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"My sheep hear My Voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them ETERNAL LIFE; and they shall NEVER PERISH, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him" - John 10:27-31.

In my hands is a pamphlet against the Scriptural doctrine and sweet experience of eternal life. It is a heartless abuse of those who believe and teach it. The entire article is exceedingly unscriptural. It twists the doctrine of the new birth and of our spiritual sonship, and belittles the Fatherhood of God concerning those who believe unto salvation. The writer of the article thus shows either his criminal ignorance of God's Word, or his crafty deceit in handling it.

The article begins with two false accusations. It brands the doctrine of eternal security as among the most subtle; and it claims that its advocates teach once in grace always in grace which, they say, is absolutely untrue. We teach emphatically that many people, after they are saved by grace, actually fall from grace and choose to be under law where the writer of the article in question evidently lives. His digest breathes bitterness, unbecoming to a Christian minister. He declares that this doctrine has caused the damnation of more souls than any other doctrine preached on this continent. Has he never read the blessed words of Jesus, quoted above? Or, having read them, are they nothing to him? Has he not read - "In hope of ETERNAL LIFE, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began"? - Titus 1:2; ¹I John 2:25. Does he not know that Christ "obtained ETERNAL REDEMPTION for us" through His blood? - ²Hebrews 9:12. Does he not believe, "that God hath given to us ETERNAL LIFE, and this life is in His Son"? - ³I John 5:11.

BUILDS ON A MIXED BASE

The article starts wrong. Instead of believing the plain statements of Scripture, it mixes the principles of life - whatever they may mean - with the Word of God and treats the two as a measuring rod. Note the critic's own words, "It must be carefully measured by the facts of Scripture and the true principles of life." Here is where the evangelist falls down at his first step. He tries to measure eternal life by Scripture facts. If he would only measure himself by what God says, he would find himself woefully short. Who told him to measure eternal life? How much easier to believe and enjoy it! Then, what is still worse, he measures God's eternal life by "the true principles of life" as he calls them. What truer principle of life is there than eternal life? He names one of his principles of life, saying that "man is a free moral agent."

Before Adam fell, he was free and moral; but, he is neither one, since he sinned. Every man is a slave, either to Satan or to God. Either sin or righteousness reigns in every life. "Death reigned

¹ **1 John 2:25** - And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even* eternal life.

² **Hebrews 9:12** - Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

³ **1 John 5:11** - And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

from Adam to Moses," and sin reigns in mortal bodies today - Romans ⁴5:14, ⁵17; ⁶6:12. "Ye were the servants of sin ... Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" - ⁷Romans 6:17, 18. How can men be free while under the dominion of "the prince of this world," "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" - ⁸John 12:31; ⁹Ephesians 2:2.

Mr. Critic, you cannot measure eternal life by that principle. ETERNAL LIFE IS ETERNAL, however you may measure it, and you cannot shorten it. Faith in Him who has abundance of eternal life to give away will deliver the captive of sin and Satan, and bring him into the liberty of the children of God. He will be eternally free, and yet be a bondman of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! I think we have here an eternal principle of life, which the evangelist has not seen. This fellow reminds me of my first examiner in theology. He asked me, "What are the sources of theology?" I answered, "The Bible" - supposing that theology was altogether Scriptural. But, to my surprise, my examiner said, "Reason and revelation are the sources of theology" - putting reason first. If he had asked me what was the source of Truth, my answer was correct. Like that examiner, this man wants us to seek for Truth in what he calls the true principles of life, instead of confining ourselves to the infallible Word of God. What a huge blunder. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them" - Isaiah 8:20.

UNDERMINES THE NEW CREATION

"I am set for the defence of the Gospel" - Philippians ¹⁰1:7, ¹¹17. So are we. The critic's assaults on eternal life and its friends cannot hurt us. His arguments from the principles of life can have no weight with us. But we will not have it that he should wrest the Scriptures to the distress of poor, helpless, honest souls. Of course, if the people are saved, error cannot send them to hell; but it does entangle them and drag them into bondage and gloom. Therefore, we seek to open blind eyes to their place and privileges in Christ.

The article in question seeks to kill the doctrine of eternal life. To do so, it warps the teaching of Jesus and the apostles about the new birth. It twists the clear utterances of Scripture to suit its erroneous purpose. It says, "We are adopted into God's family," citing as proof four Scriptures. Not one of these, and no other Scripture, teaches that we get into God's family by adoption.

