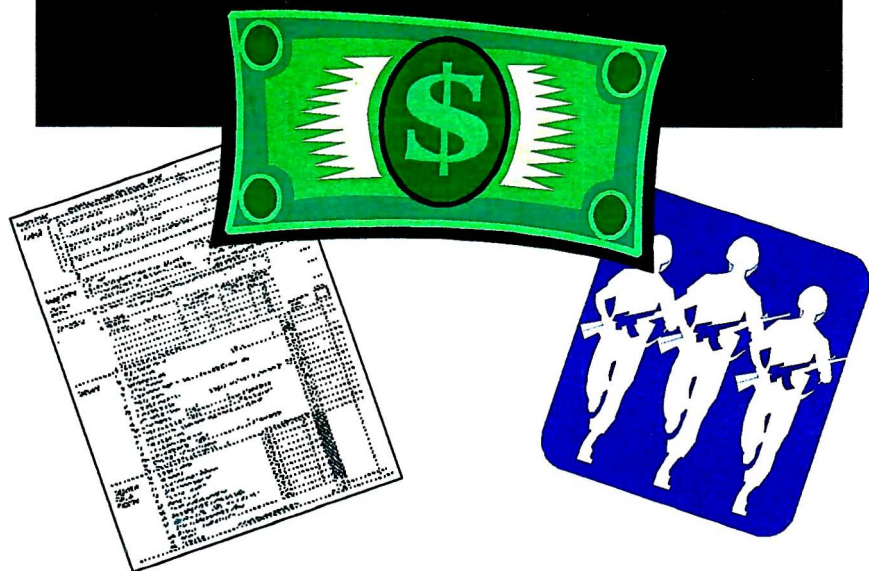


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I'm David the Sailorman!

The devil knows he has but a short time. The devil has a short time left and that's why he's in a hurry. The Christians don't really believe it. They behave like things are going to exist as they have from the time of our grandfathers. In this book, we will learn how to use countermeasure tactics against the devil in these last days.

When I was in Akron, Ohio, I was the group leader of the industrial engineers that were setting the sub-rock missile into production. That's a missile that goes out of a torpedo tube, then flies through the air, and then goes back into the ocean and explodes an atomic bomb. Some of the things I will tell you about used to be classified information. In those days, we sailors were not permitted to talk about the things we will learn about in this book. But a lot of what was secret then is common knowledge today. Let me give you an example of that. I was on a snorkel submarine for quite a few years. Back then we weren't even supposed to talk to our wives about a snorkel. It was top secret -- nobody knew what a snorkel was. Nowadays, it's common knowledge that submarines have snorkels. But in those days, we couldn't talk about the submarine that had a big pipe that stuck up out of the water. All that could be seen from the ground or air was just a pipe instead of a whole submarine.

This top-secret invention was wonderful because it was pretty hard to see that little pipe on a radar screen. At nighttime the submarine was supposed to surface, run its engines, and charge its batteries. In the daytime it went down below the surface of the water, just like in the old war movies. We were very proud of our super secret

snorkels, and super fast submarines. And we were just scared to death to tell anybody about it.

One day our ship came in to port. I got off the ship, went home, and there right on the coffee table was a Life Magazine. And right on the front cover was a big picture of a snorkel. I opened the magazine and sure enough, complete details with schematics of how the thing operated were in the article. I learned something important from that experience. What I had been told was "Top Secret" was sitting on coffee tables all across America, and the world. Betty and I learned that the United States cannot keep a secret. That's why we need God. We've got to put our faith, hope, and trust in God and not in our own ability to protect ourselves. God protects us. You've got to see that. Freedom of the press is a very important thing in this country, but one side effect of this freedom is the inability to keep national defense secrets. But don't you worry, I'm not going to give away any secrets.

I was a qualified submariner. Qualified submariners wear a dolphin pin. It has the significance of a pilot's wings. A qualified submariner gets the dolphins, and qualified pilots get wings. In most cases, we went to school for a long time, served on board the submarine for a while, and then finally took a lot of tests, actually fired torpedoes, started diesel engines, ran the ship, dived, and surfaced. We had to do it all in order to get our dauphins. Every one of us in the submarine was cross-trained to do every single job in the sub because a submarine is not the safest place to be. If something goes wrong, they always slammed those doors. Once the door was slammed, you couldn't open that door anymore. If you've ever seen that happen in the movies, you can imagine the impact it has on the guys on the boat. When those doors slammed, no

matter which compartment you were in, you had to take over that job and perform the duties of that compartment. If you happened to be in the torpedo room and they slammed the door, then you were supposed to fire the torpedoes. If you were in the maneuvering room, you were supposed to be able to run the boat. Every sailor was trained in each other's job.

As a submariner, I performed all the jobs on the boat, and I studied them well. One day the Captain called me into his stateroom and said, "Ebaugh, we are going to send you to school in Norfolk." Since I was in my very early 20s at the time, and I thought I knew just about everything, I responded to the Captain, "What, you're going to send me to school? Captain, I know more about this boat than you do." I don't recommend that response anymore! But in a sense, I really did know more about that boat than the Captain because I was trained to know how to operate every working part on the ship, and fix the parts that didn't work. The Captain wasn't trained that way. He was trained to command the boat, not to operate it. I really didn't think they could teach me anything about the boat that I didn't already know. I was a smart-alecky kid. But I had studied my job. I had a complete knowledge of all my offensive weapons. Very shortly I learned something new. I found out that you don't argue with the Captain! I had to learn about submission, subjection, and authority. The Captain was in charge, so I did what he said to do and went to school. Then I found out why. You see, the school the Navy sent me to was a radar countermeasures school.

