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Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)



WHERE [ARE] THY WISE [MEN]? (Isaiah 19:12)

Instead of addressing Pharaoh, as Isaiah 19:11-12 does, we will ask the question to God. Where are thy wise men and women who choose righteousness over iniquity?

God has always had a people that were wise and stood for the right. They are set as examples for us to live by. Even Paul brings many of them out. "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as [in] a strange country, dwelling in

tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker [is] God. Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, [so many] as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of [them], and embraced [them], and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that [country] from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better [country], that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac:

and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten [son], Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God [was] able to raise [him] up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, [leaning] upon the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw [he was] a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. By

Behold, I Come Quickly

Revelation 3:11, 22:7, 22:12 "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Behold, I come quickly: blessed [is] he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

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faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch

them. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry [land]: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. By faith the harlot

Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and [of] Barak, and [of] Samson, and [of] Jephthae; [of] David also, and Samuel, and [of] the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of [cruel] mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and [in] mountains, and [in] dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect" (Hebrews 11:4-40).

In looking at other aspects of some of their lives as well as other people, how do we measure up? Look at Abel. He "brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering" (Genesis 4:4). He did what God commanded him to do. He knew that "to obey [is] better than sacrifice, [and] to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22). He did not experiment with various worship tactics. In fact, when it comes down to it, he worshipped God in the manner his parents Adam and Eve did. What of ourselves? Are we experimenting with different ways of worship because the old way does not draw as many people in as it once did? It is different from the previous generation? We need

THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER AND BE IN HEALTH, EVEN AS THY SOUL PROSPERETH. (3 John 1:2)



[NEWSTART]

Pure water is one of Heaven's choicest blessings. Its proper use promotes health.

Wise counsel: *If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink.* (Proverbs 25:21) **An example:** *Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse [vegetables] to eat, and water to drink.* (Daniel 1:12) **The result:** *And at the end of the ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat [food].* (Daniel 1:15)

How valuable is water? *For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.* (Mark 9:41)

INTERNAL USE OF WATER:

Did you know . . . ?

- The body requires 1/3 more water than thirst indicates. 8-10 glasses each day.
- Water is the beverage that God provided to quench the thirst of animals and man.
- Drunk freely, water helps to supply the necessities of the system, and assists nature to resist disease.
- The more liquid taken into the stomach with meals, the more difficult it is for the food to digest, for the liquid must first be absorbed.
- Taken with meals, water diminishes the flow of the salivary glands.
- Eating slowly allows the saliva to mingle with the food, enhancing digestion.
- It is best to drink pure water 30 minutes before and 1 hour after a meal.
- Salad, carrot and celery sticks, or fruits to close a meal helps fill the desire for liquid.
- Very cold or very hot beverages do great injury to the stomach.
- Drinking cool water helps alleviate hunger pains.
- A cup of warm water first thing in the morning prepares the stomach for breakfast.

[Check out the newly added health tip and recipe on page 3.]

something new? The old way does not make me feel the way I think I should feel? I cannot see anything wrong with the new way (which was Cain's problem)? Or is there some other unbiblical reason? You see, in the last days, people will worship in a manner they believe honors God, but in reality the infiltration of the Devil is what really has taken place. This is evident in the last day call for if it was not, God would be wasting His breath to send such a message. Revelation 14:7 "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

"And Enoch walked with God: and he [was] not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:24). After walking as the Lord told him he was to walk, Enoch was translated. It is a very good possibility that we are that generation that also will see translation (1

Corinthians 15:51-52

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."). Are we walking with God or are we seeing how close we can walk with the world without really being of the world so as not to cause too much friction?

God "saved Noah the eighth [person], a preacher of righteousness" (2 Peter

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HEALTH TIP:

As a review, here are just a few more reasons to drink "pure" water. Tea contains the chemical "Tannin" which is a stomach irritant and interferes with digestion. Non-irritating herbal teas are a good substitute. Tea, Coffee, and Cola nuts contain *caffeine*, a stimulating drug. It poisons the body and contributes to the following health conditions: Nervousness, anxiety, tremors, dizziness, sleep and memory disturbances, headaches, depression, heart palpitations, increase in blood fats, cancer of the ovary and bladder, birth defects and other developmental problems, breast and prostate diseases, peptic ulcers and osteoporosis. Cola drinks (soft drinks, pop) in addition to caffeine, contain processed sugar and phosphates also harmful to the body. Freshly pureed fruit or vegetables are an excellent addition to your daily water intake.

