

The Sinners Prayer - The Inoculation

God does not have **MANY** ways to save, however this prayer has many **VARYING** renditions and conditions. Some **ADD** 'Repentance of sins' to the prayer while others **ADD** 'Confession with the mouth'. Truths from scripture are sometimes **ADDED** later to this doctrine, such as repentance, confession, and baptism; but not as part of salvation. Some have **OMITTED** baptism wholly, while others have **CHANGED** the form of it from a 'burial' to a sprinkling, or for infants instead of penitent adults. **The 'Sinner's Prayer' is found nowhere in scripture.** Nothing in form or teaching resembles this prayer to obtain salvation! It is the result of a gradual **CHANGE** in the gospel to appeal to men. Another problem with this prayer is that it is directed to Jesus. When Jesus was here he told His disciples to pray to the Father only, in His name, not to Him. This prayer also **IGNORES** man's part of the covenant with God through Jesus' blood. It **REJECTS** the God given method of receiving Grace on God's terms.

Sinner's Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I acknowledge you as the Son of God and that you died for my sins. I invite you to come into my heart and live. Please forgive me of all the sins I committed, both past and future. I know I am not worthy, but accept you as my personal Lord and Savior.

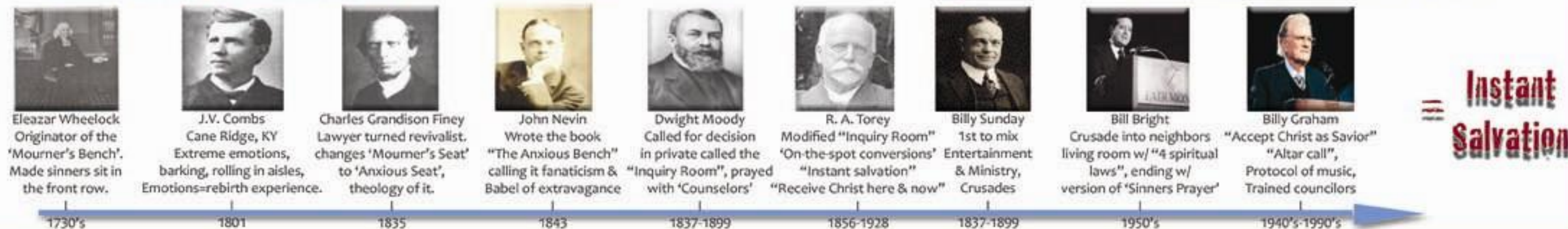
What can we learn?

- +Immunity to true salvation comes from confidence in **SOME** truth
- +Salvation by Faith is not "Faith in your salvation"
- +The Sinner's Prayer did not come from God
- +Believing & 'Obeying the Gospel' saves you
- +The Gospel is from God

Character of the Error:

- A little leaven leavens the whole lump
- Error is preached to please men, not God
- Seeks to justify as an end result
- Error deceives to 'Not obey the truth'
- Not 'Another' gospel but a perverted one
- It fails to recognize the conditions of the covenant between God & man

Evolution of the Sinner's Prayer



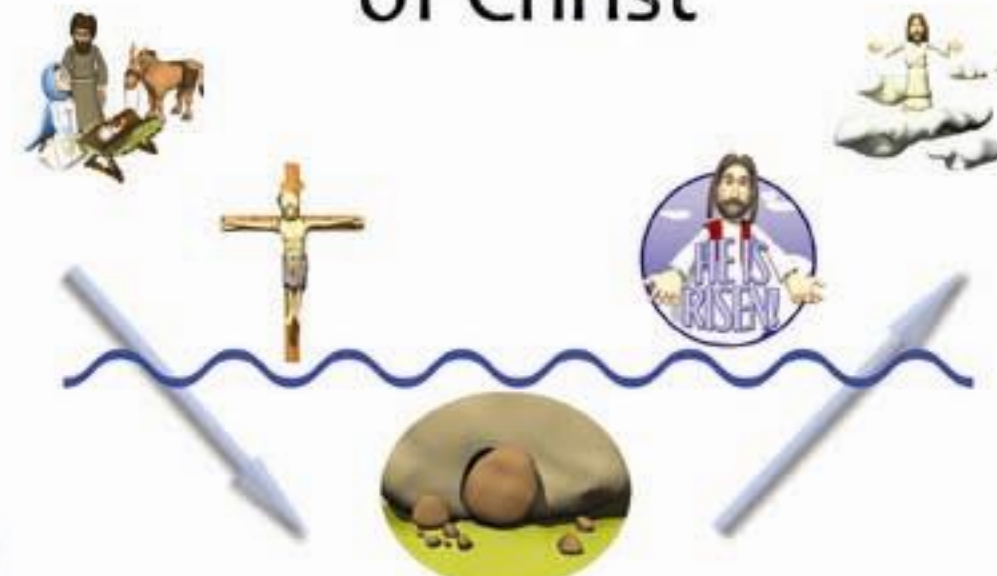
The Lie of the 'Sinners Prayer'

