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**Mark 13:14-20**

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*15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house:*

*16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.*

*17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!*

*18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.*

*19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.*

*20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.*

This is continuing a part of what we call the Olivet Discourse. Do you remember when you read Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21; when you read different places here, we are talking about the same time. We are talking about the End Time and the things that are going to be happening here on planet earth during the tribulation period.

We talked a few weeks ago, and we are not going to go back over all these things; but as you look at what scriptures teaches us, we know that the church the born again folks, people that are saved; we know that before the tribulation period begins that we are going to leave here. The Bible tells us that. The Bible tells us plainly that God has not appointed unto wrath but to obtain salvation and so forth. So, we know that we are going to leave here.

When we read Revelation 4 and what John saw, we know that we are going to leave here and we are going to go to heaven. Since that is the case, we also know that the Bible speaks about a lot of different things that are going to be happening during Daniel's seventieth week. We read here a few weeks ago in Daniel 9:24-27; that talks about Daniel's seventy weeks and the seventy weeks of prophecy. As I was studying today and yesterday and some other times; I was looking at the time. The time started in 445 BC and it stopped when Jesus died. We got to figuring up days and different things like that and all that was going to happen; I thought that's all good, great and fine to know, but the great thing is that Jesus Christ is coming. He's coming very, very soon. We can figure, I think it is a hundred and seventy-six

thousand days or something between these two times. I could tell you all that and before you get home; you would forget it all. There is no use to waste time on things like that.

What does matter is what Jesus is saying here. The disciples here, they were up on the Mount of Olives. We know that is where they are at. The disciples came and showed Jesus the building of the temple. This is just a few days before He was going to die. He comes and the disciples show Him the building. Jesus said that there is not going to be one stone here that is going to be left upon another that is not going to be thrown down. The disciples said tell us when shall these things be and what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world.

In chapter thirteen and also Matthew 24, Luke 21; Jesus is telling them in these chapters what is going to be taking place. He is giving them some signs to look at and some things to look at that are going to be taking place before this thing all comes to an end.

Keep in mind the events that we are talking about have to do with the tribulation period. It does not have to do with the church age. The question here was by Jewish men. The questions were to a Jewish Rabbi. When you look at all the things that are going to happen here it has to do with Israel. It is going to be affecting the whole world. The time clock that we should be looking at, should be Israel and not the United States. The things that are happening today in the Middle East and the land of Israel are the things that we should be looking at today to know that Jesus Christ appearing is very, very near. We can see some things going on today and we must understand that He is coming very soon.

Again, keep that in mind. The church is leaving here in the rapture. We know that He is going to appear in the clouds. Jesus Christ is going to appear in the clouds. He is going to give a shout with the voice of the arch angel and the trump of God, the dead in Christ is going to be raised first and then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together to meet them in the clouds in the air; so shall we will be with the Lord. That's when we are leaving here. There is going to be untold millions of people here that are not going to go then.

We have been taught all of our lives that when the end of things come is that Jesus is going to come and He is going to take the righteous to heaven and the unsaved; He is going to cast into a lake of fire. There is going to be a big explosion and its going to be all over. The Bible does not teach that at all. It does teach that the saved are going to go to heaven. It does teach that. He's going to take us there. While we are at the marriage supper of the Lamb then we know that all hell is going to break loose here on planet earth. It is going to happen. We may not understand everything. There are many things here that we could look at and talk about. We may not have all the answers, we may not understand but that's okay. The thing we need to understand is that God is going to fulfill His Word and the great thing is that we can go to heaven and miss all this, if we want to.

The last time that we talked about this, we were talking about all the things that were going to take place. We read about how so many people are being deceived today, being deceived in so many different ways. We talked about the wars and the rumors of wars. That's increasing every day. Every day that we live, we hear more about war. We hear more about rumors of wars in different places. If you think that we are ever going to have peace on planet earth, then my friend, we can sign all the

peace treaties that we can sign—this nation with this nation and the nations. We could sign all the peace treaties but that is not going to bring peace. What is going to bring peace is when Jesus Christ rules and reigns then there will be peace in that day and there won't be peace anymore until that day comes.

