



That They May Be One (John 17:11)



Introduction

Over the past forty years, a great working together between churches has not only started but is actually in full progress. Several denominations are even swapping preachers. Sure, there are those that oppose such working together and maybe those that do work together even look at those opposers as being an outcast of sorts. Now there is even a movement towards forming a global religion. Despite a popular Christian leader organizing a form of global Christianity, there are those that oppose this, stating that it is preparing for the Antichrist.

Are We Not To Be One?

Jesus prayed, "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we [are]" (John 17:11). So evidently Jesus wants us to be one, and when Jesus prays it, who would deny such a prayer? No one. We therefore should expect this prayer to be answered before the second coming.

But How Can It Be Done?

In what people call Christianity today, we have so many different denominations and voices. And then when people attend a denominational service, there are so many acceptable and yet contradictory beliefs in that denomination. In one church alone, there are those that believe staunchly in the pre-tribulation rapture while others have been converted over to a mid-tribulation rapture. Then we add in the group that is very pronounced on a post-tribulation rapture.

So one answer to it is to be non-denominational and simply join in worshipping God. In the literal sense, all one should do in such a church is sing and go home because any type of preaching would

make it denominational. As we know, preaching does occur in non-denominational churches but it appears that the members have more of an opportunity to believe what they want as long as they do not wrestle against conviction.

In all of this, there are only a handful of things people agree upon and they let all of the rest be whatever they want to believe. There is said to be a core set of beliefs but the rest is said to be of non-salvation, so believe what you want.

Is this the oneness that the Son and the Father shared?

What Does It Mean To Be One?

"If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us" (John 14:7-8).

Now Jesus just declared that because He had spent the time with the disciples, they knew the Father, yet Phillip asks that very memorable question. Now take note of Jesus' response.

"Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I [am] in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake" (John 14:9-11).

Jesus was so connected with the Father that every aspect of the Father was expressed in Jesus. It was even declared that *"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by [his] Son, whom he*

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hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Hebrews 1:1-3).

One definition of “express” is the word “exact”. Jesus was the exact image of the Father. One could say that every decision the Father would make, Jesus knew to make.

Jesus did not have what He “thought” was right and moral, which may or may not agree with the Father’s position. They were in total agreement. This is how it can be declared that *“they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes” (Mark 1:22). “Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me” (John 7:16).*

Yet today many teach that everyone’s beliefs are equally substantiated by the Bible or are at least acceptable to God. How can this be? Especially when some doctrines contradict each other? Both sprinkling and baptism by emersion seem to be popular. Does that make them both right? Some call baptism by sprinkling a symbol of the act of baptism, while others call the symbol of baptism practice exactly as portrayed in the Bible and even by dictionary definition to be more full through emersion of the whole body.

Some believe a priest or minister is required to confess sins to. Others believe in one mediator between God and man, Christ Jesus. Which is it?

Oh, of course the ones that hold unpopular positions must be wrong just because it is unpopular – right? Hardly a church accepts baptism by proxy for the dead. In fact, there may be only one. Does that make them wrong? Or does it make them right?

And how about the day that is referred to as the Sabbath? Many Christians have honestly accepted the first day of the week, since Jesus rose on that day, called Sunday, as the Sabbath. Of course first day and Sunday are actually two different cycles of time. One is from sunset to sunset while the name of the day, Sunday, is from midnight to midnight. In any case, there are still other sincere Christians who hold to the belief that Sabbath is specifically applied to

only sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, and is the seventh day of the week as was established at creation and they treat Sunday as a workday.

Since the latter group is in the minority, does that make them wrong? Does that make them right? Or are both acceptable? If we say a day is a day, then what of those on the side of Sunday being the Sabbath and so religiously keep it as a day of rest? So now we have three groups. Those who practice the Bible declared seventh day of the week, those that accept any day but mostly practice Sunday, and the staunch Sunday keepers. Oh, and then there is the minority that practice sunset Saturday night to sunset Sunday night.

Do we see the confusion? It does not appear that we are one in doctrine. But as long as we accept Jesus as our Savior, it does not matter. Or does it?

Does not the practice of these other doctrines reveal who is the one we worship? If we practice only that which is defined, not just by a verse or two, but defined in the Bible, does that not show our worship of Jesus? And if we practice what man has created because it looks good or is a matter of convenience, are we not worshipping man instead? *“But in vain they do worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men” (Matthew 15:9).*

One of those days is God ordained. The rest are a commandment of men. One of those baptisms is ordained by God. The rest are commandments of men. There is a command of God regarding tithe. All others are a command of man. And so on.

Is Doctrine All That Important?

