



**Pergamum
The Church of Indiscriminate Toleration
The Biblical Worldview in Danger
Revelation 2:12-17**

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We began in Ephesus where truth was elevated above love. Then onto the persecuted church of Smyrna and a short note of encouragement from Jesus.

And with that short note of encouragement to Smyrna, under direct assault from Satan, Jesus moves on to the next city on the list, Pergamum. Hell's headquarters and the political capital of the Roman Empire



for this region. Here we will find a church where love and tolerance destroyed their doctrine and stand for the Lord. Satan is attacking here as well, but from the inside.

Satan is testing out tactics in three different churches.

Remember, each church is not only an existing church in Asia Minor, but each is also a picture of church history, and they are also a reflection of how the ongoing spiritual warfare is going, not just then, but for the church in time.

Ephesus was the apostolic church. Smyrna a picture of the church under persecution from Rome from 100 to 313AD. And now the church in Pergamum, is a picture of the church embraced by the state, by evil, and in the process of losing what power they had. Compromise combined with a toleration of evil and sin in the camp tends to do that. They still had some who were standing strong in the faith, but it wasn't anything like it had been.

The churches all have a level of persecution running through them, that is obvious, but there are other things taking place as well.

We see Satan, almost in real time, working through various potential battle plans to see what will work in his attempt to thwart the plans of God and prevent Jesus from returning at the end of the age. Among his other goals, to ensure that there is no such thing as a Biblical worldview.

Each church reflects how the work is going on both sides of the equation. How well is the church doing with the battle as well as how well the enemy is doing in stopping the work of the church.

And it varies from church to church. Yes, each church also reflects throughout church history, the overall effectiveness of the enemy at points in time in church history. But they also reflect the power that Jesus provides His followers as we reflect the simple fact that in Him, we are indeed overcomers, and nothing can stand against us if we rely upon Him completely. But we are seeing Satan's game plan of how he kills churches today.

Now we come to Pergamum. The word comes from two root words meaning high as well as marriage.

The name means "Citadel; fortified; high tower; height; elevation. A root word from which we get our words bigamy and polygamy. Much marriage. (Idea of a marriage; i.e., mixture of the Church and the world.)" (Smith and Cornwall 1998, 194)

The idea is the church is illicitly married to the world. This is a church where they have turned towards embracing indiscriminate toleration of evil in the name of love. And yes, we do indeed see that behavior in some churches around us even today.

To get to Pergamum from Smyrna, you would continue north along the Turkish coastline seventy miles to the river Caicus and then head inland about 15 miles climbing while you travel since off in the distance as you approach will be the acropolis over 1300 feet above the river and on it, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Temple to Zeus.

This Temple to Zeus was constructed in commemoration of the defeat of the Celtic tribes in 230 BC forcing them to return to Gaul. Upon its completion, priests were available 24/7 and sacrifices were constantly being made there.

There were also temples to the Emperor (the first ever built in Asia for Augustus), eventually one for Trajan as well as Severus, Athena (goddess of victory) also patron god for the city, Dionysus and



Asclepius (the god of healing). This city was a major religious destination for those in the area and not only had the major temples as outlined earlier, but they also had shrines and temples for Hermes, Heracles, Hera and Demeter.

Because Augustus established peace externally and internally and because he kept the outward forms of constitutionality, Romans of every class were ready to allow him total power in order to restore and assure the functioning of the political system, business, and the affairs of daily life. After 12 B.C. he became the head of the state religion, taking the title Pontifex Maximus and urging everyone to worship the “spirit of Rome and the genius of the emperor.” Later this became obligatory for all the people of the Empire, and later still, the emperors ruled as gods. (Schaeffer 1982, 86)

I find that interesting in terms of the origin of the title for the head of the Roman Catholic Church. “Originally a pagan title of the chief priest at Rome...In the 15th century it became a regular title of honour for Popes.” (Cross and Livingstone 2005, 1316)

Yes, there was a major Jewish population there as well as a church, but we do not know the background about the founding of the church there.

