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# The Way to Eternal Life

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#### This book is dedicated

to

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#### Introduction

When a person is born in the Christian family, he attends Church throughout his life before going to lay under the marble cross in the Christian cemetery. But mostly, neither he understand Christianity nor Christianity enters in his life.

I was also born in a religious Protestant family. Our parents never missed to take us to the United Presbyterian Church. I am very thankful to the United Presbyterian Church for educating me, including my parents, grand parents and enabling me to get a respectable status in an Islamic country. May God bless them for the job they have done for the Christians in Pakistan.

In my teens I started attending Roman Catholic Church in the vicinity of my College. Later on, I found a Pentecostal Pastor who taught me the importance of repentance and Water Baptism through immersion. After visiting all the major denominations, a question arises in my mind, "Why in the presence of so many Churches, Pastors and evangelists people are mostly spiritually dead? This dejected situation is not present only in Pakistan it is prevailing with minor variations nearly in all countries of the world. After reading the Bible several times and comparing it with the rules, regulations and laws of Church I got the answer to my question, and found the working of "THE DEVIL THROUGH FALSE TEACHINGS". \_\_\_\_

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## Repentance

<u>Mt 4:17</u> "From that time Jesus began to preach his message, turn away from your sins, because the kingdom of heaven is near".

<u>Mk 1:15</u> "The time has come he said, "The kingdom of God in near REPENT and believe the good news". In Christianity repentance is not the only important issue. Jesus would have started his ministry by saying:-

Take "water baptism" because Kingdom of heaven is near"

#### OR

Take the **Holy Spirit baptism** because Kingdom of heaven is near

#### OR

**Pray** because Kingdom of heaven is near. Jesus ignored all these important issues and started his ministry with repentance

<u>Teaching of other Prophets.</u> Therefore say to the house of Israel. This is what the sovereign LORD says: Repent! Turn from your idols and renounce all your detestable practice! (Ezk

14:6) In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven in near (Mt 3:1-2)". Repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out that times of refreshing may come from the Lord (Ac 3:19). Peter replied "Repent and be baptized (Ac 2:38). First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds (Ac 26:20). From all these verses we can conclude that the position of the repentance in Christianity is same as held by "A" in English Language and one (1) in mathematics.

#### Water Baptism - The Baptism of Repentance

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching the <u>baptism of repentance</u> for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River (Mk 1:4-5).

They confessed their sins (step-1) and he baptized (step-2) them in the River Jordan (Mt 3:6)

You must repent "Peter answered" and every one of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Ac 2:38)

Basically this is the foundation of Christian religion. Mostly, the Christian religious leaders are detracting the masses by giving a reference from <u>Heb 6:1-1.</u> "We should not



lay again the foundation of turning away from useless works (Repentance) and ... of the teaching about baptism. They describe or explain that look! Paul is saying that we need not to lay again the foundation of repentance and water baptism as some Pentecostal or Baptist Church are teaching, but they don"t know that Paul is writing to the people who have already passed through these basic teachings but not progressing spiritually. If a person stops studying at the college level and after wasting few years, he is interested to continue his study he can do that from the same grade or level where he has left his study. He need not to go back to the Nursery to learn A, B, C or 1, 2, 3 once again because he has already passed through that stage of learning. In the spiritual sense we can discuss three categories of Christians.

**Dead/Nominal Christian - Stage 1.** Those Christians who have not passed through the basic teachings like repentance and water baptism.

**New Born Christian** – **Stage 2.** Those Christians who have already passed through these basic stages like repentance, and water baptism in the past and now they are walking on the foot steps of Christ and progressing in the spiritual field.

**Back Slided Christian – Possible Stage 3.** Those Christians who have already passed through these basic steps like repentance and water baptism in the past but now they have fallen back into the sinful life.

Now we have to see that whether Paul is talking to people of stage <u>1, 2 or 3.</u> If the conditions of the Hebrew Church would have been of stage-2 (Spiritually alive) Paul may not have written a letter. Now we have to analyse whether Paul is writing to the people of stage 1 (Spiritually dead) or stage 3 (back slided Christian). These verses will tell us that Paul is writing to Back slided Christian of stage 3, and not to the nominal Christian of stage-1.

