

The Final Countdown – Rise of Apostasy

Part 4

“Well, as you all know we recently had our Harvest Carnival, and it was a big success, right? We got to share the Gospel with 2,100 people. Isn’t that cool! Yeah, but unfortunately, I didn’t get a chance to tell you yet what happened to Kenny that night?”

Pay attention. Here’s what happened. That night, after it was all over, Kenny was walking down the street heading home when all of a sudden he heard this thumping noise coming from behind him.

And so he looked back and he saw a coffin following him, upright. And so naturally, he was a bit nervous and so he began to walk a little faster. But the coffin continued to chase him and it started to go, “thumpety thump, thumpety thump.”

And so Kenny began running even faster but the coffin just kept on coming. And now it was opening and closing going, “thumpety thump clap, thumpety thump clap, “thumpety thump, clap”.

And so now Kenny’s terrified and he ran to his front door, and went inside, and slammed the door and locked it! Well at this, the coffin just kept on coming and went, CRASH” and it came right through Kenny’s front door!

And so now Kenny screams like a little girl and he runs to the back of his house with the coffin chasing him, right behind him going, “thumpety thump clap, thumpety thump clap, “thumpety thump clap.”

And so Kenny rushes into the bathroom and slams the door, but the coffin broke through that door too...going “thumpety thump clap, thumpety thump clap.”

And Kenny’s heart is pounding; his head is reeling; his breath is coming in sobbing gasps, and he screams again like TWO little girls this time, and he reaches for something, anything there in the bathroom...

But all he can find is this bottle of cough syrup and so he desperately throws the cough syrup at the coffin...and guess what? The coffin stops.”

Now folks, how many of you guys would say that's the dumbest joke you ever heard in your life! Right on! Mission accomplished! But seriously folks, did you know the Bible says one day there's a scary situation coming to the whole planet and it's not a dumb joke, many people think it is, but it's not! And that situation is called the rapture of the Church! And the reason why it's going to be such a **serious** is because for those who refuse to accept Jesus Christ as their Personal Lord and Savior, they will be catapulted into the 7-year Tribulation and it's not a joke! It's an outpouring of God's wrath on a wicked and rebellious planet. In fact Jesus said in **Matthew 24** it's going to be a "time of greater horror than anything the world has ever seen or will ever see again. And that "unless that time of calamity is shortened, the entire human race will be destroyed." But praise God, God's not only a God of wrath, He's a God of love as well. And **because He loves you and I**, He's given us many warning signs to show us when the Tribulation was near and when the Jesus Christ's 2nd Coming was rapidly approaching.

Therefore, in order to keep you and I from experiencing the ultimate bad day of falling asleep and being left behind, we're going to continue in our series **The Final Countdown**. And so far we've already seen how the **#10** sign on **The Final Countdown** was **The Jewish People**. The **#9** sign was **Modern Technology**. The **#8** sign was **Worldwide Upheaval**. The **#7**

sign was **The Rise of Falsehood**. The #6 sign was **The Rise of Wickedness**. And the **last 3 times** we saw how the #5 sign was **The Rise of Apostasy**. And what we saw there was that God lovingly foretold you and I that when we see not only the **world** going down the tubes, but even the **Church** going down the tubes, which is happening right now today all over the world, thanks in part to a massive **Flooding of Phony Baloney Believers in the Church**, a massive **Flooding of Greedy Believers** in the Church, and last time, a massive **Flooding of Worldly Believers** in the Church, and that was being caused as we saw last time by the lies of The Church Growth Movement! And they tell us we need to only **Focus on Numerical Growth instead of Spiritual Growth** and **Cultural Music instead of Christ-Like Music** just so the world will feel comfortable and we could increase our attendance. Huh? Isn't that's a successful Church! No! It's causing a growth alright, it's causing a massive growth of worldliness & Apostasy in the Church, exactly like the Bible said would happen in the Last Days.

But that's not all. The **3rd way** the Church Growth Movement is helping to produce this massive rise of worldliness and Apostasy in the Church is by getting us to **Focus on Fluffy Teachings instead of the Godly Teachings**. And that's exactly what God said would happen in the Last Days! But don't take my word for it, let's listen to His.

2 Timothy 4:1-4 “In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. 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 the truth and turn aside to myths.”

