bible college or work in a big church they no longer need training and accountability.

However, Peter in the above passage said the exact opposite. Even though at the time of his writing the disciples knew much, if not all of what he was teaching, Peter was still committed to “always” reminding them of these things.

On one hand, we as disciples should always be growing and be able to eat steak and not just suckle milk from a bottle. However, on the other hand, we shouldn’t get so prideful as to think we don’t need to be taught the Word of God and trained in it.

I can attest to being an avid student of the Word of God. As a pastor, I spend on average 2-3 hours a day in private study of God’s Word. I have also earned a Master’s Degree in Religious Education from a renowned Seminary and teach biblical studies for an undergrad college. At the same time, I am also very aware of my limitations and tendency to forget what I have already learned.

Therefore, I consistently stay in accountable relationships with other pastors and teachers. Each one of us has our own strengths and weaknesses, thus we help each other grow. My strength is apologetics and integrity. Others may have the strength of compassion and pastoral care. So when we spend time together we truly can disciple one another and each grow

in our walk with God.

I challenge you for the rest of your life to be in discipleship-based relationships with other disciples. Stay accountable, learn from others, be willing to change, and always be open to godly correction, Proverbs 9:8-9. If you do these things you will be safeguarded against a cold heart and an ineffective faith.

Reflection | Are you willing to be a life long disciple of Christ?

Action | (1) Repent if you have taken being Jesus' disciple too lightly. (2) Prayerfully consider the practical ways you can remain a disciple for the rest of your life; accountability, on going classes, iron sharpening friendships, etc. (3) Lastly, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to send you humble and dedicated disciples to grow with.

APPENDIX A

Understanding the Trinity

Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

The Trinity is Not a Pagan Concept

The doctrine of the Trinity is the most debated subject between all the cults like Quiboloy, Jehovah Witness, Mormons, etc. The attacker always tries to point out that Abraham and his descendants worshipped just one God and that Christians came many years later (at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D.) and changed the worship of the One True God to the pagan worship of three different gods. But this is not what the Bible or Christian history teaches. The biblical and historical facts actually prove that God has always been the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I will answer the following three main objections to the Trinity: (1) "How can God be three in one, since $1+1+1=3$, not 1?" (2) "Since the Bible teaches there is only One God, why do you now say there is three?" (3) Why Don't We See the Trinity in the Old Testament? And then for a added bonus I will show in church history that long before the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. the Christians believed and taught the triune nature of God.

QUESTION ONE: "How can God be three in one, since $1+1+1=3$, not 1?"

Psalm 89:8, "O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?"

The first problem that cults have with understanding the Trinity is their lack of comprehending the complex mysterious nature of God. Many false teachers claim that it is impossible for something to be three and one at the same time. They will say that it is the same as believing in a circle that is a square. They will use earthly examples and say things like “How can a father and a son be the same person?” The detractor simply does not believe that God could be one and three persons at the same time.

Therefore, it is the first priority of the Christian to teach the skeptic what the Bible says about God, namely His divine attributes. God is all-knowing (omniscient), God is ever-present (omnipresent), and God is all-powerful (omnipotent). Can a human truly understand how God knows everything, meaning there has never been a time when God didn't know something? Can a human really understand and grasp that? Can a human truly understand how God is always present in every place at every time throughout eternity? Can a person really grasp how God never moves, but yet is always present? And lastly can a person really understand how God created matter, space, and time with a spoken Word? And how all power, all energy, all light comes from Him and He controls it all like turning a light switch on and off? No, man cannot understand the greatness of God, God is far above man's mind and understanding.

David said it in best Psalm 89:5-8, *“5 The heavens praise your wonders, Lord, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones. 6 For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings? 7 In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him. 8 Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you”*

The great lesson that David is teaching in this Psalm is “who is like the Lord?” And the answer is simple, no one. God is God because He is in a category all by Himself. Why? Because God can do whatever He wants, He can be whatever He wants, and He does not have to compare Himself to

anything else or explain Himself to His creation. God is God whether man understands Him or not.

Therefore, the right question isn't, "Can God be three in one?" Because of course God can be three in one. He already defies every thing in the natural world because He created the natural world. He is above matter, space, and time; He is not limited in anything.

