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"THEY ENTERED NOT IN BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF." HEBREWS 3:19

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"Behold the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea (Lo, here is Christ), and from the north even to the east (Behold, he is in the secret chambers), they shall run to and fro (Behold, he is in the desert) to seek the word of the LORD, AND SHALL NOT FIND IT." Amos 8:11-12. "Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge; ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered." Luke 11:52. Jesus is referring to Dr. C.I. Scofield's School of Theology having never "entered into rest" themselves, and hindered believers by telling them they had it all (eternally secure) when first saved.

Do you realize that at the very same time God was pouring out the Holy Ghost at Topeka, Kansas and Azuza Street, the lawyers created the Scofield Bible. Those lawyers had no intention of entering into "the tongue movement." *"And them that were entering in ye hindered."* Luke 11:52. If you "only believe," that on one day in your life you received it all, why "enter in?"

"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Paul directed this question to "certain disciples" that he found at Ephesus and they said. *We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost."* Acts 19:2.

Many a good Baptist has this same testimony because of the "doctrines of men." He already has "unconditional eternal security," so why bother! Honey, you don't receive the Holy Ghost until you are sealed! *"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."* Ephesians 4:30. You are still under "tutors and governors" (the law) *"until the time appointed of the Father."* Galatians 4:2.

You may have made a decision, but the "sealing" is the Father's acceptance of the merchandise. *"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."* Acts 2:38. *"He that believeth AND is baptized shall be saved."* Mark 16:16. Unless you are a "thief on the cross," *only believe* is insufficient for entering into "rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest." Isaiah 28:12. *"For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day...Let us labour (still under the law) therefore to enter into that rest."* Hebrews 4:8,11. *"For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people...yet they would not hear."* Isaiah 28:11-12.

My Bible tells me you did not receive rest (cease from you own works) when you received Christ. Read it. See if your Bible reads the same as mine. *"Let us labour therefore (whatever it takes) to enter into that rest."* Hebrews 4:11.

In the previous chapter we are warned, *"To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness... They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways."* Hebrews 3:7-8, 10. (His way was explained to the woman of Samaria; *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."* John 4:24). Without the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, we are unable to worship God in spirit.

"So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest." Hebrews 3:11. If you do not "enter into rest" you could wind up at the Great White Throne Judgment being under the law. *"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat (Baptism of the Holy Ghost) which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."* John 6:27.

In a Jewish wedding the bride must be accepted by the father to accept the fact that there will ever be a wedding. You must labor, repenting (restitution where possible), being baptized in water.

It was inconceivable to the early church you would not obey Peter's answer to this question, "What shall we do to be saved?" *"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."* Acts 2:38.

Along comes Dr. C.I. Scofield with Darbyism theology and called Peter a liar! and you believed Scofield. Does your belief abrogate the Word of God?

In the world the biggest single lie you bought was evolution. Not until you were born again were you totally convinced that evolution was a fabrication. The devil is called the father of lies. *"When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own (they all believe evolution): for he is a liar, and the father of it."* John 8:44.

What makes you think that once you are a Christian you are immune from Satan's lies? "Unconditional Eternal Security" is the number one lie he has prepared for you as a new believer in Christ. It is easily refuted as a lie by reading Hebrews 3:14-19. *"For we are made partakers of Christ, IF we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end... For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not ALL that came out of Egypt (type of the world) by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?"*

Read Revelation 20:11-15. *"And the books were opened: AND ANOTHER BOOK was opened, which is the book of life (If there are no believers at the Great White Throne Judgment, why open the book of life? If there are, who are they?)."* *"And to whom swear he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."* Hebrews 3:18-19. *"And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."* Revelation 20:12,15. Believers who refuse to "enter into rest" will be judged by the "works of the law" for justification.

Denominational friend, let me warn you now, there will come a day when you will give an account of why you failed to enter in. *"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."* Acts 2:39.