

The Final Countdown – Rise of Apostasy

Part 6

“Well hey, check this out, apparently Al and Candy have a lot of potted plants, and so during a recent cold spell here in Vegas, Candy brought a lot of the plants indoors to protect them from a possible freeze. As it turned out, a little green grass snake was hidden in one of the plants and when it had warmed up, it slithered out and Candy saw it go under the couch. She let out a very loud scream.

Well, at this, Al who was taking a shower ran out into the living room to see what the problem was. And Candy told him there was a snake under the couch. So, Al got down on the floor on his hands and knees to look for it.

And about that time the family dog came and touched him with his cold nose on the leg. Well, Al thought the snake had bitten him and so he fainted. And Candy thought he had a heart attack, so she called an ambulance.

Soon the attendants rushed in and loaded Al on the stretcher and started carrying him out. About that time the snake came out from under the couch and the EMT saw it and dropped his end of the stretcher. That’s when Al’s leg broke and why he went off to the hospital.

However, Candy still had the problem of the snake in the house, so she called on a neighbor man. He volunteered to capture the snake. He armed himself with a rolled-up newspaper and began poking under the couch.

So soon he decided it was gone and told Candy, who sat down on the couch in relief. But in relaxing, her hand dangled in between the cushions, where she felt the snake wriggling around. So she screamed and fainted.

Well at this, the snake rushed back under the couch, and the neighbor man, seeing Candy lying there passed out tried to use CPR to revive her. Well, the neighbor’s wife, who had just returned from shopping at the grocery store, saw her husband’s mouth on Candy’s and slammed her husband in the back of the head with a bag of canned goods, knocking him out and cutting his scalp to a point where it needed stitches.

So another ambulance was called and took the man away as well as his sobbing wife.

Well, by now, Candy had come to and the police had arrived and so Candy tried to explain how it all happened over a little green snake. And just when she said that, the little snake crawled out from under the couch.

So one of the policemen drew his gun and fired at it. Well, he missed the snake and hit the leg of the end table that was on one side of the couch. The table fell over and the lamp on it shattered and as the bulb broke, it started a fire in the drapes.

The other policeman tried to beat out the flames but fell through the window into the yard on top of the family dog, who got startled, then jumped up and raced out into the street, where an oncoming car swerved to avoid it and smashed into the parked police car and set it on fire. Meanwhile the burning drapes had spread to the walls and the entire house was on fire.

So the neighbors called the fire department and the arriving fire-truck had started raising its ladder as they were halfway down the street. But the rising ladder tore out the overhead wires causing a blackout over 10 square blocks.

Finally, time passed. Both men, Al and the neighbor, were discharged from the hospital, the house was re-built, the police acquired a new car, and all was right with their world.

But about a year later, this was last week, Al and Candy were watching TV and the weatherman announced that there was going to be a cold spell for that night here in Vegas.

So Al asked Candy if she thought they should bring in their potted plants for the night. She shot him.”

And now you know why I visited Al in the hospital this week! But seriously folks, how many of you guys would say that Al and Candy’s marriage was under some **severe strain**, you know what I’m saying? Man, they just had one problem after another and they just couldn’t take it

anymore, could they? But that's right folks, believe it or not, did you know the Bible says there's a day coming to the whole planet that's even worse than that one? You talk about some severe strain! Its called the 7-year Tribulation and it all begins at the rapture of the Church. And the reason why it's going to be such a **strenuous time** 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 Jesus Christ's 2nd Coming was rapidly approaching.

Therefore, in order to keep you and I from experiencing the ultimate bad day of being left behind, even worse than Al and Candy's, 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 5 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, a massive **Flooding of Worldly Believers** in the Church, and the **last time,** a massive **Flooding of Occultic Believers** in the Church, which is happening right now today thanks in part to the lies of The Signs and Wonders Movement that's tricking people into **Following a Different Spirit** than the **Spirit of God, Linking to a Different Spirit** than the **Spirit of God,** and being **Possessed by a Different Spirit** than the **Spirit of God.** Why? Because this is what the antichrist is going to do. In the Last Days he's going to dupe people with lying false counterfeit signs, wonders, and miracles, and now because of these lies, we now have a whole generation of people, even in the Church who are ready to **do just that!** Exactly like the Bible said would happen in when you are living in the Last Days.