Now folks, according to our text, the Bible clearly says that there will actually come a day, in the Last Days, because that’s the context here...it actually stems over from Chapter Three where Paul says, “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days,” and then he proceeds to give a whole list of rotten evil behavior there by people in general who, as we saw before, are lovers of self, lovers of money, greedy, boastful, prideful, abusive, disobedient, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderous, out-of-control, brutal, evil, treacherous, rash, and conceited! And as we saw before, **every single one** of those wicked behaviors is **commonplace** in our society **right now!** Now pay attention. We’re still in the context of the Last Days of Chapter Four here and notice that Paul says something horrible is **also** going to go wrong this time with the Church. And notice what it is. “People in the Church will not put up with sound doctrine.” They’re not going to like hearing the Bible. “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.” The word there “itching” is actually the Greek word, “knetho”

which means, “to desire only that which is pleasant.” Which means, in the Last Days, people in the Church will only want to hear **fluff**! So much so that they will purposely gather around themselves **many** teachers who will **only** give them this fluff...not God’s Word!

Now folks, can I tell you something. This passage of Scripture is being fulfilled before our very eyes, which means we are of that generation who are living in the Last Days! How do I know? Because this is precisely what the lie of The Church Growth Movement is telling us we need to do in order to be a “successful Church.” We need to preach fluff and only fluff so people will keep coming back! If you want your numbers to go through the roof, you’ve got to **gut** all your sermons of anything that might actually **convict people**, you know, things like sin, and hell, and God’s wrath and His hatred towards sin, don’t do that! What are you some crazy religious wacko! Don’t do that! That’s counter productive! They might leave! So here’s what you do. Don’t **convict** them, but **coax** them! Don’t make them feel **bad**, make them feel **glad**! Give them fluff and only fluff, and tell them how good they are, and that God loves them and there’s no need to fear! And then tell show how to be financially successful, how to live the American Dream with a high self-esteem you know **learn to be a better you**. And man you keep that up, whew! You’re going to have numbers

coming out of your ears! Huh! Isn't that awesome! Isn't that a successful Church? I mean, everybody loves a good **motivational speech**, right?

And folks, you might be thinking nobody in their right mind in the Church would ever fall for this baloney, because it's so clear, it's right here in the text! It's been here for 2,000 years so we wouldn't be caught of guard, right? People in the Last Days will only want fluff so don't do that, right? **Not anymore!** Folks I'm telling you, we have falling for this **lie**, hook, line, and sinker from The Church Growth Movement! Little to people realize that every time you see one of these **impotent worldly preachers** on TV tickling people ears week after week, it's actually a sign we're living in the Last Days! But don't take my word for it! Let's listen to theirs. You tell me if this is not fluffy godless teaching over the life-changing Word of God!

Seeker Sensitive/Entertainment church leaders:

Steven Furtick of Elevation Church: The number one question people seem to ask me these days has nothing to do with theology or ministry. It's all about the hair. Man how did you go from having bold black hair to this platinum pastor that you are today?

Fallen pastor Ted Haggard: You know all the surveys say that evangelicals have the best sex life of any other group.

TV preacher: If you're single I want to encourage you, for the next four weeks. I want to encourage you to buy this book "Sex God" by Rob Bell. It's in our bookstore.

Another church promotion: 30 day Sex Challenge.
Inside, there's a place to write your top two needs that your partner should

address over the next 30 days. Make sure you're specific in how you're spouse can meet your needs.

JOEL OSTEEN Channel 11 News

He's your Texas preacher with a positive message a best selling book and a dazzling smile but he also has his critics.

Ole Anthony: "It's a perverted gospel"

Joel Osteen: I think that's the message that's caught on, why so many people watch because I'm always building them up telling them what they can do.

Karen Borta reporting: Each weekend, tens of thousands of people from around the world come to Houston.

Osteen to audience: How many of you are ready to worship the Lord today? Amen?

Borta: Each is seeking the same thing: a sermon by Joel Osteen-Senior Pastor at Houston's Lakewood Church.

Osteen to some ladies: Y'all watch it over there?

Borta: These women are from East Africa.

Women: God, I'm speechless. I'm glad I came here today

Borta: Joe and Pamela DiDonadan are from Toronto

Joe: Joel Osteen's messages are extremely positive and nothing about no negativity.

