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## **Introduction**

Most Christian churches teach that human beings are forever lost, unless they hear the gospel message, repent of their sins, then accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior. Furthermore, we are told that these events all must occur during a person's human lifetime, or God will sentence that person to eternal torment in a place called Hell.

*But no church could get away with teaching what is outlined above, if they honestly shared what the Bible teaches about salvation.*

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## 1 — Is Most of Humanity Lost?

### ***Christianity teaches:***

That God is saving only a precious few of the teeming mass of humanity, while this vengeful and downright scary Deity condemns most of humanity to eternal torment in Hell. Moreover, it's only through the monetary support of dedicated worshipers that Christian ministries can spread the Gospel, as they attempt to rescue a few more lost souls from God's punishing wrath.

### ***But Jesus Christ taught:***

God has always planned to save every man, woman, and child born on planet earth.

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### How Many People Are Going to Hell?

Christians hear the phrase “sinners are going to Hell” so often, the statement has lost much of its impact. Thus it's instructive to associate some real numbers with the claim that God will eternally torment humanity's sinners.

Few realize that even with our modern electronic communications, most people never get a chance to hear about Christ, much less to learn His gospel and receive salvation. The majority of earth's population lives in a stretch of land occupying northern Africa and Asia. Christian mission strategist Luis Bush calls this rectangular area “the 10/40 window”<sup>106</sup>, because it lies between 10 & 40 degrees latitude north of the equator. And with a world population of 7.3 billion<sup>107</sup> (at the time of this writing), this area holds two-thirds of the world's populace, which amounts to 4.87 billion people.

Mr. Bush goes on to state that 90% of these people — 4.38 billion — will never even hear about Christ. While traditional Christian theology claims that all of these people are spiritually lost and condemned to spend eternity being tormented in Hell.

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So let's paint a mental picture of these 4.38 billion people — the ones Christianity claims will spend eternity in Hell. Say we could line these sinners in a long row, where each person is one foot away from the next. How long might this line of people be? Could it be measured in miles? Would such a line cross

the United States? Could it cross the Atlantic Ocean? And could this line be long enough to circle the earth?

Well, 4.38 billion people spaced one foot apart would create a line that would circle the earth's equator 33 times. And if we could reach out into outer space with this line of unrepentant sinners, it would reach all the way to the moon, then back to the earth, then back to the moon, and then half-way back to earth!

4.38 billion people: that's how many people are in our world today who will never hear about Jesus. And according to institutionalized Christianity, God must send all of these people to Hell to endure eternal punishing for their sins.



### Those Lost in the Past

But what about all the sinners who lived in the past? The Population Reference Bureau<sup>108</sup> is an organization that estimates past, current and future population statistics. And this Bureau states that throughout earth's history, approximately 108 billion people have been born and lived on planet earth.

*Yet most of these people never even heard the name Jesus Christ!*

Realize that just 200 years ago, there were no radios, televisions, telephones, or the Internet. There were few books and newspapers. And it wasn't until almost 1,500 years after Jesus walked the earth that printed Bibles began to appear — not that these did a lot of good, because most of the world's population didn't know how to read until the middle 1800's.

And there were several other issues that inhibited the spread of Christ's gospel. In 303 CE, the Roman emperor Diocletian issued a decree requiring that all handwritten Bibles be destroyed. Sometime later, the Roman Catholic Church ruled the common man "incapable" of understanding the Bible, and only priests, bishops and the Pope were authorized to read and interpret Scripture. Then in 1229 CE, the Council of Toulouse again forbid laymen from using Bibles, with only priests and bishops allowed to read Scripture at church.

Between 1525-1526 CE, William Tyndale published the world's first mass-produced English Bible translation. It was a small Bible that could be used by common (non-clergy) Christians. But the English religious authorities condemned Tyndale's translation and burned most copies. Then in 1536, England tried Tyndale on a charge of heresy and condemned him to death — just for creating a Bible designed for average Christians!

So up until the 17<sup>th</sup> Century — or about 1,600 years from the time Jesus originally preached His gospel — access to biblical writings was heavily regulated by institutionalized, state-sponsored religions. Therefore if one wanted to hear about Christ, they usually had to attend a government-approved church and listen to its particular version of Christ's gospel.