As an electronic technician, I knew about the radar, the sonar, the loran, all the transmitters and receivers. I knew the inside and outside of every one of them. But, that's all I knew. I knew my own equipment and my own

offensive weapons. The radar countermeasures school was a very special, and very secret school. They gave me a box of electronic equipment which was all wired with white wire. All of the wires in our equipment had special color coatings. But in this box, every wire was white. There was a stick of dynamite in the middle of the box, and there was a big switch on the end of it. In case something went wrong, I was supposed to throw that switch, and run, and hope it didn't go off until I ran far enough away. The Navy didn't want anybody to know what was inside that black box. I can tell you now some of the things that were in it. Our snorkel valve also had an aerial that would pick up the enemy's radar. The enemy radar signals would be brought down a wire, and I would analyze the signals on an Oscilloscope. I could tell by the characteristics of the enemy radar whether that radar was to control airplanes, or if it was an air sweep, or a sea sweep. No matter what was out there, I could determine what it was because I could see its signal. I could analyze that signal by measuring the rate of the pulse, the height, the repetition rate, etc.

I had a little book that I could look up the wave shape of that pulse (similar to a finger print) and the particular shape would tell me which Russian ship was there. We would run silent, not sending radar pulses out, but receiving the enemy's and analyzing his. I was using the enemy's equipment against him. That's the essence of counter-measure school, i.e., using the enemy's equipment against him.

Spiritual Countermeasures

In this book, we will be going to spiritual countermeasure school. We are going to study the enemy. Hopefully, over your Christian experience you've already learned about your own spiritual tools and weapons. You know about your own helmet, sword, and shield. I'm sure you've studied the Bible and know how to use the traditional Biblical tools. Now we are going to study the enemy and will learn how to use his own equipment against him.

1967 there was a United States ship just off the coast of Israel that was accidentally sunk by the Israelis. That U. S. ship bristled with antennas because the Russians had some new SAM II missiles (Surface to Air Missiles) in Egypt. We wanted to receive those signals from Egypt because we didn't have countermeasure black boxes for them back then. Our U.S. ship was there before the war, with it's own aerals, waiting to receive those signals. We wanted to reach out and capture those signals, put them on tape, and analyze them, so that we could quickly make some black boxes and give them to the pilots of the Israeli airplanes. That way, when a missile was coming after them, all they had to do was push a button and the countermeasure box would send out a code signal to the missile, turn it around, and head back to blow up the Egyptians that sent it. That's the reason our ship was there. We are going to learn to take the fiery darts of the enemy, and send them right back to where they originated. Think about it . . . fiery dart. Does that sound like a missile to you? We are going to point out the signals the devil's using, and we're going to get us a little black box, press the button, and turn it around and shoot down the devil.

First we're going to study some scriptures in Revelation 12 about the red dragon, serpent, Satan, devil. We're going to study some scriptures in Revelation 13 about the leopard, anti-Christ, and beast. Then we're going to study some more scriptures about the false prophet. We are going to skip around to pick up those verses that have to do with the devil. We're not going to do a whole study of chapter 12 in this book, we'll just study the verses that have to do with the devil.

Great Dragon = Serpent = Devil = Satan

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." Rev. 12:1-4. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan." Revelation 12:9. Do you see that the great dragon, the devil, serpent, and Satan, are all synonymous? They mean the same thing. Whenever you read the word "serpent" you're talking about the devil or Satan. If you see the word "Satan," it's the same guy as the devil. If you read "devil," it's the same guy as Satan. This is important because some people think they are different entities. But the verses we just read say they're all the same guy. *"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten*

crowns.” Revelation 13:1 The devil’s crowns are on his heads. The anti-Christ’s crowns are on his horns.

Counterfeits of God

The opposite of God is the devil. The opposite of Jesus Christ is the anti-Christ. The opposite of the Holy Ghost is the false prophet. Once you begin to see this, you’ll see that the devil has counterfeited everything good we’ve got. Read the whole story in Revelation 13 of the devil’s counterfeits.

Have you ever seen or heard of a counterfeit penny? I’m not talking about a slug, I’m talking about something that looks just like a penny. Have you heard of a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill? Isn’t a penny money? Isn’t a penny good money? Is a twenty-dollar bill good money? Why would anyone counterfeit a twenty-dollar bill and not a penny? What’s the difference between a penny and a twenty-dollar bill? One kid said, “I don’t know.” His mother said, “I’m not sending you to the store!” The difference between a penny and a twenty-dollar bill is \$19.99. That’s a big difference. Nobody would counterfeit a penny. Why? Because it’s too much work for such little return. A lot of people have been known to counterfeit twenty-dollar bills. Some things are really genuine, but not worth counterfeiting. This book will show you that the devil counterfeits twenty-dollar bills. You’re going to see what he thinks are the most important points of the gospel. Not the pocket change. Now, am I finding fault with pocket change? Am I saying that it’s not worth much? No. It’s worth what it ought to be worth. But the devil has counterfeited the twenty-dollar bills.

Pocket Change of the Gospel

Let me give you some things that are pocket change of the gospel that the devil didn't bother to counterfeit. In this whole study you won't find one thing having to do with baptism. The Bible tells you very clearly in Hebrews 6 that there are principles of the doctrine of Christ that ought to be left behind or entered into, passed through, and left behind, or gone on. One of them is baptism. It's a doctrine, it's a principle, it's "pocket change." Now, unfortunately some people take the quarters of the gospel and make a whole denomination around them. How about laying on of hands? Hebrews 6:2 says that's a doctrine that ought to be accepted, participated in, and moved on passed. Hebrews 6:1 says to *"leave behind the principles of the doctrine of Christ, and move on into perfection."* That means that we pass through all these things that we benefit from, but they are not the things that we should focus on. Unfortunately, many of our churches major in the minors.

Is the Beast All Wet?

