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*Vatican System: Murdered Pope*

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Larry Wessels. Hello, this is Larry Wessels, Director of Christian Answers of Austin, TX, Christian Debater Ministries. I'm pleased to introduce to my audience a dear brother in the Lord, Richard Bennett, Director of Berean Beacon Ministries, an outreach to Roman Catholics.

Richard Bennett. It is great to be here, Larry.

Larry. For people that don't know you, you were a Roman Catholic priest for 22 years, is that right? Please give us a short account of your life.

Richard. Yes, I was a Catholic priest for 22 years. I was a Catholic altogether for 48 years having grown up in Dublin, Ireland and I was trained very early on in my education in what we call secondary and elementary education by the Jesuits, and then I decided to become a Catholic priest and I spent eight years in preparation. It was a novitiate year and then six years to ordination when I was ordained a priest in Dublin, Ireland in 1963, and then one year in Rome, eight years in all, and I spent 21 years in Trinidad, West Indies as a parish priest carrying out the work of a priest. I had the best academic training you could get finishing up in the city of Rome itself near the Vatican, and I really had a desire to bring Catholics to what we thought was a way of being right with God so that they could get to purgatory and then they finally could get to heaven, and I was grateful doing penances and sacrifices, and then I was very devout in Trinidad, baptizing babies and hearing people's confessions and doing all the sacraments.

It was in 1972 I had a very serious accident where I was treated, unconscious after the serious accident and then after that time when I got out of the hospital in the sanitarium, I began searching in the Bible for what is true. That took me 14 years of comparing the Bible to Catholicism before I realized that I was dead in trespasses and sins and it was by grace alone that we are saved. One night I got on the floor in my house and I cried out to

God for faith and his grace to save a wretch like me, dead in trespasses and sins, and he gloriously did that.

It was about two months afterwards, I very reluctantly left the Catholic Church because my prayer after I was right with God, my biblical salvation was that I could really love Catholics and give them the real true Gospel of grace, that it is grace alone, faith alone, and in Christ alone. But then in prayer over those two months after I was saved, the Lord showed me that I could best serve him and love Catholics if I left actually the priesthood and the Catholic Church and reached out to Catholics nonetheless, and I did that, I left the priesthood in 1985 and reached the States in 1986, and I just prayed and prayed that I would have a love for Catholics to reach out. I thank the Lord that after one year as a missionary in China, I was able to start the ministry that I now have called [beranbeacon.org](http://beranbeacon.org). It is to show Catholics the real truth of where salvation is in a person not in any Church and is by God's grace not by any ritual that any Church does.

So this has been really wonderful I've seen priests saved, I saw two priests in Poland, you know, through our ministry we have a Polish webpage besides many other languages and of course in English and I thank God that I have seen God's grace poured out and that is my heart's desire, Larry, that Catholics would know the truth and that evangelicals in this very false ecumenical age would see the differences. I have a very interesting article on the webpage, "Are Catholics Christians," and we've had tremendous response to that, evangelicals whose eyes have been opened in reading that article. So it's with love for Catholics and to show the truth of Christ Jesus that God would be glorified and many many souls saved particularly Catholic to the glory of his name.

Larry. Outstanding. That was a wonderful testimony, Richard, could you just real briefly tell us about the you've written some books and you've already mentioned your ministry but what are these books you've written and how can people find them?

Richard. Yes, I have written or edited, written some and edited others, and they have been amazing. I just thank God. Our most well-known book is "Far from Rome, near to God: the testimonies of 50 converted Catholic priests." Since 1994 that book has sold steadily across the world in English and in other languages and it's on the third edition now. And the other book that has my heart really displayed and my love for Catholics is the book I've written about Catholicism called "Catholicism East of Eden: insights into Catholicism for the 21st century." This book is published by Banner of Truth Trust like the book of the 50 testimonies of former priests and I thank God for that because the Lord has used that book and brought many Catholics to himself by that book. The other book that my heart was in in editing together with Mary Hertel is a book called "The truth set us free: 20 former nuns tell their stories," and that book has been used mightily of the Lord as well and I thank God for those women most of whom are still alive and active in reaching out to Catholics themselves and it is just a wonderful testimony of God's grace. And the the other book I've written is called "On the wings of grace alone," I've edited that and that is just 30 ordinary Catholics and what we call lay Catholics and how the Lord brought them to salvation. That is a an amazing book too.