But that's still not all. The **5th reason** people **in the Church** have abandoned the Christian faith, and Apostacized is due to **A Flood of Deadly**

Believers. That's right, I'm talking about the **Liberal Christianity Movement**, Little do people know that the teachings of Liberalism or Liberal Christianity have actually aided in this **massive rise of apostasy**. Today, people **in the Church** are being led astray by **doctrinal manipulation** by these so-called Liberal Christians and it's **not** true Christianity. Like a wolf in sheep's clothing, it externally looks Christian, when in fact, internally they **doctrinally manipulate** almost every cardinal teaching of the Church. They deny the deity of Jesus, the Virgin Birth, the Resurrection, the Trinity, and on and on it goes, and that's just the tip of the iceberg as we'll see in a second, which means they're **dead!** They're fake! They're a rotten corpse! But don't take my word for it. Let's listen to God's.

Revelation 3:1-3 "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of Him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you."

In other words, you're going to be in a heap of trouble! Now folks according to our text, we see the classic passage concerning the Church of Sardis in the Book of Revelation that's classified as the what? The **Dead Church!** Why? Because what did Jesus say? "I know your deeds! You can't fool Me! You got this **reputation** of being a happening Church and that

you're **alive**, but I got a news flash for you, you're dead! Dead as a stump! Why? Because of their deeds! They showed their deadness by their deeds! And folks, I'm here to tell you it's the same thing with Liberal Christianity. It's not Christianity. They **say** their Christians and on the outside they **look** like Christians, but on the inside they are "dead man's bones!" They too, just like Sardis prove their deadness with their behavior! Again, they not only deny the deity, miracles, and resurrection of Christ, but they go so far as to say that true and loving Christians will have an **open mind** when it comes to understanding the Bible. They say that **feelings**, not doctrine, provide the foundation for Christianity. Or in other words, your version of Christianity is what feels right for you. In essence, **you make up your own doctrine**, which means you make up your own Christianity!

And you might think that nobody **in the Church** would fall for this kind of wacky stuff. This is crazy! You don't make up your own version of Christianity! You can't do that! We're supposed to be followers of Christ **not** dictators to Christ! But folks listen, why do you think **right now**, mainline denominations are battling over whether or not Jesus really is the only way to heaven. It's called pluralism. This is why people in the Church claiming to be Christians are actually denying the existence of hell and are saying that homosexuality is perfectly fine including homosexuals behind

the pulpit. After all, it **feels** right. It all stems from this lie called Liberal Christianity, which is **not** Christianity, it's dead, it's fake AND it's taking over the Church! Right now, whether you want to believe it or not, True Evangelical Christianity is being replaced, it's being eradicated by a Dead Church! We are going out of existence **right now** here in America! Why? Because it's all part of the antichrists plan to prepare a Dead Church that'll go along with anything he says once he takes over the religions of the world. A True One will never go along with his demands, but a fake one will! And that's what He's creating!

And the **1st way** he's getting people to create a DEAD Church, is by getting them to **Create a New Service**. And folks, that "new service" is one that all revolves around SELF. It's an offshoot of two lies we've already seen before impacting the Church, that of Secular Psychology, which encourages **self-worship** at all costs, and The Church Growth Movement, which panders to **self** at all costs. But shocker! That's not what God says we need to be doing when we gather together! Let's take a look.

Colossians 3:16-17 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Now folks, according to our text, the Bible is clear. Our Church services, i.e. when we gather together as Christians, should be all about Who? Hello! GOD, right? What's it say there? We not only teach His Word and sing songs of gratitude to Him, but **whatever you do**, it's all for **His glory**, right? Not ours! Not self!

Not anymore! Haven't you heard? That's old fashioned! Thanks to the lie of Liberal Christianity, we are now being told that a truly prosperous "service" that meets people's needs is one that is all about SELF, like these people.

"Imagine a church where every member is passionately, whole-heartedly, recklessly calling the shots.

Woman: "I have a busy work week and by the time Sunday rolls around-I'm tired! So how about a church service that starts when I get there"

Can do. When you arrive. We begin.

Father pointing to infant son: "This guy. He plays by his own rules. We want to find a church where he starts screaming we're not the bad guys"

Say no more! If your baby's screaming. You stay seated. The others around you can leave.

Man and wife: "You know financially, Sherry and I don't give alot to the church but we sure would like to know who does."

Alright. If you join now, you'll know what every person gives in detail.