We are going to have wars and rumors of wars. Not only that but we also talked about the troubles, earthquakes in divers places. We talked about pestilence and death and so forth that are going to take place during this time in history.

Daniel spoke about some things. Daniel, when he wrote his book; even though it was written hundreds of years before Jesus Christ even came; it is a great book and he spoke about a lot of things during the end time. He spoke about how the events were going to unfold and so many things were going to take place here.

*14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains:*

Daniel, when you read the book of Daniel; he used those words. But for us to understand what Daniel is talking about and what Jesus is talking about; let's remember something. When we go back and read in the book of Daniel, during the tribulation period, as the tribulation period begins—when we read Revelation 6:1&2; we see the anti-christ coming on the scene. Remember, we talked about that a few weeks ago. Who he is—I don't have any idea. There a lot of things that I don't know, but he's going to come on the scene as a man of peace. When we talk about the anti-christ; we always want to think that he is going to have big horns and he is going to be real mean. He's going to do some hellacious things on down the road but when he is first introduced to the world he is going to be like a savior. Everybody is going to think that he is going to be the greatest thing that ever came along. The Bible says that the whole world is going to wonder off after him.

The first thing he is going to do is sign a peace treaty with Israel. Daniel said he would. He said that he would sign a peace treaty with them for one week. We know that he will do that—seven years. He is going to sign a peace treaty.

This is being worked on today. if you do any reading at all even in the newspaper today, if you listen any at all to TV; you can hear about what is going on today in Israel. Even our president is trying to convenience Israel to allow or to have two separate states. However the Palestinians live side by side and he wants them to have their own state. That is not going to work. But we are seeing things fall into place here for this to take place.

So, what will happen is that the anti-christ will come on the scene and say, "Hey, I've got the answers. You listen to me. You listen to my policies. You follow me. You do what I tell you to do and then the world situation is going to get a lot better." It will for a while. The first 3 ½ years of tribulation things will look good. If you read in the book, you will find out that craft is going to prosper.

## Daniel 8

*25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.*

What that means is that people are going to work and people are going to have money. It's going to look like that this man that's come riding a white horse, carrying a bow with no arrow; they are going to think that this guy is the savior. The world is going to realize after a while that he is not because they are going to think that this guy is none other than God himself. They are going to think that but that is not the case.

He is going to sign a peace treaty with Israel and all the other nations that are around Israel saying, "Israel, you give us your weapons. You let me have control of your weapons and your army. You let me have control of all that and I will protect you from all these other nations that are around; from Iran, and Syria and Egypt in the south and all the other nations that are around there that is trying to destroy you today. We will sign a peace treaty and you let me have control of your weapons and then I'll protect you. I won't let anyone else come in here and overrun you. I won't let that happen if you will just sign a peace treaty." We know that they sign it. The Bible says they do when you read the book of Daniel. We know that they sign this peace treaty for one week.

However, something happens here towards the middle of tribulation. These verses I've read to you tonight have to do with the middle of tribulation period. It has to do with 3 ½ years after the anti-christ comes on the scene. What he is going to do—Daniel uses the word "the abomination of desolation." When you look at that phrase, do you know what you will find out? Daniel could not have used any words that are stronger to denote something that was detestable, something that was horrible, something that was very loathsome, or something that was just up horrid. Daniel could not have used any words or any form of words or any group of words to make this known of how horrible this time was going to be.