Borta: Such testimonials aren't unusual. More than 30 thousand adults regularly attend his church making it by some accounts, the largest and fastest growing congregations in America. His weekly sermon is broadcast in more than 100 countries and now has a best selling book. What makes him so popular?

Osteen: We're not beating people down. I just feel like we got enough negative things putting us down. I try to give people a boost for the week.

Make it practical and relevant.

Borta: But even if thousands are drawing to Osteen's positive message, some folks just aren't buying it.

Ole Anthony: It's a perverted gospel that panders to the individual self, the isolated self and that's the problem with it

Borta: Ole Anthony is the President and Founder of the Trinity Foundation a Dallas based televangelist watchdog group. He says Osteen's message is simply cotton-candy theology.

Ole Anthony: I would have no problem with him if he was doing it in the name of Bruce or saying it was some kind of self-help seminar but it has really nothing to do with the Cross of God

His latest book *Become a Better You* for which he reportedly got a \$13 million advance goes on sale tomorrow. They read more like self-help than religion. In his new book, Osteen lays out 7 principles he believes will improve our lives.

Reporter to Osteen: To *Become a Better You*, you must be positive towards yourself. Develop better relationships. Embrace the place where you are.

Osteen: Yeah.

Reporter: Not one mention of God in that. Not one mention of Jesus Christ in that.

Osteen: That's just my message. There's alot better people qualified to say here's a book to explain the scriptures to you. I don't think that's my gift.

Reporter: His supporters say that Osteen simply has a god given ability to make people smile. God's given me a great life and I've always smiled all my life. In my baby pictures I'm smiling so, you know, people kid me about it but I think it's great. I love to smile.

Reporter: Osteen never went to the seminary and only went to college for

one semester, but he said after editing his father's sermons for 17 years-he's qualified to preach."

Now folks, if all it took to become a preacher was to "edit some sermons" then my wife should get up here and preach! Hello! But, we're not going to do that because that's not Biblical! But seriously folks, what did the Bible say? In the Last Days, the Church would gather around themselves **many** teachers who would tickle their ears with things like you just saw. Learn how to be financially successful, learn how to have a fulfilling sex life, learn to be a better you, and anything and everything but God's Word, right? Can you believe it! It's happening before our very eyes! Which means, like it, lump it, or leave it, we are living in the Last Days!

And folks, I'm telling you, if there's any hope for our Nation then we have got to get serious about God's truth again **in the Church!** We've got to start preaching it again in our Churches throughout our Country if there's any hope to turn things around, like this guy shares.

"It grieves me to say that, for the most part, the modern Christian, the modern pastor, and the modern church have lost their savor. Taken as a whole, we have lost our inner character: the ability to resist decay and preserve the land.

Our churches are no longer places of respite from the world: they are mirrors of it: the same dress; the same attitudes; the same carnality; the same spirit; the same stubbornness; the same pride.

Churches are no longer bastions of truth: they are glorified social clubs or mere corporations, where Christianity is never allowed to interfere with

business. Instead of being watchmen on the wall, our pastors are CEOs or, even worse, politicians. Popularity and personal ambition far outweigh the commitment to truth.

We have a pandemic all right, but it's not the swine flu: it is a pandemic of spineless Christianity. Parents who cannot stand up to their own children; pastors who cannot stand up to their own congregations; religious leaders who cannot stand up to politicians; and churches that cannot stand up to unconstitutional government.

If one is looking for someone to blame America's demise on, don't look to the prostitutes, drug dealers, or crooked politicians: look no further than the doorsteps of America's churches. While the ominous clouds of oppression and tyranny boil overhead, our churches are content to play kid games and wallow in their own materialism and laziness.

Sadder still is the lack of anything on the horizon that points to any kind of spiritual awakening. Look at the churches that are growing: for the most part, they are of the Joel Osteen and Rick Warren variety, where conviction has been replaced with compromise, and principle with popularity.

And Genuine Bible prophets now occupy the pulpits where hardly anyone attends. Truth has been replaced with entertainment, and calls for repentance are drowned out by the clamor of prosperity.

I can tell you from personal experience that, in more than 34 years of Gospel ministry, it has never been harder to continue to carry the torch of truth than it is today. It takes a toll on one's physical health and emotional being, and even on one's family.