Woman 2: "When I'm in a church service can my car get a buff and a wax"

Not just that but an oil change and a tune up!

Young man: “How ‘bout tickets to the SuperBowl?”

That’s asking too much.

Young man: “I’m serious, if I’m going to join. I want tickets to the big game”

Alright if you join now and we’ll get you there.

Young boy: “I’d like a pony!”

Look in your back yard!

MeChurch. Where it’s all about you.”

Now folks, that mentality would be funny if what? It weren’t so true! Folks, correct me if I’m wrong, but do not most people today think like that when they come to Church services today? Where they think it’s all about them? You cater to MY needs. It’s all about ME, ME, ME...SELF, SELF, SELF! And folks, the problem with this is, it’s not only NOT BIBLICAL, but it opens pandoras box. Once you start going down this road of SELF and you start to cater all your services around SELF instead of YOUR SAVIOR, you just opened the floodgates of Apostasy! Don’t believe me? Check out all these “new and improved” SELF-PLEASING Church services, and you tell me if it’s not leading to a DEAD CHURCH!

Automated Prayer Service: Believe it or not there’s was a website out there called “Information Age Prayer Service” that was offering an automatic prayer service so you don’t have to do it, they’ll do it for you! It

states, “Information Age Prayer is a subscription service utilizing a computer with text-to-speech capability to incant your prayers each day.

It gives you the satisfaction of knowing that your prayers will always be said even if you wake up late, or forget. We use state of the art text to speech synthesizers to voice each prayer at a volume and speed equivalent to typical person praying. Each prayer is voiced individually, with the name of the subscriber displayed on the screen.

At Information Age Prayer we think our service should be used like a prayer supplement, to extend and strengthen a subscriber’s connection with God.” And you’ll be happy to know that there are promotional rates, for new users only, and for a limited time.

For instance, they are running a special deal for only \$3.95 a month for The Lord’s Prayer. “This prayer is the model that Jesus taught us. It thanks God, asks of Him to provide for our needs, and to forgive us. One simply cannot go wrong with this most beautiful classic prayer.”

Or you could subscribe to The Morning Prayer. “The morning prayer is meant to be said each morning. A nice, short prayer, it has all the basic essentials important in a daily prayer. Subscribe to tell God that you think of Him each morning!” Also only \$3.95 a month.

Or how about The Prayer for your Children. “This prayer asks of God to watch over your children, allow them to do good, and to keep them from harm. This is the cheapest prayer you can get for the Information Age, it can be said each day for an entire month for only \$1.99.”

Or how about The Prayer for the Sick. “The prayer for the sick implores God to bring a sick person back to full health. Insert the name of the sick person and have the computer voice the prayer for them each day by subscribing here.” Only \$4.95 a month.

Or how about The Prayer for Financial Help. “We are all hurting as the world economy slumps. This prayer asks God to improve the economy and to enable us to support ourselves “in honor but not in disgrace.”

For obvious reasons we provide this service at a considerable discount! Our Economic Stability Rate is only \$3.95 a month. And for a limited time only, you can get up to 5 get well prayers each day for only \$9.95 a month!

Free Cash Giveaway Service: Worshipers at Lighthouse Church in Illinois have had an added incentive to be in the pews the last few weeks. Their Pastor is giving away cold, hard cash. A thousand bucks a weekend, according to the Chicago Tribune. The pastor pulls three seat numbers out of hat, and two lucky worshipers gets \$250, while one gets \$500. The cash comes straight out of the collection and attendance is reportedly up 600 people over the past five weeks, from about 1,600 people to 2,500. Still, I wonder if they've created a spiritual version of Cash for Clunkers, which filled auto dealerships with crowds but dried up when the cash was gone.

Cell Phone Blessing Service: An Anglican priest eager to keep their parish relevant in the face of declining church attendance nationwide, is asking users of mobile phones and other technological gadgets to bring them in this weekend for a special blessing. Aware of the attendance crisis, they wanted to experiment with different ways to spread the word. They have made a disclaimer though, "We do not claim to be able to exorcise the demons from your computer."

Animal Blessing Service: Another Anglican priest at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Toronto, offered Trapper, a four-year-old German Shepherd-Rhodesian Ridgeback cross, communion during a church service in late June. St. Peter's has long stood out as a church with a reputation for being open. Once a year, a service is conducted to bless people's pets.

