

WANTED:  
LIARS,  
THIEVES,  
AND  
MURDERERS!

REWARD:  
HEAVEN!

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## **Chapter One:**

### **Not Me! I Can't Get To Heaven!**

**This book is written for the benefit of non-believers.**

**Oddly enough, if you are reading this, you're probably not a non-believer.**

**You see, unfortunately, most of the time, when the preacher's up front in the pulpit yapping about the importance of attendance in worship, the only one's there are the one's who are already there. Therefore, they don't need it.**

**And, the same thing is true about this book.**

**If you are already a Christian, you probably don't need this book.**

**Oh, you might find it interesting, and it might provide you things you never thought about before.**

**But, you are already saved.**

**So, you don't need it.**

**Or, maybe**

**Just Maybe**

**You Do Need It.**

**You see,"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."**

**And, again: "And why call you me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"**

**Yep, it's in the Bible. Ain't telling you where, either. You're just going to have to get a concordance or plug it into the internet search**

**engine and find it. (I'll give you a hint: One is in the first book of the Gospels, and the other is in the third book of the Gospels. If you have to look for it, you will remember it better.)**

**What it means, though, is this: A lot of people where the title of Christian, but they don't do the things that Christians need to do to get the final reward.**

**(And, if you don't know what the reward is: go read the cover of the book again! Or, if you're listening to this on CD, then look at the title of your CD!)**

**So, maybe, you are a Christian, but you are in the habit of lying, thieving, or (hopefully not, but it's been known to happen) murdering.**

**And, you think that all hope is lost, but you'll still impress your Christian friends by going to church on Sunday morning, and screaming "amen" at the top of your lungs, and, at least they'll still like you.**

**But, even if you claim the title of Christian, and aren't doing what you need to, then maybe,**

**Just Maybe**

**This material got to you in time.**

**You see, fortunately, Christianity can be a little like a baseball game.**

**I'm sure you all are thinking old Brother Paul's lost it again.**

**But, you see, I haven't. (And I usually prove people wrong time and time again. Sister Joyce Meyers calls it "the anointing," while other people call it being "in the zone.")**

**I call it "having the spirit move you."**

**Let me explain about the baseball game.**

**The one thing that it is unique about the sport of baseball is this:**

**It's the only game that is not controlled by a set number of points or a time limit.**

**In basketball, if you are twenty points down, with only two seconds to go, you CANNOT win.**

**In football, if you are nine points down, with one second to go, you CANNOT win.**

**But, in baseball, you can be thirty five runs down, two outs, bottom of the ninth, and theoretically, you can still win.**

**In other words, in the game of baseball, if the game's not over, you can still win.**

**And, in life, if you are still breathing, you can still earn the reward of heaven.**

**Now, I'm not saying I'm a big fan of death bed redemption. And, I certainly don't encourage it.**

**But, what I am saying is this. You could be sixty-seven years old, never have done a thing right in your entire life that's given you a hope of heaven--**

**And, You Can Still Earn God's Grace!**

**Which means:**

**You Can Still Get Into Heaven!**

**Don't believe me!**

**That's what the rest of this book will prove!**

**But, regardless of whether or not you have ever claimed the title of Christian. Regardless of what you have done, (with one exception)--You Still Have The Hope Of Heaven.**

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## **Chapter Two:**

### **The First Drunk**

**Okay, now, let's be fair. The First Drunk didn't really know he was drunk.**

**His name was Noah. (Yeah, the one that Bill Cosby talked about in, "Right." The one that they're still looking for his ark.)**

**Nobody had told him about what happens when you leave the grape juice out to long.**

**It fermented.**

**And, when it ferments, it becomes alcohol.**

**And, when you drank fermented grape juice, now that it's alcohol, you become drunk.**

**And, Noah did get drunk. And, he took all of his clothes off and paraded around just like a—well, like a drunk. (Duh!)**

**Now, the first son that saw him was his son, Ham. And, Ham made fun of his dad.**

**His other two sons, Shem and Japheth, (pronounced Jay-Pheth, and no he's not the latest rap star to hit the airwaves) did the right thing. They took a robe, walked backwards, so as to respect their father, and covered him up, while Noah fell into a drunken slumber.**

**But, Ham had messed up. And his descendants paid the price for his disrespect of his father. They became slaves.**

**Now, let's put a rumor to rest. Ham's descendants were the Canaanites, but they were slaves because of what Ham had done, not because of the color of their skin.**

**So, don't be telling people that Ham was the father of the negroes, and that's why black people had to be slaves.**

**As a matter of fact, if there is a true lesson to be learned from this little tale, it's this:**

**There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28) (See, I give in once in a while, and don't make you look so hard for it.)**

**So, once you are “washed in the blood,” (please don't somebody turn that into a heavy metal song) of Jesus Christ's sacrifice, you are equal in the eyes of the Lord.**

**Oh, and don't make fun of your dad. (Even, if he's accidentally drunk.)**

**Okay, so I cheated on this first one. You thought you were going to get away with being a drunk and getting to heaven. (Are you listening, Mr. White?)**

**(And, although Paul, the apostle, not me, although I was named after him and my Great-Grandfather on my mother's side, [okay, my mom forgot that her grandfather's name was also Paul, but that's because she never met him, because he died in Greece at the age of 110, so really I was just named after the apostle, Paul] told Timothy, “a little wine for your stomach's sake,” I want to point out, number one: he said “a little” not a gallon; number two: in the book of Galatians, you are told that a drunkard shall not enter the kingdom of heaven, so, although it may be okay to drink in moderation, you'd best not be drunk on the day the Lord gets here, and most importantly: YOUR NAME IS NOT TIMOTHY, AND EVEN IF IT IS, YOU WEREN'T ALIVE OVER 1900 YEARS AGO, SO PAUL, THE APOSTLE WASN'T TALKING TO YOU!)**

**P.S. And, besides, they didn't have antacids in those days.**

**P.P.S. And, if you ain't got any antacids, suck on a piece of hard peppermint candy or a peppermint candy cane. It can work wonders.**

## **Chapter Three:**

### **God Blesses A Whiner**

**Yep, even whining is a sin. (It doesn't rank on the Top Ten Sins, but it's there.)**

**And the first major whiner was--**

**JOB!**

**Oh, you just remember him for his patience, huh?**

**For those of you who don't know the story, let me remind you. He's the one that Satan made a little wager with God on. (Some say this was one of the reasons God cast his "Angel of Light" into the fiery pits.)**

**Satan was visiting with God one day, when God told him to check out his faithful servant, Job.**

**And, Satan, being the jerk that he is, said, "Well, sure, but that's because he's got it easy. Let me mess with him a little bit, and see if he's still such a goody-two shoes that you can be proud of."**

**And God said, "Go for it."**

**So, Satan wiped out all Job's cattle. And Job still sat and sang and praised God.**

**And God said to Satan, "See, I told you so." (Lord, forgive me for the paraphrasing, but I'm trying to get a point across here.)**

