

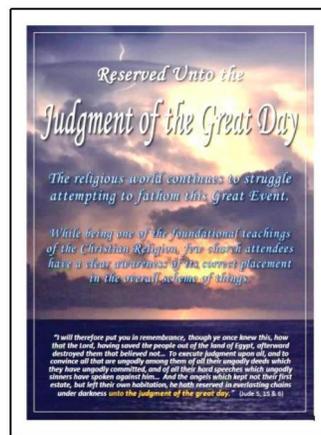
Reserved Unto the Judgment of the Great Day (54-pages, 10 chapters, 8-1/2 x 11)

Considerable misunderstanding accrues to a general lack of awareness of the meaning of the term "judgment" as it appears in Scripture. Combined with that are many erroneous presumptions as to the purpose and timing of what is referred to as "the Judgment".

It is the common teaching that each person goes to their 'eternal reward' immediately at death. This long-standing belief system has shaped the understanding of many believers, and has set the boundaries of what so many presently will accept. The Bible on the other hand makes it abundantly clear that each individual will be assigned their due reward at a particular point in time, NOT on an ongoing basis as each person dies. In the case of converted Christians, it will be at the Second Coming. In the case of those not called presently, they await their evaluation phase, followed by their Final Sentencing Event as described in Matthew 25:31-46 and Revelation 14:14-20.

What is the Great White Throne Judgment? What and when is the White Cloud Harvest? Each of these are separate events. The ten chapters it contains will address each event in detail.

The essential question is, WHEN exactly does THE Final Sentencing Event take place? Scripture IS very clear on that! This important question is addressed in this booklet.



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The BEAST and the False Prophet (6-chapters / 64-pages, 8-1/2 x 11)

There seems to be no end to the wondrous inventiveness of Bible Students as to assigning meanings to those many prophecies which describe impending world conditions as this age draws to a close. Taking one fact or another fact in comparison to one culture or another can lead to assignments which would astound the statesman / prophet Daniel and the beloved Elder Apostle John whose writings so closely paralleled those of the ancient statesman's prophecies.

It's only when we take into account all of the prophecies that we can gain the clearest picture, never forgetting that we have historically seen through a glass darkly, as the Apostle Paul explained, but that our view will gain increasing clarity as we watch world events develop in our lifetimes, and especially when knowing the general characteristics of the various players.

What we do know is that in the end-time, a coalition of ten kings will emerge from monarchs given power at the exquisite moment in time. Their ascent to positions of prominence will be facilitated by a long-standing religious entity, called the Mother of Harlots, who has a long history of political involvements with the nations, particularly those which ascribe to its teachings or the teachings of its closely related protesting daughters whom the Mother Church now seeks to draw back to herself. These Ten Kings will not be the first she has crowned.



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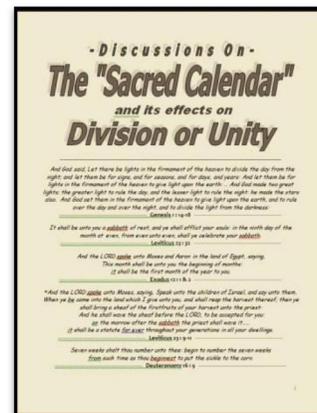
Discussions on The 'Sacred Calendar' (Division or Unity) (55-pages, 8½ x 11)

It is more than curious that a matter not shown to be of any great concern, at least not in the writings of the apostles in the New Testament, should have gained so much focus in the modern Church age. While there may have been differing opinions among worshippers in the first century, those differences apparently didn't find their way into the dialog within the early Christian community. One thing we can say is that the matter of the Sacred Calendar (not that Scripture ever uses that term) was not set forth as even a minor theme among the Saints of the first century.

There is that contingent among believers today who have identified certain aspects of calendar determination which they find unacceptable, as they see it, and advocate alternate methods of identifying when each new moon occurs.

This booklet discusses the more obvious issues that exist and will acquaint believers with information not usually discussed. While most worshippers prefer to 'leave it to the professionals' due to their disinterest in delving into such matters themselves, still we would be remiss to leave such matters aside, considering the amount of discord it generates. Some see it as so much easier to just ignore the matter, taking a more *laissez faire* approach. They take the approach, "Why should we care?"

Considering the amount of division calendar issues are known to cause, we are not absolved of responsibility to address them as best we can, to do "due diligence" in resolving the divisiveness factor.



