

# Apostle Ministry, Inc.

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## Doctrinal Statement

### We believe ...

1. **Christians are those people who have** “established a personal relationship with God [the Father]” because of having known Jesus [HIS Son]. Jesus has given us an “understanding of God” [and has brought us back to God]. 1 John 5:20
2. **Real Christians:**
  - a. Know God because they know Jesus. John 7:17; 1 John 5:20
  - b. Understand that God is a friend. Exodus 33:11; James 2:23; Proverbs 18:24
  - c. Talk, dialogue and reason directly with God. Isaiah 1:18
  - d. Love God with all their hearts, souls, minds & strength. Mark 12:30
  - e. Love God and obey God’s commandments. 1 John 5:3; John 14:15
  - f. Serve and worship only God [the Father]. Matthew 4:10
  - g. Worship God [the Father] in spirit and in truth. John 4:23
  - h. Pray to the Father [God] in heaven. Luke 11:2
  - i. No longer, ask of Jesus, because Jesus told them to ask of the Father. John 16:23
  - j. Ask of the Father [God] in Jesus’ name. “Go direct to God!” John 16:23 Living
  - k. Understand there is only One God, who is neither a trinity nor Jesus. Mark 12:32
    - i. “Yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we live.” 1 Corinthians 8:6
  - l. Believe that Jesus is the Christ [Son of God in the flesh]. 1 John 5:1
  - m. Resist sin and are not habitual sinners. 1 John 5:18
  - n. Practice righteousness. 1 John 2:29
  - o. Are slaves to righteousness. Romans 6:16-18
  - p. Purify themselves because Christ was pure. 1 John 3:3
  - q. Have Jesus Christ as an advocate before God in the event they fail to live up to God’s commandments. 1 John 2:1 There are sins that are “unintentional against the commandments of God.” Leviticus 4:2 There are also “sins that are unknown.” Leviticus 5:17
  - r. Walk like Jesus walked. I.E. Christians emulate Jesus’ character. 1 John 2:6
  - s. Walk a narrow walk [Matthew 7:13-14]. Walk in the spirit [Romans 8:1].
  - t. Are doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving themselves. James 1:22
  - u. Understand the kingdom of God is inside them. Luke 17:20-21 Note: As servants of a living God, Christians manifest God’s kingdom into the world by their obedience to God’s commandments and the actions they take based upon the word, their faith and God’s Spirit’s direction.
  - v. Are filled with the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of Truth. John 16:13
  - w. Pray in private to God. Matthew 6:6

- x. Are forgiving people. Matthew 6:14
  - y. Seek justice through proper authorities as taught in Romans 13.
  - z. Do not testify in a dispute in a way that perverts justice. Exodus 23:2
  - aa. Do not hide sin. “Purge evil from among you.” Deut 13:5; 17:7,12; 19:19; 21:18-21; 22:20-24; 24:7; Judges 20:13 NIV. Note: Instead of living with evil within the church and society, God has clearly given us instructions to purge the evil from among us. No exceptions.
  - bb. Are a new creation [key to salvation] in Christ. Galatians 6:15
  - cc. Are a witness for Christ [that GOD IS TRUE]. Acts 1:8
  - dd. Get their praise from God as a [real] Jew, not from men. Romans 2:29
  - ee. Understand that hell is a real place just like heaven. Matthew 10:28
  - ff. Understand that “the soul who sins shall die” [Ezekiel 18:4; Luke 13:3; Romans 2:12; Romans 6:23 (wages of sin is death); 2 Thess 2:10]
3. **God’s commandments are not burdensome.** 1 John 5:3 Note: God expects us to keep all of His commandments with a heart that actually fears Him [Deuteronomy 5:29]. Fear in this situation is exactly what it means. Real fear that a real God actually does exist and will eventually deal with evil and wicked people. Fear is a believer’s incentive to “really obey” God. Real Christians have this fear; but their love for God transcends this fear in practical living as “perfect love casts out all fear.” 1 John 4:18 “He who fears has not been made perfect in love.” When you start to live it, then you will understand it.
- a. “The fear of the Lord [God] is the beginning of wisdom. A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.” Psalm 111:10
  - b. “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But fear Him [God] who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” Jesus in Matthew 10:28
4. **Whoever keeps the commandments is assured of eternal life.** Matthew 19:16-19 And, “whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:19
- a. Note: Many preachers today teach the idea that God’s commandments no longer apply. They are wrong! Scripture teaches us to obey God’s commandments.
  - b. “All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets stem from these two laws and are fulfilled if you OBEY them. Keep only these [TWO] and you will find that you are obeying all the others.” Matthew 22:40 [Living]
5. **People can be righteous with God if they so choose.** “And they [Zacharias & Elizabeth] were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.” Luke 1:6
6. **He who practices righteousness is righteous just as Jesus is righteous.** 1 John 3:7 Note: Many Christians have the erroneous idea that they cannot be righteous people. This is poor discernment and shows a lack of real understanding of God’s Word.
7. **God has set up a dividing line in history that is at John the Baptist.** Before John, the prophets set down the law. From John, the kingdom of God shall be preached. Luke 16:16 Note: The reason Jesus preached the kingdom of God is to make it real to people. If the kingdom of God is real to you, THEN you will repent and change your ways.

