

Jesus Christ and delusion

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I strive to agree with Jesus Christ in all things, because He loved me and suffered the punishment of my sins. It is possible that I have been mistaken in some matters. However I trust that He will correct me, if I have misunderstood something. I love His reprimand and His comfort because without them I cannot remain in truth. Thus, if there is something wrong in these writings it is the fault of Erkki Kuisma. Jesus deserves the credit for everything that is right.

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Freedom to choose

Your freedom to choose means that you have the responsibility of the consequences of your choices. If we would be robots of God, we could not make wrong choices. We would make always right choices, because we would be programmed to do so. Freedom of choice is the part of man. Animals have not that quality. Did you choose good or evil?

Freedom to make wrong choices

Because people have the freedom to make wrong choices, there is a lot of evilness in the world. God is the completely good God. Any badness is not from Him. God has so good self-esteem that He has been able to give us the freedom to rebel against our Creator.

How has God dared to give us so great freedom? Doesn't He care for the consequences that it can cause us? In this way some blame Him for giving this freedom. The origin of evil is not in God, but in the misused freedom.

Origin of evil

They, who have made choices that are bad and against God's will, are guilty of the existence of evilness. Are you blaming Him for the fact that there is freedom near Him? His kindness can make you able to use rightly your freedom. God trusts in the power of goodness. The temporary victory of evilness only emphasizes the glory of kindness.

He has shown his care for us by forewarning of the consequences of wrong choices. Even God's angels have the freedom to choose their own ways. Devil is a fallen angle, who tempted the mankind to the way of evil.

Love doesn't force

If God would want to force the whole mankind to his will, He would able to do it. Because He is love, He wants that people would voluntarily choose goodness. He has revealed himself to us in Jesus Christ that we would understand His character. Jesus doesn't force anybody to be his follower.

When some offended with God's words and left Jesus, He said to the remaining disciples: *"You do not want to leave too, do you?"*

John.6:67 Paul behaved according to the example of Jesus and said :
"Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy." 2Cor.1:24 *"I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say."* 1Cor.10:15

Compulsive Christianity

This kind of freedom is considered dangerous by many leaders of churches. Therefore they have put obstacles for people that these would not make wrong choices. They want to isolate them from the sinful world and from heretical ones, so that they would not go to wrong ways. When doing this they think that they do the will of God.

Don't they understand that it is not enough for God that people externally are protected against sinful life? He wants hearts to change so that people don't want to sin anymore, even though nobody threatens with the judgements of sins. The fear of judgement can protect many against sinful life, but it is not enough for God. He wants that people learn to hate and disgust sin and therefore to be protected from it. A human heart can be changed to that kind of character only through the knowing of Jesus Christ.

Those who want to lord over the faith of believers make rules that restrict life and they determine the collections of doctrines and say: "This is how we teach and if anyone is against our faith he is not accepted in our congregation." Human prestige and lording over a congregation create the atmosphere that is against the atmosphere experienced near God.

Love awakes in freedom

There is the atmosphere of freedom in a real congregation of God. There all dare to be what they are. Those who are forced to a right faith become terrible pretenders, but those who have made good choices in the atmosphere of freedom become the real people of principles.

Who are those believers who dare to be followers of God so that they give people that freedom that also God gives? These are those who do willingly the will of God in their own life. They don't use

their freedom as a cover-up for evil, but as the power for doing good. They know their God and also their brothers and sisters in Jesus and experience the unity between them over all borders.

You have the freedom to make wrong choices, but you also have the responsibility of the consequences of your choices. If you admit your responsibility and want to reconcile with God, you get forgiveness through Jesus, because He has paid God your sins. You can restart your life in the power of the gospel.

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Philosophy

Nobody is as wise as God. The true friend of wisdom (=philosopher) is so also a friend of God. If man has wisdom, it is a gift from Him. As well the wisdom of body as the wisdom of soul as the wisdom of spirit are coming down from God who has created all good things.

God is wise

Nobody is as wise as God. In this way the friend of real wisdom is also the friend of God. If man has any wisdom, it is a gift from Him. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, because we can become wiser only if we humbly honour him who is wiser than us.

If somebody is facing the wisdom of the almighty God, he feels himself fool. The wisdom of God can be seen in nature. He has designed nature intelligently when He saw it fit that all creatures were made of cells. He has put His wisdom into the DNA codes of cells. God is the great system designer. The technology of man copies the ideas of God, but the wisdom of human systems is far away from the wisdom in nature. *"Do not deceive yourselves. If anyone of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a "fool" so that he may become wise."* 1Cor.3:18

A great part of submission before God is to admit that our own wisdom is foolishness. Usually one is proud of one's wisdom, beauty or power. Pride is ingratitude. An unthankful person forgets the truth that what he has he has got as a gift. A proud one doesn't praise God. The sin of pride paralyses man's spirit and then he also loses his wisdom and ability to think with his spirit. In this way human wisdom is merely wisdom of body and soul.

The sense of brain is the wisdom of body or irrationality. The judgement of feelings is the wisdom of soul or lack of judgement. The mind of heart is the wisdom of spirit or mindlessness.

Everybody can recognise what kind of mindlessness, lack of judgement and irrationality, pride achieves in the world. With the help of our sense we can manage the tasks of practical life, but we

are not able to choose between right and wrong. With the help of our feelings we can sometimes make wise decisions though rational arguments prove against our feelings. However only with the help of the wisdom of our spirit we can see the difference between good and evil things and make wise plans.

The conclusions of sense in the things of the Bible lead easily to self-deception. *"They may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. - See to it that no-one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form."* Col.2:2-9

The devoted feelings of soul lead easily to a cult faith, which gives human commands the value of God's word. *"Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence."* Col.2:23 .

So there is much wise theology that is hollow deception and devoted religious activities, which have no value. If you have got much sense, use it to solve practical problems for the benefit of your neighbours, and don't study theology to become a preacher of deceptions. If you have got something supernatural, use it to attach your soul to the word of the Bible and don't boast with it trying to be a saint.

"For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know Him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe." 1Cor.1:21 . If you don't anymore consider it foolishness that Jesus died for you, you are near to reach the source of wisdom. You can still consider fools the likes of me, but "God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise." The human theology and technology are near the days of their shame.

If somebody doesn't give up one's pride, one cannot be saved. The saving faith is not to be got through any human wisdom, but through God's power. *"For the message of the cross is foolishness*

to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1Cor.1:18 . "To the only wise God be glory for ever through Jesus Christ! Amen." Rom.16:27

Is your spirit wise?

Man is spirit, soul and body. We know very well the needs of our body. What our soul needs is maybe also known, but who knows the hunger of his spirit? Everyone's spirit hungers for God's Spirit. Jesus has come to throw the fire of the Holy Spirit on us. To become a believer means to catch God's fire in one's spirit. *"If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ." Rom.8:9* *"The lamp of the Lord searches the spirit of a man; it searches out his inmost being." Prov.20:27* *"Who among men knows the thoughts of a man, except the man's spirit within him?" 1Cor.2:11*

If the Spirit of God lives in you, the bright light burns in your heart. In that light you know better yourself and God. The focus of the man's consciousness can be in his body, soul or spirit. So he is either fleshly soulful or spiritual.

When God's Spirit lives in me, I feel fire in my spirit. He brings the presence of God. His holiness burns my sinful nature. In the light of the holy fire I can see my deepest attitudes and thoughts. This is sometimes scaring and keeps many persons away from the spiritual life. Therefore Christianity is often soulful actions without the burning fire of God.

The psychological therapy is usually tried to substitute for the work of the Holy Spirit. Who among men knows the thoughts of a man, except a psychologist, who examines him? It is your choice, the Spirit of God or a psychologist!

A part of psychological wisdom is originated with men, who have had the fire in their spirit, but not lighted, by God. This strange fire has nowadays caught fire in many persons.

The inner healing begins from your spirit that is purified and made alive by God. It continues with the purification of soul in that light which comes from the dedicated spirit. It is dangerous to bring unauthorised fire before God's face.

You can safely trust in the Good Shepherd who heals the wounds of your soul. How can you have a share of God's fire? If you receive Jesus as the Redeemer of your sins and you make an appeal to Him in your prayers, God will reply to your request and send the Holy Spirit into your heart.

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The Secret of Lawlessness

God's secrets are published in the Bible but only the Holy Spirit can give us power to adopt them. The seed of lawlessness germinates and grows well in the Christian culture.

Open secrets

Many God's secrets are published in the Bible. They have been said there openly and readers understand them intellectually, but they remain secret for their hearts. Only the Holy Spirit can give us power to open our inmost heart for them. If only man opened his heart to listen to the Spirit of Jesus Christ, he would get into the secrets of God.

The gospel of Jesus is a secret and only a repenting sinner gets into it. *"Now (be glory) to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began."* Ro.16:25

The identity of Jesus Christ is a secret. *"When you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ."* Eph.3:4 Though it is proclaimed that Jesus Christ is the true man and the true God, this remains secret to many. Only the Holy Spirit can give us the understanding to know Him and He doesn't give it to the proud ones.

