



## These Things Speak (Titus 2:15)



### Introduction

Our focus this month is upon Titus 2:11-15. *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."*

### For The Grace Of God

Sometimes we forget the source of Grace. We are very much concerned about offending people and yet forget about God who is providing grace. We are even careful not to offend a non-Christian. Yet God says, *"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all"* (James 2:10). And God also says, *"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me"* (Matthew 10:37).

Seeing that we should not love our parents more than God, how much more should we love God than our boss' desire, our friend's desires? *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness"* (Matthew 6:33).

Grace does not make allowance for the purposeful breaking of the law, *"but the doers of the law shall be justified"* (Romans 2:13).

### That Bringeth Salvation

Mark 16:16 says, *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believ-*

*eth not shall be damned."* Acts 16:31 says, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."* Romans 10:9 says, *"if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."*

These verses appear to point to a single moment in time of being saved. Many Christians claim eternal salvation despite whatever their future life on earth may be. Yet the Bible is also clear in several places that, *"he that endureth to the end shall be saved"* (Matthew 10:22).

Seeing that these verses cannot contradict for that would make the Bible null and void, the only explanation is that the latter understanding is true and it is a misapplication of the prior verses.

Paul wrote, *"I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily"* (1 Corinthians 15:31). It is a daily believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. But belief is not the only requirement. So is baptism. But after baptism, one must continue to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. And if one endures that belief despite the hardships until the end, then they shall be saved. We must be *"persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:38-39). To be separated from the Love of God is not God stopping His love towards us, but us choosing to not love Him.

I also protest any who declare "I am saved" or "I was saved..." Unless one dies daily to self and lets Jesus in, no one can say that. We all can have assurance of eternal life today, but the day one chooses to live for self, that assurance is lost.

The world has been given an open book exam —

Are you looking in the Book for the answers — a TSTL?

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### Hath Appeared To All Men

Though Jesus has not appeared physically to all, he has said, *"Even so send I you"* (John 20:21). How are you doing? Do you show not only the kindness of Christ to others but also the discipline? We cannot find anywhere that Jesus partook of sin just to win souls for He was *"without sin"* (Hebrews 4:15).

### Teaching Us That, Denying Ungodliness And Worldly Lusts

How many preachers preach this? It is easy to come down on those that commit murder, prostitution, pornography, illegal drugs, theft, but what of the other worldly lusts and ungodliness?

Romans 1:18 says, *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."* Any permission of sin of any kind is condemned of God. And any preacher that waters down the truth or that attacks truth with unrighteousness is also condemned.

In a real situation, I have witnessed not a few ministers that are willing to allow a couple to live together without being married for financial reasons. Telling the couple that God has no problem with such is just wrong.

I have witnessed ministers talk about other ministers for being too strict with the Bible. They did not have an iota of scripture that said otherwise. They just felt the preaching was just too much for today's Christian to handle.

And how many preachers will preach against looking like and acting like the world? Not many. The goal is to get people to come to church. That means preaching cannot touch certain subjects, which might make the church attendee uncomfortable. Unfortunately preachers are missing the goal. Church attendance is not the goal. Eternal life is.

### We Should Live Soberly, Righteously, And Godly, In This Present World

Now that is preaching. Even in the present world, Christians are to be sober.

Sober is to be in one's right mind. How often do you think someone should be sober? All the time should be the answer. Then how much alcohol should be con-

sumed? Saturday night drunkenness is fine but do not make it a habit, right? How about just until one starts to feel tingly in the head or buzzed? Or, just as long as only a few brain cells are killed off and not a large amount? *"Wine [is] a mocker, strong drink [is] raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise"* (Proverbs 20:1).

And how about gluttony? Does that also affect the mind?

How about other dietary concerns? It is pretty hard to be an example while lying in bed recovering from one surgery or another due to a lack of dietary caution.

How about blindness due to the large consumption of sugar?

And in this world, it is not a matter of living to avoid sin but to live righteously and godly. We should encourage each other in being called goody-two-shoes.