The better question to ask is, "What does the Scriptures reveal who God is?" Why? Because whatever the Scriptures say He is, He is. Whether it makes sense to man's cantaloupe size brain or not, God is who He said He is whether or not we understand it. It is the job of all people to study what God says about Himself and worship Him the way He has commanded.

Listen to what men who knew God said about His glorious and mysterious nature and read my comments below:

Exodus 15:11, *"Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you – majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"*

Comment: Moses said that among the gods there was none like the Lord. He declared that no one is as awesome as God. Moses truly understood that God was beyond his understanding. It is the pride of man's heart that tries to explain everything about God and if he cannot then he says God is illogical. Man is here to know and worship God as He reveals Himself to man, not as man wants Him to be and as man wants to worship Him.

Psalms 113:4-6, *"4 The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens. 5 Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, 6 who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth."*

Comment: Here David says it again that no one is like God. He gives the illustration that God is greater to man than the heavens are to the earth. He declares that God's glory is even

above the heavens. Maybe a few prophets can say they have been to the heavens, but who can say they have been above the heavens? No one but God. Therefore, only God can speak about Himself and describe who He really is.

Ezekiel 1:4-6, 15-18,25-28, *"4 I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north – an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal, 5 and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was human, 6 but each of them had four faces and four wings..."*

"...15 As I looked at the living creatures, I saw a wheel on the ground beside each creature with its four faces. 16 This was the appearance and structure of the wheels: They sparkled like topaz, and all four looked alike. Each appeared to be made like a wheel intersecting a wheel. 17 As they moved, they would go in any one of the four directions the creatures faced; the wheels did not change direction as the creatures went. 18 Their rims were high and awesome, and all four rims were full of eyes all around..."

"...25 Then there came a voice from above the vault over their heads as they stood with lowered wings. 26 Above the vault over their heads was what looked like a throne of lapis lazuli, and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man. 27 I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. 28 Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him.

This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking."

Comment: Ezekiel saw a vision of the Lord's glory like no one had ever seen. He also saw creatures he had never seen before or even heard of, he saw objects and movements of these objects that defy imagination and human understanding, and lastly and most importantly He sees God in the appearance of a man like a rainbow on a rainy day.

Did Ezekiel understand God in this way before the vision? Of course not, God defied all the laws of nature and Ezekiel's understanding. God showed Ezekiel that He could be whoever He wants to be and do whatever He wants to do. If God looked and acted within Ezekiel's understanding, Ezekiel wouldn't have fallen on his face, the whole point of the supernatural power of God is that it is "super-natural!"

God showed him things he had never even seen or heard before, that is why it is called a "revelation." God did not come and try to explain everything to Him, God simply showed up and showed Ezekiel His glory. Non-believers and Christians alike need to humble themselves before God and let Him show Himself in whatever ways He chooses and then we should worship Him for who He is, not who we think He should be.

So to answer the question, "How can God be three in one, since $1+1+1=3$, not 1?" How? Because He is God and he can be whatever or whomever He chooses to be. Also, if you just changed it to $1 \times 1 \times 1$ it does equal 3! Therefore, stop trying to figure out God your way and let Him reveal Himself to you!

Paul said it best in 1 Timothy 3:16, "*Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great!*" It is not our job to put God in a box, like a frog in science class, and try to explain Him to everyone so it makes sense to their carnal mind. Rather it is our job to take our mind out of the box of human limitation and let God reveal who He is according to His Word.

QUESTION TWO: "Since the Bible teaches there is only One God, why do you now say there is three?"

Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one."

The second problem that cults have with understanding the Trinity is the very definition of it, the creed that best describes the Trinity is called the Athanasian Creed and it says,

"...we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, Neither confounding the Persons nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one; the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible. The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Ghost eternal. And yet they are not three Eternals, but one Eternal. As there are not three Uncreated nor three Incomprehensibles, but one Uncreated and one Incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Ghost almighty. And yet they are not three Almighty, buy one Almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not three Gods but one God. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords Lords, but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord, So are we forbidden by the catholic religion to say, There be three Gods or three Lords. The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created, but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity none is before or after other; none is greater or less than another; But the whole three Persons are coeternal together and coequal, so that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped.