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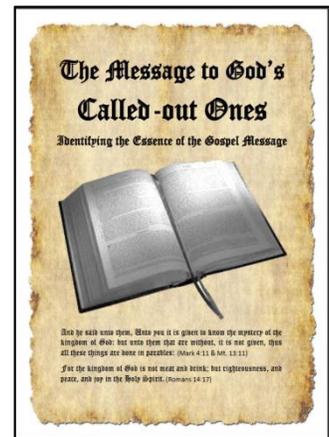
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The MESSAGE to God's Called-Out Ones Identifying the Essence of the Gospel Message

The early New Testament Church was faithful to maintain the Faith-Once-Delivered for its first generation. But in time, their Love faded and a hierarchal structure was allowed to take root and apostate teachers were permitted to infiltrate and pervert the true doctrines, disregarding the specific instructions given to the apostles by their Lord and Master.

In His own words, Jesus Christ pointedly stated that His Mission was to proclaim the "Gospel of the Kingdom of God". "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:14-15)

This booklet is a self-study guide compiled to aid those who truly desire to understand His Message and to better understand why it is that God created the world and what the ultimate purpose is for mankind. It is not well understood what the Kingdom of God really is. Explanations presented may be brief, but relevant Scriptures listed will lead you on the path to a better understanding. We are admonished to... "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33) "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not be ashamed." (2nd Timothy 2:15)



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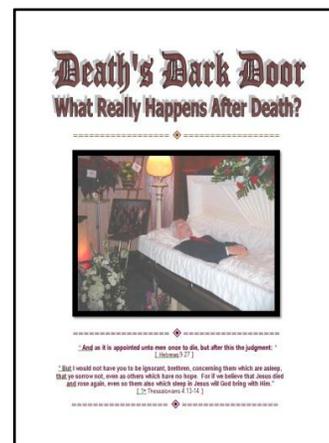
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Death's Dark Door – What REALLY Happens at Death

If there's a central issue in the Christian Religion, or for that matter ANY religion, is there one more relevant and essential than the question of what happens after we reach the end of our lifetime? Most religious teachings focus a great deal on this issue, not only on the matter of death, but what takes place after we die. Our eternal destiny preoccupies most worshippers and always has. Even the pagan world considers the matter enormously important, developing elaborate theories as to what a person might expect in 'the great beyond'.

It is the rare thinking religious person who hasn't, at some point in his churchgoing lifetime, struggled with the question of whether or not he or she understands the full truth regarding the all-important subject of what happens after we die. Much of that involves concern for loved ones who have not met the standards regarded as so necessary for salvation. What is most unfortunate in the prevailing belief system is the necessary rejection of many fundamental Biblical teachings, such as the essential multiple resurrections of the dead, the millennial Kingdom of God on earth and the regenerative aspect of salvation in which mortal humans can be made immortal, changed from flesh to spirit and brought into the very Family of God!

The Bible is not silent on this matter. Yet, most religions completely lay aside what it does reveal, particularly those insightful passages that don't compare favorably with their preferred teachings. In this booklet, we'll consider many of those passages, especially those which are commonly used attempting to support the prevailing after-life belief system. Prepare yourself for some pleasant surprises.



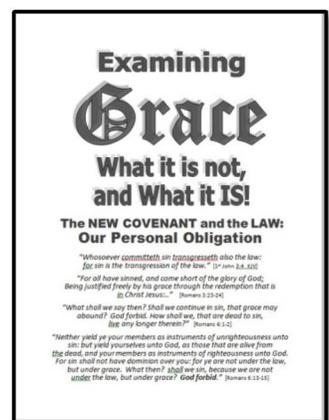
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Examining GRACE: What it Is not, and What it IS! (12-chapters / 55-pages)

While Jesus Christ pointedly cautioned His followers against thinking that His mission was to destroy, or in any way "do away with" the Law, yet christianity so called has come full circle, and through convoluted reasoning, effectively has done that very thing. The common chants are that "the Law is all done away – it was 'nailed to the cross'– it came in with the Old Covenant and was abolished when it was". The greater part of evangelical Christianity has put forth and embraces what is generally referred to as a "grace theology", which supposedly abrogates the Law in favor of a sort of license to disregard the Law, rendering it irrelevant. Grace, as commonly defined, renders all obedience to the Law's directives as not only unnecessary, but possibly even an affront to God's grace, should we attempt to "earn salvation" by exhibiting any obedience to God's Laws.

But the idea that grace is only "unmerited pardon" involves even those who have it right in other areas. No, there's a much more comprehensive aspect to grace. We are not only its recipients, but we are to exhibit it ourselves. It is incoming but also must be outgoing. We are to grow in grace, and that involves not only sin and its forgiveness. We receive grace as God's gift, but not only for personal benefit. We are to extend it to others as well. The world in general has not fully realized the full auspices of Grace as the New Testament presents it.



