

Spirit and Truth

Review and Importance
of John 4:20-24

- 1. Is true worship important to God or not?**
- 2. If yes, lets identify truth and hold it fast.**
- 3. If not, lets split GF and go to NewSpring.**

1. Or Brookwood?

2. Or St. Mary's downtown?

3. Or the Hindu temple near Dave & Jodi?

4. Atheist with season tickets for Panthers?

Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

John 4:20

Our fathers ... ye say

Each nation had their
own religious tradition.

Agree to disagree?

Two ways to God?

No way!

**This mountain ...
... or Jerusalem**

Mt. Gerizim or Mt. Zion?
Both were soon to be
replaced by new
worship.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

John 4:21

The hour cometh

Jesus used the future tense for the change.

Neither ... nor yet

He ended 1500 years of
OT worship in Jerusalem,
telling this woman!

**Ye worship ye know not what: we
know what we worship: for
salvation is of the Jews.**

John 4:22

Samaritans are ignorant.

Their manmade religion
was 500 years old and
sincerely dear to them.

So what!

**God revealed His
religion to Israel.**

Knowledge for true
worship requires
revelation from God,
which Israel had.

**But the hour cometh, and now is,
when the true worshippers shall
worship the Father in spirit and in
truth: for the Father seeketh such
to worship him.**

John 4:23

And now is

Jesus used the present tense, since the change had already started.

True worshippers

God only accepts some
worshippers, those in
spirit and in truth.

**God is a Spirit: and they that
worship him must worship him in
spirit and in truth.**

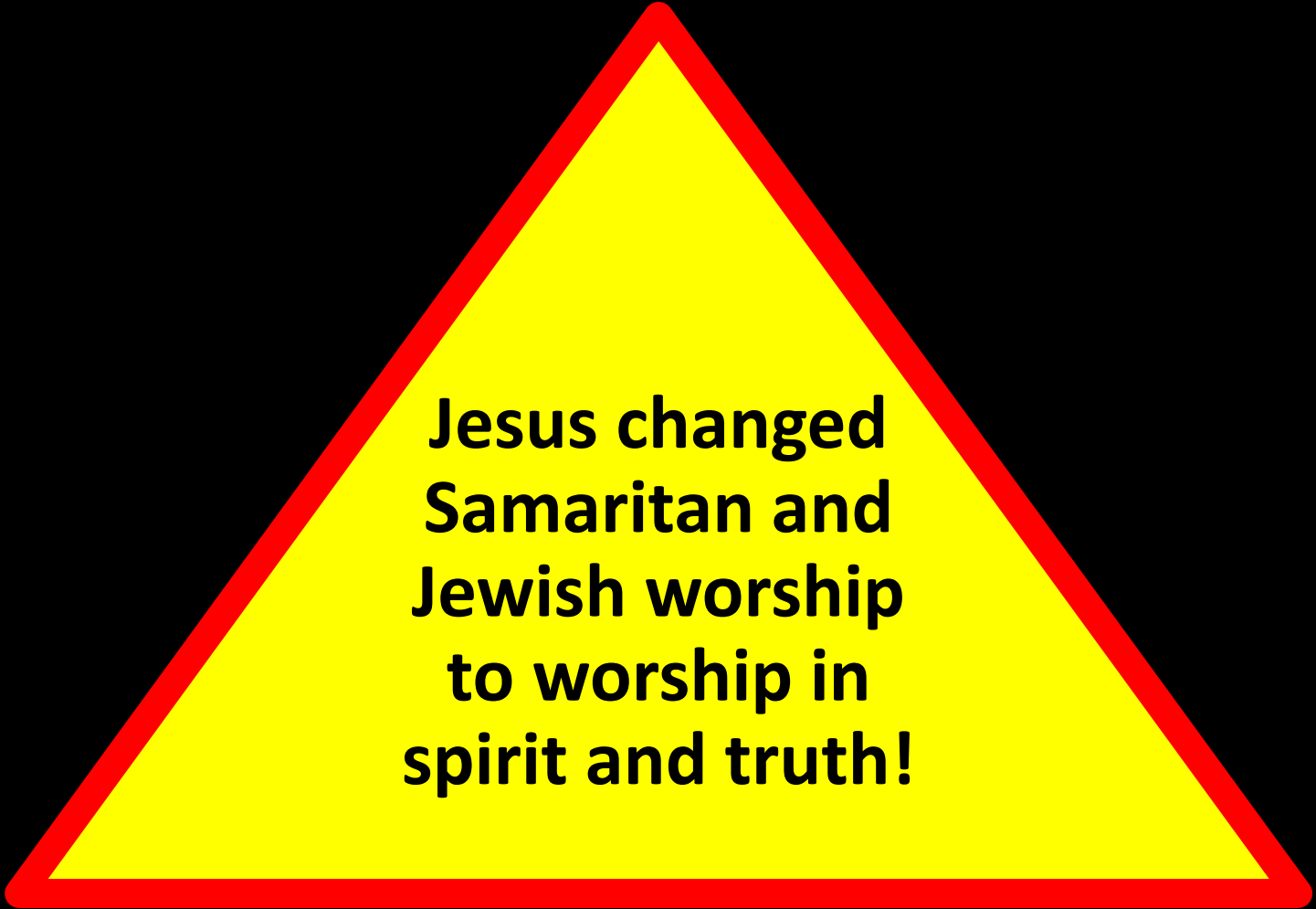
John 4:24

God is not physical.

Therefore, His worship
must be nonphysical,
involving the spirit.

God is a Spirit.

A divine supernatural
Spirit that demands
truth without error.



**Jesus changed
Samaritan and
Jewish worship
to worship in
spirit and truth!**

Religious Change Started with John

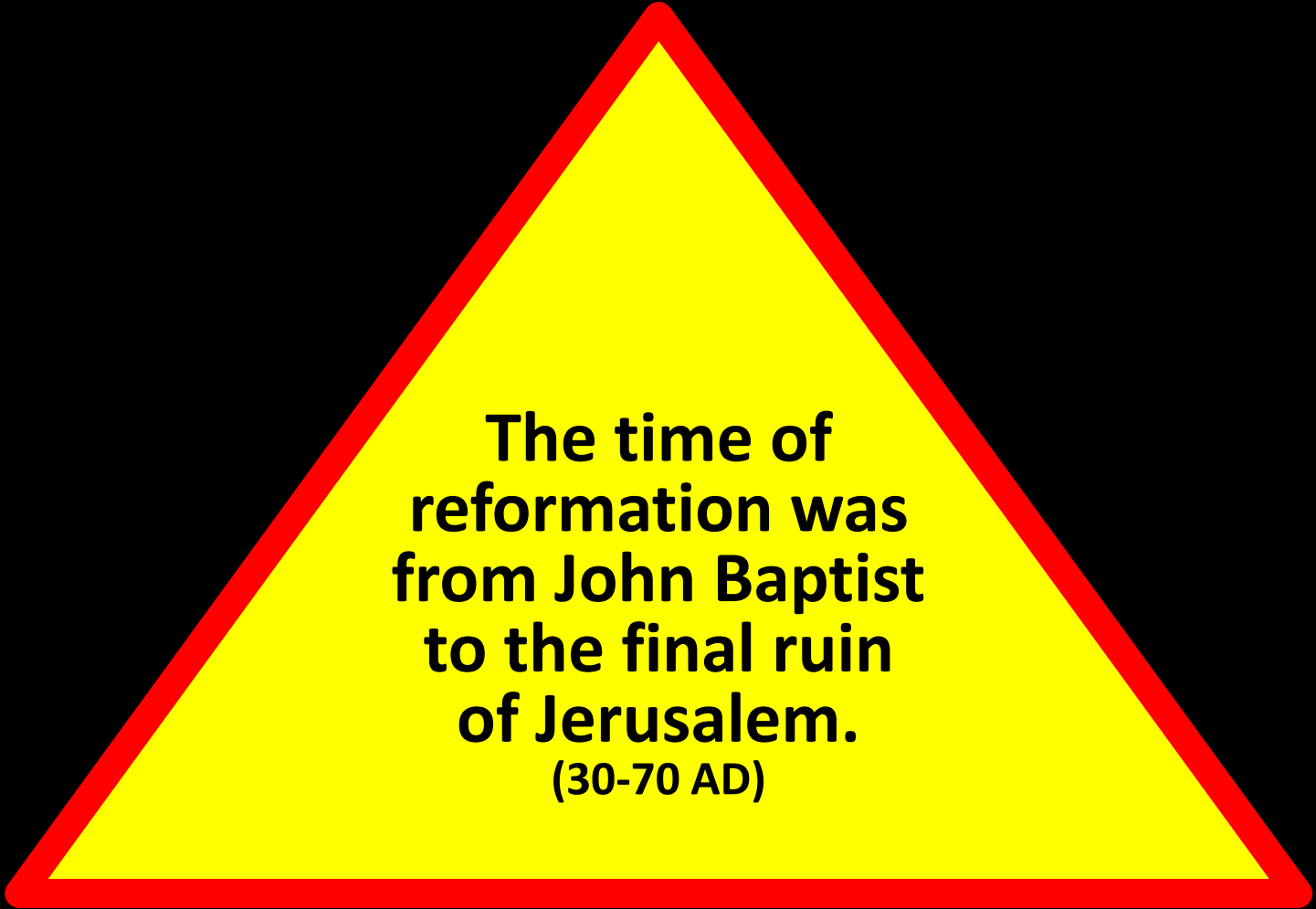
The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