He, therefore, that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity."

Therefore, it is easy to see that the Christian is not claiming that there are now "three gods," the Christian is a monotheist, which means we believe in the worship of only One God. At the same time the Christian believes that the whole Bible teaches that God is known in three distinct persons. It is can be

easily understood in the following statement, “God is what He is, and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is who he is.” Or “God is the “what” and the Father, Son, and Holy is the “who.”

Also, Dr. James White a Christian Scholar defines the Trinity by saying, “Within the one Being that is God, there exists eternally three coequal and coeternal persons, namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”²⁴ So it is clear by most attacks on the Trinity by non-believers that they simply do not understand or state correctly what the Christian is saying. The Christian is not claiming that there are three gods in the Godhead or that there is One Person that is called God that is the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. But simply the Christian is saying that there is one true God revealed in three distinct persons that are coequal and coeternal.

Therefore, because of the following misunderstandings the Christian must first build a bridge of understanding between the objections and the doctrine of the Trinity to help everyone truly understand what it means to be a “monotheist” that believes in the in a “complex unity.” Below is a helpful chart to show how Christians are both monotheists (because we worship only One God) and are also Trinitarian (because we worship three distinct persons as the one God).²⁵

Foundation One:	Monotheism: The Is Only One God
Foundation Two:	Complex Unity: There Are Three Divine Persons
Foundation Three:	Equality: The Persons Are Coequal and Coeternal

FOUNDATION ONE:

Monotheism: There is only One God

(a) Deuteronomy 6:4, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

²⁴ James R. White, *The Forgotten Trinity* (Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1998), 26.

²⁵ *Ibid*, 28.

Moses taught the people of Israel this declaration that is called the "*Shema*," it declares that there is only God who is Lord. As a result, the Christian agrees completely with this and declares that the Father is Lord, Jesus is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord, yet there are not three Lords, but One and the Same Lord. The Father is declared Lord in Isaiah 63:16, "*But you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us or Israel acknowledge us; you, Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name*" The Son is called Lord in 1 Corinthians 1:9, "*God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*" And lastly, the Holy Spirit is Lord in 2 Corinthians 3:17, "*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*"

(b) Isaiah 43:10, "*You are my witnesses,*" declares the Lord, "*and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.*"

The prophet Isaiah teaches that there is only One God. There has been no God before Him, nor will there be another God after Him. The Christian believes this because the Trinity states that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have always been God.

- i) **The Father Has Always Been God:** James 1:17, "*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*"
- ii) **Jesus Has Always Been God:** John 1:1, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*"
- iii) **The Holy Spirit Has Always Been God:** Hebrews 9:14, "*How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to*

God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!"

Foundation TWO & THREE:

Complex Unity & Equality: There Are Three Divine Persons That Are Coeternal and Coequal

(a) Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

This is one of the most powerful verses that teach the equality of the Trinity; Jesus says to baptize new believers in the one name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not say, "names," but rather singular "name," thus proving that Yahweh is the One divine name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. They share the same nature. Just like there is one human race, but many different persons, there is one God race (or being), but three different persons that are all equal.

Also, remember our previous study in John 1:1-18 that clearly shows that the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit are not just different titles for Jesus. Rather, the Bible clear teaches that they are separate persons sharing the same nature. For example, Jesus didn't send Himself, the Father sent Jesus, John 3:16 & 1 John 4:14. And the Father did not die on the cross for our sins, the Son did.

Though the three persons of the Trinity are one in nature and purpose (John 14:9), they are not the same person (John 14:28). Meaning, Jesus is not a high priest and mediator within Himself, He is actually ministering on our behalf to the Father, 1 Timothy 2:5 & Romans 8:34. Also, to see all three persons at the same time read again Jesus' baptism- the Father speaks from heaven, the Son is in the water, and the Holy Spirit descends like a dove. One would have to be ignorant to read these verses and think Jesus is talking to Himself, while being baptized, and descending like a dove! Matthew 3:16-17, "16 As

soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

(b) Galatians 4:6, "Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

Paul in the above verse gives a clear picture of how each person in the Trinity (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) all equally share in the work of salvation. Meaning, the Father sent the Spirit of the Son into the hearts of the children of God so that new believers can cry out to God now as their Father.

