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WHERE JESUS GREW UP



Finally, the [International Standard Bible Encyclopedia](#) informs us:

The population of Galilee was composed of strangely mingled elements—Aramaean, Iturean, Phoenician and Greek. In the circumstances, they could not be expected to prove such sticklers for high orthodoxy as the Judeans. Their mixed origin explains the differences in speech which distinguished them from their brethren in the South, who regarded Galilee and the Galileans with a certain proud contempt.

Regardless of their origins, however, the points about Galileans on which virtually everyone could agree was their fierce attachment to what they regarded as Judaism, their uncompromising patriotism, and their unstinting courage. Perhaps no sector of the Jewish population fought the Romans with more valor, refusing to surrender even when Judeans were ready to come to terms. As the great contemporary Josephus recorded, Galileans were "always able to make a strong resistance on all occasions of war; for the Galileans are inured to war from their infancy nor has the country ever been destitute of men of courage."

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John 2:17

*And his disciples remembered that
it was written, The zeal of thine
house hath eaten me up.*

Jehovah Sabaoth – Lord of Hosts

1 Sam 17:45

Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the **Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel**, whom thou hast defied.

Psalms 7:11 *God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.*



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**Not only has the
modern church
forgotten who Jesus is,
but we have
forgotten what the
Church is, as well.**

Milquetoast?

- **Matt 5:28** *But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*
- **Matt 5:20** *For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*
- **Matt 7:13-14** *For wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*
- **Matt 7:23** *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

Natural Amphitheater at Shechem

Scientists have tested this natural amphitheater many times and it works

Mt. Gerizim
Blessings

Town of Shechem
(Modern Nablus)

Mt. Ebal
Curses

1 mile
1.6 km

Joshua's
Altar 2 km

Ceremony in Shechem

Deuteronomy 11:22-30; 27:1-13; Joshua 8:30-35

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Eye alt 1.88 km

- Blessed are those that fear God and tremble at His word... but cursed are those that don't.
- Blessed are those that mourn over the sin of Israel...but woe to them who don't.
- Blessed are those who humbly yield to God's will...but doom to those who refuse.
- Blessed are those who crave – righteousness in every area of life...woe to those who do not.
- Blessed are the charitable...cursed are those who are not.
- Blessed are the pure in heart...and doom to those who hearts are dark.
- Blessed are those who fight sin in order to keep God's judgment from falling...but woe to those who don't.

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for **righteousness** sake: for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