⁴ **Romans 5:14** - Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

⁵ **Romans 5:17** - For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

⁶ **Romans 6:12** - Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

⁷ **Romans 8:17-18** - But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

⁸ **John 12:31** - Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

⁹ **Ephesians 2:2** - Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

¹⁰ **Philippians 1:7** - Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

¹¹ **Philippians 1:17** - But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

The word "adoption" (Greek, *huiothesia*) means "placing as a son, or sonship." It is from "*huios*," meaning "a son"; and "*tithemi*," "to set, to place," For example, ¹²Romans 9:4 literally reads, that to Israel "pertaineth the adoption (sonship)." For God said of them, "I loved him, and called My son out of Egypt" - ¹³Hosea 11:1. This was also applied to Jesus - ¹⁴Matthew 2:15. Was He only adopted? Let us read ¹⁵Galatians 4:3-5 where we learn that Israel "were children," though under law, before Christ came. By His advent, they obtained their place as sons and were no longer counted servants. Note the beauty of Galatians 4:6 - "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father." To this exalted relationship, the place of sons or sonship, we have been "predestinated" or previously marked out; that is, God marked out a new creation, even "many sons unto glory" - ¹⁶Ephesians 1:5; ¹⁷Hebrews 2:10. Every one who believes on Jesus, becomes one of this new creation. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation): old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" - II Corinthians 5:17.

Again, Paul says, "Ye have received the Spirit of adoption," or sonship, or son placing - ¹⁸Romans 8:15. But we just saw in ¹⁹Galatians 4:6 that "the Spirit of His (God's) Son" (His divine human Spirit) is that "Spirit of adoption (Spirit of sonship)" which we receive when born of God. Then he adds, "The Spirit itself (the Holy Spirit) beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" - Romans 8:16 R.V. All this proves that the word "adoption" in Scripture means much more than it means in common use. An adopted child does not partake of the nature of the people who adopt it; but we are made "partakers of the divine nature" - II Peter 1:4. "It pleased God ... to reveal His Son in me," wrote the apostle - ²⁰Galatians 1:15, 16. Do not these citations mean far more than adoption? In the face of such stern facts, how dare anyone say that we are not sons of God in the sense that we are sons of our earthly parents? Should not the supernatural birth be more real and radical than the natural? As the first Adam "is the figure of Him that was to come" even Jesus, so the natural is only a figure of the supernatural which is far greater - ²¹Romans 5:14. We cannot enter into the full enjoyment of our spiritual sonship until

¹² **Romans 9:4** - Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of *God*, and the promises;

¹³ **Hosea 11:1** - When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

¹⁴ **Matthew 2:15** - And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

¹⁵ **Galatians 4:3-5** - Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

¹⁶ **Ephesians 1:5** - Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

¹⁷ **Hebrews 2:10** - For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹⁸ **Romans 8:15** - For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

¹⁹ **Galatians 4:6** - And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

²⁰ **Galatians 1:15-16** - But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

²¹ **Romans 5:14** - Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

we have our glorified bodies. Hence, the apostle says that we are "waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" - ²²Romans 8:23.

JESUS' TEACHING ON THE NEW BIRTH

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God" - John ²³3:3, ²⁴5. Here, Jesus contrasts the supernatural birth with the natural, without modification. He teaches clearly two creations, two distinct lineages, or natures. The one is "flesh," and can be nothing else. The other is "spirit," and can never be flesh. People come into both these lineages by birth, not by adoption. Observe Jesus' own words - "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" - John 3:6. The word "born" occurs eight times in this lesson. Each time it is from the same Greek word "gennauo," which means "to beget" or "to bring forth." Our critic denies that "born" means the same in the spiritual as in the natural, and belittles the spiritual birth. He modifies its force by saying that in the natural we are born, but in the super-natural we are only adopted. God be praised, I was born again - born of the Spirit. "Christ liveth in me," and I have "eternal life." The critic says, "my son is a part of me, and has the same qualities of character and being that I have." But he declares that cannot be true of the spiritual. What colossal conceit! Has he mightier begetting power than Jehovah?