The city was also a major center for learning with a huge library that wound up being embroiled in the intrigue surrounding Marc Antony and Cleopatra. He gave it, all 200,000 scrolls, to her as a gift and she took all the scrolls in it to Alexandria using it as a base for the library that was built there.

There are good things about this church, the Council of Nicea was in 325 AD called by the Emperor for the purpose of defining who Christ truly is rejecting the heresy of Arius in the process. Another council in Carthage in 397 formed the canon of the Bible.

Revelation 2:12–17

““And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this: ‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you hold firmly to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. ‘But I have a few things against you, because you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit sexual immorality. So you too, have some who in the same way hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will wage war against them with the sword of My mouth. The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows except the one who receives it.” (NASB 2020)

Once again, we see the familiar greeting from Jesus as Jesus addresses the angel of the church, this time in Pergamum.

Jesus refers to Himself to the church as the one with the sharp two-edged sword, pointing to the picture of Himself as described by John in Revelation 1:16 “out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword.” We are reminded of what it says in Hebrews but there it is a different kind of sword than in Hebrews. Here in Revelation, the sword Jesus uses is the romphia, that is the Greek word used. It is a broadsword that takes two hands to use. This is not a surgical cut made with a small sword or knife such as the machira. Jesus intends to make changes and make them now; this is head lopping off judgment. There is a problem in this church and judgment is now required.

As we will come to learn about this church, they have been infiltrated by the enemy, they have sin in the camp and are no longer doing nothing about it. Thus, Jesus will use His word to destroy/judge those in



the church who have no business being there. His word has the power to convict and draw those who listen to repentance, and His word is sufficient to condemn those who refuse to do so.

As a picture of the church embraced by the state, it is a picture of those who had been standing for the Lord, suddenly overrun by those who do not know Jesus. How did we get here? How did the word lose its power?

It all begins with the idea of Holiness. The church in Ephesus was concerned about that to the point of guarding against any and all incursions of the enemy. They wanted to maintain being in the world, but not of the world. The problem was, they forgot about the need to love the flock and love the lost in the process. Balance was required and they did indeed repent to regain it.

Then we came to Smyrna, they were under severe persecution. They couldn't help but be separate. Holiness was in action there as they had to rely on the Holy Spirit and on each other, the body of Christ being the Church, just to get by.

But now we are in Pergamum, a religious center. An economic center and a governmental center as well. The religious business of the town was good business and there would have been a strong idol making guild there to support the various temples in town. The word of Christ hits town and people start coming to Christ. At first, some quit their jobs and began to separate themselves from the world, just as in Ephesus and Smyrna, causing persecution, but something changed. There were those who were being saved, who didn't quit their day jobs over at the Temple to Zeus, or Demeter, or whatever god they were working for. They needed the job and the church had to decide what to do about it.

What options do they have? The same that believers in Ephesus and Smyrna had, but they took a left turn instead towards affirmation.

Their thought process looked like this; we can isolate ourselves from the world and form our own little Christian world. By the way, this has been tried time after time. That was the forced solution in Smyrna and is the path of choice for many persecutors. But for us today in the 21st century, what is the decision to be? The world has so much to offer so why should we not take advantage of it. How many want to become Amish or join a Mennonite colony? So, they assimilate the world and begin to look like it rather than being in but out, they were in, totally in.

Let me outline this. So, you work as a plaintiff attorney in a big law firm. You make a good living from contingency fees as you represent folks who have been injured against those who may have been the cause of the injury. But some of your clients aren't hurt all that bad, so you make a few suggestions to run up the medical bills and make it look like they were severely injured. The bigger the final award for damages, the more you make. But now you have become a believer in Christ.

Now what do you do?

Or you have a great job, at a bar, and then you get saved. Now what?

