

“[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so.” —Acts 17:11

## The Nonnegotiable Gospel

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WHAT IS THE “good news” of the gospel—and from what does it save us? In order to answer that question, we must begin in the Garden, for it was there, in the most perfect environment that God’s heart of love and His creative power could design, that sin had its awful beginning.

Surrounded by beauty, satisfied by abundance, and enjoying the fellowship of their Creator Friend, our first parents nevertheless fell to the seductive lies of the Serpent. “Ye shall be as gods” was Satan’s promise, while Adam, in loyalty to Eve, whom he loved more than God himself, joined in her disobedience and ate of the forbidden fruit (1 Timothy 2:14).

Thus, “by [this] one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Romans 5:12). Death not only ends this short earthly life; it separates the sinner from God forever. In His infinite foreknowledge, wisdom, and love, however, God had already planned how He would restore life and reunite mankind with Himself.

Without ceasing to be God, He would become a man through a virgin birth. Only God could be the Savior (Isaiah 43:11; 45:21, etc.), thus the Messiah had to be God (Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 45:15; Titus 1:3, 4, etc.). He would die for our sins to pay the penalty demanded by His justice: “‘Tis mystery all, the *immortal* dies!” hymn writer Charles Wesley declared. Then He would rise from the dead to live in those who would believe in and receive Him as their Lord and Savior. Forgiveness of sins and eternal life would be theirs as a *free gift of His grace*. Centuries before His incarnation, God inspired the Old Testament prophets to declare His eternal and unchangeable plan of salvation.

Definitive criteria were provided by which the coming Savior would be identified. Jesus and His apostles did not invent a “new religion.” Christianity fulfills scores of specific prophecies and is therefore provable from Scripture! So it was not a new gospel that Paul the apostle preached but “the gospel of God (which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) concerning his Son Jesus Christ...” (Romans 1:1-3).

Thus, the Bereans could check Paul’s message against the Old Testament (Acts 17:11); and he could use the Hebrew prophets, which were read in the synagogue each sabbath, to show that Jesus was the promised Messiah (verses 2, 3). Not Buddha, not Muhammad, not anyone else—only Christ has the required credentials! The fulfillment of scores of specific prophecies in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth should be absolute proof that He is the true and only Savior.

In Hebrews 2:3, the vital question is asked, “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?” The answer is so starkly plain: there is no escape. The Bible makes that solemn fact abundantly clear. To reject, add to, take from, or otherwise pervert or embrace a *substitute* for “the gospel of God” is to perpetuate the rebellion begun by Adam and Eve and to leave one eternally separated from God and His proffered salvation.

No wonder Paul wrote, “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...” (2 Corinthians 5:11). So must we, too, persuade men through the gospel! The “gospel of your salvation” (Ephesians 1:13) “wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved” (1 Corinthians 15:1, 2) is simple and precise, leaving no room for mis-

understanding or negotiation: “that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day...” (verses 3, 4).

This “everlasting gospel” (Revelation 14:6) was promised “before the world began” (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2) and cannot change with time or culture. There is no other hope for mankind, no other way to be forgiven and brought back to God except through this “strait gate and narrow way” (Matthew 7:13,14). Any broader road leads to destruction.

The one true “gospel of God’s grace,” which God offers as our *only* salvation, has **three basic elements**:

- 1) who Christ is—fully God and perfect, sinless man in one Person (were He less, He could not be our Savior);
- 2) who we are—hopeless sinners already condemned to eternal death (or we wouldn’t need to be saved); and
- 3) what Christ’s death accomplished—the payment of the full penalty for our sins (any attempt by us to pay *in any way* rejects the Cross).

Christ has commanded us to “preach the gospel [good news!] to every creature [person]” (Mark 16:15). What response is required? Both the desperate question and uncomplicated answer are given to us: “What must I do to be saved?...*Believe* on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:30, 31). Neither religion, ritual, nor good works will avail. God calls us to simply *believe*. “For by grace are ye saved through *faith*” (Ephesians 2:8)—whosoever *believes* in him will not perish, but has eternal life (John 3:16).