*During the first 1,600 years of Christianity, lay worshipers found it extremely difficult to share the true gospel with others, with most sharing done via word of mouth and from memory.*

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### How Many People Actually Heard the Gospel?

Thus throughout earth's history, far fewer people heard about Christ than one might expect. But just to keep things simple, let's assume that in the past, the same percentage of the population had no access to the gospel as today: that percentage being 60% (4.38 billion, divided by 7.3 billion, times 100). Of course, we know this percentage is far underestimated, because of the various issues we just reviewed.

So if we assume that 60% of the earth's 108 billion people never heard the gospel, this would mean that at least 65 billion people never had the opportunity to be saved. And according to most Christian authorities, these tens-of-billions of people either are now being — or will be in the future — eternally tormented in Hell.

So imagine that we can line up these 65 billion sinners in a row one foot apart from each other. If we could do this, this group of sinners would circle the earth's equator 492 times. And if we could string these sinners between the earth and the moon, they would reach the moon — then travel back to the earth — and then repeat this back-and-forth process between the earth and the moon 25 times. And if we separated these people by 7 ½ feet instead of one foot, this line of 65 billion sinners who never heard about Christ would reach all the way to the sun: *93 million miles of unsaved sinners!*

### **Think About This**

A large segment of institutionalized Christianity tells us these tens-of-billions of people suffered through the trials of human life, only to die and be eternally lost with absolutely no chance of salvation. Furthermore, Christian churches tell us this vast ocean of the lost and unsaved — a line of sinners that would stretch all



the way to the sun — will spend eternity suffering fiery torment in a place called Hell.

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### A God of Hypocrisy?

Christian leaders would have us believe the Lord and Savior who gave up all His power and glory to become a mortal man so He could die for our sins, performed this incredible sacrifice to save — at best — less than 40% of humanity, while God condemns all the rest to suffer in Hell. Furthermore, it's only through the efforts of dedicated Christian churches, fueled by the tithes, offerings and donations of individual Christians, that God is able to save anyone.

*But is this assertion really true?*

In Matthew 9:36, Jesus was moved with compassion because the multitudes were “as sheep having no shepherd.” So does a compassionate God of love simply turn His back to tens-of-billions of spiritually helpless people and consign them to eternal torment?

We've all seen pictures of starving children in India and Africa, those who often die before they are 10 years old. Yet institutionalized Christianity tells us these children must pass on to eternal torment because they were born sinners — and that they *deserve* such punishment — simply because they were born in the wrong place, at the wrong time, such that they could not learn about Jesus Christ and His salvation.

And yes, many dedicated missionaries have gone to other nations and tried to spread the gospel to these people. But even in today's world, all such efforts have left 60% of the world's population without any knowledge of Christ. So missionaries aren't the answer, as there are just too many people and far too few missionaries.

No, what's really required is that God must intervene. But God never does. And this means we must face one of two possible realities:

- 1) God is not the loving and kind Creator Christians would like Him to be. And this harsh and judgmental God has always planned to consign the vast majority of His human creation to be eternally tormented in Hell.

Or ...

- 2) Institutionalized Christianity is wrong — and these tens-of-billions of

people are not really lost.

Throughout the rest of this volume, you will read many Scriptures answering which of these two options is correct.

So get ready to read the most important part of Christ's gospel: *the part that institutionalized Christianity has worked so hard to suppress!*

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## 2 — The Suppressed “Good News”

“We do know that no person can be saved except through Christ. We do not know that only those who know Him can be saved by Him.”

— C.S. Lewis

In the Bible, the Greek translated into the English word “gospel” means *good news*. And the original Christian disciples heard good news from Jesus Christ that turned their lives upside-down. Some left their jobs to share that news; while others risked death to reach for a spiritual goal they esteemed far more valuable than anything within the earthly realm.

*These early converts had a “vision” that modern Christians just don’t have.*

So let’s begin to re-discover that vision by reading about some of the most evil people whom have ever lived — and what God promises these people.