Beer Drinking Service: Most Christians are familiar with the Biblical story of Jesus turning water into wine, but now two New Zealand Pastors are seeking to turn a pub into a church complete with beer-drinking during the gatherings. While the sports bar service will not contain any sermons or singing, the Pastors say it will serve as both a place of prayer and a place to grab a beer. And they're not the only ones. Another Pastor in California is doing the same thing. "Some Churches use tactics like providing coffee and sweets, but a new church in San Jose has a very different approach. It provides beer for attendees. Pastor Jenkins said this is where the real ministry takes place. 'Come on,' he says, 'I'll buy you a pint!'"

Tattoo Parlor Service: A Michigan pastor who says he's doing everything he can to reach out to people who don't feel comfortable at a traditional house of worship has opened a tattoo parlor inside his church. Rev. Steve Bentley said his ministry is built on the belief that mainstream religion has become ineffective and irrelevant to most people. To that end, he opened Serenity Tattoo.

“Ryan Brown is the manager of Serenity Tattoo studio in Flint Township. He never imagined he'd work in a tattoo shop, in of all places, a church.

Traci Seebach can't imagine going anywhere else to get her tattoo.

“It feels good to me to be able to come in here and know that it's a nice, safe environment.”

“Being home to a tattoo studio isn't the only unique thing about this church. They also host MWO wrestling events and, later on this year, they plan to bring in cage fighting.”

Now folks, I don't think Jesus came all the way from heaven to die a horrible death on the cross just so we can have Beer Drinking services, while we get a tattoo, and pay somebody else to say our prayers! Folks, you talk about blasphemous! And here's the point! I don't doubt one iota that these people are a **great time** alright in these so-called self-pleasing Church services but it's not for the **glory of God**, which means it's **dead!** It's a Fake Church and it's **step one** of the antichrist creating an Apostate DEAD Church that'll go along with anything he says once he takes over the religions of the world...He'll make it pleasing to SELF! He'll make it sound good. And when he does, he'll take over the religions of the world, and

that's exactly what the Bible said would happen, when you are living in the Last Days!

But that's not all. The **2nd way** Liberal Christianity is replacing the True Church with a Dead Church and preparing them for the antichrists reign of a global religion is by getting people to **Create a New Scripture**. You know, one that won't convict anyone of the dead self-centered behavior in their services! But come on! They wouldn't do that would they? Uh yeah! It's already being done. But lets first take a look at why we need God's Word.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Now folks, according to our text, we clearly see that **all Scripture**, i.e. the Bible is inspired by God and useful for what? I know! To stare at, right? No. To sit on the coffee table and impress your friends when they come over! No, I know! To collect dust just in case you need some extra dirt to grow your own crops in the backyard to become financially stable! No! What did it say? It's there to teach us, rebuke us, correct us, and train us in what? Righteousness! I.E. how to live **right** according to God's standard not our own, right?

Not anymore! Haven't you heard. That's old fashioned. Thanks to the lie Liberal Christianity, we need a new and improved "Scripture." Why? Because that old Bible is just way too convicting for our self-centered behavior and after all, it damages our self-esteem. Therefore, we need a new and improved Scripture that's MAN INSPIRED not God inspired. Don't believe me? Check out all these "new and improved" Bible Versions out there, and you tell me if it's not leading to a DEAD CHURCH!

The New Samurai Version: One man says he wants the world to know Jesus Christ alright, but just not the gentle, blue-eyed Christ of old Hollywood movies and illustrated Bibles. So a Mr. Akinsiku has come up with his new version called the "Manga Bible" which is the Japanese form of graphic novels. "It will convey the shock and freshness of the Bible in a unique way." Bible characters are depicted among other things as skateboarders in Bedouin gear, with things like Noah getting tripped up counting the animals in the Ark saying, "That's 11,344 animals? Arggh! I've lost count again. I'm going to have to start from scratch!" Or Abraham riding a horse out of an explosion to save Lot. Or Og, king of Bashan, looking like an early Darth Vader. However, the Sermon on the Mount did not make the book, because there wasn't enough action to it."

The Politically Correct Version: Referring to the Oxford University Press's release of a 'culturally sensitive' version of the Bible, the religious editor of *Newsweek* recently quipped that the King James Bible 'never looked so good before.' These are his poignant comments:

Readers who find the Bible sexist, racist, elitist and insensitive to the physically challenged, take heart. Oxford University Press's new 'inclusive language version' of the New Testament and Psalms has cleaned up God's act. In this version, God is no longer 'Father' and Jesus is no longer 'Son.'