Also the identity of Antichrist is an open secret. Therefore carnal believers have a wrong understanding about the beasts of the Revelation book. Antichrist is an opposer of Jesus Christ who takes the place of christ to be Christ instead of Christ. *"Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."* 2Th.2:4

However he will not be revealed until the secret of lawlessness causes it to happen. This secret worked already in the apostolic congregation. *"For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord*

will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming." 2Th.2:7-8

God will send Antichrist. Therefore He is the restrainer mentioned, who now is the obstacle in the way of the beast preventing its coming. The fact that many enough have not yet been saved restrains Him from sending this strong delusion. *"God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness."* 2Th.2:11-12

The seed of lawlessness

The secret of lawlessness is a power trying to bring Antichrist to power. Jesus reveals that there will be a lot of lawlessness at the end times. *"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved."* Mt.24:12-13

The gospel causes love to God but lawlessness tries to remove it from believers. Therefore this secret, which has influenced 2000 years in Christianity, is dangerous. It makes backsliders and it is very sad.

If the gospel preaching doesn't bring out that Jesus experienced God's wrath on the cross due to our sins, then seeds of lawlessness are being sowed. God's love to sinners becomes very much weaker, if the reality of God's judgment is kept secret. You get to be saved from God's wrath and not only from a bad conscience! Only this kind of a salvation can warm up your heart to love God.

The fire of God's judgment once flashed on Golgotha. In its ardour the fire of His love will kindle in your heart. This fire burns off your love to unrighteousness and the ground of your heart is prepared for receiving Jesus life.

There is a great temptation to speak only about God's love because listeners who don't regret their sins don't want to be aware of the fact their deeds deserve God's anger. The gospel from which God's holiness is removed has pushed many to make a decision of faith, wanting to use the power of Jesus' blood only as a medicine for remorse. The unholy gospel offers better life in this world and collecting a ticket to heaven, but not the real love to God.

The gospel in the spirit of lawlessness makes self-centered believers who believe in God only in the hope that God would bless their earthly life. They have human love to God because of the blessings they have got but they don't love Him because of His Sacrifice.

Human love to Jesus vanishes in daily trials like morning dew when the sun rises. All who exalt themselves will be humbled. The beast who exalts himself above all will be humbled into the eternal fire.

The gospel is not easy to listen to. *"I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man."*

Ga.1:11 Those who want to make Christians by flattering are easily driven to be agents of Antichrist.

Have you a share in the secret of lawlessness?

Many are grateful to Jesus for His help and blessings they have received. Do they also thank God for having got away from His anger into His grace? If you don't share this kind of gratefulness, you have a share in the secret of lawlessness.

Everyone who has come to faith enjoys sharing God's love, but if someone shares the influence of lawlessness he lacks the true love to God. A saved person's love to God is a natural consequence of the salvation and not an additional condition of the salvation.

"Whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." 1Jo.2:5-6

A believer captivated by lawlessness doesn't want to live according to the teachings of Jesus. He thinks that following Jesus means being under the law and falling from grace. Every believer has heard some teaching of Jesus and rejoiced at being allowed to do as my Loved One says. There is love to God in this attitude: *"I delight in the law of God according to the inward man."* Ro.7:22

"This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." 1Jo.5:3

Maybe you now ask whether you should live according to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount so in order to be saved? If you asked this, it proves that you have a share in the secret of lawlessness. You **HAVE** a permission to live according to it, because you love Jesus.

If you don't love Him, go back and look at His love for you, when He on the cross experienced God's anger instead of you crying, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Internalize the gospel to fall in love in Jesus and you will get grace to love God. *"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."* Joh.14:23

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Message to the man of lawlessness

You have experienced love but what kind of love? You don't call your affection towards your evilness love, do you? What does your love hate that tells much about the content of your love. The experience of God's love that denies God's anger has created people of lawlessness. Jesus Christ fights against the gospel of lawlessness with the sword of His mouth.

God hates evildoers

God hates a person who is committing an evil deed. Because the imagination of our hearts is evil from our youth, we all have grown up into God's enemies. Fortunately He is so wonderful that he also loves when He hates. He even loves His enemies. He proved this by giving His only Son to suffer the punishment of our sins. God doesn't love us because we are sinners, but because He is Love.

God's anger is not only against an evil deed, but also against its doer. Because of His anger He says to an evildoer: "You will surely die." This should be a self-evident fact to everybody but the gospel of lawlessness has caused many to believe that God loves an evildoer, although He hates his bad deeds.

Certainly a doer can be separated from his evil deed, if he did it by accident and against his will. The responsibility of your deed comes from your thoughts to which you yielded yourself. What you thought in your heart before you did your deed has an effect on the seriousness of your responsibility. God hates the attitudes of evildoers. The deeper those attitudes have rooted in you the hotter God's anger against you is.

Lawless spirit in Christianity

Fall silent you, who say: "God loves sinners." Why should you do so? Because *"you have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, 'In what way have we wearied Him?' In that you say, 'Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He delights in them' or 'Where is the God of justice?'"* Mal.2:17-18

You have wearied God and deceived people with your words. You have led people to believe that God is pleased with them, although

they keep on sinning. In reality God hates them and His punishment is standing at their door. Because they don't realize that God hates them, they don't understand to seek peace with Him. Thus the gospel about Jesus doesn't touch them. The love of Golgotha is there that God loved His enemies and not there that He loved sinning people.

Stop you who say: "God doesn't judge. He loves everybody."
Revive and open your eyes to see that God's wrath is a daily experience of the whole mankind. God has cursed nature because of our wickedness and still you say, where is the God of justice? Every day He causes us to suffer diseases and accidents due to our rebellious spirit and yet you are saying that God doesn't judge.

You have spoken deceptively about the Cross of Golgotha. You have left the anger of God unsaid. Why have you not spoken about God's love and His wrath at the same time, although it is according to the reality of the gospel? - Because you have had mercy on your sinful nature, therefore you don't want to speak about God's wrath. Those who believe in God's wrath *"have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires."* Gal.5:24

The atoning day of our sins on Golgotha was the day of God's wrath, the day of His judgment against our sins. Through this sacrifice you are able to be saved from the wrath of God. Do you experience any need?

The death of Jesus demonstrated how much God hates sin. He didn't even spare His only Son, when our punishment was upon Jesus. How great a sacrifice! Rend your heart and be frightened at yourself before it. He took your place on the cross, so that you could get from Him a place in the Kingdom of God!

Tremble, you who say: "Jesus is law-minded and hard-hearted." He who doesn't follow the teachings of Jesus has hardened his heart to love. He who obeys the teachings of Jesus has hardened his heart to evil. God doesn't become soft before injustice and He doesn't give His grace to those who have fallen in love with lawlessness.

Jesus has predicted our time: *"Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold."* Matth.24:12 He doesn't speak about

the lawlessness of the godless but the lawlessness that is among believers. Read the previous verse and you are convinced of it: *"Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many."* Matth.24:11
Among us there are more preachers of the gospel of lawlessness than preachers of the gospel of God.

Are you a man of lawlessness?

Have you hardened your heart before the teachings of Jesus so that you don't want to follow them? What spirit has made you give up following Jesus? That spirit doesn't come from the gospel of God.

You say that in practice it is impossible to obey the teachings of Jesus. You consider them unreasonable. However you say that you believe in Jesus and you think that you are going to be saved through the work of Jesus that He did on the cross.

If you loved Jesus, His teachings would be spirit and life for you. If you lived from the gospel of God, you would love Jesus.

You, who married a divorced one, don't love Jesus, for He says: "Whoever marries a divorced one commits adultery." (Luke 16:18) If you had hated your selfishness, you could have loved Jesus in this matter. You would have been able to hate your selfishness, if you had besides love also recognized God's anger against yourself in the event of Golgotha.

You, who used violence to protect yourself, don't love Jesus, for He says: "Don't resist evil persons and love your enemies." (Matth.5:39,44) If you had hated your pride, you would have been able to love Jesus in this matter. You would have been able to hate your pride, if you had accepted that God hated proud man on Golgotha.

You, who wearied yourself out to get rich, don't love Jesus, for He says: "Do not store up for yourself treasures on earth." (Matth.6:19) If you had hated your greed, you would have been able to love Jesus in this matter. You would have been able to hate your greed, if you had fallen in love with God who hates greedy man on Golgotha.

