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The modern Gospel that is being preached in many places is giving many a distorted view of the real Jesus.

JESUS

DISTORTED



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The Bible tells us to contend for the Faith

Jud 1:3 Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. *[But] I found it necessary and was impelled to write you and urgently appeal to and exhort [you] to contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints [the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered verbally to the holy people of God].*



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It matters what you believe!

Jud 1:4 For certain men have crept in stealthily *[gaining entrance secretly by a side door]*. Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, profane) persons who pervert the grace (the spiritual blessing and favor) of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality, and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

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The First Distorted view of Jesus we talked about is The Motivational Jesus

TURN THAT FROWN

**Get
Motivated!**

UPSIDE-DOWN



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The Second Distorted view of Jesus we talked about is The Hipster Jesus!



**Where are my
12 Apostles
of cool!**

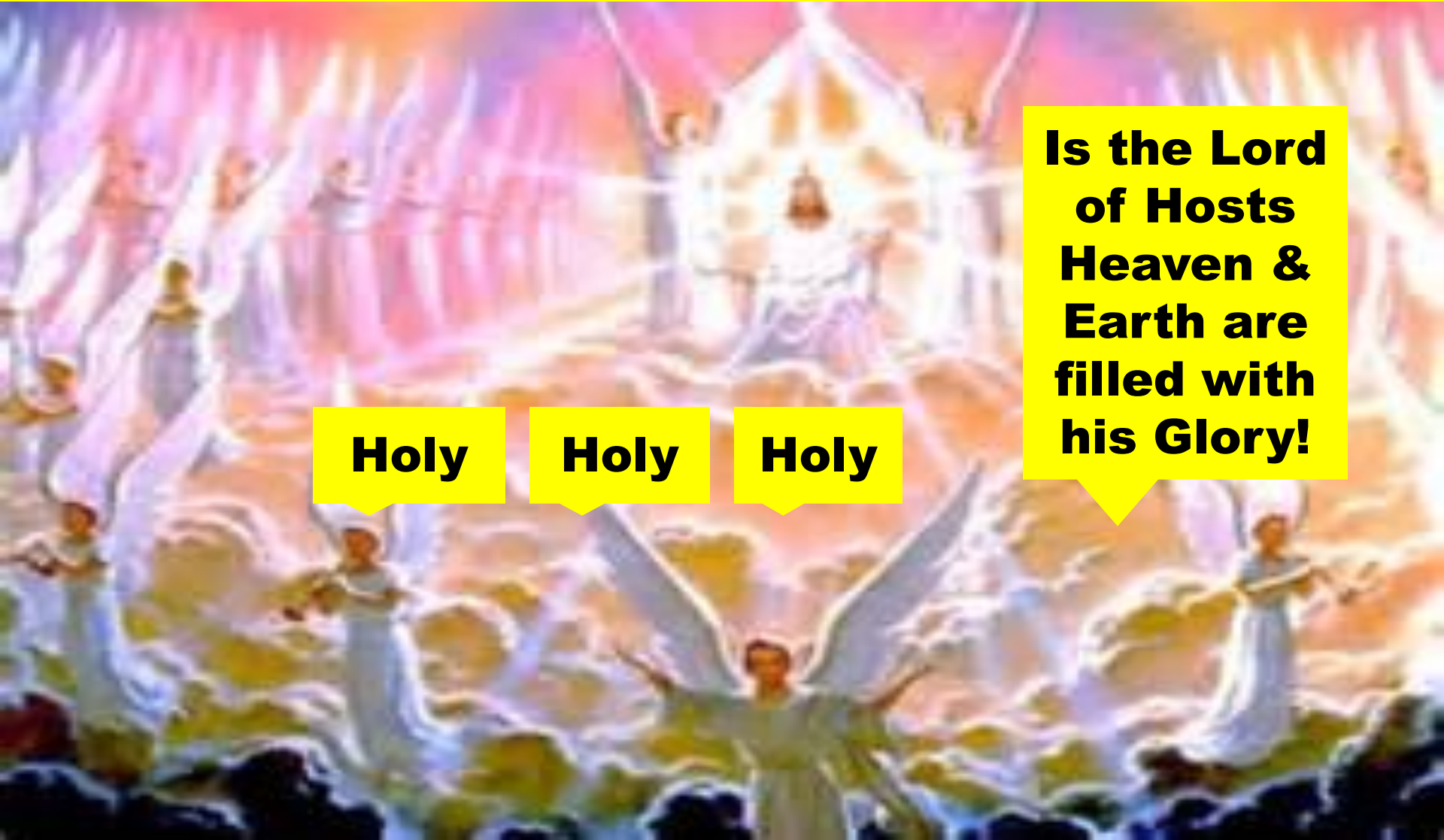
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This is sinful man's attempt to bring God down to our level of worldliness instead of rising up to the God's level of Holiness.