The hierarchical title of 'Lord' is excised as an archaic way to address God. Nor does God (male pronouns for the deity have been abolished) rule a 'kingdom'; as the editors explain, the word has a 'blatantly androcentric and

patriarchal character.’...Even God’s metaphorical ‘right hand’ has been amputated out of deference to the left-handed. Some examples:

- In the majestic opening of John’s Gospel, ‘the glory he has from the Father as the only Son of the Father’ becomes ‘the glory as of a parent’s only child.’ (John 1:14)
- The Lord’s prayer now begins like this: ‘Father-Mother, hallowed be your name. May your dominion come.’ (Luke 11:2)
- Jesus’ own self-understanding as God’s only son is generalized to: ‘No one knows the Child except the Father-Mother; and no one knows the Father-Mother except the Child...’ (Matthew 11:27)
- Avoiding another traditional phrase, ‘Son of Man,’ the Oxford text reads: ‘Then they will see ‘the Human One’ coming in clouds with great power and glory.’ (Mark 13:26)

The editors do not claim that Jesus spoke in gender-neutral language. But they obviously think he should have. The changes they have made are not merely cosmetic. They represent a fundamental reinterpretation of what the New Testament says—and how it says it.”

The New Feminist Version: A publisher is touting a new edition of the Gospels that identifies Christ as a woman named Judith Christ of Nazareth. LBI Institute says its version, was needed to correct the gender of Christ and God.

‘This long-awaited revised text of the Gospels makes the moral message of Christ more accessible to many, and more illuminating to all,’ says Billie Shakespeare, vice president for the publisher. He said, ‘It is empowering. We published this new Bible to acknowledge the rise of women in society.’

The new version, according to the publisher, revises familiar stories, transforming the ‘Prodigal Son’ into the ‘Prodigal Daughter’ and the ‘Lord’s Prayer’ into the ‘Lady’s Prayer.’ Here are a few other examples of the ‘new’ translation.

- In Luke chapter 2 the verses now read, ‘And Joseph went to Bethlehem. To be enrolled with Mary, his wife, who was then pregnant. And she brought forth her firstborn child. And her name was chosen to be Judith.’
- A passage on the crucifixion, from John 19 says, ‘And She bearing her cross went forth. There they crucified Judith.’
- And a resurrection passage from Matthew 28 now states, ‘Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Judith who was crucified. She is not here; for She is risen.’”

The New Postmodern Version: This new version takes Darwin’s theory of evolution as gospel and presents Jesus as being born, ‘not to a virgin, but to a gorilla.’ According to Ruth Rimm, Bronx school teacher and book artist, ‘It explores the emergence of a new global spirituality that mixes the best of each wisdom tradition with the latest findings in psychology, quantum physics, neuroscience, and linguistics. It is a Bible for skeptics, seekers, and people of different faiths.’

The first volume in the series, which will eventually present the Torah, Bhagavad Gita, Buddhist sutras, and Sufi mysticism, covers the Gospel of Mark. However, it includes parables not found in Mark, such as the Parable of the Dolphin, the Parable of the Snow Leopard and the Parable of the Gorilla.

The Parable of the Gorilla begins with, ‘He was born in a manger a long time ago, not to a virgin, but to a gorilla. What’s so funny? Who did you expect his ancestors to look like, Tom Cruise? But wait. I’m not making fun of Jesus. I’m not mocking religion. In fact, from the deepest wellspring of my heart, I’m despairing something we’ve lost in our scientific culture. Yes, if Jesus was alive today, he would understand that his ancestors, just like ours, were beasts. No, he wouldn’t run around claiming he was born of a virgin. And, brilliant rabbi that he was, he would likely ask us to understand the miracle stories metaphorically, as morality tales, but certainly not as literal truth.’

“Imagine from the loins of beautiful primates came prophets such as Jesus, Moses, Mohammed, the Buddha, and Lao Tzu. When we look at our evolutionary cousins, we look at ourselves. In a beautifully preserved time

capsule that we evolved from apes or that the universe is billions of years old only deepens the mystery.

Our rational way of life has left us starving for the spiritual. Starving for a special connection to the cosmos. A connection that the mothers of Moses and the fathers of Jesus still seem to cherish.

