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LOT'S NAME IS NOT BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE. FIND OUT WHY NOT!

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"But the SAME DAY." (Lk. 17:29) Lot is a type of the "carnal Christian" that is saved from the fire and brimstone lake of fire. The Bible teaches plainly about our good works. Even they will be judged by fire.

"Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones (which are not combustible by fire), wood, hay, stubble (which are combustible by fire)." 1 Cor. 3:12. This depicts the two types of Christians that will be saved; the perfect Christians (gold, silver, precious stones), and those Christians that are carnal, building their lives on the "five senses" which produce combustible works of wood, hay, stubble.

Lot was a combustible works-type of Christian. Do you know why I love Lot? It is because Christianity sends the Lot's to hell! There is no one to defend a Lot-type of Christian within the ranks of Christendom. They are less than perfect, so they go to hell!

"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day (of the Great White Throne judgment - Rev. 20:11) shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." 1 Cor. 3:13.

This is speaking of two resurrections. The first one is for the perfect (gold, silver, precious stones) type of Christian who will "rule and reign" with Christ from Jerusalem for 1,000 years on this earth. (Believe me, you are less than perfect without the precious Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, to lead, guide and direct your path. Jn. 16:13)

"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward." 1 Cor. 3:14.

The reward is to "rule and reign" with Christ for 1,000 years. Only gold, silver and precious stone Christians will receive this reward. If you couldn't take orders from the Comforter, just why do you think you are capable of taking orders from Jesus Christ the King, out of Jerusalem?

"If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." 1 Cor. 3:15.

In the parable of the talents, recorded in Matthew 25:14-30, the Lord tests all the servants. To every man, God gave talents, *"according to his several ability."* God never asks you to do something you do not have the ability (or gift) to perform. You'll please note the five-talent servant and the two-talent servant received practically the same reward. *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I WILL MAKE THEE RULER (during the millennial reign with Jesus from His capital city of Jerusalem) over many things: ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THY LORD."* What could be more joyful than to enter the millennial reign of Christ and be appointed mayor or the ruler over five cities?

You're being judged from headquarters right now by how well you obey "Holy Ghost commandments." Acts 1:2. How could you possibly obey "Holy Ghost commandments" when you don't even know if there be a Holy Ghost? Acts 19:2. The Holy Ghost is God, as much as Jesus is God. The Holy Ghost only has to speak once to you. You will be judged by that communiqué throughout eternity.

I had attended church with my father, and heard hundreds of altar calls for salvation. None of the religiosity of the "Holy Rollers" affected me at all. But, let the Holy Ghost talk to you just one time, and suddenly you wake up!

The Holy Ghost spoke to my heart in a Salvation Army church service during the altar call. I was 21 and I-A for the draft. The Holy Ghost told me, "This is the last altar call you will ever hear!" I was a happy, contented sinner that had plans to get saved around the age of 60. Why not enjoy my young life a little? Whenever you hear a Holy Ghost commandment, you wake up and come to attention!

That is how I came to Christ. By a Holy Ghost commandment. *"I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen."* Jn. 13:18. Did you come to God by a Holy Ghost commandment? *"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."* Jn. 15:19. I knew then that I had a choice. Either die on the battlefield fighting the Japanese, or join the Lord's army.

You will be judged, *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done,"* but by our obedience to Holy Ghost commandments! Titus 3:5.

The Bible speaks of two resurrections. These two resurrections are separated by 1,000 years in time. Why does God have two resurrections? *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness (tardiness); but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* 2 Pet. 3:9.

Even in the feeding of the five thousand from a lad's lunch, consisting of "five barley loaves, and two small fishes," Jesus was concerned about the "fragments", that which is left over after everyone is

full. It is God's nature to see nothing is wasted. *"When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost."* Jn. 6:12.

The gathering of the fragments represents the searching the Book of Life to make sure no one is missed. This is the second resurrection of the wood, hay and stubble Christians. They have no reward! Now it is a question of their soul at the Great White Throne judgment.

