

Fun With Unbelievers

I Corinthians 2

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. **13** Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned.

Translation: No God = No Spirit = No Understanding = Scoffers and Detractors

Defining the Problem

Without the Spirit of God, no one can understand the things of God. If unbelievers try to understand anything God, it will all seem foolishness. This can and does apply to those in modern religion as well.

Individuals who do not belong to God, and do not have the Spirit of God, do not have the key that unlocks the Bible and reveals God's truth. That key being God's Spirit indwelling.

- Of course, those without the Spirit of God will not understand the Bible.
- Of course, the Bible will seem foolishness, contradictory, confusing, silly, frustrating, etc. - they can't possibly understand.
- Of course, they cannot comprehend why those with the Spirit who understand the Bible read and study the Bible, because it makes no sense to them.
- Of course, detractors will hate what is good and the people who follow God.
- Of course, scoffers are on the side of the devil who blinds them to the truth.
- Of course, those who belong to the Devil will do his bidding.

It is no wonder then, when detractors and scoffers approach the Bible, they do not understand what they read. It is not possible for them to know the truth without God and the indwelling Spirit. They are not even qualified to judge the Bible, or raise the contradictions they imagine they see in their ignorance. Many of these people are deceived and truly believe they are 100% right and this multiplies the fervor of their objections and incredulity. To many of these, God has given a delusion so that they cannot see the truth due to their rejection of God. They are impossible to reach as they will never understand.

Because they cannot see or understand the truth, and all things of God seem foolish, in their mind they are absolutely right in what they believe, or disbelieve, and they believe that those who do understand God and the Bible are absolutely wrong.

Detractors, then, are hostile toward God and His Word, and toward those who believe, because they believe that all things God are hostile toward them. This is not true. We pity these individuals who are lost to God, blind, living in spiritual darkness, and hope they will turn to the light. If they were to turn to God, they would understand the Bible. As it is, those who live in the darkness of unbelief and

ignorance are the lost the Bible speaks of; led by Satan, blinded to the truth, and they are Satan's emissaries doing the devil's work.

The False Church

There is another problem for the detractors who level their assaults against God and the Bible: the religion of 4th century Covenant Theology that permeates the "church" of today. Covenant religion is an apostate religion that does not know the truth. Many of these detractors and scoffers have grown up in this religion and know nothing but this false portrayal of God they have heard from their youth. On these individuals, Satan's attacks against truth and the Bible have succeeded. They have become detractors because of what they endured in a false religion.

Fun Fact: Covenant religion has no relation to the 1st century Pauline Body of Christ.

Fun Fact: The church of today, and what the church understands of the Bible, is not the truth of 1st century Pauline doctrine.

Fun Fact: The Christian Religion of today, and of the last 1700 years, is found nowhere in the Bible. It is a false, made-up religion.

So, detractors find themselves complaining about God, but from a perspective of modern-day apostate religion and its faulty understanding of the Bible. Their complaints, then, are not against the truth of God and the truth of the Bible which they cannot know or understand, but against what they think they know of a false god and a confused Bible: the error they learned in a modern-day religious system of thought that does not align with the truth because it does not see the truth.

This paper looks at a few of the so-called "errors" and "contradictions" that the lost hold up as "evidence" to discredit God and the Bible, that support their unbelief, uphold their justification to deny all things God, and rewards them with permission to do all things lust, sin, and self.

The Unbelievers Thought Process

It is always the case that those who see contradictions take a verse or section of the Bible out of context. For instance, somewhere in the Bible there is the word "black" and somewhere is the word "white". Of this, detractors throw a contradiction:

"How can the Bible say "black" in one verse and "white" in another? It's absolute absurdity! It's foolishness!! What kind of stupid, simple-minded dope would believe the Bible with all these contradictory errors? It's plainly there in the Bible for all to see: black here and white there! Sheeeesh!!!!!!"

No kidding, it is that loony.

Usually, they possess so little understanding of God and the Bible they cannot even clearly present their imagined contradiction, requiring the Biblicist to reframe their opposition for them. But then, that's half the fun!