How can you obtain these books? Well go to our web page [bereanbeacon.org](http://bereanbeacon.org) and just go to the folder on the left hand side, "books," and when you click on that it gives all the details of how you can get those books.

Larry. Outstanding. Well, Richard, we're gonna go into showing people your videos now here across particularly our audience on YouTube but many people don't know that you and me go to the same church here in Austin, Texas, so it gives me a special opportunity to be around you a lot just so we can do ministry work. But anyway, I want to thank you for allowing us to post your videos on the internet through YouTube and other internet servers.

Richard. Praise God and may souls be saved and the Lord glorified, amen and amen.

Larry. Amen.

The Cunning System of the Vatican.

Richard Bennett. We are going to address a topic that is quite difficult because it is truly startling. Just recently, June, 2015, it has been announced from the Vatican that it is warning people across the globe of the catastrophic global warming that is taking place and that it calls for an ethical and economic revolution. It insists, the Vatican insists that the destruction of the world's ecological system calls for changes in lifestyle and energy consumption to avert unprecedented destruction of the planet before the end of the century, so the Vatican insists, and this command that goes out by the Vatican that energy is to be conserved and that everything is to be done so the planet is not destroyed by the end of the century, is typical of the commands and instructions that the Vatican gives many times throughout history. It's become so much a fact of life that people don't notice that this Church which is also a civil system, dictates to the world. It has become so accepted, as it were, and this is not acceptable whatsoever. Actually, the whole system of the Catholic structure is so alarming that an exposure of its system is essential and thus we have a biblical and historical analysis of the system today in this video.

In dealing with the papal system, we must remember that those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Many Christian people indeed evangelical churches are totally ignorant of the genius of the Vatican procedures and so I ask you to make this video known to your friends and family and if possible to have it displayed on internet webpages. You'll be able to find it's url easily and have it displayed on webpages of friends you know or churches that you know.

The world today is enamored by Pope Francis whether it's on television, the internet, YouTube, or whether it's a news item that you're listening to on the radio. The world is enamored by Pope Francis. What people do not realize is the platform from which Francis speaks. Jorge Mario Bergoglio, his name when he was in Argentina, would be totally unknown to the world were it not for the papal system, the platform from which he speaks or the stage on which he acts.

The papal system is unrivaled in the world. It's massive. It's institutional. It's a religious system which is also a civil system, yet it appears friendly and inviting. It's immensely deceptive. It has immense wealth and worldwide dominion and it dictates its faith to millions. In fact, on the books there's over a billion Catholics alone besides the influence that the papal system has on other people of the world. It's the largest organization on earth and it shows superb skill in all its endeavors.

The papal system is an elitist bureaucratic machine. It is so powerful that even the pope himself must conform to what the system says or face its consequences. An example of this is the murder of John Paul I in 1978, only 33 days after his election. Cardinal Ratzinger, as he was called at the time, said on Zenit, the Catholic news agency website, "His death was totally unexpected." John Paul I seemed to enjoy good health and Ratzinger should know because he had known him personally inside the Vatican, and Ratzinger would have known because he was well-versed in Church history, he would have known of the abnormal deaths of many other popes.

For example, other popes were murdered besides John Paul I and I would recommend David Yallop's book, you'll see a picture of the cover on the screen, "The murder of John Paul I, an investigation into the murder." That book has been well-known and still sells very well even secondhand copies, "The murder of John Paul I." But there's other murders. For example, in history Stephen VII in 897 he died, he was strangled to death. And Stephen IX in 972 was mutilated. Then we have John XII in 964. He was just murdered. And Benedict VI was strangled in 974. And John XIV in 984 was starved to death. Gregory V in 999, was poisoned. Clement II in 1047 also was poisoned. Damasus II was murdered in 1048. And Pope Pius XI, 1939, was allegedly assassinated. Then later in our own times in 2013, Ratzinger who was then Pope Benedict XVI appears to have been forced to resign or else face the consequences. So it's interesting, even the popes themselves are dictated to by the system. Very few people realize and these historical deaths and murders and strangulation and poisoning of popes in previous times is quite interesting.

