

# Time to Reformat

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# Introduction

- We have been hearing the same things from our pulpits for 2000 years, but where has it gotten us? It's time for a change.
- We are the Church of Midland and I am Pastor Angel De Jesus. Welcome to our conference; join us while we seek God's truth.

# Topics of Discussion

- During the next three days, we will examine what has happened in Christ's church. We will begin with examining the system of learning and understanding which was already in place when Christ came, versus the conversion techniques which have been used by Christian Fundamentalists for the last 200 years. On Saturday, we will discuss Hell, what it is and what it is not from a scriptural perspective. Finally, on Sunday, we will examine the original message and intent of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Something's gotta change**

**STUDY AND  
UNDERSTANDING**

**VS**

**DECEPTION &  
IGNORANCE**

Deut 6:3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

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# A Nation of Priests

- God prepared the way
- Christ came into a society and a people who were required to not only memorize, but to analyze, debate and truly understand the scriptures.
- Christ came to bring his message to a people who had been *prepared*
- His message was to be brought first to the Jews, who would then bring not only the Messiah's message, but also the teachings of the Torah to the Gentiles.
- He was rejected by the very people who should have understood because jealousy and lust for power overcame love
- His message was then spread by the Gentiles, who did not have the benefit of the previous teachings

Matt 24:3-4

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

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## “Coming”

NT:3952 parousia (par-oo-see'-ah); from the present participle of NT:3918; a being near, i.e. advent (often, return; specifically, of Christ to punish Jerusalem, or finally the wicked); (by implication) physically, aspect:

NT:3918 pareimi (par'-i-mee); from NT:3844 and NT:1510 (including its various forms); to be near, i.e. at hand; neuter present participle (singular) time being, or (plural) property:

NT:3844 para (par-ah'); a primary preposition; properly, near; i.e. (with genitive case) from beside (literally or figuratively), (with dative case) at (or in) the vicinity of (objectively or subjectively), (with accusative case) to the proximity with (local [especially beyond or opposed to] or causal [on account of]):

NT:1510 eimi (i-mee'); the first person singular present indicative; a prolonged form of a primary and defective verb; I exist (used only ~~when~~ emphatic):

“end of the world”

NT:4930 sunteleia (soon-tel'-i-ah); from NT:4931; entire completion, i.e. consummation (of a dispensation):

NT:165 aion (ahee-ohn'); from the same as NT:104; properly, an age; by extension, perpetuity (also past); by implication, the world; specially (Jewish) a Messianic period (present or future):

“shall be”

NT:9999 inserted word (x);

This word was added by the translators for better readability in the English. There is no actual word in the Hebrew/Greek text. The word may be displayed in italics, or in parentheses or other brackets, to indicate that it is not in the original text.

Matt 24:3

...and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

A more accurate translation is:

...what is the sign of your presence, the completion of the age?

Ignorance of the original language and poor translations, coupled with the desire to control people has resulted in misconceptions concerning the “Second coming of Christ.”

It has caused Christians to look to the future for an event external to themselves rather than finding the kingdom within and allowing the Christ to be expressed within their own life.

■ **“In the entire history of man, no one has ever been brainwashed and realized, or believed, that he had been brainwashed. Those who have been brainwashed will usually passionately defend their manipulators, claiming they have simply been "shown the light" . . . or have been transformed in miraculous ways.” Dick Sutphen**

■ **<http://www.trans4mind.com/spiritual/brainwashing.htm>**

- The following information is taken from an article written by Dick Sutphen, *The Battle For Your Mind: persuasion and brainwashing technique being used on the public today.* Mr. Sutphen is an expert in hypnosis. He started his career in advertising and eventually studied human psychology and thought control.
- In eighteenth century America, there was a change in Christianity. It was started by a revivalist named Jonathan Edwards in 1735. By first inducing guilt, fear and tension, he put his audience into a strongly suggestible state, after which he essentially programmed their brains to a new belief system. Edwards hit upon a sure fire way to win converts. What he hit upon is now recognized as brainwashing techniques. Four years later, Charles Finney used the same techniques to achieve mass conversions.
- These same techniques have been used to convert people to political views, and are routinely used by the military to produce proper responses in soldiers.

- To understand conversion techniques, we must look to the famous Russian scientist, Dr. Ivan Pavlov. His research was the basis for today's behavioral sciences. His discovery of conditioned responses, paved the way for systematic brainwashing.
- Ideological conversion, whether political or religious can be defined as the conditioned acceptance of an idea or belief. It is not based upon thoughtful reasoning, but rather a conditioned acceptance.
- In the next section, we will look at the basic elements of brainwashing, and compare them to revivalist events.