(c) Verses That Prove All Three Separate Persons Share The Same Attributes of God

i. Work of Creation

1. Father: Isaiah 40:28, 43:15
2. Son: John 1:2-3 & Colossians 1:16
3. Holy Spirit: Job 33:4

ii. Work of Salvation

1. Father: Isaiah 43:11 & 1 Timothy 2:3
2. Son: John 4:42 & Titus 2:13
3. Holy Spirit: 1 Peter 1:2, 22 & Romans 8:14

iii. Work of Holy Scripture

1. Father: Exodus 34:1
2. Son: Matthew 22:37
3. Holy Spirit: 1 Timothy 4:1 & Revelation 2:7

Therefore, when an open-minded reader studies the Bible in its entirety it is easy to see that God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. From the Old Testament descriptions of what God

did to the New Testament doctrinal creeds that the early church would sing; it is clear that there is only One God that is revealed in three distinct persons- the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

QUESTION THREE: “If the Trinity is true then why didn’t the Old Testament prophets worship God that way?”

This section will look at three Old Testament saints and show that they were given the revelation of the one true God revealed in the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. We will examine: (a) Abraham’s Visitor, (b) Daniel’s Son of Man, & (c) Isaiah’s Mighty God.

(a) Abraham’s Visitor

The Bible records that the Lord and two angels visited Abraham on the Plains of Mamre. The Lord appeared to him in the form of a man. The Bible says that Abraham washed the Lord’s feet and that he even feed the Lord food.

Genesis 18:1-5, “1 The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. 2 Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. 3 He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. 4 Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. 5 Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way – now that you have come to your servant.”

Who was this visitor? Moses heard the Lord say in Exodus 33:20, “You cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.” So

how could Abraham see His face, wash His feet, and have a meal with Him? Because it was the pre-incarnate Jesus, the Son of God, the Lord of Lords. In other words, Abraham saw God the Son, not God the Father. If God the Son and Father were the person (like Apollo believes) then the Bible would be contradicting itself because Genesis clearly states that Abraham saw God! That is why John writes in John 1:18, *“No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.”*

So even though Abraham might not have understood the Trinity to the same extent that the disciples did, he certainly knew that His visitor was God, and though God was not supposed to appear to Him as a man, there in his tent was the Lord. But the story doesn't stop there, soon after the meal the Lord says to Abraham that later in the year he will come to back to him and give him a child through Isaac.

Genesis 18:10, *“Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”*

However, the Bible never says that the Lord comes back to Abraham in the form of a man. But rather the Bible refers to the Holy Spirit, who is also Lord, came back to Abraham and gave Sarah Isaac, the child of promise.

Galatians 4:28-29, *“28 Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.”*

So it is clear from the above verses that Abraham was given the beginnings of the revelation of who God was in His complex nature. He didn't have to understand it- like he didn't have to understand the end of the world as taught in Revelation. However, by faith He worshipped the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, Abraham knew the voice of the Father who spoke to Him from heaven (Genesis 15:1), he knew the Son who ate and visited with him in his tent, and he knew the Holy Spirit that gave him the child of promise. Even though Abraham might not have recognized the term “trinity,” if you would have asked him, “Whom do you worship?” He would have said, “The Lord.” And if you would have then asked, “Who is the Lord?” He probably would have said, “The Lord is the Voice from heaven, the Man who I ate with, and the Spirit that gave me a child!”

(b) Daniel’s Vision

When the Israelites were taken captive by the Babylonians they were forced to move from Israel and live in Babylon. There in Babylon the best men were picked to work for the king. One of those young men was Daniel. Daniel was a very special Israelite because God gave him dreams and visions and spoke to him about the future of Israel and the last days.

During one of Daniel’s visions the Bible records that he saw the Ancient of Days (who he knew to be the Lord) give the “Son of Man” all authority and power over the earth. He also saw the Son of Man receive worship and be given an everlasting kingdom. This was a shocking revelation to Daniel, but nonetheless, He understood that both persons he was seeing were God, because only God is worthy of worship.