We now must see some more history, we must have an overview of the history of the papal system. In the fourth and fifth century, great persecutions against Christians were over and the Emperor Constantine made Christianity the religion of the Roman Empire and thus at this time the Gospel was watered down and practices were accumulated until what was called the Church that were really pagan practices, and some Gnostic speculations. The true worship of God and the inner conviction of the Holy Spirit and walking in step with the Holy Spirit, knowing the personal love of the Father in salvation in Christ, these things were replaced by worldliness and a worldly system of externalized rituals and so gradually what had been Christian became more and more devoid of authentic spiritual experience.

We had true churches at the time such as the Vaudois, quite well-known in history. The Vaudois had to flee Rome and go to the Alps, to northern Italy going into France. The Vaudois, later known as the Waldensians after Peter Waldo, one of the more famous of the Vaudois, they were real Christian people and they saw that this system that was

growing was not Christianity. Later on they were persecuted by the Church of Rome and some of those horrific persecutions where popes sent forth armies and people to destroy those people is real sad history.

We also had the Palitian churches at that time, true Christian churches and they realized what was growing in Rome and having its influence to other parts of the world from Rome was not biblical. It was a system that became in time a persecutor of those who were true Christians and that is a whole story in itself and we'll touch on that later on.

At the beginning of the New Testament times, the Gospel had produced internal unity. The fellowship of believers is wonderful when you're in a Christian assembly and you know Christ Jesus the Lord and you partake of the fellowship of brothers and sisters in the Lord. It's a wonderful experience. It's not only an experience of the presence of God in your midst and your praise and worship of him in Christ Jesus by the power of the Spirit, but the fellowship of the believers who are the body of Christ, it is, as it were, Christ is, as it were, tangible as you meet the believers in the fellowship of the believers. It is just wonderful but this now was replaced in what was becoming the Rome system by an institutionalized, an external unity but with no internal spiritual experience, and then there grew up in this system a clergy/laity division. Soon it was that the people, the laicus which means the people of God in Greek, they were not just the people of God and one of them was maybe an elder learning to lead the people of God, no there became a split, that there was a ruling class, a clergy, and the lower class, the laity, and so it was that we had men who were later to call themselves priests lording it over the people who were under them and these men calling themselves priests began to mediate between God and the people. So the fellowship of the believers no longer existed in the system. It was an external unity and it was now dominated by men who were called bishops and priests, and so it was that this system developed.

In the year 330, those of you who know history know that the Emperor Constantine moved the seat of the Empire from Rome to Constantinople and so Rome no longer had the leader of the Empire, the Emperor who was, as it were, the Caesar, going back to the Caesars. He was, the Emperor was now taking the place of Caesar but it no longer had the Emperor in Rome and this created, as it were, a vacuum that there was no authority figure in Rome. There was a foothold set, as it were, for this system to come in with its head, the bishop of Rome, to become the dictator, as it were, in Rome. And so it was in the system, the bishop of Rome and those under him called priests lording over the people underneath them. It became the religion of the city of Rome.

Now if you know anything about history, you know that the barbarians, hordes of barbarians like the Vandals were coming into Rome and the bishop of Rome would call upon these barbarians not to do vandalism, not to devastate the city but to be welcomed into the city and they would be welcomed also into what they called the Christian Church, which was not Christian. They were welcomed as they were, just as they were into the Church. They were baptized and accepted into the system and so we had many of those barbarians now accepted as if they were Christians with no change of life, baptized by a ritual that was purely symbolic but no inner meaning, and barbarians had their

names inscribed in the registers, a custom going back many years in the state and the Catholic Church. They always have a record of the names of those who have been baptized and it's amazing how far back that goes, even the barbarians had their names written down that they were accepted into what was becoming the Church of Rome, the Roman system.

So we have on the ruins of what was the Empire, the Emperor himself now being in Constantinople and the bishop of Rome taking authority and acting as if he had not just religious power but civil power. Beginning then also in the fifth century and developed throughout the succeeding centuries was what is called sacramentalism, that is, rituals called sacraments that are believed to have power to make people Christian in the first place. Baptism is supposed to make you a Christian when the priest pours water on your head and declares, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." He then says that you are a Christian. I know I did that years when I was a Catholic priest, I did that with adults and, of course, with babies in Trinidad, West Indies. You declare that the person is a Christian because you've poured water on their head and then you inscribe their name into the registers.