ONE OF OUR FAVORITE RECIPES:

Granola Delight – TSTL Ministries

Grains: (combine in large bowl)

5 C Rolled Oats

1 C Wheat Flakes

1 C Wheat Bran

1 C Oat Bran

concentrated)

1 C Pumpkin seeds

½ C Flax seeds (ground)

1 C Almonds (sliced or slivered)

2 C Coconut (finely shredded, unsweetened)

Fruit Cream: (combine in blender)

½ C Raw Cashews (rinse well and grind up in blender)

1 C HOT water (add slowly to ground up cashews)

2 C pitted dates

12 oz Pineapple juice (unsweetened, non-

2 tsp Vanilla extract (non alcohol)

1 tsp ground coriander

½ tsp salt

Mix blended fruit cream with dry ingredients until they are lightly and evenly moistened. It is best to use your hands for this! Spread mixture into three large baking dishes about 1 inch deep. Place the pans in the oven before bedtime at 170 degrees or bake for approximately 2 hours until golden brown, stirring occasionally at 225 degrees.

Toss in 2 cups of raisins after baking and store in the refrigerator in an airtight container. Also freezes well.

2:5). Today, we are all called to be preachers. We may finally be that generation that wakes up or that is woken up to go boldly preaching what we have been called to preach (Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."). But even before then, specifically today, we ought to be warning the world. Are we actively preaching in some manner? Where is our love for the souls who are perishing?

Regarding Abraham, it is written "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment" (Genesis 18:19). The greatest missionary field is in the home. Are we commanding our house in the way of the Lord? Or are we neglecting our children for the sake of a "greater work" outside the home? How do our children act in church and in public? Are they free to run around in the sanctuary? Are they able to carry on because children will be children? Are

we aware that children are teachable even in the womb and especially in the first three years of life? Are we aware that a child is not our own but God's? No one would let a garden grow unattended for years, yet the most fertile ground is being neglected by many because society teaches that children under 3 or 5 or even 7 really cannot understand especially in the areas of right and wrong. Do we believe this or do we believe "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6)?

"Sara obeyed Abraham" (1 Peter 3:6). To obey does not mean to lose all identity to the husband. The council given is: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25) and "Husbands, love [your] wives, and be not bitter against them" (Colossians 3:19). It is a two way street. Husbands are not to be demanding for the sake of being "head of household." Husbands are to follow the way of the Lord and that is when wives are to submit and obey. Wives are not to submit to the evil ways of an unconverted husband. So do husbands love their wives as Christ loved the church, which would cause their wives to obey? Do wives obey or is women's liberation taking hold in the home?

"And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what [is] with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; [There is] none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou [art] his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" Genesis 39:7-9). How are we doing with all the temptations? Are we fleeing from them or making excuses? Do we believe "we can look, but not touch" or do we believe that "as we behold, we are changed" (2

Corinthians 3:18)? Is soap operas a part of our lives? Do we make excuses for "R" rated movies? Do we get enjoyment from watching the sitcoms where sexual innuendos are involved?

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward" (Hebrews 11:24-26). Are we following all the Biblical council or are we choosing? Do we fear the reproach if we appear too Bible oriented? Matthew 10:28 "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

"And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, [Art] thou he that troubleth Israel?" (1 Kings 18:17). What of the watchmen? Are those that see the heresies in the church afraid to stand for the right? Are they allowing a takeover of the church excusing themselves through such things as: "Well, these things were prophesied to happen" (Matthew 25:5 "While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept."), "God eventually will take care of it", etc.? Are we willing to stand even if the leadership is against us? Are we willing, when challenged, to say, "Show me a Thus Saith the Lord"?

"Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself" (Daniel 1:8). Do we purpose in our hearts to eat to live and not live to eat? Are we willing to search for what is the best food to eat so as to be the most useful instruments in God's hands or are we given to appetite? Which rules: the stomach or the brain? Are we guilty of the accusation that their "God [is their] belly" (Philippians 3:19)?

The result would be "Whose end [is] destruction" (Philippians 3:19).

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime" (Daniel 6:10). Are we able to say, "Whatever law restricts Biblical practices, I will continue as I have aforetime" or are we waiting for such laws before we become serious about our walk with God? Are we willing to continue the walk with God despite difficulties including societal and governmental interference or are we compromising? Just remember, there is coming a day "that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:17).

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we [are] not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be [so], our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver [us] out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Daniel 3:16-18). Are we bowing down to even spiritual images or are we standing firm and willing to take the heat of criticism? Are we firm on the Bible or do we give in when the going gets tough?

"And the same 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). Are we dressing like the world or are we rebuking the world by dressing the way God would have us dress (1 Timothy 2:9-10 "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.")? Are we

eating what God would have us eat or are we eating just like everybody else?