How did our common ancestors give birth to the mystical sense within us. How did they learn to compose poetry or speak in metaphors or capture the sublime on a painted canvas. Look deep into their eyes. That the father of Jesus was not somewhere in Heaven, but in the sperm of beautiful primates closely related to these, is one of the most liberating and joyful discoveries in human history.”

The New Gay Bible Version: “There’s a new version of the Bible set to be published with the Gay Old and Gay New Testament which “says gay is right and “straight” (or heterosexual) is a “sin”. In this version, Adam gets the heave-ho, and is replaced with Aida. “And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Aida, and she slept: and he took one of her ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from woman, made he another woman, and brought her unto the first. And Aida said, ‘This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of me. Therefore shall a woman leave her mother, and shall cleave unto her wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the woman and her wife, and were not ashamed.” Max Mitchell has described his work as divinely inspired. “Jesus was gay. In Biblical times homosexual relationships were so commonplace that no one gave it a second thought. It was heterosexuality that was considered sinful.” And one participant even stated, “Finally, a version of the Bible everyone can relate to.”

Now folks, I don’t think Jesus came all the way from heaven to die a horrible death on the cross just so we can make up our own Bible and say that Jesus was a woman, or that He came from an ape, or that He was gay, you know what I’m saying? You talk about blasphemous! And here’s the point! I don’t doubt one iota that these new versions are **pleasing** the heart

of man alright, but that's not what the ONE and ONLY TRUE BIBLE is for! It's inspired by God **not man** to teach us, rebuke us, correct us, and train us in righteousness...not unholiness! And not one of these "new and improved" versions do that, which means they're useless, they're fake, they're **dead!** Why? Because it's **step two** of the antichrist creating an Apostate DEAD Church that'll go along with anything he says once he takes over the religions of the world...He'll make these new perverted versions pleasing to SELF! He'll make it sound nothing **but good**. And when he does, he'll take over the religions of the world, and that's exactly what the Bible said would happen, when you are living in the Last Days!

But that's not all. The **3rd way** Liberal Christianity is replacing the True Church with a Dead Church preparing them for the antichrists reign of a global religion is by getting them to **Create a New Savior**. What! Are you serious? They wouldn't create a **new Jesus** would they? Uh huh! They already have. But let's first get acquainted with the REAL JESUS.

Revelation 4:8 "Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

1 Peter 1:15 "But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Now folks, according to our texts, if there's one attribute that God clearly wants us to know about Him, it's what? He is HOLY HOLY HOLY right? AND if there's one thing He wants us to know that He EXPECTS from US it's what? We are TO BE HOLY JUST LIKE HIM, right?

Not anymore! Haven't you heard. That's old fashioned. Thanks to the lie of Liberal Christianity, we need a new and improved "Savior" to help us out. Why? Because that old Jesus is just **too Holy**. I mean, how are we ever going please ourselves if He keeps demanding that we be Holy just like Him. Therefore, we need a new and improved Savior that's just like US... full of SIN. Don't believe me? Check out this "new and improved" Savior that Liberal Christianity has created. And you tell me if it's not leading to a DEAD CHURCH!

The Pole Dancing Savior: "Here's a new way to express your faith. On the second Sunday of every month, Crystal Deans leads a pole dancing course for church-goers in Texas. She says she knew exotic dancing wasn't for her, but she realized she could use her experience with exotic performing to help other women connect with the teaching of Jesus Christ. Don't believe me? Here's the report.

[Reporter-Kristin Kane] Well Malinda, I bet you never heard of this one before, "Pole Fitness for Jesus". I know you're probably thinking: How on Earth can you mix pole dancing with Jesus? Well, according to one studio up in Spring, you can definitely mix the two.

[Crystal Deans] You're gonna step in front with the inside leg, now you are gonna kick this one out.

[Crystal Deans] I was actually a dancer for 3 years, probably 7 years ago or

so. I did it for awhile, it's not something that I felt very rewarded with, but to each his own and it was just something I didn't want to do anymore so I actually decided to take the part that I liked about that and bring it here.

[Kristin Kane] Don't let the name of the class fool you though. There's no prayer beforehand and there's no crosses hanging in her studio.

[Crystal Deans] We just-like I said get past the whole stigma of the whole thing. You know I teach women to feel good about themselves. I teach them to be empowered. And you know, we get in really good shape. I mean it does the legs. That's why we wear the shoes actually.

