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# Two Great Delusions!

By Kam Ferguson

Two delusions misleading Christians today are: God's Law and immortality of the soul. James

2:10 teaches us that God's law is indivisible, if you break one commandment, you break all ten. God tells us "I will not change the thing that has gone out of my lips" (Ps 89:34).

Sabbath began with Creation. God time-stamped humanity through spoken creation using seven 24-hour days. God calls us to remember (Ex 20:8). This is the ONLY source of the weekly cycle. God's followers are to be sealed with His law, and He identifies the seventh day as His Sabbath, a sign of His covenant. (Is 8:16, Ex 31:13)

Earth's final test is, who will you worship? (Rev 13-14) Will you worship God from love, or man from fear? "Worship God in spirit and truth" (Jn 4:24). To those worshiping based on human wisdom Jesus will sadly say "I never knew you, depart from Me..." (Matt 7:23).

The second great delusion is immortality of the soul, yet the Bible is so clear. Only God has immortality (1 Tim 6:16). The psalmist states, "the dead don't praise the Lord," and Solomon expounds, "the living know they'll die, but the dead know nothing." (Ps 115:17, Eccl 9:5) Paul tells us "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (1 Cor 15:22-23).

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# **Christian Traditions Explored**

By David Bolduc

My parents built new homes, so between projects we often rented. One rental was a big old 2 story home with a scary basement and unfinished second floor.

The best part was a living room with a swimming pool in it! We would watch TV while sitting by the pool, sounds like a dream home, right? In reality, the roof leaked, so my folks bought a kiddie wading pool and put it where the water dripped the most.

Like our "dream rental," the Church has many traditions that sound wonderful on the surface, but investigation reveals that they have no foundation in scripture. They are just "things we've always believed." Two such traditions pertain to humanity's state in death, and the Sabbath.

The Christian hope is that Jesus will return to Earth and take His faithful ones back to heaven with Him. Is there confusion in the graveyard? Is Jesus returning for decaying bodies of saints already in heaven, or were they actually "resting in peace" all these years in their graves? 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 describes two "states of being," using Jesus' life as a rule of thumb. Verse 14 says Jesus "died and rose again". The Gospels tell us that Jesus rested in the tomb until early Sunday morning, then He rose, never to taste death again. Verses 16 and 17 say that the trump of God will raise the sleeping saints to meet their Lord in the air, then the living believers will join them. Death does not immediately transport our loved ones to Heaven.

Then there's the Sabbath. Many Christians celebrate the resurrection by going to church on Sunday. This tradition has no foundation in scripture. God's 4<sup>th</sup> commandment says to remember the seventh-day Sabbath, which is Saturday. John 19:31 says Jesus and the two thieves were removed from their crosses because of the upcoming Sabbath. Christ's grieving followers rested on that Sabbath day.

God does not change, His word is true. Jesus **is** coming soon, spend some time in His word to hear Him today!

# **Changed Lives!**

Carmen Thomas was born and raised

in Decatur, IL, and attended a Methodist church as a young girl. As an adult she wandered from God, and after years passed, Carmen found herself in a health crisis from which she thought she would die. Carmen hid her emotions from family, but not from God. She promised God if He'd save her life, she'd live for Him. God did restore her health, and in September, 2000, Carmen returned to the Methodist church of her childhood. This began a much more personal faith journey with Jesus Christ.

Carmen began listening to 91.3 FM, a Christian station. She listened for two years, not realizing Strong Tower Radio (STR) had purchased the signal, until she began hearing Bible truths. References to Sabbath, immortality of the soul, Daniel and Revelation, and more, piqued her interest.

"I have to find out more about the Sabbath," Carmen thought. Tracking down a Seventh-day Adventist Church, she attended one Sabbath. Within a few months, Carmen began attending the Lebanon Seventh-day Adventist church at a friend's invitation.

Impressed this is where God wanted her to be and with all the new truths she was learning, at the Knoxville Seventh-day Adventist Church, on May 4, 2016, Carmen was rebaptized. She says, "I have no regrets. I'm still learning, and enjoy wonderful teaching and a growing knowledge of God and His Word. Looking back, I see the Holy Spirit was leading me."

Carmen appreciates and still listens to Strong Tower Radio's powerful, truth filled messages. "I'm very interested in the Word: the music and testimonies are good, too" she says, "but I'm most interested in learning Bible truths more deeply. Every speaker has their own style, yet each aligns with the Bible."

As told to Kam Ferguson

# Two Delusions Special



STR is producing an 'on-air' program for the 'Two Great Delusions' of the Christian church. Strong Tower Radio's associate speaker, Pastor Jay Gallimore, and development director, Kam

Ferguson, are recording a mini-series on the Sabbath and what happens when you die, that many Christians get wrong. Tune in for on-air announcements and watch STR Facebook page when this program will air beginning the week of January 17th.

We'd love to hear from you! Call 231.468.2087; email Info@StrongTowerRadio.org; access our Facebook page or StrongTowerRadio.org website and click on the Contact tab.



## A Sad Farewell

The producers of Ranger Bill, Moody Radio, will no longer allow any affiliate stations to air this program after Dec. 31, 2020. STR knows it's a favorite for many of our listeners but we have to abide by their request. ): We will begin airing Discovery Mountain, Mon-Fri at 7:00 a.m. STR will be looking for other new dramatized stories to fill this time slot.

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Because of traditions introduced into the early apostolic church, these plain truths are ignored, as the church drifted from God (see the 7 churches message in Revelation 1-3).

STR will address these two delusions, along with many related false doctrines, by clearly presenting Bible truths in special programs for 2021. May God fill us with the Holy Spirit and enable us to give the trumpet that certain sound

# Overcast Grey or Brilliant White?

The holidays; either we love them or hate them! Our hearts warm up to giving and sharing, along with the extra time with family and friends. Our excitement fades; however, as visiting family returns home and the new year begins. We have all experienced the winter greyness that seems to creep in and overshadow the happiness we have had.

Continuing to give and share is a great way to overcome this! Sharing our thankfulness for what God has done and is doing in our lives, not only uplifts our own mind and spirit, it uplifts God's. Psalms 22:3 says, "God inhabits the praises of His people." His joy becomes our joy, a joy worth sharing!



Kam Ferguson

How can we share His blessings with others more? During this winter season when loneliness lurks, consider extra giving to share our blessings. Simple deeds of kindness, words of cheer, and sharing God's promises can bring great encouragement in and out of our homes. These simple, intentional gifts often lighten hearts drifting toward darkness!

The most precious gift we can bring to another is the hope of Jesus Christ. Pray for divine appointments to cheer others, to pray with and for someone, to give a special gift to share the One Who is our greatest rejoicing – Jesus Christ. Be a part of the answer to this lonely, grey time of year!

STR is a powerful way to give the precious gift of Jesus to so many! Thank you for sharing His life and hope, even more in 2021. Jesus is coming quickly, and His reward is with Him! May we each by God's grace and power shine boldly and brightly for Him.

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1/09 11 a.m. Kam Ferguson at Petoskey Seventh-day Adventist Church 1/09 11 a.m. David Bolduc at Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church 1/23 09 a.m. Kam Ferguson at Fremont Seventh-day Adventist Church



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