Such is the case with a detractor who raised the question of "sin" and "sinless" mentioned in the Bible. They assume because the two words are in the Bible, and that they are opposites (black and white), there must be a great contradiction of some kind that vindicates their unbelief.

Job, the Sinless Man

This is a classic. Detractors read a verse that speaks to the fact that all people are born sinners. So far, so good as this is a true statement.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

And there are many more verses that say the same thing. Truly, there are “none righteous, no not one.” This includes Job.

Then they find words in a verse somewhere in the Bible, take them out of context, misread them, misunderstand them, redefine them wrongly, and voilà, a contradiction is born. To them, this is affirmation, proof positive they are right and no one should believe the Bible! So, they say:

How can the Bible say that Job was a sinless man, yet his world is coming apart while God and Satan play games with him, each trying to see how much havoc they can cause in Job’s life?

Job was finally vindicated in his belief that he had nothing to apologize for.

There are three glaring errors in the detractors statement above showing a total lack of understanding of all things Bible.

1. Job was not sinless
2. God had a purpose in what He did in Job’s life – no games
3. Job finally saw his mistake and repented in sack cloth and ashes – he did indeed apologize.

Let’s break it down. Take a look at the text in question:

Job 1:1 ¶ There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name [was] Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

First, the verse above does not say Job was sinless. Game over. Biblicist 1, Detractors 0

These detractors are so lazy they do not even bother to read the verse or understand the difference between “sinless” “perfect” and “upright”.

Perfect is an inclination of the heart toward God. A perfect heart would never knowingly do anything that offended God. Here is Paul speaking to the Church at Corinth:

2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Paul is **NOT** telling the Corinthians to be sinless, but perfect in their heart attitude toward God. It’s the same with Job.

Fallen man, always and forever, so long as he is in the flesh, has the propensity toward sin and therefore is a chronic sinner. This is the cause of our separation from God and the reason for Jesus, the sinless man who died in our place to reconcile us to God. When we turn to God, He no longer sees our perpetual state of sin, He sees Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf.

“Upright” is the countenance of a man: strictly honorable and honest.

So then, Job was an honorable, honest man who “eschewed evil” (avoid, abstain) and would never knowingly or willingly commit any transgression against God. Still a sinner, still sinning, but perfect in heart and mind and purpose.

To that point, Job had a problem: pride. Pride is a sin. Job did not know he had this problem or how God saw him. Despite all his good intentions, and how good he thought he was, he was proud and therefore a sinner sinning in the eyes of God. Throughout the entire book of Job, God presents the facts so that Job might see his problem: showing Job how far he fell short of the mark. The goal is to make Job a better man. This is the lesson:

1. Many times we do not know we have a problem until God makes it known to us.
2. God will chasten those He loves for their own good, and for their growth.
3. God will never do any more than necessary to get our attention that we might resolve our issue.
4. God will use any and all means to bring the issue to our attention, even employing Satan to do His bidding.
5. In this you can see the father / son relationship, and so, we are children of God.

Hebrews 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Now to the ridiculous statement that “Job was finally vindicated in his belief, that he had nothing to apologize for”. Did they even read the book? Look where Job finally landed after he saw his mistake:

Job 42:6 Wherefore I abhor [myself], and repent in dust and ashes.

Job had plenty to apologize for... and did. The detractors, saying Job had nothing to apologize for, are deliberately lying to deceive the unwary. While were at it, detractors want to dissuade as many people from God and the Bible as they can. There contradictions are deceptions to influence others. That is exactly what Satan has been doing from the beginning and these detractors are in league with him to do his bidding.

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A Young Woman Said...

When confronted with her immorality and promiscuity, a young woman said

“It doesn’t matter what I do, Jesus will still love me.”

Would you like a side of fruit with that? asked the serpent.

Incidentally, this is not a Bible verse...

Well, you're right, Jesus will still love you, but talk about a half-truth. Jesus will not only love you; He will even be down-right sad when God throws you into hell for your whoredom because you chose sin over God, a lie over truth, lust over life eternal. Unless you have a relationship with God, you will not find eternity with God and you will die in your sins.