<u>Heb 5:11 14</u> "There is much we have to say about this matter, but it is hard to explain to you, because you are so slow to understand. There has been enough time for you to be **teachers** yet you still need, someone to teach you the **first lessons** of God"s message. Instead of eating solid food, you still have to drink milk. Any one who has to drink milk is still a child without any experience in the matter of right and wrong. Solid food on the other hand is for adults, who through practice are able to distinguish between good and evil".

Heb 6:1-6 "Let us go forward, then, to mature teaching and leave behind us the first lessons of the Christian message, We should not lay again the foundation of turning away from useless works and believing in God: of the teaching about baptisms and the laying on of hands: of the resurrection of the dead and the eternal judgment. Let us go forward! And this is what we will do, if God allows". "For how can those who abandon their faith be brought back to repent again? They were once in Gods" light; they tasted heaven"s gift and received their share of the Holy Spirit; they knew from experience that God"s word is good, and they had felt the power of the coming age. And then they abandoned their faith!. It is impossible to bring them back to repent again, because they are again crucifying the son of God and exposing him to public shame". Now from theses verses it is clear that Paul is talking to the people those who have abandoned their faith (Stage 3) and not to the people who have not pass through the basic teachings of Christian religion. Now it is clear that the so called "Theologians and "Scholars" have really spoiled the Christian religion by mutilating the actual foundation of Christianity. They blame the Pentecostal pastors" that look they are laying the foundation of Repentance and water Baptism against the teaching of Paul (Heb 6:1-2). According to their explanation it means. We need not to repent. We need not to have faith in God. We need not to believe the resurrections of the dead and instruction about baptism. Let us accept their explanation for the time being, Even then, they are laying the same foundation of water Baptism by giving Baptism to the infants. Infants do not need and baptism. Here Pentecostals at least, wait till the same child

grows to an adult and gives them water Baptism after repentance. So in this way the so called "Scholars" and "Theologians" try to take support from this passage by absolutely illogical and irrational explanation. They talk against the foundation and they do not know that they are laying the same foundation earlier than the others.

<u>Definition of Water Baptism</u> "It is not washing away of bodily dirt, but the promise made to God from a good conscience" <u>1</u> <u>Pet 3:21</u>. If a one month old baby is unable to made any promise even to his parents, how he can make any promise to God and then with good conscience?

<u>Mt 28:18-19</u>. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me therefore go and made disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus is saying made disciples and baptize them but Paul is saying".

<u>1- Cor 1-17</u>. For Christ did not send me to baptize. I will say that although Paul has done wonder"s for Christianity and no one can ignore his services and sufferings for Christ but Paul should have not written these words. Because he was not supposed to give his personal opinion about any thing different from the teaching of CHRIST. However each one has a special gift from God, one person this gift, another one that gift.

(1-Cor 7:7)

## The process of regeneration

<u>Presence of Evil Spirit Stage – 1</u> Hos 5:4. "Their deeds do not permit them to return to their God. <u>A spirit of prostitution is</u> <u>in their heart</u>. They do not acknowledge the LORD.

<u>Act 26:18.</u> "You are to open their eyes and turn them from the darkness to the light and from the "<u>power</u>" of Satan to God.

Col: 13. "He rescued us from the "POWER" of darkness".

<u>Eph 2:1-3</u>. In the past you were spiritually dead because of your disobedience and sins. At that time you followed the world"s evil way; you obey the ruler of the spiritual powers in space the spirit who now "CONTROLS" the people who disobey God. Actually all of us were like them:

<u>2-</u> <u>Tim 2:26</u>. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the Devil, who had caught them and made them "OBEY" his will".

<u>1 Jn 3:8</u>. "He who does what is sinful is of the devil because the devil has been sinning from the beginning".

2 Chr 6:26. "There is no one who does not sin".

United States of America exercises control, and rules the people of Hawaii Island to obey the Government by keeping its representative in the form of strong army, police and civil administration. Similarly Devil enjoys control and force the people to obey his will by keeping his strong spiritual Force in the form of a evil spirit.

Effects of Evil Spirit on Human Behaviour Gal 5:19-21. "The acts of the sinful nature are obious, exual immorality impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witch craft, hatred, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissension"s, factions and envy, drunkenness, orgies and the like. I warn you as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God". <u>1 Cor 5:11</u>. "But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, and idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler, with such a man do not even eat". <u>1</u> Cor 6: 9-10. "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor offenders, nor shanders will inherit the kingdom of God".