Now let's look at Revelation 13:1 and see the first counterfeit by the devil. *"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy."* Rev. 13:1 See the word sea, "s-e-a?" Later on in the book of Revelation it says, *"Now the waters which thou sawest are many multitudes, peoples, nations and kingdoms."* Rev. 17:15. My question is simply, did the beast get wet when he came out of the sea? No, the sea is made up of people. The beast arose from the people. The people made up the beast. In

other words, the word “sea” is a symbol. The beast wasn’t wet. He emerged from the people. Have you heard the expression, “I saw a sea of faces?” That expression is referring to people, not water. This was a sea of people, and this beast came up out of it. But if you just read Revelation 13, you’ll get the idea that he was wet. But you’ve got to see the doubles and parallels, reach out and bring it together, and then it makes sense.

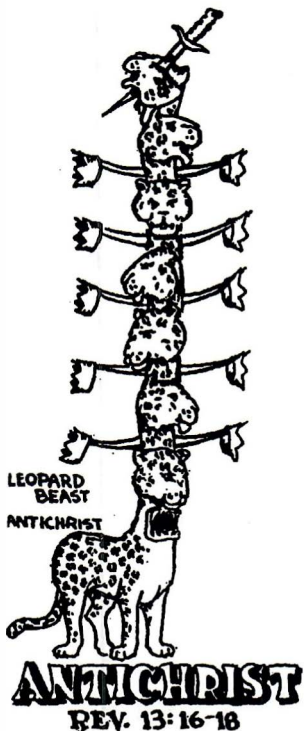
Leopard? Lion?

“And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard.” Revelation 13:2. Do you remember that Jesus’ walk was likened unto a lion? The Lion of the tribe of Judah? A leopard would be a counterfeit for a lion.

Bear Feet or Bare Feet?

The counterfeits continue to develop, *“and his feet were as the feet of a bear.” Rev. 13:2.* But we know that the Bible says *“how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace.” Rom. 10:15.* When this verse says bear feet, it doesn’t mean that his shoes were off! The symbol of a bear’s claw is the symbol of something that tears, wars, rips apart. The symbol of Jesus’ feet is a symbol of peace. Remember that *“you’re shod with the gospel of peace,” Eph. 6:15.* The word “feet” is connected with peace. But in Revelation 13, the feet are connected with war, tearing, clawing.

COUNTERFEITS



I Kings 10:14 666 II Chron. 9:13
 I Tim. 6:10 Root of All Evil
 Matt. 6:19-34 Seek First the Kingdom of God

Who Has the Power?

"and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." Rev. 13:2 The dragon gave the anti-Christ his power, seat, and authority. God gave to His Son, Jesus Christ, His power, seat, and authority. The development of these counterfeits go even deeper.

Mortally Wounded

"and I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death." Rev. 13:3. When I first drew this picture of the anti-Christ, my son Mike, who was quite a young boy, said to me, "Hey Dad, what's that?" I said, "That's the anti-Christ." He said, "Oh?" He looked it over and he said, "I know what he's saying." I said, "What son?" He said, "I have an Excedrin headache." He thought that wound I drew would give anybody a headache! *"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed."* Rev. 13:3. Think about it. Did Jesus get a mortal wound? And was His deadly wound healed?

Wonderful, Worshipful

So now you've got the beginning of the gospel. First, Jesus Christ comes from the Father, a Virgin birth. Next, the cross. The death. Then, the resurrection. Watch this parallel continue: *"and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"* Rev. 13:3-4. But we wonder after Jesus Christ, and we

worship the Father, and we worship the Son. You see how this parallel continues now as he begins to counterfeit the truth.

Dad Told Me to Tell You . . .

“And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.” Rev. 13:5. Let me ask you this question. Do you remember when Jesus said, “Every word I’ve ever said is not because I made it up, but because my Father told me to tell you?” (John 12:49) Do you remember the story? The devil is speaking out these blasphemies, and hurting the kingdom of God, and the people of God, and Jesus, and everything. It tells you in the Bible that Jesus was manifest to destroy the works of the devil. (I John 3:8) And this guy has come up to destroy the works of God. This is important!

When Does $3\frac{1}{2} = 42$?

Then it also says he continued 42 months. Bible students, how long was Jesus’ ministry? Three and a half years. That’s right. How many months is that? Forty-two. Isn’t that neat! Wow! I guess you are seeing that this is pretty obvious.

The anti-Christ is duplicating everything that Jesus did, even the amount of time, the whole works. Everything. All the relationships are duplicated in a counterfeit way, you understand. In other words, he’s the bad guy.

Devil Declares War on Jesus

"And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." Rev. 13:6-7. But we know that Jesus was manifest to destroy the works of the devil, and this guy has come to destroy the works of God. *"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."* Rev. 13:8. Yeah, but how about this? A lot of us do have our name written in the Lamb's book of life and we do not worship the devil.

Third Beast, Up and Down

"If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. And I beheld (a third) another beast." Rev. 13 9-11. I know it says "another" but count them and you will find it is the third beast. The first one was over in chapter 12. The second one came up out of the sea. *"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth"* Rev. 13: 11. Coming up out of the what? The earth. Now this other beast, this third one, came up out of the earth. The Holy Spirit came down from heaven. And the devil comes up from the earth. Do you remember Jesus said, "I've got to go up so the Holy Spirit can come back down?" (John 16:7) But this beast comes up, because the Holy Spirit came down.

Powerful Stuff

Here's another parallel as he begins to counterfeit some more. *"And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him"* Rev. 13:12. We know that the Holy Ghost exercised all the power of Jesus that was before Him, like the false prophet, in a parallel way, exercises the power of the anti-Christ that was before him. The Holy Ghost exercises the same power that Jesus exercised. Now, come on theologians, right or wrong? Isn't that what it says? *"And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."* Rev. 13:12. In other words, the false prophet makes everybody worship the anti-Christ. But we know that the Holy Spirit makes us worship Jesus Christ. It's pretty obvious by now that this is a double and parallel right down the line. It just checks out. Isn't that neat? Are you noticing these are the most important parts?