How can God beget without producing "the same qualities of character and being" as Himself? If he did not do that, our salvation would not be a birth. What qualities and what character do we obtain, if not those of the heavenly Begetter? The opposer dares to say that his son is a part of himself, but that we are not a part of God. I say, no we are not a part of Deity; neither is the evangelist's son a part of himself, but only his offspring. Though we are not a part of Deity; yet we are, in very deed, His spiritual offspring. We are made "partakers of the divine nature." We are partakers of the Deity and humanity of Jesus Christ. What less can the new birth mean?

Let me revert to John 3:6. Adam was "flesh," and not spirit; and his progeny were flesh. He was only "natural," "of the earth, earthy" - ²⁵I Cor. 15:45-48. So were his offspring. He "begat a son in his own likeness, after his image" - ²⁶Genesis 5:3. There was one essential difference between Adam before and after his fall. After his fall, he had "sin in the flesh" - Romans ²⁷7:17, 18, ²⁸20;

²² **Romans 8:23** - And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

²³ **John 3:3** - Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

²⁴ **John 3:5** - Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

²⁵ **I Corinthians 15:45-48** - And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven. As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

²⁶ **Genesis 5:3** - And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

²⁷ **Romans 7:17-18** - Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

²⁸ **Romans 7:20** - Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

²⁹8:3. Bible regeneration does more than pardon transgression and remove that sin. It does more than restore a sinner to the Adamic state. It makes him "spirit," like his Begetter. "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Adam was not begotten of God, nor born of His Spirit; he was created by Him. "In the beginning God created (Hebrew, bara) the heaven and the earth." "God created great whales." "God created man in His own image" - Genesis 1:1, ³⁰21, ³¹27. Neither the heavens, nor whales, nor Adam were born of God. Adam came into being just like the rest of creation.

"But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" - John 1:12, 13. If we are born of God, and thus become sons of God, are we not divine? If in the new birth we are not born after the flesh in any sense, and hence are not flesh, are we not far different from Adam before he failed? For he was only "of the earth, earthy." If Jesus' own words are correct - "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" - are we not vastly different in the new creation from Adam? Should not the Last Adam line be as far different from the First Adam line, as Christ is different from Adam?

JOHN'S WORDS ON DIVINE SONSHIP

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is" - I John 3:1, 2. It seems that some preachers never read these precious words, or at least do not receive them at their face value. In this third chapter, the Apostle John joins three fundamental facts of experience - "sons of God," "born of God," and "eternal life" - I John 3:2, ³²9, ³³15. He shows us how we become sons of God, even by being born of Him; and that birth gives to us eternal life. Let us consider these facts together.

"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God" - I John 3:9. Whatever the first Adam was or had, he was not born of God; for we know that he sinned. If he had been born of God and had possessed "God life," as our friend declares, he would not and could not have sinned; for "whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin," and "cannot sin." "His seed" was not in Adam. Peter announces that the new birth is "Being born again, not of corruptible (or natural) seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" - I Peter 1:23. John says further, "We know

²⁹ **Romans 8:3** - For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

³⁰ **Genesis 1:21** - And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

³¹ **Genesis 1:27** - So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

³² **1 John 3:9** - Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

³³ **1 John 3:15** - Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" - ³⁴I John 3:14. He names the supernatural traits of the newborn ones, as righteousness, love, compassion, confidence, and obedience.

Someone raises two objections, saying, "But Christians do sin, and John acknowledges that they do sin" - ³⁵I John 1:8-10. Exactly so. John plainly teaches that believers are a dual nature. In them is seen both the old Adam and the new Adam, the corruptible old man and the incorruptible new man. The first Adam was free from sin; but he was not beyond the possibility of transgressing, because he was corruptible, natural, earthy. But they who partake of the Last Adam by faith in Him cannot sin, because they obtain an incorruptible life through the incorruptible Word of God. They are "born of God." They are "saints," or holy ones (Greek, *hagios*). Adam was not holy, though he was sinless. He was not born a son. He was only a creature, though intelligent. Therefore, he could disobey, and did. He was on probation. Christians are not probationers. By the new birth, we obtain a holy life, a holy nature, a life that cannot sin. We are made "partakers of the divine nature," which cannot fail. Again, we quote Jesus' words, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." That is the "whosoever" whom John says cannot sin.