Luke 16:16

Religious Change = Reformation

Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

Hebrews 9:10



**The time of
reformation was
from John Baptist
to the final ruin
of Jerusalem.
(30-70 AD)**

Verses About the Reformation - 1

John 1:17

John 7:39

II Cor 3:6-18

Col 2:14-17

Heb 8:6-13

Heb 12:28

Ro 10:1-4

Verses About the Reformation - 2

Hebrews 13:9

Romans 14:17

Jer 31:31-34

Deut 18:15-18

Acts 17:24-30

Gal 3:19-26

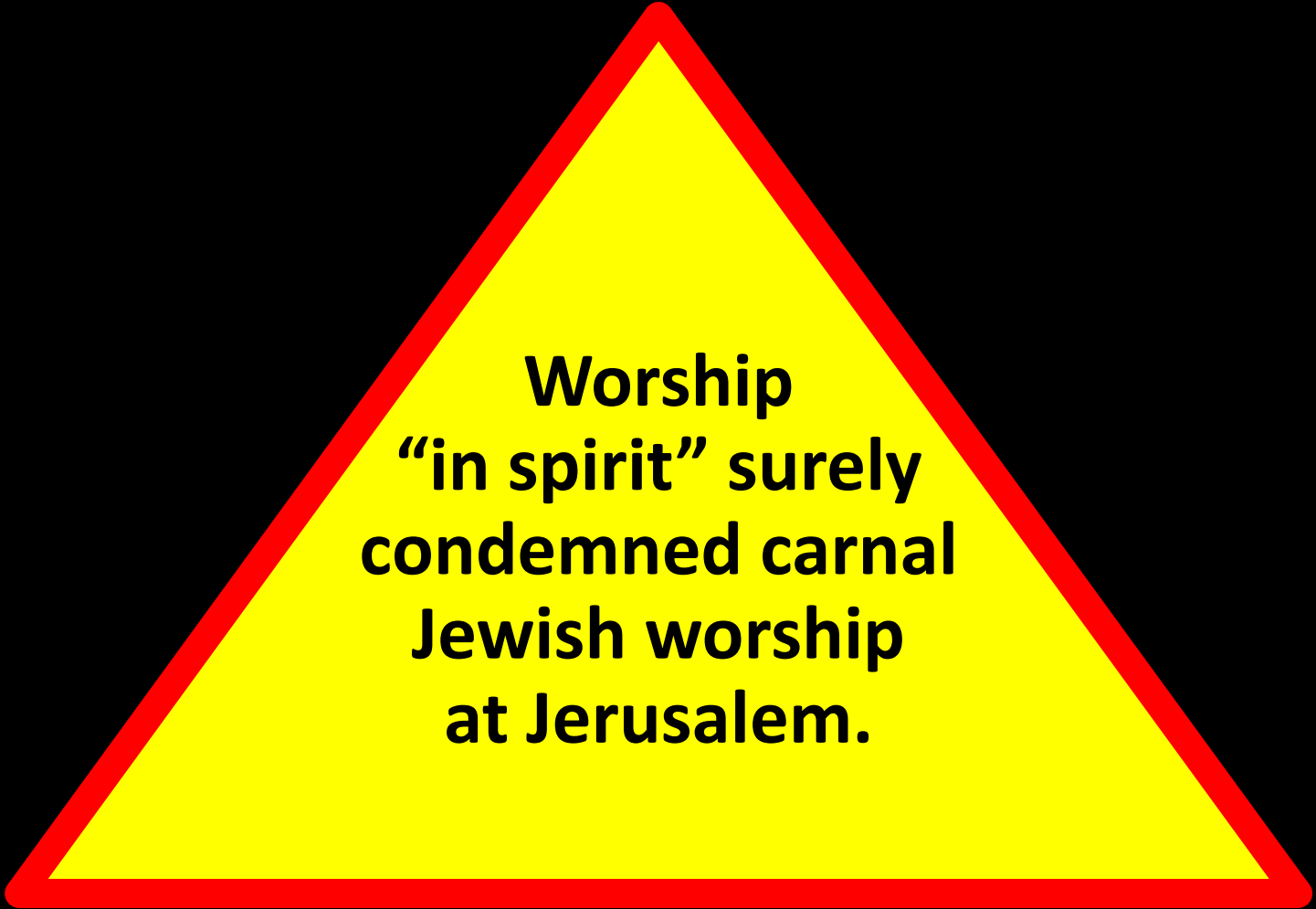
Phil 3:1-3

What is worship “in spirit”?

- It is opposite most of O.T. worship in Jerusalem.
- Moses’ religion was carnal, physical ... in a place.
- It had many carnal acts of outward ceremony.
- N.T. worship is to be of the heart and of the mind.
- It is an invisible worship without place or things.
- It replaces outward ritual with internal affection.

Worship “in spirit” is ... Not ...

- Worship in the Holy Spirit, though truly necessary.
- The Spirit was future ... but Jesus said, “now is.”
- The N.T. context is change of reformation (Heb 9:10).
- Worship in spirit and not the letter as in Matt 5-7.
- Matt 5-7 rebuked Jewish abuse, not O.T. in truth.
- The N.T. context is change of reformation (Heb 9:10).



**Worship
“in spirit” surely
condemned carnal
Jewish worship
at Jerusalem.**

What did Paul call the O.T.?

Beggarly

Carnal

Elements

Old

Rudiments

Weak

Worldly

Meats and Drinks (Heb 9:10)

- The O.T. told you what you could or could not eat.
- No bacon, ham, pepperoni, salami, or sausage!
- There was a terrible potion for women to drink.
- No calamari, lobster, shrimp, oysters, or catfish!
- Peter rejected pork ribs three times in Acts 10.
- The N.T. specifically condemns forbidding meats!