8. **The Gospel of Jesus Christ IS: “Repent for the kingdom of God at hand”.** Matthew 4:17  
Further, Jesus taught “I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also, because for this purpose have I been sent.” Luke 4:43 The “gospel of the kingdom” will be preached as a witness to all the nations. Matthew 24:14 Note: Jesus came to reassert God’s message of salvation, which existed long before Christ came in the flesh.
9. **Jesus purpose was to preach the kingdom of God.** Luke 4:43
10. **Jesus never equated himself as equal with God [the Father].** Instead, Jesus always pointed people back to God [the Father]. “Nor is he who is sent [Jesus] greater than [God]...” John 13:16 If Jesus was a co-equal with God, Jesus would know everything that God knows. However, in Matthew 24:36, Jesus states: “... only my Father [God] knows.” Also in Mark 13:32 etal.
  - a. Jesus is our high priest in the temple of [Jesus’] God. Rev 3:12
    - i. “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God.” Rev 3:12
    - ii. “In all things Jesus had to be made like his brethren, that Jesus might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God.” Heb 2:17 [paraphrased]
    - iii. “Jesus is a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” Heb 7:21
    - iv. Note: Do you go to church to worship the priest? No. Yet, this is exactly what many misled Christians do. They worship Christ the high priest and messenger when they worship Jesus. He is our high priest who will lead our worship of God in heaven. Instead, they should worship God [the Father] as Jesus has commanded us to do. John 4:23-24
  - b. “Jesus is our brother if we do [God’s] will.” Matthew 12:50
  - c. “Why do you call me good? No one is good but ONE, that is God.” Mark 10:18
  - d. “I can of myself do nothing.” John 5:20
  - e. “He who sent me is true.” John 7:28
  - f. “I am going back to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” John 20:17 NCV
  - g. “I do nothing of myself.” John 8:28
  - h. “I [Jesus] fully obey God”. John 8:55 Living
  - i. “I must work the works of Him [God] who sent me.” John 9:4
  - j. “My Father is greater than all.” John 10:29
  - k. “The Father is greater than I am.” John 14:28
  - l. “Whoever believes in me is really believing in the One who sent me.” John 12:44 NCV
  - m. “You believe in God, believe also in me [Jesus].” John 14:1
  - n. “The Father is glorified in the Son.” John 14:13
  - o. “There is one God, the Father ... [and there is also] one Lord Jesus Christ” 1 Cor 8:6
  - p. “[Jesus] has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2
  - q. “Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him [God] who sits on the throne and [also] to the Lamb [Jesus], forever and ever.” Revelation 5:13
  - r. “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my [Jesus’] God and he shall go out no more.” Revelations 3:12
  - s. “[Jesus is] the Beginning of all that God has made”. Revelation 3:14 NCV  
“The Beginning of the creation of God”. NKJV