# Brainwashing 101

- Produce a state of anxiety, guilt and fear.
- Produce an altered state of consciousness in subject.
- Introduce a “yes set” of concepts
- Catharsis
- Promise a “way out”
- Implant the new belief
- Periodically reinforce conditioned responses

How do revivalist techniques  
compare to brainwashing  
techniques?

# Producing anxiety, fear and guilt

You are a sinner	You are unworthy of life	You are on the road to hell
You are possessed of demons	If you don't accept my doctrine, you will burn in everlasting fire	Time is running out
God is keeping track of all your failings	God is angry	Heaven is far away

# Produce an altered state of consciousness

Repetitive music with about 60 bpm	Subdued lighting	“voice roll” technique
Vibrational sound at 6-7cycles/min Eg.organ music, vocal vibrato	Altered body chemistry Eg. Fasting, high sugar intake	Chanting Eg. Repetitive prayers, speaking in tongues
Repetitive movement Eg clapping, waving, swaying	ELF (extra low frequency vibration) Bass guitar, pipe organ bass notes	Physical discomfort Eg temperature, lack of breaks for moving around, etc.

# The “yes” set of assertions

You want to get to heaven	You want to do the right thing	You feel hopeless
You feel something is missing in your life	You want to put God first in your life	You don't want to be “left behind”
You want to give your life to Jesus	You want to be healed	You want to stop worrying about money

**Catharsis:** A release of emotional tension, as after an overwhelming experience, that restores or refreshes the spirit.

testimonials	healings	Speaking in tongues
Public confession	Altar calls	music
crying	Casting out demons	dancing

# Promise of the way out

We can show you the way	We can show you how to have your name written in the book of life	We can cast out the demons that torment you
We can show you how to become prosperous	Only here will you hear the truth	Here you will receive the blessings of God
You can be happy	Right here and now you can accept Jesus	God's building a mansion for you in His kingdom

# Implanting the new belief

Once the audience has been put into a receptive state, statements and dogma are introduced. Often they are not even supported by scripture. This is not true teaching of the word, but rather direct infusion of a belief system without fundamental understanding of where it came from.

# Reinforcing conditioned responses

After the “conversion” has been achieved, people are often subjected to a high level of thought control. They are discouraged from reading “outside” reference material, they are required to attend a large number of events in order to submerge them in the new belief system and often are expected to make substantial financial commitments to their new cause. They will often be subjected to the same control techniques which were used in the original conversion, and will frequently move into an alpha wave brain pattern upon hearing certain music.

# Hell...the Myth, the Reality

- Why do so many preachers dwell on hell?
- Where has the common perception of what hell is come from?
- What does the bible say about hell?

# Why do Christians dwell on hell and the devil?

- Brainwashing/conversion techniques
- Compliance through fear rather than love
- “pass the buck”
- Ignorance and misinterpretation

# Pagan influences on the concept of Hell.

- Helgardh
- Hades
- Pan

# Helgardh

- The Norse realm of the dead.
- Ruled by Hel, Norse Goddess of the dead
- Hel received the souls of the dead and judged them, sending them to one of the ten levels of Helheim, with fallen warriors going to Valhalla for their rewards and the evil going to Neostrand for horrible punishment.
- Hel used her “eye of fire” which could see through falsehood to the true soul in order to judge it.

# Hades

- The Greek god of the underworld, as well as his realm.
- His subjects are the souls of the departed
- His brothers are Zeus, god of the sky and Poseidon, god of the sea.
- He carried a two pronged fork as a weapon, and possessed a helmet which made him invisible (giving him the name “Unseen”)
- He was gloomy and ill-tempered, yet a fair judge
- He received blood sacrifices which were payment to release souls from his realm.

# Hades cont.

The Greek concept of post death included:

- Being guided by Hermes to a waiting area
- Being judged by the gods
- Being send to either the pleasant Elysium or for punishment in Tartarus
- Tartarus is surrounded by a river of lava through which the dead must swim to try to be released from Tartarus, they may be released or sent back for further punishment depending on the crimes. It is surrounded by a high metal fence and gate.
- Souls in Elysium may reincarnate as humans or animals after swimming in the river of forgetfulness.

# Pan

- Part of the Greek pantheon of gods, being the god of shepherds and flocks, music and gaiety
- Originally worshiped in the northern part of Israel
- His form was that of a half-man with goat legs, cloven hooves, a full beard, pointed ears, and a set of horns, as well as a tail.
- Was able to instill “Panic” to protect flocks from attackers
- As a pagan god, Pan was demonized to discourage his worship

# Scriptural hell

There is only one word in the OT which is translated as “hell” and three words in the NT which are all translated as “hell.”

