

# **The Shocking Truth**

**Not for the timid, faint hearted or coward,**

**But for the sincere seeker of Truth.**

# **When last did you question?**

**Who actually started Christianity in its present form?**

**Why there are so many (over 40,000) denominations (divisions)  
within Christianity?**

**Who really put the New Testament together?**

**If your Bible is really the WHOLE Truth and nothing but the Truth?**

**Has your Bible been manipulated to teach you what THEY want you to  
know instead of what you need to know?**

**Would God allow all this to happen?**

**The answer will shock and surprise you...**

# **A quick quiz**

**How many books are there in the Modern Bible?**

**Answer: 66 (SIXTY SIX)**

**Where did God say there should be 66 books in the Bible?**

**Answer: Nowhere**

**Where did God say what is scripture and what is not scripture?**

**Answer: This was essentially left up to the ruling church of the time - the Catholic church, who IT IS ASSUMED were directed by God to put in the right books.**

**Do people agree that the Catholic church is not 100% the TRUTH.**

**Answer: Yes**

**Do people agree that the Mother of Harlots is the Catholic Church?**

**Answer: Yes**

**Did everyone agree on what books should be included in the New Testament?**

**Answer: No – they were about 50% divided.**

**Conclusion: So the Mother of Harlots who was 50% divided as to what should be included, decided on what books you should accept as scripture.**

**Where did God specifically say the Bible is His Word?**

**Answer: Nowhere.**

**This is the logic accepted by Christians :**

**I say in a letter “All books are written by Joe”. This now becomes accepted by the Mother of Harlots (Catholic church) as scripture and now everyone must accept that all books in the Bible were written by Joe, just because my letter is included in the Bible. This logic is wrong! (and no offense to Joe intended)**

**Was it possible for the devil to deceive angels in Heaven in the presence of God?**

**Answer: Yes**

**Do you think it would be possible for the devil to deceive anyone on earth not living in the presence of God?**

**Answer: Yes**

**How easy is it to be deceived?**

**Answer: If you're reading this you have been deceived at some point in your life. In fact if you answer you are deceived then you are and if you say you aren't deceived then you are also deceived.**

**Who decided on the books that should go into the New Testament?**

**Answer: Man (6). It is ASSUMED that God would allow nothing but the truth to go into the Bible. This ASSUMPTION is WRONG!**

**Some things to consider:**

**Jesus talked about wheat AND TARES being planted in the same field and BEING LEFT THERE!**

**In the Garden of Eden there were two trees – the tree of life AND the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.**

**So GOD left the tree containing EVIL right INSIDE the Garden!!**

**Question: Do you think God would leave evil inside a book containing truth?**

**Answer: It's entirely possible, plausible and consistent with how God works! God tests people with false people. (See Deut 13)**

**Question: So could evil writings be in the Bible (containing 66 books)**

**Answer: YES**

**Question: Which writings are evil? (They all look so good)**

**Answer: The devil is not stupid and would make bad things look good. That's how people catch fish. Put on some good looking bait with a hook underneath.**

**Question: Does God expect us to SEARCH out the truth?**

**Answer: YES!!**

**Question: When last did you question the writings in the Bible?**

**Answer: Probably never, maybe now you will by reading this.**

**Question: So can we find out where there are evil writings in the Bible?**

**Answer: Definitely.**

**Question: Will the evil writings look good and like the real thing, possibly even like an “angel of light” ?**

**Answer: Yes**

**Question: So how do I find out the shocking Truth?**

**Answer: Keep on reading**

**Question: Should I ask my pastor, teacher, trainer, professor if that's OK.**

**Answer: Are you a dummy who cannot think for yourself? We'd like to think that you are not. Do you think that turning to a man (6) holding a Bible (66) will be able to provide you with solid truth. Keep on reading instead and use your common sense and brain that God gave you. It's OK and quite acceptable, actually it's very intelligent of you to search out the TRUTH for YOURSELF even if it disagrees with everything you've been TAUGHT and BELIEVED and what everyone else has been TAUGHT and BELIEVED. That's the shocking Truth.**