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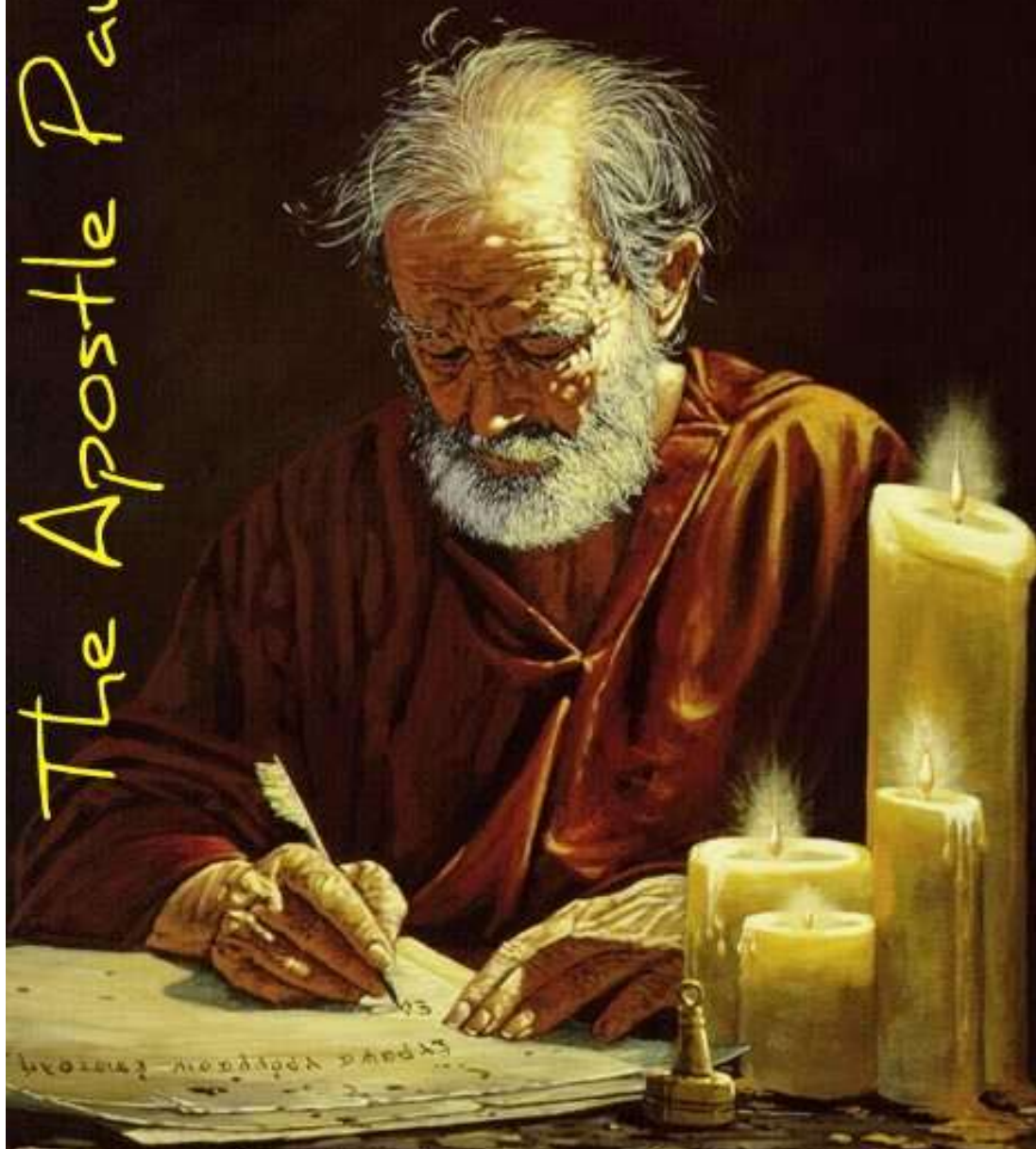
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If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. (John 15:18)



The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you. (John 15:20)