When I was in Bible school. One of the guys I hung out with was an evangelist. He had the gift of evangelism, and he would intentionally go out of his way every Friday to be somewhere he could tell others about Jesus. About every three or four weeks, he would catch a bit of flack over his choice of where, from those who managed the business or operation he was in front of.

There was a month where he was hanging out outside of strip clubs and he would witness to the dancers as they were leaving work or going to work. And yes, he was seeing many of them become Christians, but once they came to Christ, now what?



These women wanted to leave the lifestyle they were in and wanted to follow the Lord. And he had to figure out how to make that happen and at the time, there were very few churches willing to step up.

This is the same issue we see today when people decide in favor of Jesus and find themselves being told by the Holy Spirit that they need to leave the lifestyle they have been living in for years. And that means leaving relationships and work many times because they must separate themselves out completely from the lifestyle.

The problem though takes place when the church affirms them in that job or lifestyle and tells them they don't need to leave.

What some did in Pergamum is what many do today with this idea of affirmation, in fact some whole churches do this, and it is nothing more than assimilation into the world. We wind up living a life that is so indistinguishable from the world that no one can tell the difference. We hold hands with the unbelievers and sing kumbaya.

Spiritual assimilation is always the path of least resistance; it is the most natural and cowardly way to live. It allows the culture to exploit our natural tendency to get all the world has to offer with only a nod in the direction of the God we say we love. (Lutzer 2018, 57-58)

Revelation 2:13

"I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold firmly to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells." (NASB 2020)

Jesus knows that the city they live in is a problem. It would be no different than living in Las Vegas or Salt Lake City and seeing folks come to Christ. Huge numbers of those who are coming to Christ are involved in jobs, lifestyles, and relationships, that now must change. The Holy Spirit is going to be the one showing them that as they grow in Christ. This is the challenge in Pergamum too. But at this point, it really is Satan's throne.

But this church has indeed stood strong in the past. One of their members, Antipas, was put to death. Antipas is specifically noted by Jesus as the first faithful witness, *martus*, who was killed there.

We have the blending here and identification of what being a faithful witness truly means. It means being as faithful as Jesus. The church did not, and he did not deny Jesus, even with this even with the city being demon central, the church had remained faithful and did not deny Jesus. This church has seen a glorious witness in the past, even though they are in the middle of Satan's headquarters.

I want to talk a bit about the phrase we see referring to where the church dwells. Here in verse 13 we read it is where Satan's throne is, and where Satan dwells. Again, the large number of Temples and this city being a religious center for the region begins to help us understand what is being said. Jesus gives us a glimpse of the reality of the unseen realm here and what we discover is unnerving to say the least.

First of all, this points to a reality many of us simply refuse to accept.

Demons and fallen angels are very real and they are at war with the cause of Christ throughout the planet. At the time John is writing this, Pergamum has a unique history and a long patronage with the fallen ones. The death of Antipas points to this.



Revelation is a supernatural book and to fully understand what Jesus is telling us, we must look at this with our eyes fully opened and aware of the unseen realm. The war is real and as we draw closer to the rapture, the wall is beginning to become rather thin.

Ephesians 6:10–13

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.” (NLT)

But we engage with this enemy from the side of victory. The war is over, and Jesus has won it all.

1 John 4:4

“You are from God, little children, and have conquered them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” (NET 2nd ed.)

The city of Pergamum fully embraced the false gods of the day. Pergamum has embraced Athena as their patron god. The reality is that behind Athena is a fallen divine being, a fallen angel, demanding worship from those they were originally charged to keep watch over. The Lord tells us about the judgement coming their way for failing Him (Psalm 82).