Some of the ideas about the Gospel like how to baptize, whether it's in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, or whether in Jesus Name, and all those kind of things are not important. The devil never bothers to counterfeit them. You know why? That's not the important thing. But how many are aware of the fact that a lot of our churches spend more time on the nickels and dimes than they do the twenty-dollar bills? That's what I'm trying to get at right now. This will help you to identify the real important parts of the Gospel because these are the things that the devil has counterfeited.

Great Wonders

"And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men" Rev. 13:13. Let me ask you a question. Is the Holy Spirit doing great wonders? Amen. *"And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast" Rev. 13:14.* Is the Holy Spirit doing miracles right now? Yes. He is. But I want to say that one other thing is very important at this stage. Miracle power only proves that you're supernatural. It doesn't prove whether you're godly or not. You've got to see that. It's a vital thing. This is so important -- I'm going to stop here just a minute and give another explanation of this.

Are All Miracles Godly?

A few years ago while I was president of a local chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men, a certain evangelist came through town. Well, I went to hear him, but didn't do much to promote him after that. One of the fellows came up to me and said, "Yeah, but Brother Ebaugh, why don't you get the Full Gospel behind him and send out literature to a mailing list and really help this guy?" How many of you have met someone and you just didn't get the witness? Well, that's the way it was. The man came to me and said, "Yes, but this man has got miracles in his ministry and all miracles are of God." This was a chapter officer who said that! I'll tell you that that really rocked me. That really shook me. Because all miracles are not of God. If it's miraculous, it's supernatural. But also remember that the devil is supernatural. He's the god of this world, and he

has the power to perform miracles, too. If you don't remember, ask Moses whether or not the Pharaoh's rods turned into snakes. There is a miraculous power on both sides. Just because it's miraculous doesn't mean that it is of God. However, it very definitely means it's supernatural. I want to say it again. Don't be afraid of miracles. Check out whether it is of God or not. It's very definitely not of this earth. But don't believe that just because it's miraculous that it's of God.

What's Happening?

"And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." Rev. 13:14-15. Now this to me is the most important single part of the gospel and I'll tell you why. This is what's happening at the moment. And to me, what's happening at the moment is more important than what already happened, or is going to happen. If you know what's happening at the moment, at least you can get in step. It's very important to study prophecy, there's nothing wrong with that. It's also important to study history, and there's nothing wrong with that. But if you can know what's happening right now, that's more helpful than what happened in the past, or what will happen in the future.

Imagine the Image

After this beast goes away, the false prophet causes the world to make an image of this beast. Now when we say “image of the beast” some people say, “Oh, I know what you mean. You mean a statue.” No. When I first read that I thought it was a statue. But it’s not a statue. It’s not an image in that form. How many know that we were created in God’s own – image! (Gen. 1:26). Put on the mind of Christ, and conform to His own image. (Rom. 12:2, Eph. 4:23-24) You see it’s not talking about a statue in those cases. The word “image” is talking about something that’s like his predecessor. And the false prophet is causing the whole world to form an image of this beast. The Holy Spirit is bringing forth an image of Jesus Christ called the Body of Christ. It’s the Holy Spirit who’s causing this image to come forth in a parallel or double manner.

Trinity?

Chapter and Verse Please

Now I’m going to say this, and I hope nobody gets upset. Have you ever heard of the word “trinity?” “Trinitarian?” Guess what – these are not biblical words. There’s nothing in the Bible about trinity. I want to say something else. Jesus said, *“to him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne even as I have overcome and am sitting in my Father’s throne.”* Rev. 3:21. Where does the overcomer sit? In the throne of God. Is that right? Isn’t that what He said? *“I give you power,”* Luke 10:19. He said, “If you overcome you can sit in the throne of God.” The Bible says *“ye are gods and the scripture cannot be*

broken.” John 10: 34-35. But, we’re dumb gods. We’re still led by our souls, not by the Spirit. We have already been saved in our spirit. We’re being saved in our soul. We hope we will be saved in our body. But the body can’t go through the final salvation process until the soul first does. If you came into immortality in your body right now, that would make you a god. If you were immortal in your body right now, you would possess all the powers of a god. That’s why He said “present your bodies unto God a reasonable sacrifice which is your reasonable service” Rom. 12:1 and then it says “be transformed by the renewing of your minds.” Rom. 12:2.

I’m Gonna Change My Mind!

The change of the mind is going to allow the change of the body. In other words, don’t think the body is going to change first, it won’t. The attitude has to change first. Because if you had an immortal body right now, you’d be dangerous. We don’t have the mind of Christ yet. I’ve asked the following questions many times, and each time I get the same answers. “How many are saved?” Everybody raises their hands. “How many get stupid thoughts?” Same people raise their hands. Every time, every place we go, it’s the same thing. The Bible very clearly explains why. Jesus already saved my spirit --past tense. The Holy Ghost is saving my soul --present tense. That’s important. In other words, our minds are changing right now. If it’s present tense, it’s going on right now. How many have had an attitude change lately? Praise God you’ve got a chance. If you haven’t had an attitude change lately, it’s a pretty good sign you’re dead. You know how the farmer can tell whether the corn is growing? Whether or not it’s changing.

You know how Jesus knows if you're growing? Whether you're or not you're changing. Change is the key word. Attitude changes are going to help you "put on the mind of Christ." After you have the mind of Christ, you will have the manifestation in the body.

