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Stages  
of Spiritual  
Growth

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All my work is dedicated to Jesus,  
and it goes out to His sheep.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world,  
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.  
Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—  
his good, pleasing and perfect will.

*Romans 12:1, NIV*

Father,  
convict Your children  
to be transformed  
by the renewing of our minds  
that we would know and do  
Your good and perfect will.

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Jesus says "Freely ye have received, freely give." —*Matthew 10:8, KJV*

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# Introduction

Since the ministry God has entrusted to me is geared primarily at empowering the born again so that they can effectively minister to the lost elect, this entire booklet focuses on the elect of God, the Lord's sheep—those who are born again and those who can become **born again**. I cover my understanding of election in *Election: One of the Biggest Blinders* and summed it up with this **graphic**. While most Christians speak as if elect means the same as born again, that cannot be right since Paul said "I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ" (**2 Tim. 2:10, KJV**). Scripture also says "the nations hearing were glad, and were glorifying the word of the Lord, and did believe—**as many as were appointed to life age-during**" (**Acts**) revealing not everyone has the ability to believe on the Lord during this "present evil age" (**Gal. 1:4, YLT**). However, I discern only a small fraction were "fitted to destruction" (**Rom. 9:23, KJV**). And if not for God's grace, no one would have the ability to believe in Christ since "there is none righteous, no, not one" (**Rom. 3:10, KJV**). God is using the "present evil age" (**Gal. 1:4, YLT**), especially the last 2000 years since Pentecost to reveal to humanity, especially the born again, our *extreme* depravity since even the born again have behaved as if they weren't. The "body of Christ" (**1 Cor 12:27, KJV**) has taken God's gift of salvation for granted. I summed it up in *God's Plan: A Vision for the Body*.

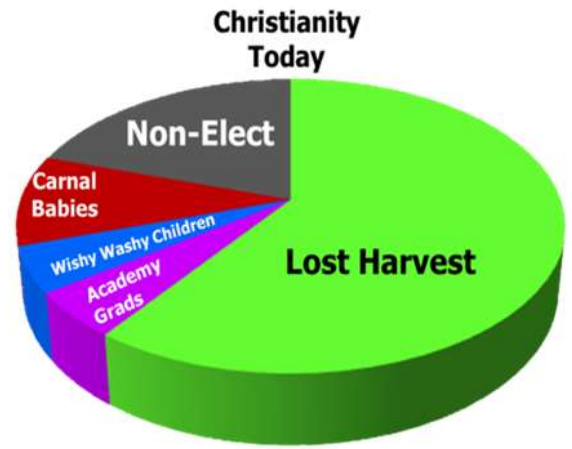


# The Stages of Election

As we grow to maturity, there seem to be five key stages God’s elect can go through during the course of our Tour of Duty on earth:

1. Lost Harvest,
2. Carnal Babies,
3. Wishy Washy Children,
4. Academy Grads, and,
5. Perfect Frontline Soldiers.

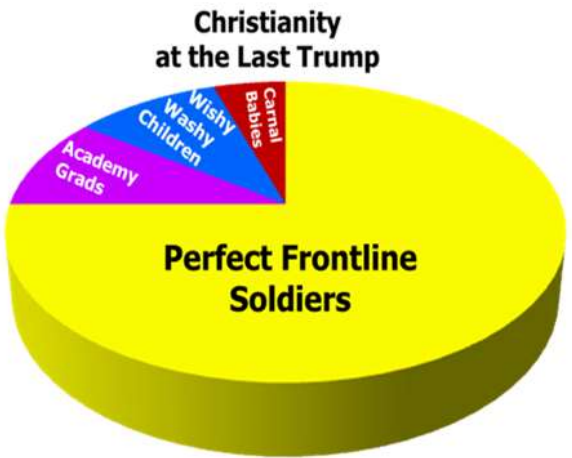
And right now the Church of Christ looks more like the Christianity Today pie when it should look like Christianity at the Last Trump pie considering that Jesus is standing “at the door” ([Rev. 3:20](#)) according to the signs of the times and prophecies on this playlist, [The Berisheet Passover Prophecy - Full Movie - YouTube](#).



