

Sermon #2373 — Miscellaneous Sermons

Title: **FALSE CHRISTS AND THE TRUE**

Text: Matthew 24:4-31

Subject: *Identifying the Christ of God*

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Reading: *1 John 2:18-28; 4:1-4; 5:1-21*

(1 John 2:18-28) “Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, **even now are there many antichrists;** whereby we know that it is the last time. (19) **They went out from us, but they were not of us;** for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. (20) **But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.** (21) I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. (22) **Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.** (23) Whosoever denieth the Son, the same

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hath not the Father: (*but*) *he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.* (24) Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. (25) And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even eternal life.* (26) **These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.** (27) But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. (28) And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.”

(1 John 4:1-4) “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits** whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into

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the world. (2) **Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:** (3) And **every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist,** whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. (4) Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

(1 John 5:1-21) “**Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God:** and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. (2) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. (3) For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. (4) For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that

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overcometh the world, *even* our faith. (5) **Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?** (6)

This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. (7) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. (8) And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. (9) If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. (10) **He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.**

(11) And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (12) He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (13) **These**

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things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. —

—— (19) *And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. (20) And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. **This is the true God, and eternal life.** (21) **Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.**”*

INTRODUCTION

*“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.” — “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.” **Salvation is yours if you trust the Son of God.** — “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”*

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- His obedience alone is righteousness.
- His blood alone is atonement.
- His grace alone is salvation.

(John 17:3) “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”

Do you know the Christ? Do you trust the Christ of God? Who is he? Is the Christ you trust the Christ of God, or is he an imposter? Do you trust Christ, or antichrist? Let’s read what the Christ of God tells us in Matthew 24, asking God the Holy Ghost to make the Christ known to us and give us faith in him.

(Matthew 24:4-31) “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. (5) For **many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.** (6) And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but **the end is not yet.**

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(7) For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. (8) **All these are the beginning of sorrows.** (9) Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. (10) And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. (11) And **many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.** (12) And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. (13) But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. (14) **And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.** (15) When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)** (16) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: (17) Let him which is on the

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housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: (18) Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. (19) And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! (20) But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: (21) For **then shall be great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. (22) And **except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened**. (23) Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not. (24) For **there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect**. (25) Behold, I have told you before. (26) Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not. (27) For **as the lightning cometh**

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out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (28) For **wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.**

(29) Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: (30) And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (31) **And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**”

The Lord Jesus here warns us, plainly and repeatedly, that in the last days, the days in which we now live, many false Christs would appear, that

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many would claim to be Christ who are impostors, false Christs, and deceivers, and that many false prophets would arise pointing us to these false Christs, saying, “*Lo, here is Christ, or there.*”

As you care for your soul, as you care for the souls of your family, as you care for the souls of perishing men and women, and as you care for the truth of God and the glory of God, I urge you to hear the words of the Son of God and give earnest heed to that which is written in our text.

The title of my message is — **FALSE CHRISTS AND THE TRUE**. The fact is, there are many false Christs, many antichrists, by whom the souls of men are deceived and damned. I want to be as charitable, kind, and gracious as I can; but charity, kindness, and grace will not allow me to be silent while immortal souls are deceived and God’s glory is trampled beneath the feet of men.

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Proposition: If you trust a false Christ you cannot be saved any more than you could be saved by trusting a tadpole.

We are called of God to trust, love, follow, and obey the Christ of God and him only. Salvation is promised to none but those who trust the Christ. Therefore, we are warned in our text to “*Take heed that no man deceive (us).*” We must take heed to the teachings of Holy Scripture, lest we be deceived by some false Christ.

LIBERALS’ CHRIST

We know about the Christ of the liberals. He was a social do-gooder. “Of course,” we are told, “he is not God.” The virgin birth, the incarnation, the resurrection, are all things that must be understood allegorically. In fact, the Christ of the liberals is considered by many to be a man of very questionable moral character. Any who are deceived by liberal theology and the Christ of the liberals are willingly

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deceived. We are not deceived by the Christ of the liberals. **Only a prating fool would pretend to be a Christian while teaching what liberals do concerning Christ.** The Christ of the liberals is a false Christ. All who trust the Christ of the liberals are lost.