II Kings 21:1-7:

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was Hephzibah. He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he erected altars for Baal (a pagan god) and made an Asherah (an idol), as Ahab king of Israel had done, and worshiped all the host of heaven (the stars and planets) and served them. *He built altars in the house of the LORD*, of which the LORD had said, “In Jerusalem I will put My name.” For he built altars for all the host of heaven *in* the two courts of the house of the LORD. *He made his son pass through the fire (he sacrificed his son as a burnt offering to pagan gods), practiced witchcraft and used divination, and dealt with mediums and spiritists.*

He did much evil in the sight of the LORD provoking Him to anger. Then he set the carved image of Asherah that he had made, *in the house* (God’s temple) of which the LORD said to David and to his son Solomon, “In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever.”

King Manasseh and the Israelite populace seemingly rejoiced in executing evil and rebelling against God. And according to traditional Christian theology, these

are the very kinds of people God would most certainly torment in Hell.

But now read Ezekiel 37:9-11, where we find a surprising outcome for these people. Here we have a prophecy about the entire Nation of Israel, which includes all of Jacob's descendants. And by definition, "all" includes the people we just read about in II Kings. Read this astonishing prophecy:

Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.'" So I prophesied as He commanded me, *and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet*, an exceedingly great army [Hebrew: force of men]. Then He said to me, "Son of man, *these bones are the whole house of Israel*; behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.'"

Please read that again: "these bones are the *whole* House of Israel."

This passage seems to refer to every last Israelite whom has ever lived. So I checked the phrase in multiple translations. And I checked the original Hebrew translated "whole" and found that it indeed means *all, every, the whole*. I also read several biblical commentaries and found that each agreed that this verse refers to all of Israel: *every Israelite whom has ever lived*.

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Now let's continue with verses 12-14, remembering how the prophet was writing about "all" the Israelites:

Therefore prophecy and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, *I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves*, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. ***I will put My spirit within you and you will come to life***, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD.

### **Think About This**

Through Ezekiel, God declared that every Israelite whom has ever lived — which includes all the rebellious people we just read about in II Kings — will be resurrected and given God's Spirit.

And that's what we call salvation — that's how people become born-again children of God!

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### More Promises of Salvation

Now let's move forward a couple of chapters to Ezekiel 39:25-29:

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, “Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on *the whole house of Israel*; and I will be jealous for My holy name. They will forget their disgrace and all their treachery which they perpetrated against Me, when they live securely on their own land with no one to make them afraid. When I bring them back from the peoples and gather them from the lands of their enemies, then I shall be sanctified through them in the sight of the many nations. *Then they will know that I am the LORD their God* because I made them go into exile among the nations, and then gathered them again to their own land; and I will leave none of them there any longer. I will not hide My face from them any longer, ***for I will have poured out My Spirit on the House of Israel,***” declares the Lord GOD.

So there it is again: Ezekiel, under the inspiration of God, wrote that every Israelite whom has ever lived will “know the Lord” — and be given the Holy Spirit!

Do you remember what the apostle Peter wrote in II Peter 1:20-21?

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Thus according to Peter all prophecies — including Ezekiel's — are the spoken words of God.

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### The Apostle Paul Agrees

Now let's read the apostle Paul's view on the salvation of Israel:

For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery — so that you will not be wise in your own estimation — that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; ***and so all Israel will be saved ...*** (Romans 11:25-26).

Paul confirmed everything we saw in the Old Testament: *God intends to save all of Israel.*

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### 3 — Salvation Goes Far Beyond Israel

So far, we've just scratched the surface of what God intends to do with human beings. Because Israel is just one small part of God's great spiritual harvest of humanity.

Look at what Jesus said in John 6:32-33:

Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, *and gives life to the world.*"

So why do you think Jesus said He would give eternal life to "the world?" Was it just a slip of the tongue? Or did the Lord actually mean what He said?

Now read what the apostle John wrote in I John 2:1-2:

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; *and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.*

So John certainly believed what Jesus said in John 6:33 — that He died for the "whole" world, and not just for those whom are Christians.