And Jesus said, *“Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done”* (Luke 22:42). He ended up at the cross. Are we

Although the people of the Bible have scarcely been reviewed here, enough has been provided to realize that there is a difference between the godly and the ungodly, even between those that profess to be Christian and those that

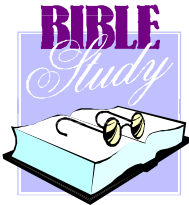
filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still” (Revelation 22:11). The two most important questions are, “On which side are we right now?” and “What are we going

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES *(John 5:39)*

willing to take up our cross (Matthew 16:24)? Just remember Matthew 10:39 *“He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.”*

Who Are the Apostles?

1. Which two apostles were “sons of Zebedee”? **Matthew 4:21**



2. Which two apostles were “casting a net into the sea”

when Jesus called them? **Matthew 4:18**

3. Which apostle was “sitting at the receipt of custom” when Jesus called him? **Matthew 9:9**

4. Which apostle said at the time of Lazarus’ death, “Let us also go, that we may die with him”? **John 11:16**

5. Which apostle did Jesus see under the “fig tree” before he was called? **John 1:48**

6. Which apostle called ‘the apostle to be’ under the fig tree to “come and see”? **John 1:46**

are Christian. There are only two classes, which are permitted to switch sides for now. A day will come when *“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be*

to do about it?”

By the grace of God, may we be on His side and be firm to stay there.

7. Which apostle was “[the son] of Alphaeus”? **Matthew 10:3**

8. What name was the apostle Lebbaeus better known as? **Matthew 10:3**

9. Which apostle was “the Canaanite”? **Matthew 10:4**

10. Which apostle betrayed Jesus? **Matthew 10:4**

11. Which apostle replaced the one that hung himself? **Acts 1:26**

12. Which apostle was blind for three days? **Acts 9:8-9, Acts 13:9, Romans 1:1**

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**ANSWERS TO LAST
MONTH'S STUDY:**

How Important Is the Word?

1. What did Jesus use to combat Satan? **Matthew 4:4, 4:7, 4:10**
"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not

only shalt thou serve." Jesus used the scriptures.

2. What did Paul record regarding where doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction should come from? **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

3. How do the Saints overcome Satan? **Revelation 12:11** *"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not*

ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH (Daniel 10:21)



tempt the Lord thy God. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him

"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, throughly furnished unto all good works."

their lives unto the death."

QUESTION #1 – Mifflintown, PA – God washes away our sins and the Bible says that we can be kept from falling. The Bible also says that we are liars if we say we do not sin. How can that be?

ANSWER #1 – The answer is in the last reference by reading it in full context but first, let us examine the other two verses. The closest verse regarding "washing away sin" is found in Acts 22:16 "wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." There is nothing that we can do to wash away our sins except calling upon the Lord who is the one that truly washes them away. With an honest, repentant heart, they are gone.

The closest verse regarding "kept from falling" is Jude 1:24 "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." Now that we have

asked the Lord to wash away the sin, we need not continue in sin. We are kept from sinning by one Who is mightier than our sins – Jesus Christ. 1 John 4:4 "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Now for the verse that many struggle with. 1 John 1:8 "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." There are two ways to look at this verse – one being right and the other being wrong. One way, which is the proposed correct way, is that we admit we have sinned at some time in our lives but do not desire to continue in our sins and believe we can be an overcomer through Jesus Christ. This is substantiated by Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." To say one has never sinned is a person who has deceived him or herself. What do we do with

4. How are we sanctified (made holy)? **John 17:17** *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."*

those sins? 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Others look at 1 John 1:8 as referring to the present. They believe that a person basically is unable to totally overcome sinning short of death or the second coming. They believe the verse to mean that one has recently sinned, should confess the sin, but probably will commit it again and just needs to confess it again when that occurs. This is proposed as the wrong interpretation. If this were held as the correct interpretation, a whole host of other verses would not make sense. Some include John 5:14 "Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." John 8:10-11 "When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine

accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.” Revelation 2:7 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.” 1 John 3:6 “Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.” 1 John 3:8-9 “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.” Hebrews 10:26-28 “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.”

But just looking at the full context of 1 John 1:8, the correct perspective is identified as the first understanding in that it refers to the past and not the current time frame. 1 John 1:10 “If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” The word “sinned” is past tense and not present tense.

QUESTION #2 – Harrisburg, PA – Does Galatians 4:10-11 do away with the Jewish feast days and Sabbaths?

ANSWER #2 – Galatians 4:10-11 “Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.” This verse is applied to those described in verse 8. “Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no

gods.” The days, months, times, and years were observed by those that did not know God, yet they did it in honor of what they thought were gods although in reality they are not gods but inanimate objects called idols. We call this paganism. They kept days, months, times, and years in honor of what they thought were gods. Some of these things are brought down through history and are practiced even today. Superstition is a way of life for some who really do not know God. At given times, they fear things that are really not gods. In regards to observing days, months, and years, much of the practices have been lost, however, an example of observing days that should not be observed by whole-hearted Christians is that of devil’s night or Halloween.