- Sheol
- Gehenna
- Hades
- Tartaroo

# Sheol (Strong's # 7585)

Sheol, the term in Hebrew means a grave or pit, was the place where the dead gathered, as thought by the early Hebrews, and was believed located beneath the earth, perhaps at the roots of mountains. The dead were thought to lead a conscious shadowy existence there, they were not in torment, but had neither hope nor satisfaction. It was thought both the good and evil went there; some could be taken there alive. The Lord could send people down to Sheol, or he could bring them up from it.

# Gehenna (strong's # 1067)

**Gehenna** is a word tracing to Greek, ultimately from Hebrew *Gai-Ben-Hinnom* meaning *Valley of the Son of Hinnom*, and is still called Gai Ben Hinnom in Modern Hebrew (גיא בן הינום), though this is sometimes shortened to Gai-Hinnom in rabbinical texts. An alternate way to translate this word is Gehinnom. Originally it referred to a garbage dump in a deep narrow valley right outside the walls of outside Jerusalem (in modern-day Israel) where fires were kept burning to consume the refuse and keep down the stench. It is also the location where bodies of executed criminals, or individuals denied a proper burial, would be dumped.

# **Haides** (Strong's 86)

Same as Hades

# Tartaroo

Same as Tartarus

# Reformatting Your Brain

John 6:1 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

## John 6:6-13

6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

## John 6:11-14

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

16 And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea,

17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.

18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.

19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.

20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.

21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

22 The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone;

23(Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)

24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

48 I am that bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

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# Love is the answer, forgiveness the key

- We want to make a change, to move forward with God
- We've seen that much Christian teaching has been either based on ignorance, misinterpretation and sometimes outright deception
- We've seen that fear based teaching has not brought forth the full manifestation of God on earth
- We understand that we need to reformat our minds, to erase useless beliefs and install a new operating system

# How do we install GOS?

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- Understand Christ's message
- Remove useless data
- Establish your connection for the download
- Hit "apply"

# Christ's message...

## The path of righteousness

- Christ recognized that the Jews had become bogged down in the law.
- He distilled it down to the most essential commandment
- He showed how to judge

# LOVE

God commanded:

Deut 6:5-6

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Jesus said:

Luke 10:25-28

25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

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## Matt 5:43-46

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

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# How did the God show love?

John 3:16-17

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

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1 John 3:16

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

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# The Woman Who Loved Much

Luke 7:37-8:1

37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. KJV

40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.

41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?

43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?

50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

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# The Lord's Command

Matt 6:14-15

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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# The Wicked Servant

Matt 18:21-19:1

21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had

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, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

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# Remove useless data and replace with new

“I AM”

the most powerful statements you can make

I'm

- Sick
- Sorry
- Unhappy

- Poor
- Broke
- Angry
- nervous

- Dying of ..
- Tired of ...
- Sick of..
- Afraid that..

Your body can not tell the difference between a figure of speech and your desires.

Guard against speaking death, disease and unhappiness into your body

Instead of saying “I am sorry.” (a judgement about the state of your body or soul?) try to say “I apologize.”

Instead of saying “I’m sick,” try describing the symptom instead...”my throat is bothering me today.”

Substitute life giving words into your speech

I am love

I am life

I am light

I am whole

# How do we download the new OS?

Prayer

Meditation

# Prayer

Prayer is an important part of downloading the GOS.  
Through prayer we can ask God to give us the wisdom and understanding we need to accomplish the new mind.  
Through prayer we can ask our Father to help us discern true teachings from false.

## Eph 1:16-18

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

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1 Chron 22:12

12 Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding,

Ps 119:33-34

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Col 1:9

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

# Meditation

Once we have talked to God, asking for understanding, direction and discernment, we have to stop and listen to God's reply.

Meditation is a way to quiet the mind thereby allowing God to fill it with His own thoughts.

Meditation should be done regularly, because it's a type of training. It trains you to be still and receptive.

Meditation should be done both individually as well as in a group.

Ps 49:3

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Josh 1:8

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Gen 24:63

63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide:

Ps 119:48

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

1 Tim 4:15

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

Luke 17:20-21

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

# The Hidden Mystery

The hidden mystery is that while Christ was the firstborn, he was not unique.

Each of us has God and Christ dwelling *within*

We are all Gods

John 10:34

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

1 Chron 22:10

0 He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

Col 1:26-27

26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

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John 20:17

17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

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