Anointed Body of Christ

There's a group of people, this sea of people, who come up with a very earthly concept. This concept is binding them together into an image of the anti-Christ. And it's the false prophet who gives them the power. But there are two images being birthed in the world right now. One, a group of anti-Christ people with all these things being taught as their goal. Another group, the Body of Christ people have the Godly attributes as their goal. Jesus said we are the Body of Christ and that we are the anointed ones. (Rom. 12:4). He said the church is the Body of Christ, and we are the church. (Col. 1:24). Just as the Bible teaches, we are a many membered body. (I Cor. 12:12-27). That means we are not all fingers, we're not all toes, we're not all eyes or ears, but each one has his task to perform. We each do our own thing in the Body of Christ. That's why gathering together is so important. *"Neglect not the assembling of yourself together as is the manner of some."* Heb. 10:25. Why? Because we need each other. We've got to have each other. In other words, individually, we are not sufficient -- no man is an island unto himself. We need each other. We are the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ is being formed right now, and it has a tremendous destiny to perform. A marvelous destiny.

Four Parts

Now for the theologians I want to say this. There are four parts of the God-head. The Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost, and the Body of Christ. To me that's the most important part of the gospel today because of what's happening in our world right now. I don't mean to put down any other parts of the gospel. It's just that what's happening to us right now is very important or we're liable to be out of step with the move of God. Now, we are not leaving out the importance of the cross or resurrection. They are important. But what's important right now is that the Holy Spirit is bringing forth the Body of Christ.

War of the Images

We can tell there's going to be a big war. The war is going to be between the image of the anti-Christ and the image of Jesus Christ. These two influences are going to be at war and at odds with each other. If you've studied anything about Jewish history, you know this war is called the "war of light and darkness." The war of the children of light and the war of the children of darkness. Since we've been studying the Book of Revelation, we might call it the battle of Armageddon. But all religions point to the same thing -- there's a culmination of something happening right now. After you decide to stand on the right side, you'll be part of a big group, and then there will be a world war that takes place. The right motives (the mind of Christ) will make you part of the Body of Christ. You're going to be Sons of God, joint heirs with Christ. Those that overcome will sit on the throne. The Bible says *"I saw thrones (plural), and judgment was given unto them (plural)," and "they (plural) ruled and reigned with Christ a thousand years."* Rev.

20:4. There's a group of people that are changing. I want to say this very carefully. You're either going to shape up or ship out. That's what it's going to be.

NOW No Condemnation!

Your past doesn't mean one thing. I wish everyone would put their past mistakes out of their minds. *"With God there is therefore now no condemnation" Rom. 8:1* for the past. God cannot remember any of your bad things. The church does. But God doesn't. The church will hold your mistakes against you for the next fifty years until you die, and then they'll write it on your tombstone. God doesn't. Is Jesus your Savior? Are you under the Blood of the Lamb? Then why are you still thinking when there is trouble or calamity in your life, "Oh my God brought this because of what I did." An awful lot of people think that the problem that they're in is because of something they did. When you think that way it's proof that you just haven't really caught on yet. *"With God, there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." Rom. 8:1*

Better Every Day in Every Way

If you understood that the purpose of all those troubles was to move you from where you were, to bring you into what you are right now, then you could be happy with yourself, and with your wife or husband. Because God is working in the lives of your spouses, too. God has brought them to this point. If you'd be able to see that, you'd be able to say, "Well I must be what God wants me to be tonight." If you can say that, then you can say, "I'm going to be tomorrow

what He wants me to be.” In other words, if you don’t like me tonight, come back tomorrow because I’m changing every single day. And once your mind starts to flow into that pattern, you’ll find that you will have strong mental health. You’ll be able to make decisions based on objective situations and never again be depressed. Do you know somebody who’s depressed every once in a while? Do you get depressed now and then? The reason why you’re depressed is because you’re allowing a tradition, or commandment, or Moses’ law to put you under condemnation for something you’ve done in the past.

Every person who feels rotten or depressed about a situation in the past is living under self-condemnation. But God doesn’t condemn you, so why should you condemn yourself? Now shape up. Straighten up. And amount to something in the future. In other words, I don’t care what your past was. I honestly mean that. I don’t care how you’re living tonight. I honestly mean that. I don’t care what the situations of your life are because I believe that God brought you where you are right now on purpose. I love you and accept you just the way you are. I wouldn’t change you one bit right now. But I do hope to see you change and grow. If you could look upon life’s problems and struggles with this kind of an attitude, you’d be able to shape up tomorrow. But the reason that you can’t adjust for tomorrow is that you’re still living in the condemnation of the past. Oh, it’s so important to see. Jesus never condemned us. He always met us just where we were living. He said, *“Neither do I condemn you. Now pick up the pieces starting here.”* John 8:11. Isn’t that the way Jesus met us?

REVELATION 13



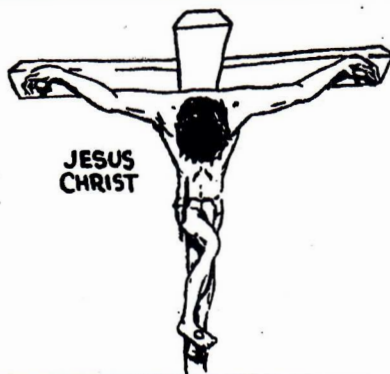
DEVIL
12:3,4;9,10



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GOD



JESUS
CHRIST



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13:14,15



BODY OF CHRIST
(A GROUP)



FALSE PROPHET
13:11



HOLY SPIRIT

Pick Up The Pieces

We must have the power to impart the faith, to impart the love, to impart the joy, to impart righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost which is the kingdom of God, in the lives of people so they can pick up the pieces and start again. Don't condemn them and find fault with the trouble that they've been in. But love them, and impart faith so that they can amount to something tomorrow. Oh, if we could only project this idea to the whole world. That's what Jesus said 2000 years ago. But you know the religious leaders of that time stumbled on all the rules and laws. You know that the church started killing people for this, and that, and the other. They put people in jail for not following all of the rules and laws they developed. That's not what Jesus taught them to do. He said love them through their problems and give them the power to straighten up tomorrow. But instead of that, we condemn each other, find fault with each other, judge each other for the past. We've got to shape up and see that the future is bright! I'd like to prophesy for each of you. Your future is bright! You've got a good future tomorrow if you'll quit thinking about your past right now.