We are warned to *“take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee” (1 Timothy 4:16).* And, *“if there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into [your] house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds” (2 John 1:10-11).* *“Who-soever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son” (2 John 1:9).*

Yet, when two sincere Christians cross paths and disagree, in many cases they agree not to discuss the difference. Is that what Jesus and the Father did to stay as one?

Further, if one tries to share their doctrine, how many Christians close the door? Have we become worshippers of human structures called the church or denomination? Have we become worshippers of ministers and church leaders? Do we make up the rules?

Where Do We Find God's Doctrine?

"All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Yet again, the vast majority of denominations and especially Christians at large have discredited the Bible as being factual. They ignore that *"the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost"* (2 Peter 1:21).

The root of the problem is that people do not want to change. If one has been doing something wrong for their entire life, it is hard to change that. It is even harder when one's parents and grandparents had been doing the same erroneous thing all their lives. And there are denominations that are rooted in just one belief being in error but yet practiced for hundreds and hundreds of years. Does that make it right to continue in error?

Keep in mind that *"the times of this ignorance God winked at."* (Acts 17:30a). *"[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"* (Romans 8:1). *"But now commandeth all men every where to repent"* (Acts 17:30b). So if you are sincere in the belief of a doctrine but are in ignorance of the truth, it is not a condemnation upon you, however, *"if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins"* (Hebrews 10:26), so change or repent of the old way.

This is why people refuse to know any more than their parents because they believe they are responsible for only what they know, which is true, but staying in ignorance on purpose is equally a sin *"for every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are*

wrought in God" (John 3:20-21).

Ever get the feeling that what one is doing is wrong, but since one does not officially know it is wrong, it is ok to continue? That is what Jesus condemned.

Is Just A Handful Of Doctrines Satisfying To God?

If we looked at the popular doctrines in today's churches, they would be very limited in what Jesus taught.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life" (John 6:47).

That is the only doctrine most denominations can accept together. Believe in Jesus and be saved. Then they count everything else as a personal relationship and the churches go their separate ways.

Yet Jesus taught very specific details of that so-called personal relationship. He taught that *"ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"* (John 8:32). That is not just regarding one doctrine. That is the truth about everything.

Recently reported in India, marrying a boy off to an animal to fight off an evil spirit is an example of needing the truth for that is paganism and is in error. The truth would set that family free.

Specifically, *"I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire"* (Matthew 5:22). People can be set free from harming one another. But how many churches today teach that one can either lose salvation or not have had salvation to begin with if they are still flying off the handle on non-heavenly matters? Anger is permitted when God is blasphemed. But it is not permitted over earthly disputes. But who cares if you already are saved, right? Wrong.

This is just one sample of how Jesus was specific in His doctrine and in full agreement with His Father. Can this be said of us?

Does Unity Mean We Ignore Differences?

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowli-

THINK ON THESE THINGS

(Philippians 4:8)

Prophecy Again

Revelation 10:11 *And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.*

Some or even many Christians are offended about Bible prophecy. Though it is a sad thing to hear, even from ministers, it becomes more of a concern when we understand how important it is to see everything in the light of prophecy.

If we were to believe that the Bible were not to be taken as a form of prophecy, then one option of existence is to conclude that life is just going to continue as is forever. Not only is that a lie, but that also causes people to not be ready, for clearly prophecy describes that a special preparation is to be made for the last days. So to not want to know about Bible prophecy or to refuse to see life in the light of prophecy is to ignore the special calling to be ready.

Another option is to believe that life will continue as is until Jesus shows up and seeing that He is not here yet, just be the best Christian you can and leave the rest to God. Again, this is very dangerous because that special calling is being ignored.

In both cases we would be repeating the events of the first coming where most of them missed it. Unfortunately the second coming does not allow a preparation for a third coming. If you miss it, it is over.

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If we are truly one in the Spirit of God, then we ought to be able without offense yield to the truth of the doctrines as revealed, even revealed by someone else, by the Word of God, which is *"the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"* (Ephesians 6:17).

What Did Jesus Pray?

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, [art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me" (John 17:17-23).

First off, the truth makes us holy people, which is exactly what we are called to be. *"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (1 Peter 1:15).*

Now notice that we have been sent of Jesus into the world as He was sent. First, He sanctified himself. He knew the truth as we also can learn the truth. Too many times we go into the world and the world loves us because we act and look just like the world. Remember, *"ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you"* (John 15:19).

On this very statement of going sanctified into the world, there is already great disagreement. We have on one side that only simple, religious, but not rock music shall be listened to and on the other is that it

does not matter what you listen to, but be careful of the really satanic stuff. And how about the movies? From one side is that all such theatrics is of the devil, while the others state that we ought to stay away from the very satanic stuff, which is in the eye of the beholder.

So now you have a bunch of mixed up Christians from one extreme to the other in just these two areas alone trying to represent God's kingdom. If that were the case, how could it be said of Peter and John, *"When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus"* (Acts 4:13). Should we not act as citizens of heaven? And should we not be satisfied by heavenly things only?

