

Are Millions Falling for a Counterfeit Gospel?

In a recent segment of The 700 Club, Gordon Robertson offered a deeply encouraging and biblically grounded response to a viewer named BJ, who asked how to grow in intimacy with the Holy Spirit.

What followed was not a formula, but a freeing reminder that true intimacy with God cannot be earned—it's a gift received.

"I think you're trying to earn a relationship with God," Robertson said gently, identifying a common misconception among sincere believers.

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BJ had written in to say they pray, study the Word daily and fast every other day—spiritual disciplines many would admire. But Robertson pointed to something deeper. "Are you projecting onto God a relationship that you may have had with a parent? Either you were trying to impress them or 'here's what I'm doing for you and therefore you should return that love.'"

Robertson emphasized that God's love isn't transactional. "If you want intimacy in a relationship, realize you cannot possibly earn it. It's not based at all on how much you tithe or how much you fast or how much you read the Bible... It's based on are you seeking that intimacy with all of your heart."

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He then anchored his encouragement in Scripture, quoting Jeremiah 29:11-13:

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord... you will call on me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you... you will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart.”

Robertson concluded, “If you want intimacy with God, use all of your heart. If you’re not getting that, then start examining what part of my heart am I leaving behind. Again, you cannot earn it. It’s a free gift and it comes when you seek it with all of your being.”

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This message is a timely reminder for every believer: our walk with the Holy Spirit is not a merit-based relationship. It is rooted in God’s grace and our honest, wholehearted seeking. We live in a culture driven by performance and checklists, but the Lord calls us not to strive, but to abide.

So take heart, He is not waiting for your perfection, but for your presence.

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Are You Taking the Bait? The Truth About Satan's Trap for Christians

Apostle John Eckhardt is urging believers to recognize and reject one of Satan's most effective spiritual traps: offense.

Teaching from the best-selling book *The Bait of Satan* by John Bevere, Eckhardt shared how this powerful work exposed the hidden dangers of harboring bitterness and unforgiveness.

"The central message of *The Bait of Satan* is that offense is one of the primary weapons Satan uses to divide, isolate, and ultimately destroy believers," Eckhardt said.

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During his livestream message, Eckhardt emphasized that offense is more than a mere emotional reaction—it's a spiritual snare. "When we take the bait of offense, we step into a trap that can harden our hearts, hinder our prayers, rob us of joy, and block spiritual growth," he said.

Referencing Luke 17:1 and Proverbs 18:19, Eckhardt underscored that offense is not only inevitable, but dangerous: "It is impossible that no offenses shall come... a brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city."

He explained the Greek word for offense, *scandalon*, means "the bait stick of a trap," revealing just how calculated Satan's strategy is. "Offense leads to resentment, bitterness, and

ultimately bondage," he warned.

Eckhardt also pointed to Matthew 24:10 as a sobering prophetic indicator of the times: "Many will be offended, betray one another, and hate one another."

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But there is a path to freedom, he said—through forgiveness and maturity. "Unforgiveness imprisons us, not the one who wronged us," Eckhardt declared. "Forgiveness is not a feeling; it is a decision."

He reminded believers that bitterness not only damages relationships but can open the door to physical affliction. "Bitterness leads to sickness and infirmity," he said, highlighting God's identity as Jehovah Rapha, the healer, who revealed Himself at the bitter waters of Mara.

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Ultimately, maturity is the key to escaping the cycle of offense. "Mature believers are unoffendable," Eckhardt said. "They prioritize unity and humility. God uses offense to purify motives and produce Christlike character."

He challenged the audience to examine their hearts and take authority over bitterness. "I will not take the bait of Satan," Eckhardt urged believers to declare. "I choose to forgive, release and bless. I am free from offense, and I walk in love."

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Clear Traits the Bible Gives About the Coming 'Man of Perdition'

There's been a lot of speculation lately about who the Antichrist might be and when he'll rise to power. But instead of guessing, it's important to look at what the Bible actually says.

Pastor Kap Chatfield—a Christian content creator and entrepreneur—recently outlined 19 specific biblical traits that describe the Antichrist's identity, actions and arrival.

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Whether you're new to Bible prophecy or have been studying it for years, this list provides a clear, straightforward guide to what Scripture reveals about the most deceptive figure the world will ever know.

The 19 Biblical Traits of the Antichrist

1. He will be a male human being

- Based on 2 Thessalonians 2:3, the Antichrist is not a system or philosophy but “the man of sin.”

2. He will exalt himself as God

- 2 Thessalonians 2:4 – He will sit in the rebuilt temple and claim to be God.

3. He will perform false signs and wonders

- 2 Thessalonians 2:9 – These are supernatural acts powered by Satan to deceive.

4. He will be empowered directly by Satan

- Revelation 13:2 – Satan (the dragon) gives him power, throne and authority.