We recently had a preacher e-mail us stating that we should cease pretending we know how to live healthfully. That preacher is an example of a false teacher. If a preacher does not preach about healthful living then they are not teaching their congregation to live soberly, which is a direct action against the Word of God.

### Looking For That Blessed Hope And The Glorious Appearing Of The Great God And Our Saviour Jesus Christ

Another pastor e-mailed us and asked why we spend so much time on expecting Jesus to come soon. This is why. All of the apostles preached it. Most of the church founders dating back even into the 1500's preached it. Sure they are all dead, but to prepare to live the rest of our lives here on earth seems too depressing. Preaching that Jesus could come in our lifetime seems a good reason to get out of bed in the morning.

Peter wrote, *"Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?"* (2 Peter 3:12)

The reason Jesus has not shown up yet is because Christians are not ready. They are too busy being *"lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-*

breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Timothy 3:2-5).

And Peter says, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction" (2 Peter 2:1).

One sad fulfillment of this reference is the number of Christians who truly believe that we all worship the same god. To do so is to deny our Lord that has bought us. We are the only ones that teach of a Savior who died and rose for us. "He hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). To deny Christianity is the only true religion is to accept the teachings of the false prophets and false teachers.

So we believe if Christians were more focused upon the second coming and living like it can happen in their lifetime, we would fulfill 2 Peter 3:12 by hastening the day.

### **Who Gave Himself For Us, That He Might Redeem Us From All Iniquity**

As stated before, Jesus did not die and rise to give us eternal life as we live in sin of any kind. "God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities" (Acts 3:26). So "let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (2 Timothy 2:19). "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin" (1 Peter 4:1). "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life" (Romans 6:22). "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:18).

### **And Purify Unto Himself A Peculiar People**

James 4:8 says, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded." And Jesus says, "Ye cannot serve God and mam-

mon" (Matthew 6:24).

How many Christians are bunkering down during this economic crisis? Guns? Canned food for years! (Do not forget the can opener.) Stuffing their mattress with cash? Spending all their money investing in gold?

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Peter states, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, [see that ye] love one another with a pure heart fervently: being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:22-23).

And John wrote, "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

Are there little things that need to be removed from one's life as well? The things that are "not that bad" but they do not serve the purpose of God? If they are so "little" then it is no big deal to drop them. Are we afraid to offend by stating that we believe certain television programs and movies are just not right? In the 1950's, many denominations preached against the purchase of a television. Today, quite a few Christians invest more into television, big screens, and surround sound than they drop in the collection plate in a given year.

What is the difference between someone in the world and today's average Christian? They both go to the same movies. They both watch the same television programs. They both have the same filthy mouth. They both lose their patience. They both are sneaky. They both gossip. They both drive well over the speed limit. They both drink together. One goes to church and the other watches a sports program. What is the difference?

"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye

## **THINK ON THESE THINGS**

(Philippians 4:8)

### **But Think On Me**

Genesis 40:14 *But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house.*

The chief butler was told that his dream meant a restoration of position as God revealed the interpretation to Joseph. Then Joseph asked for deliverance from prison through him, "Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him" (Genesis 40:23).

How often are we granted responsibility of a spiritual nature and have forgotten what was trusted to us? A fellow member may ask for prayer while going into surgery at a specific time and it may be hours later that we remember we ought to have prayed. We may be asked to meet someone at a certain time only to arrive late because we did not plan well ahead of time.

Whatever the case may be, even if we think it to be a small matter, we are still no better than the chief butler towards Joseph. Let us be "faithful in that which is least" so that we may be "faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10).

## Debt Reduction Progress

Over our 10 year history, \$80,000 accumulated in ministry debt both from short periods of time of not being able to cover all of the expenses and the over 4 year period (Jan. 2004 - May 2007) when we personally could not sustain this ministry.

He had lost his employment due to religious conflict. Without that income we were not able to sustain this ministry and so the debt accumulated.

Now financial blessings are occurring in his employment, but in order to recover financially it requires him to work very long hours. Can you help eliminate this ministry debt faster?