<u>Baptism of the Holy Spirit</u> As in the morning the sun rises the darkness of night disappears. Similarly when light of the holy spirit enters in the human body the darkness of evil spirit vanishes. <u>Eph 5:8</u>. "You yourselves used to be in the darkness, but since you have become the lord"s people you are in the light.

<u>The way to get the Holy Spirit Act 2:38</u>. "Peter said to them "Each one of you must turn away from his sins and be baptized

in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven: and you will receive God"s gift, the Holy Spirit.

<u>Act 10:47-48</u>. "Peter spoke up: These people have received the Holy spirit, Just as we did. Can anyone, then, stop them from being baptized with water? When the Holy spirit enters in the body or touches the human spirit it removes all devilish characteristics. A superficial or nominal Christian can become a real, true, new born Christian through the Holy spirit.

Effects of Holy Spirit on Human Behaviour 2 Tim 1:7 "His spirit fills us with power, love and self-control". <u>Tit 3:5</u> "Through the Holy spirit, who gives us new birth and new life by washing us". <u>1 Cor 6:11</u> "But you have been purified from sin by the spirit of our God". <u>Rom 8:16</u> "God"s spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God"s children". <u>Rom 5:5</u> "And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us". <u>Tit 1:8</u> "He must be hospitable, one who loves what is self controlled, upright, holy and disciplined". <u>Jn 15:26</u> "The helper will come the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God and who comes from the father".

**New Born Christian (Stage 2)** <u>Gal 5: 22-23</u> "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control".

<u>2 Pet 1: 5-6</u>. Make every effort to add to your faith goodness, knowledge, self control, perseverance, godliness, kindness".

Back Sliding After getting the Holy Ghost Baptism if a person continues to remain active in praying, reading, teaching the Bible and other activities he will keep on progressing in the spiritual field. Unfortunately mostly people get lazy, avoid to take active part in praying and all other related activities. Then their spiritual state will get worse in the end as compared to their state before repentance. 2-Pet 2: 20-22 "If people have escaped from the corrupting forces of the world through their knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and then are again caught and conquered by them, such people are in a worse state at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been much better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than to know it and then turn away from the Sacred Command that was given to them. What happened to them shows that the proverbs are true. "A dog goes back to roll in the mud". Mt 12: 43-45 "When an evil spirit goes out of a person, it travels over dry country looking for a place to rest. If it can"t find one, it says to itself, "I will go back to my house. So it goes back and finds the house empty, clean, and all tidy. Then it goes out and brings along seven other spirits even worse than itself, and they come and live there. So when it is all over, that person is in a worse state than he was at the beginning. This is what will happen to the evil people of this day".

<u>Heb 6: 4-6</u>. As far those people who were once brought into the light and tasted the gift from heaven, and received a share of the Holy spirit, and appreciated the good message of God and the powers of the world to come and yet in spite of this have

fallen away <u>it is impossible for them to be renewed a second</u> <u>time. They cannot be repentant</u>. If they have willfully crucified the son of God and openly mocked him.

In the Catholic Translation (Urdu) they have not used the word like "Impossible" it is written they should renew themselves. See what the commentary on the Bible is saying about this issue.



The danger of not moving on to maturity is that of sliding into apostasy (Abandonment of one religion). Here are some of the sharpest and most solemn words of the letter, indeed of scripture as a whole. The denial of the possibility of a second repentance <u>has troubled many</u> <u>readers</u>, causing some to refuse the right of lapsed believers to be reinstated in the Church and leading others to question the apostolic authorship of the letter. It is not clear whether the reason a second

repentance is deemed impossible is theological, i.e, the will of God or psychological, i.e, the hardening of the human heart. The distinction is indeed one which would not occure to the author but one which for modern readers in inevitable. (Taken from "The Interpreter"s one – volume Commentary on the Bible". Seventy Scholars, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish – have contributed fresh, new interpretations of the

## **The Process of Regeneration**





**Reinstated Christian (Stage-4)** 

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It is not impossible to bring such individual back to the track it is very much possible. Jam 5: 19-20 "My brother, if one of you wanders away from the truth and another one brings him back again, remember this, whoever turns a sinner back from his wrong will save that sinner"s soul from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins". Prov 24: 16 "No matter how often an honest man falls, he always gets up again".