5. He will be a global political authority

- Revelation 13:7 – He will rule over “every tribe, tongue and nation.”

6. He will confirm a seven-year covenant with Israel

- Daniel 9:27 – Seen as a peace deal, marking the start of the Tribulation.

7. He will break the covenant midway (after 3.5 years)

- He will halt temple sacrifices and initiate the “abomination of desolation.”

8. He will desecrate the rebuilt Jewish temple

- Matthew 24:15 – Declaring himself God in the holy place.

9. He will demand global worship

- Revelation 13:8 – Worship will be mandatory; refusal means death.

10. He will persecute and kill Christians and Jews

- Revelation 13:7 – He will wage war against the saints and overcome them.

11. He will require the mark of the beast to buy or sell

- Revelation 13:16–17 – Full economic control, linked to spiritual allegiance.

12. He will appear to die and resurrect

- Revelation 13:3 – A counterfeit resurrection will lead many to worship him.

13. He will speak arrogantly and blaspheme God

- Daniel 7:8; Revelation 13:5–6 – Pompous, blasphemous speech is a hallmark.

14. He will reject the God of his fathers

- Daniel 11:37 – May suggest Jewish heritage; will deny all past deities.

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15. He will have no desire for women

- Daniel 11:37 – Possible asexuality, homosexuality or obsession with power.

16. He will be cunning and deceptive, destroying by peace

- Daniel 8:25 – He will promise peace while planning destruction.

17. He will be highly intelligent and persuasive

- Daniel 7:8 – Sharp perception and powerful speech will captivate the world.

18. He will rule unrestrained for 3.5 years

- Revelation 13:5 – The Great Tribulation will be 42 months of unrestrained terror.

19. He will be destroyed by Christ at His Second Coming

- 2 Thessalonians 2:8 – Jesus will destroy him with the breath of His mouth.

It's easy to get caught up in trying to identify the Antichrist, especially with so much happening in the world today.

But Scripture reminds us that our focus shouldn't be on hunting down the villain—it should be on preparing our hearts for the return of Christ.

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The Bible says the Antichrist won't even be revealed until the restrainer, widely believed to be the Holy Spirit working through the church, is removed.

So the real question isn't "Will I recognize him?" It's "Will Jesus recognize me?" Now is the time to get right with God. Because when Christ returns, it won't be with warning, it will be in a moment and the door will close. Don't wait. Choose today whom you will follow.

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Would God Break You in Order to Make You?

Allen Jackson, pastor of World Outreach Church in Tennessee, is on a mission to get people thinking more deeply about angels, demons and the supernatural.

Jackson's new book, "Angels, Demons & You" tackles these very subjects, with the preacher calling fellow believers to more boldly approach the subject matter.

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"Most of us are comfortable having a theoretical discussion about angels and demons," he told CBN News, noting, though, that, when it's made personal, the conversation becomes more complex and unpalatable for some. "The most important part is

imagining that there are spiritual forces that are impacting your life today without any question.”

Jackson continued, “And if we get to that point, then the discussion becomes pretty significant.”

The preacher said there’s been an obsessive move toward rationalism since the Enlightenment – one that has led too many to lose touch with the “spiritual dynamic.” Even when these issues are discussed, Jackson said there’s a tendency to focus on the “dark side” of the spiritual.

“We’ll focus more on the demonic,” he said. “And that’s certainly legitimate. I don’t want to diminish that, but the book title was intentional. I wanted to start with angels because I think there are spiritual forces to help us, spiritual beings to help us.”

Jackson said angels are pivotal to the Gospel narrative, serving a primary purpose to help people understand what’s unfolding.

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“The whole Gospel story can’t really be understood apart from the angelic involvement,” he said. “Gabriel [who] goes to visit Zechariah is the opening narrative for the story of John the Baptist, and Gabriel going to see Mary and Joseph, the angels that ministered to Jesus after his temptation in the wilderness, the angels that ministered to him in Gethsemane as he’s preparing.”

Even the devil understood the importance of angels, as Satan

told Jesus that if he tossed himself off the temple, the angels would save him. Matthew 4:5-6 (NIV) reads: “Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ‘If you are the Son of God,’ he said, ‘throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

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Ultimately, Jackson said there’s a disconnect today when it comes to many Christians’ understanding of angels, in particular. While most in the aforementioned Gospel narratives seemed to understand their significance, too many today doubt or ignore.

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Is the Curse of the Law Still Real for Christians? Rabbi Schneider Weighs In!

Is remarriage always adultery?

That’s the question Pastor Vlad Savchuk tackled in a recent teaching, diving deep into Scripture’s view on marriage,

divorce and restoration. With divorce still prevalent despite declining rates, many believers wrestle with guilt and confusion over remarriage.

“Marriage is a lifelong commitment and many break their vows,” Savchuk said. “Divorce is painful. Even when necessary, it does mark the death of a relationship.”