## Stage 1: The Lost Harvest



Everyone from about preschool up is a sinners since “by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world” ([Rom. 5:12](#)), and “to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” ([James 4:17, KJV](#)). Therefore, the **lost** elect crawl around in the “miry clay” ([Ps. 40:2, KJV](#)), even though they don’t realize that’s what they’re doing. It’s what we’ve *all* done without Christ. “We ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another” ([Titus 3:3, KJV](#)). It’s the reason Jesus went to the Cross.



Therefore, unlike what some seem to believe, you cannot be a Christian without having gone through this stage. Anyone who says “I’ve been a Christian my whole life” doesn’t know what they’re talking about, according to God’s Word, the Bible. Real Christians understand what the psalmist meant in writing “He brought me up...out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings” ([Ps. 40:2, KJV](#)). *Every* soul was born into the miry pit because we were all born into a fallen world ([Gen. 3:15 below](#)) which is ruled by Satan ([2 Cor. 4:4 below](#)). It’s when we’ve suffered enough because of it, that we begin to take God seriously—typically. And that’s what the tribulation is for, to get God’s elect to take Him seriously. It’s not something God planned for humanity but something humanity, more specifically God’s elect, brought upon ourselves by not taking God seriously when He said “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” ([James 4:7, KJV](#)).

[Genesis 3:15, KJV](#) I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

[2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV](#) The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

While things are pretty bad around the world already, in a few years there “shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world” ([Matt. 24:21, KJV](#)) where we will have a global dictatorial regime which “will devour the whole world, trampling and crushing everything in its path” ([Dan. 7:23, NLT](#)). And when you look at some of those cities in California, for example, you **see** what God means.







## Stage 2: Carnal Babies

In diapers, newly born again Christians often behave as if they're *not* Christian. And while this season of life shouldn't last long, just as in real life, after more than two decades of speaking up to the "body of Christ" (1 Cor. 12:27, KJV) as led by the Lord (Jer. 7:27 below), "I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ" (1 Cor. 3:1, KJV). Babies don't understand what you're saying to them, and that's how it is among professing Christians today, even the more mature ones since they haven't even been able to tell that I'm a born again Christian and/or following Christ! That's my 22-year testimony. After 2000 years *this* is the stage Christianity is currently in! Because, we're divided by unbiblical denominations in a *system* that is run by Satan having loved our will more than God's as the pictures of these *video should* make clear.

**Jeremiah 7:27, KJV** Thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee.



Lucifer Invoked at the Vatican



All Denominations Bow Before the Pope

**Christ is the head  
of the church.  
Ephesians 5:23**

The Catholic Church teaches that the pastoral office, the office of shepherding the Church, that was held by the apostles, as a group or "college" with Saint Peter as their head, is now held by their successors, the bishops, with the bishop of Rome (the pope) as their head.



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As history and the current state of the body of Christ reveals, even those who've come out of the institutional church system are carnal to one degree or another because we're not functioning *as* the body of Christ is supposed to be functioning, "submit[ting] to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Eph. 5:21, NIV). Still, "even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace" (Rom. 11:5).

So while people who've been born again Christians for decades still behave like carnal babies, because of God's grace we cannot lose our salvation. The Lord "set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come" (2 Cor. 1:22, NIV).

And if you consistently *lose* the struggle against the desires of the flesh, it's a pretty good indicator that you're not likely born again.

However, we *can* be born again and backslidden so that we'll end up face to face with the Lord "saved; yet so as by fire" (1 Cor. 3:15, KJV). It's a very dangerous situation to be in and it's the state of the majority in the body of Christ today. It's dangerous because you could be deceived to think you're born again when you're not and if you get right with God before you die you'll end up hearing "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:23, KJV). You'll miss out on the Lord's millennial reign and not "reign...with Christ" (Rev. 20:4, KJV) while also "be hurt of the second death" (Rev. 2:11, KJV) experiencing "weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 8:12, KJV).

A soul that is born again has been empowered by God to *not* sin. The New Testament says “the Holy Spirit...God has given to those who obey him” (Acts 5:32, NIV) and “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you” (Acts 1:8, NIV). If you *appreciate* what God has done for you, you’ll obey Christ so that God will send you His Spirit and, therefore, empower you, *enable* you, to consistently obey Him. So it’s like this example:

Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices. A number of them who had been practicing sorcery brought their incantation books and burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars. So the message about the Lord spread widely and had a powerful effect (Acts 19:18-20, NLT).