JESUS' SONSHIP AND OURS

The evangelist thinks to knock us out of the ring by saying that Jesus is "the only begotten of the Father," "His only begotten Son" - John ³⁶1:14; ³⁷3:16. He argues that, if Jesus is the "only begotten Son," then there can be no other sons of God. Surely, He is the only Son of God who was with Him, and in His bosom from eternity. Of course, there is only one Son in the Godhead. The Word, before He was made flesh or took upon Him a human form, was that only Son. We do not deny that truth. But the doctrine of our sonship from God does not contradict that fact. Rather, it confirms and glorifies it. Jesus' eternal Sonship is displayed through our sonship. His eternal Sonship in Deity is the basis and guarantee of our eternal sonship of humanity and Deity joined. He was the Son of God before He became the Son of Man. But He took upon Him a human form, "the seed of Abraham" - that He might bring to His Father "many sons," the Seed of God - Hebrews ³⁸2:16, ³⁹10.

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us ... full of grace and truth" - John 1:14. Thus, God's only begotten Son became the God-Man. He, who was divine, became human; that we, who are human, might become divine. "We beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten,"

³⁴ **1 John 3:14** - We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

³⁵ **1 John 1:8-10** - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

³⁶ **John 1:14** - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

³⁷ **John 3:16** - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

³⁸ **Hebrews 2:16** - For verily he took not on *him* the nature of angels; but he took on *him* the seed of Abraham.

³⁹ **Hebrews 2:10** - For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

wrote John in parentheses. But "grace and truth" introduced an added glory; namely, that He should be the Elder Brother of a new line of sons, whom "He is not ashamed to call ... brethren" - ⁴⁰Hebrews 2:11. These "many sons" partake of Christ's Deity. This they do in being "born of God," by which they obtain a divine human nature, which John terms "eternal life" - I John 3. They must receive of His holy Humanity, because our old Adam humanity is a sinful ruin. They must also partake of His holy Deity, lest they fail as did the first Adam who was only "natural," "a living soul," "of the earth, earthy" - ⁴¹I Corinthians 15:44-47

Most people fail to see that redemption must bring in a better creation than the old Adam line, else it might also fail. Salvation must do more than cleanse the old Adam from sin. It must produce a new line; not simply a non-sinning line, but a holy line that cannot sin. God's salvation is not the old creation restored or improved. It is "a new creation." Therefore, it is not simply an adoption; as if we were only reckoned sons, though not sons in reality. Nay, but "NOW ARE we the sons of God" - ⁴²I John 3:2. "If any man be in Christ, HE IS A NEW CREATURE (CREATION)." Hear it, and heed it, my Friend. "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" - ⁴³II Cor. 5:17. Of course, such a fellow cannot be anything else than God's child. He is "born again." His second birth is incorruptible - he is "born of water (the Word) and of the Spirit." He is "spirit." For Jesus said, "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." It is a supernatural birth - he is "born from above." He is out of the old Adam line, and has no fellowship with it. He is "in Christ," the life and Head of a new race of mankind. Hallelujah! Deny it, who dare. Contradict it, who will. Disprove it, who can. "Let God be true, but every man a liar" - ⁴⁴Romans 3:4.

INVINCIBLE CONTRASTS

"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second Man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly" - I Corinthians 15:45-48.

If these words mean anything, they teach that Adam was not at all what we become today when we are born of God; but he was much less. They teach us that the new birth does not restore us to the former Adam state, but it gives us something far above and beyond Adam. Note the facts, which are clear and plain. Adam was "natural," and not spiritual. He was "of the earth"; hence,

⁴⁰ **Hebrews 2:11** - For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

⁴¹ **1 Corinthians 15:44-47** - It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

⁴² **1 John 3:2** - Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

⁴³ **2 Corinthians 5:17** - Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

⁴⁴ **Romans 3:4** - God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

he was "earthy," and not heavenly, and not a partaker of the divine nature. Saints are partakers of the divine nature; for that is what makes them saints or holy ones. Adam was "natural" and of earthy," "a living soul," before he sinned. His name means "red earth." Our critic says that the word "living" in the Greek here is the same word "zoe" that is used to refer to the "living (zoe) God"; and is the same word that is always used to refer to the eternal life (zoe) given to the believer. Bear in mind, that he is determined to prove that "eternal life" is not eternal. He ought to know, that the Greek word above for "living" is not "zoe" but "zosan." It is not a noun, but an adjective.