The Apostle Paul



2 Tim 3:12

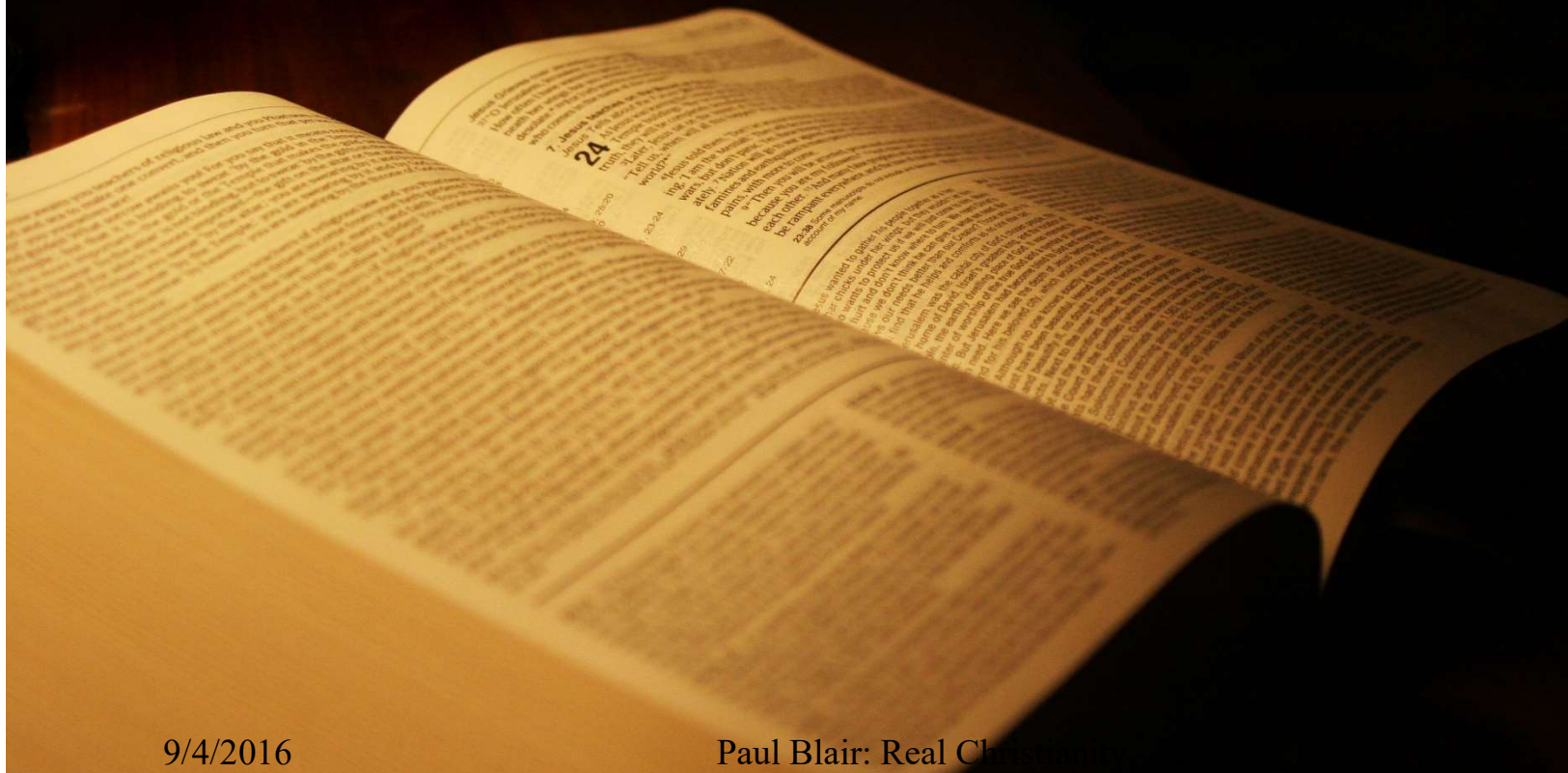
Yea, and all
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live godly
in Christ
Jesus shall
suffer
persecution.

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v. 13

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.



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Cities and wars [\[edit \]](#)

Salt has played a prominent role in determining the power and location of the world's great cities. [Liverpool](#) rose from just a small [English](#) port to become the prime exporting port for the salt dug in the great [Cheshire salt mines](#) and thus became the [entrepôt](#) for much of the world's salt in the 19th century.^[1]

Salt created and destroyed empires. The salt mines of [Poland](#) led to a vast kingdom in the 16th century, only to be demolished when Germans brought in [sea salt](#) (which most of the world considered superior to [rock salt](#)). [Venice](#) fought and won a war with [Genoa](#) over salt. However, Genoese [Christopher Columbus](#) and [Giovanni Caboto](#) would later destroy the Mediterranean trade by introducing the [New World](#) to the market.^[1]

Cities, states and duchies along the salt roads exacted heavy duties and taxes for the salt passing through their territories. This practice even caused the formation of cities, such as the city of [Munich](#) in 1158, when the then [Duke of Bavaria](#), [Henry the Lion](#), decided that the [bishops of Freising](#) no longer needed their salt revenue.^[1]

Matt 5:13-14

13 Ye are the **salt** *of the earth*: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the **light** *of the world*. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Isa 49:6

I will also give thee for a
light to the Gentiles, that
thou mayest be my salvation
unto the end of the earth.



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V 16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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- Salt **fights** decay.
- Salt in a wound **burns**, but promotes healing.
- If someone turns on light in a dark room, your **eyes hurt initially** while trying to adjust.
- Understand, **that these are clearly irritants to the status quo, but all serve the purpose of good.**



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Acts 17:6

These that have turned the world upside down!