An enlightened elect soul—the born again—should only be a carnal baby for a short time, just like real babies.

So the way to move to the next spiritual stage, and to move there quickly, is by *continuing* to sincerely seek and obey God. The key is this: each time you fall, and you will, as soon as you’ve realized you’ve sinned, you repent. Because, when “we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9, KJV). But when we don’t repent we become a hypocrite so that we place a **beam** in our eye hindering our vision. And one beam very quickly turns into many.



So it’s just like a toddler learning to walk. Taking just a few steps, they fall, but they typically *immediately* get back up. And then they immediately fall again, but they usually get right back up again. And then they fall again. But within no time, they’re running *and* climbing! They don’t spend years in this stage, but months, so that they’ve earned the reputation of being in the ‘Terrible Twos,’ not Terrible Twos to Seventies!

Every born again Christian sins (though not on purpose) *and* makes mistakes. The difference in how mature we become and how quickly we get there has much to do with how quickly we repent having sinned. I discern it’s also tied to how much time we spend earnestly seeking God in the Bible.

Therefore, to help us mature, God has told us to regularly examine ourselves so that we get used to being rebuked by Him through His Word and Spirit, used to confessing our sins, and actually grow in Christ. He says “Examine yourselves, [to see] whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves” (2 Cor. 13:5, KJV). In other words, continually prove to yourself that you’re a born again Christian. If the born again had historically taken God seriously concerning this one admonition we would not have *led* the world into hell on earth as these videos reveal we have!



And I know that we’re supposed to examine ourselves *regularly* because of what God says about the Lord’s Supper:

**When ye come together...this do ye, as oft as ye drink it**, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come...For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged (1 Cor. 11:20-31, KJV).

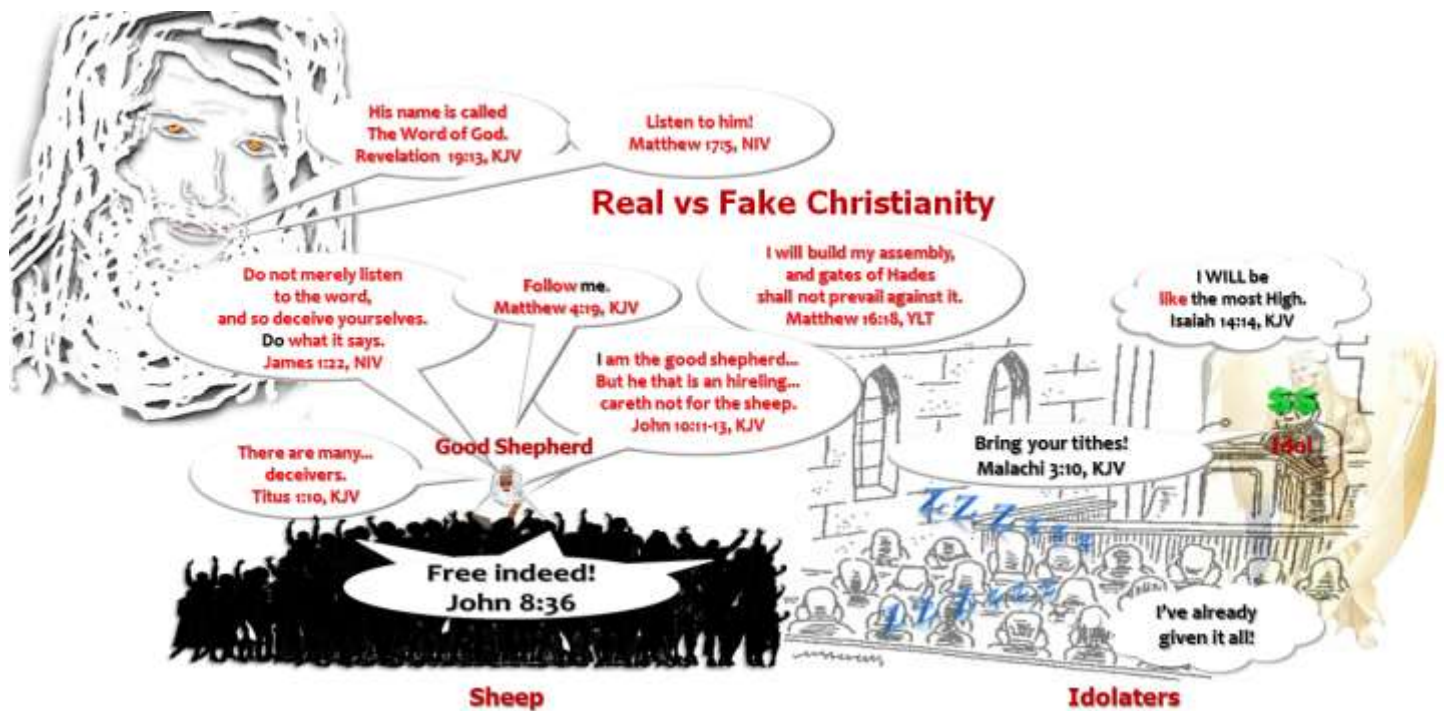
God says **when** we come together gathered *as* the body of Christ, focus should be on how we’re measuring up to His Standard. It’s like Thanksgiving, except Christians have made Christianity into Turkey Day when it’s supposed to be time out to reflect on God’s many blessings. Christians are supposed to be doing this regularly, first as individuals and then as a group. We’re to contemplate on what God has done for us and how well we’re expressing our gratitude to Him so that we can have this communion, this genuinely loving fellowship with Him and one another, empowered to also genuinely love those who haven’t yet been enlightened, the lost. We’re supposed to be focused on building *His* kingdom not ours. “This