People without the Spirit follow their lusts, and in ignorance, make very grave mistakes that lead to their ruin. These weak-minded individuals, wanting to revel in their pleasures, believe whatever lie that allows them to carry out the desires of their sinful heart. This is the hallmark of the unsaved, and throngs of the religious have more than enough of this errant thinking.

No One Who is Born of God Sins

Detractors read the verse below and scoff at the idea that believers don't sin when the Bible repeatedly says that everyone sins.

The Bible says "all sin", then it says Christians "don't sin". Which is it?

Look at the verse:

I John 5

18 ¶ We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

Everyone born into this world is in sin, so point one, yes, all are sinners by nature. This is the reason for Christ's sacrificial death: to cover our sins before God. In Christ, Satan's accusations against the believers who have turned to God are nullified and the believer justified, just as though they never sinned. Not so the detractors. They will die in their sins and face God's righteous judgment because, "they did not receive the truth so as to be saved." Point two, God covers our sins in Christ and the devil cannot touch us with his accusations. Sinners, yes, forgiven yes, justified yes, saved yes. Detractors lost, yes.

We don't need to worry about Sin

There is truth and there is lie. Satan, from the beginning, has used lies to deceive the world. If he can get you to believe his lie, and you act on it, he wins and you lose. Satan works through individuals, like detractors, to spread his lies. The following is a good example.

Taking a verse out of context (of course), detractors say that the Bible clearly teaches we are covered for original sin and our belief and conversion to children of God is unnecessary.

We didn't opt in to get the sin of Adam, and we needn't opt in to get the salvation of Jesus. No belief is necessary. Paul assures us we're good.

Here is their "proof" verse

Romans 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Simply reading the verse is sufficient to debunk this one. Oh wait, they couldn't understand it even if they did read it.

1. The many **were made** sinners, (**past tense**). All of humanity inherited the sin nature from Adam and Eve. All people everywhere **are** sinners in need of a savior. “Opt In” sounds like we had a choice. We didn’t and we don’t. The sin nature is automatic: everyone has it from conception. However, there is a remedy. The only choice we have is choosing the salvation God offers: we need to “Opt In”. Not making that choice you automatically “Opt Out” and you will die in your sins. **Belief is necessary** if you don’t want eternal separation from God.
2. The many **will be made** righteous (**future tense**) speaking of those who choose God’s path to salvation and “Opt In” and “believe”. People must believe. Believing is necessary: it is you choosing to “Opt In”. Doing nothing you automatically “Opt Out” and “miss out”.
3. Here is how it works: Mankind chose away from God (through Adam), Man must choose back of God (through Christ)

Notice the verse below. This precedes the verse above and the detractors choose not to mention it:

Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one [judgment came] upon **all** men to **condemnation**; even so by the righteousness of one [the free gift came] upon all men unto justification of life.

We must accept the gift (Opt In).

Satan is a liar and was a liar from the beginning of humanity.

1. The idea that we have nothing to do with sin – because we didn’t “opt in” is a lie. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”.
2. Since we didn’t “opt in” to sin, we don’t need to “opt in” to salvation. Another lie that Satan is here trying to sell mankind saying: “surely you do not need a savior...”. Where have you heard that one before?

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:**

If you buy into the lie that “you do not need a savior”, you will not have a savior, you will not have God, and you remain lost here on earth and in eternity. All because of a little convenient satanic lie you chose to believe that allows you to revel in your sins. Satan becomes the victor over you and wins your soul, depriving you of eternity with God, insuring you a seat in hell with the devil for all eternity.

Another lie: “Paul assures us we’re good?”. What a farce! Here is what Paul says:

II Corinthians 5

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech [you] by us: we pray [you] in Christ’s stead, **be ye reconciled to God.**

21 For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Paul says; be reconciled to God because we are not, and we need to be. Notice the same future tense: “That **WE MIGHT** Be...” We are not, but we can be, it is a choice we all make either by action or through inaction. So are you in or out? Your choice.