**And Satan said, "Well, yeah, but that's because you didn't let me mess with his family."**

**And God said, "Go for it."**

**So Satan had his wife and kids leave him.**

**To make a long story short. By the time Satan got done messing with him, Job had a major skin disease, no family, no home, no money and**

**not even a pot to-- oops, you thought I was gonna slip and make this a non-family type book, didn't you?**

**And, so Job's three friends came by and said, "You know what Job, God did this to you."**

**And Job said, "No, he didn't. I don't know why this happened, but I'm sure God had nothing to do with this. It must be because I'm a miserable, whiny little jerk that this happened to me."**

**See, I told you he was a whiner. And for the next thirty some chapters, his friends keep telling him to curse God. He does a load of whining, but he never curses God.**

**And, finally, after weeks of Job's whining, God comes down, smacks down Job's "friends," tells Job to quit his whining, heals him up, gives him a new wife, new lands, and new daughter's who were the fairest of them all (not to be confused with the Masonic version of them), and makes his life better than ever.**

**The point.**

**It's okay to whine, just don't blame God.**

## **Chapter Four:**

### **The Wife Swapper**

**All right. Let's be honest.**

**It was okay in the days of this person to go ahead and have sex with somebody besides your wife. The kings had concubines, which were basically women that were there for the king to have sex with, so there could be more babies.**

**I'm not going to get into why it was all right.**

**It just was, at that time.**

**(It ain't today! And, it's proof that the Bible was translated incorrectly by someone when they wrote, "The Love Of Money Is The Root Of All Evil," when it should have been translated, "The Love Of Money Is The Root Of All Kinds Of Evil." There are many times when somebody has lusted after another, committed adultery, and it had absolutely nothing to do with money. Now, true, sometimes it did, BUT NOT ALWAYS.)**

**The wife swapper was none other than "Abram," whom you know better as "Abraham."**

**Yep, that's right, the line that created King David, (and we'll get into his sins a little later) and eventually was the lineage that led to Jesus Christ's human time on earth, swapped his wife, for his maid.**

**The Lord promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation that could not be numbered. And Sarah, being about 75 years old, said, "Well, he said you would be the father of a great nation. Since I can't have children, here, sleep with my maid, and that'll work."**

**And, Abraham, not knowing any better, (as guys often don't), did what she asked.**

**Thus showing that sometimes, we can be completely ignorant in the way the Lord works. You see, we often think that when he makes his promise, we're the ones that are supposed to make it happen. When God promises you something, he'll take care of it for you.**

**And the maid had to run away from Sarah, because she was a smart aleck, and went around saying, ““Nyah, nyah, nyah,nyah. I got your husband's son, and you don't.”**

**So, Sarah did what any woman in that situation would do.**

**She got ticked off, and beat her maid.**

**But, long story short, the maid was told to go back to her mistress, (that's female for master, not “slut you sleep with when you don't like your wife.”)**

**Now, fast forward about 14 years. And lo and behold, the promise gets kept. Sarah, at about the age of 90 years old, gives birth to the promised son.**

**And, a little while later, the son of the maid makes fun of Sarah's son, and Sarah is not going to have any of that. So, she tells Abraham: “That's it. I've had it. You get that nasty woman and her rotten son out of here.”**

**So, Abraham, said to God, “God, do I have to?”**

**And God said, “You know she's right. You messed up.” (Again, forgive me, Lord, I'm trying to make a point.) “Israel, Sarah's son is the one I meant, and not Ishmael, your maid's son. So, kick them out. I'll take care of them. Just give them some bread and water to live on before you send them off.” (Now, I'm not saying that's how alimony started either, okay.)**

**So, Abraham had to kick them out, and later, long story short again, God made a way for them to survive. Ishmael becomes a great hunter, and he becomes the father of twelve nations.**

**Now, the point is this: (Besides the fact that sinners get to go to heaven.) None of this had to happen! If Sarah and Abraham had been patient, and not taken matters into their own hands, the promise still would have been kept, the maid wouldn't have gotten beat, and Abraham wouldn't have had to felt bad about kicking out his son and his son's mother.**

**So, remember this, God's timetable isn't necessarily your time table. And, even if you think something is impossible, it ain't necessarily so, because GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

**(No, we are not going into that argument about God making a boulder so big that even he can't move it. If you're into silly, pointless arguments, go away, and don't bother me.)**

## **Chapter Five:**

### **The Whore Who Lied**

**Her name was Rahab, and she lived in Jericho.**

**And, she was a harlot. (That's old-timey language for whore, or in a more politically correct society, prostitute.) Now, some people argue that harlot can be translated inn-keeper. But, even if you can say she wasn't a whore, you can definitely say she WAS A LIAR.**

**And, Joshua, son of Nun, (not son of none, as some have written.), sent his two spies into the city to see if they could take Jericho.**

**But, somebody figured out the spies were there, and they took off and headed to the harlot's house. She, being a smart cookie, hid them on the roof of her house, (under a bunch of flax) and when the "police" came calling, she flat out LIED to them, and said they weren't there.**

**Now, it worked out well for her. Because, when Joshua, and the army of the Lord, came tearing into Jericho: "Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho -- and she lives among the Israelites to this day" (Okay, I'll give in on this one, because it might be hard to find since the story begins in the book of Joshua, chapter 1, and this verse is from the sixth chapter of Joshua, verse 25.)**

**I'm not going to get into whether or not it's okay to lie in certain circumstances. The point is this: SHE WAS SAVED. She's even mentioned by writers of the New Testament as being justified in what she did.**

**So, now assuming the worst, she was a prostitute, who was saved. Even, in the best light, she was a liar.**

**Either way made no difference. God don't look on the sins, if you do right.**

## **Chapter Six:**

### **The Bragger**

**Moses, who was probably made most famous by Charlton Heston, in the Ten Commandments movie, brought the people out of Egypt. (By the way, he would probably have been played more accurately by someone like Laurence Olivier, who might have understood that Moses was actually a nervous ninny, who didn't speak well, because he stammered all the time. Which was why, his Brother Aaron, who was well known for his speaking ability, accompanied him.)**

**But, in the process, God gave him a simple command.**

**"You and Aaron must take the staff and assemble the entire community. As the people watch, command the rock over there to pour out its water. You will get enough water from the rock to satisfy all the people and their livestock."**

**So, Moses took the staff over there, and gathered everybody together. But, he remembered that God had him strike a rock once before to get the water out to the people.**

**But, to complicate the matter, he told his fellow wanderers: "Listen, you rebels!" he shouted. "Must we bring you water from this rock?"**

**Now, at that point, he struck the rock, not once but twice. (Probably because water didn't come out the first time, since God told him to "command" the rock, it took God a second to realize that Moses was playing a little impromptu of his own, and so he had to have Moses bring it out on the second strike.)**