then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth” (1 John 1:5-6, KJV).

Yet Christianity as a whole is walking in darkness—has historically walked in darkness—not having fellowship with God or one another but sitting there zoning out while Satan’s servants, the “hirelings” (John 10:11-13 below ) lead them—and the rest of the world—down the broad path of destruction (Matt. 7:13-14 below). Christians say they have fellowship with God yet they’re honoring the antichrist. They’re *deceived*. They’re lying to themselves and to others.

**John 10:11-13, KJV** I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

**Matthew 7:13-14, KJV** Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.



In contrast to what Christians have been doing for centuries, *followers* of Christ regularly examine themselves to make sure we’re not offending God. We don’t want to offend Him because it will boomerang back on us. “God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Gal. 6:7, KJV). By living carnal lives rather than walking in the Spirit we are trashing our own lives for “the ages to come” (Eph. 2:7, KJV) according to 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 (below), and bringing “damnation” to *ourselves* on earth (Rom. 8:1 & 1 Cor. 11:29 below).

**1 Corinthians 3:11-15, KJV** For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

**Romans 8:1, KJV** There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, **who walk not after the flesh**, but after the Spirit.

**1 Corinthians 11:29, KJV** For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.



Today's Christians, for the most part, are not discerning the Lord's body. They call those physical churches—those buildings—the “House of God” while ignoring members of the body of Christ He's using to draw them back to the truth. Therefore, they're “eating and drinking damnation” to themselves. God says:

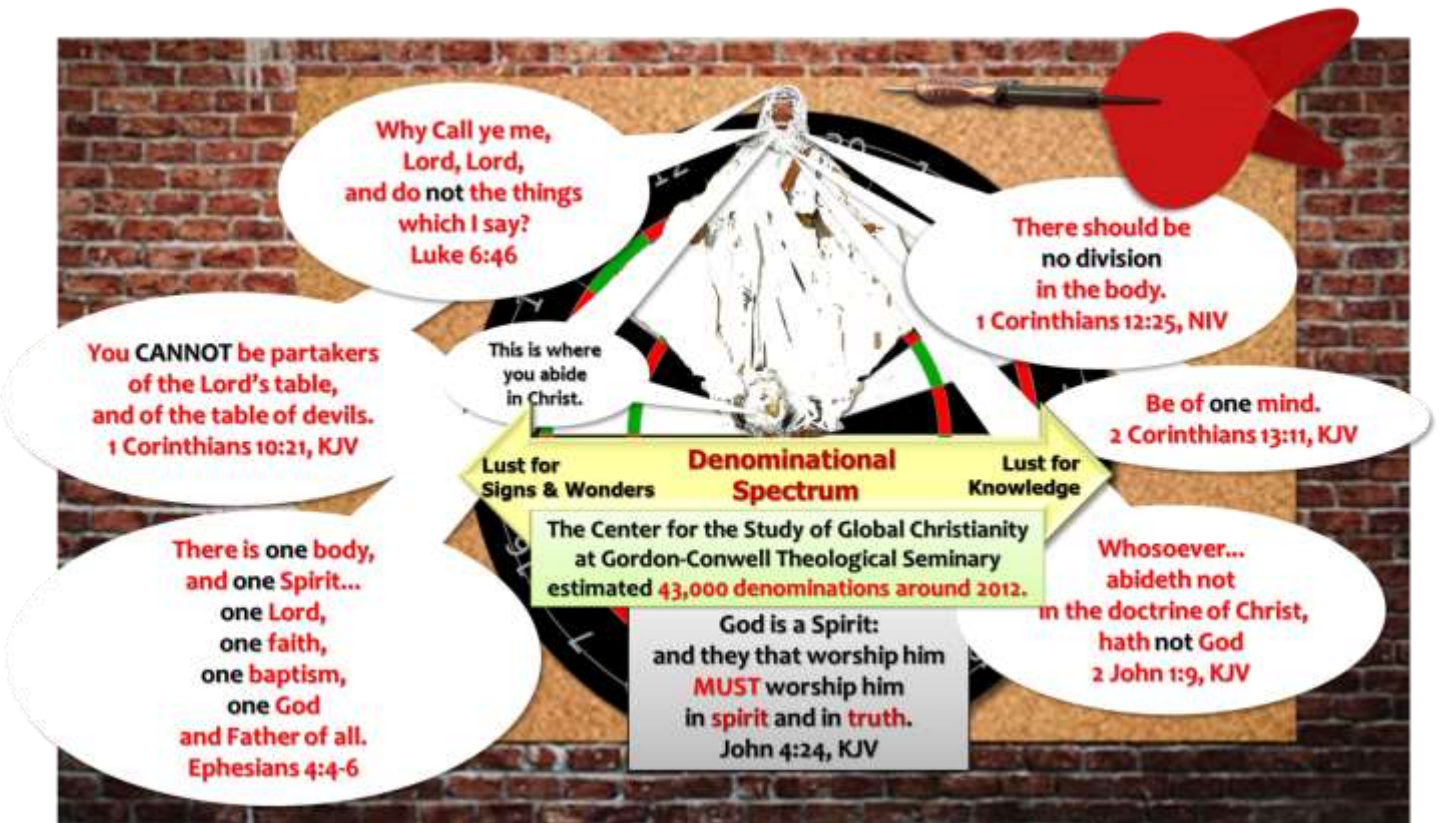
When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation (Matt. 12:43-45).

You can see the truth of this play out with people we've known to be born again because of how God worked in their lives. Yet when they went prodigal they very quickly started behaving as if they were lost and did so in increasing measure.



### Stage 3: Wishy Washy Children

Rebellious little brats, carnal born again Christians get “tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive” (Eph. 4:14, KJV). This is exactly what has happened to the body of Christ as a whole for most of the past 2000 years so that Christianity today is divided by tens of thousands of denominations, lies, and abuse when we're supposed to be representing “the truth” (John 14:6, KJV) and “love” (1 John 4:8, KJV), summed up with the dartboard.



Since the body of Christ is for the most part actually honoring the leading antichrist, Satan, rather than Christ, the fruit being produced lines up with Satan's ways rather than God's. As Jesus said “Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit” (Matt. 7:17, NIV). I summed it up clearly enough on my *Welcome!*

In turn, the power elite give us puppets for presidents and wars for their benefit. That's happened **because of** Christian rebellion. God says “Thou [Christian] hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness” (Jer. 3:2, KJV). “judgment must begin at the house of God” (1 Pet. 4:17, NIV) because God holds those who have been given the information responsible for it. Yet Christians act as if the world is a wreck because of the lost!



And the only thing needed to move up the ranks in level of spiritual maturity is a willingness to *continually* seek God in earnest, obeying Him—not turning a blind eye to our personal sins *or* to the sins of the Church, God’s assembly, the body of Christ. We need to care more about being right with God than about what others are saying or doing. Forget peer pressure. Who cares what other sinners think of us! God is testing *our* commitment and sincerity. Are we *really* grateful for what He’s done for us? Do we *really* love Him? Do we want to live up to *our* potential, or are we only concerned with this life and what followers of Satan think of us? Even if it feels good to be part of the pack, and it typically does, we have to consider the fruit of it, the *future*.