Any pastor desiring to carry the torch of truth today need not expect to have many friends. And any evangelist desiring to carry the torch of truth today need not expect to get many meetings. Why?

Because truth today is about as popular as a bad case of the measles, and yes, I mean among today's professing 'Christians.'"

Folks, we had better get motivated before it's too late. We are heading over a cliff and unless we change **now** we are not coming back! Church

Historians are calling us the **terminal generation**. Meaning that if this generation of Christians do not turn things around and start getting truly serious about the God's Word, the Gospel and Jesus Christ, **it's over!** We're not coming back! We've gone too far!

And you also need to understand that it isn't always just the Pastors who are refusing to preach God's truth. A lot of times it's the Church! Here's what's going on. There are still faithful men in America who will preach God's truth, but my experience has been that in the Church they will not hire these guys nor let them preach the truth otherwise they fire them! Why? Because what did our text say? It's not just the **preachers** who would only preach this fluff, it's the what? The Churches en masse would only **demand** this fluff! In the Last Days, the "Churches will gather around themselves a great **many of teachers** to say what their itching ears want to hear." It's not just the Pastors. It's the Churches too! The Churches **only want these guys** and so that's all you get, all over the place, that's your only option, even on TV! Why? Because maybe it's a sign that God's **judging us** not a blessing us, like this guy shares.

"You're "best life now"? I will not lose sleep tonight worried about your best life now. I will not pray tonight for tomorrow worried for their best life now or whether they have self-esteem or their checkbook is balanced or that they got 40 days or 90 days or 100 days of "purpose" in their life.

I will lose sleep because one day every one of you will stand before God

naked and be judged and some of you will be cast into hell.

Preachers. You're not professionals. You're not businessmen. You're not little boys running around serving the community. You're prophets or you're NOTHING!

To bring a Word from God. These are people dying. The wrath of God lays waste your community even as we speak, how many people will be swept away even today by the wrath of God through death in hell. And you're worried about whether or not someone feels good about themselves?

False teachers are God's judgment on people who don't want God but in the name of religion plan on getting everything their carnal heart desires. That's why a Joel Osteen is raised up. Those people who sit under him are not victims of him. He is the judgment of God upon them because they want exactly what he wants and it's not God!"

Now folks, I don't know about you, but it looks like we are under the judgment of God, because that's exactly what we're seeing today. God's given us what we **want** alright, and it's **not Him**. So He's raised up these fluffy panty-waist preachers, just like the Bible said would happen in the Last Days! Why? Because we've bought into the lie of The Church Growth Movement that says we have to give people only **fluffy motivational speeches** instead of the Word of God, just so they'll keep coming back, because haven't you heard...it's all about the numbers! That's what makes for a successful Church these days! And because of it, we're seeing a massive growth alright, it's a growth of worldliness and Apostasy in the Church, just like the Bible said would happen when you are living in the Last Days!

But that's not all. The 4th way the Church Growth Movement is helping to produce this massive Rise of worldliness and Apostasy in the Church is by getting us to **Focus on a Powerless Gospel instead of the True Gospel.**

Galatians 1:6-9 "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!"

Now folks, according to our text, this is a serious issue! The Bible clearly says that if anyone ever dares preach another Gospel than the one and only True Gospel, that of Jesus Christ and His death on the cross that's accepted by faith as full payment for our sins to rescue from hell, then what? Let that person be **eternally condemned**, right? It's the Greek word, "anathema" which means, "accursed, devoted to destruction, or doomed to eternal punishment." And how many of you guys would say that's a serious warning? Uh huh! And so therefore, the last thing you'd ever want to do in the Church is be about the business of promoting a false Gospel, right?

Not anymore! Thanks to the lie of the Church Growth Movement we're now being told we need to **preach a new and Improved Gospel!** Why? Because that old Gospel damages people's self-esteem. What are you

some sort of religious wacko! Don't you know if you start preaching that Jesus Christ is the **only way** to heaven that that's not politically correct. I mean, what are you trying to do, run people off! And don't you realize that if you start talking about sin and the need to **repent** of it and cast your life upon the mercies of God to be rescued from the Wrath to come, that people will leave! Don't you know how to run a business? That's bad marketing! So here's what you do. You say that, "God has a plan for your life," so that when people come forward they just say, "Okay, I accept God's plan for me." I'm in like flint! They'll stick around for that. That's not the Gospel! Or I know, you just tell them "You just need to believe in God and that God loves you!" Excuse me? The Bible says even the demons believe in God and they ain't going to heaven! Hello! Or I know, worse yet just tell them, "There is no hell, no need to worry, we're all going to be just fine." And man you keep that up, preach this **new and improved gospel**, and whew! You're going to have numbers coming out of your ears! Huh! Isn't that awesome! Isn't that a successful Church? I mean, everybody loves to hear **how good they are**, especially when it come to eternal matters, right?