When Under the Covers Think “Under the Blood”

One of the reasons you can't go to sleep at night is you're thinking about your past. You know what I mean. "He said, she said, we did, and then all of us..." You go through the whole thing, and you toss and turn all night. Isn't that awful? I know because I've done that. But I've discovered a pattern: a good healthy way to think is "It's

under the blood.” Why sit and meditate on the past? Why not meditate on the goodness of God and what He’s going to do for us tomorrow? My wife said if you can’t get to sleep at night, one of the best things to do is to start praying and the devil will put you to sleep. You try it out and see, it won’t hurt. Some people have the idea that if they ask the heavenly Father for an egg, He’ll give them a stone. Do you believe that? No. I don’t believe that either. I believe that if you ask of the Holy Spirit, you’re not going to get a work of the devil. You’ll get the Holy Spirit if you ask for it.

666

Do you see it now? Two groups coming out right now. The group of the anti-Christ and the group of Jesus Christ. We are getting ready for a great battle. We’re going to find out what it is that the anti-Christ uses more than any other thing. Verses 16-18, *“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”* Rev. 13:16-18. 666. There you are. Next time you see 666 you’ll know where it is in the Bible.

Symbols

All of these other things have been symbols. Many Christians are waiting for someone to come through with a

tattoo needle and write 666 on your forehead. I don't think that's what will happen. You know it says in the Bible the spirit of the anti-Christ is already in the world. (Eph. 2:2). The forehead is a symbol for what you think. The hand is a symbol for what you do. These parts of the body are a symbol for what you think and what you do.

Not What, But Why

Now watch this very carefully. It's not what you do, it's why you do it. Jesus constantly pounded that into us, and it seems like it just falls over like water off a ducks back. People just can't get the idea. They're still looking for the act, and the act is no sign at all. It's why you do the act that makes the difference between sin or following the Holy Spirit. Now, I'll say that again. The Holy Spirit told Peter to eat a BLT. "Okay Peter, now you're going to go over there to Cornelius' house and when they serve you a BLT, go ahead and eat it." What's a BLT? Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato sandwich. Well, you know we're speaking in symbols. You know that bacon's not kosher. And Peter was a good Jew. Now look at it this way. Suppose the Holy Spirit told you to do some things that were absolutely against all our moral laws. You'd be in the same place that Peter was in 2000 years ago. It's not what you do, it's why you do it. I'm telling you, this is deep teaching. But I'm trying to show you something. It's not the act, it's the motive. Jesus preached about this constantly through Matthew 5, 6, 7, 8, when He preached the sermon on the mount. He said "*you've heard it said of old time,*" Matt. 5:21 but He said it's not the act, it's the motive. It's what made you commit the act. He said "*I'm not judging the act.*" You've got to start judging the motive of the heart.

What's making you do these things. See, we can't judge acts. I can't judge your acts because I don't know your motives. It could have been the Holy Spirit that told you to eat the BLT. Even though in my church that's against the law. How many understand what I'm trying to say here? So, from this point on, we can't judge each other.

Some churches use grape juice instead of wine in their communion. I was raised that way. However, when I was down in Washington, D.C. I was to speak to a large congregation of Episcopalians. Just before I was to speak, what do you think they did? They held a communion service. Instead of a little teeny tiny cup, guess what he handed me? A big goblet, chalice, full of wine. I knew that wasn't grape juice. That was the real stuff. I'd been trained that if my lips ever touched that stuff I'd turn into a wino. Here I was in front of three hundred Episcopalians, and he hands me the goblet right in front of all of them. They were watching me. The law of my society taught me to drop the goblet, or in some way avoid participation in drinking that wine. But I wasn't in my society. I was in the Episcopalian society. So what did I do? Can you guess what the law of love would say to do? Tip it up. And swallow it down. I tell you what, what would make anybody drink that stuff, I don't know. It burned to the tip of my toes. I'm not used to that, but I'll tell you, it did burn. I didn't get any good taste out of it at all. Maybe because I wasn't used to it or something. It was a horrible thing. But I smiled, and praised the Lord, and passed it on because I was in His society, released by the freedom of Jesus Christ. Can you see the parallel? Eating a BLT with the house of Cornelius -- drinking wine when I've been taught not to. You've got to be able to get to that point in your maturity where you can keep the rules when you're

with the kids, and then when you grow up and you're with more mature people, you can keep their rules.

When to Keep the Rules

I want to tell you something else about the rules. It was just in the newspaper tonight that I'm not to drive over 55 miles per hour in the state of Pennsylvania. Well, I don't like that rule. But I've discovered that those in authority are a terror to those who are under Jesus Christ. (Romans 13:3). I have to keep the rule because God put that Governor in place, and I'm going to have to do what he says, even though I don't want to. As long as I'm out on the road in society with the rest of the people, I'm going to have to drive no more than 55 miles per hour. When I turn off the main road and hit my own farm lane, hallelujah! I can do 65! Because I'm not bound by that law anymore. If you understand what I've just told you, you'd be able to understand when to keep the rules, and when you're not under the rules. You're under the rules when breaking the rule would hurt somebody. When you're in that society. But when you're on your own farm, you can go any speed you want. There's nobody to tell you how fast you can go.