CULT CHRIST

We also know about the Christ of the various cults.

- Mormon Christ
- Jehovah Witness Christ

He is represented to us as a good man, a prophet, a teacher of morality, the first and greatest creation of God, a great spirit, a divine idea, or even a sort of secondary god. But the Christ of the cults is never represented as the true and eternal God. Their Christ receives his existence from another god, one who is greater than he is. This, of course, is not the Christ of the Bible. We are not deceived by him. The Christ of the cults is a false Christ. All who trust the Christ of the cults are lost.

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POPE'S CHRIST

We know about papists' Christ, the Christ of Roman Catholicism. The papists profess that Jesus Christ is God, that he came into the world as a man, that he suffered the wrath of God as a substitute for sinners, that he died, was buried, rose again the third day, ascended back to heaven, and that he is coming again. But the Christ of Romanism is not a complete Savior. The Christ of Rome cannot save sinners without their own good works, the intercessions of priests, and the sacraments of the church. The Christ of Rome is not the Christ of the Bible. We are not deceived by him. Though many are damned by the darkness of Roman Catholic idolatry, that is not a danger and deception by which any of us or of our children are likely to be deceived. The Christ of the papists, we know, is a false Christ. All who trust the Christ of Rome are lost.

ANOTHER CHRIST

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However, there is a false Christ much more dangerous than the antichrists of the liberals, the cults, and the papists. There is a false Christ by whom the souls of men have been deceived for years, by whom millions are being deceived today. In fact, I am compelled to say, **the vast majority of those who profess faith in Christ are followers of this false Christ who will ultimately lead them to eternal ruin.** This Christ, this antichrist, is such a dangerous and deceptive Christ, that our Lord tells us he would deceive the very elect, were it not impossible for God's elect to be deceived (Matthew 24:24). **He must be identified. The Christ I speak of is the Christ of Arminian, freewill, works religion.**

Few think that I am uncharitable when I denounce the false Christs of liberals, cults, and papists as antichrists and warn men that following those false Christs will result in everlasting damnation. Yet, whenever I boldly assert that the Christ of Arminian,

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freewill, works religion is a false Christ and that all who trust him are lost, I am castigated as an evil man. Be that as it may, **I am here to warn all who will hear me of the danger of this antichrist.**

The Christ of Arminian, freewill, works religion is extremely dangerous because in many ways he appears to be the true Christ. The freewillers and workmongers of this age tell us that Christ is the true God, in every way equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. They even assert that he saves by grace alone, without the work of man. They insist vehemently that good works play no part in their salvation. The devotees of this Christ will have nothing to do with the Christ of the liberals, the cults, or the papists. But watch out! *“Take heed that no man deceive you!”* Do not be fooled. **The Christ of Arminian, freewill, works religion is not the Christ of the Bible. He is a false Christ. All who trust this false Christ are lost, too.**

FIVE COMPARISONS

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I want to make five comparisons of the false Christ of modern religion, the Christ of Arminian, freewill, works religion, with the Christ of the Bible. When I am done with these five comparisons, I have no doubt that you will see the obvious distinctions between **FALSE CHRISTS AND THE TRUE.**

WANTS TO SAVE

1st — **The false Christ of modern, freewill, works religion loves everyone in the universe and wants to save them.** We are told that Christ loves all men alike, desires the salvation of all men alike, and is gracious to all men alike. That makes the love, will, and grace of Christ helpless and useless. But that language cannot be applied to the Christ of the Bible.

The true Christ, the Christ of the Bible, the saving Christ loves his people, wills and prays for the salvation of his people, and is gracious to his people, the people unconditionally chosen unto

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salvation from eternity, whom he came to save

(Psalms 7:11; 11:5; Matthew 1:21; 11:25-27; John 10:16; 17:9-10; Acts 13:48; Romans 9:13-24; Ephesians 1:3-6).

(Psalm 7:11) “God is angry *with the wicked* every day.”