**Question: I'm scared**

**Answer: The shocking truth is not for the timid, faint hearted, or cowards.**

# A quiz

## Who wrote the following?

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. Though I tell what is to come, and know all secrets, and all wisdom; and though I have faith strong as the storm which lifts mountains from their seat, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and give all my fire that I have received from my Father, but have not love, I am in no wise profited. Love is patient, love is kind. Love is not envious, works not evil, knows not pride; is not rude, neither selfish; is slow to anger, imagines no mischief; rejoices not in injustice, but delights in justice. Love defends all, love believes all, love hopes all, love bears all; never exhausts itself; but as for tongues they shall cease, and, as for knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we have truth in part, and error in part, but when the fullness of perfection is come, that which is in part shall be blotted out. When a man was a child he spoke as a child, understood as a child, thought as a child; but when he became a man he put away childish things. For now we see through a glass and through dark sayings. Now we know in part, but when we are come before the face of God, we shall not know in part, but even as we are taught by him. And now remain these three: faith and hope and love; but the greatest of these is love.

**Answer: It looks like a passage from 1 Cor 13 that Paul wrote.**

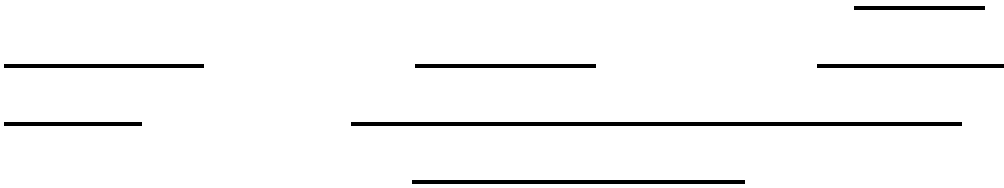
**Correct Answer: It's an excerpt from the Essenes Gospel of Peace. The passage from 1 Cor 13 that looks like this is merely a PLAGIARISM of that excerpt.**

**Conclusion: So 1 Cor 13 is a PLAGIARISM. Keep in mind that you have been taught to believe it came from Paul. Why specifically Paul? What do they know that they don't want you to know?**

**Why you didn't get to find this out before:**

"Perhaps even more important is the fact that the (excerpt above from the Essene Gospel of Peace) was found hidden away in the Vatican Library and removed by a priest because he believed the world should know the truth. In fact hidden away in the Vatican Library are copies of ancient manuscripts that are far older and more pure than anything we make our biblical translations from today. When asked why the Roman Church does not make these manuscripts available to Christians today, they said that they (the church) believe that they are the sole keepers of the truth -- that these scriptures do not belong to those who are outside Roman Catholicism. They believe that genuine followers of Christ will be a part of their Church -- a priest dedicated to the furtherance of what they consider God's true Church -- and they therefore believe that they alone have been entrusted with the ultimate truths of the teachings of The Way, and the secrets of the Kingdom belong only to them. "

# Another quiz





**Thus:**

**Arastus "We are his (Zeus) offspring" (Acts 17:28)**

**Epimenides "god (Zeus) is not far from each one of us for in him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:27,28)**

**From Epimenides "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes lazy gluttons(Titus 1:12)**

**From Menander "Bad company corrupts good character" (1 Cor 15:33)**

**From Hippolytus "The good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not do, that I do" (Romans 7:19)**

**From Terence "But if any widow has children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home" (1 Timothy 5:4)**

**From Mahaparinibanasuta Buddhist scriptures "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phillipians 2:12)**

**Conclusion: So once again we find plagiarisms (from PAGAN WRITINGS!) in Paul's letters. It's as if Paul didn't have an original thought and had to beg, borrow or steal passages that looked good (and actually were extolling another "god"), to put into his letters that the Christian Church have made you to believe are the WORD OF GOD!**

**Think again!! You have been deceived...Tear the parts containing these passages out your Bible, and you may start being suspicious of others parts of these letters for good reason.**