Just remember, *"John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey"* (Matthew 3:4). This was a rebuke by John the Baptist of their dress and dietary stance. The people of the day dressed worldly and were gluttons.

Here are two more issues that many denominations disagree on and yet we send our people to show forth God's kingdom. Does God's kingdom consist of bikini's? Carousing?

Do We See?

Are we seeing that detailed doctrines are necessary to study out and become one on? Is it not time to set aside the concentration of justification only messages and become more balance with sanctification messages?

How can Christians help people into the kingdom of God when there is no difference between a believer and a non-believer? They both use the same foul words, lose their temper just as frequently, are concerned about wealth in this world more than their investment towards heaven, dress the same immodest ways, listen to the same music, watch the same filth, say the same condemning things about the Bible and disbelieve in creation as recorded in the Bible, put the same poisonous products in and on the body, color and pierce the body in as many places as the other person, equally or even condemn more of any striving for perfection, and look down at any extra time outside of church as being too holy of a person.

What is the difference? One goes to the church and is saved and the other does not and is lost?

No wonder no one wants to sign up. It is time we get back to the unification of the doctrines and perform our God given purpose for church. Those who do sign up most times are looking for a social club.

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of

God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, [even] Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love” (Ephesians 4:11-16).

FOR MY THOUGHTS [ARE] NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER [ARE] YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAITH THE LORD.

(Isaiah 55:8)



Proverbs 26:4 and 26:5 seem to contradict each other. Which way is the fool to be dealt with?

Proverbs 26:4 *“Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.”*

Proverbs 26:5 *“Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.”*

Unfortunately with a fool there is no right way to handle them. There are people who just love to argue. They will take a side and if you defend the opposite, during the conversation, it is not uncommon that they switch sides but start to argue against you from the other perspective.

As it goes, if you take up the argument with a person that is not lead by the spirit, you will appear foolish because the conversation will break down into trivial matters. You may even find yourself



Prayer Is Very Important

“Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord” (James 5:14).

When all appears hopeless, people feel that the last ditch effort is to pray.

But usually that prayer is for a very sick person or for one that is dying. But what

wondering how you ended up arguing certain points, which were far off the original issue.

At the same time, if you simply ignore a fool, then they will think themselves superior or victorious because there is no argument against them, but all the while you may be trying to practice the first principle.

So choose. Take up the argument and look like a fool or ignore the fool and let them think of themselves as wise.

It depends upon the situation. In a one on one situation or in a group of their fellow fools it is best not to waste the Lord’s time. Only those who are open-minded should receive God’s time. But when in a mixed crowd and the fool states something that needs rebuked, do so at the risk of looking foolish. Those in the crowd that are open-minded will receive the light.

of the living?

It seems that earnest prayer has a positive affect on one’s attitude. It creates a positive outlook. Such extends people’s lives.

Do not discount the power of prayer. As one eats three meals a day, be like Daniel and also pray three times a day (Daniel 6:10).

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Be A Man (or woman) Of God (2 Kings 1:10)

1. What are we called to do against the devil? **James 4:7**
2. What action are we to take against him? **Ephesians 6:11**
3. 3. What is one thing that the devil tries to use against people? **Revelation 2:10**
4. What is the devil trying to make us commit? **1 John 3:8**
5. What must we be to fight him? **1 Peter 5:8**
6. But what is the foremost action that must be taken if we are to win? **James 4:7**
7. When accused of not being workable when you refuse to compromise, what principle would you be practicing? **Ephesians 4:27**
8. In whose strength are we to resist the devil? **Zechariah 3:2**

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY: *Nailed To The Cross?*

1. What was nailed to the cross?
Colossians 2:14 "*Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.*"
2. How were they originally received?
Colossians 2:14 "*Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.*"
3. What do they tell the people to keep?
Exodus 12:14 "*And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.*"
Ordinances are guidelines in how to keep feasts. Ordinances have nothing to do with the Ten Commandments.
4. What specifically was one that was kept?
Exodus 12:43 "*And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This [is] the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof.*"
5. What object contained these writings?
Deuteronomy 28:58 "*If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD.*" The Ten Commandments were not originally recorded in a book but written on stone.
6. What was the purpose of this writings that was nailed to the cross?
Colossians 2:17 "*Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ.*" They served a temporary purpose pointing to a specific event – Christ.
7. What pointed to Jesus' death? **1 Corinthians 5:7** "*Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.*"

- 8. What animal was associated with Passover? **Exodus 12:21** *"Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover."*
- 9. What did John the Baptist call Jesus? **John 1:36** *"And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!"*
- 10. What are we not to judge if people keep or do not keep these writings? **Colossians 2:16** *"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath*

[days]."