It is the *gospel* alone that saves those who *believe* it. Nothing else will save. Therefore, we *must* preach the gospel. Paul said, “Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:16). Sentimental appeals to “come to Jesus” or “make a decision for Christ” avail nothing if the gospel is not clearly explained and believed. Many are attracted to Christ because of His admirable

FOR I DELIVERED UNTO YOU FIRST OF ALL THAT WHICH I ALSO RECEIVED, HOW THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES; AND THAT HE WAS BURIED, AND THAT HE ROSE AGAIN THE THIRD DAY SCRIPTURES.

—1 Corinthians 15:3-4

character, noble martyrdom, or because He changes lives. Such converts have not believed the *gospel* and thus are not saved. This is the solemn teaching of Scripture (John 3:36)!

Paul said that “the gospel of Christ...is the power of God *unto salvation* to every one that believeth” (Romans 1:16). He also called it “the gospel... by which also *ye are saved*” (1 Corinthians 15:1, 2); and “the gospel of *your salvation*” (Ephesians 1:13). Clearly, from these and other scriptures, salvation comes *only* through *believing the gospel*. Christ told His disciples to go into “all the world, and preach the gospel” (Mark 16:15), a gospel that the Bible precisely defines.

Salvation comes on God’s terms and by His grace, and we negotiate the gospel neither with God nor with one another. “The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world” (1 John 4:14). Salvation is a work of God and His Son. We either believe it or reject it. We don’t “dialogue” about it. It is also called the “gospel of Christ” (Mark 1:1; Romans 1:16; 15:19; 1 Corinthians 9:12, 18; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 9:13; 10:14; Galatians 1:7; Philippians 1:27; 1 Thessalonians 3:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:8). He is the Savior, and salvation is His work, not ours, as the angels said: “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11).

Paul specifies the gospel that saves: “that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4). “I am the door,” said Christ: “by *me* if any man enter in, he shall be saved” (John 10:9). The gospel contains nothing about baptism, church membership or attendance, tithing, sacraments or rituals, diet or clothing. If we add *anything* to the gospel, we have perverted it and thus come under Paul’s anathema in Galatians 1:8, 9!

The gospel is all about what Christ has done. It says nothing about what Christ must yet do because the work of our redemption is finished. “Christ *died* for our sins.” His was a past act, never to be repeated, for Christ triumphantly declared, “It is *finished*” (John 19:30)!

Nor does it say anything about what *we* must do, because we can do nothing. “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us” (Titus 3:5); “for by grace are ye saved through faith...the gift of God (is) not of works, lest any man should boast...” (Ephesians 2:8, 9). Instead of works, the gospel requires faith. It is the power of God unto salvation to those who *believe*. “But to him that *worketh not*, but *believeth* on him that justifieth the ungodly, his *faith* is counted for righteousness” (Romans 4:5)...“that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

The gospel is a two-edged sword. It declares, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.” The same verse also says, “and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:36). Right here we come to the most difficult part of the gospel to accept—that those who do not believe it are eternally lost, no matter what good works they do.

The reasons for that fact are grounded in both God’s love and His justice. God’s justice requires that the infinite penalty for sin must be paid. In payment we would be separated from God forever, so He became a man through the virgin birth to pay the penalty for us. No one can complain against God. He has proved His love by doing all He could for our salvation. He has himself paid the penalty and on that basis can be both “just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus” (Romans 3:26).

Christ pleaded in the Garden, “if it be possible (i.e., if there is any other way mankind can be saved), let this cup pass from

me” (Matthew 26:39). We know that there is no other way, or God would not have required His beloved Son to bear the full brunt of His wrath against sin. The fact that men nailed Christ to the cross would only condemn us. But on the cross, when man was doing his worst to his Creator, Christ paid the penalty for our sins in full. Only if we accept that payment on our behalf can we be saved.

“[T]here is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we *must* be saved” (Acts 4:12); “what *must* I do to be saved?...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:30, 31). To “believe on the Lord Jesus Christ” includes *who He is* and *what He has done*.