Name = Number

The Bible says that the number of his name was six hundred sixty-six. (Rev. 13:18). Who is this 666? Who is he? What does he do? How does he attack us? 666. It's his name and the number of his name. The word "name" means "nature." It's his nature. 666 is his nature. The Bible tells us what 666 is. It's in 1 Kings 10:14, and

2 Chronicles 9:13. 1 Kings 10:14 says, *"The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold."* 2 Chronicles 9:13 says, *"The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold."* If you didn't catch it in Kings, grab it in Chronicles. It's important. 666 is heavy, oppressive taxes. That's a quotable quote.

666 = Heavy Oppressive Taxes

666 is heavy, oppressive taxes which broke the back of the kingdom, and separated the northern ten tribes from the southern two tribes, and they've never been back together since. The northern ten tribes of Israel were taken into captivity and separated from the southern two called Judah. And then we had two sections of the nation, one called Israel, the other called Jews or Judah. They separated, and they were never brought back together again. The reason was 666. Here's the story: upon the occasion of Solomon's death, his son Rehoboam went to get the crown of all the tribes. He was crowned King of Judah, and then he went up to be crowned King of Israel because all kings wore two crowns. See the doubles here? They had two crowns. David was anointed when he was twelve, crowned when he was twenty-four, and crowned again when he was thirty. Those kings always had two crowns. So naturally, Rehoboam wanted to get both crowns. The ten tribes up north said, "Wait a minute Rehoboam, 666. That's your father's heavy, oppressive, tax loan. It's too much. We've been paying too many taxes." Rehoboam said, "Oh no. If you thought that was a lot of taxes, you wait until I'm finished with you. The weight of my father's thigh will be like my little finger."

Rehoboam was saying, "If you thought daddy was big, just wait until you see how big I'm going to be." Then the ten tribes said something that I'm convinced is almost manifest destiny. They said, "Israel to your tents!" (I Kings 12:10-16). That means, "We're going home. Judah see to your King." That means you two tribes down south, you pay the bill. There was a secession of the two from the ten. It broke the back of the kingdom. It ruined it.

666 Increases Economy

Let's talk about 666 and what Solomon did with it. 666 was used by Solomon to build the ships of Tarshish. He gave his soldiers shields of gold. Remember Solomon's stables? These stables were all around the world. The more you study, the more you find out that these stables weren't just in Judah, they weren't just in Israel, they were all over the world. Because Solomon took his ships of Tarshish, put his soldiers in those ships, and sent them out to fight battles and spill blood all over the world to increase the economy back home with a giant industrial military complex. He started a concept that you can have split-level houses and two cars in every garage, by sending your soldiers to fight a war on other people's soil with a giant industrial military complex.

Again, Why, Not What

We know according to 1 Timothy 6:10, the love of money is the root of all evil. Did I say money? No, there's nothing wrong with money. It's the LOVE of the money that's the problem. It's not what you do, it's why you do it. It's not the act, it's the motive. Constantly it's the same

thing. I'm not finding fault with you if you're rich or poor. Just because you're rich doesn't mean you have the love of money. You can be poor and wish you had a lot more money; and start loving money even though you don't have it. People rob banks, and kill, and all kinds of things like that to get money because they have the love of money. We're not finding fault with being poor or rich. The point is, what makes you behave the way you do? What are you thinking? What are you doing?

The spirit of the anti-Christ is already in the world. The Bible even says that the spirit of anti-Christ made many early Christians fall from the faith when this was written 2000 years ago. Then, this love of money, this root of all evil, this 666, Solomon's heavy oppressive tax load, and this desire from the hierarchy to put the people under subjection, brought the concept of, "If I just had some more money. More money would get me out of this problem, this trouble." It brought forth an industrial military complex that brought peace, and security, and safety to the folks back home. But it wasn't too safe for the teenagers and the twenty year olds on those ships out there in a war. Does that sound political to you? Do you realize that we have a similar spirit biting at us right now?

Roman Numerals

This was written I believe in 68 A.D. Nero Caesar was on the throne in Rome that year. If you write the word Nero Caesar in Aramaic and give every letter a numeric value, you get Roman Numerals. In those ancient languages each letter had a numeric value. In fact, it was only recently that we had our number system. In ancient times when they wanted to write a number they would use a letter to

represent that number. They'd write the letters one right after another and that would be a number. So he had a name, and a number of his name. That means he would write his name and apply a numeric value to each one of the letters. Remember the Bible says, "*his name, and the number of his name is 666.*" Rev. 13:18. If you write down Nero Caesar in Roman Numerals, it comes out 666. It tells you very clearly in the book of Revelation that the anti-Christ was, is, and shall be. The one that "was," was Solomon. Does Nero Caesar fulfill the "shall be?" Or the "is?"

Anti-Christ = 666 = Love of Money

Back in the old days, Protestants were taught that the Pope's crown had 666 inscribed on it. It does not. It's got a word called "Latinos" on the crown. The word Latinos in the Latin or Greek is 666 if you apply the same numeric value to that word. However, that doesn't mean anything because the old time Catholic theologians knew that if you write out "Martin Luther" in Greek, it comes out 666. What I'm trying to show you is that if you're in a certain group, you're going to tend to say that it's the other group that has bad guys. Isn't that right? If you're Catholic, you're going to blame the Lutherans. If you're Lutheran, you're going to blame the Catholics. On down it goes. But they're all wrong. It's the love of money which is the root of all evil. The love of money is the root of all evil. What makes you do what you do? What is the motive for what you do? Anti-Christ = 666 = love of money. What did Solomon have in common with Nero? Both of them were king of the world. Both of them had a giant industrial

military complex. And both of them sent their soldiers to other people's soil to fight their wars to increase the economy back home. Do you know of any nation that has the same ideas nowadays? Do you know of any people that have the idea that they can bring peace, security, and safety with a giant army? Let me ask you a question. When did a giant army ever bring peace, security, and safety? In the history of the world, can you think of when a giant army brought peace, security, or safety? It's never so. It can't be. When the war started in 1941 we had no army, we had no navy. *"When my people which are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and heal their land."* II Chron. 7:14. Remember that scripture? Practically over night, in less than nine months, we were producing ships: one a day. We produced tanks and airplanes without number. And in less than four years we won the battle on four fronts. We were not prepared militarily. But we quickly got prepared, and won. Would you explain what happened when we were prepared militarily in Korea, or Vietnam? How long did those battles last? Who won? Military preparedness is not the answer. Trust in God is the answer.