Then he saw a “river of fire” flowing from the Ancient of Days, this fire was the Holy Spirit, like seen on Pentecost in Acts 2:1-3. Read for yourself and see Daniel’s amazing encounter with the Trinity!

Daniel 7:9-14, “9 “As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. 10 A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times

ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. 11 "Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. 12 (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)

13 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."

Just like with all the dreams and visions the prophets had before Jesus they were not able to grasp their full meaning, however, today we can read their writings and come to a full understanding of their revelations. Jesus said in Matthew 13:17, *"For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."*

(c) Isaiah's Prophecies

One of Israel's greatest prophets in the Bible was Isaiah; he had personally saw the Lord in Isaiah 6. And the apostle John said in John 12:41 that it was Jesus (the Son) that He saw, *"Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him."* As a result, Isaiah was called by God to go to Israel and warn them hundreds of years ahead of time that if they did not stop sinning God would judge them and send them into exile. Even though Israel did not obey his message God gave him a great understanding of who He was.

Some of Isaiah's prophecies are the most important and descriptive verses for the 1st and 2nd coming of Jesus and the role of the Messiah. Whether or not Isaiah understood the full depth of his revelations is unsure, but one thing is sure, that

God showed Him a glimpse of His triune nature. Below is a list of some of the messages God gave through Isaiah concerning Jesus hundreds of years before He was even born.

Isaiah 7:14, *“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”*

Isaiah 9:6-7, *“6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”*

Isaiah 42:6-8, *“6 “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, 7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. 8 “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.”*

Therefore, although Isaiah may not have totally understood who the Mighty God was or how Immanuel was going to come in the physical line of David, but he certainly was given a chance to see God for who He really is. This shows that God has always been the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Also, notice how Isaiah 42:6 declares that Jesus, not Apollo Quiboloy, is the light of the Gentiles. Thus, Isaiah was one of those prophets that were given a deeper revelation of the nature of God in the Old Testament.

Church History Proves The Disciples Believed in the Trinity

The New Testament, along with the Old, clearly teaches the triune nature of God. Though it was not until the Council of Nicaea that all the terms were defined and clearly written out for everyone to understand, it can be most easily seen in the writings of the earliest church leaders. It was a core belief to the early church that Jesus and Holy Spirit was as much God as the Father was. Therefore, in their writings the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are always seen as the one divine being which is called God, and yet three distinct persons with different roles and activity.

Here are some of the writings of the first disciple's disciples that taught the triune nature of God.

Justin Martyr, *First Apology*, Chapter 6 | 160 A.D.

In Justin's letter of defense to the Romans he clearly states that Christians are not "atheists" on account they do not worship the Roman pagan gods, but rather worship the one true God revealed in Scripture. In this chapter Justin clearly defines that he and the Christians of his day worshipped and adored the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit as the "*most true God.*"

"Hence are we called atheists. And we confess that we are atheists, so far as gods of this sort are concerned, but not with respect to the most true God, the Father of righteousness and temperance and the other virtues, who is free from all impurity. But both Him, and the Son (who came forth from Him and taught us these things, and the host of the other good angels who follow and are made like to Him), and the prophetic Spirit, we worship and adore, knowing them in reason and truth, and declaring without grudging to every one who wishes to learn, as we

have been taught.”

Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, Book 4, Chapter 20, Verse 5 | 180 A.D.

In this letter Irenaeus clearly shows the difference in the persons and roles of the one true God. This proves that the early church had no problem believing that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were one and the same God, but at the same time were different persons with different roles. Irenaeus states that the one God has been seen through the Spirit, the Son, and the Father and that each divine person complements the other and works together to bring eternal life to man.

“For God is powerful in all things, having been seen at that time indeed, prophetically through the Spirit, and seen, too, adoptively through the Son; and He shall also be seen paternally in the kingdom of heaven, the Spirit truly preparing man in the Son of God, and the Son leading him to the Father, while the Father, too, confers [upon him] incorruption for eternal life, which comes to every one from the fact of his seeing God.”

Tertullian, *Letter on Modesty*, Chapter 21 | 198 A.D.