### OVERALL STATS:

**\$80,000** Starting Balance

- **13,400** Readership

- **47,780** O'Donnell's

**\$18,820** Current Balance

### APR. STATS:

**\$21,207** Starting Balance

- **365** Readership

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**\$18,820** Current Balance

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*shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth [is] mine" (Exodus 19:5).*

To be peculiar is a form of standing out and being noticeably different.

### Zealous Of Good Works

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).* The knowledge each Christian has is to shine forth. Yet most Christians believe the minister is the only one to save souls.

How many Christians could hold a Bible study if asked? Yet we are told, *"[be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15).*

As Tabitha was *"full of good works and alms deeds which she did" (Acts 9:36)*, we ought to be as well. How many people make an excuse of not able to help another? Be careful. *"Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me" (Matthew 25:40).*

*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).* This is in opposition towards those that like to bend the rules. Let it not be done among Christians, especially observed by non-Christians.

*"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (1 Timothy 2:9-10).* Modest apparel? Do we mean that see-through blouses are not allowed? Do we mean skirts well above the knee are not allowed? Do we mean, even for men, that chests should be covered up? And with shamefacedness! No makeup? That is not a very popular message. That is because it does not come to mind when told to be zealous of good works. The opposite is adorning oneself. And society does not help. Society says that if women are not sexy, they are abnormal. Women, why subject yourself to this form of prostitution?

*"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).* And now we are in a time where hardly a Christian trusts or even reads and studies God's Word. Good works involves deep, personal Bible study. *"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts. For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little" (Isaiah 28:9-10).*

And just when you may think we are to keep our good works to ourselves, *"Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25).* Exhort is a very strong method of encouragement. It is not treating religion as a private matter. That is what society says. Since when do we listen to society?

And to answer the question, "What are good works for?" To be saved? Not at all. *"Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by [your] good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:12).*

### These Things Speak, And Exhort, And Rebuke With All Authority

Who gives you the authority? God does. And that is to all converted Christians; not just ministers.

### Let No Man Despise Thee

And if any questions your approach, your authority, your actions, as long as you are doing the will of God, especially as outlined here, take the despising of others as insignificant for great is your reward in heaven.

### Conclusion

May we successfully bring salvation to all.

**ART THOU IN HEALTH** (2 Samuel 20:9)



**Wormwood (Part 1)**

*“Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose*

*heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go [and] serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood”* (Deuteronomy 29:18).

Revelation 8:11 brings out the fact that death and bitterness is associated with wormwood. According to the Bible version, *God’s Word Translation*, wormwood is translated to poison.

Roots that grow producing poison that kills the body is condemned of God.

How serious is it? *“The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name*

*from under heaven”* (Deuteronomy 29:20). Continuing to put poisonous plants into the bodies will result in having the name removed from the Book of Life. With the name out of the Book of Life that means no life eternal. Now that is serious.

But what poisonous plants do people place into their bodies? One category is tobacco in any form. No Christian ought to smoke or even chew. Although in the 1800’s it was prescribed as a cure for ailments, today we understand that there is no health benefit to it. In fact, we know on average that people enter into the grave earlier when taking in tobacco products. We also know that it creates debilitating affects upon the body despite even if one is granted the living of a longer life. And sure, there are people like George Burns, who smoked until his death, living over 100 years. Are we going to point to an exception or obey God’s commands?

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

(Isaiah 55:8)



Justified or not justified by the law?

Romans 2:13 *For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.*

Romans 3:28 *Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*

Read quickly, these verses seem to contradict themselves. Are we or are we not to keep the law of God in regards to justification? More than likely we are looking at the Ten Commandments.

Romans 2:13 states that only the doers are justified while Romans 3:28 clearly states that we are not to expect justification from doing the law.

The solution is easily understood when one looks at a modern day parable. Two drivers in vehicles run a speed trap going the same rate. Two tickets are given. Both appeal to the court. They both ask for the tickets to be removed from their respective records in separate trials before the same judge. The first has a history of speeding

violations and has an unrepentant attitude. The second had a clean record and appears very sympathetic and is also known to be a good citizen with an excuse being quite believable but nonetheless is guilty of breaking the law. The judge orders the first person to pay the full fine and receive the maximum points. In the second case, the judge throws out the ticket and the points as well as wiping the slate clean. Now you can imagine that the second person is not going to go out of the court room and continue to break the law. That person will be appreciative of the grace and obey the law.