Only Jesus Christ Gives Peace, Security, and Safety

If anybody tells you that you can have peace, security, and safety through any method other than through Christ Jesus, they are an anti-Christ. I'll say it again and get real specific. Any union steward that tells you that his group will offer you peace, security, and safety is an anti-Christ.

There's no place to get peace, security, and safety outside of Jesus Christ. But all around us we constantly find influences that will make us think and do (point to your forehead and your hand) and work for these things that you think are going to bring you peace, security, and safety, but they flop right down at your feet every time.

Let me just give you an example. A billboard will just cry out to you, "Buy me, embrace me, put your love, faith, trust in me and I will bring you peace, security and safety." So what do they do? They put up a billboard with a picture of a dishwasher on it. An automatic dishwasher. The billboard says, "If you buy this dishwasher this Christmas for your wife, you'll be in perfect bliss and happiness." It's just crying out to you, "Buy me and I'll bring you happiness!" I just made that up about a dishwasher. It could be anything. Whatever it is, it's saying, "Buy me and I'll bring you happiness." So you go ahead and buy it, and what does it bring you? A repairman. So you get it, you bring it home, you stand there happily beaming at your wife, you know she's going to be so thrilled with you. She says, "I wanted a green one." How many of you have had a few of these experiences? You know what I'm talking about. Those things will not bring peace, security, and safety. They'll not bring happiness. The only place you can find happiness is in Jesus Christ. And those systems that offer you any other form of peace, security, and safety are wrong. Now please don't misunderstand me. I'm not finding fault with dishwashers. It's okay to have one. But don't put your faith and trust in these things. Keep your faith and trust in Jesus Christ and realize that this is a tool to turn you into perfect salvation: spirit, soul, and body.

For Real Peace, Seek Jesus

If you use all these things as tools, with the right motive, they will bring you the right things. But if you look upon them as goals and results, you'll always find a feeling of falling all around you. Have I've just described everything that's been happening in your life lately? As we seek these goals they only crumble around us. But if we seek Jesus Christ and use these goals as tools to shape up to what we should be turning into, then they will be a great blessing to us.

Now, 666 is the love of money. Don't you let anybody ever again tell you that you can find peace, security, and safety in any system. I don't want to be hard on anybody but if an insurance sales rep tells you that his policy will bring you security, that's not so. Absolutely not so. There was a time when we bought insurance policies for our kids to go to college. The insurance man would come every week, knock at the door and you'd give him the money. It was for a college education. Hallelujah. A \$500 policy, my kid's going to college. Back then it would have handled it. Now, my kid needs that for the Coke machine! And you slaved and sweat all those years to make those payments for the security of a \$500 policy. Don't believe all that. Your faith, hope, and trust is in Jesus Christ. And when the time comes, you'll have the money to send your kids to college.

Now I'm going to make it even worse. Any member of the management team that tells you that you can put your faith, hope, and trust in their retirement plan is an anti-Christ. Any politician that says if you vote this way it will bring prosperity or security is an anti-Christ.

There's nothing wrong with buying insurance. In fact, some people think it's a good investment. I'm not going to argue that. But if you believe it will bring you security, then your insurance is an anti-Christ. I'm going to say one other thing. If you've got \$1000 in the bank and you're holding that as a nest egg for a rainy day, it's an anti-Christ. Because you're transferring your love, your devotion, and your trust to that nest egg which becomes a substitute for Jesus Christ. You believe that nest egg will get you out of trouble. But you know the only way you're going to ever be out of trouble is through Jesus Christ. Did I find fault with your bank account? No. It's not what you do, it's why you do it. It's not the fact you've got it, it's your motive for having it. I cannot judge your motive. I'll never know. You're the one who has to judge that. Now, in all the times we've ever been together, have I ever said anything to you to try to put you under condemnation? No. I'm not the kind of teacher who likes to put his students under condemnation. I do not believe in that. But I want to warn you to be very sensitive that you're not transferring that which belongs to Jesus Christ over to a substitute system. And \$1000 can easily become a substitute. Remember the \$1,000 nest egg? It's a substitute, so what happens? Take a visit to the dentist and he informs you that the work will cost you \$1,000. And you got what you deserved.

How many have ever bought their way out of trouble? You can't do it. But you think you can. You believe you could work and slave all your life to amass a fortune, and be so happy and joyful, and looking at your barns full of goods, and one day go to the doctor and one word from his lips could kill it all. One word could ruin all your happiness and take it all away. Just one word. You'd

spend your entire fortune to reverse what he has just told you. *"What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul."* Mark 8:36-37. Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? I absolutely know for a fact the only thing that you and I eternally possess are our changed attitudes. If you keep changing enough, Jesus said, *"To him that overcomes, he won't have to die. He'll be alive and remain at the coming of the Lord."* I Thes. 4:15 That's what I want to do. I don't want to keep this old dumb head. I want to change my attitudes. I want to be a member of the Body of Christ. I want to conform to His own image. And I want to shape up, not ship out. I know you do, too.

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