Tertullian was known to be the first to adopt the term “trinity” to define the unity of the three divine persons. This is not to say he was the first to believe that the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit were the one true God, but he was the first to begin to try to explain the nature of God with terms that people would remember. Therefore, he is the first disciple to use the term “trinity” to describe God’s nature.

It is good to also notice that he is not in a place in this letter of stating new doctrine but rather he is making a point about the state of the church and he then refers to the nature of

God as an example for the unity of the church. This proves that equality and unity of God within the three divine persons was not “new doctrine,” but rather accepted as common and was understood to be true by every Christian of his day.

“For the very Church itself is, properly and principally, the Spirit Himself, in whom is the Trinity of the One Divinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

Tertullian, *Letter Against Praxeas*, Chapter 9 | 213 A.D.

At the end of Tertullian’s life he could clearly define and defend the orthodox Trinitarian view of God’s nature. Here in this letter against the heresies of Praxeas, Tertullian writes chapter after chapter on the triune nature of God. He uses many scriptures and examples from the Bible to prove that God is the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. His teachings would prove very instrumental in the coming years against such attacks like those of Arius who would deny Jesus’ and the Holy Spirit’s divinity. Notice this letter is over 100 years before Constantine’s conversion and the council of Nicaea.

Also, Tertullian was useful in defeating the heresy that God was one person who took different forms called the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit (which Apollo teaches known today as, “Oneness Theology”). He stated in this passage that the Father, Son, and the Spirit are “inseparable,” but yet they are distinct from each other as persons.

This is important to know because some people of his day tried to say that the Father was the Son in the form of man and the Son was the Spirit in spiritual nature, thus making them all one person, but appearing in different forms. Tertullian clearly states that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are the same one God, but yet three distinct persons. Meaning, the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Holy Spirit, yet they are one God.

“Bear always in mind that this is the rule of faith which I profess; by it I testify that the Father, and the Son, and the Spirit are inseparable from each other, and so will you know in what sense this is said. Now, observe, my assertion is that the Father is one, and the Son one, and the Spirit one, and that They are distinct from Each Other.”

Cyprian, *Treatises*, Chapter 1, Verse 6 | 250 A.D.

Cyprian was a great defender and teacher of the Trinity. As with the other church leaders Cyprian understood the belief for the Trinity as being orthodox and accepted by all Christians well before the formation of the Roman Catholic Church and the Bishop of Rome. Many times in his writings he uses the word Trinity to defend other points, such as the unity of the church. Therefore, his writings serve along side of Tertullian as another example of the wide and uniformed acceptance of the Trinity in the early years of the church.

Here in this verse he states that Jesus was one with the Father in the same sense the Spirit is one with the Father and Son. And thus all three persons- the Father, Son, and Spirit are all one God.

“The Lord says, “I and the Father are one;” and again it is written of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, “And these three are one.” And does any one believe that this unity which thus comes from the divine strength and coheres in celestial sacraments, can be divided in the Church, and can be separated by the parting asunder of opposing wills? He who does not hold this unity does not hold God’s law, does not hold the faith of the Father and the Son, does not hold life and salvation.”

Putting it All Together

The word “trinity” is a term Christians made to describe the three divine persons of God’s nature. Tertullian was the first church theologian to use the word trinity around 200 A.D. (approximately 100 years after the death of the last Apostle-John).

The term itself simply means, “tri-unity or three-in-one.” Some cults like Apollo Quiboloy have tried to claim that the concept of the Trinity was taken from the pagan religions that worshipped three gods, like a “triad.” However, as one can clearly see in Matthew 28:19 Jesus taught and believed the Trinity to be true.

Take for example the Greeks who worshipped three main gods- Zeus, Athena, and Apollo and the Hindu religion that worshipped- Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva- each of these pagan religions considered the three gods to be separate and not “one.” However, Christianity, based in Judaism, affirms one God revealed in three persons. Thus, simply referring to the worship of a “triad” or “three separate gods” has nothing in common with the trinity. It is like comparing a “house” with a “mouse” because they sound the same.

The concept of the trinity was concealed in the Old Testament through the Jewish prophecies and experiences. The New Testament revealed the triune nature of God through the person of Jesus and the sending of the Holy Spirit. Neither Jesus, nor His followers, would have ever believed in “polytheism” (many gods) because the Jews were strictly instructed to only serve one God, “monotheism,” Deuteronomy 6:4.