The unseen world has a hierarchy, something reflected in such terms as archangel versus angel. That hierarchy is sometimes difficult for us to discern in the Old Testament, since we aren’t accustomed to viewing the unseen world like a dynastic household, as an Israelite would have processed certain terms used to describe the hierarchy. In the ancient Semitic world, sons of God (Hebrew: beney elohim) is a phrase used to identify divine beings with higher-level responsibilities or jurisdictions. The term angel (Hebrew: mal’ak) describes an important but still lesser task: delivering messages. (Heiser 2015, 23-24)

Psalm 82

“A psalm of Asaph. God presides over heaven’s court; he pronounces judgment on the heavenly beings: “How long will you hand down unjust decisions by favoring the wicked? Interlude “Give justice to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people. But these oppressors know nothing; they are so ignorant! They wander about in darkness, while the whole world is shaken to the core. I say, ‘You are gods; you are all children of the Most High. But you will die like mere mortals and fall like every other ruler.’ ” Rise up, O God, and judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you.” (NLT)

In Pergamum, there is the huge Temple to Zeus. The altar to Zeus is what is being referred to as the throne of Satan. “The altar of Zeus itself was removed to and reconstructed in the Berlin Pergamon Museum. Visitors to the Berlin Pergamon Museum can now see the west face of the altar with its frieze—it’s ornately decorated or carved frieze of the battle of the gods against the giants.” (deSiva 2018)

It was rebuilt in Berlin and completed in 1930.

A man by the name of Albert Speer spent time at the exhibit in Berlin in the 30’s, Speer became the architect for Adolf Hitler. The basic outline of the altar of Zeus was used by Speer at Zeppelin Field in Nuremberg and was the site used for various Nazi rallies.

When Barack Obama gave his nomination acceptance speech in Denver in 2008, it was from a stage made to copy of what he had seen in Berlin, the same altar of Zeus.



Zeus went by many other names historically. Besides the name nachash (serpent) in Genesis 3, in Egypt, he was Ammon, in Mesopotamia, he went by the name of Marduk, King of the Gods in Babylon; Baal is another one of those names. Romans would have called him Jupiter. Satan has been tied in with that name so what we are having revealed to us by the Lord is at the point in time this is written, Satan is using this city and the altar of Zeus as a base of operations for the various spiritual warfare operations he is doing around the region.

The most severe desecration of the Temple in Jerusalem to ever take place, so severe Jesus uses it as a type of what we will see the beast do in Revelation 13:4, was done by a man who believed he was a manifestation of Zeus, most likely possessed and influenced by Satan.

“Antiochus ordered that swine, the most ceremonially unclean of all animals, be offered on the temple altar of burnt offerings. And to make the sacrilege still worse, he insisted that those animals be offered to the pagan god Zeus. Because he had declared himself to be Theos Epiphanes (meaning, “the manifest god”), and even more explicitly Zeus Epiphanes (“the manifestation of Zeus”), he was actually demanding worship of himself in place of Almighty God.” (Van Kampen 2000, 148-149)

Satan is not omniscient; he is a created being and can only be in one place at a time. He is not omnipresent, and he must rely on others telling him what is going on.

So far for the church, not a bad report card...yet. Now the shoe drops, and we find out what has been going on in the church lately.

Revelation 2:14

“But I have a few things against you, because you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit sexual immorality.” (NASB 2020)

Some background. Balaam was a prophet for hire and Balak, the King of Moab hired him to curse Israel as Israel was passing through prior to entering the land. On his way to do that, Balaam was stopped by the angel of the Lord and the result was an extended conversation of this fact with his donkey (Numbers 22:26-31).

Balaam did not curse Israel, instead he blessed Israel. But he did give Balak a way to get at Israel and destroy the relationship they had with YAHWEH. This is not a recommended thing to do, to intentionally lead anyone who is a believer astray from the Lord and His service. Jesus tells us this ...“Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin.” (Luke 17:1b–2, ESV)

What is this stumbling block? In the Greek the word is skandalon, guess what English word we get from it. Literally, Balaam taught Balak how to scandalize the people of Israel. He did this by telling Balak to send over some of your really good-looking priestesses to a meet and greet with the young men over there in the camp of Israel. Take along a covered dish with you preferably of something sacrificed to our gods and unclean to them as a result. “The word σκάνδαλον, then, doesn’t merely designate sin, but sin that leads to apostasy, to defection from the Lord, to the worship of false gods.” (Schreiner 2023, 147-148)

How bad did it get with Balaam’s advice?