Anger of a guilty one doesn't bring about the righteous life that God desires. Instead the heart that is cleansed with the blood of Jesus is

able to hate evil cleanly. If you don't hate yourself as an evildoer with this anger, you are not able to follow Jesus. He says: *"He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."* John 12:25

The salvation doesn't depend on man's desire to be saved or his efforts, but on God's mercy. He can take away His mercy from us, if we insult His grace with our sin loving attitudes. Jesus has compared this event when He takes away His mercy with vomiting. *"Because you are lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth."* Rev.3:16

The gospel of lawlessness makes man into a Christian who doesn't hate evil and doesn't love good. He is "so merciful" that he has had mercy also on wickedness. He is "so righteous" that he has condemned even Jesus. He doesn't dare to hate evil that he would not come to hate himself. He is not able to love good, because He doesn't know God. However he claims to be spiritually rich and know God.

Jesus stands at the door of hearts of the lawless-minded believers and knocks. This knocking is rebuking and discipline. With that He conveys His love to the deceived ones. Hopefully you do not take lightly His discipline. If you don't open your heart for Him and let Him come in, you cannot stay inside Him either.

Do you love Jesus?

Jesus says: *"If you love me, you will obey what I command."* John 14:15
You are able to love Jesus only for that reason that He died for you. Do not deceive yourself by believing that you are able to love Jesus for any other motive. Remember Peter, the apostle! He thought that his love to Jesus will endure. Human love to God disappears like the morning mist.

God's love is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, when we are watching how it comes out from the death of Jesus. If you don't see God's anger in the death of Jesus, you cannot get His love from it. Jesus didn't die for the good ones, but for the enemies of God, that means - for you. Did this gospel hit you or did it miss?

The sweetness of this sacrifice is there that through it your sins are forgiven and you will get eternal life as a gift. The saltiness of this sacrifice is there that it proclaims God's judgment to sin.

The gospel of lawlessness proclaims the cross of Jesus only as the evidence that God loves you. Because you are not sure of His love, you received the gospel. Those evangelists who left God's wrath unsaid lied to you, although all they said was true. A lie is also leaving something essential unsaid and not only telling a lie as the truth.

Unsalted love doesn't give you the ability to love Jesus, because it doesn't give you the experience of how God's wrath against you is changed into love towards you. Therefore those who experienced the lawless love don't obey what Jesus has commanded. The world has been filled with unsalted Christianity. Woe, how Jesus feels sick because of them! He would not want to vomit them out, but yet it happens, because there is God's offering salt in Him.

Even now you can return to God and get mercy from Jesus. Just in that hope I have written this.

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The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven

The reconciliation with God opens the gate of the Paradise for you. You cannot be reconciled with God if Jesus Christ doesn't give it to you. He once atoned your sins on Golgotha! This knowledge is the key of the salvation. He lives and is waiting for you to come with your key to Him so that He could let you come in to the grace of God.

The door and its keys

The Paradise is closed to us, because we have rebelled against God. The borders of the Kingdom of God are barred. If someone wants to come in, he must go in through the gate. Because the gate is locked due to sin, it can be unlocked only because of the atonement of sin.

The atonement work Jesus did on the cross is the key which can open the gate of the kingdom of heaven for you. God has sent His servants to deliver this key to everyone who wants to receive it. Most people have refused to receive it. Only few have allowed it to push into their heart and even fewer have allowed God to unlock the door for them.

The witnesses of Jesus offer the key of the gospel to you, but only Jesus Himself in the Holy Spirit can let you enter in. No priest or no preacher can give you access to the kingdom of God, for *"salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"* Re.7:10

God has no mediator priests, but Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and men. The priesthood of the citizens of the Kingdom of God means that we are witnesses of Jesus. We want to set all people face to face with Jesus Christ.

Thus the keys of the kingdom of heaven are freely available for everybody and Jesus is closer to you than the nearest church. The knowledge of how to be saved is the key message. Do not despise this key, and let nobody prevent you from turning to Jesus.

Ruling with keys

Power-seeking people are all the time seeking instruments which they could use for lording over other people. They are very interested in gaining power with the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore they claim that they have received the key with which they could let others enter in heaven. Actually they themselves have not entered in the kingdom of God, although they are sure to be insiders.

They themselves have given themselves access to the Kingdom of God. They have not experienced the forgiveness of God, but they themselves have forgiven themselves. Therefore they believe they can proclaim forgiveness of sins also to others and thus rule them with the key. The priests of the time of Jesus had done just this. Therefore Jesus said to them: *"Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."* Lu.11:52

They had stolen the key of knowledge by stressing the right knowledge in a wrong way. Thus they hid the knowledge that tells how the salvation happens. They didn't stress that everybody should personally get reconciliation with God. They should have given their people this knowledge: 'Jewishness doesn't save you, but the just shall live by his faith.' Instead they stressed the religious ceremonies as the keys of the kingdom of heaven. They should have spoken as John, the Baptist who urged people to repent their evilness and to turn their heart to God.

They couldn't set people face to face with God, because they wanted people to be face to face with them. They wanted to be lords of people and not their servants. They believed the Bible to be literally true only in order to strengthen their authority as 'men of God'. That's also why they often had to interpret the Bible in such a way as not having to live according to it. They were proud of their biblicalness which gave them so great self-confidence that they even dared to arrange the killing of Jesus.

In the same way Jesus says to many Christian teachers of our time: *"Woe to you priests and preachers! For you have taken away the key of the kingdom of heaven. You have not entered in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."*

They proclaim the correct gospel, but they proclaim it in such a way that people would receive it before them and not before Jesus. If you did your decision of faith before them, they use their keys and

say to you: "I proclaim to you the forgiveness of your sins in the name and in the blood of Jesus Christ."

When they bind forgiveness of sins to their own religious authority, they bind you to themselves and to their church. If someone says 'in the name of Jesus Christ' it doesn't guarantee that Jesus would be involved. Jesus says that "many will come in my name and they deceive many." The deception is that actually they work in their own name although they say they work in the name of Jesus.

If someone truly comes in Jesus' name, he will not be received so easily. Instead if someone seeks his own glory with the name of Jesus, he will be received. In the same way it was with Jesus who came in His Father's name: *"I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive."* Joh.5:43

The Jews will receive Antichrist because he will come in his own name. If the assurance of your salvation is based on human words, you have been born into the antichristian faith. It is good if you lose your wrong assurance. Your false salvation experience hinders you from receiving the genuine salvation. Your wrong peace makes hearing forgiveness difficult from the mouth of God. So do not believe these key lords but listen to the gospel and turn to Jesus until He proclaims the forgiveness of your sins.

Key lords hate the believers born by the Holy Spirit, because they are independent of their lording. They complain that believers have not common faith. They disapprove of individualism and they want community faith. They don't speak in this way, because they got worry about people getting saved, but they worry about having little power. They want you to come into their community to be in the sphere of their influence.

If you are longing for strong religious authority you are in danger of becoming a victim of a religion. God wants to set you free from the fear of man. Don't scare of their bindings and don't honor their loosing.

If you truly entered in the gate of the kingdom of heaven, you came into the sphere of the influence of Jesus. Let Jesus Christ be your

LORD! What the LORD Jesus opens that lords cannot close, and what He closes that the lords are not able to open.

The keys of Peter

Jesus promised Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven: *"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."* Mt.16:19

Many have had a lust to own these keys. Because of their lust for power they have wanted to be loosing and binding people. Because of their pride they have misunderstood this text of the Bible.

Peter got these keys together with the other apostles when Jesus showed himself to them after His resurrection: *"So Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'"*

Joh.20:21-23

Did Jesus do something in His own name, although He was the only Son of God? No! He came to the world as sent by His Father and He did everything in the name of His Father. He bound and loosed only what the Father caused in Him. Does a Christian do something in his own name, although he is a child of God? No! Jesus has sent him to this world in the same way as the Father sent Jesus. A Christian binds and looses only what Jesus causes in us.

To point out that only the Holy Spirit can proclaim forgiveness of sins on behalf of God Jesus starts His speech: 'Receive the Holy Spirit...' The Spirit of God can speak to you through a believer who says to you: "Jesus has forgiven you your sins!" If the words had been spoken in the Holy Spirit, your heart also experienced peace from God. However God has not limited Himself to utterances of believers, but He saves everybody who in truth turns to Him.

If you read the Acts, you don't find Peter and Paul proclaiming forgiveness but proclaiming the gospel. They understood how to use the keys of the kingdom of heaven. The message about the atonement of sins in Jesus Christ is the key message. If this message

fits the heart of a listener, it is there for the Holy Spirit to turn the key and let the person come in the grace of God.

"Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified." Ac.13:38-39

They themselves didn't proclaim the forgiveness of sins to people, but they told it is proclaimed to them through Jesus, that is: Jesus will proclaim it to them. They respected the work that the Holy Spirit did in the heart of people. They allowed God to open His door for people. *"When they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles."* Ac.14:27

Only God can open the door of faith to you. If a man of spirit, claiming to have a ministry from God, proclaims to you that now you have the faith and you are saved, do not believe him. Come near to God for the sake of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Ask Him to give you access to His Kingdom. Through the Jesus-door you will enter in the grace of God.

Do you consider me a true believer?