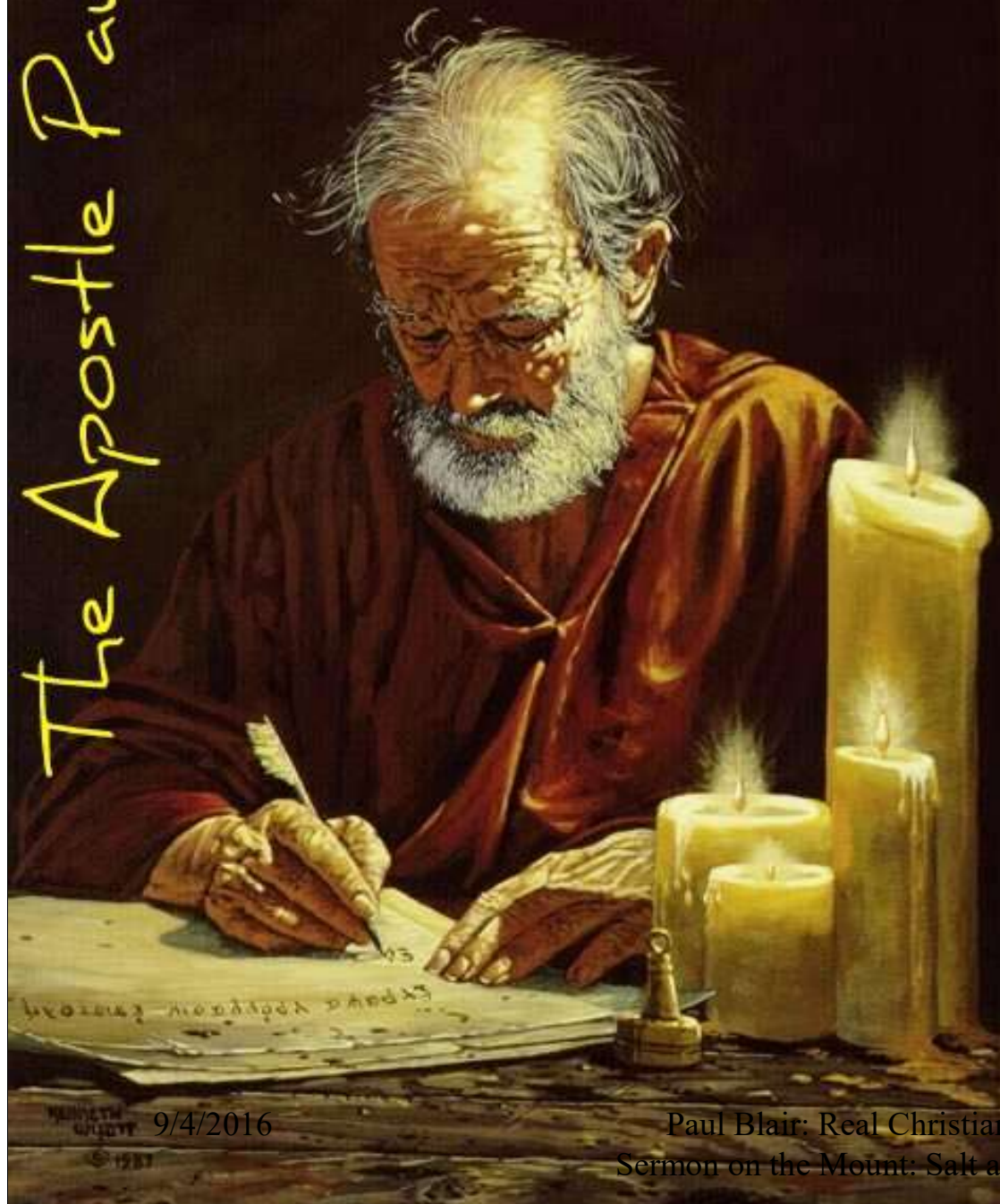
Paul's Missional Journeys

- First Missionary Journey
- Second Missionary Journey
- Third Missionary Journey

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The Apostle Paul



Eph 5:11

And have no
fellowship
with the
unfruitful
works of
darkness, but
rather reprove
them.