**So, the Lord had to teach Mose and Aaron a lesson:**

**"Because you did not trust me enough to demonstrate my holiness to the people of Israel, you will not lead them into the land I am giving them!"**

**Now, Moses didn't get to go into the Promised Land of Canaan.**

**But, despite taking the credit, and not following orders, that didn't keep him out of heaven!**

## **Chapter Seven:**

### **He Only Sinned Twice**

**This guy is my second favorite saved sinner. (If you're smart, you've already figured out who my favorite saved sinner is.)**

**He was known as the man after God's own heart.**

**His name was David, and yes, he was also in the lineage of Abraham and Isaac on the way to the earthly revelation of Jesus, the Christ.**

**He led a blameless life. (Yes, he had many wives, and one of them was the former wife of a man who insulted him, whom God took care of, but remember, it was okay in those days to have many wives.)**

**But, as I said, it's not okay today. And, it was okay to have many wives, BUT NOT IF THEY WERE SOMEBODY ELSE'S WIFE.**

**Now, although, he led a blameless life up to this point, he only sinned twice. But, his first sinning situation had a whole mess of sins wrapped up in it.**

**He was up in his palace, when he looked over to the roof across the way. And, he saw himself one beautiful woman, who was taking a bath.**

**And, he decided that he just had to have that woman.**

**Now, the problem, (Yes, a problem is a problem, and if you don't know why, hang around Found Secrets long enough to see why we refuse to be politically correct about that word.) It was his lead soldier's wife.**

**So, he, being the King, had her brought to him, and her, being one of his subjects, could not refuse him. (We won't go into whether or not she agreed to it. Doesn't matter. We're examining his sins, nor hers.) And, he slept with her.**

**Now, that was bad enough. But, he had to make things worse.**

**He decided to try and cover up his sin, just in case she had gotten pregnant.**

**When his lead soldier came home, he said, “Look, you’ve had a rough time taking care of the fort, why don’t you go and be with your wife tonight. You’ve earned it.”**

**But, the soldier, being obedient to his King, and loyal, as well, said, “I can’t do that, sire. Wouldn’t be right. I’ll stay here and protect you.”**

**Well, now David panicked. Instead of owning up to what he did, and asking forgiveness, he decided to have this loyal soldier sent to the front, where the heaviest action was, so he would be killed.**

**And, after this faithful soldier died, he then added the soldier’s widow to his stable of wives, and a later union gave birth to the man who eventually became the “wisest man in the world.” (We’ll look at him a little bit later.)**

**And, a while later, God sent a prophet to David, who said, “There was a rich man and a poor man who lived in a town. The rich man owned a whole lot of livestock, while the poor guy just owned one little lamb that he’d had to work hard just to pay for it. That little lamb was treated just like a family member, and ate the man’s plate and drank from his cup. He even cuddled that little lamb like a tiny baby daughter. One day, a visitor showed up at the rich guy’s house, but instead of killing a lamb from his flock, he took the poor man’s lamb, killed it and served it to his visitor.”**

**David flew into a fit and said. “As surely as the LORD lives,” he vowed, “any man who would do such a thing is worthy of death! He should pay the poor man four times over just to repay the one he stole.”**

**And, that’s when the prophet told David, “You’re the one who did that!”**

**It cost David the son that he had with the soldier’s wife. And, David had pleaded with God, and mourned what he had done. But, when he was informed that his child died, he immediately went and worshipped God at the temple. His advisors asked him why, and he said, basically, “Look, I had hoped that I could change God’s mind, but what’s done is done. I will meet my son again some day, but he can’t come back to me. “**

**And, that’s when he went to his wife, who used to be the soldier’s wife, and they created Solomon. (Whom, for some reason, the Lord loved, and said, they should have named him, “Jedediah” which means “the Lord**

loves him. And, you always thought those crazy people in the south just made up their names, when they actually mean something.)

The other time that he sinned, he counted the people when the Lord told him not to.

Now, what can you learn from this?

A couple of things, besides the fact that David got to go to heaven, despite his sin.

The fact that preachers will tell you every single day, you are a sinner, does NOT HAVE TO BE THE TRUTH.

David, as far as I can tell, only sinned twice. Granted, the one was a biggie, and complicated by his further wrong actions,

But, IT WAS ONLY TWICE.

Now, how many times do you have to sin? The answer is, as little as possible. So, starting this day forward, let's try to avoid sin, instead of thinking how much more grace you will get if you sin more.

## **Chapter Eight:**

### **The Wisest Man In The World(?)**

**I don't know why Solomon had so much favor with God, but for some reason, this child born of a union that should have never happened, did find favor with him.**

**So, he came to Solomon in a dream, and asked Solomon, “What do you want?”**

**Now, Solomon could have asked for anything, but instead, he asked for God to give him an understanding heart to judge God's people, so that he could know the difference between good and evil.**

**And God told him: “Since, you didn't ask for long life, or riches, or for me to wipe out your enemies, but instead asked for a wise and understanding heart, I'm am not only going to give you that, but I'm also going to give you riches and honor. Just keep my rules, like your dad did, (Brother Paul here to tell you to remember Solomon's dad only sinned twice), I'll even give you long life.”**

**Now, remember, he didn't have to keep God's rules to stay rich. Just if he wanted to live a long time.**

**So, what did he do? He went and married a bunch of women, had thousands of concubines, and started following other “gods” just to please his foreign wives. (This does not mean you can't have a wife from a foreign country. But, she should believe as you do.)**

**There are some who claim that he not only indulged in every sin there was, but that he even had relations with other men.**

**Why?**

**Who knows. Maybe the power went to his head.**

**I figured it out one time, that just the gold that he collected yearly was worth in today's value, about ten billion a year.**

**So, maybe his love of money led him to “all kinds” of evil.**

**Why would I include him in “sinners” that went to heaven?**

**There's no conclusive proof that he did.**

**But, there are scholars who argue that when he wrote Ecclesiastes, and talked about all being “meaningless . . . and a chasing after the wind,” that he finally did repent of all his wrongs.**

**As he wrote in the last verses of Ecclesiastes, (my paraphrase again, Sorry, God!) :**

**After looking at all the evidence, here's what it all boils down to: Respect God, and do what what he tells you, because that's what you entire job is here. Because God will look at every little thing you did, even the things, you thought you hid, and determine whether it is good or evil.**

**So, if that's the case, and if Solomon truly believed that, then he was offered eternal life, which if you look at it, God has offered to each and every one of us.**

## **Chapter Nine:**

### **Adulteress At A Well**

**Jesus came upon a woman who was at a well.**

**No, she wasn't one of the chosen people, the Jews. (This was before Peter opened up all races to being saved.) She was a Samaritan woman.**

**Jesus began speaking to her about living water, which she didn't understand.**

**But, then, he stopped talking about never having to thirst because of the living water and asked her to get her husband.**