A lie is a statement made that is known to be false, especially if it is made with the intent to deceive. A lie is told to give a false impression. Jesus said, "He (The Devil) was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because **there is no truth in him.** When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for **he is a liar and the father of it.**" -John 8:44

Changes that have been made to the gospel message of Christ are intentional lies that the Devil has told to prevent people from obeying the true gospel. Paul warned what the consequences are for changing the Gospel, "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ." -Galatians 1:6-12

The Apostle John said, "I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth. - 1 John 2:21 Reading the scriptures gives us a clear understanding of the true gospel. **When we hear the gospel we need to believe, to repent, confess Christ, be immersed in water (As adults), and live faithfully. Do not be inoculated from salvation by the deception of the 'Sinners Prayer'.**

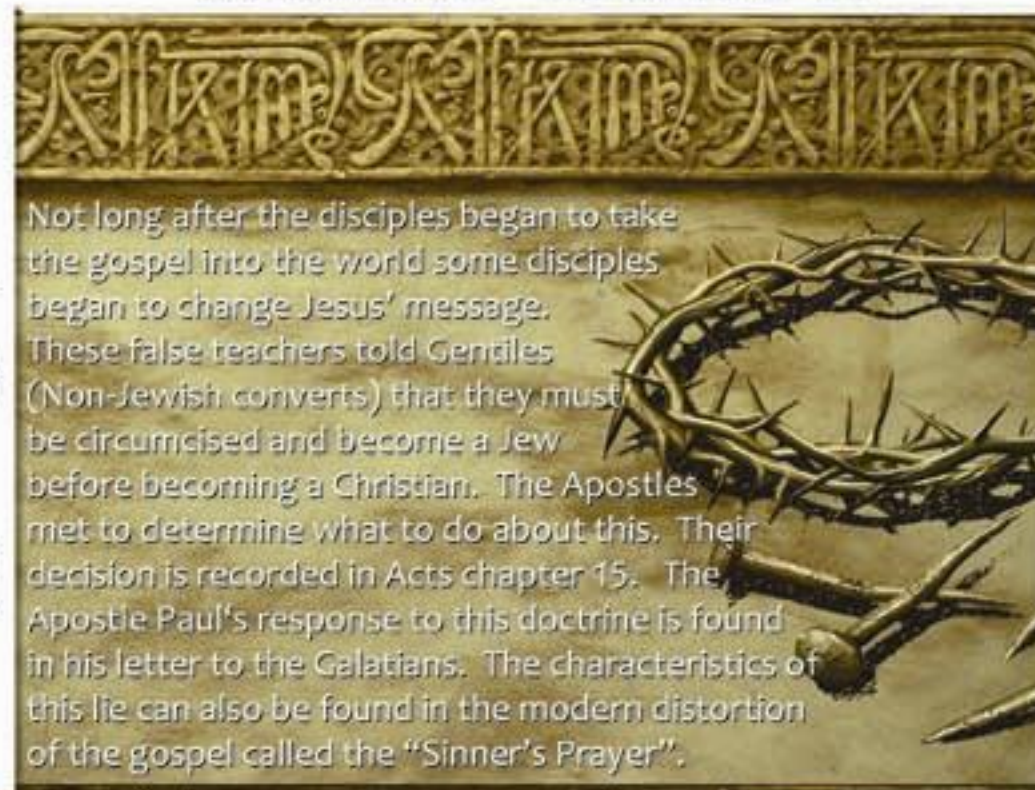
The True Gospel of Christ



"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin." - Romans 6:1-6

Yes, you can Know the True Gospel !

Have you ever considered why there are different explanations of 'How to be saved'? Jesus was not unclear about what it takes to be saved by the gospel. **"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.** -Mark 16:15-16



Not long after the disciples began to take the gospel into the world some disciples began to change Jesus' message. These false teachers told Gentiles (Non-Jewish converts) that they must be circumcised and become a Jew before becoming a Christian. The Apostles met to determine what to do about this. Their decision is recorded in Acts chapter 15. The Apostle Paul's response to this doctrine is found in his letter to the Galatians. The characteristics of this lie can also be found in the modern distortion of the gospel called the "Sinner's Prayer".