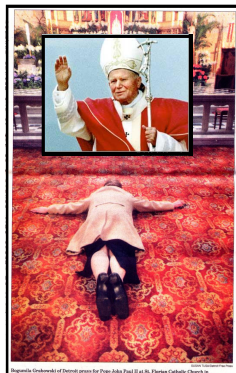


"RELIGIOUS...to the very END..."

There are **MILLIONS** of people who give more *honor and respect* to their **RELIGION**, and will even **DIE FOR IT**, than to *believe God Himself*, and the **RECORD HE GAVE** of His Son (1 JOHN 5:10)!



This woman, at the news of the death of *Pope John Paul II*, laid prostrate on the floor of the St. Florian Catholic Church in Hamtramck, MI, *sincerely praying* for him **AFTER** his death, contrary to the Word of God.

But, **ALL OF HER SINCERITY** will not help, if John Paul [REAL NAME **KAROL WOJTYLA**] **DID NOT REPENT** of his sins **BEFORE** he died because "...it is **APPOINTED unto MEN [MALE AND FEMALE] ONCE TO DIE, but AFTER THIS [NOT PURGATORY, BUT...] the JUDGMENT [MEANING DECISION TIME: TO HEAVEN OR TO HELL]**" (HEBREWS 9:27).

The world is **FILLED WITH PEOPLE** who have "**GOOD**" intentions, but do you remember what Jesus said, "...there is **NONE GOOD but ONE, that is, GOD**" (MATT. 19:17)?



A young man asked Jesus, "...**WHAT SHALL I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE**" (LUKE 18:18)? Even the people asked Jesus, "**WHAT SHALL WE DO, THAT WE MIGHT WORK THE WORKS OF GOD**" (JOHN 6:28)?

Jesus told them, and is telling the world **TODAY TOO**, "**THIS IS THE WORK [SINGULAR] OF GOD, THAT YE BELIEVE ON HIM WHOM HE HATH SENT**" (JOHN 6:29), and **MOST** individuals **REJECT THIS WORK, AND PREFER religion!**

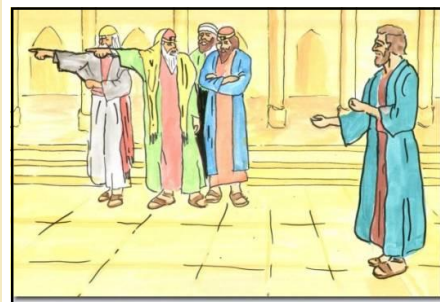


Religion **TODAY** is no different than in Jesus day, for they **ALL LOVE** to have the **PREEMINENCE** among men instead of "...the **HONOR that cometh from GOD ONLY**" (JOHN 5:44).



Both *John the Baptist*, and *Jesus*, called these **RELIGIOUS LEADERS** just what they were, "**O generation of VIPERS**" (MATT. 3:7) and "**HYPOCRITES**" (MATT. 23:13), and these *religious leaders* **HATED THEM** for it!

Even Pilate, the Roman governor **KNEW** why these religious leaders *sought* the **DEATH** of Jesus: "*For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for ENVY [JEALOUSY]*" (MATT. 27:18 & MARK 15:10). These same religious leaders urged the people to "**CRUCIFY**" Jesus, when Pilate was determined to let him go (ACTS 3:13).



The power *behind* **RELIGION** blinds the mind to God's truth, as demonstrated in the story of the man *born blind*, whom Jesus healed.

Although the parents of this man *verified* that he was their son, and that he indeed was born blind, these religious leaders **WOULD NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS**, because, *they said*, he had healed on the Sabbath day! *Imagine that!*

The man said to these *spiritually blind Pharisees*, "*Since the world began was it NOT HEARD that ANY MAN opened the eyes of one that was BORN BLIND. If THIS MAN [JESUS] were NOT OF GOD, he could do NOTHING*" (JOHN 9:32-34)! For this, they became *religiously insulted*, and **THREW HIM OUT OF THEIR** place of worship, *their synagogue!*

These chief priests, elders, scribes, Pharisees, and *both thieves on the cross* **MOCKED** Jesus as he hung there: "*He SAVED OTHERS; himself he CANNOT save. If he be the King of Israel, let him COME DOWN...and we will BELIEVE him. He TRUSTED in God; let Him deliver him now...*" (MATT. 27:42-44).

But **ONE** thief **DID ESCAPE RELIGION** that day and **REPENTED**, and said, "...**Lord, REMEMBER ME when thou comest into thy kingdom**" (LUKE 23:42). Do **YOU** want Jesus to *remember you too*? Then **REPENT**, and tell God you are sorry, and to **SAVE YOU NOW**.