The Greek word "zao" is the base for the words, "zoe, zon, zosan, and zonton." "Zao" means "to live, to breathe, to be in full vigor, fresh, strong, efficient." "Zoe" means "life, motion, activity." They are used with reference to animals and men, as well as to God. "Zao," or its derivative, is translated "beasts" in ⁴⁵Revelation 4:6; and "brute beasts" in ⁴⁶II Peter 2:12; ⁴⁷Jude 10. But it is rendered, "He that liveth" (literally, the Living One), in ⁴⁸Revelation 1:18. It is the same identical word in such phrases as "living God" (⁴⁹Matthew 16:16), "riotous living" (⁵⁰Luke 15:13), "living water" (⁵¹John 4:10), "living bread" (⁵²John 6:51), "living sacrifice" (⁵³Romans 12:1), "why as though living" (⁵⁴Col. 2:20), and "living way" (⁵⁵Hebrews 10:10). It is translated "lively" in these phrases - "lively oracles" (⁵⁶Acts 7:38), "lively hope" (⁵⁷I Peter 1:3), and "lively stones" (⁵⁸I Peter 2:5).

This array of facts proves that "zao" is not limited to God in its use; but is applied to men and things. The evangelist claims that Adam had natural soul "psuche" life, and "living" or "zoe" life, which he terms "God life." His statement is ridiculously ungrammatical and emphatically unscriptural. If he were correct, we might just as well say that the sacrifice, the way, and the

⁴⁵ **Revelation 4:6** - And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

⁴⁶ **2 Peter 2:12** - But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

⁴⁷ **Jude 10** - But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

⁴⁸ **Revelation 1:18** - I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

⁴⁹ **Matthew 16:16** - And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

⁵⁰ **Luke 15:13** - And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

⁵¹ **John 4:10** - Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

⁵² **John 6:51** - I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

⁵³ **Romans 12:1** - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

⁵⁴ **Colossians 2:20** - Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

⁵⁵ **Hebrews 10:10** - By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

⁵⁶ **Acts 7:38** - This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

⁵⁷ **1 Peter 1:3** - Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁵⁸ **1 Peter 2:5** - Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

oracles named above have "God life," because they are termed "living" or "lively." Will he say that the prodigal son's "riotous living" was "God life"?

Why not be content with the plain Scripture saying about Adam - that he was "a living soul"? Does he not know that the word "soul" often means human being, as in ⁵⁹Exodus 1:5; ⁶⁰Acts 2:41? Do not Paul's words, in ⁶¹I Cor. 15:45-48, explain fully the nature of Adam as that "living soul"? Furthermore, the Hebrew word "chai" translated "living" (⁶²Genesis 2:7, which Paul quoted) means "living, alive, lively," and nothing more; exactly what it means in the Greek, as we have already seen. It has no reference to "God life" at all. Adam was simply a living being. The preacher waxes very bold and says, "Adam had zoe life, and that was distinct from his own natural soul (psuche) life, the same kind of God life that a believer has today; and, as God's life only is eternal, Adam had the same eternal life that is given to a Christian." Oh, what a darkening of counsel.

Thank God, for the simple Gospel. We have already seen that the word "living" is not "life"; but simply means "living, lively, active," and cannot be rendered "life." Neither did Moses nor Paul write, "Man became a life (zoe) soul," but "a living soul" - Genesis 2:7; I Corinthians 15:45. According to the evangelist's logic "God life," as he calls it, is the only (zoe) life existing or the only way that "zoe" is used. In many citations the Greek word "zoe," rendered "life," has no reference to God. Read for yourself ⁶³Romans 8:38; ⁶⁴11:15; ⁶⁵I Cor. 3:22; ⁶⁶15:19; ⁶⁷James 4:14. These all mean a present existence; for example - "Neither death, nor life," "life (physical) from the dead," "in this life only," "what is your life?" and such like expressions. We cannot call life in any of these phrases, "God life"; and yet, it is "zoe" in every one, but not eternal (zoe) life. The eternal God is the Originator of all life, whether it be natural life, physical life, animal life, human life, or vegetable life; but that does not make such life to be "God life."

BREATH AND IMAGE

⁵⁹ **Exodus 1:5** - And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt *already*.

⁶⁰ **Acts 2:41** - Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

⁶¹ **I Corinthians 15:45-48** - And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven. As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

⁶² **Genesis 2:7** - And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

⁶³ **Romans 8:38** - For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

⁶⁴ **Romans 11:15** - For if the casting away of them *be* the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving of *them be*, but life from the dead?