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Rev 3:14-16

**And unto the...church of the Laodiceans
write...I know thy works, that thou art
neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert
cold or hot. So then because thou art
lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I
will spue thee out of my mouth.**

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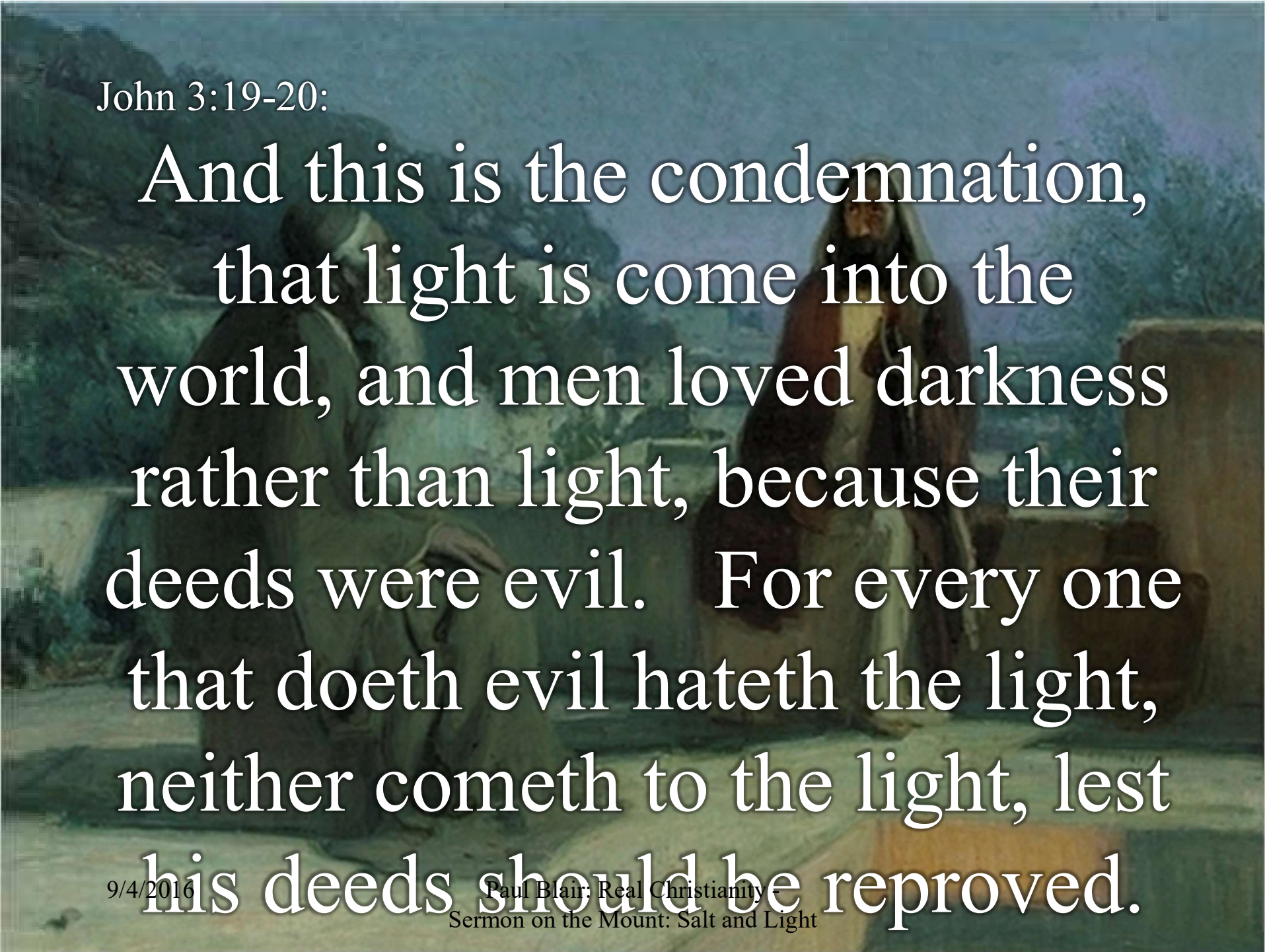
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Jude 14-15:

***“Behold, the Lord cometh with
ten thousands of his saints, To
execute judgment upon all, and
to convince all that are ungodly
among them of all their ungodly
deeds which they have ungodly
committed, and of all their hard
speeches which ungodly sinners
have spoken against him.”***

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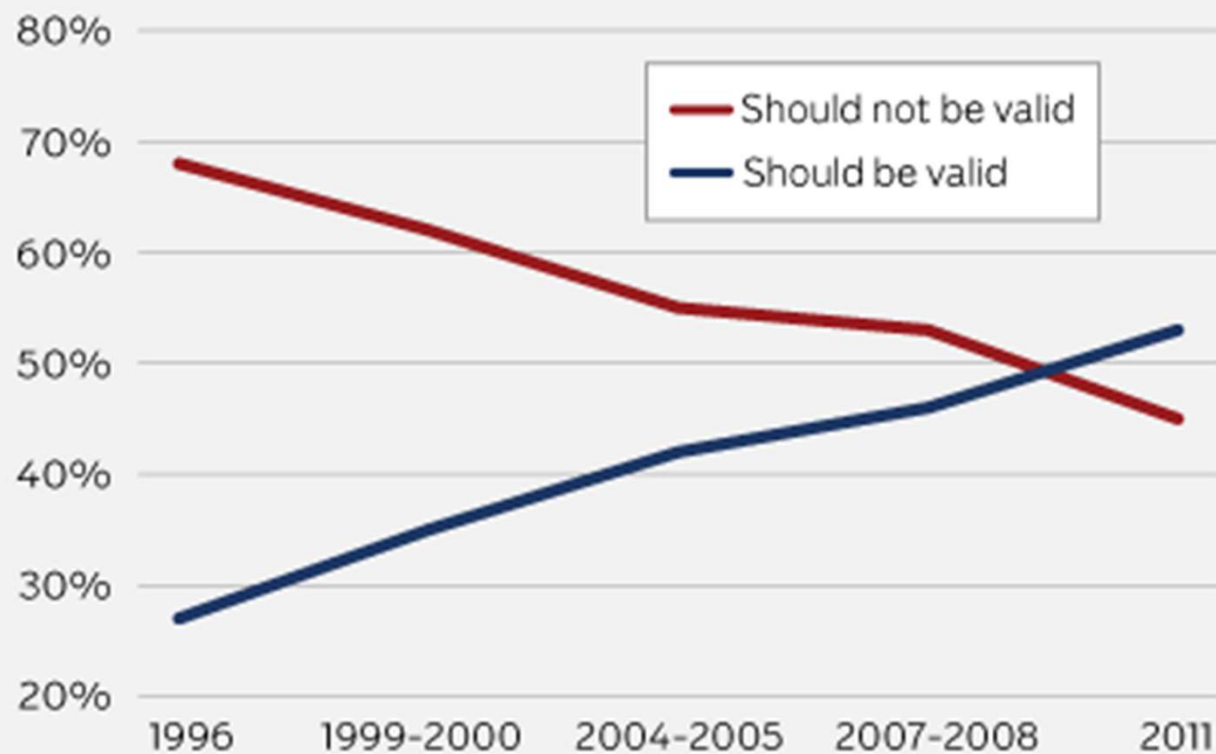
John 3:19-20:

And this is the condemnation,
that light is come into the
world, and men loved darkness
rather than light, because their
deeds were evil. For every one
that doeth evil hateth the light,
neither cometh to the light, lest
his deeds should be reprov'd.

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Should marriage equality be recognized by law? (general population)