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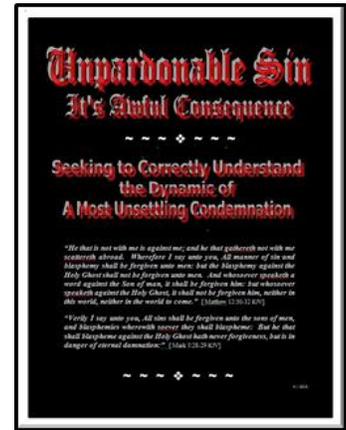
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The UNPARDONABLE SIN – Its Awful Consequence (44-pages, 11 chapters)

A significant and longstanding Enigma among the greater Christian Community, involving all persuasions, is the matter of a particularly grievous sin that a person might commit, a sin that is too extreme to offer any possibility of forgiveness. It is a sin that we have come to call “the Unpardonable Sin”. One offence which is deemed to be well beyond a certain boundary.

While believers pose different opinions as to exactly what such a sin might be, it is the intent here to present a series of basic considerations. There are what should be relevant clues to expose where concerned religious people might have been drawn to flawed conclusions. And, those speculative conclusions aside, it's even more disconcerting among believers to not have a clear answer to the matter, leaving their profound uneasiness unresolved, with that believer uncertain whether or not they might have committed the unpardonable sin without being aware of it. That uncertainty produces a reaction where the believer is less motivated to pursue salvation as confidently as they otherwise would.

From this we can see the value of addressing the matter as comprehensively as we can. In doing so, we will realize the comfort it can provide, along with the motivations it provides each one of us who has truly been called of the Father to ‘walk the walk’ faithfully and to employ our God-given Talents toward being the Profitable Servants we were called to be.



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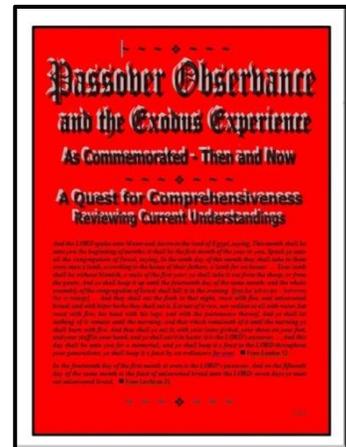
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PASSOVER OBSERVANCE – And the Exodus Experience (9-chapters / 50-pages)

Though much has been written on the subject of the Passover, it is the intent here to walk the reader through a series of basic considerations, addressing certain points which have shaped the belief system of many over the centuries. There are what should be obvious clues where people have drawn flawed conclusions. Beliefs regarding this most important observance are today based on positions that took root in distant centuries, which remain indelibly impressed on peoples' minds still.

While Passover Tradition, in many main-stream religions has devolved into an irregularly held “Communion Service” format, there can be no denying its origin was the Passover Observance of Christ and His Disciples. Even the True Christian Passover, kept as the Early Church kept it, in time substituted the elements picturing Christ's Sacrifice: Bread and Wine – His Body and His Blood.

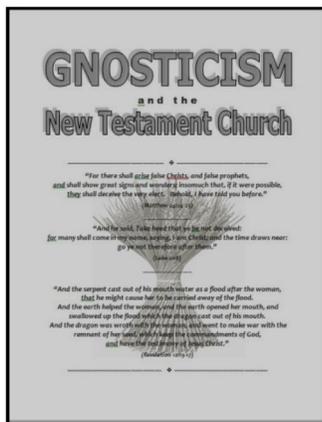
This subject would not be complete without focusing on the real purpose for the Passover Ceremony. Hidden within the “unusual” language presented by Jesus at His Last Passover attended prior to “accepting the cup” with His full complement of Disciples in His Kingdom – as He promised He would (Mark 14:25) – is a proposal of marriage which would have been immediately recognizable to them, but not so much to worshippers of our generation and cultural background.