This was the beginning of sacramentalism. It is interesting in the New Testament the glorious message of the Apostle Peter speaks about being born again, not of the corruptible seed but of incorruptible, by the word of God who lives and abides forever. We are born again when we are convicted that we're sinners by the written word of truth in the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit convicts us and we're brought to new birth and we accept Christ as our Savior by God's grace alone. That is the wonderful thing, a real change, a spiritual birth, being born again in the words of the Apostle Peter. But this is claiming that people are born again through a ritual and this is the same in modern day Catholicism.

I'd like you to see on your screen the official teaching of the Catholic Church at the present time from the Code of Canon Law. I quote from Canon 849, "Baptism, the gate to the sacraments necessary for salvation by actual reception or at least by desire, is validly conferred only by a washing of true water with the proper form of words. Through baptism men and women are freed from sin, are reborn as children of God, and configured to Christ by an indelible character, are incorporated into the Church." The system dares to say that men and women are born again by washing of true water. No water, water does not convey the grace of God. It's directly in Christ by the Spirit of God, it's not physical water but this is the teaching of the Catholic Church and it's still the teaching and what they did back then with the barbarians as they were accepted in the early centuries into the Catholic Church.

So in the late fifth century, men calling themselves priests presumed to mediate between God and man. The papal system began to have its sacraments necessary for salvation. The Scripture says there is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus and Scripture is abundantly clear that the papal system claims that it has its mediators, the priests, and they operate by the sacraments. And I'd like you to see again on your screen the exact quotation from the official Catechism of the Catholic Church and it's paragraph

1129 quotation, "The Church affirms that for believers the sacraments of the New Covenant are necessary for salvation." It's sacraments are actually necessary and there's actually seven of them mentioned. Necessary for salvation you must have these rituals. What did Paul and Silas says to the jailkeeper when the jailkeeper said, "What must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy family." It wasn't any rituals that Paul and Silas recommended, it was believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, but you see how horrific the system is.

The present pope is obedient to obey the Catholic Church, to purport that life comes through the sacraments and I'd like to give a recent example of this. On Sunday, May 3, 2015, Pope Francis obeying the Vatican's guiding policy regarding the sacraments said the following quotation, "Jesus is the vine, and through Him we are the branches, and through this parable, Jesus wants to make us understand the importance of remaining united to him. Grafted by Baptism in Christ, we have freely received from Him the gift of new life; and are able to remain in vital communion with Christ. We must remain faithful to Baptism, and grow in friendship with the Lord through prayer, listening and docility to His Word — read the Gospel —, participation in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation." The last two sacraments, the Eucharist, that is the Mass, and Reconciliation is the sacrament of forgiveness, it used to be called Confession. These are necessary for salvation and there Francis is telling you what sacraments you should do to have life. No ritual of any church gives life, it's only trusting on Christ Jesus the Lord, praise his name. Praise his name that it works. These rituals don't work and it's so sad to see countries which have the majority of Roman Catholics in them in the system not living godly lives.

Now we continue to go back in history to the sixth century with the system on just how it was developing. The Emperor Justinian I who lived as Emperor from 527 to 565, he was the one more than anyone else to establish the supremacy of the bishop of Rome as the head of the system. He did this in a formal and legal manner by bringing purely ecclesiastical edicts and regulations under civil law of the time, Roman civil law. And this we have from the historian Leroy Edwin Froom, "Justinian's third great achievement was the regulation of ecclesiastical and theological matters, crowned by the Imperial Decretal Letter seating the bishop of Rome in the church as the 'Head of all the holy churches,' thus laying the legal foundation for papal ecclesiastical supremacy."

The Emperor Justinian's decree did not create the office of the pope, but rather it lay the legal foundation for the advancement of ruling power by the bishop of Rome. The Emperor wished to allay the demise of the Empire, thus the ecclesiastical unity was imposed, consequently the bishop of Rome, the head of the Roman Empire's church, became its head and the title "pope" began to fit the one who sat as the bishop of Rome and now free to use the civil sword in coercion as did the Emperors before him. All of this was given by Justinian's decree, thus it was that civil power became into the grasp of what was the papacy, the Roman system.