Divers Washings (Heb 9:10)

- Divers = Different ... all kinds of ritual washings.
- Aaron and the priests had their unique washings.
- One week a month for women, many washings.
- Washing included body, clothes, furniture, etc.
- The Pharisees foolishly added more washings.
- The NT does not care if you wash at all, *but we do!*

Carnal Ordinances (Heb 9:10)

- Carnal = bodily, fleshly, physical, material.
- Carnal = not spiritual ... *not spirit worship* ... get it?
- Circumcision was very important – capital crime.
- Living in a booth of sticks for a week for Egypt.
- Sacrifices galore from headless birds to scapegoats.
- Redeeming your ass by killing a lamb, etc., etc.

It's gone!

In that he saith, A new
covenant, he hath made
the first old. Now that
which decayeth and
waxeth old is ready to
vanish away.

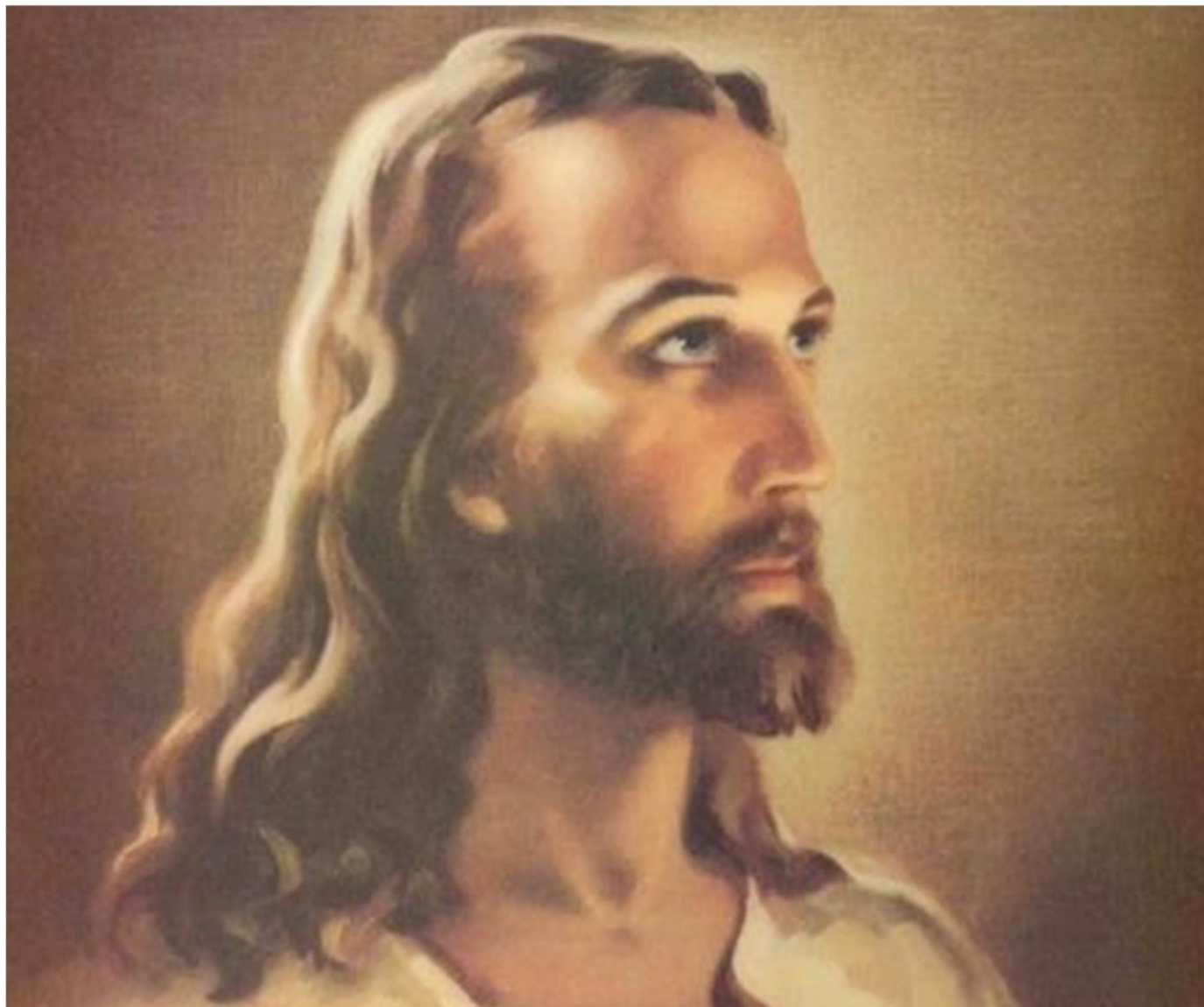
Hebrews 8:13

**Only New Testament
worship clears the
conscience for
true worship!**

**Hebrews 9:9,14; 10:2,22
I Peter 3:21!**

**But many Christians
bring carnal junk back
in from the Jews!!!**

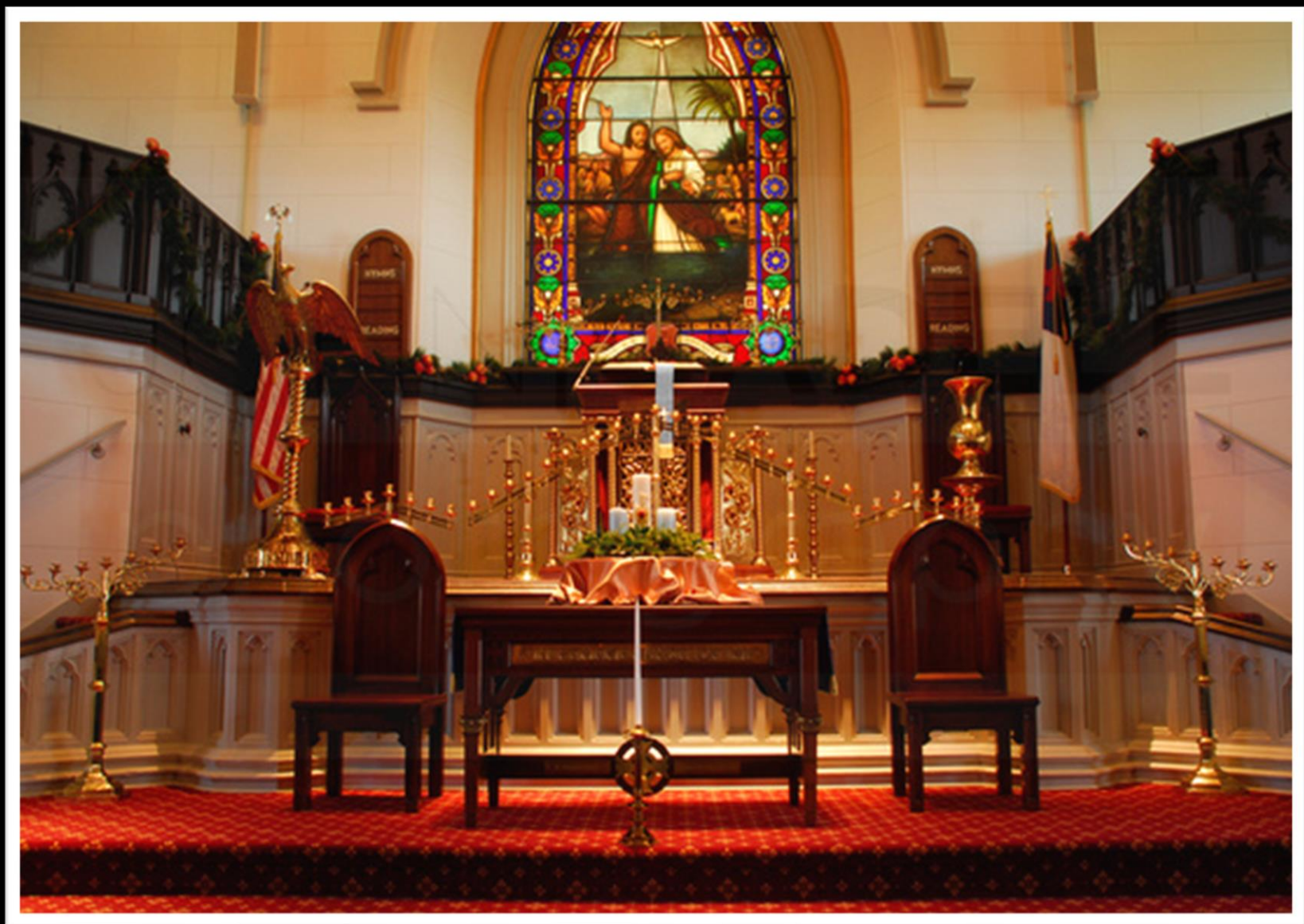




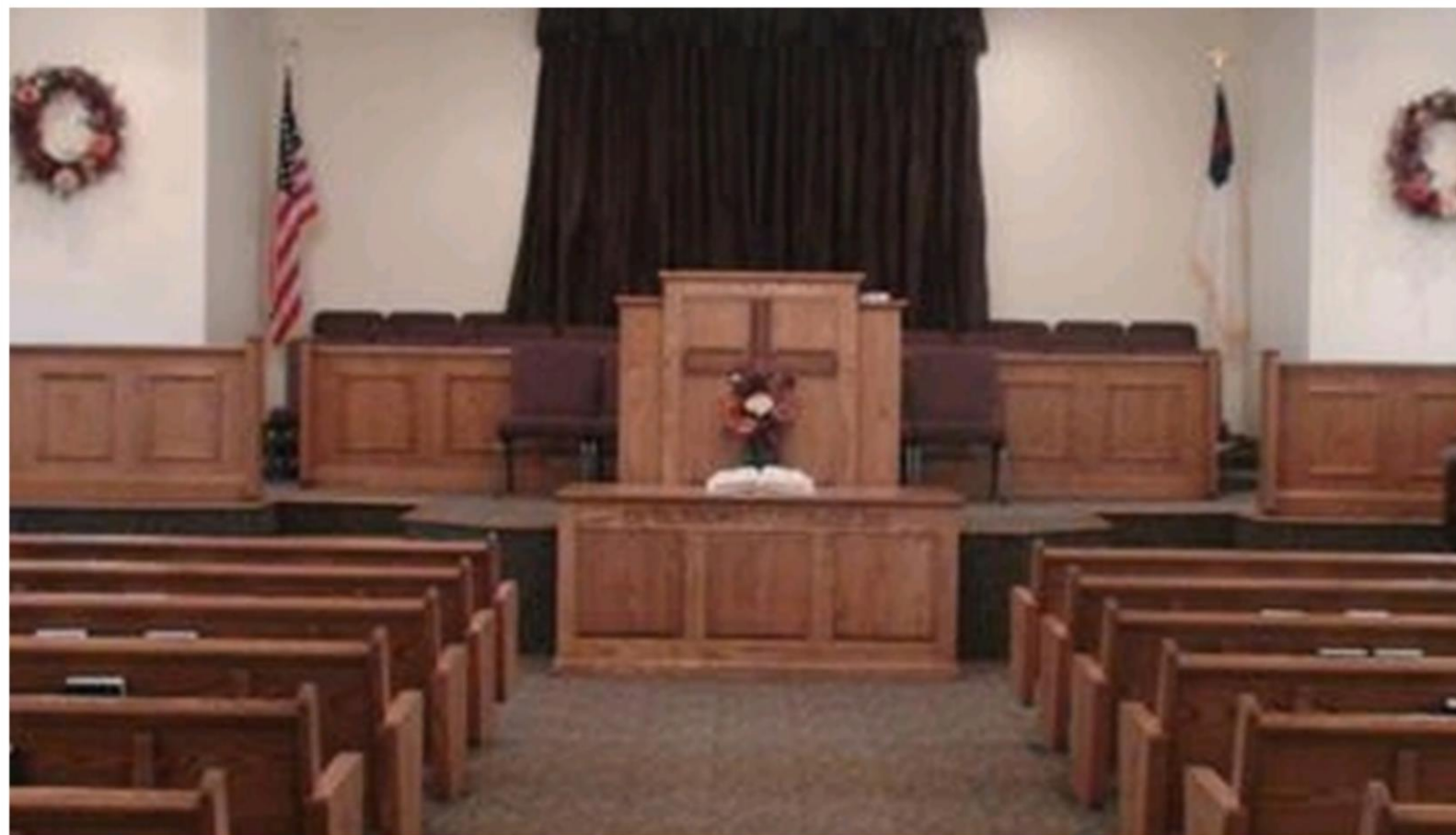


A live band is performing on a stage in a large hall. The stage is lit with blue and red spotlights. A large screen in the background displays the lyrics "this is how i know salvation Jesus came and died for me" in white text on a red background with sparkling effects. The band consists of several members, including a lead singer, guitarists, a bassist, and a keyboardist. A person is kneeling in front of the stage, possibly a worship leader or a member of the audience.