Numbers 25:6–8

“Just then one of the Israelite men brought a Midianite woman into his tent, right before the eyes of Moses and all the people, as everyone was weeping at the entrance of the Tabernacle. When Phinehas



son of Eleazar and grandson of Aaron the priest saw this, he jumped up and left the assembly. He took a spear and rushed after the man into his tent. Phinehas thrust the spear all the way through the man's body and into the woman's stomach. So the plague against the Israelites was stopped," (NLT)

For the folks there in Pergamum, some of them may have been eating food that was indeed sacrificed to idols. If some of the church had remained employed in their previous jobs, then there would be those guild meetings they must go to where food is served, pork offered to Zeus earlier today and of course, time to make things right with the gods by working things out with the temple prostitutes. It is also possible that they continued to celebrate holidays and festivals that were connected to the worship of the gods in town as well. Those would also include feasting on previously sacrificed meat and consorting with Temple prostitutes as well.

In other words, Pergamum was tolerating the unconverted world coming into the church and being part of the church. Embracing the culture while giving a nod to Christ. Like the United Methodist Church church did recently when they eliminated Biblical Christianity from the church.

So, problem one, the toleration of things coming into the church that should not be tolerated. Things of the world.

I will probably shock some with this, but Yoga is an example of this. There are churches here in Hobe Sound that have Yoga as part of their church. We will not be doing that since it is Hinduism.

Here is the thing about Yoga, "the goal of all types of yoga is moksha, a state of union with the spirit of Brahman, the Universal Supreme Self. According to this philosophy, the self is inseparable from God because God is the impersonal substance of reality (see chapter on Pantheism). Therefore, when we self-realize, we enter paripurna-brahmanubhava, a union with Brahman." (Bancarz and Peck 2018, 355)

There is no such thing as Christian Yoga per Subhas Tiwari, Hindu scholar.

In the past few months I have received several calls from journalists around the country seeking my views on the question of whether the newly minted "Christian Yoga" is really yoga. My response is, "The simple, immutable fact is that yoga originated from the Vedic or Hindu culture. Its techniques were not adopted by Hinduism, but originated from it." These facts need to be unequivocally stated in light of some of the things being written to the contrary by yoga teachers. The effort to separate yoga from Hinduism must be challenged because it runs counter to the fundamental principles upon which yoga itself is premised, the yamas (restraints) and niyamas (observances). (Tiwari 2006)

Jesus is in the business of forgiveness and His call to repentance to the church in Pergamum still holds today.

There is one other group though that has infiltrated into Pergamum.

Revelation 2:15

"So you too, have some who in the same way hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans." (NASB 2020)

So, in Ephesus, there were some who hated this. But here in Pergamum, there are some who hold to it. Those who taught and did what Jesus hates, are part of the church in Pergamum.

Both of these groups were advocating much the same thing, lording it over the people, and doing what you want with a nod to Jesus.



Pergamum needed to take immediate action. Sin does that. If we do not take drastic , measures to end it, it infects others as well.

They have a serious problem. The church has moved from being strong in the face of persecution to now, they tolerate evil in the camp. Not just any sin, but idolatry, promiscuity, and bullying. In fact, they have a few growth groups now teaching this. The church is so loving, that they tolerated heresy and error being taught in the church. Jesus has an answer for this.

Revelation 2:16–17

“Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will wage war against them with the sword of My mouth. The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows except the one who receives it.” (NASB 2020)

Jesus has told this church to “repent or else...” This is more than a warning; this is an ultimatum of impending judgement, and it won’t be pretty when it happens because the sword to be used is a romphia. Messy head lopping is coming.