<u>Rev 2: 3-5</u>. "You are patient, you have suffered for my sake any you have not given up. But this is what I have against you. You did not love me now as you did at first. <u>Think how far you</u> have fallen! Turn from your sins and do what you did at first".



<u>Comparison Between Function of Different Spirits (Holy or</u> <u>Evil) and Various Video Films</u> The picture on the screen depends upon the film/CD present in the VCR/CD Player. Similarly the behavior of an individual depends upon the spirit (Holy or Evil) in him.

<u>Similarity Between The Holy Spirit and Natural Gas</u> The stove is useless without Gas, similarly human body is spiritually dead without the presence of the Holy spirit. The purpose of the regulator is to reduce the High Pressure of the Cylinder and to provide required Low Pressure to the Stove. Similarly Christ plays the mediator role between the God and Man. <u>1 Tim 2:5</u>. For there is one God and one mediator between God and man the man Christ Jesus.





#### Analogy Between The Holy Spirit and Satellite Receiver

We can watch programme from distant transmission station by acquiring digital receiver. Similarly we can have relation with almighty God or we can understand spiritual/heavenly things by acquiring the Holy Spirit.

## **The Church**

To understand the function of the Church it is better to take the example of this scientific age. Like electricity which is generated by Hydro, Thermal or Nuclear power stations normally in few hundred megawatts. Then transmitted to various parts of the country through high tension cables in a few thousand volts. A transformer is used to reduce the power in to few hundred volts (Like 220 volts in Pakistan) before supplying for the domestic purpose.

As you all know that our whole life is depending on the electricity. All the electrical appliances like, Refrigerator, Air Conditioner, Television, VCR, Tube Light, Fan, Vacuum cleaner, Oven, Geyser, Heater, Hair dryer and Shaver performs divergent functions using the same electricity. When electricity passes into the heater it warms the room in the chilling nights of the winter and when the same electricity provided to Air Conditioner it cools the room against the scorching heat of the summer. As Dam is the main source of power (Elec) similarly God is the main source of spiritual power. As transformers plays a mediator role between a house and a high tension wires similarly Christ plays a mediator role between God and man <u>1</u> Tim 2:5 "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus".

Like electricity, when Holy spirit enters in various people it performs different functions in each individual according to the requirement of the Kingdom of God.



<u>1 Cor 7:7</u> "Actually I would prefer that all you were as I am; but each one has a special gift from God, one person this gift, another one that gift".

<u>1 Cor 12:7-11</u> "The spirit"s presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. The spirit gives one person a message full of wisdom while to another person the same spirit gives a message full of knowledge. One and the same spirit gives one person the power to work miracles; to another, the gift of speaking God"s message; and to yet another, the ability to tell the different between gifts that come from the spirit and those that do not. To one person he gives to ability to explain what is said. But it is one and the same spirit who does all this; as he wishes, he gives a different gift to each person".

<u>Rom 12:6-8</u> "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to us. If a man"s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve if it is teaching, let him teach, if it is encouraging, let him encourage, if it is contributing to the needs of other, let him give generously, if it is leadership, let him govern diligently, if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully".

<u>1 Pet 4:10</u> "Each one, as a good manager of God"s different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God. Whoever preaches must preach God"s messages; whoever serves must serve with the strength that God gives him".



The Holy Spirit and the Church

## **Essentials of Spiritual Growth**

<u>Devotion, fellowship and Prayer</u> They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship to the breaking of bread and to Prayer (Ac 2:42)

<u>Purity</u>, <u>Public Reading and Preaching</u> Don"t let any one look down on you because you are young, but set and example for the believers in speech in life in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come devote yourself to the public reading of scripture, to preaching and to teaching (1 Ti 4:12-13). Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it (Rev 1:3)

<u>Meditation</u> Do not let this book of the law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (Jos 1:8).

<u>Spiritual Warfare</u> The devil will try his best to stop our spiritual progress but we have to stand firm against his planning and all types of his traps/temptations. Finally be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full Armour of God so that you can take, your stand against the devil"s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground and after you have done every thing to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breast plate of righteousness in place and with your reet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all their take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God. And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Eph 6:10-18).