this is how
i know salvation
Jesus came and
died for me













YOU MEAN TO TELL ME

**INFANT BAPTISM IS UNBIBLICAL,
BUT INFANT DEDICATION IS?**

How do we worship?

No pictures, incense,
candles, stained glass,
steeple, altar, horns,
flags, robes, piano, etc.

How do we worship?

Praying, singing,
preaching the word,
communion, etc.

How do we worship?

We pray with the Spirit
and with understanding.

How do we worship?

We sing with the Spirit
and with understanding.

How do we worship?

We preach by the Spirit
to the born again spirits
of regenerate men.

How do we worship?

We take communion
with careful, internal
self-examination and
sober discernment.

How do we worship?

With free consciences!

With inflamed hearts!

With informed minds!

How do we worship?

We can do it anywhere!
Buildings are for comfort!
Church liberty is broad!

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

What is worship “in truth”?

- It is opposite manmade traditions of Samaritans.
- It must be by revelation of knowledge from God.
- It rejects any religious tradition against scripture.
- It esteems God’s precepts and hates false ways.
- It knows God is a God of doctrine and of details.
- It ignores persons, popularity, sincerity, cost, etc.



**Worship
“in truth” surely
condemned false
manmade worship
of the Samaritans.**

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

Romans 16:17-18

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:8-9

**Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold
the traditions which ye have been taught,
whether by word, or our epistle.**