Jesus said, “...Ye are from beneath; I am from above...if ye believe not that I AM [this is God’s name, Yahweh], ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:23, 24). Jesus himself says we must believe that He is God, for He is; and no one less than God could save us. We must believe that the sinless One “died for our sins,” and was buried; and that He rose bodily from the grave. Only by believing this gospel are we saved. So says God’s Word.

Why could not even a Mother Teresa get to heaven by good works? Because we are all sinners; and because once we have broken one of God’s commandments we “[are] guilty of all” (James 2:10); and “by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight” (Romans 3:20). Keeping the law perfectly from now on could never make up for having already broken it.

For God to grant salvation by any other means than faith in Christ alone would be an insult to the One whom the Father insisted had to endure His wrath as the sacrifice for sin. Furthermore, God would be breaking His own code of justice and going back on His Word. No, even God himself could not save earth’s most notable “saint.” Christ’s blood avails only for repentant sinners.

Oswald Chambers warned lest, in our zeal to get people to accept the gospel, we manufacture a gospel acceptable to people and produce “converts” who are not saved.

Today’s most popular perversion is the “positive” gospel, which is designed to offend no one with truth. One of our most popular televangelists, for example, has said that it is demeaning to call anyone a sinner and that Christ died to restore human dignity and self-esteem. He claims to win many to Christ with that seductive message—but such a gospel does not *save sinners*.

Evangelistic appeals are often made to come to Christ” for the wrong reasons: in order to be healthy, happy, successful, to restore a marriage, or to handle stress. Others preach a gospel that is so diluted or perverted that it deceives many into thinking they are saved. No fraud could be worse, for the consequences are eternal! Religion, not atheism, is Satan’s main weapon. “The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ... should shine unto them” (2 Corinthians 4:4). To combat “the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24), the great deceiver has many false gospels, but they all have two subtle rejections of grace in common: ritual and/or self-effort. Ritual makes redemption an ongoing process performed by a special priesthood; and self-effort gives man a part to play in earning his salvation. The one denies the finality of the Cross. The other denies its sufficiency. Either one robs God of the uniqueness of the gift He wishes to bestow upon fallen man: “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

BUT NOW BEING MADE FREE FROM SIN, AND BECOME SERVANTS TO GOD, YE HAVE YOUR FRUIT UNTO HOLINESS, AND THE END EVERLASTING LIFE. FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH; BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

—Romans 6:22-23



# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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**QUESTION:** You have said that it isn't biblical to teach that salvation can be lost if one fails to live a good-enough life. What about the story Jesus taught about forgiveness in Matthew 18:21-35? Can we actually claim salvation if we cling to unforgiving and bitter attitudes? It seems to me that God does require certain fruits from our lives in order for us to meet the requirement for forgiveness (John 15:2, Luke 13:24, Matthew 7:21-2).

**RESPONSE:** There is no question that although I can't *earn* my salvation, if the salvation Christ provided must be *kept* by my living a good-enough life, then I would be able to forever share the glory with Christ for my being in heaven. "*He provided* my salvation, but *I kept* it!" Thus, what I do is equally essential with what *He* does.

In the passage referred to above, as well as others that deal with the holiness, goodness, or charitableness of life that we as Christians are to live, the required good works are presented as *evidence* of our salvation, not the means by which we either earn or keep it. Paul clearly tells us that salvation is by grace through faith and not of works (Ephesians 2:8-10, etc.). James just as clearly tells us that the *evidence* that we are saved comes through works. This doesn't mean that without good works we can't be saved. Paul makes that fact clear: "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss [of reward]; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (1 Corinthians 3:15).

Note that James isn't saying that we're saved by works but rather that a professed faith that isn't evidenced by works is dead and can't save (James 2:14). James warns us that a mere profession of faith can be empty—from the lips but not the heart, and that if we aren't willing to live what we profess, then it's likely that we aren't saved at all, because our faith isn't genuine.

Christ gives us a very practical example. He says that if we've truly received the grace of God, then we will be gracious to others. He's challenging us to examine our professed faith. How can I expect God to forgive me when I am not willing to forgive others?