The power of the system grew, so did the immorality of the men and women under the system and under its control, and those histories if you'll read the histories of the church,

you see how utterly depraved was not only the men who ran the system and the popes totally immoral themselves, but the people under its control, and historically if you know anything about history, there was a turn and that turn came in the year 1073. It was the turning point in the papal system. A man came to power called Gregory VII. He was still known by the name he had before he was elected pope, Hildebrand, and he's often called Hildebrand in history books, well-known in history books, and 1073 is well-known in history books because it was the total turn-around of the system. The immorality was to go, strict laws were imposed on people, priests were no longer not even to be married, let alone have many wives, and the same with bishops, they were now commanded to be celibate for their whole life. This was the beginning of celibacy in the Roman Catholic system that still goes at the present day under Pope Gregory VII, Hildebrand.

He was ambitious beyond all who went before him. He was ambitious that he saw the reign of the pope as God's reign on earth. Gregory envisaged what was to become the Roman structure in power and authority with a supreme ruler who has civil rule besides religious rule, and has enormous wealth. That's what he envisaged. It didn't take place altogether under his own rule which just went from 1073 to 1085, but popes afterwards developed it. Most well-known were Pope Innocent III from 1198 to 1216, and Boniface VIII from 1294 to 1303. They put the final touches to the pope's spiritual and temporal power.

Probably the most well-known of all and you'll see a picture of him on your screen, is Pope Innocent III. He proclaimed a Crusade, a war against the Albigenses in what now is France, and this war was perpetrated with unimaginable cruelty. Thousands were evicted from their cities and towns, slaughtered. Others were burnt at the stake. Others were tortured with horrendous tortures. And so we have the beginning of what was to be the Inquisition, this war that Innocent III perpetrated right across France and the Albigenses if you read history of the early church, you see that they were really truly, really truly believers. Going back to Albi itself, a city in France, to the present day but no semblance at all of Christian life in Albi. It's just Romanism. Romanism obliterated true Christianity that had been right across France before that. It is horrific true history. I have traced that in other videos that I've made. I've traced all of that horrendous history, particularly as I'll be mentioning later on in the Inquisition video.

Now we have Boniface VIII. He was stubborn, ambitious, intelligent, vain, and unscrupulous. He believed that the pope was literally the vicar of Christ on earth and had extraordinary power and anyone who opposed the pope, opposed God. That was the mindset of Boniface VIII. He is well-known for his statement and you find it easy online if you've a computer, *Unum Sanctum*, the words of decree of Boniface VIII, "We declare, say, define and proclaim to every human creature that they by necessity for salvation are entirely subject to the Roman Pontiff." So to be Christian, you must be subject to the Roman pontiff. That was the decree of this evil man, Boniface VIII.

And 75 popes, one after the other from Innocent III to Pope Pius VII, approved of torture, murder, burning at the stake, confiscation of property of believers through the six centuries, that actually was 605 years of the Inquisition. It wasn't just believers, it was



also Jews were also tortured and burnt at the stake. Knights Templar was an order within the Catholic Church that had rebelled against the Catholic Church. They were also tortured and brought to the stake, but principally believers. And I ask you to look at the video that we have made on the Inquisition called "The Catholic Inquisition and the Torture Tools." By the end of this year in English alone because it's in other languages as well, subtitles, it'll have been viewed over a half a million times by the end of this year. It is graphic in showing the actual pictures of torture. You can still find them in museums in Europe and we've got pictures of the actual tortures, the torture implements. Some of them are horrific to look at and we've got some video footage made professionally with due permission showing what it was like to be burnt at the stake or tortured by the Church of Rome, and all of that is in that video. I would ask if you have children watching it, that you really get them ready beforehand or you might think it's not suitable when you see the torture and you see what believers went through and other Jews, Knights Templar. It's horrific but that's a video that must be seen.

The horrendous system. The glorious Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> century brought a change and that you would know, biblical faith was restored, rights of people were restored, the first time that nations really became nations, it was after the Reformation that we got the nation states where set up, and we had great men preaching the true Gospel of Christ. It was amazing what happened at the Reformation such as Luther at Wittenburg, Erasmus and Collette at Oxford, Bilney and Latimer, Cartwright at Cambridge, Lefevre and Farrell at Paris, and later on Calvin and leaders of the Reformation were highly trained men such as Bezan and Tyndale. They ranked as men of letters and the Reformation was a glorious awakening and mandated it retire the papal system. The papal system was for the most part taken out of some of the nations and it's amazing when you study how much biblical true faith grew. It was like the time of Pentecost all over again. The true Gospel preached and nations freed that men and women could live as Christians. It was a wonderful experience where even the children at the time of the Reformation could tell you that faith is based on the truth of Scripture alone, a man or a woman is saved by grace alone, through faith alone, and in Christ alone, and to God only be the glory. Even children could give you those five biblical principles of the Reformation at the time of the Reformation. So great was the transformation that men and women and even children could give you the basis for the Gospel message, the five principles of the Reformation.