So Galatians 4:10-11 cannot be used to cease from Jewish feast days and Sabbaths. This does not mean that there are not other verses in the New Testament that need to be addressed regarding ceasing from such practices but the one in Galatians cannot be used in such a manner.

QUESTION #3 – Harrisburg, PA – Should we fear going into challenging places with the gospel? Shouldn’t we go boldly with the confidence of God into bars and other places that desperately need to hear the gospel?

ANSWER #3 – Some believe that to burst into bars and other desperately wicked places and start preaching hell fire is holy boldness. Looking at Jesus

money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers’ money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father’s house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.” Maybe that is where we need to first wake up people. It seems church is a place to feel good and sing wonderful songs, but do not dare talk about the sin problem that has been brought into the church. Sin is hardly mentioned from the pulpit. Could it be that the problem with the world is inside the church? Of course God saw that this would happen. 2 Timothy 4:3-4 “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

Does that mean we should never enter bars and other wicked places to share the gospel? That is not what that means. Look at Jesus again. Matthew 9:10 “And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.” He was willing to go any place with the gospel but it was done in a low-key effort. [It should be noted that those that cannot resist the influence of cigarette smoke, secular music, and the smell of alcohol, should find another

YE HAVE HEARD THAT ANTICHRIST SHALL COME (1 John 2:18)

though, He never did such a thing. His marching into a place and preaching hard and fast was not in a secular place but in the church. John 2:13-17 “And the Jews’ passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of

ministry lest they fall to the world.]

In short, Matthew 10:14 is counsel that can be applied to this situation. “And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.” In general, bars and wicked

places do not like men and women of God coming in and converting their

#31 Revelation 14:11 *“And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and*



his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”

REVIEW OF THE IDENTIFYIN

G MARKS:

- 1 ... would deny Jesus is the Christ either by words, actions, or both (1 John 2:22, Titus 1:16).
- 2 ... is in a populated area of the world (Revelation 13:1-2, 17:15).
- 3 ... would wear titles attributed to God (Revelation 13:6, Matthew 23:8-12).
- 4 ... is a kingdom (Revelation 13:1-2, Daniel 7:23).
- 5 ... derives its authority based on satanic principles or paganism (Revelation 13:1-2, 12:9).
- 6 ... is a little kingdom (Daniel 7:8).
- 7 ... would conquer three kingdoms (Daniel 7:8, 20, 24).
- 8 ... a single person would be leader of

customers. It would be bad for business.

this kingdom (Daniel 7:8).

- 9 ... the leader's name or title would add up to 666 (Revelation 13:18).
- 10 ... would embrace non-Christian theology (Revelation 18:2; 1 John 4:1, 3; 1 Timothy 2:5).
- 11 ... would not be just another political kingdom (Daniel 7:20, 24).
- 12 ... would deny the single sacrifice of Christ (1 John 4:3, 2 John 1:7, Hebrews 9:28).
- 13 ... have seeds in the apostolic age. (2 Thessalonians 2:7, 1 John 4:3).
- 14 ... recognized as a kingdom after 476 AD (Daniel 7:4-8, 5:28, 8:20-21, Jeremiah 50:17, John 11:48).
- 15 ... is located in Europe (Daniel 7:7-8, 7:24)
- 16 ... is located on seven mountains (Revelation 17:9)
- 17 ... is a religious power (2 Thessalonians 2:4, Revelation 13:4)
- 18 ... set up a counterfeit service to Christ's true service. (Daniel 8:11, Hebrews 9:11)
- 19 ... set up a counterfeit to God's tabernacle in heaven. (Daniel 8:11, Revelation 13:6)
- 20 ... rules from what is recognized to be one of the holiest places on earth (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

21 ... is in the Christian fold. (2

- Thessalonians 2:3, John 17:12)
- 22 ... would speak blasphemously. (Daniel 7:8, 20, 25; Revelation 13:5-6)
- 23 ... would declare to be as God. (2 Thessalonians 2:4, John 10:32-33, Daniel 8:11)
- 24 ... would think to have power to forgive people their sins. (Mark 2:7)
- 25 ... would think to have power greater than God does and over items of God especially dealing with worship (2 Thessalonians 2:4).
- 26 ... would causes people to stray from (fall away) Christ's teachings, especially the commandments (law) (2 Thessalonians 2:3, 1 John 3:4).
- 27 ... would cause people to follow man made traditions (Daniel 7:8, Psalms 32:8, Mark 7:7-8).
- 28 ... would be a world influencer.
- 29 ... would attack the Bible, Christ's teachings, and Commandments (Daniel 8:12, John 17:17, John 14:6, Psalms 119:142)
- 30 ... would think to change God's laws (The Ten Commandments) (Daniel 7:25)
- 31 ... would have a mark of authority that if people accept, they will be eternally lost (Revelation 14:11)