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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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Bothering a Christian

Before becoming a disciple of the Lord, Paul said,

I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme. (**Acts 26:11**)

He had tried to make them speak against Jesus. As a Christian, Paul wrote,

I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed. (**1 Corinthians 12:3**)

No one following the Holy Spirit's inspired Scriptures will contradict Jesus Christ. By the Holy Spirit, who can say: Jesus did not build His church (**Matthew 16:18**)? Purchase His church with His blood (**Acts 20:28**)? give sinners "redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (**Ephesians 1:7**)? Reject baptism to "wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (**Acts 22:16**)?

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. (**1 Corinthians 12:13**)

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**The Sin of Lawlessness**

Do not be envious of evil men, Nor desire to be with them; For their heart devises violence, And their lips talk of troublemaking. (**Proverbs 24:1-2**)

In a strife-filled, racially-divided, hate-mongering society, they are "evil men" who drive it to the brink. The race-baiters who get hysteric about past history, fan the flames of racial hatred, with the assistance of a propaganda press. It is their "troublemaking" talk carried out, that makes headlines. Their evil hearts are devising violence, with no plan for peace, but power.

Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him. (**Proverbs 26:27**)

Remember, if law-enforcers are removed, there will be no enforced law! One day, Jesus

... Will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness. (**Matthew 13:41**)

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Unqualified Love of God

The only verse many people accept is "God is love" (**1 John 4:8**). They think that means "God loves me regardless of how I live." They could not be more wrong, for Jesus Christ also said,

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." (**John 14:21**)

Sinners want God to love them as they are, but David said of God,

The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. (**Psalms 5:4-5**)

[God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (**1 Timothy 2:4**)

[God] now commands all men everywhere to repent. (**Acts 17:30**)

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**Who Has Failed**

Jesus Christ said,

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die. (**John 12:32-33**)

[He] by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. (**Hebrews 2:9**)

His cross provides the way of salvation, but does not automatically save each individual. The message of the cross may be:

**1) Perverted.** But there are "ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ" (**Jude 1:4**).

**2) Ridiculed.** Paul wrote:

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

(**1 Corinthians 1:18**)

Jesus said: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved." (**Mark 16:16**)

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Each Death

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.
(**Hebrews 9:27**)

We all have an appointment with death. David seems to list the ways a man can die:

The LORD shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. (**1 Samuel 26:10**)

Death can come by God's stroke, natural causes, or war. Jesus Christ was subjected to the same:

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil. (**Hebrews 2:14**)

The Devil makes God's appointment as tragic, painful, or agonizingly slow as possible, to destroy the faith of the victim or family. Jesus came to help with hope: let Him!

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