What's going to happen is this. At the beginning of tribulation we know that the Jewish people are going to rebuild their temple. They are gathering their materials now to rebuild their temple now. When I read things and look at things, they are training their priests now to be able to go back and start offering their sacrifices like they did in the Old Testament time. They are getting their materials together. They are getting everything they need together so that they will be able to start doing these things again because the anti-christ is going to give them the okay to rebuild their temple. They are going to do that. They are going to start offering their sacrifices like they did under the Old Testament covenant. But in the middle of the tribulation period the Bible says that he is going to break his covenant, the anti-christ is, with Israel. They get the temple built. They are in there worshiping and offering their sacrifices like they did in the Old Testament. The anti-christ is going to come in. He is going to go right into the holy place where nobody should be except the presence of Almighty God. He is going to go right in there and if you read II Thessalonians 2, you will find out that he goes into the holy

place and that he sits down there and declares himself to be Almighty God. That is what the anti-christ is going to do.

That is what Daniel is talking about that's going to be so detestable, so loathsome, so horrid, and so awful is when this happens that's a horrible thing. The Jewish temple here is a place where Jews worship, not Gentiles. It is a place that was very sacred, the most holy place; the high priest only went in there once a year and he didn't go in there without blood because he knew that's where God met him. That was the place just for God and where God would come down; that's the only place.

The temple here is going to be defiled. When the anti-christ walks in—and I really do think this—the world will see this on national television. It will be broadcast around the world. If you are still yet here, you will be able to see it live because of all the technology that we have today. But he is going to walk in through the veil that is going to be there; he's going to walk up and sit down on the mercy seat that is there and declare "I am almighty god."

Friend listen. You might say well "What's so bad about that?" I will tell you what's so bad about that. Do you know what God will do? God permits and God allows a lot of things for a lot of times, but this world is going to understand who God really is. They are going to know beyond any shadow of a doubt that there is only One God and He sits on the throne in heaven. They are going to know that.

When anti-christ walks in the temple and sits down on the mercy seat that is there and he proclaims world-wide that "I am god" that is when all hell is about to break loose here on planet earth. That's what we are going to talk about tonight.

When these things start unfolding during the last half of tribulation, they are going to unfold quickly. The first half of tribulation I said is going to be a peaceful time. Well, I think it is for the most part. I do think that during the first part of tribulation when you read Revelation 6, and some other places; I think for the most part that probably Russia and the United States—we're gone pretty much right after the tribulation begins because of what we can see and look at there. When anti-christ comes on the scene, it will be a very peaceful time, a time that he's got the answers to the economy. We are looking today everywhere for somebody that has got the answers to fix our world economy.

You turn on the television set. We're looking for some way for somebody to come up with some kind of a plan to fix the world economy. It's about to collapse. Our world economy is on teeter totters just about ready to collapse. We are spending trillions, and trillions of dollars that we don't have. We can't even pay the interest on the interest now. We used to be the greatest lending nation in the world. Today, we are the greatest debtor nation in the world. Do you know why? It is because of poor housekeeping. You can't run a house like that. You can't run a government like that. You can't spend more than you are bringing in. You get in trouble. Don't you? Not only in America, but all the nations in the world; the majority of the nations in the world are in economic catastrophe. They don't know what to do. However, when anti-christ comes on the scene, he is going to have the answers. Not only that but with all the other things going on like our health care systems are about to collapse. Our auto industry is gone and so many other things. If we will look at the whole thing then we will know that our

world is in a mess. Not only that but there's a lot of different things that we can look at but we don't have time to get into that tonight.

What I want you to remember is that when we get to the middle of tribulation, and when the anti-christ goes into the temple and declares himself to be "God" then the last half of tribulation which is called "The Great Tribulation" then things are going to start unfolding quickly. What I read to you a minute ago it says that "in those days there shall be great affliction." [There is going to be] great affliction, great trouble, great problems and not only for the people here in the land of Israel but for the whole world. The whole world is going to be affected by what is going to be taking place here.

Look what happens here. So the abomination of desolation is when the anti-christ walks into the temple, declares himself to be "God." He demands the whole world to worship him as god. That is what is going to bring about the mark of the beast. You've read about that and we will talk about that some other time. The mark that people will receive either in their hand or in their forehead, will probably be some kind of a number system that is already in play today. If you read much about or see much about things today; they are implanting numbers in many people's hands today where all you have to do is scan it and they can tell you how much you have in the bank. They can tell where you live and all kinds of things about you.