**That's when she said, "But, I don't have a husband."**

**And Jesus said, "You're telling me the truth, because you have had five husbands, and the man you are with now, is not your husband."**

**It slowly dawned on her that the "Messiah" was the one she was speaking with. The one who came to save the Jews, (and now the world) was the very man the world had been waiting for. (It dawned on her, because she was a little bit slow, and Jesus had to tell her flat out he was the "Messiah.")**

**She went and told everybody.**

**But, wait a minute, no condemnation for living with a man who wasn't her husband.**

**In the next chapter, we'll see how Jesus handles adulterous women, but in this case, he didn't say anything other than to show her the truth.**

**So, what did she do?**

**She went and told everybody. And, they began to believe her. And, everybody knew the truth about the Christ, because she had her past, and her sin revealed to her.**

**Which brings me to an interesting point:**

**How many unmarried people are harped at about “living in sin?”**

**Let me ask you something.**

**A couple is married, but they go out and drink every night. They cheat on their taxes. They lie to each other about the people they cheat on each other with.**

**Are they “living in sin?”**

**How about a married couple that hasn't yet found Christ, and they just live their lives normally.**

**Are they “living in sin?”**

**How about a single guy or girl that smoke dope and get high every night, even if they don't engage in sex?**

**Are they “living in sin?”**

**The answer is rather obvious.**

**We all live in sin.**

**The only difference is that Christians are forgiven of their sins.**

**So, instead of harping on people about living in sin because they don't have a piece of paper that says they're married that's endorsed by the state, why not help them?**

**If you help them, they might find Christ. Then, once they are “washed in the blood,” (nope, still don't want to see that used as a title for a heavy metal song), they'll figure out they need to have their physical union joined under God.**

**Now, let's go and take a look at another “adulterous” saved person.**

**P.S. Oh, by the way, I don't know if this woman was saved or not, but I would assume that she changed her ways. I mean, if you knew that Jesus knew what you were doing, and you actually cared, wouldn't you start walking the straight and narrow?**

## Chapter Ten:

### Stopping A Stoning

Almost everybody knows this story. So, I'm kind of puzzled why everybody thinks they have to have had an exemplary life to become a Christian.

While I'm at it, let me go off on one of my rants.

You know that song by Norman Greenbaum: Spirit In The Sky.

I've had it with that song, but only when he, and other people ignorant of the truth, sing it.

Now, I almost like the song, except for one stupid line:

*Never been a sinner, I've never sinned*

Which we know is a lie. (Although we do now know you only have to sin a couple of times, and you can try to get it right the rest of the time.)

Which leads me to this woman, who was drug out into the middle of the temple, where Jesus was teaching. (I'm still kind of surprised he didn't tell them to not interrupt him with trivialities while he's doing God's work, but that's why he's Jesus, and I ain't, because that's what I'd have said.)

(Now, I've always wondered, what about the guy. Didn't he count? Or, was he held in some hypnotic spell that they just overlooked. Or, did they figure he was just a "horn-dog," and couldn't be held responsible for what he did? You can hear the facetiousness dripping from these words.)

So, they were going to stone this woman, (which means they were going to throw stones at her until she died. Not until she cried, "Owie." Not, until they crippled. UNTIL SHE WAS DEAD.)

Oh, and while we're at it, let's take another side-trip. Did you know that Idolatry and Adultery come from the same root word? Both have to do with being "unfaithful." And, the Lord often talks about the relationship with him as the church being his "bride."

**So, maybe you can understand why the Lord hates unfaithfulness in married couples so much. It not only dishonors the partner, but it also dishonors that which he has joined together, and also is the equivalent of worshipping other gods.**

**Anyhow, back to the story at hand.**

**This woman was about to be killed.**

**And, now these people could have just killed her in the middle of the street, but they wanted to trap Jesus. (Maybe I'll write a book about that later, but we're not focusing on that right now.) So, they drug this woman to the temple.**

**(Okay, I think I've flogged this dead horse past the point of death by now. Jesus was teaching, these jerks interrupted his work at the temple, and the man was let go scot-free. We got those points, yet? Man, I hope so, because as you can see, I'm certainly not fond of repeating myself. And the facetiousness drips on and on.)**

**They asked him, "We caught this woman, right in the act. Now, Moses said, this woman should be stoned. But, what do you say."**

**Jesus then bent down and ignored them. (Which, sometimes is the better part of dealing with ignorant people is to ignore them.)**

**They kept stating it over and over again, (like a broken record. That's a plastic piece of vinyl that had grooves in it and was played by an ancient instrument known as a phonograph, or record player, for those of you who might be reading this when phonographs have been banned from the face of the earth to be replaced by CDs, DVDs, and mini-DVDs.) until Jesus quit writing on the ground (regardless of whether he was doodling, or making the sign of the fish, as some claim, he finally stopped to answer them) and stood erect to provide this profound answer:**

**"You who doesn't have any sin, go ahead, and throw the first stone."**

**Slowly, everybody left, while Jesus returned to his doodling or drawing. After they all left, he stood up and saw that no one could accuse her.**

**Now, here's the interesting part.**

**He was without sin.**

**He could very easily have stoned her himself, as he had no sin.**

**But, instead, he chose not to Lord it over her (no pun intended; okay, maybe it was, but I'll never tell.) and he said, "Neither do I accuse you. Go, and sin no more."**

**How much you want to bet the next time some guy said she was really "hot," she easily told him to get lost?**

**Did she go to heaven?**

**Don't know, but I'm pretty sure she did.**

**What do we learn from this:**

**Everybody sins.**

**Don't Lord it over others when you're better than them.**

**And, she probably got to go to heaven.**

## **Chapter Eleven:**

### **The Tiny Thief**

**Do you remember when the tax-man was the one who cheated people out of their money, and not people cheating the tax-man out of the money owed him?**

**The tax-man during the days of Jesus, was known as a Publican.**

**There were two famous Publicans of that time.**

**One was the apostle, Matthew. We don't know if he was honest or not, but we do know he walked away from the business. (Kind of reminds me when I used to be a used-car salesman, I never once lied to anybody about a used car. Saw others do it, but I never did. But, then I was only in the business for one month, so I have to wonder, if my resolve would have remained, had I stayed in the business, instead of going to college.)**

**The other was a little tiny man by the name of Zaccheus. Now, he was written about as a hero that proclaimed the rules of success for Og Mandino. But, whether or not there was any truth to Mandino's version I cannot say.**

**But, historians truly believe that Zaccheus was a thief, and that when he climbed up in a tree, because he was too short to see the savior go by, that he was looking for salvation.**

**Which, if there is truly a lesson in this entire book, that is probably it, isn't it? No matter what you have done in your past, if you are looking to turn your life over to Christ, you but need search for Him.**

**Anyhow, the Lord told him that he was going to go and visit Zaccheus. And, of course, some of the people wanted to judge Jesus, (boy, did that get that story wrong, since first of all it's God's dad that does the judging, and Jesus who will be pleading for them. So, weren't they like shooting down the hired hand that was going to help them, when it came time for their judgment.)**

**And, when the Lord came to visit, Zaccheus said that he would repay**

**four times what he had stolen, and give half of his wealth to the poor.**

**And, the Lord determined that “salvation came to that house” that very day.**

**I can't make my point any stronger than that. If a thief like Zaccheus can be saved, why can't you? (Or, are you afraid of the cost?)**

## Chapter Twelve:

### The Swindler Makes A Deal That Backfires

Simon, the sorcerer, was amazing all the people with his amazing illusions.