⁶⁵ **I Corinthians 3:22** - Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;

⁶⁶ **I Corinthians 15:19** - If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

⁶⁷ **James 4:14** - Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

The critic tries to prove that Adam had "God life," which he terms "eternal life," because God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life" - ⁶⁸Genesis 2:7. ⁶⁹Job 37:10 says, "By the breath of God frost is given." Is that frost "God life"? Is the fire of Tophet, which "the breath of the Lord" kindles, "God life"? - ⁷⁰Isaiah 30:33. You see where men land, when they attempt to make God's Word say what it does not say.

The critic also thinks to prove his point by the fact that Adam was created in the image and likeness of God. What is an image? An image (Hebrew, tselem) is a representation, a similitude - drawn, painted, sculptured, or otherwise prepared. It is an effigy, a picture, a figure, a copy. The same word is used of the gods in ⁷¹Numbers 33:52, and of the great image of ⁷²Daniel 2:31. This word "tselem" is translated "form," in ⁷³Daniel 3:19. "Likeness" (Hebrew, demuth) means that which is similar or resembles, as a picture or a portrait. We read of the likeness of fire - ⁷⁴Ezekiel 8:2; and of men - ⁷⁵Phil. 2:7. It means comparison, in ⁷⁶Isaiah 40:18. Indeed, Adam is called a "figure" of the Last Adam, in ⁷⁷Romans 5:14. You see by the different uses of the words "image" and "likeness," that ⁷⁸Genesis 2:7 does not prove that Adam had "God life."

How was Adam the image of God? In several respects. Adam was created spirit (Hebrew, ruach, ⁷⁹Genesis 45:27), and soul (Hebrew, nephesh), and body. Paul writes of our "spirit and soul and body" - ⁸⁰I Thess. 5:23. See also ⁸¹Hebrews 4:12. God also is spirit (ruach), and soul (nephesh), and body or form. "His soul was grieved for the misery of Israel" - ⁸²Judges 10:16. "If any man

⁶⁸ **Genesis 2:7** - And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

⁶⁹ **Job 37:10** - By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

⁷⁰ **Isaiah 30:33** - For Tophet *is* ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made *it* deep *and* large: the pile thereof *is* fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

⁷¹ **Numbers 33:52** - Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:

⁷² **Daniel 2:31** - Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible.

⁷³ **Daniel 3:19** - Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

⁷⁴ **Ezekiel 8:2** - Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber.

⁷⁵ **Philippians 2:7** - But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

⁷⁶ **Isaiah 40:18** - To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

⁷⁷ **Romans 5:14** - Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

⁷⁸ **Genesis 2:7** - And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

⁷⁹ **Genesis 45:27** - And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived:

⁸⁰ **1 Thessalonians 5:23** - And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸¹ **Hebrews 4:12** - For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

⁸² **Judges 10:16** - And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him" - ⁸³Hebrews 10:38. God has not a physical body or form. But we read of "the form of God" (⁸⁴Phil. 2:6), and "His shape" (⁸⁵John 5:37), and "His body also was like the beryl" - ⁸⁶Daniel 10:6. The latter refers to the Son of God. Compare with it ⁸⁷Daniel 3:25. Of course, the spirit and soul and form of God were neither animal nor human. They were absolutely divine. Adam was like God in this, that he was intelligent. He had wisdom to give correct names to animals and birds; and God accepted those names. Also, he had a consciousness of God, which the beasts have not. Animals are not intelligent, though they have memory. Their minds are not capable of development. Adam was the image of God, also, in that he had dominion over the fowls and animals. Also, there was no sin in him.

Notwithstanding all those facts, yet Adam was only "a living soul," of natural, "of the earth, earthy." He was not born of God, but only created by Him. He was in no sense a partaker of God's life or nature. Therefore, though he was without sin and was innocent, yet it was possible for him to disbelieve and disobey the Lord - which he did. Adam was not holy. Had he been holy, he would not and could not have sinned. For "that which is born of the Spirit is spirit," and "whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot (literally, is not able to) sin, because he is born of God" - ⁸⁸John 3:6; I John 3:9. He has "passed from death unto life," and knows it; and "hath eternal life abiding in him" - ⁸⁹I John 3:14, 15.