Lot will be there! Lot would be unqualified to be a denominational preacher. Why? His wife backslid! Someway, poor Lot is made guilty. Listening to a radio talk show, someone called in wondering about a deacon in his church. The deacon's wife had died, hence the question, "Can the deacon be a deacon anymore because the Bible says, 'Deacons must be the husband of one wife.'" Is the deacon to be treated like a sinner simply because his wife died? This is the mentality of well-meaning church members. Church can be a very dangerous association because in our modern mega-churches, the congregation is taught to worship a man. You must never question anything THE MAN OF THE CLOTH teaches. That is their definition of unbelief. We are not that far removed from the Catholic faith where each Archbishop rules his diocese like the Pope rules the world. (Rev. 17:1-7)

Luke 17, in listing the signs of the times, refers to these two resurrections. *"And as it was in the days of Noe."* Lk. 17:26. *"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot."* Lk. 17:28. If there were only one resurrection of the perfect, the Lot's would have missed out completely.

In 1 Corinthians 5:1, Apostle Paul is addressing an evil in the church. *"It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife."* When Christians sin, wow! Such a practice of sleeping with your own father's wife was foreign to the Gentile heathen of the day.

Paul then told the Corinthians what to do with this deacon. This was not his mother, but his father's wife. His mother was dead, and the father remarried a younger woman. The entire church knew about it. *"And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you."* 1 Cor. 5:2. Paul instructs the church at Corinth, *"to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."* 1 Cor. 5:5. Do you think this fornicator will "rule and reign" with Jesus Christ for 1,000 years?

Apostle Paul says concerning this excommunication service, *"For I verily, as absent in body (my bodily presence is impossible), but present in spirit, (I) have judged already, as though I were present (Corinth, you have this letter), concerning him that hath so done this deed, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together (call a special meeting for this excommunication service)."* 1 Cor. 5:3-4.

#1 - *"Purge out therefore the old leaven"* service.

#2 - *"Keep the feast...with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."* 1 Cor. 5:7-8.

Whenever ye are gathered together for this excommunication service, my spirit (Paul's), with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ is present, *"to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh* (that his days may be shortened on the earth), *that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."* 1 Cor. 5:5.

When will this event, "the day of the Lord Jesus", take place that we can see this fornicator saved? Tell me! There are only two resurrections, and this fornicator does not qualify for the first one.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection...but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." Rev. 20:6. The fornicator of Corinth will have no inheritance in this resurrection. *"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus."* Rev. 20:4. *"And they overcame him (the Antichrist) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."* Rev. 12:11. This is the first resurrection.

Dr. C.I. Scofield and the Dallas Theological Seminary says that all believers will be a part of the first resurrection, for the second resurrection is only to judge the unsaved. The unsaved are already judged. *"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition (eternal spiritual damnation) of ungodly men."* 2 Pet. 3:7.

What does all this mean? It is a DAY OF JUDGMENT! Who is being judged? *"For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation."* Heb. 2:2-3.

There will be no "cooking of the books" at the Great White Throne Judgment. The main question will be, "Why did you reject such a great salvation?" *"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."* Matt. 12:37. You will condemn yourself to the "lake of fire" by your own testimony. What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." Rev. 20:12-14.

The above is described as the second death. This is the final judgment conducted from a great white throne appearing above the earth. All the books are opened, including the BOOK OF LIFE! When the fornicator of Corinth was first saved, his name was written down in the Book of Life.

The practice of the church to excommunicate (from my understanding of scripture) is the only way his name remains written in the Book of Life. Apostle Paul saw the necessity of observing this *"feast of unleavened bread of sincerity and truth"* for the brother's sake, *"that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."* If Corinth failed to "purge out the old leaven" or excommunicate, the church would be doing a disservice to the fornicator of Corinth. God would not be able to find his name in the Book of Life, for it had been blotted out because of Corinth's failure to observe this ordinance.

In our news, we see the trouble that came upon the Catholic Church because of failure to observe this ordinance of the church relative to her pedophile and gay priests. Before Catholics have attempted to become more like Protestants, the fear of excommunication was a vital part of Catholicism.

With the failure of Enron and World Com to judge themselves, the federal government (to protect America) is going to move in on the predators of greed! We confiscate the drug lord's ill-gotten money. These white-collar criminals will no longer be tolerated in order to restore confidence in the American capitalistic system--Wall Street's stock market.

If private industry and the Catholic church see the necessity of "purging out the old leaven", what about the mega-churches, which are owned and controlled by one-man rule?