**11. To understand Jesus' teachings, you must understand that he was on this earth to speak for God and that God told Jesus what to say and do. Jesus was obedient to God. John 8:27, 38**

- a. "But as My Father taught ME, I speak these things". John 8:27 Paraphrased with some discernment, Jesus states: "But as God taught me, I have told you verbatim".
- b. Note: There is much confusion about Jesus' ministry and who he was. However, to understand Jesus simply requires that you read the words of Jesus and pay close attention to them. Many Christians say that John 1:1-3 is proof that Jesus is God in the flesh. Quite the opposite message exists when you read what the Apostles said Jesus spoke along with Jesus' actual words [from God] that he spoke in Revelation chapters 1-3.

**12. To understand John 1:1-3 ["and the Word was God"] you have to understand Revelation 3:14 in that Jesus was the "beginning of all that God has made". New Century Version**

- a. Note: The Amplified version of Revelation 3:14 reads "the Origin and Beginning and Author of God's creation". Jesus describes himself as "The words of the Amen" in RSV.
- b. Jesus does not state in Rev 3:14 that he was God. Instead, Jesus states clearly that he was the instrument that God used when God made His creation. That is why John 1:3 states, "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made".
- c. Note: As an exercise in discernment, view John 1:1-3 in NKJV as shown below in D) as written and then paraphrased in E) with the new knowledge that Jesus was: 1) the beginning of all that God has made [Rev 3:14]; 2) an instrument used by God in the rest of the creation [Rev 3:14, John 1:3]; and, 3) that Jesus only spoke those words that were given to him by God to speak [John 8:27, 38].
- d. Written text of John 1:1-3 NKJV: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."
- e. Paraphrased: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [Jesus] was in the beginning with God. All things were made through [Jesus], and without [Jesus] nothing was made that was made."
- f. Comment: The fact that Jesus as the Word of God was originally within God does not negate the words of Jesus that testify that he [Jesus] is not God and that Jesus was the "very beginning of God's creations." The first thing that God did was to put HIS Word into HIS first creation [Jesus], who was then used as an instrument in the rest of God's creation. While this explanation might be controversial to some people, it does not require that you be brain dead by ignoring what Jesus actually did say in the Bible for the sake of getting along with any denomination's man made doctrines on the trinity concept.

**13. The phrase "I and my Father are one" in John 10:30 does not mean Jesus is God.**

- a. It is a spiritual analogy like the one Jesus used to explain why a husband and wife were of one flesh. "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh." Matthew 19:5
- b. Likewise, you are not GOD simply because Jesus said that you, he and the Father are "made perfect in one" or that the Father and Jesus would make their home with you. You can become one flesh with God and Jesus in this same spiritual sense if you choose.
  - i. "We will come to [you] and make Our home with [you]." John 14:23

- ii. “At that day you will know that I am in My Father [God], and you in Me [Jesus], and I in you.” John 14:20 -- This does not make you God, does it?
- iii. “I in them, and You in me; that they may be made perfect in one” John 17:23

14. **To understand John 14:6 “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”** – requires that you observe the rest of what Jesus taught and not read into this scripture more than what the verse actually says.