And God makes it very clear that He gave us both true and false prophets to test us, as we see in the following passages:

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 (**Matt. 7:22-23, KJV**).

If the sign or wonder spoken of takes place, and the prophet says, “Let us follow other gods” (gods you have not known) “and let us worship them,” you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul (**Deut. 13:2-3, KJV**).

According to Scripture false prophets can prophesy in Christ’s name, cast out devils, and do many wonderful works including miracles since they’re “coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders” (**2 Thess. 2:9, KJV**). God has been testing His elect, more specifically the born again to reveal to US how much we actually love Him. And Christian history and my life testimony clearly reveal that we don’t love Him hardly at all!

And by giving me this ministry God is giving the members of the body of Christ the opportunity to salvage what’s left of our lives and finally become the “glorious church...without blemish” (**Eph. 5:27, KJV**) He died for us to be.

So we have to consider what we hear very carefully *and* apply the truth to our lives because it will only work out well for those who are faithful followers of Christ. We have to choose a side—siding with Jesus—and *plow* ahead. Being OK with wishy washy faith is a delusion because God “does not leave the guilty unpunished” (**Ex. 34:7, KJV**).

## Stage 4: Academy Grads



Taking God seriously, we find ourselves in God’s School of the Prophets, what He had me call the International Academy of Manna (IAM) *A Culinary Parable*. It’s a military cooking school because “the Lord is a man of war” (**Ex. 15:3, KJV**), that’s Lord Satan “the god of this world” (**2 Cor. 4:4, KJV**). Therefore, our Father “hath chosen us [His elect] in [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love” (**Eph. 1:4, KJV**), “endur[ing] hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ” (**2 Tim. 2:3, KJV**) in order to “feed [His] sheep” (**John 21:16, KJV**). God drafted His elect to fight this war with Him “against spiritual wickedness in high places” (**Eph. 6:12, KJV**). And “no man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier” (**2 Tim. 2:4, KJV**). The problem is that just like in the world’s armies, you *can* go AWOL—and most have.



However, having sought God in earnest, obeying Him (Matt. 10:16 in the graphic), you'll be empowered by God to stand firm against the grain. All you have to do to be a good soldier is "not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves [but] **Do what it says**" (James 1:22, NIV)—in relation to the new covenant.

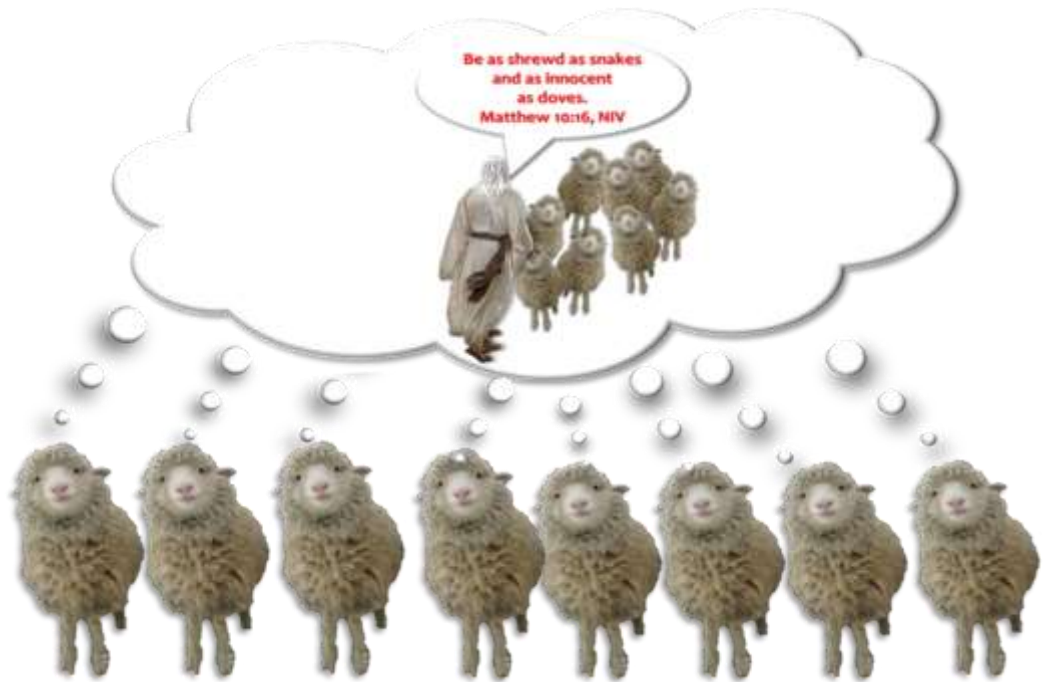
And, again, it's a 'cooking' school since God is training His people to "feed [the rest of His] sheep" (John 21:16, KJV) for the "marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:9, KJV)—a pretty big event that's drawing near.