And folks, you might be thinking nobody in their right mind in the Church would ever fall for this baloney. I mean come on this Basic Christianity 101. It's only through the cross of Jesus Christ that men might

be saved, right? **Not anymore!** Folks I'm telling you, we not only have men in the pulpit who are only preaching fluff, we have men in the pulpit who are preaching a different gospel. In fact, they can't even define what the Gospel is! Don't believe me? Listen to their own words!

Fox Sunday with Chris Wallace

Chris Wallace: And what about Mitt Romney and I gotta ask you the question because it is a question, whether it should be or not in this campaign is, is a mormon a true christian?

Joel Osteen: Well in my mind they are. Mitt Romney says that he believes in christ as his savior and that's what I believe so, you know, I'm not the one to judge the little details of it. So I believe they are so, you know, Mitt Romney seems like a man of character and integrity to me and I don't think anything would stop me from voting for him if that's what I felt like.

Chris Wallace: So, so when people start talking about Joseph Smith, the founder of the church and golden tablets in upstate N.Y. and uh, and God assumes the shape of a man. Do you not get hung up in those theological issues?

Osteen: I probably don't get hung up in them because I haven't really studied them or thought about them and um thought I'd try and let God be the judge of that.

Tony Jones: Listen, for me John, for me it's a daily...DAILY I wonder if this whole thing is a total crock-DAILY! I think-is there really a God? Is my whole life based on a hoax? Everyday I make a decision to go on one day more. I mean really. I'm agnostic in that sense in that I--everyday I don't know.

Rob Bell Promo of Love Wins

Rob Bell: Several years ago we had an art show at our church and people brought in all kinds of sculptures and paintings and we put them on display and there was this one piece that had a quote from Ghandi in it. And lot's of people found this piece compelling. They'd stop and sort of stare at it and take it in and start to reflect on it. But not everybody found it that compelling. Somewhere in the course of the art show, somebody attached a handwritten note to the piece and on the note they had written, "Reality check. He's in hell"

Ghandi's in hell? He is? And someone knows this for sure and felt the need to let the rest of us know.

This is why lot's of people want nothing to do with the Christian faith. They see it as an endless list of absurdities and inconsistencies and they say, "Why would I ever want to be a part of that?"

The good news is that "love wins"

Brian McLaren and Tony Jones Emergent Church Leaders

McLaren: In an ironic way, the doctrine of hell basically says no but that's not really true. In the end God gets His way through coercion and violence and intimidation and domination. Just like every other kingdom does. The cross isn't the center then. The cross is almost a distraction and false advertising for God. (laughs)

Jones: Oh Brian that was just so beautifully said. I was tempted to get on my soapbox there and...and...and you know, because as you and I know there are so many illustrations and examples you could give that show why the traditional view of hell completely falls in the face of uh, it's antithetical to the cross. But the way you put it there uh, I loved that. I mean it's false advertising.

Joel Osteen on Larry King Live

Female caller: Thank you Joel Osteen for your positive messages and your book. I'm wondering though, why you sidestepped Larry's earlier question about how we get to heaven and the Bible clearly tells us that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and the ONLY way to the Father is through Him and that's not really a message of condemnation but of truth.

Joel Osteen: Yeah, I would agree with her. I believe that.

Larry: So then a Jew is not going to hell.

Osteen: No, no. Here's my thing Larry is that I can't judge somebody's heart, you know. I don't know-only God can look at somebody's heart and so I don't know-to me it's not my business to say this one is and this one isn't and I'm just saying here's what the bible teaches and I'm going to put my faith in you know, in uh Christ and I think it's wrong when we go around saying you're not going, you're not going, you're not going cause it's not exactly my way. I believe my way with all my heart.