Although no man can proclaim us forgiveness of our sins the acceptance of other believers is almost the same to us. If Jesus has given us His peace, we give our testimony of it to other believers. When they reply to us that they understand Jesus has forgiven us, this promise of Jesus comes true in their statement: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them." Our brothers and sisters in Christ confirm to us the forgiveness we got from Jesus.

Of course it is possible that you have experienced something different from what Jesus of the Bible gives, and therefore the believers didn't accept your testimony. They then offer you the experience in Jesus through the gospel as the condition for their acceptance. In this way the promise of Jesus comes true: "If you retain the sins of any, they are retained." The Church of God proves to those who have rejected the gospel, what is the consequence of their deed.

If you gave a genuine testimony of your love for Jesus to those who you considered true believers, but they didn't accept you, it is important that you are not dependent on their acceptance, but your faith is based on the peace you received from the Holy Spirit. If you then doubt what you have got from Jesus and start to seek for assurance of your salvation in the acceptance of people, you are losing your faith of Jesus.

Already in the days of the apostles there appeared people among believers who wanted to rule believers claiming that they had authority to forgive sins, because they had the knowledge and the anointing from God. This caused that many started to doubt the salvation they had got from Jesus. They started to think that they are not saved if they have not received an absolution from these "anointed ones". John, the apostle says that these anointed ones (anointed = Christ) are antichrists and warns believers not to submit to their power.

"You have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him." 1Jo.2:20,27

The gospel produces love to Jesus. Those who have this love have fellowship with one another in the Spirit of God. If we sin it weakens this fellowship. Therefore we have been urged to pray for each other and confess our sins. The Bible never urges to proclaim forgiveness of sins, but to proclaim the promise that God will forgive us if we repent. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* 1Jo.1:9

The eternal gospel

Through the ages all people have had the possibility to be saved through the same gospel, because the gospel is the eternal truth. The death and the resurrection of Jesus happened in time, but it has an effect in eternity. Therefore its power worked already before Jesus was born into the world.

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth - to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people." Re.14:6

When the gospel has been made to serve the power of Christian churches, a wrong message has been given to the whole world. People think that their salvation is bound to the influence of churches. Therefore they are asking how every person could be saved, if churches are not present everywhere. The gospel can be everywhere and therefore whoever can receive the salvation anywhere.

"We give thanks because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth." Col.1:5-6

The gospel is an eternal matter that has been available for all people in all times. Abel, the son of Adam heard the gospel of reconciliation when he was repenting his sins. He sacrificed a lamb and got through that the connection to the sacrifice of Jesus on Golgotha. Time doesn't matter in eternity. The sacrifice of Jesus had its power also before the Christian Era. Only God knows how many were saved through the sacrifice of Jesus before He came to the world. We only know the few of them who are mentioned in the Bible.

Jesus is the only way to God, because He is the only sacrifice for our sins. Many rebel against this and they claim that God has become man also in other religions. They believe that there are many gates to heaven. Has Buddha died for you? Did Muhammad atone your sins with his death? Has God raised them from the dead and so proved that He accepts their atoning sacrifices? No, none of them even claims that they would have atoned your sins except Jesus of the Bible.

Many religions have taught the similar good rules for life, but you know that those don't open the access to God for you. Of course the moral laws are similar in all the religions through ages, because God has written them to our hearts. Of course all people have in some

way understood that the Son of God exists, because the gospel is eternal.

Your sins must be atoned, your evilness must be purged away from you and your heart must be recreated. If only you humbled yourself before God and allowed you to be reconciled to God. You can be sure that eternal gospel works without the presence of any priest or a preacher.

The battle of the gospel

Those who belong to Jesus have been set to defend the gospel so that religious people should not steal it for the instrument of their superstition. Paul fought a spiritual battle for the gospel against those who had veiled the gospel of God.

"But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus sake." 2Co.4:3-5

For to everyone, who wants to do in the same way as Paul previously described, it has been granted to suffer for the gospel like sheep for the slaughter. *"For your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."* Ro.8:36

In the last days this lot of sheep for the slaughter has a special meaning. God has spoken about it in the eleventh chapter of the book of Zechariah. There God speaks about the judgment which will meet all nations. *"And I took my staff, Beauty, and cut it in two, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples. So it was broken on that day. Thus the poor of the flock, who were watching me, knew that it was the word of the LORD."*

Zec.11:10-11

The gospel is a beautiful message for all nations. The time during which the gospel is preached is called God's covenant with all peoples. One day He Himself veils the gospel to people by breaking the staff of Beauty. The poor of the flock are those Jesus believers who have suffered while defending the gospel. Then they will

understand that the coming of Jesus is near when they see those who considered them sheep for the slaughter deserting Christianity.

God will send Antichrist to the world. First he is a shepherd of God's flock. He deserts Jesus and after that he deserts His sheep. In this way God has predicted about the thoughts of Antichrist: *"I will not feed you. Let what is dying die, and what is perishing perish. Let those that are left eat each other's flesh. Then I said to them, 'If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain.' So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver."* Zec.11:9,12

One part of this prophecy was fulfilled in Judas Iscariot, because he sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. However Judas had no flock that he could desert as Antichrist will have. Judas is a pattern of Antichrist in whom this prophecy will be fulfilled completely. He is the false anointed, the false prophet and the man of lawlessness.

Jesus prophesies about the same moment in this way: *"I must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."* Joh.9:4

If God doesn't proclaim you forgiveness of your sins, you are not able to be saved. Woe to the world at that dark time when He hides Himself from people! Then those believers, who have not "the anointing from the Holy One" but their faith is based on assurances of other believers, will turn to the Jesus believers and ask: 'Our faith is dying. Proclaim us forgiveness of our sins.' Then they will reply: "We cannot give you it. Go and seek Jesus. You can get His anointing only from Him.' So they will go and seek for the salvation, but they will not find.

Thus be not foolish and live on the salvation that people have proclaimed you but be wise and seek the LORD while He may be found. Therefore God says to you now: *"In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."* 2Co.6:2

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Woe to hypocrites!

Jesus proclaimed seven woes to His religious opponents in the 23rd chapter of the gospel of Matthew. The reasons for His shouts of woe are current also today.

Woe to preventers of the salvation

Woe to them, the theologians and the Christian leaders who pretend to be believers! They shut up the kingdom of heaven against men. Because they have not allowed themselves to be saved, they would not allow also others to come to the faith.

They love the Christian culture but not Jesus. They want to use the word of God as the instrument of their power. They want to be spiritual fathers who are honored by people because of their position. They are speaking with priestly tone so that they could fulfill the need of their listeners to receive religious comfort.

Woe to those who convert to their religion

Woe to them, the theologians and the Christian leaders who dominate over others with their hypocrisy! They travel land and sea to win one convert. When one is won they make him twice as much a son of hell as them.

The missionaries of the Christian culture have exported Christianity to other cultures but not given them the gospel about Jesus Christ. Therefore the disciples of the Christian culture are more evil than their teachers.

Woe to the blind teachers of God's word

Woe to spiritually blind Bible teachers! With fine ways they reject the teachings of Jesus with their interpretations of the Bible in order to follow their own traditions. They don't see the glory of Jesus Christ. Therefore they say that the Bible is the Word of God, although the Bible says that Jesus Christ is the Word of God.

They teach: 'If someone is in the faith but is not a member of a denomination, he is not a member of the Church of God.' How fools and blind they are! For which is greater a Christian organization or a believer who with his presence sanctifies the organization? Whereas

Jesus sanctifies a believer with His presence in him. Thus a believer is greater than any congregational organization or a temple building.

Because they are spiritually blind they don't see that the believers are the Church of God. Therefore they consider their church organization the Church.

Woe to the superficial Christianity

Woe to them, the theologians and the Christian leaders who pretend to be holy! They baptize and administer Communion but they have neglected the weightier matters of the gospel: receiving God's love, mind change and self-denying. In their blindness they stick to the outward matters because they don't see inward ones.

They expect from believers only things what are benefits for the congregational organization, like giving a tenth part of their incomes and serving in the meeting arrangements. They bind believers to the actions of their organization, but neglect binding them to God's love in His sacrifice. They invite people coming to meetings but not turning to Jesus.

Woe to the well-behaved evil thinkers

Woe to them, the theologians and the Christian leaders who are hypocritical! They cleanse their behavior but their thoughts are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Bible teacher, first cleanse your thoughts and then your behavior also will be clean.

It is enough for them when a sinner says that forgive me. They don't expect changed mind or repentance. They don't care about the quality of the heart from which words are coming out. They only demand that speaking is nice and well sounded.

Woe to the religious pretenders

Woe to them, the theologians and the Christian leaders who are pretenders! They are like whitewashed tombs. They indeed appear beautiful on the outside, but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean.

In the eyes of people they are righteous believers, because they are able to behave so well. However in the eyes of God they are unclean pretenders, because their thoughts are full of self-deception and lawlessness.