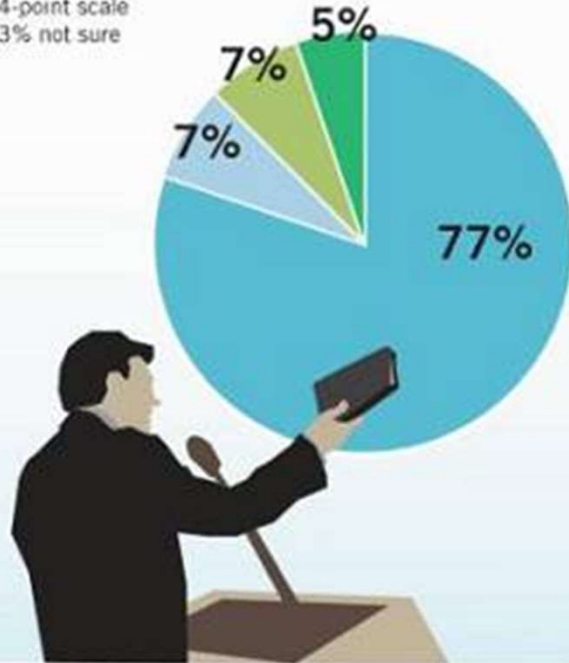


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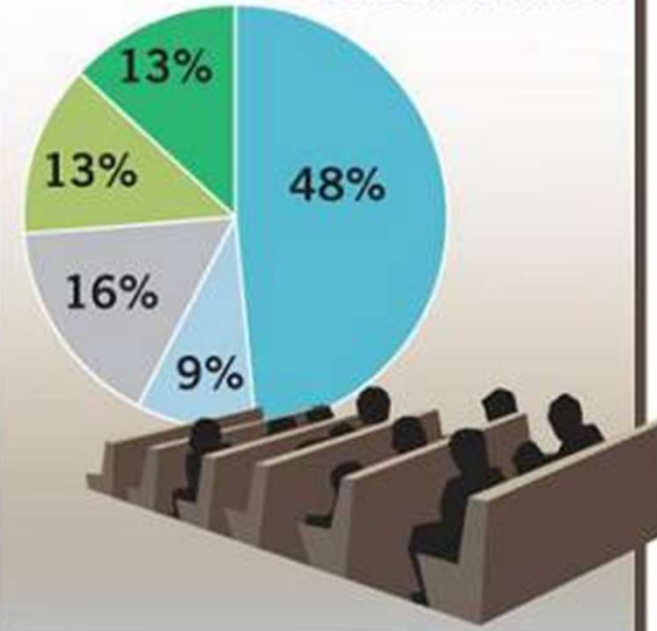
“If a person is sincerely seeking God, he/she can obtain eternal life through religions other than Christianity.”