America can't trust the stock market because of the directors at the top. Can you trust a family-controlled religious or charitable non-profit incorporation dictator? We put within the church on Sunday morning, that which we would declare unconstitutional if practiced by the state.

It was in the news how the Red Cross absconded monies donated by the 9/11 twin tower disaster. Greed is destroying man's faith in the church, in business, and in secular charitable organizations. The devil is having a field day, all because the church will not repent!

Much of what is taught in our churches is psychology and self-help ego trips one can venture into to obtain more wealth. "Unless you can learn to love yourself first," says the TV evangelist, that spins the ears of his followers.

But God says, *"Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."* Matt. 15:13-14. Let the tares and the wheat *"grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn*

them: but gather the wheat into my barn (the first resurrection)." Matt: 13:30. My first occasion of practicing this rare discipline of "purging out the old leaven" and exhibiting the power of excommunication, was when I went to the District Attorney's office over Dr. Bebe Patten's husband-manager, C. Thomas Patten. I was accused publicly before 2,000 people of being Judas who received a sop (a morsel of bread) by going to the D.A. In reality, I was observing a feast; the feast with "unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

In the observance of this feast, we comply with Paul's instruction, *"But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat."* 1 Cor. 5:11.

Apostle Paul sums up his reasoning of why excommunication by the hands of elders in a local church should be practiced. *"Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?"* 1 Cor. 6:2-3. One judges a matter by his vote. You are stripped of your vote (or judgment) through the preacher's dictatorial rule. I know of a Pentecostal church that the preacher owns via a three-name religious non-profit incorporation issued by the Secretary of State. The only ones having any voice are he, his wife and a relative.

Jesse Jackson used his non-profit religious incorporation for extortion of big business. Some company either came up with \$25,000 - \$50,000, or else! Your only escape from being ruined totally is to comply with his request, a form of blackmail. The O'Riley Factor is the only news media that would dare to take on Jesse Jackson.

More recently, the Captain exercised this rarely used power of excommunication on a friend of over thirty years. I love Randy, and I want his spirit saved in the day of the Lord Jesus at the great white throne. I know they will search and books and find his name has not been blotted out. As a result of this decision, my soul burst forth in a joy unspeakable. A song of deliverance sprang from within my being that I shall never forget.

(Tune - "I wonder who's kissing her now")

I Wonder, Yes, I Wonder

By Cpt. Gordon Nelson

I wonder who's coning her now.
I wonder who he is teaching her how,
To become a future or partner in con artistry,
I wonder, yes, I wonder.
After 30 years playing the sheep,
I wonder, yes, I wonder
Can he ever stop thinking of me?

For I am the man that stood tall,
In exposing Goliath as a con to all.
C. (for Cash) Thomas Patten was his name
And Oakland, California was his domain.
He was the Elmer Gantry of fame
That Sinclair Lewis' revival flame.
These are ignited by cash on the line.
I wonder, I wonder if this is the time.

As in the days of the old West,
A top gun must wear a bulletproof vest.
They've heard of your fame Captain Nelson.
You toppled the Kingfish,
Don't you see?
They'll try to wrestle you with a half Nelson.
Faith class, faith class was the battle cry.
Every foe must bite the dust,
That is crazy enough to mess with us.
Cpt. Gordon Nelson wrote this little ditty,
To keep future cons in a dithy.
I wonder, I wonder
Can't they see they'll lose messing
Around with the man?

Unknowingly, down to the plains,
Came a roller of dice of Tahoe fame.
This con artist of Tahoe,
Will turn up seven at the spin of the dice,
And you'll be yelling Ho, ho, ho
You lost it all on the throw of the dice.
My dear friend, repent of your sin,
And reject this friend of the den.

A true gambler has but one vice,
To remain at the tables all night.
As a lad of sixteen,
His only dream; to remain at the tables all night.
To enhance his gigolo state,
A baby doll haircut would rate.
To be worn like a badge on the heart,
Shining for those women so endowed
With the money he needed to lay on the line.
A gigolo wins every time!
It is not his money that is on the line.

It is money from bereaving widows
Listed in obituaries of the fatal crash.
Her husband now dead,
Hence loaded with cash.
The insurance has paid off.
All that is left is cash from the crash.
In a gigolo's world.

Both received what they wanted.
From age 16 to 21, our hero had had but one goal,
To remain at the tables until his bankroll's whole.