The known world at the time was changed and glorious change it was, and the remnant of that change comes down to the present day, but there was a horrific response of the system primarily through the Jesuits that it used. The Jesuits in an uncompromising and sometimes militant manner restored the Roman system to the position it held during the Reformation. I have made a video on this alone, the horrific success that the papal system had in Poland with Peter S., who was a Polish man, we had a video made showing the history of the Christian Church in Poland, how it was restored at the Reformation and then the Jesuits come in and they take over over the kings and princes of Poland at the time, and the educational facilities, and they totally practically not 100% but nearly 100% wipe out biblical faith in Poland. It breaks one's heart when one sees what Poland is today, to think that it had a religious transformation and then was obliterated by the Jesuits.

The Jesuits did similar work not so horrifically but in other nations right across Europe. Their design there was to undermine people's confidence in the Bible and to extirpate the effects of the Reformation. The Jesuits were the papal system's most forceful tool to bring back Europe under the thumb and rule of the papal system, and they succeeded in doing that in many of the Christian nations, and it is really sad to see just how successful they have been as the Jesuits have continued into the present day. Evangelicals and Catholics Together, the second part of that was a system trying to say that evangelicals and Catholics could work together was diabolical in its intellectual ability to twist the minds of men and women to believe in a system that it was equal to the biblical system. I have a whole video made on that as well. It's horrific to see what the Jesuits did even with ECT too, but they continue to do it. In June, on June 1, 2015, again a Jesuit and the Jesuit is none other than Pope Francis, he is a Jesuit before he ever became pope and he's still a Jesuit, the man who calls himself Pope Francis.

Now we have definite lessons to learn from these historical facts that we have gone over. With the demise of the Empire in the year 537, Justinian I gave legal power to what was to become the Church of Rome, and it was very successful for many centuries coming up to the 16<sup>th</sup> century when it was really cut back by the power of the Gospel as it went forth at the time of the Reformation. But in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it has come back strongly again and through the ecumenical movements joining the Catholic Church together with all other so-called Christian churches, it's beginning to rule again and bring in more again into our midst the mystery of iniquity.

So people are accustomed, say on Easter Sunday to see the pope elevated on St. Peter's Square as if he were the head of Christianity, dictating his message to the world. It's the same on Christmas day. All television stations, all radio programs go to Rome and it's as if this is Christianity. When its news is to be given, it's always news of the system, it's not true Christianity. The mystery of iniquity, the indeceivableness of all unrighteousness is seen in the present day world. You just have to turn on your television on Easter Sunday or on Christmas day or many of the Sundays of the world as this man parades his ignorance across the face of the world, Pope Francis claiming that sacraments give life. This is the horrors. It is accepted. Its dictates are accepted even in the secular world and you find that radio stations and so-called Christian groups accept this system as if this was the archetype of Christianity. It's the contrary, what's called the antichrist in Scripture and it is horrendous.

So you must know about this and this is why I appeal to you to make this video known because people must know the historical facts that we have presented in this video, and on our webpage you'll find the text that I've used for this video documented in the footnotes so you can trace historically exactly what I have said is accurate historically and can be verified in the annals of history, and the biblical quotations from the pages of Scripture, the Lord's all holy word.

Now the great thing is for you, for me, is that Christ Jesus himself still reigns. He reigns in righteousness. Those wonderful words given at the very beginning of the book of Hebrews,

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

You can feel the wonder of that, the reality of the person of Christ Jesus. He is the person who reigns. He is the person who reigns victorious over sin and death. He is the person that Paul and Silas pointed the jailkeeper to in Acts 16, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved, you and your household." It's the same message. He it is who purged our sins. He it is who summarized in a nutshell the Gospel message that he gives life and life everlasting, that whoever believes on him has everlasting life, as he says, and does not pass in his sins unto the second death but comes to new life as he believes on him. The wonder of it all and Scripture says, "Neither is there salvation in any other. There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." And the Scripture says in the Psalm the wonderful words, "Who have I in heaven but thee? There is none other on earth besides thee." Ultimately it's the Lord Jesus Christ. Look to the Lord Jesus Christ and if you see in his glorious resurrection, in his perfect life, if you see and are convicted by your own sin because we've all personal sin and fall short of the glory of God, know that many others including myself have seen that before you and cry out to him for the faith and the grace and he will give it to you and you know what it is truly to be born again by the Spirit. True life. True life is by the Spirit and men and women are changed. Go to any Bible-believing church and see men and women praising God, obviously their life is changed, and see the fellowship of believers and it is a glory to his name and we just thank God for that.