**Question: If these letters contain plagiarisms and excerpts from pagan writings (extolling Zeus) why was I not told about this before?**

**Answer: Everyone has been deceived and knowledge of the truth is only now starting to surface. This is entirely consistent with what the real Word of God said about the matter (if you bother to examine the real Word of God closely by yourself).**

**Question: So is the Bible the Word of God?**

**Answer: No, the Word of God is in the Bible, but the Bible is not the Word of God.**

**Question: Are there more lies and deception in the church and in the Bible that I haven't been told about?**

**Answer: What do you think? Of course!**

**See Jer 8:8**

**Question: Could this affect my salvation?**

**Answer: Do you think the devil, the Mother of Harlot church, and 666 (antichrists, enemies of Christ, deceivers, posing as the real thing) would want you to find out the way to salvation easily?**

**Jesus said "NARROW AND DIFFICULT is the way that leads to life, and there are FEW who find it"**

**Question: Should I seek out the truth?**

**Answer: Yes – keep on reading. It's VITALLY important (Vito is a root word for LIFE)**

**Question: If you gave the devil the Word of God how long do you think it would take him to manipulate & misrepresent it, yet still make it look like it was from God, and then make it look like God said things that God did not in fact say?**

**Answer: Less than a few seconds. How long after Jesus' ascension do you think the devil waited before trying to deceive everyone again and change and/or add to the Word of God?**

**Question: In doing so do you think the devil would try to make you believe him instead?**

**Answer: Yes (an obvious answer)**

**Question: How would the devil do this?**

**Answer: It could be done by sending imposters (angels of light, wolves in sheep's clothing) who look like the real thing and make you listen to them instead.**

**Question: Do you think the devil would do the above?**

**Answer: Do you think the devil is a dummy? Of course he would do the above and in fact it's recorded that this was done.**

**Look closer:**

**Jesus talked about IMPOSTERS and WICKED MEN (wolves in sheeps clothing)**

**Rev 2:2 (to the church of Ephesus ie. Ephesians)**

**"I know you cannot stand WICKED MEN, and how you tested the IMPOSTERS who called themselves APOSTLES, and proved they were LIARS"**

**Question: Which apostle (who called himself an apostle) went to the Ephesians?**

**Answer: Paul**

**Question: Where did Jesus specifically call Paul an apostle?**

**Answer: Nowhere. Paul said so.**

**Question: How many apostles did Jesus choose?**

**Answer: 12. Twelve – did you hear that? Rev 21:14 says “The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the TWELVE apostles of the Lamb”**

**Question: Which number apostle was Paul? (Or more more correctly which number apostle was Paul that Paul chose himself to be).**

**Answer: 13. THIRTEEN.**

**TWELVE IS NOT EQUAL TO THIRTEEN. That’s right you will now pass Maths.**

**Question: What did Paul say about lying?**

**Answer: That every man including himself should be a liar.**

Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man (including myself) a liar;

**James talked about imposters, actually he singled it to a senseless man (who wrote things in his letters about faith and salvation that were wrong).**

**James 2:20**

**“Do realize, you SENSELESS MAN, that faith without good deeds is useless”**

**James was responding to a letter that talked about having faith without good deeds. Obviously a letter talking about faith & salvation that James said in effect was written by a SENSELESS MAN.**

**Question: Hang on, didn't Paul write in a letter "For we are not saved by works lest we should boast"**

**Answer: Yes (gulp). You could get into aPAULOgetics here, but the fact is that this is written in one of his letters. Did your church tell you works are important for salvation? Probably not.**

**There's more...**

**John wrote about being on guard against the enemies of Christ:**

**"and now several antichrists have already appeared...those rivals of Christ CAME OUT OF OUR OWN NUMBER, but they had never really belonged, IF THEY HAD BELONGED, THEY WOULD HAVE STAYED WITH US, but THEY LEFT US, TO PROVE that NOT ONE OF THEM EVER BELONGED TO US"**