- a. Jesus teaches us that salvation [life] comes from God [the Father]. John 5:26
- b. Jesus teaches us that God has also granted [life] salvation to him. John 5:26
- c. “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” Rev 7:10
- d. Jesus teaches that those who believe in God [the Father] already have eternal life, will not come into judgment and have passed from death into life. John 5:24.
  - i. Jesus confirms his purpose in bringing the people back to God in this verse and states unequivocally that those who believe in God do have eternal life. Nothing here about confessing Jesus as Lord. Only “listening to what Jesus has taught and then believing in God”. Jesus contradicts most Christian theology preached today.
- e. John 14:6 is a statement to Thomas that Jesus’ words from God are the Way to eternal life to those who believe and obey. The statement that no one comes to the Father except through Jesus probably has more to do with a line forming at the right side of Jesus, who sits on the right side of God. Thus, Jesus will be the first to interview and confirm whether he knows you per Matthew 7:21-23. If not, Jesus will then pass you along to God [the Father] with a statement like this: “Father, I do not know this one, do You?” Thus, all who come to the Father will really go through Jesus!
- f. This is because Jesus’ purpose was to preach repentance and bring people back to God. That means there are those who belong to God and those who belong to Jesus. “I [Jesus] came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Luke 5:32
- g. “For the eyes of the God are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers.” 1 Peter 3:12 paraphrased.
- h. “Then Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.’ Acts 10:34-35 Comment: The righteous belong to God!
  - i. “I see very clearly that the Jews are not God’s only favorites! In every nation he has those who worship him and do good deeds and are acceptable to him.” Living

15. **To fully understand God and His intent for Jesus, you have to understand Jesus’ Parable of the Landowner in Matthew 21:33-42; Mark 12:1-12; or, in Luke 20:9-19.**

- a. The landowner is God and the property is our souls. “All souls are mine.” Ezek 18:4
- b. The servants sent by the landowner are the Prophets, God previously sent.
- c. The Son who ultimately is killed returning for God’s property [your soul] is Jesus.

16. **Jesus died for the sins of the world; not so you could now freely sin!** John 3:16

- a. “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?” Romans 6:1
  - b. “Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.” 1 John 3:9
  - c. “In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness [what is right in the eyes of God] is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.” 1 John 3:10 Note: Those who continue to willfully sin belong to Satan and not to God.
  - d. Note: Many Christians now believe they are free to sin because the blood of Jesus has them covered. Wrong! Romans, Hebrews, 1 John, Ezekiel, Jeremiah and other books of the Bible make it clear that you are responsible for your sins. Continue to willfully sin and you will see death at judgment time, not life. Jesus has you covered for unintentional and unknown sins against God assuming you actually are trying to live a sin free life.
  - e. Jesus says: “Go and sin no more”. John 8:11 See item #29.
17. **“Whoever continues to willfully sin does not have salvation.”** Hebrews 10:26
- a. Note: Can you lose your salvation? The answer is yes. You could say it is an issue of not being a real Christian, as “real Christians” cannot lose their salvation. However, this is a lack of spiritual discernment. Read Revelations 1-3 and note how many times Jesus admonishes you to “hang in there”. If you cannot lose salvation, why is Jesus telling you that you can? Faith is a one-way street with God and the word teaches that it is better for those who never knew God than for those who turn away from God after knowing Him. It would be if they never knew Him. Yes, salvation can be lost and this fact is plain in God’s Word. In addition to Hebrews 10 and Revelations chapters 1-3, study Ezekiel chapter 18.
18. **“You will find God when you search with all your heart and soul.”** Deut 4:29 Also in Jeremiah 29:13. Note: All your heart and soul means you want to love God more than you love everyone else or anything else in life [including wealth]. It means you place God above your spouse and children, work, world, riches, etc. It does not mean you do not love your family. Quite the contrary. As you love God and draw near to HIM, HE will increase the love you have for your family. Your capacity for love grows as HE fills you to overflowing with HIS love.
- a. “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” James 4:8
19. **Jesus made it clear that those who belong to him — actually do obey him.**
- a. “So why do you call me Lord when you won’t obey me?” Luke 6:46 Living
  - b. “If anyone keeps my word he shall never taste death.” John 8:52
20. **Many Christians are going to hell because Jesus “never knew them.”** Matthew 7:21-23
21. **Abortion is evil and unacceptable in God’s eyes no matter what any man, woman or perverted church doctrine chooses to believe.** Exodus 21:22-25 specifically addresses any harm to a baby within a mother’s womb caused on purpose or by accident. Real Christians understand that life is precious in the eyes of God and all who claim to belong to God. Psalm 139:14-18