Hold steady when the fires burn,
When inner lessons come to learn,
And from this path there seems no turn
"Let patience have her perfect work. "

CAN ETERNAL LIFE BE LOST?

If eternal life can be lost, it is not eternal. It cannot be lost, because it is God's very own holy life which has no end. Believers are a new creation, a holy people, that cannot sin, that cannot grow old; for "all things are become new." We are "partakers of the divine nature" which cannot sin, cannot fail, cannot die. It is not primarily a question of getting something that we might lose, but of BEING MADE SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE CHANGED. Adam was only "a living soul," "of the earth, earthy"; and it was possible for him to be changed from sinless to sinful. But the new creation is unchangeable, being incorruptible and holy, like its living Head - Christ. Hence, IT IS ETERNAL We are not IN the new creation simply; but we ARE the new creation.

⁸³ **Hebrews 10:38** - Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

⁸⁴ **Philippians 2:6** - Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

⁸⁵ **John 5:37** - And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

⁸⁶ **Daniel 10:6** - His body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

⁸⁷ **Daniel 3:25** - He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

⁸⁸ **John 3:6** - That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁸⁹ **1 John 3:14-15** - We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

See these facts, and the devilish quibbles about eternal life will flee forever. Where does the Scripture say that Adam lost any sort of life? Find it, please. He transgressed and died - ⁹⁰Romans 5:14. Not once is it said in the Bible, that saints lose their eternal life. You find that in men's warped brains and writings, but not in the Bible. Even when Jesus said - "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" - He spoke of losing this present career, as to usefulness and happiness - ⁹¹Matthew 16:26. Such a one gets no reward, as the next verse shows. The Greek word "psuche" is translated "life" twice in ⁹²Matthew 16:25, and "soul" in Matthew 16:26. This citation has no reference to sinners, but to believers.

What are the facts? What, or who, is lost? Let God's Word answer. "My people hath been lost sheep" - ⁹³Jeremiah 50:6. "But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" - Matthew 10:6. What else can be the meaning of the lost sheep, the lost silver, and the lost son, of Luke fifteen? ⁹⁴Luke 19:10 and ⁹⁵II Corinthians 4:3, 4 ought to be conclusive proof that only people are lost. "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost"; that is, people lost from God in this world. "But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost," because Satan has blinded their minds. Not once is it said that believers lose their eternal life (zoe); though some do lose their present life (psuche) of usefulness through negligence, or worldliness, or premature death. Of course, they obtain no reward. Israel said, "Our hope is lost" - ⁹⁶Ezekiel 37:11. But even that national hope was not lost forever. For Peter says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us (Israel) again unto a lively (living) hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" - I Peter 1:3. Even sinners do not lose their souls; but, they themselves - "soul and body" - are lost from God in hell, if they do not believe the Gospel - ⁹⁷Matthew 10:28.

A NEW CREATION ABSOLUTELY

Mankind is the lost article. The first Adam, in the midst of a perfect environment, was not able to keep from sinning. Hence, he failed God. Four thousand years with the privilege of recovering himself from bankruptcy has proven man exceedingly sinful, hopelessly helpless, and irrecoverably doomed - being an absolute ruin, "dead in trespasses and sins." Therefore, Almighty God has undertaken his case. Grace, absolute grace, unmerited grace, unasked for grace, unexpected grace has stepped upon the scene. "For God so loved the world (sinful,

⁹⁰ **Romans 5:14** - Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

⁹¹ **Matthew 16:26** - For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

⁹² **Matthew 16:25** - For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

⁹³ **Jeremiah 50:6** - My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

⁹⁴ **Luke 19:10** - For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

⁹⁵ **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** - But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom 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.

⁹⁶ **Ezekiel 37:11** - Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

⁹⁷ **Matthew 10:28** - And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

hopeless, and dead), that He gave His only begotten Son (to die, be buried, and raised again), that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish (not be lost again), but have everlasting life" - John 3:16. Adam's offspring could never be anything else than his offspring. After his failure, they were still his progeny - a failure and sinful. The rich man in hell was still Adam's offspring. Adam and his descendants are the old creation.