**Question: Did Paul leave the company of true apostles?**

**Answer: Yes, Paul admitted he only spent a few days with them (why stay?[sic]) and that they (the apostles that Jesus chose) never added anything to him.**

**Comment: That's bad. Yes it's bad.**

**Question: But Paul talked about Jesus and God?**

**Answer: Read John further. He said they would and that we were to TEST the Spirits. When last did you TEST the spirit by which Paul operated and when last did you TEST all the words spoken by Paul.**

**Remember the devil is a liar and a deceiver. He would sure make his angels of light look like they were the real thing and in so doing deceive billions.**

**Jesus said “MANY false Christs” would appear. (That’s a lot of people who look like people of God deceiving millions of other innocent souls)**

**Question: My church is not false, surely?**

**Answer: Think again. Does your church contain 100% truth or 99% truth. What lies is it teaching? If you cannot answer then your church contains deception – it’s up to YOU to find out what is lies and what is TRUTH.**

**WARNING: Your church can get very IRATE if you question them and they might hate you (just like Jesus said) and kick you out (just like Jesus said), say false things about you (just like Jesus said) and you may be alienated from your so-called friends and family (just like Jesus said) but stand firm for great is your reward.**

**More from JUDE :**

**“Certain people have INFILTRATED among you...turning the GRACE of God into licentiousness and rejecting our only Master and Lord...”**

**Question: Who talked a lot about Grace?**

**Answer: Paul**

**COMMENT: Did you notice that Jesus, Jude, John, James all seemed to know about imposters and wolves in sheep’s clothing. Do you?**

**COMMENT: Did you notice that their comments all point to the 13<sup>th</sup> apostle with 13 letters in the Bible, namely Paul.**

**COMMENT: How many people carry a coffin? SIX and they're called PAUL bearers, bearers of DEATH. That's aPAULing!**

**Question: How does one reject Jesus?**

**Answer: By rejecting what He said.**

**Question: Did Paul reject what Jesus said, change it or manipulate it?**

**You asked for it. Paul contradicted, changed and/or manipulated the words of Jesus MANY TIMES. Refer to the addendum for a big list.**

**Question: Did the original apostles have a Bible with the Words of Paul in it?**

**Answer: No. They had the Old Testament and the Words of Jesus**

**Question: How many times did Paul quote Jesus correctly?**

**Answer: None**

**Question: How many times did Paul change the Word of God**

**Answer: Many times**

**Question: But the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of Peter calls Paul a good guy?**

**Answer: The letter of 2 Peter is a forgery and/or a manipulation – it was not written by Peter. For an extensive proof of this (agreed upon by many well know pastors/preachers TOO!) see the website <http://www.truthseekers.co.za/content/view/154/53> The letter of 2 Peter was placed in the Bible to make you believe that Peter supported Paul which he did NOT.**

Ever heard of the saying: Robbing from Peter to pay Paul ?

**Question: But Jesus chose Paul.**

**Answer: Jesus chooses devils as well. See the book of John – “Did I not choose you...yet one of you is a devil?”**

**Question: Didn't Jesus speak to Paul from the sky and talk to Paul about pricking against the goads?**

**Answer:**

Acts 9:3 ...and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven 5 ...and the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks/goads.

This quote was the catch phrase from the pagan play Bacchantes by Euripides used in Prometheus Bound and Agamemnon by Aeschylus (like quoting the catch phrase 'nobody puts baby in the corner' from Dirty Dancing etc).

**So Paul made this conversion up, as is also revealed by the THREE accounts of this supposed conversion all being different. It's possible something happened to him, but Paul spiced it up a bit and added Jesus into the story to make it look real. Paul forgot to check out whether the Jesus in his story was the REAL Jesus. Perhaps you did too.**



# **Who told you?**

**Ever wondered who told you that Paul was converted and didn't make it up.**

**Paul did. Luke recorded what he was told.**

**Who told you Paul was a genuine apostle?**

**Paul did. And maybe your pastor.**

**Who told you Paul's gospel was the true gospel?**

**Paul did. And maybe your pastor.**

**Who told you Paul's writings were the Word of God?**

**Paul did. And maybe your pastor.**

**It's time to check your source.**

# QUOTES FROM FAMOUS PEOPLE

Have you ever wondered what some famous people have said?