How do I know it was real magick? (Yes, that's magick with a k, which signifies, pulling off the truly impossible.)

Let's talk about the story a little more, and then you'll know why I'm sure it wasn't magick.

Then, Philip, the same one that was transported away in a whirlwind from the Ethiopian Eunuch,

(no, I'm not going to tell you what a eunuch was. This is a family-friendly book Although I have to wonder if family-friendly means what it used to. Back when I was a kid, my parents were be-deviled by the Knights In Satan's Service, or as we knew them, the painted face rockers known as K.I.S.S. Now, I kind of enjoyed their rock and roll when I was a kid, and still kind of get caught to the beat on *Detroit Rock City*. But, I find it interesting that the rockers that my parents hated, were the featured entertainment on a "family" channel. It's amazing how much we accept nowadays, and I fear my son will have to face even bigger evils, as the devil tries to re-take his control of the earth, as he claimed to have had, when he offered it to Jesus in the bouts of temptation, where Christ came out victorious.)

stole the show from Simon, not with illusions, but with the truth. And, they all were baptized. (As in total immersion, as baptized is a "transliterated" word of the Greek word: *baptizo*. As you can tell, I'm an immersion believer. Although I did find Mike Warneke's, who used to be a Christian comedian, solution to be humorous. He said we should go out to the town square, and find a water fountain. Then have the holy rollers somersault through the fountain. Those that wanted immersion baptism, would be fully immersed, while the spray would sprinkle those who wanted that kind of baptism. You get all three in one shot. [I don't bring that up to say that it has merit, but if we would all work together towards solutions, instead of bickering among the denominations, we'd probably get a whole lot further along, and Satan would have a whole lot less power.]

Peter and John heard about the good news, and came down and laid hands on people, to give them the gifts of the spirit. So, Simon the Sorcerer, who was also

**baptized because of Philip's truth, saw this power, and offered to buy it from the apostles.**

**He not only wanted the power. He wanted the power to pass on the power. Now, I'm not sure that Peter and John even had that power to give, but the point is that he had wanted to buy something to try and impress people and regain his former fame.**

**Once you are a Christian, you are equal with every other Christian. So, you don't need to buy the power, because you have what the Spirit has given you: (it's called the gift of the Holy Spirit, that's mentioned in Acts 2:38.)**

**And, Peter told him that he could perish with his money, because, his heart was not right, he would have no part of the gifts (yep, this part is plural) of the Spirit. And, that he should repent (that means completely turn 180 degrees from what he was doing, and never look back), and pray to God for forgiveness.**

**Now, Simon, when he realized what he had done, because of his desire for recognition, begged that the Apostles pray for him, also.**

**My guess, he got saved. So, even a con-man found the Lord's salvation.**

**But, he had to learn that wanting power isn't what gets you there.**

**You can't buy power. The power that Christ gives you is free. It costs nothing, money wise, but energy wise, you need to present your body as a living sacrifice (as Romans 12:1 says), which is what you owed the Lord anyway.**

## **Chapter Thirteen:**

### **The Avenging Liar**

**The fisherman who was considered the lead of the 12 apostles was a mess.**

**Peter, who was originally named Simon, son of Jonas, but whom Jesus called “a stone,” was the one who broke the good news of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection to the Jews. He also was the first to break it to a Gentile. (Suffiice it to say that a Gentile is a person who's not a Jew), when he broke the news to Cornelius, after determining that he could not call un-clean what God called clean.**

**But, before he got to that point, he had to first realize that he had very little faith, when he couldn't walk on the water, because he got frightened, started sinking, and cried out, “Lord, save me.”**

**Hmmm, let's see, water, salvation, and fear, there's another lesson there, but not today.**

**But, Peter had a lot of problems besides not being able to walk on water.**

**First of all, he's had to put up with all those jokes about him holding the keys to the gates of heaven.**

**(Nobody gets that right. The kingdom of heaven started the moment that he everybody thought he was drunk at Pentecost, and had a flame-like tongue land on his head, so that everybody could hear in their own language. [Would have been real tough for him to have spoken in all the languages at once, so the Holy Spirit took the easy way, and just let people hear in their own language. There was about forty different languages represented that day that Peter broke the “good news” of how to “be saved” that's related in Acts Chapter 2.] You see, when Jesus said, “And I say to you that your name is 'Peter' [literally *petra* in Greek, which means a gigantic rock], and upon this rock [the statement that Peter had believed that he was the Christ, the son of the living God], I shall found my kingdom. And I'm giving you the keys to that kingdom (okay, God forgive**

me again. I'm paraphrasing just a tad), and hell cannot prevail against it.

He then goes on to talk about what Peter states on earth is what's going to be stated in heaven. So, Peter isn't the gatekeeper of heaven. He was the first to break the good news to the Jews, and later the Gentiles. [And, hey, didn't we say this before? Isn't this where we came in to the movie?])

His first big problem, besides trying to figure out what Jesus was talking about most of the time, was on the night when he and James and John went up to Mount Olivet. Jesus asked him to stay awake and pray with him, because he, Jesus, knew what was happening the next day. He knew he was going to go through a cruel, and painful time. But, not just the physical pain, but the emotional and spiritual pain of being the only “unblemished, and perfect sacrifice,” which means that he had to bear the entire sins of the world on his shoulders when he died.

But, nope, old Peter (as well as James and John, but since their biggest sin was a snooze when Jesus needed them most, we're going to overlook that in this book.) was a snoring away.

Until the Roman army came up the hill with old Judas in tow. (Nope, Judas doesn't make this book. If he'd have asked for forgiveness instead of taking the coward's way out, he might have. But, we'll discuss him in a future book—maybe.) And, old Judas plants a big one on either side of Jesus' cheek and the guards swoop in to take Jesus.

But, Peter wasn't going to have any of that! He whipped out his sword (what a fisherman was doing with a sword I don't know, but I'm sure that some medieval folklore lover will make a movie now about people fishing with their swords.) and took a mighty swing at the guard's head--

**And Missed!**

He just did a Mike Tyson on the man, and got his ear. (Okay, he didn't use his teeth like Mike Tyson did, but it was the best visual I could think of at the time. I could have said that he did a “van Gogh” on the man, but Van Gogh was stupid enough to cut off his own ear.)