And since we're in a *spiritual* war, the Academy from which we have to graduate is the Lord's—not some man-made institution! Since it's a *spiritual* academy, there's no visible building and neither is there a piece of paper called a diploma. Neither is it just for a select few so-called leaders.

Yet it's very real. It's so real, in fact, that we have to get through hazing. However, hazing in spiritual terms lasts until the day our Tour of Duty ends. So "be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8, KJV). And he has his army of supernatural and human beings who "masquerade as servants of righteousness" (2 Cor. 11:15, NIV). So the only way we'll get through hazing (through this life successfully) is by repeatedly making the choice to *not* get entangled with the affairs of this world as the body of Christ has been doing so that we, as a group, look like the hooker **BRAT**. While "no one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer" (2 Tim. 2:4, NIV), the Lord's Girl has run amuck so that She has "a whore's forehead" (Jer. 3:3, KJV), "the brazen look of a prostitute" (Jer. 3:3, NIV). Professing Christians have historically been so entangled with the affairs of this world that we've been *helping* the enemy hurt us all! We've been double-agents when God warned us that "a double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8, KJV).

Therefore, in order to move up to the next and final stage, we need to *continually* dig deeper because we're at war, and as many are finally realizing, it's a *brutal* war! And our Commander says "Except your righteousness shall **exceed** the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees [the so-called spiritual leaders], ye shall in **no case** enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:20, KJV, *my emphasis*). While many have thought they've 'graduated with high honors,' they've actually failed, and failed miserably! And most of the rest are barely scraping by with a C. Again, our Commander in Chief says:

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 (Matt. 7:22-23, KJV).







## Stage 5: Perfect Frontline Soldiers

Slammed against one Rock too many—“and that Rock [i]s Christ” (1 Cor. 10:4)—followers of Christ are strictly focused on defending the Commander’s turf and pushing the boundaries of His territory. Jesus, the founder of IAM, “is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence” (Col. 1:18, KJV).

And the reason we get slammed *against Christ* is because “all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Tim. 3:12, KJV). “Our old man is crucified with him, [so] that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Rom. 6:6, KJV). Perfect Frontline Soldiers are like Paul who said “I am crucified with Christ...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20). “For unto you [elect of God] it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake” (Phil. 1:29, KJV). The Father, the Potter—with our cooperation—slams us (His clay) against Christ’s example, pounding, molding, shaping, gouging, burning, until we look, sound, and behave like Jesus. He says “I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction” (Isa. 48:10). And if you’ve ever worked with clay, hand building, you know that after all of that slamming, gouging, shaping, and scraping, you put the piece into a *very* hot oven. So it makes it easier if you work *with* the Potter so that He goes into the furnace with you like He did way back when with some excellent warriors:

Nebuchadnezzar...ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?” They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.” He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods” (Dan. 3:19-26, NIV).

Having sought God in earnest and having stood up for His name, taking the heat from all angles, “bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” (2 Cor. 10:5, KJV), you’ll realize that most Christians have no clue as to what they’re doing! While “they profess [to] know God...in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate” (Titus 1:16, KJV).

And it’s only when we’ve reached this level that we can have any real assurance that we actually *are* born again and not deceived to *think* we’re born again. Because, God warned us saying “Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved...for this cause **God shall send them [a] strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie” (2 Thess. 2:10-11, KJV).