II Thessalonians 2:15

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

II Thessalonians 3:6

10 A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;

11 Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

Titus 3:10-11



**With truth so
crucial for the
worship of God ...**

**... how are we sure
we have the truth?**

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Acts 17:11

**Prove all things; hold fast that
which is good.**

I Thessalonians 5:21

To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Isaiah 8:20

**Therefore I esteem all thy precepts
concerning all things to be right;
and I hate every false way.**

Psalm 119:128

**98 Thou through thy commandments
hast made me wiser than mine
enemies: for they are ever with me.**

**99 I have more understanding than all
my teachers: for thy testimonies are my
meditation.**

**100 I understand more than the
ancients, because I keep thy precepts.**

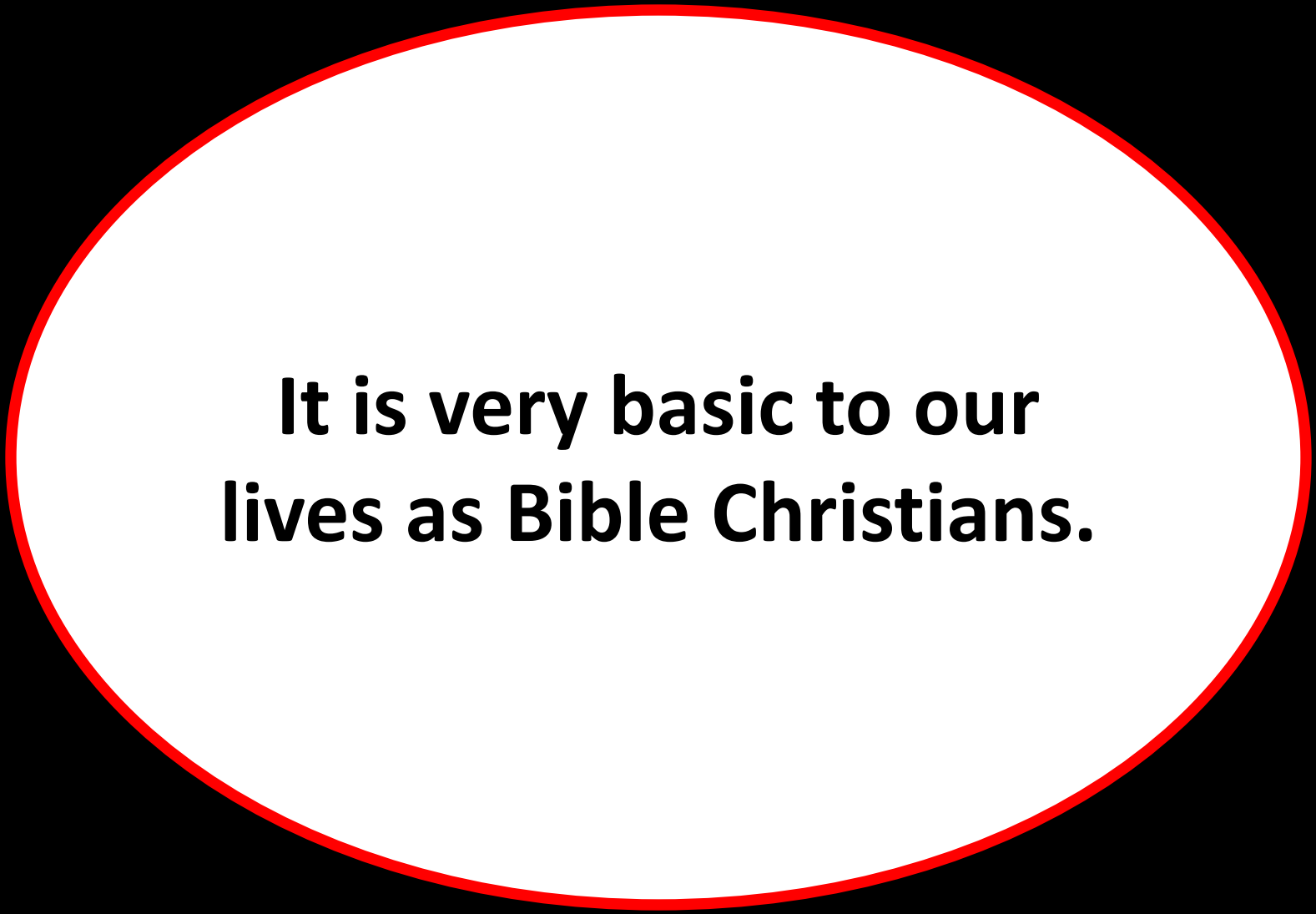
Psalm 119:98-100

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

II Timothy 3:16-17

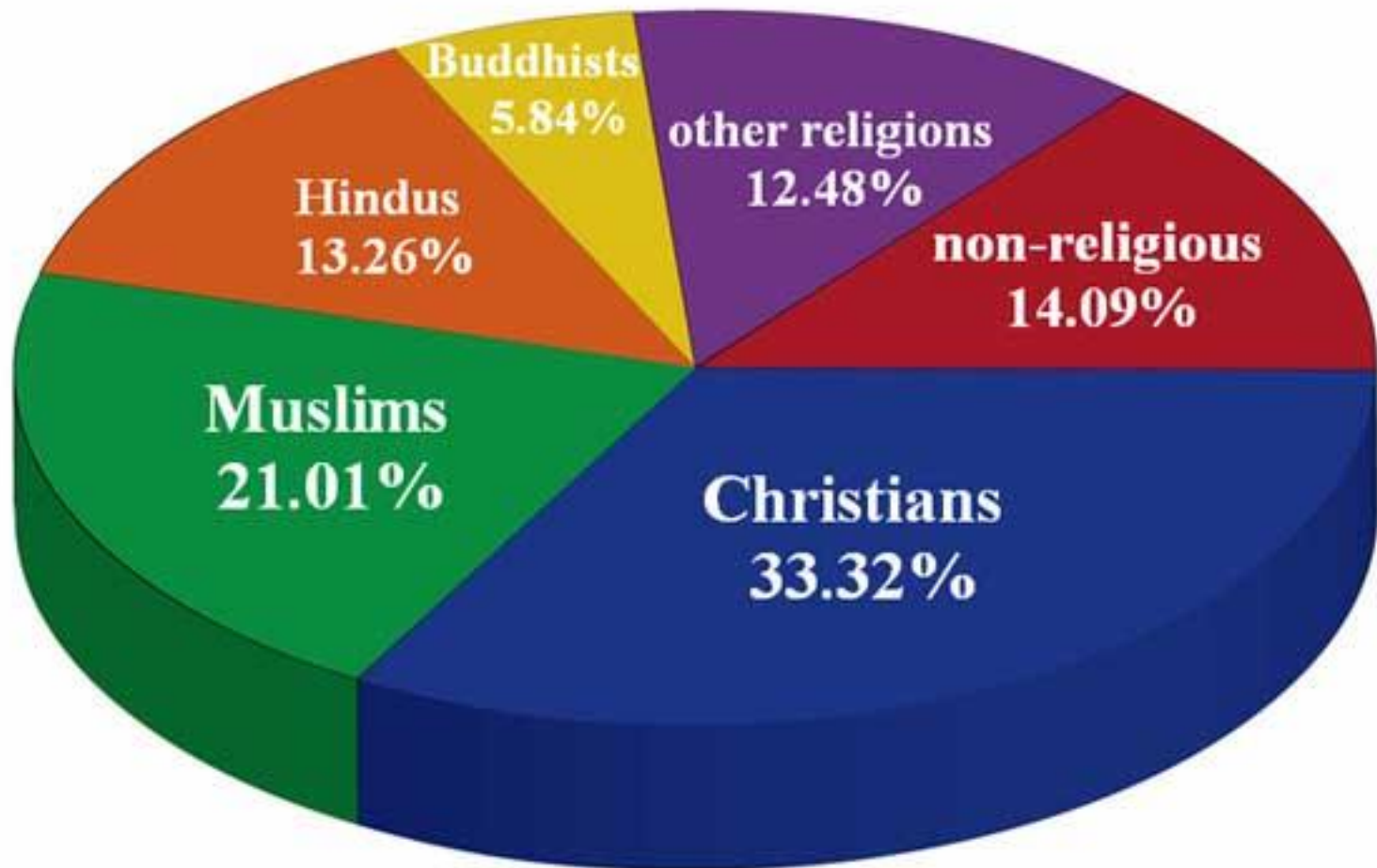
**You have been taught
this duty ... many times.**