Now add John 1:6-7, where the apostle wrote this:

There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to testify about the Light (Jesus Christ), *so that all might believe through him.*

So John wrote the same thing again: Jesus made it possible for "all" men and women to believe — and thus be saved.

Finally, let's go to John Chapter 3, where we learn where the apostle got his information. Read what Jesus said in verses 14 & 15:

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; *so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.*

Thus far, all these passages agree with traditional Christian theology: every human being can be saved, *if* they hear the gospel, believe and then repent.

But Christian theology then goes on to limit the time of salvation, by stipulating that God can save only those who hear the gospel within their human lifetime.

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## Paul Disagrees with Christian Theology

Let's read what the apostle Paul wrote in Romans 5:18-19:

So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so *through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men*. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, *even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous*.

No ambiguity here: Paul plainly wrote that “justification of life” — by the actions and works of Christ that provided for repentance, forgiveness and salvation — will come upon “all” men.

*Yet it certainly did not come upon those 65 billion who never heard about Christ!*

We already reviewed statistics proving that the majority of humanity — “the many” — never had any chance at salvation. Nevertheless, Paul wrote “the many” will be made righteous.

So Paul's position flies in the face of traditional Christianity's belief that God only saves those called in this human life. And this is why some theologians balk at Paul's use of “all men” in verse 18, arguing the verse means just the opposite of what it says. These theologians have no problem openly contradicting our Lord and Savior:

“For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and *gives life to the world*” (John 6:33).

“... I did not come to judge the world, *but to save the world*” (John 12:47).”

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## Paul Clarifies His Position

Now I grant you that in Romans 5:18-19, Paul did not state that God intends to save “all” of humanity. But Paul was just warming up. Let continue with what he wrote in Colossians 1:19-20:

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile *all things* to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, *whether things on*



*earth or things in heaven.*

Did you get that? Paul wrote that God the Father is reconciling “all things” to Himself.

But yet again, institutionalized theologians argue with what Paul wrote. Here is how one biblical commentator tried to nullify Paul’s statement: “(this verse) ... relates only to those things which are in heaven and earth — for those only are specified. Nothing is said of the inhabitants of hell.” Apparently, Hell is such an integral part of this man’s thinking, that even the words of an apostle cannot change his views.

Nevertheless, Paul did write that God will reconcile “all things” to Himself — and the Greek means to *fully reconcile*. Furthermore, Paul went on to explain how “all things” — those same things that will be fully reconciled to God — include things on earth *and* things in Heaven.

So here’s an interesting question: *Was Paul suggesting that God saves some of the lost in Heaven?*

Let’s read Romans 11:30-32 and begin to find out:

*For just as you once were disobedient to God (Paul was writing to Gentile Christians), but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience (the Israelites), so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.*

Here Paul plainly states that God will show mercy to “all” people. Thus he agrees with what Jesus said in John 6:33 and 12:47: God is not eternally condemning unsaved sinners. And He intends to offer salvation and eternal life to everyone.

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Finally, let’s read what Paul wrote in I Corinthians 15:21-22:

*For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

By now, it should be clear that Paul disagrees with modern Christian theology. For Paul wrote that everyone whom has died — even those who died on earth without Christ and His salvation — will be resurrected and given a new life.

So follow this logic:

- If “all” people shall again be made alive;
- And God will show mercy to “all” people;
- And God intends to fully reconcile “all things” in Heaven and earth to Himself.

Then how can God condemn more than 65 billion sinners who never even heard the name Jesus Christ, without first trying to reconcile with them?

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Of course, some will argue that Paul is just beating around the bush: that if he really believed that God intends to save everyone, he would have plainly written just that. So let’s read I Timothy 2:3-4, a verse you have probably never heard at church.

Here it is in three different Bible translations:

This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, *who desires [Greek: wills, wants, intends] all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth* (NASB).

This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; *who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth* (ASV).

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; *Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth* (KJV).

### **Think About This**

If God desires and wills that all human beings should be saved, would He place the salvation process in the hands of humanly-controlled churches — organizations that cannot even agree on basic Christian doctrine?

Have human church leaders *defeated* God’s plan to save humanity?