There are people who claim to be Christians, yet they've nursed grudges, hatreds, and animosities against others for years because of the wrong that they believe someone has done to them. Christ, here and elsewhere, says that such a person needs either to repent and allow God's love to work in his heart the same forgiveness that Christ has effected for him, or he should admit that he is not saved at all: "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:26).

**QUESTION:** I was always taught from Isaiah 14 that Satan was a fallen angel, originally named Lucifer. Recently I've been taught that isn't so, for the one being spoken of in Isaiah 14 is obviously "the King of Babylon." Then was Satan created by God as he is now, the most evil of creatures?

**RESPONSE:** God does not create evil beings. Satan was originally as the Bible describes him in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 and elsewhere. He is a fallen cherub with great power and cunning. (The cherubims seemed to be the highest order of angels closest to God, overshadowing His very dwelling place—and Satan was originally the chief cherub [2 Kings 19:15; 1 Chronicles 13:6; Hebrews 9:5, etc.]. Psalm 99:1 says of God, "He sitteth between the cherubims"). Satan still has access before the throne of God (Job 1:6; 2:1) as the "accuser of our brethren" (Revelation 12:10). The day is yet future when "that old serpent the devil" will be cast out of heaven (Revelation 12:9). Until then, he continues to accuse believers "before our God day and night" (Revelation 12:10). Yes, the king of Babylon is being addressed in Isaiah 14. However, much of what is said could not

apply to him at all, but only to Satan. For example, when did the king of Babylon have a position in heaven from which he fell? At times the Bible addresses Satan through ungodly earthly rulers to show that he is the real power behind them, just as he will be the power behind Antichrist, of whom it is said, "the dragon [Satan] gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority" (Revelation 13:2). In fact, all despotic and evil rulers are types of Antichrist.

That Satan is the one who is being addressed through such kings is clearer in Ezekiel 28:2-19. Here the "prince of Tyre" is being addressed: "Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering.... Thou art the anointed cherub [highest order of angel closest to God]; and I have set thee so: thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee" (v. 13-15). Obviously, none of this was true of the literal "prince of Tyre" but only of Satan, who inspired and directed him in his ungodly activity. Note the many similarities in Ezekiel 28 to what is said of "the king of Babylon" in Isaiah 14: "I am a God, I sit in the seat of God...." (v. 2);... "thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God" (v. 6), etc. Clearly, Satan is being addressed as the power behind both the king of Babylon and the prince of Tyre.

Satan is "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4). Christ did not dispute his claim to ownership of the world system when, in the temptation in the wilderness, Satan offered to give the kingdoms of the world to Christ if He would bow down and worship him (Matthew 4:8-9). Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 carry the same message.

**QUESTION:** A while ago, you wrote a very informative article about evolution, but didn't you put too much emphasis on Catholicism's support of that theory? What about protestants, and even evangelicals? Shouldn't you have pointed out that theistic evolution is quite popular in those circles as well?

**Response:** The debate over how God created the world...is not a central tenet of Christianity. Christianity is inextricably linked with all of the Bible. If any part contradicts any other part, then the whole of Scripture is undermined. If the Bible is wrong in its account of man's origin, why should we trust its teaching about man's redemption? Like "Christian psychology," "theistic evolution" is one more example of Christians desiring to be academically respected and thereby embracing a worldly wisdom that compromises and contradicts God's Word. What some Catholics don't understand, *The American Atheist* magazine does: "But if death [of evolving prehumans] preceded man and was not a result of Adam's sin, then sin is fiction. If sin is fiction, then we have no need for a Savior.... [E]volution destroys, utterly and finally, the very reason [for] Jesus's earthly life.... If Jesus was not the Redeemer who died for our sins, and this is what evolution means, then Christianity is nothing." (Cited in *The Christian News*, Nov 11, 1996)

Adam is mentioned about 30 times in the ten books of the Bible. To discredit the biblical account of Adam's creation punctures so many holes in all of the Bible that it can no longer be the container of consistent theology. Darwin said, "If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ[ism] existed that could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down." Had Darwin known of the incredible complexity of life on the molecular and cellular level, he probably would not have proposed his theory. Since the discovery of the "black box," evolutionists, right up to the present, have maintained a total silence on this subject—a silence that speaks volumes.