(Psalm 11:5) “The wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.”

(Matthew 1:21) “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

(Matthew 11:25-27) “At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. (26) Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. (27) All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and

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no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him*.”

(John 10:16) “And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.”

(John 17:9-10) “I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. (10) And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.”

(Acts 13:48) “And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.”

(Romans 9:13-24) “As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. (14) What shall we

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say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? God forbid. (15) For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. (16) So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. (17) For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. (18) Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth. (19) Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? (20) Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus? (21) Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? (22) *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much

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longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: (23) And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, (24) Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?”

(Ephesians 1:3-6) “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: (4) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, (6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”

TRIES TO SAVE

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2nd — **The Christ of modern, freewill, works religion tries to save everyone.** We are told that he offers salvation to every sinner and does everything he can to save them all; but that his offer is rejected and his work is frustrated by the will of those who refuse to come to him and be saved.

The Christ of the Bible does not merely offer salvation. He performs it! Grace is not an offer. It is an operation! The Son of God effectually calls to himself all his elect, his sheep, and sovereignly works salvation in them by the irresistible power and grace of his Holy Spirit. Not one of them will be lost.

— **Is this, or is it not the teaching of Holy Scripture?**

(Psalm 65:4) “Blessed *is the man whom* thou choolest, and causest to approach *unto thee, that* he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, *even of thy holy temple.*”

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(Psalm 110:3) “Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.”

(Isaiah 55:11) “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.”

(John 5:21) “For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.”

(John 6:37-40) “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. (38) For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. (39) And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing,

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but should raise it up again at the last day. (40) And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”

(John 10:3) “To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.”

(John 10:25-30) “Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father’s name, they bear witness of me. (26) But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. (27) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: (28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. (29) My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father’s hand. (30) I and *my* Father are one.”

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(John 17:2) “As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”

(Philippians 2:13) “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.”

(Romans 9:16) “So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.”

CANNOT SAVE

3rd — **The false Christ of Arminianism cannot regenerate and save anyone who does not first choose to be saved by him.** We are told that man has a freewill, but that Christ’s will is bound by and must wait upon man’s will, because it would not be right for him to violate man’s will!

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The true, saving Christ does violate man's imaginary freewill; and I am very thankful that he does.

Had he not violated my freewill, I would be lost or in hell now! The same is true of you. He sovereignly regenerates and saves every chosen, redeemed sinner. His operations of grace are totally independent of the will and choice of the sinner.

Apart from his work of grace in us, spiritually dead sinners never would or could believe on him and come to him in faith. Faith is not our contribution to the work of salvation. Our faith in him is the result, not the cause of God's saving operations.

(John 3:3-7) “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (4) Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? (5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,

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he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”

(John 6:44) “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”

(John 6:65) “And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.”

(John 15:16) “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”

(Acts 11:18) “When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying,

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Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.”

(Romans 2:4) “Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?”

(Romans 9:16) “So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.”

(Ephesians 2:1-4) “And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins; (2) Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: (3) Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. (4) But

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God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.”

(Ephesians 2:8-10) “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast. (10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

(Philippians 1:6) “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ.”

(Colossians 2:12) “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”

(Hebrews 12:2) “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that

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was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

DIED IN VAIN

4th — **The false Christ of modern, Arminian, freewill, works, man-centered religion died on the cross for everyone in the world, to make it possible for everyone in the world to be saved, but actually secured no one's salvation by his death.**

We are told that Christ by his death made it possible for all men to be redeemed, justified, and saved, but that his death has no efficacy and saving power for anyone until they believe on him. Thus, we are informed that the Son of God died in vain for all who perish in unbelief. Though he tried to save them, he failed

Let me give you a direct quote from **Noel Smith**. Mr. Smith was my first theology professor. He taught biblical interpretation and theology at Baptist Bible

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College in Springfield, MO. He was my professor there when I was eighteen years old. **As he endeavored to describe hell, this is what he wrote...**

“What is hell? It is an infinite negation. And it is more than that. I tell you, and I say it with profound reverence, hell is a ghastly monument to the failure of the triune God to save the multitudes who are there. I say it reverently. I say it with every nerve of my body tense. Sinners go to hell because God almighty himself couldn’t save them! He did everything he could. He failed!”