God is not going to justify a person who has no desire to live in obedience, however, the law does not justify anyone for it is inanimate. It took a judge to wipe the record clean. It takes Jesus to justify a person. But Jesus does not justify willful disobedience. *“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries”* (Heb. 10:26-27).

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## DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—"Thus Saith the Lord..." for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.

*Falling* (Psalms 56:13)

1. What upholds the fallen? **Job 4:4**
2. What has God done for our soul as He keeps our feet from falling? **Psalms 116:8**
3. What should a righteous man not do? **Proverbs 25:26**
4. Who fell down before Jesus? **Luke 8:47**
5. What did Jesus do for us? **Luke 22:44**
6. What did the act of falling signify in 1 **Corinthians 14:25?**
7. What will happen before Jesus returns? **2 Thessalonians 2:3**
8. What is Jesus able to keep us from? **Jude 1:24**

### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

*Filthy* (Zephaniah 3:1)

1. What does a filthy person partake of like water? **Job 15:16** "*How much more abominable and filthy [is] man, which drinketh iniquity like water?"*
2. Of the unconverted (Psalms 14:2), how many people do good, including all of the nicest people ever known? **Psalms 14:3** "*They are all gone aside, they are [all] together become filthy: [there is] none that doeth good, no, not one.*"
3. What is considered filthy rags? **Isaiah 64:6** "*But we are all as an unclean [thing], and all our righteousnesses [are] as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*"
4. What are people's lives compared to? **Zechariah 3:3** "*Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.*"
5. What is to happen to the way people live? **Zechariah 3:4** "*And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment."*
6. What filthy thing are we to put off? **Colossians 3:8** "*But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."*
7. What was practiced all around Lot yet not partaking of? **2 Peter 2:7** "*And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked.*"
8. What are people called that keep thinking up evil ways and how to attack good ways or rules? **Jude 1:8** "*Likewise also these [filthy] dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.*"
9. What will people be considered if they do not change their filthy ways? **Revelation 22:11** "*He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still.*"

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

(Isaiah 53:1)



»Christian Today, April 14, 2009 - Most U.S. Christians don't believe Satan, Holy Spirit exist

The majority of American Christians do not believe that Satan is a real being or that the Holy Spirit is a living entity, the latest Barna survey found.

**COMMENT:** "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11). No wonder Satan is winning. Most of America is unable to fight against something they are not aware of. This explains why it seems to be easy pickings for Satan. Also, the strongest instrument to fight against Satan with has just become nullified. "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8). One job of the Holy Spirit is to convict of sin. That explains why hardly an American feels convicted to do anything righteous or have a fear of the judgment.

»Times Online, April 11, 2009 - Adoption chiefs sever links with the Church to ensure survival

Leading Roman Catholic adoption agencies have severed their links with the Church so that they can comply with the law and provide a service to gay couples. Maxine Smeaton, head of fundraising at Cabrini, said that it had to be pragmatic. "It was important not to get sentimental and too caught up in the name. We are here to provide services for children," she said. "If we stopped the adoption service no one else would be providing it in the South of England. We are here for the children and that is our primary concern."

**COMMENT:** It may be a noble effort for the children's sake to stay in business while going against church teaching, which in this case, is also against the Bible's teaching, but Jesus said, "He that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37). To hand children over to an environment that God calls an abomination (Leviticus 20:13) is plainly wrong. How many times will we be willing to do evil for the sake of accomplishing good? I have not found one example of Jesus doing wrong to accomplish good. Seeing that this service is the only one available in South of England, this agency should have called the government's bluff and let them reconsider. What is stopping the government from making further encroaching rules? Compromise once leads to

compromising again and again. Over and over the Bible tells us to STAND.