Among Protestant pastors

4-point scale
3% not sure



Among adults who attend a Protestant church

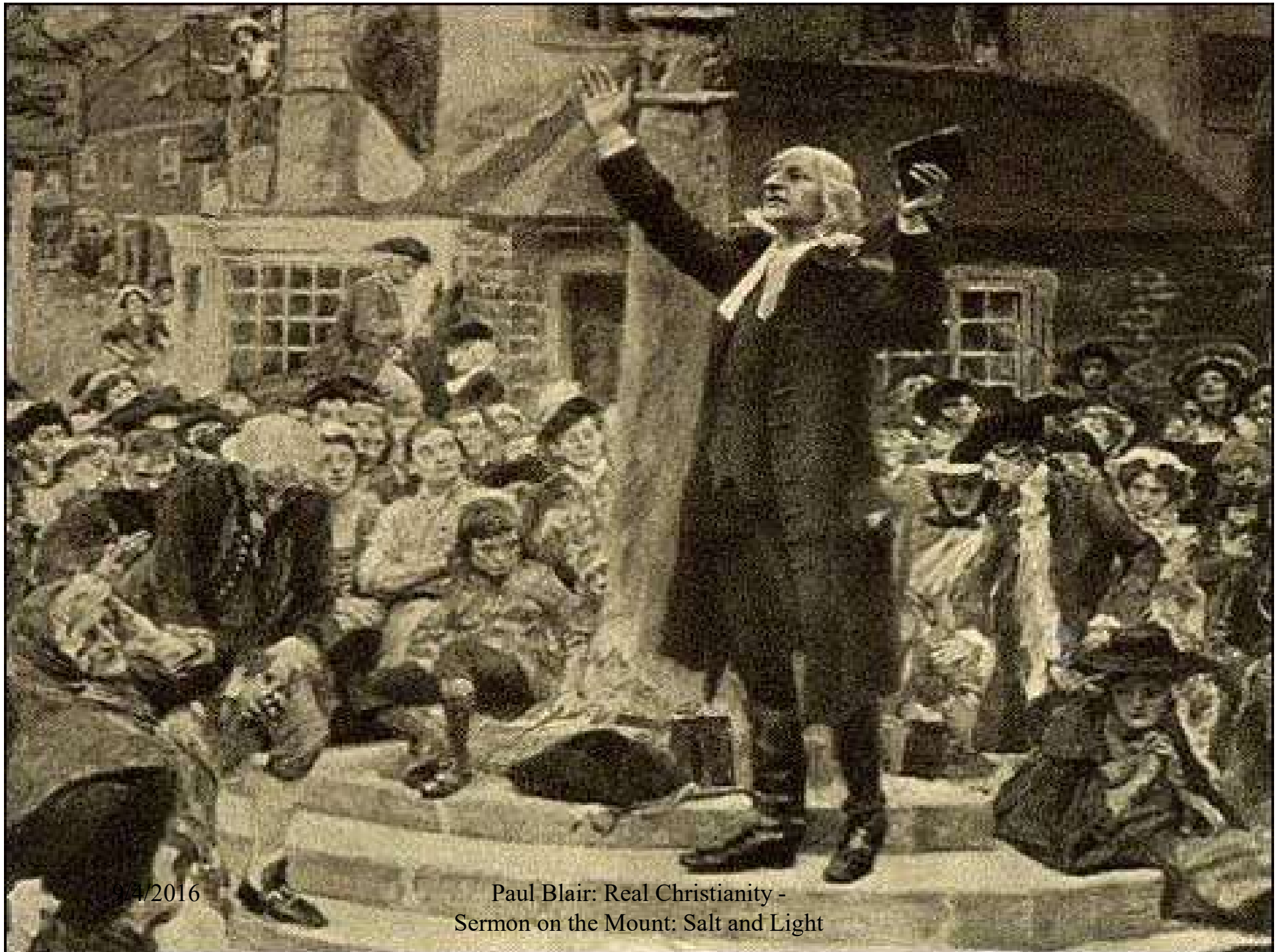


Strongly disagree Somewhat disagree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat agree Strongly agree

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<https://baptistcourier.com/2012/04/pastors-lazy-disagree-on-gospels-exclusivity-2/> (Lifeway Research, 2012)

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Half-Way Covenant

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The **Half-Way Covenant** is a form of partial church membership created by [New England](#) in 1662. It was promoted in particular by the Reverend [Solomon Stoddard](#), who felt that the people of the English colonies were drifting away from their original religious purpose. First-generation settlers were beginning to die out, while their children and grandchildren often expressed less religious [piety](#), and more desire for material things.

Full membership in the tax-supported [Puritan](#) church required an account of a [conversion experience](#), and only persons in full membership could have their own children [baptized](#).^[1] Second and third generations, and later immigrants, did not have the same conversion experiences. These individuals were thus not accepted as members despite leading otherwise pious and upright Christian lives.

In response, the Half-Way Covenant provided a partial church membership for the children and grandchildren of church members. Those who accepted the Covenant and agreed to follow the creed within the church could participate in the Lord's supper. Crucially, the half-way covenant provided that the children of holders of the covenant could be baptized in the church. These partial members, however, couldn't accept communion or vote.^[2]

Puritan preachers hoped that this plan would maintain some of the church's influence in society, and that these 'half-way members' would see the benefits of full membership, be exposed to teachings and piety which would lead to the "born again" experience, and eventually take the full oath of allegiance.^[3] Many of the more religious members of Puritan

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In the Hands of an

Angry GOD.

A S E R M O N

Preached at *Enfield*, July 8th 1741.

At a Time of great Awakenings ; and attended with
remarkable Impressions on many of the Hearers.

By *Jonathan Edwards*, A.M.


Pastor of the Church of CHRIST in *Northampton*.

Amos ix. 2, 3. *Though they dig into Hell, thence shall mine Hand take them ; though they climb up to Heaven, thence will I bring them down. And though they hide themselves in the Top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence ; and though they be hid from my Sight in the Bottom of the Sea, thence I will command the Serpent, and he shall bite them.*

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