# LETTERS

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## Dear Berean Staff

As always, I am ever grateful to be receiving the *Berean Call* newsletter. It was God who heard my prayer, “Lord, I want to know you.” I meant that with all of my heart. I just wanted to know Him! And have nothing to do with any false way. By His grace, He led me to one of Dave’s books, and it offered a free monthly newsletter. I didn’t want to be deceived any more. Each one of your newsletters has been invaluable to me [that we] can know God NOT by religion but by His Word. WC (CA)

## Dearest Family at The Berean Call,

I was so sorry to hear of the Russians closing down on Christianity again [in your Daily Update]. I weep for my brothers and sisters who suffer so much and will suffer even more. Jesus will surely come sooner than anyone expects... I keep looking up. I am listening to old audiotapes of Dave Hunt’s teaching from some 20 years back. What a great blessing, and so on target for today! I pray for all of you at The Berean Call. JD (Canada)

## Dear Brethren at the Berean Call,

I thank God for this ministry to continue blessing those with ears to hear the truth. God bless you, brethren, and thank you for the newsletter, which tells me the truth about this world and the many cults and other teachings. May my gift offering help you in any areas that need help. I am giving glory to God for this ministry to help the world understand the truth of the Word of God. I pray

that He may bless you abundantly and guard you and keep you. FL (prisoner, PA)

## Dear Friends at TBC,

We have appreciated your publications over the years but have been reluctant to support your ministry because of your pre-trib views. This one single false teaching has succeeded in creating a lazy, complacent “church” which has the attitude that “we won’t be here for the Tribulation—so why study?”

Some years ago when my husband shared Matthew 24:29-31 with a young Baptist man, his response was: “Well, if that’s true, I should get a gun and shoot myself right now!” It is no longer “in the last days perilous times shall come,” for perilous times are upon us (2 Tim 3:1). Jesus Himself said, “in the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). SB (CT)

## Dear Berean Call,

These have been some difficult times.... One thing after another. This pandemic, the protesting, the riots. And through it all, I’ve heard God mentioned very little, next to none. Makes me think of Luke 18:8: “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” This country is falling apart at the seams. Could be a good time to humble ourselves to the Lord (2 Chronicles 7:14). Through all this time I’ve still found each monthly issue of *The Berean Call* in my mailbox. May God continue to cover your needs. MW (PA)

## Dear TBC,

With great enthusiasm did I read your TBC newsletter, acknowledging that by reading it I am [being] well guided by a good Christian organization. I liked the article written in this latest issue. It made my day, as it took me from an occasion of loneliness that I was going through. It was my birthday, and I did not even get a greeting card from anybody.

Then I received The Berean Call, and it changed my atmosphere and took me away from my thoughts as I began reading. My focus was changed to the gift of eternal life. It was a cup of water for my thirsty soul! LC (CA)

## QUOTABLE.....

The job of every Christian is to pray. Yet we want to do something important for God;... Prayer seems like such a small thing to do.... But to Jesus, prayer is everything; it’s a duty as well as a privilege, a right as well as a responsibility. We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but Jesus wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there is nothing else we can do, but Jesus wants us to pray *before* we do anything at all. Most of us...don’t want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time.... And so we try to help God along. Many times we even try to answer our own prayers. We have the idea that more people will become Christians if we can make God look good to them. So we try to convince them of God’s generosity by proving that He answers prayer. If we can just help God spruce up His image a little, we can get more people on His side, right? Wrong! He wants us to *pray*. Always, and about everything. During times of joy [and] sorrow. He wants us to talk *to* Him, not *about* Him. He even wants us to talk to Him about unbelievers before we talk to unbelievers about Him. Prayer is our holy occupation. Plain and simple.

—OSWALD CHAMBERS

## TBC NOTES

### What Must I Do To Be Saved?

*And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house. (Acts 16:27-34)*

Paul and the disciples responded to the “keeper of the prison” in very clear and simple terms: “believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.” They then no doubt expounded from the “Word of the Lord” who Jesus was and what He had accomplished in order for the prison keeper to be saved. The result: he “rejoiced, believing in God with all his house [who also believed].” That’s the Gospel which is available to *whosoever* will believe it and accept it.