The Religions are not United so Religion is a Failure

Even a blind squirrel finds a nut. The detractors are right on this one, but not in the way they think. Instead, they completely miss the point. Here is their verse:

I Corinthians 1

10 ¶ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

The detractors say: “

Paul completely failed as there are divisions, the church is not “perfectly joined together” and they do not have the “same mind”.

Christianity is more than just Roman Catholics and Baptists and Methodists and maybe a few more—there are now 45,000 denominations, and Christianity is fragmenting at a rate of two new denominations per day.

First, their numbers are wacky. 45,000? / two per day? These are not believable numbers, and given the lies these people tell, they cannot be trusted to relay the truth.

Second, as mentioned at the beginning of this paper, religion today is not a valid expression of biblical truth. So, while the detractors complain about religion, it is the modern-day religion they reference which truly is a train wreck and should be avoided. To that end, yes! religion today is a failure in many ways.

When the detractors look at the Bible and find Paul’s description of the Body of Christ, where everyone has the same Spirit of God and therefore the same mind in unity, they mistakenly believe the today church and Paul’s Church are one-in-the-same. They are not... even close. It’s comparing apples to anvils. The detractors don’t know any better then to make the comparison. So, yes, the modern-day religion is not in unity. However, the Body of Christ that does exist today, the Church Paul writes about in his letters, is in perfect unity as we all have the same Spirit and so, the same mind.

God Keeps Changing the Rules

Through the Bible, God provides us with an expansive 4000 year view of history as humanity marches toward its end. The passing centuries lay down a mosaic of acts and actions, all providing the big picture of man on earth.

Detractors love to take Bible bits and pieces from here and there, then weave them together to form a disjointed mish-mash of events, then call this mess the religion of the Bible. Here are a few points they make and the actual truth of the matter.

The Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants

God made an “everlasting covenant” with Abraham, but then he tore that one up and made another one with Moses.

- A covenant is a promise. God made a covenant, or promise, to Noah that He would never again destroy the world with a flood. So far so good as there has not been a global flood since.
- And God did not tear up that covenant with Noah when he made a covenant with Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation;
- And He did not tear up that covenant when he made a covenant with Abraham giving him and his descendants the promised land of Canaan forever.
- God didn't tear up any covenants or welsn on any promises: they all still apply.
- The idea of "tearing up" promises is a satanic lie that has no foundation. Just something detractors made up out of thin air to claim a contradiction and cast doubt on God and the Bible when no contradiction exists.
- Abraham was the beginning of the Jewish race. Moses was the beginning of the law for the Jews. God is faithful, and His dealings with mankind throughout history is ongoing with many parts and pieces and there is more to come. God has and will keep every promise.

Jesus, Jews, and the Law

Detractors have no Biblical knowledge at all. When they see the "law", and then read that Jesus abolished the law, in their ignorance they immediately jump to faulty conclusions:

The New Testament can't make up its mind: first there is the law and then, tear it up again later and there is no law.

WOW! This is even bad by their standards.

Do you notice they have this fixation on "tearing things up" when there is no mention of anything being "torn up" anywhere in the Bible? It is a lie to deceive and mislead. The reason is for effect. Satan thinks that if he can make you believe that God changes His mind and "tears things up", you will not believe the Bible and never turn to God. Satan simply uses the detractors as sock puppets to do his bidding.

There was a law. Christ did not come to destroy the law (tear it up), but to fulfill the law, to complete the law, to bring it to a conclusion. Christ is the end of the law for all who believe. Look at these verses. (Keep in mind the detractors know these verses very well, but conveniently ignore them to make their claims of contradiction and controversy to sucker you into unbelief).

Matthew 5

17 ¶ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

Romans 10

:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

If you are in the Body of Christ, the law doesn't apply to you.

The detractors continue along the same line:

But in Hebrews, God justifies yet another covenant and the whole thing begins again. What happened to the other covenants? Do you notice God keeps changing His mind?