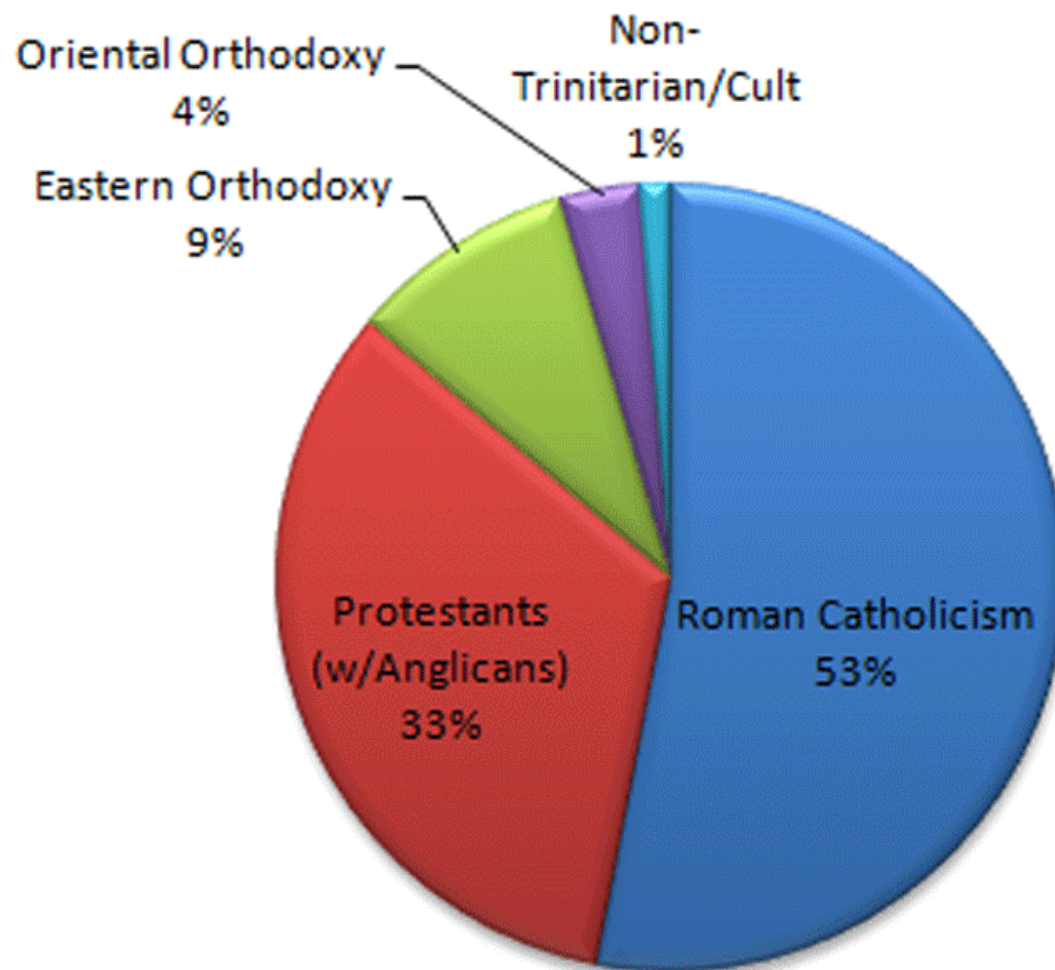
**It is very basic to our
lives as Bible Christians.**