22. **Those who support abortion condemn themselves in the eyes of God and Jesus by going directly against the teachings of Jesus concerning little children and by actions that are in support of evil.** Matthew 18:6, 10, 14; Matthew 19:14; John 14:15, 23; and, Mark 10:14.
23. **Homosexuality is evil and unacceptable in God’s eyes no matter what any man, woman or perverted church doctrine chooses to believe.** Aside from the numerous verses in both the O.T. and N.T. that deal directly with this subject, the following scriptures should be considered in the hearts of those who claim to be God’s people.
- a. “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.” Leviticus 18:22
  - b. “If a man lies with a man as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.” Leviticus 20:13
  - c. “But outside [of Heaven] are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.” Revelations 22:15
  - d. “Who knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but approve of those who practice them.” Rom 1:32
  - e. Comment: From time memorial, there have been those in the church that have taught that homosexuality and lesbianism are okay. Saint Paul makes this clear in Romans 1-2. However, despite such perverted teachings, the word of God is plain on the matter for those who choose to accept and obey. Those who repent and change their ways in obedience to the will of God will be saved. Those who claim to belong to God and or saved by Jesus who actually practice homosexuality or lesbianism are cursed because they do not consider God’s Holy word and “take it to heart”. Malachi 2:2
    - i. “Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another ...” Romans 1:24-27
    - ii. “And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.” Matthew 15:9 and Mark 7:7
24. **No righteousness, No salvation.** Matthew 5:20; Acts 10:34-35
25. **No obedience, No salvation.** Romans 6:16
- a. “No! For the Scriptures tell us that bread won’t feed men’s souls: obedience to every word of God is what we need.” Matthew 4:4 [Living]
  - b. “Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you ...” Matthew 28:20
  - c. Jesus says “If you love me, obey me.” John 14:15
  - d. “You are my friends if you do whatever I command you.” John 15:14
  - e. “Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves who you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness.” Romans 6:16

**26. Disciplining your body is the answer to your sin. Matthew 5:29**

- a. “If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.” Matthew 5:29
  - i. Contrary to what soft peddling preachers of today may say, Jesus actually does mean that it is better to be without a limb, eye, etc. if that is what it has to be to get your sin under control. The first response of your eye should be to look the other way. Stop looking at breasts, men, start looking at faces and into a woman’s eyes. Stay away from porn shops, magazine racks and homosexual bars that tempt and draw you into sin.
  - ii. Recognize that your imagination can win over your will power and that strong discipline is the answer. Limit your options to stop your sin. Stopping sin is exactly what Jesus is talking about when he said: “sin no more”.
    1. Find a real believer to help you keep yourself honest with God.
    2. Get on a 12-step program for any offending member of your body.
  - iii. It takes a willful act and a series of thought patterns and actions to commit sin. God says that REAL believers who have the spirit of God can overcome sinful temptation. Those who walk the life will testify to God’s truth.
    1. “You are of God ... and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” 1 John 4:4
    2. “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.” 1 John 5:4

**27. WORKS are God’s Evidence of Real Faith and Belief!**

- a. “He will reward each according to his works.” Matthew 16:27
- b. “Faith without works is dead.” James 2:20
- c. “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work.” Revelations 22:12

**28. HELL is real no matter what any man, woman or perverted church doctrine chooses to believe. Matthew 10:28**

- a. There are no second chances in hell like some Christian sects preach. The message is that even if you get to hell, you will get a second chance down there. Imagine wreaking all the evil havoc you can while on planet earth in the flesh. You die and wind up in hell. Jesus shows up to visit with you and says: “You see, I really do mean it. Now, don’t you want to accept my offer of salvation and join me with God in heaven?” You reply, “Jesus, you mean to tell me all this heaven and hell stuff is for real? Why, of course, I repent Jesus.”
- b. One writer even asserts that Hitler is in heaven and if you want to understand God, you have to understand why. If you believe that kind of “second chance” theology, you are already headed on your way towards hell because you now make a mockery of all of God’s Word concerning the godly and ungodly.