Now, Matthew didn't name the guard that had momentary trouble of hearing out of one side, but John tells us later who it was. If you really want to know--

## **GO LOOK IT UP!**

**(You think I'm going to make everything easy for you. You'll never learn that way.)**

**Now, Jesus didn't hold any animosity toward this guard. He fetched his ear, and put it right back in place. (Which, the guard was sure lucky Jesus was there, as he was the only one on earth that could do that.)**

**Jesus then had to tell Peter, "If you want to live using the sword, that's how you'll die."**

**(Which, it is believed by most historians that Peter died on an upside down cross, as he refused to die the same way that Jesus did. So, I guess he gave up using the sword.)**

**Now, most Christians just ain't known for going around and being violent. Oh sure, you got your Billy Sunday, who used to play fisticuffs on people that thought he was a "pansy." And, you've got my good friend, Father Dave, the "fighting priest", (you can find out more about him at:**

**<http://www.fatherdave.org>**

**to see what he means about fighting the good fight.) Oops, and I almost forgot Evander Holyfield and George Foreman. (Hey, if we have to mention Mike Tyson in this chapter, we can counter with not one, but two Christian boxers. Okay three, if you count, Father Dave.)**

**But, by and large, Christians are not noted for being violent. We are told by the Apostle Paul, (yeah, we'll get to his blunders in a few minutes.) to keep peace with all men, as much as is possible.**

**And, he forgot what Moses had written back in Deuteronomy 32:35, and hadn't yet heard Paul mention it in Romans 2:1. (See, I do tell you once in a while.) "Vengeance is mine, says the Lord."**

**So, he was sinning at that moment.**

**But, he would make it worse before the night was over. Earlier in the night, before he decided to try to play "Sir Lancelot" with his sword, (okay, so it's an anachronism. I know first of all that Sir Lancelot came after**

**Peter, and second of all, old “Lancey” was probably fictional.) and before he “fell asleep at the job,” Jesus said, at the Last Supper they shared together before Jesus' death, “A long time ago, it was told, I will kill the shepherd and the sheep will take off. (Forgive my paraphrase again, God), and none of you will stand by me before the night's over.”**

**Peter got all puffed up in his chest, “If everybody else leaves you, I'm not going to. I'd die with you.”**

**And Jesus told him, “Before the rooster (ain't using the other word here, because there's too many Beavis and that other guy types out there that would say, “Oooh, look Brother Paul wrote c---,” Nuh-uh, ain't falling for that one, folks.) crows twice, you will deny me three times.”**

**And, Peter kept getting madder and madder, and said, “Not me.”**

**And, of course, all the other Apostles said the same thing, but Peter, being the leader of the group gets the credit, okay, blame, for this one. (Being a loud man myself, I can't ever relate to a time when everybody said, but I was the only one heard. [He said, with facetiousness dripping from his lips.]**

**So, of course, long story short, Peter went out among the crowds after they hauled Christ away to go face a wishy-washy government official, who knew Jesus was innocent, but decided he wanted nothing to do with it. (He didn't make the book either, because I'm pretty sure he didn't make the cut when he died.) And, three different people asked Peter right to his face, “Weren't you with the Christ?” (Okay, each of them worded it different, but that was the gist.)**

**And, Peter, flat out lied to them. “Nuh-uh, wasn't me. Must be somebody that looks like me.”**

**Surprised he didn't use that old soap opera ploy, “Nope, that was my TWIN BROTHER.”**

**And, of course, the rooster crowed twice, and guess what old Peter realized?**

**Yep.**

**He done messed up!**

**Now, when Christ came out of the grave after three days and three nights, (I'd show you why he went in on Wednesday night our time, but this book ain't about proving the death, burial, and resurrection, happened exactly as prophesied. Suffice it to say, if he'd gone in on Friday night, like everybody believes, then Christ wasn't the Christ, and he was a liar, and then—hey, wait a minute, then I'd have to put him in as a role model for this book. But, you know that he did not sin; he did not lie; and if I say he spent three days and three nights in the grave, I must have a sound, logical reason for stating that.) a while later, he went to go meet Peter, James, and John who, (surprise, surprise) went back to being fisherman.**

**(When we've lost our goal in life, we pretty much fall back on what we know, don't we?)**

**Peter, not wanting to be immodest, tossed on his robe, so Jesus wouldn't see him even half-naked and came rushing out of the water to go meet his savior.**

**Jesus asked him three different ways if he, Peter, loved him and then told him three times to feed his sheep, which meant, take care of his soon to be followers.**

**And, that's when Peter broke the news to the—oh, you already know that one don't you.**

**But, what you don't realize is that Peter messed up once more.**

**At a feast, instead of sitting with the Gentiles, whom he helped to convert by meeting with Cornelius, he had to be sitting with the Jews. (He didn't want to be seen with the wrong crowd, you understand. Even though, WE ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.)**

**So, Paul, the Apostle, basically called him a “hypocrite,” chewed him up one side and down the other.**

**And, do you know what Peter said about Paul later.**

**He said--**

**“Our beloved Paul”**

**Yep, he knew he was wrong.**

**But, he still realized that we are all one, regardless of what's happened.**

**Now, if a clueless fisherman couldn't get things right at first, who made you Einstein?**

**Of course, it isn't going to happen overnight. But, it can happen. And, you can learn to get it right, and find salvation.**

**But, we were talking about Paul, the Apostle, weren't we? Let's get to my favorite role model.**

**(Duh! I was named after him, wasn't I? Of course, he'd be my favorite mess-up.)**

## **Chapter Fourteen:**

### **The Mass Murderer**

**He was a mass murderer of Christians.**

**He held the coat of the men that stoned Stephen to death.**

**He was on his way to go kill more Christians, when he got struck blind, and was called by Jesus to be the one to bring Christianity to the world through many travels.**

**His real name was Saul, of Tarsus, (when they say “of” as part of a name, it was like telling you where they were from. They didn’t used last names in those days. You were either “son of” somebody, or you were “from somewhere”, and that’s how people distinguished you. Maybe people wouldn’t be as confused about which Paul Miller I was if I went by the town I lived in. Let’s see, Paul Of Stanley. Oh, wait a minute, that’s right, one of my Brazilian friends already pointed out that Paul Stanley was the lead singer of K.I.S.S. Okay, that ain’t gonna work.)**

**His only goal was to wipe out those Christians who ruining what he knew to be the truth: Judaism.**

**He was born of a wealthy family, and very well learned. Rumor has it that he may have been part of the counsel of the Sanhedren, which might not mean much to you, but that means that the confirmed bachelor Apostle (Yep, Peter, who most people think was the first Pope was married. Ain’t no other way to explain how Jesus healed Peter’s mother-in-law.) might have been married once.**