Larry: But assume someone doesn't share it. Well it's wrong isn't it?

Osteen: Well I don't know if I look at it like that. I would present my way but I'm just going to let God be the judge of that. I mean I don't know. I don't know."

Then why in the world are you even in the pulpit? He went on to say that he even wasn't going to judge atheist whether or not they were going to haven or hell! Excuse me? Folks, put all these together and what are these so-called pastors saying **from the pulpit**? Mormons are going to heaven? Atheist and Jews are going to heaven? Anybody goes to heaven? There is no hell and the cross is actually false advertisement for God? What??? People, if you are in these guy's camp you better run! Why? Because the Bible says if anyone ever dares preach another Gospel than the one and only True

Gospel, through Jesus Christ and His death on the cross which **can** save us from hell...**yes it's real!** Then what? Let that person including those guys be **eternally condemned!** They are accursed, they are devoted to destruction and they are doomed to eternal punishment.” Why? Because you had the audacity to wimp out on the Gospel all for the sake of numbers and instead you promoted a false gospel that leading people straight into to hell!

In fact, let's put their so-called gospel to the test. Let's see if we can rescue people from hell with the false gospel these men of The Church Growth Movement are promoting. Imagine that's you're loved ones there headed into that pit, your kids, grandkids, parents, siblings, co-workers, neighbors, whoever, and there they go, one after another, headed into the pit of hell. And they are going at a rapid rate because statistics say that there are 1.8 deaths per second, which multiplies to about over 100 deaths per minute, or 150,000 deaths per day and over 55 million deaths per year. Now let's see if we can rescue them from hell with The Church Growth Movement techniques. Here we go. Here's what we say just before they fall over the pit into hell:

Just believe in God....He loves you....
God has a plan for your life....He'll help you live the American Dream
Learn to be a better you...hold your Bible up and achieve your full potential
There is no hell...that's not really a pit you're falling into....

And we wonder why God's Word said, let these people who say these things **be eternally condemned!** You are devoted to destruction and you are doomed to eternal punishment. Why? Because this is not a game! How dare you do this! You had the opportunity to save people from eternal damnation in hell but you didn't! You wimped out and chose to curse them **for all eternity** because you're more concerned about popularity and numbers! How dare you! Anathema is right!

Oh Pastor Billy, Why! Why is this happening! Why is not only the world going down the tubes, but now even the Church going down the tubes. Why are we getting so worldly? Why is there so much apostasy? Why is there so little power in the Church today! I'll tell you why! Because we have been tricked into buying into the lie of The Church Growth Movement! And because of it, we're seeing a massive growth alright, a growth of worldliness and Apostasy **in the Church** exactly like the Bible said would happen, when you are living in the Last Days!

People, what more does God have to do? He loves us. He doesn't want us going into the 7-year Tribulation! And this is why, out of love, He's given us the signs of the **Rise of Apostasy** with phony baloney Christians, Greedy Christians, and the last two weeks with Worldly Christians, to show

us that the Tribulation is near and the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ is rapidly approaching. And that's why Jesus Himself said...

Luke 21:28 "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

People of God, like it or not, we are headed for **The Final Countdown**. And so the point is this. If you're here today and you're not a Christian, or maybe you've been relying on one of these false gospels, which means you're not a Christian, then please I beg you receive the True Gospel. Call upon the Name of Jesus Christ, ask Him to forgive you of all your sins, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead and the Bible says you shall be saved.

But if you're here today and **you are** a Christian then it's time to get busy! Stop bickering and start working together, and let's get busy saving souls! This is not a game! **AND** if you're a part of one of these **Harlot Churches** who is preaching a false Gospel in these Last Days, with worldly dress, and worldly music, and worldly leadership, I'll say it again, you better come out from them and be ye separate, because the Bible says they are headed for destruction, like these guys admit. We'll close in prayer after this. Wake up call to the church. Montage of preachers:

David Wilkerson: The Church has forgotten it's foundations. A church that has turned away from it's beginnings and begins to become a harlot church.

Carter Conlon: Just tell me how blessed I am. Just tell me I'm going to be powerful and popular and gonna have no trouble in life. Just tell me these things.