- i. “For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.” Psalm 1:6

**29. God’s New Covenant holds you responsible for your own sins; and, God has not changed!**

- a. “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a New Covenant.” Jeremiah 31:31 “At that time ... each person will die for his own sin”. Jer. 31:30 NCV
- b. “I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Jeremiah 31:33-34 Comment: God’s New Covenant is about individual responsibility rather than collective responsibility and punishment [v31: 27].
- c. A father is not responsible for the sins of his son and vice versa. Ezekiel 18:17-18 “I will judge everyone according to his ways. Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.” Ezekiel 18:30
- d. “Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.” Ezekiel 18:31
- e. “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.” Ezekiel 36:26
- f. “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.” Ezekiel 36:27
- g. “Therefore turn and live.” Ezekiel 18:32

**30. There is ONE GOD & NOT A TRINITY according to Jesus in his teachings about God.**

- a. There is no scripture to support the doctrine of a triune God [three co-equal parts to God] in the Bible. Only a lack of spiritual discernment can explain the concept of a trinity. Many Christians simply do not know God because they have never listened to and obeyed the teachings of Jesus. They are ignorant and spiritually lazy people. Matthew 22:29 NCV
- b. “Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment.” These are Jesus’ own words in Mark 12:29.
- c. “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” 2 Timothy 3:16 God’s word indicates that you need to understand both the Old Testament and the New Testament for any correct doctrine, as God has not changed. Therefore, you cannot ignore any scripture!
- d. “The Spirit of Truth proceeds from the Father [God] and testifies of [Jesus]” John 15:26
- e. “These things say Jesus who has the SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD.” Rev 3:1  
Note: Not only is there no support for a trinity, the doctrine also ignores six of seven (85.7%) of God’s Spirits. + Jesus makes it clear that the Holy Spirit comes from God.

**31. The God of the Old Testament did not change in the New Testament.**

- a. “For I am the Lord [God], I do not change.” Malachi 3:6
- b. “Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us?” Malachi 2:10

- c. “A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence? Says the Lord of hosts to you priests who despise my name [by teaching false doctrine].” Malachi 1:6
- d. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8
- e. “A wife is responsible to her husband, her husband is responsible to Christ, and Christ is responsible to God.” 1 Corinthians 11:3 Living
- f. The N.T. cannot be read without understanding that God has not changed. You cannot take Paul out of context by trying to read his writings while ignoring the writings of Jesus, the other apostles, prophets and Moses. To take Paul and make his teachings negate or “trump” the words of Jesus makes such a person a Nicolaitan.
  - i. “But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.” Rev 2:6 [Jesus citing a good point about this church: hatred of lying Nicolaitans.]
  - ii. “Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.” Rev 2:15 [Jesus condemning this church for having Nicolaitans inside of it.]
  - iii. Note: The Nicolaitans perverted Paul’s teachings and taught “moral looseness”. Is this not a huge problem in the Christian church today? Why? Ignorant people.

**32. Christ has not eliminated the Law.** Matthew 5:17-18

- a. “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law until all is fulfilled.” Matthew 5:17-18
- b. Jesus says: “Woe to you ... for you pay tithes ... and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others [matters of the law] undone. Matthew 23:23 “Obey the law” Matthew 23:1-2 NCV.
- c. “Love does no harm ... therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.” Romans 13:10
- d. “Do you dishonor God through breaking the law?” Romans 2:23
- e. “For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. But you have departed from the way; You have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant ...” Malachi 2:7-8
- f. “You have wearied the Lord with your words; Yet you say, In what way have we wearied Him? In that you say, ‘everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and He delights in them,’ Or, ‘Where is the God of justice?’” Malachi 2:17

**33. Modern Tithe teaching is an abomination unto God.** Tithing as taught in the church ignores the worship aspects of the tithe law in Deut 14:22-29. Its main purpose today is to line the pockets of false preachers who pervert God’s Word for personal gain and to lead people away from God.

