

We're Not AS Big As You Think!

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 7:21

From the beginning of the Church, we true Born Again Christians have always been very small in number compared to the population of the world, and yet, the false evangelists and pastors on TV, radio, and at the pulpits will have you to believe we are having a revival and millions are coming to the Lord every day and will be going in the Rapture.

This flies right in the face of the Bible which states, in the last days they will not endure sound doctrine, and having itching ears, will heap teachers to themselves to tell them what they want to hear instead of what the Bible says (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Many men such as Billy Graham, Pat Robertson, Jack Van Impe, Hal Lindsey, David Jeremiah, and the late Grant Jeffrey, in order to sell their books, go directly against scripture and include over 1 billion Roman Catholics as true Born Again Christians making our church at least 1/7 of the world's population. That's impossible! We never have been or ever will be that large of a church. In fact, the Pope just recently relegated Jesus Christ to third place as our hope of salvation. First comes mother Mary, then comes mother church, and finally here comes Jesus! Wasn't that nice of him?

The Bible states "without the shedding of blood there is no remission (of sins)" (Hebrews 9:22b). Did mother Mary shed her blood for us? No! Did mother church shed her blood for us? No! The Bible also states that only the Lord Jesus Christ shed His blood on the cross for the remission of the world's sin (Revelation 1:5b; 5:9b). So how can Jesus be third in line as our hope of salvation? "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Matthew 7:15).

The Pope also said recently that "it is dangerous to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ." And yet without that personal relationship you cannot be saved! Jesus himself said "I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (John 10:9a).

Now how can you be a Roman Catholic and be a true, Bible believing, blood washed, spirit filled Born Again Christian at the same time? Again, that's impossible! If Roman Catholics were truly saved, Jesus would have told them to stay in their church, but instead He said, "come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins." (Revelation 18:4)

Many may be offended at what has just been said, but the Bible states "For do I now persuade men or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men I should not be the servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). And if you disagree with anything that's just been said, may the following scriptures convince you of the truth that we have always been, and always will be, small in number.

1. Matthew 7:14 - Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
2. Matthew 22:14 - For many are called, but few *are* chosen.
3. Luke 10:2 - Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.
4. Luke 12:32 - Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
5. Luke 13:23 - Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.
6. Luke 17:12-17- And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?

7. Acts 15:17 - That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.
8. Romans 9:27 - Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:
9. Romans 11:5 - Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.
10. Romans 11:14 - If by any means I may provoke to emulation (jealousy) *them which are my flesh*, and might save some of them.
11. 1 Corinthians 9:22 - To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.
12. Revelation 3:4 - Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.
13. Revelation 11:13 - And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.
14. Revelation 12:17 - And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Even the Old Testament shows that the saved of Israel were always few in number:

15. Exodus 34:7 - Keeping mercy for thousands (out of millions), forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*;
16. Isa 10:20-22 - And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, *yet* a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.
17. Joel 2:32 - And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.
18. Amos 5:15 - Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.
19. Micah 7:18 - Who *is* a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth *in* mercy.

There is no doubt that we are in the last minutes of the last days and Jesus is coming back very soon. The Bible states, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams" (Acts 2:17). And, "the prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream," (Jeremiah 23:28a).

We knew a brother in the Lord named Pat back in the 1990's, who had a dream about the Rapture. When the Lord came, He came with millions of saints, as numerous as the stars in the heavens, but the Christians that were alive at the time of the Rapture and were caught up in the sky to meet the Lord in the air were few in number. So few in fact that he was stunned, prompting him to ask, "IS THAT ALL LORD"? And the Lord's exact words were "THAT'S ALL!" Very blunt and to the point. The reason being, he felt, was that the devil and his angels were in the atmosphere about the earth watching this event taking place and the Lord was almost embarrassed at the very small number of real Christians that were being Raptured, and that the Lord wanted to just get it over with so He could take us home and get down to the business of punishing this Christ rejecting world (Isaiah 26:20-21a; Deuteronomy 7:10).

This verifies the scripture in Luke 18:8b where the Lord says “nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” And the answer is NO! Why? Because Jesus said, “As it was in the days of Noah” (Luke 17:26a). Noah preached and warned the people of God’s coming judgment during the entire time that he was building the ark (2 Peter 2:5). Did anyone else build an ark to save themselves besides Noah? No!

And what about Lot? While he lingered he literally had to be dragged out of Sodom by the two angels sent by the Lord, along with his wife and two daughters (Genesis 19:16) so the Lord could destroy Sodom and Gomorrah and all the cities of the plain. And even his wife did not escape when she disobeyed (vs.17), looked back, and became a pillar of salt (vs. 26).

And as a final proof, what is the prevailing church just before the Rapture? It is the Laodicean church (Revelation 3:14-19). Jesus says, “they are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.”

When did Adam and Eve realize they were naked? After they sinned, not before (Genesis 3:7)! So this means that this professing church is still in their sins and not saved. Further proof is that Jesus is still on the outside of their heart knocking at their door (verse 20). This proves this church is not saved because the Bible says “Christ in you the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27b). Also, Ephesians 3:17 says “that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.” Yes, it takes real faith in order to get saved, and this last generation is practically devoid of it (2 Timothy 3:5).

So how does one acquire real faith? The Bible tells us in Romans 10:17 that “faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God”. And yet with the exception of a very few King James Bible rooted churches who are preaching all the counsel of God, or the Full Gospel (Acts 20:27; Acts 5:20), the gospel of Jesus Christ has been hijacked, watered down and candy coated to the point where it is ineffective for getting people truly saved. But to those very few whom the Lord has opened their eyes, softened their hearts and granted a measure of faith, we encourage you to use that God given faith to seek the Lord now (2 Corinthians 6:2), repent to God with all your heart and mind (Acts 17:30), and go all the way with Jesus to the saving of your soul as He went all the way for you, because the Bible states “How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation;” (Hebrews 2:3a). His gift to you at the cross was eternal life extended to all (John 3:16) but as this study shows, there is practically no real faith on the earth in these last days prior to the Rapture. Therefore there can be no true revival, and we’re not as big as you think. So save yourself from this untoward (perverse) generation (Acts 2:40b) while there is still time, because time is rapidly running out.

AMEN!