**Albert Schweitzer :**

**"Where possible Paul avoids quoting the teaching of Jesus, in fact even mentioning it. If we had to rely on Paul, we should not know that Jesus taught in parables, had delivered the sermon on the mount, and had taught His disciples the 'Our Father.' Even where they are specially relevant, Paul passes over the words of the Lord."**

**Carl Jung (Psychologist) :**

**"Paul hardly ever allows the real Jesus of Nazareth to get a word in."  
(U.S. News and World Report, April 22, 1991, p. 55)**

**George Bernard Shaw :**

**"No sooner had Jesus knocked over the dragon of superstition than Paul boldly set it on its legs again in the name of Jesus."**

**Bishop John S. Spong**

**(Episcopal theologian) :**

**"Paul's words are not the Words of God.**

**They are the words of Paul- a vast difference."**

**(Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism,  
p. 104, Harper San Francisco, 1991)**

**Thomas Jefferson :**

**"Paul was the first corrupter of the doctrines of Jesus."**

**(from a letter addressed to W. Short and published in**

**The Great Thoughts, by George Seldes,**

**Ballantine Books, N.Y., 1985, p. 208)**

**Thomas Hardy :**

**"The New Testament was less a Christiad than a Pauliad."**

**Will Durant (Philosopher) :**

**"Paul created a theology of which none but the vaguest warrants  
can be found in the words of Christ."**

**Fundamentalism is the triumph of Paul over Christ."**

**& "Paul created a theology about the man Jesus,  
a man that he did not even know 50 or more years  
after the death of Jesus, with complete disregards  
for even the sayings attributed to Jesus.**

**Jesus got lost in the metaphysical fog of Paul's brain".**

**Walter Kaufmann**

**(Professor of Philosophy, Princeton) :**

**"Paul substituted faith in Christ for the Christlike life."**

**Carl Sagan (Scientist; Author) :**

**"My long-time view about Christianity is that it represents an amalgam of two seemingly immiscible parts--the religion of Jesus and the religion of Paul. Thomas Jefferson attempted to excise the Pauline parts of the New Testament. There wasn't much left when he was done, but it was an inspiring document." (Letter to Ken Schei [author of Christianity Betrayed])**

**Hyam Maccoby (Talmudic Scholar) :**

**"As we have seen, the purposes of the book of Acts is to minimize the conflict between Paul and the leaders of the Jerusalem Church, James and Peter. Peter and Paul, in later Christian tradition, became twin saints, brothers in faith, and the idea that they were historically bitter opponents standing for irreconcilable religious standpoints would have been repudiated with horror. The work of the author of Acts was well done; he rescued Christianity from the imputation of being the individual creation of Paul, and instead gave it a respectable pedigree, as a doctrine with the authority of the so-called Jerusalem Church,**

**conceived as continuous in spirit with the Pauline Gentile Church of Rome.**

**Yet, for all his efforts, the truth of the matter is not hard to recover, if we examine the New Testament evidence with an eye to tell-tale inconsistencies and confusions, rather than with the determination to gloss over and harmonize all difficulties in the interests of an orthodox interpretation.**

**" (The Mythmaker, p. 139, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London, 1986)**

**Jeremy Bentham (English Philosopher) :**

**"If Christianity needed an Anti-Christ, they needed look no farther than Paul." ( paraphrased. . . looking for a copy of "Not Paul, but Jesus" in order to retrieve the exact quote.)**

# **No one likes to get duped**

**Face it - no one likes to get duped. Especially when it comes to the things of the Bible and your church, what you've been taught all these years, and so on.**

**You know - when you really look around and see the mess the world is in - and the massive division of the churches, the infighting, gossiping, arguing, different points of view - you'll realize that something is definitely wrong.**