»Tampa Bay Online, April 3, 2009 - Man Tortures Girl As Punishment For Finding His Porn

A Tampa man charged with torturing a 10-year-old female relative because she discovered his pornographic movie collection remains jailed this afternoon.

**COMMENT:** 1 John 3:13 "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you." Although the girl should not be snooping into personal things of another as the full article revealed, this situation is an example that goes on daily. Our ministry also feels it. Most every desire to be removed from our mailing list has come at a point we have convicted another of error or even sin. Do people not realize that getting rid of the thing that convicts does not take away the guilt? Submitting to God's way is the only way to remove the guilt. Many of you probably have experienced it. Tell a supposed Christian that they ought not to do something and they turn angry. Try telling someone to give up their harmful way and they try to harm you instead. Now for those that would say, "See, this is why we ought to leave people believe what they want" is actually going against God. We are not here on earth to keep the peace. We are here to chose heaven for ourselves and then draw others to the same point of choice as well. In other words, we have been put to work to "seek and save the lost" as well. To not be willing to do that is an example of not truly loving your neighbor as yourself. It is selfish of you to want heaven alone.

»Catholic News Network, March 26, 2009 - Baseball home opener on Good Friday ends 20-year attendance streak

Michael Ochab's 20-year streak of rooting for the Detroit Tigers as part of the opening day crowd is coming to an end. Home opening day this year falls on Good Friday, April 10. "It's a no-brainer for me," said the 47-year-old lifetime Hamtramck resident. "He died for us on that cross."

**COMMENT:** Ephesians 4:14 "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." Now we are not going to discuss the

## Do you know CHILDREN that are not on the mailing list?

- ▶ Have the New Testament and Old Testament presented at a child's level yet go more in depth as compared to typical children's Bibles and studies.
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keeping of Good Friday being biblical or not for some hold the whole lenten period as another example of how pagan practices were covered with a Christian appearance deceiving the world. What we would like to see in this world of secularism is a basic step that is lacking in the vast majority of Catholics and Protestants alike. It is so easy by the slight of human beings to excuse religion away. Michael has taken a stance and not just a stance but a "no-brainer". How many today are willing to make the same expression regarding other practices? Look at the Sabbath day for instance? Very few correctly keep the day from all secular activity while others go to church and out to the movies, including the R-rated ones, without any thought.

»World Net Daily, March 23, 2009 -  
**Guess who says pope was right  
about condoms, AIDS**

A senior Harvard research scientist confirmed that Pope Benedict XVI, who endured heavy criticism for declaring that condom distribution programs worsen the AIDS epidemic in Africa, was actually correct. "There is," Green added, "a consistent association shown by our best studies, including the U.S.-funded 'Demographic Health Surveys,' between greater availability and use of condoms

and higher (not lower) HIV-infection rates.

**COMMENT:** So the pope agrees with God on this one. 1 Thessalonians 4:3 says, "For this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication." Abstinence is the best policy while condoms give a false sense of security and protection.

»Telegraph, March 19, 2009 - **Too much red meat could lead to blindness, claim scientists**

Researchers have shown that those who consume 10 portions or more a week are nearly 50 per cent more likely to experience deterioration of the retina in old age.

About.Com, August 22, 2007 - **Can Eating Too Much Sugar Lead to Blindness?**

The study suggests that high amounts of glucose may harm the retina and the capillaries that supply blood to the eyes, and that a diet of high glycemic index foods increases inflammation. The authors of the study do not advocate a carbohydrate-free diet, but instead suggest limiting simple sugars. Simple carbohydrates, like those in cakes and cookies, cheese pizza, white bread or other foods sweetened with sugar or

corn syrup should be limited.

**COMMENT:** "[It is] not good to eat much honey: so [for men] to search their own glory [is not] glory." (Proverbs 25:27) Keep in mind that 10 or more portions is not the same as 10 or more meals. One can have several portions at one sitting. Ten can add up real quickly. Giving up the meat diet is good health sense, but switching over to sugar is just as bad. But for your eyes sake, we need to have a more restrictive diet.

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»Catholic News Service, March 16, 2009 - **Splendidly pure: Receiving indulgences in the year of St. Paul**

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