Woe to the murderers of God's messengers

Woe to them, the theologians and the Christian leaders who are hypocritical! They build monuments on the tomb of Jesus and decorate the graves of the witnesses of Jesus. They honor late heroes of faith who were persecuted by Christian churches.

They say: 'If we had lived in those days, we would not have taken part in the persecution.' So they testify against themselves that they are descendants of those who murdered Jesus and have persecuted His messengers. They cherish traditions and honor the heroes of faith only for the support of their own authority. Actually they despise the message of their heroes.

Upon them will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth. They will fill up the measure of the sin of their forefathers!

Stop pretending

If you were hit by some of the previous shouts of woe, you should know Jesus wants that pretenders will receive the broken heart and to be saved. He doesn't wish hell on anyone but He saves no one by force.

Pretending is the way where the heart is hardened. If you feel your heart to be hard against Jesus, ask Him to rebuke yourself. You as the pretender must die so that you could become alive. Depart from the family of pretenders before your heart becomes too hard. When you are in agony because of His reprimand, ask God the Father to show you Jesus Christ as crucified due to your sins. That vision gives you a new heart.

Jesus can change a hypocrite into a true believer. Turn to Him. He is waiting for you.

Ecumenical kiss

Judas became a betrayer because he had a liking for pretending. He kept in contact with Jesus and also with the opponents of Jesus. There is no love that could join lie to truth.

Unbelievable believers

Although Judas was a thief and a liar, bad life was not his real problem. We all are sinners and Judas was not worse than the others. He became a betrayer because he had a passion for pretence. Sometimes there were also other unbelievers than Judas who were following Jesus.

Jesus says about His disciples: *"There are some of you who do not believe. For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray Him. He went on to say, 'This is why I told you that no-one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him.'"* John 6:64-65 He refers to His earlier words: *"No-one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from Him comes to me."* John 6:44-45

Thus Jesus exposes that Judas had not become His disciple by being drawn by the Father. He had had his own reasons to start to follow Jesus. Some human motive drew him into the company of Jesus.

Likewise Jesus also the apostles came to notice that there were in the congregations some persons who actually were not in the faith. Therefore Paul urged the believers of Corinth: *"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realise that Christ Jesus is in you?"* 2Cor.13:5 From this sentence we get the definition of a Christian: A Christian is a person in whom Christ Jesus lives.

The Spirit of God witnesses to every person that Jesus is the Son of God. Some people reject this testimony though they believe in Jesus in their own way. They don't find knowing of Jesus in themselves, because they have not got it from God the Father. They have not got it because they have not accepted the testimony the Father has given about his Son.

How does Jesus treat Judas

Verses 43-71 in chapter six of the Gospel of John tells about the speech of Jesus. Many said about it: "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" It was hard for them to hear that they cannot live otherwise than through Jesus. They didn't like the idea that they should lose their own life and start living Jesus-life.

Due to this speech many of the disciples of Jesus deserted Him. Obviously just these people were those about whom Jesus said: "There are some of you who do not believe."

This was also for Judas a possibility to turn back, but he didn't do it. Then Jesus said to the Twelve: "You do not want to leave too, do you?" It seems to be so that Jesus waited for Judas to use this opportunity to stop pretending. When Judas still didn't understand his position before God, Jesus said so that everybody heard: "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!"

Why didn't Jesus say straight out that Judas is a devil? Why didn't He fight against Judas openly? Jesus acted in this situation according to His own teaching. He thought: "*Do not resist an evil person.*" Matth.5:39 The Pharisees opposed Jesus publicly and Jesus replied to them publicly. Judas opposed Jesus secretly and Jesus replied to Judas unnoticed by the others.

Jesus didn't expose Judas for the others, because He preferred that Judas himself exposes his heart. Instead He made such a speech that it offended Judas and all of those who followed Him because of wrong motives. Unfortunately pretending had hardened the heart of Judas so that God's word didn't touch him any more. Also today the preachers of God's word should keep their congregations clear of pretenders by preaching as sharply as Jesus did. However the worst pretender can still remain.

It is better for false believers to take offence at a word of God and to desert their congregation than to stay as Judas among believers. Hearing God's word saves only those, who have opened their ears to God, the others it hardens. Many efforts to keep people in meetings where they hear God's word are not as valuable as many think.

When Jesus at the last supper said to the disciples that one of them will betray Him, they became very sad and began to say to Jesus: "*Surely not I, Lord?*" Matth.26:22 Judas was a so well trained pretender that also he said: "Surely not I, Rabbi?" Although Jesus replied to Judas: "Yes, it is you", he still continued his pretending.

Why did Judas stay in his congregation, though he was internally out of it? He respected Jesus as a great teacher of the Bible, because he calls Jesus by the name "Rabbi". The other disciples call Jesus by the name "Lord". From this we can conclude that Judas was more interested in the teachings of Jesus than His personality. He stayed in the congregation, because he admired the high teachings of Jesus.

Jesus gave Judas many possibilities to stop pretending, but he didn't use them. He had the last moment to be saved, when Jesus at the supper said about His betrayer: "*It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread.*" John 13:26-27 The disciples saw how He handed a piece of the bread to Judas. In this way Jesus wanted to help Judas to expose himself!

When Judas took the bread from the hand of Jesus, it was as though he had said to Jesus that although you know me to be your betrayer I still am going to betray you. He had become as hardened as the devil. Judas could have said: "I am your betrayer and I repent what I am. I do not want to take the piece of the bread, because I don't want to betray you. Jesus, save me." When he however took that bread he sealed his pretending. He turned finally his back to light and stepped into darkness.

In the dark garden Judas led the arresters to the right man by saying, "Greetings, Rabbi" and kissed Jesus. Jesus didn't kiss Judas, but said kindly to him: "*Friend, do what you came for?*" Matth.26:50

Judas' destiny

Why did Judas become a betrayer? He was not aiming at it but he met with the destiny of a pretender. A pretender should remember that sooner or later all will be exposed.

Due to his pretentious faith Judas was able to keep in contact with people who believed in quite opposite ways. Judas wanted to build a

unity between Jesus and the high priests. He started the ecumenical movement.

The present time Judases think that those who belong to Jesus could keep in contact with the churches that are pretending to be Christian. In the same way as Judas tried to build unity between the disciples of Jesus and the high priests they try to bring about ecumenicalism between the true Christianity and e.g. Catholicism.

The Jews were furious with Jesus because He said that He is the Son of God. Also Judas didn't believe that Jesus is the Son of God but he loved the teachings and miracles of Jesus. He wanted to get Jesus accepted as one rabbi among the Jewish rabbis. He was dreaming that Jesus and the high priests could cooperate. He himself felt like-minded with the high priests and therefore he kept in contact with them.

When the high priests sought a possibility to judge Jesus, Judas' offer to hand Jesus over to them, was a cooperation of the like-minded. How did Judas experience this? His task was only to lead a group of people to Jesus. What bad was it in this? He was guiding to Jesus the people with whom he had the unity of heart.

When Jesus was sentenced to death Judas was shocked. How could he be so surprised at the result of his ecumenical efforts? Pretending had blinded him. When he pretended to Jesus and at the same time kept connection with the priests he became blind to seeing how different Jesus and the high priests actually were. When the truth was exposed for him it drove him to desperation.

The distressed Judas went to confess his sin to those with whom he had the unity of the spirit. He opened his heart to those, who believed that Jesus was not the Son of God. Therefore he got the unfriendly answer: "What is that to us? That's your responsibility." This answer caused him to commit suicide.

In practice Judas didn't help much the high priests. They could find Jesus from the night of Gethsemane also without Judas. Also the help of Judas was not needed to carry out the atonement work of God. The high priests succeeded in arresting Jesus, because He accepted His task in Gethsemane and said to the Father: "Yet not

as I will, but as you will." Judas was among the apostles as the messenger of the devil. Through him God tested the faith of the apostles. Through him the devil tried to captivate the disciples and drive them against Jesus.

The destiny of Judas is a warning example for all pretenders. It's no use pretending a Christian. On the other hand he is a warning example of a false believer, who tempts believers to an unholy unity with other religions.

Be saved from the way of Judas

Actually Judas was not able to deceive Jesus, but only the other apostles. When he betrayed Jesus he only deceived himself. Jesus was aware of the actions of Judas. He was not surprised at it. In the same way every Jesus' own now has to be aware of the betrayers who are acting near to him. Or - do you consider all members of the church believers? Do not be deceived by the exterior but seek the unity of the Spirit.

Recognise the ecumenical kiss. A person who pretends to be a Christian may praise you, although he actually is against you. In that way he tries to tempt you to pretend. He wants from you a pretending "kiss" back. Do not get yourself involved in a pretentious unity. Do not reply to an ecumenical kiss with a kiss.