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The angels are not flying around the throne in heaven crying Hip, Hip, Hip is the Lord or Cool, Cool ,Cool is the Lord!



Holy

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**Is the Lord
of Hosts
Heaven &
Earth are
filled with
his Glory!**

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Holiness is not optional for the Believer

1Pe 1:15 But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living.

1Pe 1:16 For it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy. [*Lev. 11:44, 45.*]



BE YE HOLY AS
I AM HOLY

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God is a Holy God and without holiness no man will see the Lord!

Heb 12:14 Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [*ever*] see *the Lord*.



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Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

Rev 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.*

Rev 1:14 His head and *his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;*

Rev 1:15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.



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Rev 1:16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

Rev 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not; I am the first and the last:**

Rev 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.



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Last week we talked about the fear of the Lord. Lets go on learning the fear of the Lord. These scriptures don't describe the "Hip" Jesus that some preach.

1Co 10:1 FOR I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, that our forefathers were all under and protected by the cloud [*in which God's Presence went before them*], and every one of them passed safely through the [*Red*] Sea, [*Exod. 13:21; 14:22, 29.*]

1Co 10:2 And each one of them [*allowed himself also*] to be baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea [*they were thus brought under obligation to the Law, to Moses, and to the covenant, consecrated and set apart to the service of God*];

1Co 10:3 And all [*of them*] ate the same spiritual (supernaturally given) food, [*Exod. 16:4, 35.*]



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1Co 10:4 And they all drank the same spiritual (supernaturally given) drink. For they drank from a spiritual Rock which followed them [*produced by the sole power of God Himself without natural instrumentality*], and the Rock was Christ. [*Exod. 17:6; Num. 20:11.*]

1Co 10:5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with the great majority of them, for they were overthrown and strewn down along [*the ground*] in the wilderness. [*Num. 14:29, 30.*]

1Co 10:6 Now these things are examples (warnings and admonitions) for us not to desire or crave or covet or lust after evil and carnal things as they did. [*Num. 11:4, 34.*]