**34. Forgiveness Requires Repentance**

- a. “And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, I repent, you shall forgive him.” Luke 17:4

- b. Comment: Is God going to forgive you if you do not repent? No. Will he worry about you if you do not repent? I do not think so. Will he forgive you if you repent? Yes. Christians need to operate as God does. Forgiveness is not an option when someone does repent. We simply need to forgive as God forgives us.
  - i. Forgiveness is not something that can be given out without repentance. The church has long forgotten God's instructions and it is a major reason we have so many people sinning today. The majority of humanity no longer understands the role of repentance in the cessation of their sin. Has saying I'm sorry now lost its meaning?
  - ii. "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance." Matthew 3:8

### 35. Be Separated & Holy People

- a. "And you shall be holy to Me [God], for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine." Leviticus 20:26
- b. "But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy". 1 Peter 1:15
- c. "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." Rev 22:11
  - i. An important aspect of God's love is His willingness to let you do your own thing on earth even if it is evil and results in your eternal damnation in hell. The gift of free will that God gives us is never to be compromised by some kind of forced theology or a man made "guilt trip". God requires a willing and sincere heart from you. He wants a love that is true from you. Would you have your earthly spouse be "forced" upon you or do you too also require a willing and sincere heart? A love that is true [willingly and not by force] from your spouse's heart?

36. **Christianity today has been reduced to mythology.** One standard message is: "You no longer have to obey God's commandments. Simply mouth Jesus as your Lord, give 10% of your gross income to the church and you now have it made in God's eyes. All is forgiven, go and live your life however you want. Even if you wind up in hell, a loving God will give you a second chance down there." Those who teach or believe these doctrines are servants of Satan and they will never see the kingdom of God. Matthew 6:24, etc.

### 37. The Current Christian Mythology was Prophesied About

- a. "For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from truth and turn aside to myths." 2 Timothy 4:3-4 NIV
- b. "The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness." 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 NIV

- c. “The prophecies in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 and 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 are fulfilled. Today, mythology is routinely taught from the pulpits of many Christian churches instead of God’s Holy Word and many people attending Christian churches have turned away from the truth. These people are headed toward hell unaware of their lost souls.” Edward The Apostle, 2001 AD
38. **The Bible is not a book about Jesus. It is a book about God and how Jesus pointed the WAY back to his Father [his God].** A God so loving that He would sacrifice His only begotten Son [Jesus] to reconcile humankind with His need for justice. When you recognize that the trinity is a man made doctrine and mythology, you will start to understand God and His Son Jesus and what the “message” of the Holy Bible is really about. Since God has not changed ...
- a. **The Message of the Holy Bible is the same in both the Old and New Testaments.**  
It is God’s message of eternal salvation to those who repent and walk a godly life, a life of righteousness in God’s eyes [according to God’s word, not man-made doctrine].
  - b. “If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.” Jesus in John 15:22
39. **God loves you and “has no pleasure in the death of one who dies. Therefore, turn [repent] and live.”** Ezekiel 18:32 [In modern parlance, it means to “get a life” — a life with God!]
40. **Apostle Paul teaches salvation in Romans 10:9-10.** “[V9] If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved.”
- a. [V10A]: “**For with the heart, one believes to righteousness.**” This means your heart & everything inside of you now respects God and His commands. That you will now become a “slave to righteousness” putting aside all your prior sinful and evil ways.
  - b. [V10B]: “**And, with the mouth, confession is made to salvation**”. This means you now freely admit that God is real and you freely talk about how His Son has changed your life. Indeed, you are a witness to the world concerning how Jesus has brought you back to God.

### General Notes

All verses are from New King James Version unless otherwise noted above. NCV is New Century Version and LIV or Living is the Living Bible. NIV is the New International Version. RSV is the Revised Standard Version.

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