Be self controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast (1 Peter 5:8-10)

<u>Spiritual Standard to be achieved</u> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly father is perfect (Mt 5:48) for it is written "Be holy, because I am holy (1 Pe 1:16)

### **Purpose of Life**

The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire (Mt 3:10). This is to my father"s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples (Jn 15:8).

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever (Da 12:3).

#### Struggle to bring sinners on the Right Path is Compulsory

When I say to a wicked man, you will surely die, and you do not warm him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you



do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die from his sin, but you will have saved yourself (Eze 3:18-19).

<u>How we can bring Others to Christ</u> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God fearing Greeks as well as in the market place day by day with those who happened to be there (Ac 17:17) Every Sabbath be reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks (Ac 18:4). So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God (Ac 18:11).

They arranged to meet on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. From

morning till evening he explained and declared to them the kingdom of God and tried to convince them about Jesus from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets (Ac 28:23)

On the first day of the week we came together to break. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight (Ac 20:7).

Keeping an eye on Your Spiritual Offspring Some time late Paul said to Barnabas "Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing (Ac 15:36). We can also make use of letters, telephone and internet to have communication with them.

### Record

Name				
Address				
Tel No/E Mail	Photograph			
Education				
Profession				
Date of repentance as	nd water Bapt	ism		
Spiritual Performanc	e			
	Preached	Repente	ed and Baptised	
(With Lead Pencil)	100		40	

Everybody should write one letter per month to his spiritual father or mother so that his record can be updated.



Then everybody is not going to repent and will be Baptized. Out of all those who have repented and Baptized, very few will stand firm and will become righteous.

<u>Struggle of Life</u> Now we have to make sure that those who are walking with Christ (Righteous) should not fall down and those who has not repented up till now they should repent and those who has repented in the past but not progressing, we should, try our level best that they should also progress in the spiritual field.

<u>Promise of Blessing for Obedience</u> If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD you God will set you high above all the nations on earth. The LORD will open the heavens, the store house of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands, the LORD will make you the head not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD you God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top never at the bottom (Dt 28:1, 12-13)

<u>Promise of curses for disobedience</u> The LORD will send on you curse, confusion and rebuke in everything, you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him. The LORD will afflict you with madness, blindness and confusion of mind. At midday you will grope about like a blind man in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed and robbed, with no one to rescue you. You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life (Dt 28:20-28, 29, 66).

#### **False Teachings**

(The effective weapon of the Devil)

Era of the Old Testament Is 3:12 "My people, your leaders are misleading you so that you do not know which way to turn".

<u>Is 50:10</u> "The Lord says "All the leaders, who are supposed to warn my people are blind".

The Lord Judgest Israel"s Evil Leaders Is 56:10-11

Israel"s prophets are blind.

They don't know the LORD.

All of them are like watch dogs that can't even bark.

They just lie around and dream.

They love to sleep.

They are like dogs that love to eat.

They never get enough.

They are like shepherds who don"t have any understanding.

All of them do as they please.

They only look for what they can get for themselves.

Is 59:3-11 Your lips have spleen lies,



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and your tongue mutters wicked things.

No one call for justice;

No one pleads his case with integrity

They rely on empty arguments and speak lies;

They conceive trouble and give birth to evil.

They notch the eggs of vipers and spin a spiders web.

Whoever eats their eggs will die and when one is broken, an adder is hatched.

Their cobwebs are useless for clothing; they cannot cover themselves with what they make.

Their deeds are evil deeds, and acts of violence are in their hands.

Their feet rust into sin; they are swift to shed innocent blood.

Their thoughts are evil thoughts; ruin and destruction mark their ways.

The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths.

They have turn them into crooked roads;

No one who walks in them will know peace.

So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us.

We look for light, but we walk in deep shadow.

Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like men without eyes.

At midday we stumble as if it were twilight;

Among the strong, we are like the dead.

We all growl like bears; we moan mournfully like doves.

We look for justice, but find none; for deliverance, but it is far away.

Era of the Jesus Christ Mt 15:14 "They are blind leader of the blind and when one blind man leads another, both fall in to a ditch".

<u>Mk, 7:8</u> "You put aside God"s command and obey the teachings of men".