So here we have it, and we have the words of Christ Jesus too and they're frightening words for Christ Jesus said, "Not everyone that says unto me Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven but he who does the will of my Father which is in heaven." It's not by saying Jesus is my Lord and Jesus my Savior and going through the rituals of the Mass and through the rituals of any church that does not know the true Gospel, it's not by any false message, it's by the true Gospel message. "Believe on the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved. This is the work of God that you believe on him whom he has sent." Christ Jesus himself said this is the work of God. It's God's work? But to you who believe, it's wonderful and it works. It changes you and you know that you're born again and it is a joy.

I think one of the greatest joys I have is when I hear from people like you watching this video that the Lord has moved in your life, not just to see this horrendous system and to come out of it, that's good enough joy and I thank, I'll thank you for getting that message

as you email me and my email address will be given on your screen (richardmbennett@yahoo.com), but the joy of knowing everlasting life and the joy of being born again by the Spirit. There's no greater joy than that and in this world there are few joys that warm my own heart than when I read the emails that I get from listeners like you, that their life has been touched and that they've been born again. It is truly in the words of Peter in 1 Peter a joy unspeakable and full of glory. Praise God, it really is. It is delightful and I'd love to hear from you. And I'm getting a little bit up in age, as you can see, but, man, the Spirit is still alive within me and I'd love to hear from you. If I take a while before you hear back from me, if it takes 7, 8, 10 days, know that you will be answered and we answer each individual email personally, and I thank God for that and so I look forward to hearing from you.

So we say a word of praise at the end, "To the praise and glory of his grace whereby he has made us acceptable in the Beloved." That is the words of Scripture and the words of Scripture is given, it'll be given on your screen too, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are made new." Praise God, all things are made new and may that be so for you, and I thank God it will be for many as you listen to this program.

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Our video, "Biography: The famous 19<sup>th</sup> century Prince of Preachers, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, a man of God," has close to 89,000 views. See two of our newsletters with lead articles from sermons by Spurgeon.

Our video, "UFOs, ancient aliens or beings of the fourth dimension #1, fact or fiction," has over 207,000 viewings. Not only do UFOs and the occult use the same disciplines such as levitation, teleportation of objects, psychokinesis, clairvoyance, automatic writing and telepathy, but their theologies are completely foreign to biblical Christianity. UFO theologies include everything from reincarnation and evolution to man achieving cosmic godhood but they do not include Jesus Christ as the only mediator between God and man, 1 Timothy 2:5. We have two newsletters related to the world of the occult to which UFOs are a part.

Our video, "Former Roman Catholic bride of Christ nun testifies of abnormal life in the convent," has over 67,000 viewings.

Our video featuring former Roman Catholic Rob Zins, who has a Master of Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, "Historical split between Roman Catholicism and the Christ of the Scripture, man's word or God's word," has over 53,000 viewings. See our two newsletters on the subject of Roman Catholicism.

Our video, "Cult of Ellen G. White #1, beginnings of the 19<sup>th</sup> century religion called Seventh Day Adventism," has over 48,000 viewings and features former Seventh Day Adventist Wallace Slattery who has 44 years experience with this religion. Our playlist called "Dealing with Seventh Day Adventism and their prophetess," features 15 videos with 14 hours of material. See our newsletter, "Seventh Day Adventism, true or false?"

For theological music lovers, see our video, "Favorite old time Christian bluegrass Gospel music, Psalm 98:4-5," with over 214,000 viewings. We have also posted several music videos by my own daughter, Marlena Wessels, from her cd "Win This Fight," songs she has written and performed herself. To see our music videos, please go to our main YouTube channel page, scroll down to our multiple playlists, arrow over to our playlist called "Our radio shows with national Christian authors and music vids," once there, scroll down to the bottom of the playlist where the music videos are listed.

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