We are able to reject an approach that seems loving only if we love the truth more than proofs of love. If you love pretentious love the ecumenicalism takes you into its deadly embrace. God allows these judases to do their work to test you if you have received the love of the truth or not.

When we find that there are in the congregation people who don't know Jesus, we pray for them that they would genuinely come to the faith. They have to experience a spiritual crisis that it could be possible.

It is not easy to anyone to confess that one is not a genuine Christian. Judas was not able to do it. However I hope that you are able to do it, if you don't know Jesus as your Lord and God. Confess it publicly that you are not a Christian. Secede from your church and be to all what you really are in your heart. Seek God that He

would allow you to know His Son. When you come to know Jesus, return to the unity of the believers.

If you were born from a wrong spirit when you became a believer, your only hope is to give up your untruthful faith through the words of Jesus. If you experience that the speeches of Jesus hurt you so much that you feel that you are dying spiritually, don't be afraid. He first wants to put to death your religiousness so that He could make you alive after it. Jesus says about those who were born through a false prophet as follows: *"I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am He who searches hearts and minds."* Rev.2:23

Unfortunately churches have supported pretending so much that they are full of unbelievers, who are in danger of sharing the destiny of Judas. We can notice that only in few congregations it has been done as Jesus did. Jesus knew that it is not worth keeping in His flock people who have not been given Him by His Father. Therefore He didn't hesitate to speak about things that could offend some people and make them leave Him.

Many pastors have acted just the opposite to Jesus. They are careful not to offend anybody, because they want to keep in their flock almost everybody, who wants to stay there. They believe that they are able to save also them who have rejected God's testimony of Jesus. They should trust the influence of God about which the Bible speaks: *"The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."* Acts 2:47

World treats believers in the same way it treated Jesus

Jesus predicted that His followers will have the same destiny as He Himself. *"It is enough for the student to be like his teacher."*

Matth.10:25

Jesus stresses the importance of this word by saying: *"Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master'. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."* John 15:20

This world persecuted Jesus the His whole life, but it reached its climax in the crucifixion. Correspondingly the believers of Jesus have always been persecuted, but in the end times we will meet greater persecution than normally corresponding to the crucifixion

of Jesus. In the same way as Jesus rose from the dead also the congregation will rise up after its sufferings.

Jesus predicted this persecution by saying: *"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people."* Matth.24:9-11

In the same way as the Pharisees used Judas to betray Jesus the present time religious leaders use Christians walking in the spirit of Judas to betray the true believers. Jesus says: "They will betray each other". This is just what Judas did. He helped the high priests to judge Jesus "without a riot". In the same way the present time Judases will help the ecumenical world church to judge the Jesus' own.

It was not an easy task to judge Jesus, because He was such a good person. The priests had to invent false evidence against Him. Also judging the true believers needs a pretext. In the same way as Judas was the guide of the priests to find Jesus the present time Judases help the ecumenical church to recognise the true believers so that they could be arrested and judged.

The believers who have gone through their Gethsemane will stand before their judge as calm as Jesus. All glory to God for that!

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Is your church your idol?

Many worship their church as an idol. Therefore the judgment of God comes upon the church. But you, man of God, are you ready to meet this trial?

Christians relying on lies

If you believe in the gospel of God, you live according to it. If you live according to the gospel, you are allowed to have the faith in Jesus Christ. If you rely on a lie you don't live according to the gospel and your crimes against the gospel make you finally a backslider.

Many live in a lie, when they consider their Christian community the Church of God though it is not the Church of God. So do not trust in the words of lie when it is repeated to you: "This is the Church of God, the Church of God, the Church of God!" But if you really turn away from your own ways and follow Jesus, you are allowed to be in Him. However many don't rely on the gospel, but on the words of the lie, which are worthless to them.

How is it? Why do many believe that their Christian association is the Church of God? It is because they prefer to believe to be protected from the judgment of their sins by belonging to the right group rather than to believe to be safe from the judgment by walking on the Jesus-Way.

They steal, kill, commit adultery and swear oaths and worship their fatherland. Then they come before God in the name of Jesus and say: 'We shall be saved.' - just to continue doing all these detestable things. How can they allow their heart to be a den of robbers, although they confess to be the house of God?

The Church exists by the power of the Gospel

You can notice that there are a lot of Christians who emphasize more their church than God or Jesus. All the time they repeat, how important the church is, because they rely on the lie. If they relied on the truth, they would emphasize Jesus and the importance of knowing Him.

When the association of an assembling congregation is considered an idol, its meeting room becomes a den of robbers and its members become hypocrites who practise detestable things behind their facade. God shelters you from pretending, if you are pure from idols.

Where is the Church of God? God doesn't live in a building any more. He lives in His believers. The Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem was the figure of the body of Jesus Christ. Now, when Jesus sits on the Throne in heaven, His own are His body on the earth. The bodies of Jesus' own are the temples of God. Thus the Church of God is neither a building, nor an association nor an institution but a group of people.

What do you think is the Church of God? Do you believe that you can join the Church of God by becoming a member of the association of a Christian church? In reality it is so that if Jesus doesn't live in you, you live outside the Church of God.

The local Church

Because the believers are the Church, all the local Jesus' own form the local Church. This church acts where the believers are. What the believers do at home, at work and in their leisure time are the activities of the local Church.

They can be assembled in many places and associations, but they are still one body in Christ. Although you say to one who doesn't belong to your association, "because you don't belong to our church, you don't belong to the body of Christ", he would not for that reason cease to be part of the body, if he has the faith in Jesus.

If one believer of an area commits a sin, every believer of the area suffers. If one believer of the area gets grace from God to follow Jesus well, every believer of the area shares the joy. The influence of the local Church is not the influence of a human organization, but its influence is based on the events in the invisible world, and on what Jesus does in us.

How to join the Church?

They say that they join the Church through their baptism. Did Jesus come to live in us through the baptism? How could water make

us the temples of God? He comes to live in us, when we listen to the Gospel in faith. When we open our heart to Him because of the sacrifice of Golgotha, He comes to live in us. If you live without Jesus, you live without the Church.

You are one hundred percent saved only through what you experienced by hearing in faith. All the other things through which you try to gain the certainty of the salvation are crimes against the Gospel.

Receiving the baptism is walking in firmness of faith and not seeking for it. Therefore whoever wants to be baptised must belong to the Church of God, in other words he must have the fellowship with Jesus. The baptism, which claims to join one to the Church of God, is under a curse, because the Gospel of God is replaced by it.

Associations serving the Church of God

An association that serves the Church of God is not the Church of God. Such an association doesn't even mark the limits of an assembling congregation, because it is composed of those who are assembled.

The membership of a Christian association has nothing to do with your membership of the Church of God. If you consider your association the Church of God, you commit a crime against the Gospel of God. This crime causes refusing to baptize a person who has come to the faith, if he doesn't promise to join their church, as they call their association.

You blind men! How can you regard the membership of an association as the membership of the body of Jesus? This crime against the Gospel causes God to destroy these associations. Endure this destruction as discipline of God, who loves you. You must live without "your church", so that you would wake up to appreciate the Church that is in Christ Jesus.

When Jesus came into our heart through faith, God accepted us. Who are then those authoritative men, who won't accept us, if we don't bow before their church? You, who have a mercy from God, do not scare them, and don't go under their hands to receive a blessing.

Also they won't accept you to share the Communion, if they have not been allowed to baptize you into their church. Don't care about it, for their Communion is not established by Jesus. He who lives by the power of the faith of the Gospel is worthy of participating in the wedding dinner of the Lamb of God in heaven. How could he not be worthy of participating in its symbolic figure on the earth! How can they be so blind teachers?

Preachers blinded by lust for power

Pride makes blind teachers. Lust for power makes one behave like a lord and master and drives to rising up to the mountain of the human authoritativeness. Woe to them when God says: "What are you O mighty mountain before Jesus? You will become level ground." God Himself will build His house and the lords who resist His works will meet their judgment.

Woe to them! They are strong and fat as the bulls of Bashan. Their powerfulness doesn't allow them to agree ploughing to be bound to the yoke of Jesus. However they want to plough for God. The Old Testament speaks about Bashan as the place where God is served by relying on lies. Jesus experienced on the cross how the bulls of Bashan encircled Him. *"Many bulls have surrounded me; strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me. They gape at me with their mouths, like a raging and roaring lion."* Ps.22:12-13

Dan, a son of Israel is a pattern of Judas and Judas is a pattern of the Antichrist. Thus already Moses predicted that the Antichrist will appear among the nation of God: *"And of Dan he said: 'Dan is a lion's whelp; he shall leap from Bashan'.* De.33:22

The Christian leaders who are lording over their churches are bulls who have the mouth of a lion. Today they besiege Jesus. They are the bulls of Bashan, who open their big mouths against Jesus as lions. Very soon the Antichrist will dart out from their group.