Therefore, consistently obeying and following the Lord out of genuine love for Him, we’ll get to the point described so well in the following poem considered to have been written by a Zimbabwe pastor who was martyred for his faith. He wrote:

*I’m part of the fellowship of the unashamed.  
I have the Holy Spirit’s power.  
The die has been cast.  
I have stepped over the line.  
The decision has been made—  
I’m a disciple of His.  
I won’t look back,  
let up,  
slow down,  
back away,  
or be still.  
My past is redeemed,  
my present makes sense,  
my future is secure.*

*I'm finished and done  
with low living,  
sight walking,  
smooth knees,  
colorless dreams,  
tamed visions,  
worldly talking,  
cheap giving,  
and dwarfed goals.*

*I no longer need  
preeminence,  
prosperity,  
position,  
promotions,  
plaudits,  
or popularity.*

*I don't have to be  
right,  
first,  
tops,  
recognized,  
praised,  
regarded,  
or rewarded.*

*I now live by faith,  
lean on his presence,  
walk by patience,  
am uplifted by prayer,  
and I labor with power.*

*My face is set,  
my gait is fast,  
my goal is heaven,  
my road is narrow,  
my way rough,  
my companions few,  
my Guide reliable,  
my mission clear.*

*I cannot be  
bought,  
compromised,  
detoured,  
lured away,  
turned back,  
deluded,  
or delayed.*

*I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice,  
hesitate in the presence of the enemy,  
ponder at the pool of popularity,  
or meander in the maze of mediocrity.*

*I won't  
give up,  
shut up,  
let up,  
until I have  
stayed up,  
stored up,  
prayed up,  
paid up,  
preached up  
for the cause of Christ.  
I am a disciple of Jesus.*



*I must  
go til He comes,  
give til I drop,  
preach til all know  
and work til He stops me.  
And when He comes for His own,  
He will have no problem recognizing me.  
My banner will be clear.*

Unlike so many of today's Christians, you have to know that you will not be right all that time, and, therefore, be on the *lookout* for where you're wrong. The psalmist wrote "Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil" (Ps. 141:5). Getting corrected by another follower of Christ is an "excellent oil" because it enables us to honor Christ better, more quickly build up His kingdom on earth (the body of Christ), and store treasure for ourselves that will survive God's fiery test since "the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is" (1 Cor. 3:13, KJV). And the reason God uses someone else to correct us is because He already tried to do it directly Himself and we refused to listen.

So there are several key Scriptures God has provided to help us with this, to either pray for Him to show us our sins or to help us get past them, including the following:

Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way. Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear (Ps. 119:33-38, KJV).

Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer (Ps. 19:12-14, KJV).

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting (Ps. 139:23-24, KJV).

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16, KJV).

I didn't put any perfect frontline soldiers in the Christianity today pie because we have been called to function as a group, as the body of Christ and Christianity today, as a whole, isn't. God has made that point clear through my testimony since I haven't been able to get through to anyone in over two decades! We're also loaded down with sin. And God says when "one member suffer[s], all the members suffer with it" (1 Cor. 12:26, KJV). Until a wave of repentance takes hold among the body of Christ worldwide—the current born again souls—all elect will continue to drown in the pool of mediocrity and hypocrisy that covers the land along with the consequences of it. However, that should in no way keep you from working *your* way through the sludge so that you graduate from God's Academy.

Then, having graduated, ramp up your prayers begging God to open the hearts and minds of these ridiculously proud and rebellious men and women who call themselves Pastor, Reverend, Minister, Bishop, Prophet, Apostle, etc. Beg God to enlighten them so that they *open* their hearts to Jesus. We need to pray for them to get enlightened and repent publically because that's the *only* way Christianity as a whole will grow up to maturity and become "the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14, KJV) She was created to be. God says:

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men...that are in authority [beginning with professing Christians in so-called leadership]; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour (1 Tim. 2:1-3, KJV).

God's elect need to get fully educated in God's Word and ways and "be...not unwise, but understand...what the Lord's will is" (Eph. 5:17, NIV); get in gear by "put[ting] on the whole armour of God, that [w]e may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11, KJV); and "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Tim. 6:12, KJV) for the glory of God and our benefit by "submitting...ourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Eph. 5:21, NIV). Our Commander in Chief says "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing" (1 Pet. 3:8-9, KJV). Yet even with everything going on in the world today, the body of Christ is still bickering, more interested in their own point of view than in what God has actually said. May the Father give us the humility expressed by Jesus when He walked the earth.



**Fight  
the good fight  
of faith.  
1 Timothy 6:12, KJV**



**Worship me,  
[and] all  
shall be thine.  
Luke 4:7, KJV**