If Christ suffered the agony of the cross for all, and all are not saved, he shall never see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. What is this, but a denial of Christ’s deity? Universal atonement is an absolute, denial of Christ’s deity.

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The Christ of God is not a frustrated failure! He died for God's elect and effectually put away our sins by the sacrifice of himself. Having satisfied the justice of God for us, he obtained eternal salvation for us. We were and are forever pardoned, justified, and sanctified by his blood.

(Isaiah 53:8) "He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken."

(Matthew 20:28) "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

(John 10:14-15) "I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine. (15) As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep."

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(John 10:26) “But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.”

(Acts 20:28) “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

(Romans 5:9-10) “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. (10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.”

(Ephesians 5:25) “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.”

(Hebrews 9:12) “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in

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once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us.*”

(Hebrews 10:10-14) “By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all.* (11) And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: (12) But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; (13) From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. (14) For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”

(1 Peter 3:18) “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.”

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5th — **The false Christ of Arminianism loses many who have been saved by him because they do not hang on, hold out, or persevere to the end.** Among the heretical Baptists of our day, some do grant that the sinner has what has come to be called “eternal security.” But it is not security based upon the will, work, and purpose of God in Christ. It is not security based upon the blood of Christ, or the operations of his Spirit. According to the freewiller, all these things are done for all people alike. So, their doctrine of “eternal security” is a declaration of security based upon the choice and will and work of man, not the choice and will of God.

The true Christ, the saving Christ, the Christ of the Bible preserves his chosen, redeemed, called ones by his almighty grace, so that they cannot fall away and perish at last.

- Kept Before He Saved Us (Jude 1)
- Kept After He Saved Us
- Kept Now
- Kept Forever

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We are kept in life, grace, and faith by...

- The Immutability of His Will.
- The Power of His Blood.
- The Efficacy of His Grace.
- The Seal of His Spirit.
- The Perfection of His Intercession.
- Through Faith.

(Malachi 3:6) “For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

(John 5:24) “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”

(John 10:26-29) “But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. (27) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they

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follow me: (28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. (29) My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand."

(Romans 8:28-39) "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. (29) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. (30) Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. (31) What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? (32) He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? (33) Who shall lay any thing to the

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charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth. (34) Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. (35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (36) As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. (37) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (38) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, (39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

(1 Peter 1:2-5) “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and

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sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. (3) Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, (5) Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

(Jude 1:24-25) “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, (25) To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”

APPLICATION

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At first glance, the Christ of modern, Arminian, freewill, works religion may seem to closely resemble the true Christ, the Christ of Scripture, the Christ of God; but he does not.

- The one is a false Christ, antichrist. The other is true, the Christ of God.
- One is weak and helpless, waiting upon and bowing to the will of man. The other is the sovereign Lord, who wills what he pleases and does what he will!
- The one is supposed to be able to save with your co-operation. The other is able to save without any co-operation on your part. His salvation produces your co-operation!

Those who believe on and serve the false Christ of freewill, works religion do not believe on and serve the Christ of the Bible. They are deceived.

They are lost. And they shall forever perish under the wrath of God, unless they come to know and trust the Christ of God, who saves his people from their sins by himself.

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Let us have no fellowship with and give no credibility to Arminian, freewill, works religion (2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1).

(2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1) “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (15) And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? (16) And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (17) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, (18) And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. (1) Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved,

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let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

We must, in these days of darkness, deception, and delusion, proclaim the Christ of God in all his saving fullness, grace, and glory. He alone is able to save to save to the uttermost all who come to God by him (Romans 1:15-17).

(Romans 1:15-17) “So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. (16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (17) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”

Let us ever adore, praise, and extol the Lord Jesus Christ alone and completely as our great Savior (Isaiah 59:16).

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(Isaiah 59:16) “And he saw that *there was* no man, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.”

(Psalm 115:1) “Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth’s sake.”

Amen.