Jesus has given some persons the gift to be leaders of the assembling congregations. Often the holder of that ministry becomes proud of his ministry and thinks too much about himself. Pride forms his doctrine of the Church. First he is not able to make a difference between the local Church and the assembling congregation, because his pride wants to see all the local believers

assembled in his congregation. Finally he is not able make a difference between his association and the assembling congregation, because the success of the association brings more glory to him.

Impudently he calls his assembling congregation the local church and thus he came to exclude other believers than those who are assembled in his meetings from the Church. However he may confess with his mouth that he considers also those outsiders to be saved, but then he is only speaking like a politician. In fact he appreciates only his own, because his heart is "frozen" by his pride. The lie he practises prevents him from loving all the Jesus' own.

A proud spiritual leader tries to strengthen his power by inciting the members to worship the church as an idol. Many preachers are golden calves, who are involved with the religious spiritual force that the Bible calls the bull of Bashan.

When the Christians haven't got the mind of Jesus, they want the church to have a strong human leader like a king. It seems that in most of the Christian communities the big preachers have been made kings and thus they have taken the place of Jesus. This is a terrible crime. Israel did the similar transgression in Gilgal when they made Saul king and so God's kingship was displaced by a human one. See how great a desolation this transgression produced! God said about it: *"All their wickedness is in Gilgal, for there I hated them."* Ho.9:15

Because of this crime God destroyed His Temple in Jerusalem and took away the king from Israel. The same will happen to the Church. *"So in my anger I gave you a king, and in my wrath I took him away."* Ho.13:11

The assembled congregation

An assembled congregation must agree with each other of how they build on the common foundation of Christ. Those who build in very different ways are needed not build together, but they can build in different places and still love each other and give the right hand of fellowship. They all belong to the same Church of Jesus, although they act apart from each other.

Sectarianism means closing your heart from other believers, not gathering together in different places. So let us look down on nobody or condemn nobody. God Himself will judge His people and pay reward to His servants.

Where would there be believers gathered with whom I could build together? Firstly I want that we come together in the name of Jesus. Of course it doesn't only mean mentioning His name, but assembling round Him. Secondly I require that the leaders of the activities don't practise crimes against the Gospel.

I hate deceiving actions

How could I anymore join Christian activities where Jesus has been replaced with the church or where He has been put into the shadow of the church? If they don't agree that I am a member of God's Church without belonging to their association, I don't want to build together with them.

It is dangerous to live in an association which has been considered the Church of God. Besides it is fruitless. Where idols are served there is always also fellowship with evil spirits. I do not want to be a participant with demons. Just religious spiritual forces are those about whom it is written that they can "*to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*" Mr.13:22

You can live in the centre of the congregational activities and even so you can be without a fellowship with other believers. You can visit a meeting of the church even every day without getting any spiritual benefit. It is really shocking how the church idol is able to separate the true believers from each other, although they participate in the same meetings! Participating congregational meetings really must not be end in itself.

Heart's or church's altar

The Most Holy Place of the Church of God is above where Jesus Christ is now. It is not in the front part of a church building behind the altar rail. Where ever you are there is the invisible altar rail, where you can meet God. Jesus is the curtain between the Most Holy Place and you. The heaven is opened to you in Him and not in a church.

In Temple of God there was a curtain that divided it into two parts, the Most Holy part and the Holy part. The religious spirits imitate the deeds of God. Therefore they want that in the Christian churches there is the altar rail that divides it into two parts. In the front part of the room there are performers and in the other part there is the audience, just like in a theatre. This performer-audience arrangement doesn't come from God. A religious spirit wants to appear in the curtain of pretence close to the altar rail.

A pulpit is not the throne of grace, and a speaker's stand is not the place before which you should come to sacrifice praises to God. Where ever you are, there you can turn to Jesus. He is always near you in the Holy Spirit and only He is the throne of grace and there is no altar of God's grace anywhere else.

Arrangements in the meeting room

Of course the arrangements of the meeting room don't change hearts, but the attitudes of hearts form the arrangements. So how does God want us to come together? Jesus says, *"where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them"*.

Mt.18:20

If Jesus is allowed to be in centre, it must also have an effect on the outward form of the meeting. Then there are no performer-audience arrangements. Whatever the arrangements of the meeting are they must support genuineness and put obstacles to performances.

Remove altars and destroy performance stages! Take them away before His jealousy will burn them. Suppress performing choirs and take away theatre performances from the congregation. Sing a song to God, when your heart sings and be quiet before Him, when you are empty. Don't fill your emptiness with devoted performances, so that you would not become deaf and blind to God's revelations.

The genuine meeting of a congregation is not an occasion where performances are given, but it is coming together to share with each other what we have got from God. Also an audience can be present at the meeting, which means the persons who have not the faith of Jesus, but the meeting must not be changed for their sake into performances.

Don't forsake the assembling congregation

Many, who run Christian meetings, say these words of the Bible to those who leave their meetings: *"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some."* Heb.10:25 They certainly don't say this to you, because they worry about the salvation of your soul, but because they would be so blessed to see you in the range of their influence.

How warmly glowing invites the atmosphere of many churches! However mostly the glow is not created by the presence of God, but it comes from the love for an idol. In the sweet lap of the church-idol we so easily fall asleep in eternal impenitence. So let's leave our assembling congregation if it is this kind of a place. Forsake that gang for the sake of Jesus so that you would not forsake Jesus for the sake of it.

The believers who are avoiding the fellowship of the other believers need the encouragement of this Bible text. If our relationship to Jesus gets cold, we are not happy in the company of His own. If our relationship to Jesus is good, we are not happy in places where idols are worshipped.

As believers we need the company of each other. Mutual assembling is important, but it must never surpass our communication with Jesus. Also Paul was three years without congregational meetings in the desert of Arabia and listened only to Jesus.

Forsake the assembling congregation

If you repent your unfaithfulness and confess to Jesus that you have been the idolater of a church-idol, He will forgive you. If you have once been a participant with a religious spirit, maybe you don't get rid of it very easily.

Your diligent participation in the meetings, where you were exposed to the spirit of the idol, has left a deep mark on your soul, because it continued for years or even for decades. The lack of a massive protectiveness of the bull of Bashan makes you feel an orphan, but it is for your own good. Your feeling of insecurity makes you come

near to Jesus and you are allowed to be yoked together with Him. Thus you will find the real rest for your soul.

For some persons it's better to totally stop attending meetings for a while, so that they could be healed up from their injury created by their unfaithfulness. During that time seek only the nearness of Jesus and keep in contact only with individual believers. In time when the days of your purification are over, God will send you back to the meetings.

Outside together with Jesus

My soul is trembling before God. He gave His only Son, but we have not returned His love worthily. He knew beforehand about the unfaithfulness of His people when saying, "*when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth.*" Lu.18:8 Instead of only being horrified at this let's grieve about it together with Jesus.

Are you able to recognize the situation, where Jesus is outside the meetings of your congregation and is knocking there trying to come in? However in this way Jesus says to the congregation of Laodicea: "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him.*" Re.3:20

Why was it also then so that many didn't care about the knocking of Jesus? Because they thought that Jesus was already inside. Therefore they thought that the knocker cannot be Jesus.

I want to be where Jesus is. Because He is knocking outside the meeting of many congregations without a permission to come in, therefore also I don't attend those meetings.

I was decades inside them and tried to tell there that Jesus is knocking outside, but in vain. Finally Jesus guided me out and said to me: "Go away, for there is no pure place for you here."

Now I want to be outside and prove to those who are inside that Jesus is outside. When I deserted the polluted meetings, my relationship with Jesus was improved. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads also you into the pure pastures.

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Grief of God

God grieves over many persons, because they have not received His love. If only these hard-hearted grieved over their hardness so that God could save them. Look at God's grief to become right-minded.

God's word to the Church

Do not go into the temple, but stand at the door of the house of God and there proclaim this message:

"Hear the word of the LORD Jesus, all you congregation of God who pray and worship God in your meeting rooms. This is what the Lord of the Church says: Live by the Spirit of God and reform your actions and I'll let you be my people."

Do not trust in deceptive words and say: "This is the Temple of God, the Church of God, the House of God!"

If you really obey the teachings of the Son of God and, if you really follow His words as well in small things as in crucial things, then you will be allowed to be His house.

If you do not show favouritism, but consider all people of equal value, then the gospel of God will remain with you. If you refrain from all violence and stay away from all bloodshed for the sake of the Son of God, then you are allowed to experience God's peace. If you refuse to worship idols and do not allow yourselves to be participants with demons, then you are allowed always to live and to act in the faith of the Son of God.

But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless.

How is it? You steal and kill, commit adultery and swear oaths, work hard for your idols and follow the instructions of evil spirits. Then you come to a meeting of the congregation and say to God: "We shall be saved." - Are you safe just to do all these detestable things?

Has the congregation, which assembles in God's name, become a den of robbers to you? Behold, I, even I, have seen it!

Go to Jerusalem, the place where God first made a dwelling for His name. See what God has done to it because of the wickedness of His people.