History of the early Chruches

(Introduction of letters from the Good News Bible)

<u>Paul''s letter to the Church at Corinth.</u> (A great cosmopolitan Greek City). In the final chapter Paul defends his Apostleship against a few people at Cornith who had set themselves up as true apostles, while accusing Paul of being a false one.

<u>Paul''s letter to the Church at Galati</u>a. (A Roman Province in Asia Minor). This letter was written in order to bring back to true faith and practice, those people who were being misled by false teaching.

<u>Paul's letter to the Chruch at Philippi</u>. (Established on European soil, in the Roman Province of Macedonia). It was written while the Apostle was in Prison and at a time when he was troubled by the opposition of order Christian workers towards himself and was distressed by <u>false teachings</u> in the Church at Philippi.

Paul"s letter to the Church at Colossae. (A Town in Asia Minor). Paul had learnt that there were false teachers in the Church at Colossae who insisted that in order to know God and have full salvation one must worship certain spiritual rulers and authorities. In addition, these teachers said, one must submit to special rites and must observe strict rules about other matters, Paul writes to oppose these teachers with the true Christian Message the heart of his reply is that Jesus Christ is able to give full salvation and that these other beliefs and practices actually lead away from him.

<u>Paul</u>"s letter to Timothy. (A young Christian from Asia Minor, was the son of a Jewish Mother and a Greek Father). The letter is first of all a warning against <u>false teaching</u> in the Church. This teaching was based on the belief that the physical world is evil and that one can attain Salvation only by special practices such as a avoiding certain foods and <u>not marrying</u>.

<u>Peter"s letter to early Christians</u>. (Who were scattered through out the northern part of Asia Minor). Its main concern is to Combat the work of <u>false teachers</u> and the immorality which results from such teaching. The answer to these problems is found in holding to the true knowledge of God and of the lord Jesus Christ.

<u>The First letter of John</u>. This letter has two main purposes firstly to encourage its readers to live in fellowship with God and with his son Jesus Christ and secondly to warn them

against following <u>false teaching</u> that would destroy this fellowship.

<u>The Second letter of John</u>. The brief message is an appeal to love one another and a warning against <u>false teachers and their teachings</u>.

<u>The letter of Jude</u>. The letter was written to warn against <u>false</u> teachers who claimed to be believers.

<u>The leading Churches of the present Era Group-</u> <u>1</u> They are giving water Baptism to the infants by reading a paragraph from the Bible Which is without the word of water and Baptism. <u>Mk</u> <u>10:14-16</u>. "He said to them, "Let the little Children come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it". And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them".



<u>Group-2</u> They claim that you can"t get Holy spirit without tongues. Act 2:4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance". I think they have forgotten that the Jesus Christ never spoke in tongues. <u>1 Cor 14:19</u>. "But in the Church I (Paul) would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue". If in <u>Ac 2:4</u> the Holy spirit was given with tongues the same Holy spirit

was also given in Ac 4:31 without tongues and in different form. After they prayed the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God Boldly. On the day of Pentecost, when they were speaking in tongues every body was understanding although they were from different countries but now a days people from the same street speaks in tongues but we can"t understand. Ac 2:6-11 When they heard this sound a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed they asked "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phyrgia and Pamphylia, Egypt and part of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues

If you will observe a person speaking in tongues for few years you will be amazed to find it that he is repeating the same words on every Sunday which is quiet illogical and irrational. In some churches when someone is asked to pray then instead of listening to his or her prayer every body starts praying in tongues. They do not follow the instructions given by Paul in <u>1-Cor 14:13,27,28,33</u> for this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. If anyone speaks in a tongue, or at the most three should speak one at a time and someone must interpret. If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church. For God is not a God of disorder but of peace.

<u>Group-3.</u> They are teaching that blood transfusion is a sin. They will die but will not accept blood transfusion. They gives reference from Ac 15:29 you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from "BLOOD" from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things.





Why our people are dead because our pulpit is dead. Dead people are giving dead sermons to the dead people (taken from Watch Tower, 25 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York 11202-2483 USA)

## Deep Observation of Khalil Gibran

(Taken from his book Spirits Rebellious)

<u>The Cry of the Graves</u> His poor widow erected a cross upon his head as a witness in the silence of the night before the stars of heaven to testify against those priests who converted the kind teaching of Christ into sharp swords by which they cut the people"s necks and tore the bodies of the weak.