Savchuk began by tracing the biblical framework starting in the Old Testament. “God’s original design for marriage was permanent,” he said, referencing Genesis 2:24–25. Yet in Deuteronomy 24:1, divorce was permitted because of “some uncleanness,” a term that sparked two opposing interpretations in Jesus’ day.

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“The Shammai... thought that some uncleanness refers only to moral reasons, like adultery or unfaithfulness,” he explained. “The second school of thought, Hillel... honestly for any reason, like a wife could have bad breath or bad cooking.”

Jesus aligned with the stricter view. “Whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery,” Savchuk quoted from Matthew 19:9. He noted the disciples’ shocked reaction in the next verse: “It is better not to marry.”



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In cases of infidelity, Savchuk emphasized, “He doesn’t require it because... God divorces Israel for their unfaithfulness. Yet He asks them to repent... hoping for reconciliation and restoration.”

Turning to the apostle Paul, Savchuk quoted 1 Corinthians

7:10–11: “A wife is not to depart from her husband. But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband.” He added, “That’s pretty straightforward. Pretty much, believers, don’t leave your spouse.”

However, Paul also recognized abandonment by an unbelieving spouse as valid grounds for divorce. “But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace.”

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Savchuk addressed abuse carefully. While not explicitly stated as a ground for divorce, he pointed to 1 Corinthians 7:15: “‘God has called us to peace,’ does suggest that separation may be necessary for safety.”

So when is remarriage not a sin?

Savchuk offered three biblical conditions: “If divorce happened because of adultery, the faithful spouse may remarry. If a spouse passed away, remarriage is allowed. If an unbeliever abandoned the marriage, the believer is free to remarry.”

He warned that remarriage without biblical grounds does carry serious consequences. “According to Matthew 19:9, if divorce occurs without biblical grounds, remarriage results in sin.”

Still, hope remains. “It is not an unpardonable sin,” Savchuk said. “Those who recognize their mistake and repent, can receive and should seek God’s forgiveness.”

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To those who’ve remarried outside biblical grounds, he advised, “Confess and repent before God. Do seek wise counsel

and honor the current marriage covenant rather than breaking it again.”

Quoting 1 Samuel 12:20, he reminded believers: “‘You have certainly done wrong, but make sure now that you worship the Lord with all your heart, and don’t turn your back on Him.’”

“Marriage is sacred,” Savchuk concluded. “Divorce should never be taken lightly... If someone has divorced and remarried wrongly, there is still grace. But we must recognize the gravity of God’s standards.”

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From the Red Carpet to Revival Fire: The Radical Journey of Gabriel Storm

In a recent message, Dr. Kevin Zadai connected cutting-edge scientific discovery with ancient spiritual truth, pointing to quantum entanglement as a striking parallel to the believer’s relationship with God.

“There’s this quantum mechanics and there’s quantum physics that has to do with entanglement,” Zadai told his audience. “So I looked up and Einstein said, ‘Oh, that entanglement stuff... it’s spooky.’ I think, OK, if Einstein is saying it’s spooky, I want to know more.”

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Zadai explained that scientists now observe what appears to be faster-than-light communication between particles, regardless of distance. “He said the intelligence and the connection between particles is faster than thought and the speed of light,” Zadai said of Einstein. “And it doesn’t matter how far you separate the particles from each other, they will find each other and they can talk past the speed of light.”

Zadai, a former commercial airline pilot turned minister, said this reflects the way believers are spiritually bound to their Creator.

“The Lord... said, ‘You’re going to do a course called the entanglement of Yahweh.’ And I was like, ‘Yes, I am.’ Why? Because it felt like rocket fuel. And I thought, you know what? The church needs this.”

He drew from his own near-death experience to describe what he believes is a divine tethering of identity, destiny and design. “I was at the throne room... and I stood standing right in front of Him and He goes, ‘You know what? You turned out just like I thought of you that day.’”

Throughout his message, Zadai weaves together examples from physics and theology to suggest a spiritual phenomenon supported, or at least mirrored, by science.

“Science is actually observing the very fact that God spoke everything into existence and that it is all attached,” he said. “Which means tonight if I come to you and I give you a word from God and it’s from God—what I do is I attach you to God’s destiny and then you’re attached to it forever.”

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He challenged believers to live with boldness rooted in that supernatural connection. "If you attach to it, you become entangled with it. You become entangled with the Word of God. Because that's Jesus, really."

Zadai also emphasized the supernatural authority of believers over darkness.

"You've got to brag about your God," he said. "Because the devil's going to get nervous... because he knows that you can't stop people that brag about God."

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Einstein's unease with quantum entanglement, calling it "spooky," only intensifies the mystery. Zadai believes believers live in the middle of that mystery, intertwined with a realm beyond comprehension.

The question remains: If quantum science now observes entanglement beyond the speed of light, are we just beginning to glimpse the architecture of the spiritual world Scripture has described all along?

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