Because you have given up following Jesus, and you have not obeyed Him, although He has spoken to you from the time you came to faith, because you didn't answer, although He called you, therefore God does to the Christian Church that bears His name, the same He did to the Jewish state.

The Jews were proud of their religion and boasted of the holiness of the temple of Jerusalem. In the same way Christians trust the saving power of their church. Therefore God destroyed the temple of Jerusalem and for the same reason He will also destroy the Christian Church.

God wonders at the apostasy

This is what God says: When men fall down, do they not get up? When a man turns away, does he not return? Why then have these people turned away? Why does the church always turn away? Why do they cling to deceit and refuse to return?

God has listened attentively, but they do not say what is right. No-one repents of his wickedness, saying, "What have I done?" Each pursues his own course running on his way. Even migratory birds follow God's advice and move in the right time, but His people don't carry out the will of God.

How can you say: "We are wise, for we have the word of the LORD," when actually the lying pen of the theologians has handled it falsely?

The wise will be put to shame; they will be dismayed and trapped. Since they have rejected the word of God, what kind of wisdom do they have?

They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. "Peace, peace," they say, when there is no peace. They will be put to shame, because they have done abominations with their pen, but they have no shame at all, they do not even know how to blush. Thus they will fall and they will be brought down together with other godless people, when the time of their punishment arrives.

Those who don't remain in Jesus will be thrown away like branches, and they wither, and they are picked up and thrown into the fire and burned.

Grief of a friend of God

Where is a comforter in my sorrow? My heart is faint within me, for the believers, my people speak in chorus with the godless world. Is God not in the church, is Jesus no longer its King? Why have they provoked their Redeemer to anger with their idols and why have they fallen in love with vanity?

The time of grace is past, preaching of the gospel is ending, but we are not saved. Since the church is crushed, I am crushed. I mourn, and horror grips me. Has there not been power in the gospel or why have the children of the gospel not changed into right-minded?

Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the slain of the church, my people!

"Oh, that I had in the desert a lodging place for travellers, so that I might leave my people and go away from them; for they are all adulterers, a crowd of unfaithful people." Jeremiah 9:2

Deceitful church

They have used a lie as a weapon to shoot the right-minded. They don't shoot the lie with truth to set free the prisoners of lie, because they don't know God. They have got themselves used to lying to be able to go from one sin to another.

Their tongue is a deadly arrow, because it lies. With their mouth they speak peace but in their heart they set traps for their neighbours.

Beware of believers, do not trust your brothers. For every believer, whose love for Jesus has grown cold, is a deceiver and a slanderer. They deceive each other and no-one speaks the truth. They have taught their tongues to lie, they have wearied themselves with sinning against Truth.

You, a friend of God, you live in the midst of deception. In their deceit they refuse to acknowledge God. Therefore God puts His people into the forge of persecution to refine them from their lies. What else could He do?

God judges His people

Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows God. Let him praise God who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth.

Behold, now the days are here when God punishes all, who are Christians and still live without Christ, who have been baptised to be Christians but have not been baptised into Jesus Christ.

"For it is time for judgement to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?" 1Peter 4:17

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Sifted Church

These days Jesus' owns are getting ready for the judgement that the Christian Church will be met with. It will be a refining judgement. Through it the grains are separated from chaff and straw for the gathering into the heavenly barn.

God refines His people

For three crimes of the Church, and for four, God will not turn away its punishment. Because they have for their false gods' sake despised the teachings of Jesus and have not obeyed the gospel, God will send fire upon the Church and that will consume its proud temples.

They have sold Truth for money and Love for a bad lust. They have trampled on the sufferings of the Son of God as upon the dust of the ground and have perverted the way of the believers.

They have defiled the name of God when they as believers continue in sin thus considering the Son of God a sinner. They have had mercy on their bad deeds and they have sought for support and peace for themselves from many false gods.

However they once had mercy from God after believing the gospel. God blessed them with peace and wisdom and He set them free from the slavery of sin. He led their life and gave them a good lot in Jesus.

When they turned away from the way of God, He sent rebukers for them. But others they tempted to worship their idols and to others they said: "Do not preach!"

Therefore God crushes them as sheaves are weighed down on the threshing-floor. Then no-one of the members of the church is able to hold one's position. Then the bravest hero of faith will flee away from the church and take nothing with him.

"The most courageous men of might shall flee naked in that day, says the LORD." Amos 2:16 "A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind." Mark 14:51-52

Christian Church will be destroyed

Hear this word the LORD has spoken against His Church. Only through the gospel has God chosen you of all families of the earth. Therefore He will punish you for your crimes done against the gospel.

If there happens a disaster in the world that God has caused, He has beforehand warned of it. Surely God does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets.

The Lord Jesus has spoken: who can put prophesy? Christians do not know how to do right. They have filled their temples with plunder that violates the gospel. Therefore the enemy of the church will destroy Christianity everywhere in the world. Hear this and testify against the Christian Church and declare: God will destroy the altars of the churches. He will tear down the chapels and temples and the many mansions of the Church will be demolished.

Do not seek a temple, but seek God and live. Do not go to the church, but go to the LORD of the church and live. Do not journey to festivals of your church, but walk on the ways of Jesus and find life.

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God will be with you, just as you say He is.

Hate evil, love good and maintain justice in your quarrels and God will have mercy on the remnant of the church!

Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? It will not be a day of the rapture of the church, but the day of its judgement. You say that the church has been raptured, because it has not been mentioned anymore in the revelation of the apostle. Why did it not come into your mind that it is not mentioned anymore, because it is dead?

Thus you are waiting for the day of the LORD as the rapture to be able to flee from the Beast. As though someone fled from a lion only to meet a bear.

God hates the festivals of the denominations and He doesn't like the solemn atmosphere of the temples. Even though you sing praise songs to God, He doesn't accept them, and He doesn't participate in your Holy Communion. Away with the noise of your songs! God doesn't want to listen to your music. But do justice to the word of God and put it into practice in your daily life.

Have you carried the name of God before the nations and represented His Kingdom during these 2000 years? You have carried the name of your religious hero and represented your national state idol, but you have not cared for the name of your Redeemer. Therefore God will let the world government hold you in captivity.

Woe to you who put off the evil day and bring near a reign of religious terror. Woe to you who live a luxurious life at the expense of killing the friends of Jesus. Woe to you who make spiritual songs, beautiful and tender, but not laments of backsliding Christians. Therefore just you will be among the first to be arrested. Then the shouts of joy of pretenders will end.

God Himself has declared this. "I abhor the pride of the Church!"

Sifted Church will be taken up

The eyes of God are on the sinful church and He will destroy it from the face of the earth. Yet He will not totally destroy the church. He gives the evil the command to shake it as grain is shaken in a sieve and He doesn't let any genuine grain to be lost.

The Church, hear this word! "Because this is what God will do to you, the Church, be prepared now to meet your God."

Near is the day when God will restore His fallen church and catch it up. However before that moment God will make the earth dark in the middle of a bright day as He did at the moment when Jesus died. *"It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining."* Luke 23:44-45

"In that day, declares the Sovereign LORD, 'I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight." Amos 8:9

"Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall

from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other." Matth.24:29-31

"I watched as He opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth." Rev.6:12-13

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Your freedom to choose means that you have the responsibility of the consequences of your choices. If we would be robots of God, we could not make wrong choices. Freedom of choice is the part of man. Animals have not that quality. Did you choose good or evil?

Nobody is as wise as God. The true friend of wisdom is so also a friend of God. If man has wisdom, it is a gift from Him.

God's secrets are published in the Bible but only the Holy Spirit can give us power to adopt them. The seed of lawlessness germinates and grows well in the Christian culture.

You have experienced love but what kind of love? You don't call your affection towards your evilness love, do you? What does your love hate that tells much about the content of your love. The experience of God's love that denies God's anger has created people of lawlessness.

The reconciliation with God opens the gate of the Paradise for you. You cannot be reconciled with God if Jesus Christ doesn't give it to you. He once atoned your sins on Golgotha! This knowledge is the key of the salvation. He lives and is waiting for you to come with your key to Him so that He could let you come in to the grace of God.

Jesus proclaimed seven woes to His religious opponents in the 23rd chapter of the gospel of Matthew. The reasons for His shouts of woe are current also today.

Judas became a betrayer because he had a liking for pretending. He kept in contact with Jesus and also with the opponents of Jesus. There is no love that could join lie to truth.

Many worship their church as an idol. Therefore the judgment of God comes upon the church. But you, man of God, are you ready to meet this trial?

God grieves over many persons, because they have not received His love. If only these hard-hearted grieved over their hardness so that God could save them. Look at God's grief to become right-minded.

These days Jesus' owns are getting ready for the judgement that the Christian Church will be met with. It will be a refining judgement. Through it the grains are separated from chaff and straw for the gathering into the heavenly barn.