On one hand it's a good thing. Today, they talk about implanting little things in children under their skin so that if they get kidnapped or get lost then you can track them with GPS and that's all good, great and fine. However, I wonder if there are not other motives behind all that. They are even doing that to animals now.

The reason that things are going to start real fast is when he declares himself to be god; he demands the entire world to worship him as god. There are going to be some people who are not going to do that. When you read Revelation 7, the Bible tells us that there are going to be 12,000 sealed from each of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. So there is a 144,000 that are going to be sealed. In other words they are going to be chosen. God is going to call them. They are going to go all over the world preaching that the guy that is declaring himself to be god, that is sitting upon the throne in Jerusalem; he is not god. He is the anti-christ. He's an anti-christ. We know that there are many people that are going to give their lives and they are going to be slaughtered and killed. Untold millions are going to be slaughtered and killed during this time because of what is going to take place. When he makes everybody start worshiping him as god and if you don't worship him as god and if you don't receive his mark then you are going to be killed. You are going to be put to death. The sad part about it is that the majority of the people who are going to be living on planet earth will accept him as god.

It's sad. People won't believe the truth today. They won't believe that there is a True Christ. There is a One and Only real God. Do you know what they are going to believe? They are going to believe this guy. He's going to have great power. He's going to be able to call fire down from heaven. He's going to be able to perform miracles. He's going to be able to do a lot of different things. People won't accept Jesus Christ by faith. They want to look at something. Just because someone can call fire down from

heaven does not mean that guy is godly. That's the book. That's truth. That is the "abomination of desolation."

Mark 13

*14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains:*

"Standing where it ought not" means that he is standing in a place that he ought not to be standing. He's standing in the temple. He's in the most holy place, the place that has been designated for Almighty God. That's where God would come down and meet between the cherubims on the mercy seat. That's where God would meet. God should be the only One in there, but when he goes in there, he desecrates the place and that's why Daniel says what he says here.

*14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains:*

"...then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains" when anti-christ declares himself to be god and he demands the entire world to worship him as god. Jesus said here—He is talking to Jewish people. He is not talking to people in Lawrence County, Ohio. He's not even talking to America. He says "...then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains." Do you know why Jesus said that? It is because Jesus knew what was about to transpire. He knew about the devastation and all the calamity and everything that is just about to take place; Jesus knew what was going to happen here. Therefore, He says "get out. When you see this fellow walk into the temple and walk behind the veil and declare himself to be god and tells everyone to worship him as god..."—He says "get out." Get out. Get out. Get out. This is because He knew that things were going to be terrible and He also knew that things were going to start happening quickly.

I don't know whether we know much about the weather in Israel or not. Weather in some parts of the land is nice weather. However, there are mountainous ranges in the land of Israel where they get snow and it gets cold. As I said many times before, there are all kinds of lime stone in this place. I don't know whether you know much about lime stone or not but lime stone is a hard rock and there are all kinds of fortresses built in these different places. When we read the Old Testament we know that they had different cities of refuge that they could go to for different things. They are going to flee to the mountains. Israel is commanded "get out." When you see that happen then "get out of here and get to the mountains." Again, they could survive a lot longer there. They would be a lot better protected in the mountains because of the terrain and the different things that are there.

*15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house:*

Jesus is telling these folks how quick things are going to go downhill. He says here if you are even out on the housetop here—the roofs over there were flat. They would use them like we do our porches. They had a stairs that went up the outside or somewhere to the roof. They set up there like we use porches. Jesus said, “When you see this happen, don’t even go back inside your house to get anything out. Just get out of town. Get out of town because things are going to get real bad quickly.”

*16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.*

In other words, if you go out in the field working and you have left your outer garment, your coat in the house—don’t go back there. When you see, when this event takes place get out of here because things are going to start going downhill real quick.

I wish we could understand today. Again, it’s urgency. Jesus said this thing is urgent. When you see this happen then you don’t have any time to sit around and wait. It’s time to go. It’s time to leave here because of everything that is going to take place.