David Wilkerson: Watered down. Half truths. This gospel says just believe and get saved. There's nothing of repentance, nothing of godly sorrow, nothing of turning from you're sins, nothing about taking up you're cross and following the Lord. But people who say a little prayer who said you're fine-you're good.

Keith Daniel: Now we've revised that and said if you can get people for one hour on Sunday morning and into the building-that's the church. That's NOT the church. We can use any device we want to get people for one hour and keep it early and keep it moving and keep it going. But that's not the church Jesus built.

Leonard Ravenhill: And I'm embarrassed to be part of the church of Jesus today because I believe it's an embarrassment to a Holy God. Most of our joyous clapping our hands and having a good time and afterwards, talking all the drivel of the world.

David Wilkerson: Don't talk to us about holiness or separation from the world. We don't want to hear of that. People today don't want to hear anything they call gloom and doom. If it's not smooth it's gloom and doom.

Leonard Ravenhill: Well fine then, let me tell you lovingly to go to hell and live with all the scum of the earth. You like to drink, go with the drinkers. You like to lust. Go with the prostitutes.

Carter Conlon: And if you don't believe this is happening in our generation I challenge you to go to a Christian bookstore this week and find the best sellers. Ask them which are the best sellers. **AND LOOK AT THEM. LOOK AT THE COVERS! THEY ARE THE IMAGES OF MEN NOT THE IMAGES OF GOD.** Five steps to be like me. Five steps to better yourself. Five steps to the new you. Five steps to a wonderful destiny. With their glossy faces on the cover, not so subtly telling the Church of Jesus Christ if you use the principles of God you will look like me. **AND YOU BECAME ENAMOURED WITH YOUR OWN BEAUTY AND YOUR WHOLE THEOLOGICAL FOCUS NOW IS HOW YOU CAN BE SMARTER, BETTER, BETTER LOOKING, MORE PROSPEROUS. YOU LOST THE**

CALL OF GOD CHURCH!

Leonard Ravenhill: When I see the church in the New Testament they didn't have stately buildings. They didn't have paid evangelists. They didn't have a lot of money. They didn't have organization. They didn't get on TV and beg. But I'll tell you what they did. **THEY TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDEDOWN!** I think we ought to watch this business with "you know God loves you and God loves you" and all the bumper sticker's sloppy evangelism. Will you remind people of the goodness and the severity of God? Will you remind them mercy is cut off forever? Will you remind them that people pray in hell but nobody ever answers.

Carter Conlon: But in spite of what God has spoken they create a garment of fig leaves and they cover themselves and say, "All is well. All is well" and they seek out a church that won't challenge their sin. That won't expose this hypocrisy for what it is. I'd rather you get mad at me and go to heaven. I want to challenge you with everything in me. Put away lifeless religion. Put away empty pursuits of God. Put away all of the deception of the carnal nature.

Keith Daniel: Be ye holy, for I am holy. That's God's words. Not mine.

David Wilkerson: Word to God that Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal pastors begins to stand up and see what's happening to the church that was once called the church of Jesus Christ. Backsliding. Turning apostate. Turning against the truth.

Carter Conlon: Some who are listening even now and will be listening to tapes in the future. You just can't lighten up and enjoy these theologically shallow experiences like so many around you are today. Everyone around you is saying lighten up! Lighten up! God's love. God's good. God is kind. God is nice. Come to church, stick you're feet up on the altar. Have a coffee and cookies with us, we hear three point messages on nothing about God-- but there is a stirring in you, a stirring in the true bride in this generation. But if the Holy Spirit is truly, truly upon you in this generation, **YOU WILL NOT BE SATISFIED. YOU WILL NOT BE FOUND AMONG THOSE WHO SIT IN SUPPOSED HOUSES OF GOD WITH YOUR FEET ON THE ALTAR RAIL WITH A CUP OF COFFEE IN YOUR HAND LISTENING TO A POWER POINT SERMON ABOUT A CHRIST THEY DON'T KNOW!!**

The majority of God's people have always rejected God's prophetic word spoken through His servants.

Are you one of them?"

To find the way to God, to understand the *truth* of God's Word, and to received the gift of eternal *life*, begin by repentance and faith through a prayer like this:

"Dear God, I understand that I have broken Your Law and sinned against You. Please forgive my sins. Thank You that Jesus suffered on the cross in my place. I now place my trust in Him as My Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."