**We are Bible Christians
and truth for worship
is only and clearly
from the Bible.**

World Religions by percentage

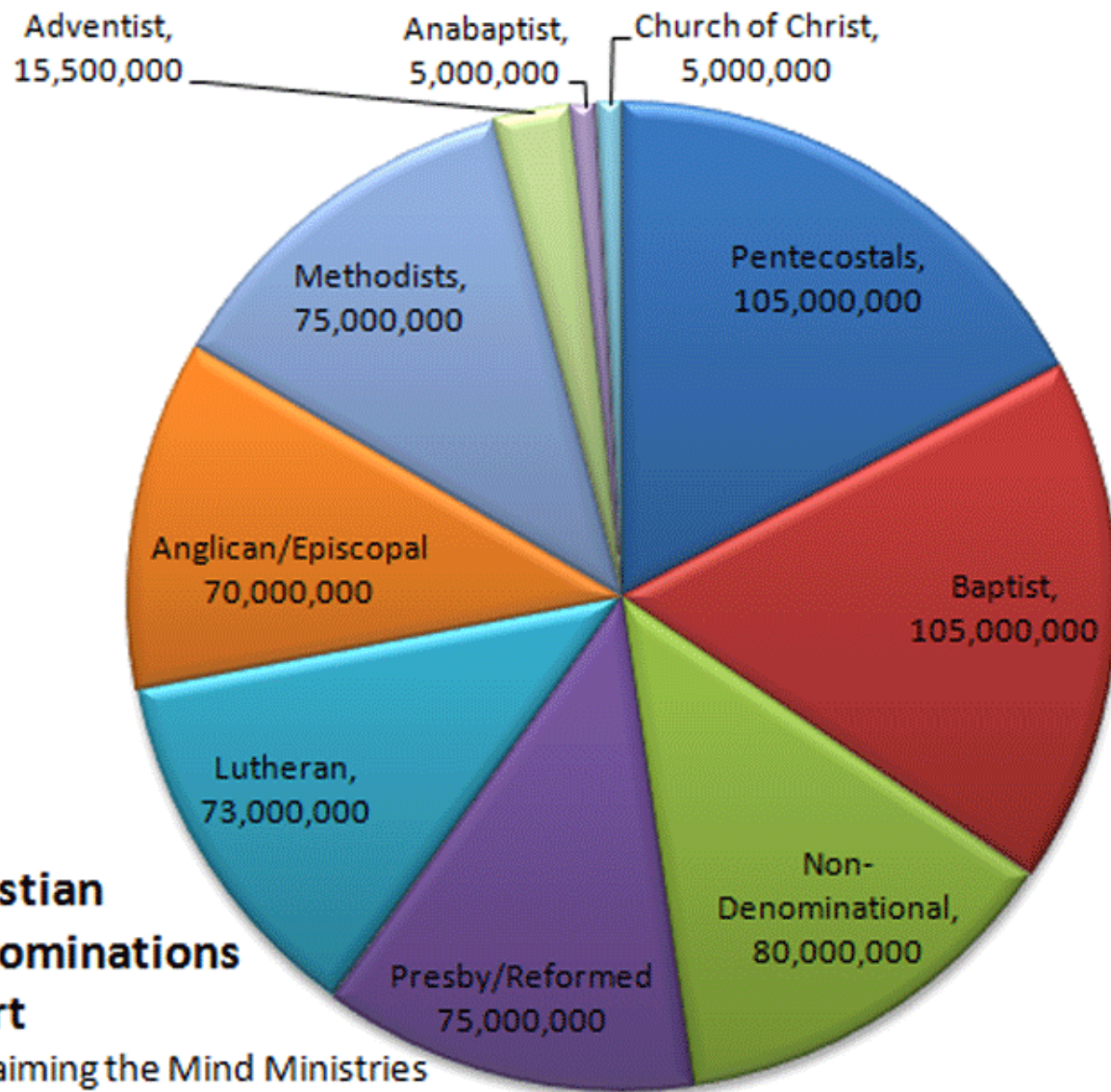


Source: CIA World Factbook 2010



Major Christian Traditions Chart

Reclaiming the Mind Ministries 2009



Christian Denominations Chart

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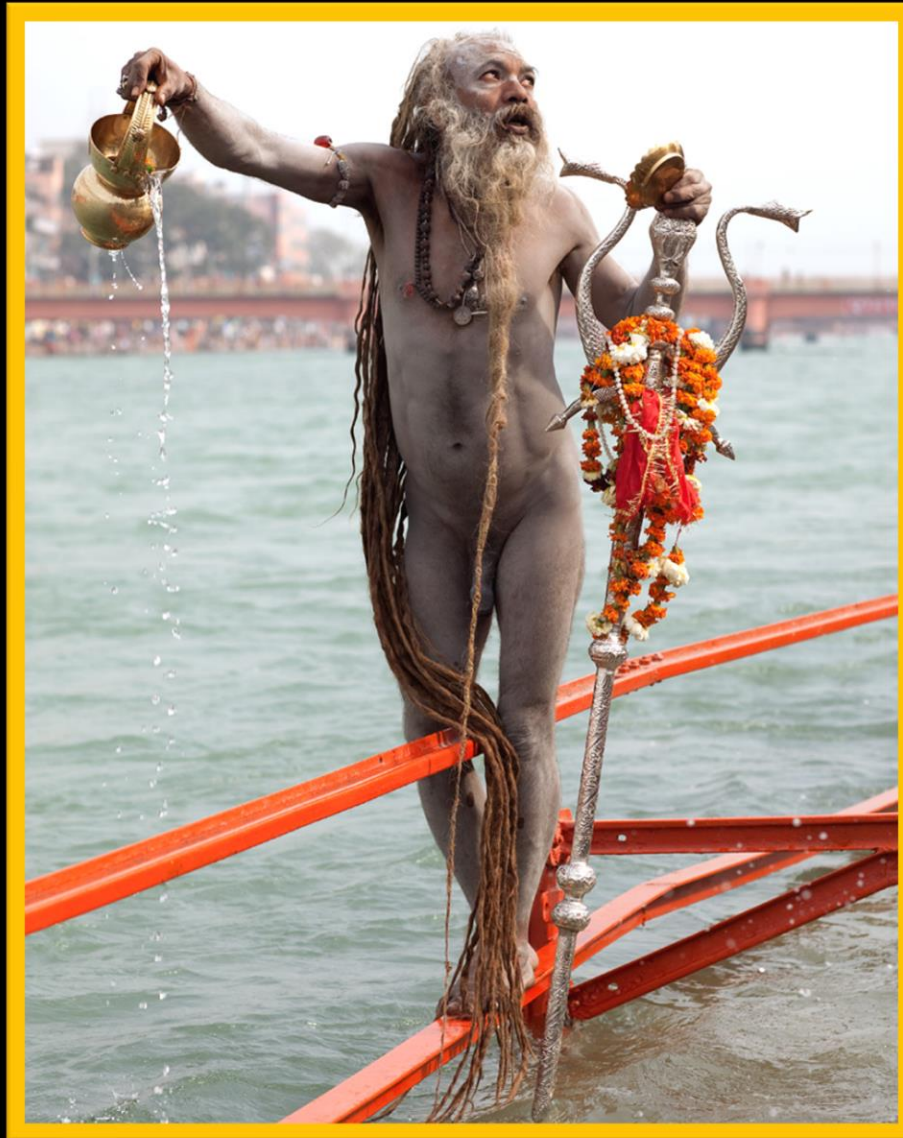
1,600,000,000 Muslims



1,200,000,000 Catholics



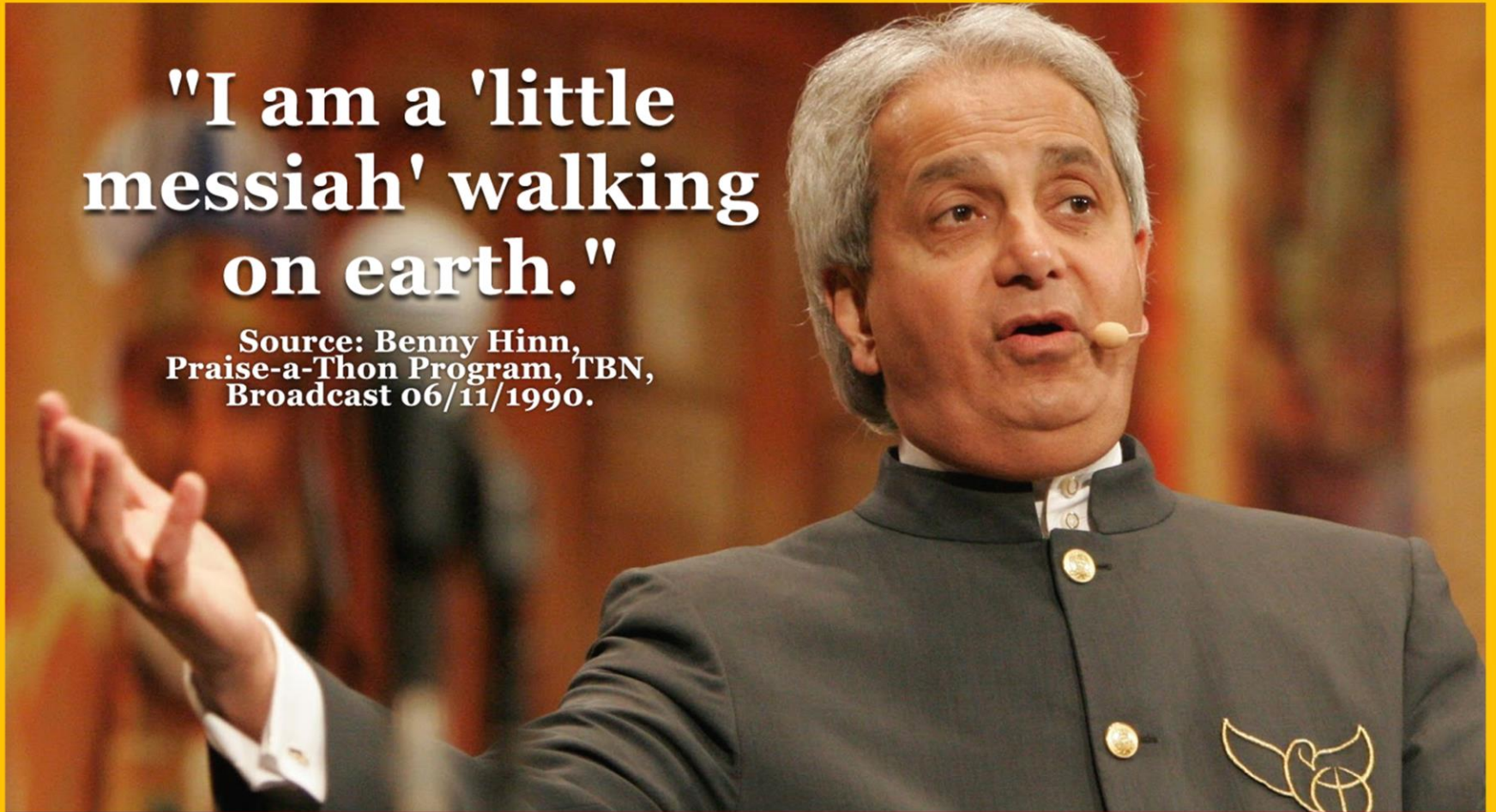
1,000,000,000 Hindus



600,000,000 Charismatics/Pentecostals

**"I am a 'little
messiah' walking
on earth."**

Source: Benny Hinn,
Praise-a-Thon Program, TBN,
Broadcast 06/11/1990.