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GNOSTICISM and the New Testament Church

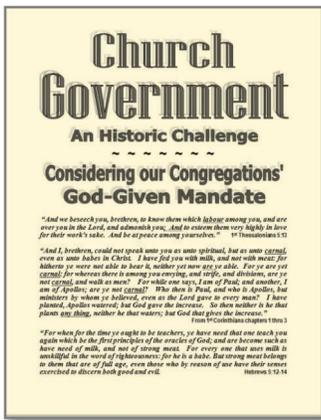
(56-pages, 7 chapters)

It is well known that the early Church had its problems maintaining the True and Pure Faith. That faith once delivered came under attack early on. Paul warned of it, as had Jesus Christ before him. John made reference to the contaminated teachings that were incessant threats, both from the Judaic world and from the Pagan world. Philosophies were ever-present, particularly in the Greek culture of the day, and were poised ready to be assimilated into the primitive religious culture that had begun with the teachings of Christ and His original apostles. Vigilance was most needful, yet in time, the Church lost its first love (for the Truth and for the Master's Word), and apostasy set-in. Only a remnant remained faithful to the pure Word in later centuries. They were those who recognized the Truth and who were aware of the contaminations of Gnostic philosophy.

While the beloved elderly apostle John warned the Church of encroaching errors, we shouldn't presume that he stemmed the tide just with his warning. No, the onslaught continued unabated becoming like a flood. The majority of “early Church fathers” after him embraced apostasy, while those few believers who held fast to the original teachings suffered at their hands. Religious persecutions were instigated by the religious establishment as much as by secular powers.

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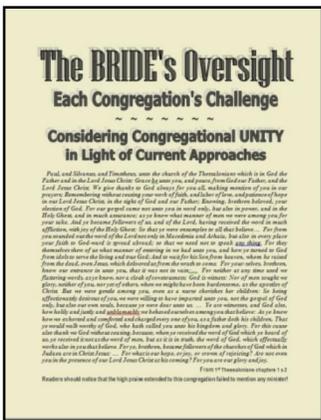
CHURCH GOVERNMENT – An Historic Challenge (12-chapters / 60-pages)

Among the “doctrinal” ideas developed within the Culture of the Worldwide Church of God, that could fall under the category of “doctrinal inbreeding”, was the matter of our concept of Government within the Church. We developed an operational model that most refer to as ‘hierarchical’ that largely dictated how we regard and relate to our ministry, and by reflection, how we relate to one another, both those within, and particularly those without our fellowship sphere. That model was not in place in our earlier years, but as the Church grew, challenges came to bear that made it seem necessary to ‘protect the flock’ by means of a formal political structure far more authoritarian than the approach employed in the past. Why this matter remains relevant, even after the effective dissolution of that organization, is that so many groups who descended from it retain the same orientation to one degree or another.

In this booklet, we re-consider many concepts about the ‘servant class’ that labors among us, being more frank than our over-lording cultures might appreciate. (Though oriented primarily to the WCG experience, those organizations that operate under a similar approach can also benefit from this candid analysis.) For those who have ears to hear...

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The BRIDE's Oversight – Each Congregation's Challenge (A companion subject to the above title) (12-chapters / 56-pages)

What is presented in this booklet will disturb those of us who hold to former concepts regarding how God's Church ought to be organized. While it is NOT the intent to **diminish** esteem for the ‘servant class’ that labors among us, it is instead an attempt to **raise** the esteem of those who comprise the congregations, raising them to the level appropriate to their calling. (Though oriented primarily to the WCG experience, those churches that operate under a similar organizational approach as theirs’ can benefit from this study also.) Despite that, readers may still interpret the aim of this booklet as an attempt to degrade the ministry. When we see the proper status of our ministry in a true Biblical light, it is not degradation. This booklet's **real** objective is to **elevate the stature of the membership** to where they function responsively, fulfilling that integral role which the New Testament assigns them: “The pillars and grounds of the Truth”!

Where we missed the boat is that we relinquished our collective congregational mandate to men who we trusted, perhaps undeservedly in some cases. WE would have been better served had we paid closer attention to Jesus' instructions.

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Considering the END-TIME Church and its being made Ready thru Adversities (103-pages, 24 chapters)

A generation ago, the Church of God considered a phase of its development referred to as “making the Bride ready”. It was recognized by many that the Church wasn't ready for impending rulership in the Millennial Kingdom of God. Events in the following decades demonstrated that unpreparedness. This booklet considers some of the deeply-rooted fundamental premises that we had incorporated into our organizational culture that were counterproductive to and even detrimental to that readiness. These many chapters each consider one aspect of our unreadiness. The many faceted ramifications of the approach to governance that was embraced show a need of serious remediation. The process of the Bride making herself ready involves a broad array of corrective actions. The drift into rank apostasy proved that we had many who did not fathom what was needed, nor were they ready to change. The many ‘splits’ demonstrate similar operational defects. This booklet is for those who are willing to face correction, and to be made ready for the extreme privilege of being assigned into the Bride of Christ. He is refining His truly called-out ones for that relationship in a most remarkable way. For those who have ears to hear...

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