I wish that our un-saved today could see how urgent things really are and how close that we are to the return of Jesus Christ. It is very close. We don’t know the day or the hour. If somebody tells you they do then they are lying to you because they don’t know. We can’t set dates because we don’t know. You don’t even have to be a Bible scholar to know. Just look at what the Bible teaches about some very simple things and when we look at the news and read the news paper; we have to know that Jesus Christ is coming very soon. That should be (not a warning, necessarily, for those that are saved) but that should be something that would energize us. That should be something that would energize us because you’ve got family that is dying lost. Some of you may have children. Some of you may have husbands or wives, mommies and daddies or whoever; we have got people dying.

I was thinking about this today. I know its summer time. I understand that but I don’t know why we lose so much of our zeal because of warm weather. I don’t know what that does. Maybe it does something to our brain. I don’t know what it does. I really don’t know. However, when it is cold outside and we can’t get outside to do anything and we are all fired up and ready to go and want to do something. But just as soon as the weather breaks and the grass starts growing then it seems like we just sort of melt away. I’m going to tell you what’s wrong. We have our mind focused on other things. That’s what happens. I wish that we could understand the urgency of Jesus Christ return because it is very near. I know people say “Well, I have heard that all of my life.” That’s true. However, you are a whole lot closer than you were fifty years ago. That’s true but here’s the thing about it. We may die tonight. Jesus Christ may not come for another year, five years or ten years. You may die or I may die tonight. Then we are going to be standing before Almighty God.

*17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!*

What He is talking about here is this. To those the women who are pregnant and to those who are nursing their children. It’s going to be hard for them to travel. A lot of these places that you have to go to you have to walk to get there. They just don’t jump in their hummer and drive. A lot of these places that they are going to be fleeing to is very rough country and you have to walk to get there. If you are a

pregnant woman trying to walk up these mountains and these paths, it is not going to be a good thing. It is going to be difficult. If you have a nursing baby it is going to be difficult. He is saying pray about that. That is what He is saying.

*18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.*

He says pray that your flight be not in winter. Again, there are areas in the land of Israel over towards the coast and over towards the Mediterranean Sea that they have nice weather. However, there are places here in these mountains that get very cold. It snows. That is why He is saying here the women who are pregnant or nursing children with small babies then walking into some of these places is going to be a hard time. That is why He is saying that.

*19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.*

He says "get out." This starts the last half of the tribulation period. When you read Revelation 6 through 19; you can't even imagine the devastation that is going to take place during that time. The wars, the devastations, the pestilence, the outbreaks of all kinds of disease...

We had a little scare here recently with the swine flu. When they first started talking about the swine flu they thought it was going to be a whole lot greater thing than what it was going to be. Don't misunderstand it's been bad and there have been a lot of people who have died. However, it has not gone to the scope that they thought it was going to be. War brings famine. War brings disease or plagues because of all the things. When you look at what radiation does, when you look at what nuclear war will do and what nuclear fall-out does to people [you can see the devastation. If you have ever read anything about what happened to people when they dropped the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki then you can see some of them that survived then you can see how devastated that you can be by this stuff. When we saw this thing...a few years ago when the reactor blew up in Russia, it brings turmoil. It brings disaster. It brings death on a scale like we have never seen before.

We can read in the scriptures about when one of the seals are opened when one of the vials are opened that all the green grass is going to be burned up. We can read about all the waters becoming bitter or becoming...Do you remember reading that? Do you remember about one third of the population dies when the one of the vials are poured out. When one of the bowls is poured out then another third of the population is destroyed. What I am trying to tell you is that please if you ever thought about making things right with God then you had better be doing it today. I want you to understand the urgency of what is going to happen. Because if you don't and you put it off, you may be sitting here, you may be sitting in your home, you may one of the billions of people that may be sitting and watching TV when anti-christ declares himself to be almighty god.