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### **God Is Not Limited by Human Beings**

Jesus said: “With people it is impossible, but not with God; *for all things are possible with God*” (Mark 10:27).

Thus in the modern vernacular, God is the 800 pound gorilla in the room:

God sits wherever He desires;  
God goes wherever He desires;  
God does whatever He desires;  
And God *saves* whomever He desires.

Earlier we saw how the prophet Ezekiel wrote that God is saving all the Israelites; while the apostles John and Paul wrote that God is saving all of humanity. Furthermore, Jesus said He came not to condemn the world, but to save it.

So follow this logic:

- If God intends to save all of humanity;
- But most people never had a chance to hear Christ's gospel;
- Then God must give these people an opportunity to hear the gospel;
- And if they have already died, then God must resurrect them so they can hear the promised gospel in another place and time.

And I suspect that God is not the slightest bit concerned about whether or not modern theologians agree with how He performs His works of salvation.

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### Did the Other Biblical Writers Agree?

So what about the other apostles, the disciples and the prophets? Did their teachings conform with this view that God intends to save everyone? Let's begin to find out by reading Acts 2:16-17:

*But this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 'And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour forth of my spirit on all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.'*

Most people read through these verses without ever noting their significance. This passage does not say God will pour out His Spirit on all whom are in the Church. Instead, it quotes a prophecy in Joel 2:28, where God promises to pour His Spirit out on "all" human beings.

Here is what Joel wrote:

*It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind;*

And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions.

Through the prophet Joel, God has promised to pour His Spirit out on everyone whom has ever lived. Thus the prophet Joel and the author of Acts agree: *God intends to save everyone.*

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Now look at what the apostle Peter wrote about this subject. II Peter 3:9 (KJV):

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

This is similar to what Paul wrote in I Timothy 2:4. But here Peter stated that it's God's will and "promise" to bring everyone to repentance. And what did Jesus say about God accomplishing His will? Mark 10:27:

Looking at them, Jesus said, "With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

And "all things" certainly includes saving all of humanity.

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Therefore if God set up a plan to call Christians to Christ according to His will, is it unreasonable to acknowledge that God also has a plan to save those who never heard about Christ? Didn't we just read how Jesus said nothing is impossible with God? And didn't we read several Scriptures stating that God intends to save everyone?

The Bible is incredibly clear: *God will give everyone a chance to hear and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ!*

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### Are You Hard to Convince?

The doctrine of Hell has been around for a very long time; therefore some find it hard to accept the reality that God is working to save everyone. So for those who still doubt God's plan to save all of humanity, allow me to pose two questions:

- 1) Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior?
- 2) Do you believe and trust what Jesus tells you?

If you mentally answered “yes” to these questions, then we can settle this matter once and for all. Let’s look at one of those famous memory Scriptures. Almost every Christian claims they know these verses — and believes them.

But will you *really* believe what Jesus said?

Read John 3:16-17:

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, *but that the world might be saved through Him.*”

Understand what this verse says. Jesus did not come to earth because God loves those whom would hear the gospel. Or because God loves those whom would receive Christ. Or even because God loves the church.

*Jesus came to earth and died for humanity’s sins because God loves the world.*

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Now look at John 12:32. Here again we have the words of Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior Christians claim to believe, follow and trust. Moreover, this same Jesus is the “Word of God,” the One Christians *should* accept as their Highest Spiritual Authority.

So read what Jesus said about the ultimate destiny of humanity:

*And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw **all** men to myself.*

You just read a statement by Christ that changes the entire face of Christianity. Jesus sweeps aside institutionalized Christianity’s false doctrine of Hell, then clearly reiterates how God intends to save every human being whom has ever been born.

*And that really is Big News!*

But Jesus actually said more. In the previous verse, the Greek translated into the English “draw” is *hel-koo’-o*, which literally means *drag* or *pull*. [Acts 21:30](#) uses this word, when it states how the Jews were angry with Paul and they threw (dragged) him out of the Temple. [James 2:6](#) uses *hel-koo’-o* when the apostle wrote about people being arrested and dragged into court. And the word is used in [John 21:10-11](#), where the disciples dragged a net full of 153 large fish from their boat to the shore.