<u>Khalil the Heretic.</u> The clergyman erects his temple upon the graves and bones of the devoted worshippers. The prince grasps the fellah"s (Agriculturist) arms while the priest empties his pocket; the ruler looks upon the sons of the fields with frowning face, and the bishop consoles them with his smile, and <u>between the frown of the tiger and the smile of the wolf the flock is perished</u>; the ruler claims himself as king of the law, and the priest as the representative of God, and between these two, the bodies are destroyed and the souls wither into nothing.

"With the sweat of thy brow, thou shall eat thy bread. But Sheikh Abbas is eating his bread baked in the years of your lives and drinking his wine missed with your tears. Jesus said, Gratis you have taken and gratis you shall give.... Do not posses gold, not silver, neither copper. Then what teaching allow the clergymen to sell their prayers for pieces of gold and silver? In the silence of the night you pray saying, Give us today our daily bread. God has given you this land from which to draw your daily bread, but what authority has he given the monks to take his land and this bread away from you?

You curse Judas because he sold his Master for a few piece of silver, but you bless those who sell Him every day. Judas repented and hanged himself for his wrongdoing, but these priests walk proudly, dress with beautiful robes, resplendent with shining crosses hanging over their chests. You teach your children to love Christ and at the same time you instruct them to obey those who oppose His teachings and violate His law.

Your souls are in the grip of the priests, and your bodies are in the closing jaws of the rulers. What thing in life can you point at and say "this is mine!" My fellowmen, do you know the priest you fear? He is a traitor who uses the Gospel as a threat to ransom your money ... a hypocrite wearing a cross and using it as a sword to cut your veins... A wolf disguised in lambskin... a glutton who respects the tables more than the altars... a gold hungry creature who follows the Denar to the farthest land.. a cheat pilfering from widows and orphans. He is a queer being, with an eagle"s beak, a tiger"s clutches, a hyena"s teeth and a viper"s clothes. Take the Book away romfhim and tear his raiment off and pluck his beard and do whatever you wish unto him; then place in his hand one Denar, and he will forgive you smilingly.

When he talks he lifts his head towards heaven, but at the same time, <u>his thoughts are crawling like snakes through</u>

<u>your pockets</u>. He asks you for charity when he has plenty to give; if you grant his request, he will bless you publicly, and if you refuse him, he will curse you secretly. In the temple he asks you to help the needy, and about his house the needy are begging for bread, but he cannot see or hear. He sells his prayers, and he who does not buy is an infidel, excommunicated from Paradise. This is the creature of whom you are afraid. This is the monk who sucks your blood. This is the priest who makes the sign of the Cross with the right hand, and clutches your throat with the left hand.

This is the pastor whom you appoint as your servant, but he appoints himself as your master. This is the shadow that embraces your souls from birth until death. This is the man who came to judge me tonight because my spirit revolted against the enemies of Jesus the Nazarene. Who loved all and called us brothers, and Who died on the Cross for us."

## **Healers**

Now a days so many people claim that they have the healing power. They organized healing crusades in the stadiums, community centres and arenas, with lot of publicity, whereas mostly they end up with emotional healing and people feels that they are healed from their Joint pains and other doubtful sicknesses. Such type of healers should show their healing powers in the hospitals not in the churches or stadiums. Any person who claims that he has the healing power, should be taken to any cancer hospital and the patient should be examined before and after his prayer, if the patent is healed he should be allowed to organize the healing crusades, if not he should be put behind bars far at least ten years with heavy fines for deceiving and misleading the general public and above all giving bad name to Christianity.

Instead of establishing a huge hospital with lot of staff like Doctors, Nurses, laboratory technicians and other administrative staff one should hire a healer and he should be made to sit at the Gate of the hospital to heal all types of patients. Mostly the healers do not have the healing power but they claim and try to make fool of a common man.

<u>Mt 7:22-23</u> Many will say to me on that day Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!

<u>Lk 11:52</u> Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering.

<u>Mk 13:22-23</u> For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and miracles to deceive the elect ... if that were possible. So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

May God open our mind to understand the depth and Vastness of His Word! So that we can protect ourselves from false teachings.





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