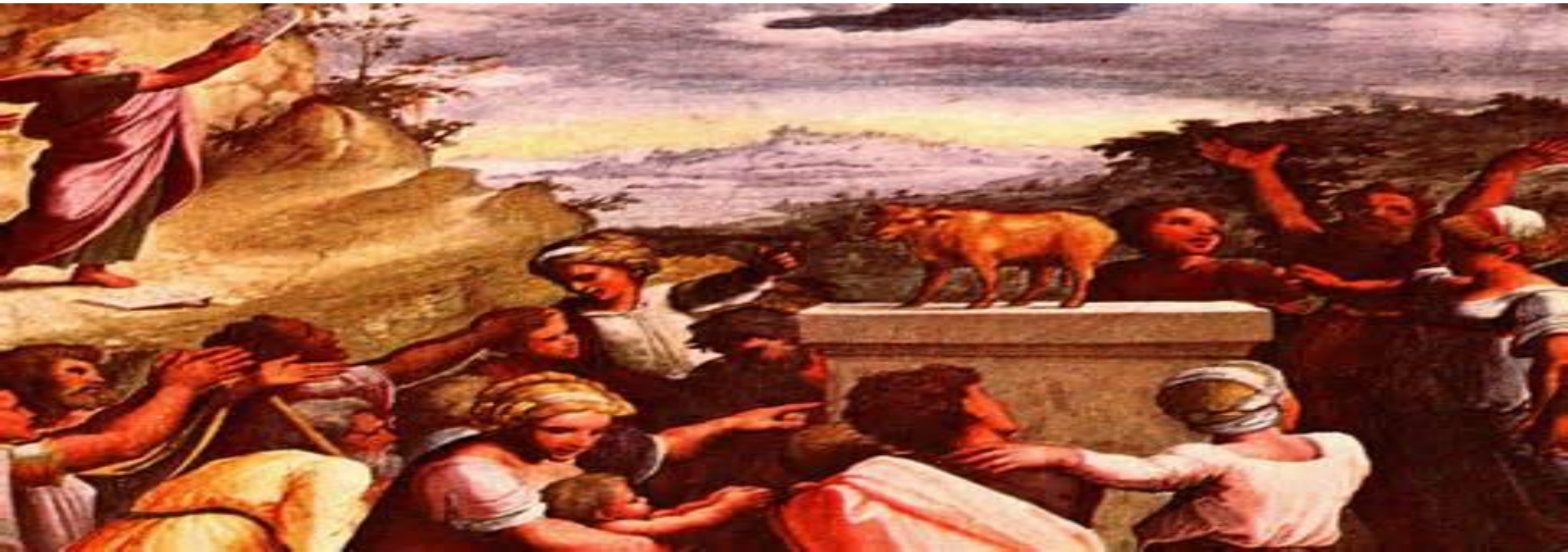


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1Co 10:7 Do not be worshipers of false gods as some of them were, as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink [*the sacrifices offered to the golden calf at Horeb*] and rose to sport (to dance and give way to jesting and hilarity). [*Exod. 32:4, 6.*]

1Co 10:8 We must not gratify evil desire and indulge in immorality as some of them did--and twenty-three thousand [*suddenly*] fell dead in a single day! [*Num. 25:1-18.*]



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In the Bible the number 23 is the number that represents death. In Romans 1:29-31 Paul charges sinful men with exactly twenty three things.

Rom 1:29 Being filled with **1)** all unrighteousness, **2)** fornication, **3)** wickedness, **4)** covetousness, **5)** maliciousness; **6)** full of envy, **7)** murder, **8)** debate, **9)** deceit, **10)** malignity; **11)** whisperers, Rom 1:30 **12)** Backbiters, **13)** haters of God, **14)** despiteful, **15)** proud, **16)** boasters, **17)** inventors of evil things, **18)** disobedient to parents, Rom 1:31 **19)** Without understanding, **20)** covenant breakers, **21)** without natural affection, **22)** implacable, **23)** unmerciful:



*The Wages of
Sin is Death*

QUIT—BEFORE PAY DAY

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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1Co 10:9 We should not tempt the Lord [*try His patience, become a trial to Him, critically appraise Him, and exploit His goodness*] as some of them did--and were killed by poisonous serpents; [Num. 21:5, 6.]

1Co 10:10 Nor discontentedly complain as some of them did--and were put out of the way entirely by the destroyer (death). [Num. 16:41, 49.]

1Co 10:11 Now these things befell them by way of a figure [*as an example and warning to us*]; they were written to admonish and fit us for right action by good instruction, we in whose days the ages have reached their climax (their consummation and concluding period).

1Co 10:12 Therefore let anyone who thinks he stands [*who feels sure that he has a steadfast mind and is standing firm*], take heed lest he fall [*into sin*].