**We’ll find out later that Paul was a hot-head, too. (Can’t relate to that all. he said with the facetious-- oh, never mind, you already know that one, don’t you?)**

**The Lord had chosen Paul personally. And, after he blinded him, and had him walk to Ananias, (not the same one who lied about how much money he had given. That one was married to Saphira, and ain’t making it in this book.) who baptized him and had him begin his life as a Christian.**

**Now, what most people have forgotten is that to have the title of**

**Apostle, you have to had spent time with the Lord.**

**But, Jesus had already died long before Saul became Paul. (Paul means little, and somebody had a good sense of humor, when they named me. I'm 300 plus pounds and ain't much about me that can be related to in the minuscule sense of the word. And, if you don't know what that word means, go look it up.)**

**So, how could he be an Apostle?**

**Because he went to the desert and spent time with Jesus, in spirit form, and learned from the Master himself. Now, this one is kind of tricky. But, Paul loved riddles. (Hmmm, so do I. I wonder—ah, but I'm off track again.)**

**Paul tells us in Galatians 1:11-12 that he was “not taught by man, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.” And, then in verse 15-18, Paul states, “he was called through God's grace to teach among the Gentiles, but that he didn't immediately go to the “flesh and blood” teachers, and he didn't go to Jerusalem, but instead went into the desert of Arabia (yeah, where did you think Saudi Arabia got it's name), and then he returned to Damascus for three years, before he went to Jerusalem. He spent 15 days with Peter, and only met with Peter, and James, the brother of Jesus, but none of the other Apostles.**

**(James was the only one of Jesus' siblings who finally believed in his “half” brother as the Messiah, but that probably came after he died, because Jesus' brothers and sisters, [yes, Mary and John had children. What you thought John was just going to say, “No, no. It's enough for me to just be Jesus' step-dad. Don't want no children of my own.” Puh-leeeeeze!] did not believe in him. I suppose we could have included non-believers as sinners, and James, the physical brother of Jesus, could have made the cut as a role model for this book.)**

**So, that we don't get lost in Paul's “high-toned” language, let me cut to the chase.**

**When Paul got baptized, he didn't want to learn it from those fishermen, and publicans. He wanted the straight scoop from the man himself. So, he went into the desert, and met and learned with Jesus himself. (He makes a statement in one of his Epistles, 2 Corinthians 2, [okay, I threw you a bone.] that he knows a man who was lifted into the**

heavens, and heard unspeakable things.

Most people agree he was talking about himself, fourteen years earlier, which was probably around the time he ran off into the desert to get the straight scoop.

So, now, here's the point.

This man, who had killed Christians, called himself the chief of sinners, and got saved, you would think he got it right.

Right?

**WRONG!**

He blew up at Barnabas, his friend, and said, "Nope, we ain't taking John Mark."

And, Barnabas, said, "But, he's a good man. We should take him with us."

And, Paul, said, "Look, I just don't like him. Okay. You like him that much, you take him."

Okay, now it can be a good thing to go and split up, because you can get twice as much work done.

But, the point is this: here's a man who spent time with Jesus's spirit, one way or the other, and was probably swept up into Heaven itself.

And, he still blew up and was petty.

And, even though he was right, he acted like Ted Danson's character on *Becker*, (who was always gruff, rude, and arrogant, but he was positive, "he was right.) and popped off at Peter, instead of pulling him aside and saying, "Now, Peter, what's going on here, you know, you hanging with the Jews so you'll look better, that just ain't cutting it. You gotta quit that and spend some time with the Gentiles. You know, I'm preaching to them all the time, but you brought the news to him through Cornelius, so mingle, my friend, mingle."

Not our good friend, Paul, the Apostle.

**Oh, no! It was more like, (and in front of God and everyone. Wait a minute, everything's in front of God, so why do we say that?) “Peter, you hypocrite! You know better. You know that a little circumcision (Nope, ain't explaining that one, kiddies. You got to ask mommy and daddy for that one.) don't mean nothing! You shouldn't even be hanging around with them! You, of all people, yes, you, Peter—don't you look down when I'm yelling at you—should know better. You brought the news to the Gentiles first, so you got no excuse, buddy!”**

**So, you see the point here is this:**

**If Paul, the hot-headed murdering Apostle, who went to deliberately kill Christians, could go to heaven, well then--**

**Oh, just read it in the title of the next chapter, okay?**

## Chapter Fifteen:

### So, What Petty Little Thing Have You Done Lately?

Now, let's see. We've studied, liars, cheats, whiners, prostitutes, murderers, adulterers, wife-swappers, drunks, disrespectful people, homosexuals, and --

Well, you should get the point by now!

Even a cannibal named Jeffrey Dahmer claimed to find Christ. (Whether he did or not, ain't my place to judge. I do know a lot of people find Christ in jail. But, I'm wondering if some of them didn't get locked up with a Mexican named Jesus, and they just made a mis-- Whoops, wait a minute. I'm just teasing. Okay, I never claimed to be politically correct. Just forgiven. [and boy, do I need a lot of that, sometimes.])

Now, if old Jeffrey did find Jesus, I know that you ain't done worse than he did.

And, you probably pale in comparison to what most of the people mentioned in this book did, and yet still, find their way to righteousness.

Christ came here for sinners. The Pharisees, who literally wore a headband of scriptures on their forehead, thought they were the ones who would be saved.

But, like Mr. Miyagi, from the *Karate Kid* told Daniel-san, "Karate, not in belt. Karate in here (pointing to his head) and here (pointing to his heart.)"

We can say the same thing. Christianity is not in some cross you wear, or on your forehead in scriptures.

It's written in your heart. It's meditated upon in your head.

Jesus told of a Pharisee who stood before the temple of God, and said, "Lord, I thank you that I am not like that sinner over there."

And the sinner was saying, "Lord be merciful on me a sinner."

**And Jesus said, “Who do you think went away justified that day?”**

**(You paying attention, Norman Greenbaum. You need to fix your lyrics about “never having sinned.”)**

**So, don't matter what you have done, there's always hope and salvation in Jesus.**

## **Chapter 16:**

### **How To Get It Going Right!**

**Now, not to rain down on the parade of those who believe that once you are saved, you are always saved.**

**You might be right. But, I just think it's a dangerous teaching to follow.**

**In almost all of the cases listed, the people turned from sin, and towards the Lord.**

**They didn't dwell on their sin. Dwelling on something only makes it worse.**

**They turned around and worshipped God, or did good for someone else.**

**And, the Bible, for the most part is not like Shakespeare's character, in *Julius Caesar*, who stated that the "good that most do is often buried with the bones."**

**In most cases, when you think of David, you think of the man who carried on the lineage of Christ. He beat the Philistines. He revered the very King who was trying to kill him when he was a boy.**