Through the redemption of Christ, God has arisen to man's help. He has planned to save every one who will believe on Jesus. But His salvation is not a restoration, not a reformation, not a reparation, not a reproduction. God's salvation is "a new creation." It is obtained through regeneration or a new birth, by faith in the incorruptible seed - the Word of God. "For by grace (God's grace) are ye saved through faith; and that (faith) not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" - Eph. 2:8. As in the old creation, so in the new or spiritual creation. God's children can never be anything else than His children. They have "passed out of death (the realm of the fallen First Adam) into life (the realm of the risen Last Adam)" - ⁹⁸John 5:24 R.V. "Jesus said unto her (Martha), I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead (physically), yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die (spiritually). Believest thou this?" - John 11:25, 26. By these words, Jesus assures us of a never ending life and of the sure resurrection of our bodies.

FIERCE FIERY FLINGS

After juggling the Scriptures to prove his illogical points, the evangelist gives about a dozen paragraphs of the most scathing and scorching invectives. The following is a sample. He dares to say:

"Eternal security impeaches the character of God and every true principle of life as bad or worse than any theory extant. It makes God unholy, unjust, a respecter of persons, and both a liar and a fool. It makes the whole Bible a pack of lies and a bunch of nonsense. It makes the atonement of Christ a complete failure by putting the whole responsibility on Him for our salvation; and because He does not keep believers He, therefore, fails. In effect, it denies the principle of sin, the principle of free moral agency, and the need of repentance. It forces you to believe in infant damnation, or universalism - one or both. It smooths over, or excuses sin, in the most blatant way. It teaches, in effect, that men can be cleansed from sin after death; and it has purgatory beat forty ways. It is unscriptural and anti-Scriptural. It is unpardonable and illogical. It is soothing syrup for the hypocrite, and sheep's clothing for wolves. It is opium to the conscience, and encouragement to sin. It is hellish and blasphemous, and a lie of the devil from start to finish. No language could be too strong to condemn this doctrine, and all that promulgate it will be cursed of God. It is deadly poison to any soul. God deliver people from its ensnarements. " Reader, what do you think of such statements from one who claims to be a Christian and filled with the Spirit of God? He claims to have preached for many years all over North America. What have the people heard? "Wood, hay, stubble." You may decide as to who is the author of such a tirad of abuse. Certainly, it could not flow from a heart filled with the love of Jesus. Certainly, this

⁹⁸ **John 5:24** - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

preacher knows neither "the Scriptures, nor the power of God" - ⁹⁹Matthew 22:29. If the grace of God which the evangelist fights so bitterly were no warmer and no greater than he makes it out to be, he would not have breathed another breath after such an unsparing assault against God's grace and only manner of salvation and against His children who hazard their lives for the Gospel.

Beloved, did you observe that when Jesus spoke those tender words of boundless grace "... the Jews took up stones again to stone Him"? - ¹⁰⁰John 10:27-31. What, but the spirit of Judaism, does this fellow evince? He certainly is hurling stones at the true messengers of God. Paul says, "Holding fast the faithful Word ... For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: whose mouths must be stopped" - ¹⁰¹Titus 1:9-11. "Beware of dogs (they bark, growl, and devour), beware of evil workers (they corrupt, tear down, and destroy), beware of the concision (they cut others off, make divisions, and build fences). They are the enemies of the Cross of Christ; whose end is destruction" - Phil. 3:2, ¹⁰²18, 19. Paul says further, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" - Romans 16:17, 18. That same spirit of Judaism occasioned the conference in Jerusalem. It cried, "Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved" - ¹⁰³Acts 15:1. But there it was settled forever that, men are saved by grace through faith, absolutely without man's help. The Holy Spirit was given to Jews and Gentiles alike; that is, by faith. God put no difference between Jews and Gentiles, "purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our (Jewish) fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they" - ¹⁰⁴Acts 15:8-11. Still troublers arise to "pervert the Gospel of Christ" and cause babes to be "removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ." Hear the Spirit's anathema against such. "But though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be

⁹⁹ **Matthew 22:29** - Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

¹⁰⁰ **John 10:27-31** - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. I and *my* Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

¹⁰¹ **Titus 1:9-11** - Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

¹⁰² **Philippians 3:18-19** - (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is* *their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

¹⁰³ **Acts 15:1** - And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, *and said*, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

¹⁰⁴ **Acts 15:8-11** - And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" - ¹⁰⁵Galatians 1:6-9.

Praise the Saviour, ye who know Him!
Who can tell how much we owe Him?
Gladly let us render to Him
All we are and have.

¹⁰⁵ **Galatians 1:6-7** - I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.