Therefore Jesus Christ, the Eternal Creator and Word of God, stated He will pull

or even drag everyone whom has ever been born to His offer of salvation, apparently kicking and screaming if necessary ...

*And this was the “good news” — the gospel — that Jesus brought to humanity!*

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### One Final Proof

At this point, you’ve read Scripture after Scripture showing how Jesus, the apostles Paul, Peter, and John, and the author of Acts all wrote that God intends to save everyone. You’ve also seen how the prophet Ezekiel wrote that God will save all of ancient Israel, and how the prophet Joel wrote that God will put His Spirit into all of humanity.

But for those who occasionally bear the name Doubting Thomas, there remains one final and conclusive proof that God intends to save everyone:

“Declare and set forth your case; Indeed, let them consult together. Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me. *Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth*; For I am God, and there is no other” (Isaiah 45:21-22).

The subject of this passage is salvation. Yet to be certain, I looked up the Hebrew translated into the English “saved.” It precisely means: *to be saved*. In fact, the Old Testament uses this word when it refers to the Lord God as our “Savior.”

Also notice how this prophecy is not addressed to the Israelites; neither is it directed at Christians or the Church. Instead, it’s addressed to “all the ends of the earth.” The original Hebrew means *to the ends of the earth without any limits*. And this is why the Contemporary English Version of the Bible renders this verse as follows:

“I invite the whole world to turn to me and be saved.”

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Now continue with verse 23:

“I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back ...”

God is about to make a promise that involves swearing by Himself, apparently because there is no one greater by which to swear. God cannot turn back on this promise. He has obligated Himself to perform what He is about to reveal. His holiness, character, and eternal reputation are on the line. God must do what He promises here.

Let's read what God has promised:

That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance.

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Take a deep breath and think about what you just read:

- Thousands of years ago, God announced to the world that He will make everyone whom has ever lived on planet earth bow before Him, acknowledge that He is Lord, and then swear allegiance;
- And of course, “everyone” must include all the unrepentant sinners;
- And “everyone” also must include all those who never had a chance to hear about Christ and His gospel.

And then in Philippians 2:9-11, the apostle Paul confirmed what Ezekiel wrote:

For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, *so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth (in the graves), and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Everyone** will have an opportunity to repent and be saved!

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## 4 — Conclusion

Since the days when the Messiah walked the earth, institutionalized Christian religions have been systematically replacing our Lord's "good news" with humanly-derived doctrines designed to focus our attention on church institutions and their leaders, rather than the teachings of Jesus Christ. Just like the 1<sup>st</sup> Century religious leaders who turned against our Lord and Savior, modern Christian leaders work to suppress what Jesus taught.

Why do they do this?

Because if God's people were to discover that Jesus is their "only" spiritual leader and teacher — then learn that salvation is not limited to those who accept Christ while they are alive on planet earth — they would soon come to realize how there is little need for institutionalized churches. And millions of pastors would be out of a job.

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### The Veil Lifts

Hopefully, you now can see the wonderful truth that churches have worked so hard to suppress:

- God is working hard to save each and every human being born on planet Earth;
- Everyone will get a chance to hear the gospel, repent and claim the gift of Christ's salvation;
- Those who do not hear the gospel before they die, will have the opportunity to learn and accept it after they are resurrected in the Kingdom of God.

Therefore if you are a Christian, you must make a decision:

Will you choose to believe the doctrines and creeds of human institutions, which generate their financial lifeblood by claiming that most human beings are eternally lost and consigned to eternal punishment in Hell?

Or ...

Will you believe Jesus Christ, His apostles, and the prophets, all of whom clearly and plainly announced the good news — God's promise — that He



will offer salvation to everyone whom has ever lived?

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## 5 — Footnotes

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107 All population and Christian statistical data was obtained from references available in year 2015.

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## 6 — Scripture References

[Acts 21:30](#) Then all the city was provoked, and the people rushed together, and taking hold of Paul they dragged him out of the temple, and immediately the doors were shut.

[James 2:6](#) But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court?

[John 21:10-11](#) Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.” Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

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