God does not change His mind:

Malachi 3:6 "For I, the LORD, do not change;

The verse used by the detractors is from Hebrews, a Jewish epistle written by a Jew, to Jews, for Jews about Jews and Jewish things. It has nothing to do with Pauline doctrine and the Body of Christ. It is also taken out of sequence and out of context.

Hebrews 8

6 ¶ But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

7 For if that first [covenant] had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

These few verses of Hebrews are a small piece of a much broader thought and topic the detractors purposely omit. Like the temptation of Jesus, Satan knows the Bible and he uses little pieces, out of context, to create a half-truth. Still a lie, and still deception.

Answer: This compares the past Old Testament sacrificial system to the present finished work of Jesus in sacrificing Himself for mankind. The old system could never take away sins, but served as a model of a future time and a better covenant. This was all planned from the foundation of the world. At the right time in the history of mankind, Christ's sacrificial death became the better, permanent sacrifice, the fulfillment of the Old Testament model; a sacrifice that actually covered man's sins in the site of God once and for all time (for those who believe).

Worshipping a "New Guy"

Detractors see an unexplainable change from Jewish to Body of Christ, and see Jesus as another deity to worship.

When Jesus came to the Jews, He changed Judaism. What explanation can there be to justify Christians changing their worship day, eliminating the sacrificial system, and worshipping this new guy Jesus and God.

First obvious problem is turning Jesus into a second deity. Christ the Son, and God the Father are one. There is no "new guy".

John 10:30 "I and the Father are one." (Jesus Speaking)

Like the first part of this objection, at the right time, a change occurred to end the Jewish sacrificial system for the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ.

As far as changing the "worship day", this is a reference to the false, apostate religion of Roman Christianity, not the Pauline Body of Christ.

Fun Fact: The religion called Christianity is nowhere found in the Bible. It is a made-up religion.

Pauline doctrine does not include a “special day” so again, they are not talking about the same thing.

Romans 14

**5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day [alike].
Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.**

**6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth [it] unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not
the day, to the Lord he doth not regard [it].**

The 1st century Pauline believers: the Body of Christ, is no relation to the 4th century Roman religion and its Protestant Covenant Christianity of today, and most certainly does not include everyone who calls themselves “Christian”, or everyone who attends church services. This confuses the detractors. Thinking everything is the same, they do not realize the difference between the relationship with God and the cheap, ineffectual imitation that is a religion about God that permeates our world today. Very different. They level their assault against the religion of today that has nothing to do with authentic Pauline believers. The one true God gets caught in the crossfire.

In the verse above, 4th century Covenant religion, a blend of many influences including paganism, initiated Sunday to include and appease the pagans in their worship of the sun. Even then this false religion was practicing inclusivity as the false religions do today. There were other pagan add-ons as well. This has nothing to do with Paul’s Gospel, Christ’s Church of believers, the Body of Christ, the truth of the Bible, or God. It’s like complaining about a nuclear power plant and its validity because your steak at the restaurant last night was over cooked. The two are disjointed and the one has nothing to do with the other.

So, the Jews had their Sabbath (Saturday), and the pagan Christian church had its sun worship day (Sunday), and the Body of Christ has nothing to do with either.

Anyone can see Anything in the Bible

So true! Just ask any detractor!

This is a funny quote obviously written by a detractor, but in his ignorance, he is writing about the detractors, himself included, who see whatever they want to see in the Bible, or more accurately, can’t see the truth of the Bible:

**I always refer to the Bible as the world’s oldest, longest-running, most
widespread, and least deservedly respected Rorschach Test. You can
look at it and see whatever you want. And everybody does.
— Richard S. Russell**

For the child of God in the Body of Christ, who has the Spirit of God, the truth is in the Bible and plainly understood. Therefore, Mr. R. Russell is not writing about this group. Those who see whatever they want to see, who cannot see anything at all but foolishness and contradiction, these are the detractors, are not of God, are not in the Body of Christ, and are therefore lost souls, as is Mr Russell who cannot distinguish between the two.