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# NEWSWATCH

News stories are selected for reader awareness and as an exercise  
in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

## COVID COLLATERAL DAMAGE

**ONE NEWS NOW.COM, 7/14/20, "COVID COLLATERAL DAMAGE: A THIRD OF US STOPPED GOING TO CHURCH [EXCERPTS]:** COVID-19 is infecting more than immune systems, as fear and lockdowns caused by the Chinese virus have kept nearly a third (32%) of practicing Christians in America from attending church in any form ... both in-person and online.

The Barna Group's survey conducted during late April and early May revealed that a similar percentage of practicing Christians have remained loyal to their conventional worship services.

"One in three practicing Christians is still and only attending their pre-COVID church," Barna reports. "Over half (53%) say they have streamed their regular church online within the past four weeks, [while] another 34% admits to streaming a different church service online other than their own, essentially 'church hopping' digitally.

"Commitment extends to frequency of attendance during distancing as well; practicing Christians who stream the same church they attended before COVID-19 are significantly more likely than those who have switched churches to attend on a weekly basis (81% vs. 65%)," researchers discovered.

"It was also found that younger generations of Americans—even though they are at lower risk of having any serious complications from the coronavirus—have been skipping church at greater rates than older generations. Among those responding to the survey, one out of two practicing Christian Millennials are not going to church during the pandemic or attending online."

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## NIGERIAN CHRISTIANS SILENTLY SUFFERING

**CHRISTIAN TODAY.COM, 7/15/20, "NIGERIA'S CHRISTIANS ARE SILENTLY SUFFERING THE SAME FATE AS ROHINGYA MUSLIMS" [EXCERPTS]:** A lot has been made in recent weeks of the Black Lives Matter campaign to take down statues, root out racism and defund the police. Yet for all the uproar and at times vandalism, little has been made of the routine slaughter of Nigeria's Christians and other innocent citizens, who are also black people with valuable lives in the insecurity-ravaged middle-belt and northern regions of the country.

The International Committee on Nigeria (ICON) recently reported that Boko Haram, whose capture of vulnerable teenage girls such as Leah Sharibu made headlines in 2018, has killed 43,242 Nigerians since 2010. In addition, Fulani jihadists slaughtered 17,284 Nigerians since 2010, bringing the combined total to 60,526. The true number is feared to be far higher owing to mass burnings, chaotic attack aftermaths, disappearances and population displacement.

Many of the tens of thousands of silently slaughtered souls are Christians, as well as Muslims who refuse to go along with the growing Islamist extremist narrative. As UN investigators suggest over 10,000 Rohingya Muslims have been tragically murdered, clearly Nigeria's unfolding genocide has now surpassed even the horror stories of Burma in recent years.

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## EVOLUTIONISTS STRUGGLE TO EXPLAIN

**ICR.ORG, 7/10/20, "EVOLUTIONISTS STRUGGLE TO EXPLAIN CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN CONNECTION" [EXCERPTS]:** A new species of a split-footed lacewing was recently unearthed in British Columbia, Canada, creating a bit of controversy among secular paleontologists. All living relatives of this insect reside exclusively in Australia today. So, why are fossils of this insect found in Canada?

Bruce Archibald of Simon Fraser University...tried to explain why in the paper published in *The Canadian Entomologist*. They even contemplated some type of Canadian-Australian connection.

Archibald added, "Fifty million years ago, sea levels were lower, exposing more land between North America and Asia, and the Atlantic Ocean had not widened, leaving Europe and North America still joined across high latitudes."

But there was no land connection between Canada and Australia. Secular plate reconstructions have the two continents separated by massive distances of ocean water during the Eocene. Even Flood model reconstructions have North America and Australia on opposite sides of the Earth at this stage in the Flood.

Archibald admitted that "a pattern is emerging that we don't quite understand yet, but has interesting implications."

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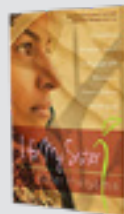
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