**When you think of Peter, you think of the good he did, and the people he healed and taught.**

**When you think of Paul, you think of him facing torture, punishment, and humiliation, only to still praise God, and go on with his mission and "fight the good fight." (Thought you might like that one if you're reading it, Father Dave.)**

**When you think of Abraham, you think of the man who would have killed his own child were it God's will, even when he had to wait so long for him to be born. (And, after his wife had the bright idea that he sleep with her maid.)**

**When you think of Noah, you don't think of the man who didn't know what fermented wine was. You think of the man who believed God, and built an ark for one hundred and twenty years, when it had never even rained before!**

**When you think of Rahab, you forget that she was a liar and probably a whore, but instead that she saved the two spies and saved her very own family!**

**When you think of Moses, (you think of Charlton Heston! Oh, wait a minute, we're teaching here, and it's time to be serious. Now, knock it off, Paul.) you think of the man who held his arms out and parted the Red Sea, not the man who took credit himself and disobeyed God.**

**And, that's the way you need to be.**

**Instead of looking at the evil in people, you need to start seeing the good that lies in them.**

**But, more importantly--**

**FOCUS ON THE GOOD THAT LIES WITHIN YOU!**

**There are debates among the various branches of the churches of what you have to do to be saved.**

**Some say that you have to just call on the name of Jesus and accept him into your life.**

**Okay, that may be part of it.**

**Others say that you have to be immersion baptized for the remission (that means complete erasure) of your sins.**

**And, I think that may be part of it.**

**Some say the church has to vote you in.**

**(Sorry, got a problem with that one.)**

**But, here's what I do know, without a doubt, is the defining factor of salvation.**

**I touched on it on my very first “internet” piece that hopefully someday, I'll be able to find again.**

**I called it, “The Meaning Of Life.” And, it was a treatise that determined that the “meaning of life,” was to help as many people as you can with the skills you can.**

**I used television shows, like *Kung Fu* and it's sequel. I referred to various religions, and I even brought in Zig Ziglar.**

**Everything points to that.**

**I'll even prove it scripturally here in a minute.**

**But, let me tell you the difference between Christianity and Satanism.**

**Satanists' biggest problem is not their grotesque rituals that they use to develop power.**

**You see, most religions have perverted “atonement by blood”, which Christ already did, when his blood was shed on the cross. One woman taught that having relations with men and then cleansing away their sins during her cycle (no, I'm not going any deeper in explaining it than that.) was the way to salvation. (And, worse yet, her husband bought into it.)**

**The Satanists still use blood of animals to create their salvation.**

**So, it's all a perversion.**

**But, you see, Christ paid the price on that day on the cross, (okay, it was probably a tree), and blood does not need to be shed any more.**

**The sacrifice that you are to give is quite specific.**

**He tells you right out what it is in Matthew 25.**

**Jesus' physical brother, James, alludes to it, too, when he defines pure Christianity.**

**And, just like the Satanists have to keep using blood in their rituals, they got this part wrong, too.**

**You see, Satanists believe, that true life is doing whatever you want, and if anybody disagrees with you, then curse them.**

**Satanists are all about, “ME, ME, ME!”**

**But, it's not about that.**

**Here's the truth. Here's what it's all about:**

**Are you ready!**

**Get in real close!**

**It's in James 1: 27 (I don't want you to get this wrong):**

**Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.**

**You don't let the world wrap you in “that long black train,” that those country singers sing about.**

**(The long black train is not a physical train. It's that tempting wanton woman, or that seducing man, or that one toke of cocaine, or that one little lie, or whatever it is that you need to turn from and turn towards your Savior!)**

**And, take care of widows and orphans when they're sick!**

**Don't believe us!**

**Let's go to the one story that tells us exactly who gets to go to heaven and who doesn't!**

**It starts in Matthew 25: 31 and it goes to Matthew 25: 46 :**

**When Jesus comes with all of his angels, everybody will be in front of him, and he will separate the sheep (the good ones who get to go to heaven) from the goats (those who get to go to hell. {Oh, I got to say somebody was going to hell, and my mom didn't slap me! Yaaay! Wait a minute. I'm 48 years old. Of course, she didn't slap me. Oh well. It was fun while I thought about it.)**

**Then, the King looks at the sheep on the right and says, “Go ahead, go take what’s rightfully yours, which I was preparing for you since I first thought of the creation of the earth. For when I was hungry, you fed me; when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink; when I was a stranger, you invited me in; I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear; I was sick, you took care of me; and when I was in prison, you came to visit me.”**

**And the righteous went, “Huh?” (Okay, sorry, Lord, just a tiny little paraphrase.) Lord, we don’t remember seeing you in any condition like that ever.”**

**And, the King answered: “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”**

**(And to make a long story short)**

**He then looked at the other side, the goats on the left, and said, “Get out of here. and head straight to hell with Satan and his angels. Because you didn’t do any of those things.”**

**And, they also went, “Huh?”**

**And, the Lord said, “You never did it for anybody, so you didn’t do it for me.”**

**So, the sheep went to heaven, and the goats went to hell.**

**And, why?**

**Because, it’s all about helping people.**

**Look, I sometimes feel like Steve Martin. He did a comedy bit about what if the *Hare Krishnas* were the only ones who got it right.**

**Now, I don’t think that’s the case.**

**But, I do know, without a doubt, that Christianity is first, foremost, and always about helping people with the assets that God gave you.**

**The Apostle Paul talks about the gifts of the Spirit, in 1 Corinthians 12, so we know that different people get different talents. (We are even**

told about it in the Old Testament about how he gave certain skills to certain people.)

But, the Apostle Paul, then immediately goes into 1 Corinthians 13, which is often called “the love chapter.” And, he makes a case that the greatest gift is LOVE.

We are even told that we are to love the Lord, your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and body, and to love your neighbor as yourself. (The Living Bible says, “This Is The Law In A Nutshell.)

So, here's my suggestion to you.

Start looking into Christianity. Find a church that is doing good. Find one that baptizes. (I'm sorry. I still think it's right.)

But, most importantly, start helping other people however you can.

## **Chapter 17:**

### **And Get It Going Right Now!**

**And, just when should you start doing that.**

**I have a friend who sells Variable Universal Life Insurance.**

**He tells people that the stock market has typically performed at 12% since 1945.**

**He then points out how much they will lose, if they wait.**

**Instead of going into a long-winded closing, he just says, “When would you rather start doing that? Would you rather lose this much by waiting, or would you rather get going NOW?”**

**And, that's what you need to do.**

**This very minute.**

**This very second.**

**This very nano-second.**

**This very micro-mini-nano-second.**

**NOW!**

**Start living “the good life.” You have no more excuses. You can't say that you're too bad to be a Christian. You can't say that you can't do it.**

**Because there's a bunch of us out here waiting to help you.**

**This was just my way of helping.**

**Hope it helped!**

**Make it a great life!**

**But, do it--**

**In Christ!**

**Brother Paul**

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