**Most outsiders look at religion (Christianity) and refuse to be part of "it", why?**

**What would you prefer ?**

**a) Being in a room on your own with one candle at night and all the lights turned off**

**b) Being outside in the sunshine with the birds singing, next to friends, laughing and so on.**

**The choice should be obvious. Well that's the same with having your lights turned on when you see the truth. It's like coming out of a dark room that you've been sitting in all these years.**

**Yes, it's tough sometimes, getting out of falsehood and deception, because it's what you're used to - and thought was true. Well the journey to heaven was never promised to be easy - in fact Jesus said it's a narrow road, and few find it.**

**A lot of material is available on the website [www.TruthSeekers.co.za](http://www.TruthSeekers.co.za) to reveal the deception of Paul, his lies, his maligning of the true Word of God and so on.**

**Most people think Christmas and Easter are pagan celebrations - so why then do the majority of Christian churches celebrate these???**  
**Doesn't it seem to you that the church is mixing pagan practises with some truth? Well look in your Bible, Paul was the number one people pleaser - "please people in all things", and so on. He even quoted many times from pagan writings (without really telling you!). Many of the "nice" scriptures he used come from pagan plays and so on. They're definitely not "the Word of God" even though we'd like them to be.**

**By contrast Jesus (Yeshua) was not a people pleaser - he knew what was in people's hearts.**

**So who are you going to choose, Jesus or Paul ?**

**The valley of decision time is here...**

# **THE TRUTH**

**Paul is a false apostle and a liar. You have been deceived by your traditions, pastor, church, professor, teacher, friends or family members into believing that the writings of Paul are all the Word of God. They are NOT. Tear his writings out your Bible if you choose – that will make it LIGHTER (not DARKER).**

**It's up to you to SEARCH out the TRUTH. Your salvation could depend on it! Don't be deceived.**

**You may use the following website as a good starting point**

**[www.TruthSeekers.co.za](http://www.TruthSeekers.co.za)**

**Speak to the person who gave you this important document.**

**“You shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall set you FREE”**



## **ADDENDUM:**

### **Paul contradicts Jesus many times:**

1. On the time of the coming of the Lord:

Paul says:

Rom.13

[12] the night is far gone, the day is at hand.

Jesus says:

Luke.21

[8] Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, . . . `The time is at hand!' Do not go after them.

2. On the source of the Truth and the true gospel:

Paul says:

1Cor.2

[13] And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit.

Gal.1

[12] For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Jesus says:

John.17

[14] I have given them thy word;

[17] Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth.

### 3. On the God of the dead:

Paul says:

Rom.14

[9] For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Jesus says:

Luke.20

[38] Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living;

### 4. On the sum of the commandments:

Paul says:

Rom.13

[9] The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Jesus says:

Matt.22

[37] And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

[38] This is the great and first commandment.

[39] And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

[40] On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

### 5. On whom God has mercy:

Paul says:

Rom.9

[15] For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

[16] So it depends not upon man's will or exertion, but upon God's mercy.

[18] So then he has mercy upon whomever he wills, and he hardens the heart of whomever he wills.

Jesus says:

Matt.5

[7] Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

6. On forgiveness of trespasses:

Paul says:

Eph.1

[7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

Rom.4

[25] who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Jesus says:

Matt.6

[14] For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you;

[15] but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

7. On being justified:

Paul says:

Rom.3

[24] they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus,

[28] For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of law.

Rom.5

[9] Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Jesus says:

Matt.12

[37] for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

8. On the cost of eternal life:

Paul says:

Rom.6

[23] For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus says:

Matt.19

[29] And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

Luke.14

[28] For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

[33] So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

9. On what is honorable among men:

Paul says:

2Cor.8

[21] for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of men.

Rom.12

[17] Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all men.

Rom. 14

[18] he who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.

1Cor. 10

[33] just as I try to please all men in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

Jesus says:

Luke. 16

[15] But he said to them, You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts; for what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Luke. 6

[26] Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

11. On the basis of judgment:

Paul says:

Rom. 2

[12] All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.