The Erotic Church Service Savior: “Hundreds lined up for a new Erotic Church service where a female dancer danced in a skin colored stocking in the middle of the church facility in front of the altar. Nearly one thousand interested people waited outside the door despite a thunderstorm. Above the entrance was the caption, “A warm welcome to the Vineyard of Love”. Then a man came to the microphone and announced, “This is an erotic church service, can you move a bit closer together, all of you.” This was followed by saxophone music and dance. Then it was announced that, “eroticism and lust are not taboo pushed aside by God.” In fact, “lust has to be lived out.” Then the faithful were asked to take part in an anointing ritual in which they should massage the forehead and hands of the person sitting next to them. And one congregant stated, “This is how church services should be.” Then they all said “Our Father” together and then were encouraged with these words, “Praise God with your body, your lust and tenderness.” And judging by the enthusiastic applause, the audience fully intended to do this.”

Transgender Pastor Savior: “The Episcopal Church’s House of Bishops on Saturday approved a proposal that, if it survives a final vote, would give transgender men and women the right to become ministers in the church. The move comes nine years after the Episcopal Church approved its first openly gay bishop, sparking an exodus of conservative parishes. The church now allows gay men and lesbians to join the ordained ministry and the new resolutions on gender would now allow transgender individuals as well.” It’s all part of their overall non-discrimination policy to church members.”

The Adultery Approving Savior: “One Church Bishop warned that all this ongoing redefinition of marriage with same sex unions will soon include the idea of what’s being called, “non-monogamy” or the concept of faithfulness

between a man and a woman in marriage being outdated. The new concept will be the acceptance of “multiple partners” without the stigma of adultery. In fact, a court case has already been brought forth claiming that since same-sex marriage restrictions are being lifted, so should restrictions on multiple-partner marriages.”

The Atheist Accepting Savior: “Believe it or not, there’s now a new “ministry” being offered to the Church. Jerry DeWitt, a Pentecostal Preacher for 25 years, now turned atheist, is encouraging other atheist pastors to stop pretending like he did and “come out” and admit their atheism. He’s the executive director of what’s called Recovering from Religion and its slogan is, “Thousands of organizations will help you get INTO religion, but we’re the only one helping you OUT.” One person stated, “It wouldn’t be growing if there wasn’t a need for it,” which tells you the status of the American Church. In fact, this so-called “ministry” of people “recovering” from Christianity is not only for Pastors, but now it’s for any so-called Christian. A psychologist from Berkeley is helping former “fundamentalist” Christians to “lose their religion” in a workshop called, “Release and Reclaim.” “Their God was a capricious, vindictive, punishing figure. Now, they need help learning to trust themselves.”

The New Age Occult Savior: “The Church of England has recently hosted a “New Age Festival” where it opened its doors to tarot card readers, crystal healers, meditation experts, and dream interpreters. The Church is in trouble and attendance has fallen for the sixth year in a row so they decided to hold the festival in a bid to embrace alternative forms of Christianity. But this shouldn’t be surprising because another Church leader has stated that, “Harry Potter is a Christ-like figure because he promotes Biblical values, and a Protestant church in California teamed up with a high priestess of the pagan fertility goddess Isis to help them with “guided meditations” in their fifth annual “Faith and Feminism Conference.” The high priestess stated, “I’ve taken people to their past lives in Egypt, as that culture had all the secrets. They’re the ones that knew.” I mean, gee whiz, what’s next? A full-blown “new age” Church service? Uh yup, it’s already here.

Gene Ferrara: I am the spiritual leader of the community - Loving Spirit Community. We have opened a center in Madison- Center for Conscious Living.

At the Center for Conscious Living we do a variety of events that happen

during the course of the week. Starting with Sunday morning, our Sunday morning-which we call our celebration of life community gathering. We do some chanting, some singing, some honoring of spirit in each other. I get to do my little metaphysical rant.

[Bongo Drum being played] Woman chants “Ohhhh hey ah hey ah hey Ohhhh”

Gene Ferrara: Then we do a guided meditation, allowing people to come on an inward journey that I still take

Ferrara to his following [meditation music playing softly in background]:
“Feeling yourself emerging from this darkness which has become light. Once again into a universe of swirling colorful energy.

Gene Ferrara: We see our function here as encouraging, facilitating, inspiring people to awaken to their true nature-to their spiritual nature so that they can incorporate that perspective and that point of view into their daily lives to make their human experience more meaningful and more joyful.