And here is the thing, Jesus says He will come to the entire church. We see this today when there are failures involving a Pastor or Teacher within the church. Judgment indeed falls on the individual or individuals who were involved, but the entire body suffers because of it. It is incredibly messy. You start off by wondering how this could happen, and as the truth comes out, and the facts along with it, there are usually those points where a warning could have ended it, but the signs were ignored.

I have found when the issue is bullying, how common the signs were in those churches it was rooted out of. This is a global church issue.

One of the signs that has been discussed is in those fellowships where the body and the staff was being regularly bullied, it became evident in the body count of excessive turnover from staff and the churn taking place in the congregation.

There is good turnover, those who have outgrown where they are and have been called to start their own ministries or move to another ministry to serve there.

Then there is unwanted turnover, staff quits because they are “burned out.” Familiar faces in the fellowship suddenly disappear and those ministries they were involved in simply disappear. In more than one church that had to deal with this problem, a warning sign that some of the elders began to notice, was turnover of staff being a frequent occurrence. Way in excess of normal. But when you ask what happened, they will not tell you since they seem to all be obtaining NDC’s in exchange for cash to hold them over to the next job.

The damage left behind includes one church and all its campuses closed. Another, severely damaged having to curtail or completely stop church planting. Another spending over a decade saddled with huge debt as those left standing began recovering the flock which was abused. And we have been seeing now for almost a year another large ministry being torn apart as the truth starts coming out. In every case, it is the faithful who remain, who pick up the pieces.

Jesus is telling those fellowships harboring this, repent and repent now. It always starts with the elders, but Jesus says it will ultimately impact the whole body unless the body repents. Swift action resolves the issues, and the return is to ministry and a healthy body. But if there is no repentance, Jesus will make war with those who were the problem.



Then comes His standard “we need to be listening” as this is not just for the church in Pergamum alone. This is a condition that has been suffered in churches throughout history. Not just the church that sees the Roman Empire abdicate and then move in to stay.

For those who overcome, those who are genuine believers, those who repent and those who remain faithful there are two promises made. The first is hidden manna. “To a Jew, ‘to eat of the hidden manna’ meant to enjoy the blessings of the messianic age. To a Christian, it meant to enter into the blessedness of the new world which would emerge when the kingdom came.” (Barclay 2004, 105)

That is only possible in Christ. This tells us then what the hidden manna is.

Christ is manna for all believers, not just a portion of them. It follows from this that manna in the sense of a final reward will likewise be for all believers. (Wong 1998, 349)

As believers, we have fellowship with Him as He is indeed the “bread of life.”(John 6:51)

Then we are promised a white stone with a name on it.

The most satisfactory understanding of the white stone derives significance from the free doles of bread and free admission to entertainments that people of the Roman Empire received from time to time. These were in exchange for “tickets,” which often took the form of white stones (Alford). Such a white stone with one’s name on it was the basis for admission to special events. It was also a well-established custom to reward victors at the games with such a token enabling them to gain admission to a special feast. This practice coincides with the victor’s participation in the feast of Rev. 3:20 (cf. also 19:9) (Lee). The “hidden manna,” the other part of the reward in v. 17, suggests a reference to the Messianic feast. The white stone is, then, a personalized tessera, which would serve as his token of admission to this great future feast (Mounce). (Thomas 1992, 201)

Overcomers have fellowship with Christ, and an admission ticket to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb personalized with our new name in Christ.

Do you have your admission ticket? If you are in Christ, a believer, the answer is yes. There is still time to get yours before He comes to evacuate us from here. This is not our real home anymore, heaven is. And we are all looking forward to the day He takes us home to be with Him forever.

Today is the day to get your admission ticket for the banquet.

Romans 3:21–24

“But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.” (NLT)

Romans 10:9–13

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”” (NLT)



ABC's of Salvation

- A. Acknowledge that you are a sinner, tell Him that.
- B. Believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sin and that He rose from the dead.
- C. Confess that Jesus is Lord. Tell someone about what you have done.

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