Jesus says:

John. 12

[48] He who rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge; the word that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day.

12. On the commandments and eternal life:

Paul says:

Rom.7

[9] I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died;  
[10] the very commandment which promised life proved to be death to me.

Jesus says:

Matt.19

[17] And he said to him, Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.

13. On your father:

Paul says:

1Cor.4

[15] For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Phlm.1

[10] I appeal to you for my child, Ones'imus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment.

Jesus says:

Matt.23

[9] And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

14. On qualifying for eternal life:

Paul says:

Rom.5

[21] so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus says:

John.5

[24] Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

15. On the destiny of the creation (heavens and earth):

Paul says:

Rom.8

[21] because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Jesus says:

Matt.24

[35] Heaven and earth will pass away,

16. On the destiny of the Law and the Prophets:

Paul says:

Rom.10

[4] For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified.

Jesus says:

Matt.5

[17] Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them.

[18] For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

17. On the number and identity of teachers:

Paul says:

1Cor.12

[28] And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third, teachers,

Eph.4

[11] And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,

1Tim.2

[7] For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

2Tim.1

[11] For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,

Jesus says:

Matt.23

[8] But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren.

18. On the number to be saved:

Paul says:

Rom.11

[25] Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brethren: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles come in,

[26] and so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.

Jesus says:

Matt.7

[13] Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

[14] For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.



19. On the number and identity of pastors (shepherds):

Paul says:

Eph.4

[11] And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors (shepherds) and teachers,

Jesus says:

John.10

[16] And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.

20. On the number and identity of leaders:

Paul says:

1Cor.4

[15] For though you have countless leaders in Christ . . .

Jesus says:

Matt.23

[10] Neither be called leaders, for you have one leader, the Christ.

21: On total depravity:

Paul says:

Rom.3

[9] What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all; for I have already charged that all men, both Jews and Greeks, are under the power of sin,

[10] as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;

[22] For there is no distinction;

[23] since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, . . .

Jesus says:

Matt.12

[35] The good man out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

Luke.6

[45] The good man out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure produces evil; for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Matt.23

[35] that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel to the blood of Zechari'ah the son of Barachi'ah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

22. On unconditional election:

Paul says:

Rom.9

[16] So it depends not upon man's will or exertion, but upon God's mercy.

Jesus says:

Matt.7

[21] Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

[22] On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' [23] And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.'

23. On sacrifices to God:

Paul says:

1Cor.5

[7] For Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.

Eph.5

[2] And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Jesus says:

Matt.9

[13] Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.'

24. On remuneration for preaching the gospel:

Paul says:

1Tim.5

[17] Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching;

[18] for the scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages.

1Cor.9

[11] If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits?

[12] If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more?

Jesus says:

Matt.10

[7] And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

[8] Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay.

25. On how one becomes a child of God:

Paul says:

Rom.8

[23] and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as

we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Gal.4

[5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Jesus says:

John.3

[3] Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above,\* he cannot see the kingdom of God.

[6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

[7] Do not marvel that I said to you, `You must be born from above.\*

\* John 3:3 and 3:7 are the author's translations. These differ from the RSV only in the expression "born from above" that replaces "born anew" in the RSV. "Born anew" does not represent the fullness of what Jesus is stating here, and does not correspond to the literal translation of the Greek, another (anwqen).

**In conclusion:**

**So what's keeping you from finding out the truth?**

**Fear?**

**Do you think that it's too scary to leave your comfort zone, the church, your friends and family perhaps, to find out the truth?**

**Or are you scared that you'll go to hell, as people love to say, if you dare start thinking.**

**It's time to get bold. Perfect love casts out fear. Take a look at what Jesus said. And what happened to Him. Didn't He tell us to carry our cross and to count the cost.**

**Well if you want to get out of deception then drop the fear.**

**And pray daily that the Lord will lead you into all truth.**

**It's worth it.**

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