[followers bowing to each other] “namaste. namaste.”

Now folks, I don't think Jesus came all the way from heaven to die a horrible death on the cross just so He could bless homosexuality, let us get our palms read, and team up with the Occult and New Age, you know what I'm saying? You talk about blasphemous! And here's the point! I don't doubt one iota that these new Saviors are **pleasing** to sins of man alright, but **that's not Real Jesus!** The Bible is clear people! He is Holy, Holy, Holy, and He has **zero tolerance** for sin! That's why there's a punishment called HELL and that's why He died on the cross was to rescue us from that place! It's REAL and so is SIN and God's Holiness! Which means this “new and

improved” savior **can’t save a thing**, which means it’s useless, it’s **dead!** Why? Because it’s **step three** of the antichrist creating an Apostate DEAD Church that’ll go along with anything says once he takes over the religions of the world. He’s preparing their hearts to receive the ULTIMATE FALSE SAVIOR... HIM...and he’ll let them do anything their evil hearts desire just so they’ll worship him! And when he does, he’ll take over the religions of the world, and that’s exactly and that’s exactly what the Bible said would happen, when you are living in the Last Days!

Folks, what more does God have to do? He loves us. He doesn’t want us going into the 7-year Tribulation! He doesn’t want us to go to HELL! And so this is why, out of love, He’s given us the signs of the **Rise of Apostasy** 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, 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, then I beg you, please, heed the signs...heed the warnings...give your life to **the real Jesus** today. Not the **Fake Dead Jesus** of Liberal Christianity that cannot save you...but the REAL JESUS....give your life to Him...acknowledge your sin...don’t deny it...cry out to Him...ask Him to

forgive you...and He will. Do it now...because tomorrow may be too late...Amen?

But if here today as a Christian, **AND** you're a part of any of these Apostate Movements that we've been seeing over these last several weeks, be it the Word of Faith Movement, the Church Growth Movement, Liberal Christianity movement with their dead service, dead Scripture, and a dead Savior, can I encourage you to do something...**RUN! RUN FOR YOUR LIFE** Church, because your life might depend upon it, like this man shares. We'll close in prayer after this.

[On the first Sunday following the tragedy of September 11th, 2001, Carter Conlon delivered this soul-stirring message at Times Square Church in Manhattan]

Carter Conlon: Listen to me like you've never listened to me ever in your life. We have got to lay our lives down for the purposes of God. This is not a Sunday School picnic, the church of Jesus Christ. This is not an invitation to have continuous good time. This is a war for the souls of men.

Come out from among them. Run for your life. Because this is about your life. This is not just about an opposing theology or conflicting viewpoint on Jesus, this is about your life.

My mind is forever branded with the stories that I heard of police officers from the city of New York. As people were fleeing from a crumbling building there were police officers and firemen and others that were running towards the buildings saying "Run for your life," at their own peril. And in some cases I believe they knew they were going to die but there was a sense of duty.

I was crying out to God, I said "God, Oh Jesus, don't let my sense of duty be less for Your Kingdom than these beloved firemen and policemen were for

those who were perishing in a fallen tower. We are living in a generation when truth is falling into the streets. I want to be among those that are not running away from the conflict but running into the conflict saying, "Run for your life."

Run from gospels that focus only on success and prosperity. Run!

Run from those who use the name of Christ only for personal gain. Run from those who are picking your pocket in the name of Jesus. Run!

Run from gospels that only focus on self-improvement. Run!

Run from churches where men and not Christ are glorified. Run!

Run Body of Christ, Run! Get out! Don't touch the unclean thing.

Run from churches in America and Canada where there is no Bible. There is no cross in the theology. There is no soul-searching word. There is no repentance from sin. There is no mention of the blood of Jesus. Run! It's unclean. Run!

Run from churches where you are comfortable in your sins. If you come into the house of God and you got sin in your life and your not convicted of it, you are at a table of devils.

Run from pulpits that are filled with political men, who are using the pulpit of God for a personal political agenda. Run!

Run from those who preach division between races and cultures. Run!

Run! Get out! Turn it off! Get away from it!

They know nothing of God.

Run from ungodly spasmodic movements and aimless empty prophesying. Beloved Church, run for your life!

Run from preachers that stand and tell stories and jokes. Run like you've never run before!

RUN!

RUN!

RUN!”

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.”