The God of heaven is not a man like you and I are man. He is a spirit, my friend. He is not going to walk into Jerusalem during the middle of tribulation and declaring himself to be god. He is going to one day but not during the middle of tribulation here.

*19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.*

You can picture in your mind the worst thought that you have ever had or the worst thing that you have ever seen and I don't know how many times that you would have to magnify that to compare to the things that are going to be happening here during the tribulation period. There will be suffering like man has ever known before and suffering on scale that has never been known before.

*19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.*

Jesus Christ said that. "...shall be affliction..." like has never happened upon planet earth. That is what it says right there.

*19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.*

In other words He has saying "that never has been nor will ever be again as bad as it is going to be in this last half of tribulation." This last 3 ½ years is when God Almighty is pouring His wrath out upon an unbelieving world. Do you know what? You would think that when we have earthquakes, typhoons, tidal waves—we've seen some of these things and we've seen hundreds of thousands of people die. However, you have not seen anything yet. This world has not seen anything yet. Earthquakes are very devastating thing. In the last 20 years they have been increasing not only in number but also in intensity. In the last 20 years if you look at the storms, hurricanes, tornadoes, not only are they increasing in number but they are increasing in intensity. Do you know why? It is because Jesus Christ is coming, my friend. He's coming and he's coming very soon.

All the things that are happening are pointing us to the fact that Jesus Christ is coming soon. The Bible says this.

*20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.*

Here is what is going to happen. During the last half of tribulation, I really think that in the first half of tribulation, right at the beginning of tribulation that we are going to have a nuclear exchange between us and probably Russia. I really do believe that. During the last half of tribulation, this world...when you read the devastation that has happened with what the Bible talks about then we have to know that we are going to use the nuclear weapons that we have got. We have enough nuclear weapons to destroy the world over a thousand times. We are going to use those weapons. We are going to use chemical and biological weapons or this world is. When you read the things that are going to be happening and the suffering that is going to be taking place with all the plagues and the things are going to be happening then they are going to be using these things during the tribulation period.

Jesus makes the statement here...

*20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.*

“...except that the Lord had shortened those days...” Do you know what that means? If Jesus Christ did not come back at the end of tribulation period here and put a stop to mankind and what they are doing with all the devastation and all the war; He says here “they would destroy themselves.”

That’s a big fear of man today. People are going to destroy themselves. You don’t have to worry about that. You don’t have to worry about men destroying this world. This place belongs to God. I know man is going to blow it up. I know that there is going to be all kinds of devastation and all kinds of things that are going to happen but the end result when it all is said and done, when it is all gone it’s going to be by the Word of Almighty God. Peter says that. We understand that.

*20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.*

That doesn’t mean spiritually saved. He is talking about flesh as you and I; we would all be gone, every human being that was alive on planet earth during tribulation period would perish if Jesus Christ did not come back and stop things because He has a plan.

What I want us to think about today is this; are you ready? Are you ready to meet Jesus Christ in the air? Are you saved? Are you born again? Do you know beyond any shadow of a doubt that you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? If you don’t know that friend, then I plead with you with everything that I have got to make things right with God.

Find you a place to pray. Ask Jesus Christ into your life. You will not have to worry about all the things that are going to happen. If you don’t and you say that “I don’t believe that and I am just going to take my chances on down the road,” I would not do that if I were you because you are going to end up on the losing end of this thing. The only place that is left for mankind when they reject Jesus Christ is a lake of fire. There is no middle ground. There is no purgatory. It does not matter what our major religions and this world teaches. There is no purgatory. There is heaven and there is a lake of fire. There are no gray areas. There is no middle ground. There is no place where good sinners and bad sinners go. If you are lost you go to a lake of fire. If you are saved you go to heaven.

It is not about being a member of a church. It is not about being baptized necessarily. It is about “Have I been born again?”

Have I asked Jesus Christ into my life to forgive me of my sins?

Am I His child?

That is all that is going to make any difference. I know people who have went to church all of their life, but if they don’t change then they are going to be lost. You can’t reject Jesus Christ and go to heaven. It is your call.