At the same time, when Jews studied their Scriptures they were left with great mysteries surrounding God’s nature. God was said not to meet with people face-to-face (Exodus 33:20), yet Abraham and Moses saw God face to face, Genesis 18:22-23 & Exodus 33:11).

God was said to not be a man, yet Isaiah prophesied that a child would be called, “Mighty God,” Isaiah 9:6. And it was strictly forbidden to bow down and worship anyone other than

God, however, Daniel saw in a vision “one like the Son of Man” come to the Ancient of Days and receive worship from all of creation, Daniel 7:13-14.

When Jesus came He was called, Immanuel, which means, “God with us,” Matthew 1:23. John declared in His Gospel that Jesus (the Word) had always existed with the Father and was Himself in very nature God, John 1:1-18. Even Jesus Himself while on earth continually made statements that were considered blasphemous to the Jews because He made Himself equal to God by saying things like, “*Before Abraham was, I am,*” John 8:58.

Though false teachers like Quiboloy may wrongfully slander the term Trinity, it is fully known in the Bible from front to back. Therefore, I would encourage you to read the Bible and see for yourself the following three foundations taught concerning God’s nature,

(a) *Foundation One:* There is only one God worthy of worship who is all knowing, all-powerful, and ever present, Isaiah 43:10. (b) *Foundation Two:* Three divine persons claim to be God and act as one God- the Father, the Son (also known as the “Word” and “Jesus”), and the Holy Spirit, 2 Corinthians 13:14; and Lastly, (c) *Foundation Three:* The three divine persons are equal in their nature as God, Matthew 28:19.

The prophet Isaiah said in Isaiah 40:18 concerning God’s unique nature, “*With whom, then, will you compare God? To what image will you liken him?*” Therefore, don’t fall for the old tricks of the devil and think that if you cannot fully comprehend God’s nature it must be “mythological or pagan” in origin. God is God and we are not, period. Rather, come to the Holy Scriptures with a humble heart and let God blow your mind!

APPENDIX B

More Resources

Discipleship Books by the Same Author

- (1) *Discipleship Based Churches, How to Create and Maintain a Church of Disciples*: “*Discipleship Based Churches*” is a practical guide for all pastors and church leaders to rise up disciples that make disciples. Filled with great illustrations and compelling points the reader will both be challenged and inspired to make a church of disciples.
- (2) *Disciples of the First Disciples, Learning Powerful Lessons from the Past*: “*Disciples of the First Disciples*” takes the reader from the early days of the first disciples through the Great Reformation to the present outpouring of the Spirit around the world. This book is a perfect introduction to church history and revival. A must for every lover of discipleship!
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- (5) *Life Changing Devotions for Disciples, 365 Days of Faith Inspiring Lessons*: Do you want to live the kind of life God created you for? Then “*Life Changing Devotions*” is for you! Simply choose from one of the 12 different series you desire to see change in and start today. Each lesson contains a Scripture reading, a short informative lesson, a reflection, and practical steps to help you implement what you have learned. If you want what you’ve never had, you have to do what you never done. So start learning from the Word of God today and let God change your life one day at a time!
- (6) *Welcome to Your New Life, Seven Steps to Spiritual Growth*: “*Welcome to Your New Life*” is more than just a book; it is a new way of living. Jesus Christ came to give you a new life and that new life starts now. Have you ever wondered what made Peter live a different life than Judas? Have you ever asked yourself what is God’s will for your life? Do you want to make a difference for God with your life? If you answered “yes” then this book is for you. Get ready for seven steps that will forever change your life!

Other Books by the Same Author

- (1) *Helping Muslims See Christ in Christianity, Understanding Islam in Light of the Bible*: “*Helping Muslims see Christ in Christianity*” is a very fresh, informative, and bold look at the differences between Islam and Christianity. Whether you are already a follower of Jesus or not, this book will challenge you and inform your beliefs in light of what God has said to the prophets in the Bible. You will learn the difference between Islam and Christianity’s view of Jesus, the Bible, and the Trinity. What you read in this book will change your life!

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