- 11. What is assumed in Colossians to have been nailed but yet was explicitly stated to be performed in the Old Testament? **2 Chronicles 31:3** *"[He appointed] also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, [to wit], for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as [it is] written in the law of the LORD."*
- 12. What are we still to keep? **1 John 5:3** *"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."*

WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?

(Isaiah 53:1)

► **Mail Online, February 9, 2009 - Pupil reduced to tears after teacher tells her...**



Aisher Smyth might have expected a firm ticking-off for adjusting her school skirt to make it shorter. Mrs Green is then said to have made the 'slut' comment before adding that the short skirt was 'not doing much for your cellulite'. Last night, Aisher's mother Amanda, 36, said: 'I couldn't believe that a teacher would use such foul and disgusting language to a pupil.

COMMENT: *"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression"* (Isaiah 58:1). Although the cellulite comment was a bit much, the use of the word slut was not. Mom needs to cease the victim role and realize that daughter more than likely has heard it before and it is through such stark statements does a child learn what sin really is. Mrs. Green could have also been careful and called the child over for a private moment assuming the circumstances allowed it. On the other hand, *"Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear"* (1 Timothy 5:20). We live in too much of a sensitive environment. To have used nicer words would simply be a thing the child would see as just school rules. The terms used by Mrs. Green conveys deep concern about the young girls future life. Girls that dress like that tend to be sluts. Period. Although the word "slut" does not appear in the Bible, God did make frequent use of "whore" and "harlot". These terms were used towards His beloved Israel.

► **The Christian Post, February 7, 2009 -**

Church Ignoring Jesus' Teaching on Money, Says Charity Head

The head of a national money education charity based in London (Keith Tondeur) spoke of the challenge facing the Church to preach on what the Bible has to say about money, debt and possessions. He chided the Church for failing to present the world with a Christ-inspired alternative to debt and borrowing. "We are irrelevant to virtually everybody in this country because we do not show a radical alternative where we live out Jesus' unconditional love and we are Jesus and we are God's hands on earth and God's wallets on earth to every single person Jesus puts in our path. But we are no different; we handle money in the same way," he said.

COMMENT: *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."* (Romans 12:2). Keith on this subject is right on. Too many Christians are still caught up in wanting the things of this world and go debt for it. And we're not talking necessities. Giant screen TV's, new vehicles every couple years, exotic vacations, all kinds of gadgets, bigger home than they need, etc. All this should not even be mentioned among true Christians.

► **Herald Net, February 7, 2009 - Racy espresso stand upsets preschool's parents**

An espresso stand featuring semi-nude baristas that opened next to a preschool and across the street from an elementary school is raising hackles. Still, he said he isn't inter-

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ested in abandoning the sexy marketing gimmick that has allowed him to add locations in the same rotten economy that is forcing Starbucks to shutter stores and lay off thousands of employees.

COMMENT: As usual, when life appears to be miserable, they look for an out. The most popular is that of a sexual nature. God did warn of a time that the world would be like Sodom and Gomorrah, sex driven. *"Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire"* (Jude 1:7).

► **World Net Daily, February 7, 2009 - Ark hunter: Christianity packed with paganism**

A Tennessee historian and author best known for his searches for the Ark of the Covenant – the box containing the Ten Commandments – is now challenging much of modern Christianity, claiming the traditional version of the faith has more in common with ancient paganism than actual biblical content. "First century believers would have

never accepted [today's practices]," the 56-year-old ark hunter told WND. "We must earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." "Modern Christianity tells people about Jesus and what He has done for us," he explained. "Modern Christianity does a good job in presenting 'justification.' It does a pitiful job in presenting 'sanctification.'

COMMENT: *"As we said before, so say I now again, If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed"* (Galatians 1:9). Upon this general view that today's Christianity is nothing like the first century and we ought to be like times of old for God does not change, people do, we whole heartedly agree.

► **Times Online, February 1, 2009 - Two children should be limit, says green guru**

Jonathon Porritt, who chairs the government's Sustainable Development Commission, says curbing population growth through contraception and abortion must be at the heart of policies to fight global warming. He says political leaders and green campaigners should stop

dodging the issue of environmental harm caused by an expanding population.

Human Events, January 27, 2009 - Pelosi's Abortion Stimulus Package

Pelosi justified the inclusion of expanded federal funding for abortions as part of an economic stimulus plan on the grounds that reducing the number of children being born would help stimulate the economy.

COMMENT: *"And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth"* (Genesis 1:22). There is no warning of overpopulation from God. In fact, making man made gods (global warming, economy) and sacrificing children to the cause is condemned. *"Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. [Is this] of thy whoredoms a small matter, That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through [the fire] for them?"* (Ezekiel 16:20-21).