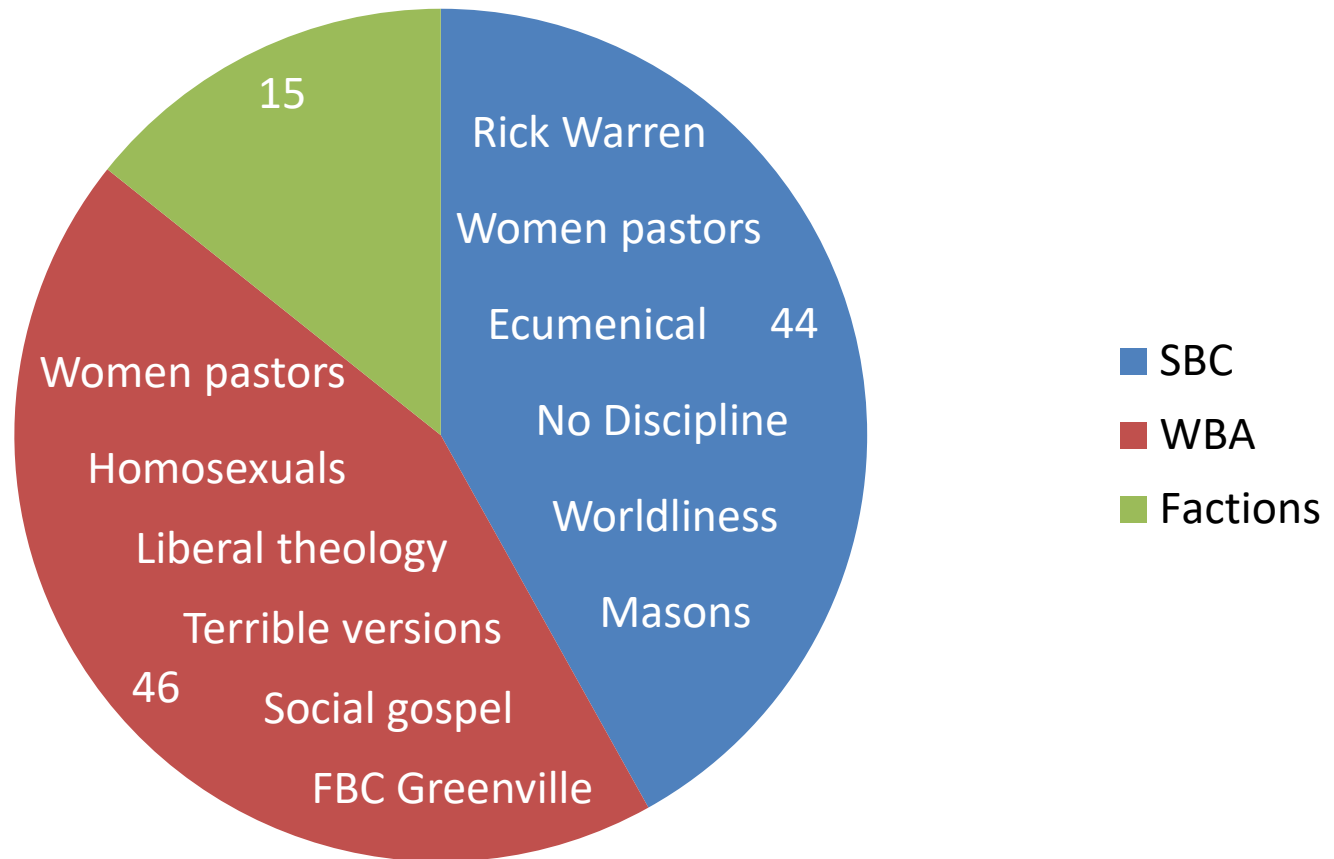
400,000,000 Buddhists



8 Children of God ... *Maybe*



Baptists Worldwide (105 Million)



Independent Baptist Probability

- Only 1/3 of the earth's population is Christian.
- Only 1/3 of earth's Christians are Protestant.
- Only 1/8 of earth's Protestants are Baptists.
- Only 1/7 of earth's Baptists are not SBC or BWA.
- Free Baptists are 1/504002% ... small remnant!

Some Laws of Small Numbers!

- In human history, only a small minority have held truth.
- Think Noah and the ark ... think 120 in an upper room.
- High esteem to men is abomination to God (Luke 16:15).
- We are warned to avoid crowds or majorities (Ex 23:2).
- A small minority by itself does not prove truth at all.
- The combination of our doctrine/practice is most rare.

God Cares About Details (1)

- We cannot ... add to, take away, go left, or go right!
- Nadab and Abihu with strange fire to God (Lev 10:1-7).
- David moved God's Ark on a new ox cart (II Sam 6:1-10).
- Ananias and Sapphira lied about their gift (Acts 5:1-11).
- Corinthians for altering Lord's Supper (I Cor 11:20-34).
- Think ... work ethic, hair length, women speaking, etc.

God Cares About Details (2)

- Think ... attendance, rulers, sexual defrauding, etc.
- If God cares about details, we have to care about them.
- Therefore, we must mark differences large and small.
- We are not Fundamentalists with essentials and not so.
- Interpretation differences without heresy are okay.

Errors We Once Held (1)

Cotton Candy God loves anybody	Musical instruments exalted
Arminianism and all its errors	Sunday Schools & contests
Free-will sovereign over God	Steeple, flags, art, crosses, etc.
Invitations – decisional salvation	Baby sprinkling or dedication
Age of accountability	End justifies the means to save
Great Commission mandate	Eternal generation of Jesus
Futurism – Scofield, Lindsey	Anti-government rhetoric/acts
Jewish fables without end	Unholy in doctrine or practice
Scofield Bible as God's prophet	Pagan holiday celebrations
NKJV or ESV or GNB or worse	Women speaking & teaching
Lordship salvation controversy	Elder rule or deacon rule
Easy-believism without fruit	Associations (PCA; SBC; GARBC)

Errors We Once Held (2)

Grape juice and crackers	Total Ignorance of 70 A.D.
Contradictory Reformers worship	Gothard, McCartney mingling
Little to no church discipline	Happy Birthday & Patriotic Songs
Casual, entertaining worship	No alcohol – no temperance!
Activities, programs emphasis	Buildings over body building
Feelings put above truth	JBS, BSA, and other groups
Short-haired women	Immodest attire and activities
Special music for show-offs	
Love of Jesus without doctrine	<i>Note: These are examples of junk of</i>
Carnal Christian Combo-Pack	<i>conservative, fundamental Baptists!</i>
Entertainment in pulpit & sports	
Open or close communion	http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/contemporary-christianity.pdf

Independent Baptist Truth Test!

- King James Bible as the word-perfect word of God?
- Election to eternal life as unconditional gift of God?
- Historicism for school of prophetic interpretation?
- Acapella, congregational singing without instruments.
- Liberty for alcohol, tobacco, birth control, school, etc.

A Few Enemies of Truth!

Tradition

Popularity

Trends

Results

Cost

Lazy

Friends

Teachers

Sincerity

Business

Feelings

“Jesus”

Family

Inputs

“Science”

Persecution

Judgment

Pleasure

Carelessness

Truth Reminder #1

Revelation is crucial,
and it is only found in
the Bible, nowhere else.

Truth Reminder #2

It is a gift from God;
He owes it to no man,
and He gives it to a few.

Truth Reminder #3

It is very rare, since man has no innate ability or desire to find it himself.

Truth Reminder #4

We cannot add to or
take away from it; we
cannot turn right or left.

Truth Reminder #5

We are in the perilous times, when fewer love truth than ever before.

Truth Reminder #6

Our church is the pillar
and ground of the truth;
so we preserve, protect,
and promote truth.

Truth Reminder #7

God promised heresies
to identify His true sons
from strange children.

I Corinthians 11:19

Truth Reminder #8

If you do not listen well,
learn scripture, love
truth, and lean away
from self, you will fall.

Truth Reminder #9

When you can't believe
we are right and so many
wrong, just think about
baptism and such like!

Truth Reminder #10

The world, the devil, and
all men hate truth, so it
will never be popular.

Truth Reminder #11

Truth by definition must
condemn all alternatives,
so get over effeminacy
that cannot criticize.

Truth Reminder #12

Truth must be loved and obeyed, or God will take it away or blind men to it.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

For Further Study

- Pillar and Ground
- Proverbs 23:23
- Bring it Back to the Bible
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- Truth, Lies, and Compromise
- Truth Is Fallen in the Streets
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- Hebrews 9
- Is Truth a Right?
- God Hates Compromise
- Biblical Separation
- Contemporary Christianity
- Colossians 2

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