



I Used To Be A Bible Teacher



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The organization destined to become Bible Explorers Club LLC was founded on March 4, 2006, in a public library meeting room in the Southern Crescent Region of Atlanta, Georgia. On that day, 19 multidenominational Christians, including five clergymen respectively ordained by four different mainstream denominations, met together to begin searching the scriptures to discover what God's written word really says. Why? All seminaries teach "what 'we' believe." Their graduates preach "what 'we' believe." Those who warm their pews believe "what 'we' believe."

"In religion and politics, people's  
beliefs and convictions are in almost  
every case gotten at second hand,  
and without examination."

It's sad but true that most church folk have abdicated their Bible studying, critical thinking and "the ministry" to professional christians. I was one of those naive church folk. The difference? I was a respected Bible teacher for decades—even an effective spokesman for our denomination's "what 'we' believe" franchise. (Every denomination owns one of those franchises.)

My classes in church sanctuaries were very well attended. By the current measure of success, I was highly successful. The problem? All those good folk who were not able to get enough of my teaching were thoroughly convinced that I had done my homework. I had not. I was, in fact, just like far too many other Bible teachers and preachers...a polished public speaker and long on attractive, self-assured rhetoric but way short on substance.

My mindset during all those years was this: "Why should I, a layman, question the doctrines of the professional christians with whom I serve? Have they not done their homework?"

I dutifully prepared for each of my lectures, using literature published by the much-lauded Bible "experts" of our denomination...theologians. Later, I discovered that our denominational experts were just like the "experts" of all other denominations: For centuries, they've held one another accountable to their respective "what 'we' believe" franchises.

You may be aware that multiple presumed-credible scientists hold one another accountable to the pseudoscientific “climate change” narrative. The psychology is the same – or at least very similar. You may also have observed that peer pressure is immeasurably stronger for adults than it is for children. What could possibly go wrong with that???

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The Link1<sub>TM</sub> Bible Research Team was founded in December of 2008, in an executive meeting room at the offices of a local petroleum distributor. Because we had discovered what appeared to be critical, but wildly popular scriptural error within the mainstream visible church, a much smaller group of Bible Explorers<sub>SM</sub> decided to start digging to learn much more about those errors.

That was to require a lot of serious scholarly research. While our focus was squarely on objective comprehension of God’s written word, we concluded that we must also start researching the historical record – to learn where and how those apparent errors had gotten started and taken root.

Our early deliberations included whether and/or how we should expose any critical error, to the benefit of Christ’s lambs. We defined “critical error” as any doctrine that will cause sincere Christian believers and their preachers to eventually worship the wrong christ. (See 2 Thessalonians 2, keeping in mind that unbelievers simply cannot “fall away.”)

Such doctrinal errors might become unstoppable once they’ve reached critical mass. Might they have already surmounted that pinnacle? Have most who profess Christianity invested their *Faith Equity*<sub>SM</sub> unwisely? Might Satan’s first, second and third rounds of mass deception be complete?

We have discovered five (5) such Weapons of Mass Deception, but have extensively researched just three (3) of them at this point. You’ll want to learn as much as you possibly can about our frightening discoveries. Our 2021 FlipBook series will be a good starting place for you. Here’s the web address: [www.link1.info/flipbooks](http://www.link1.info/flipbooks).

You'll be wise to **be skeptical of our conclusions** and then do your own due diligence to yield personally-derived conclusions. The key to your success may well be the profound message of **Acts 17:11**. Read that in several versions of the Bible.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> I was an NIV fan for years. A thoughtful business associate gave me a copy of G. A. Riplinger's book, New Age Versions, first printed in 1993. My copy is of the 11th printing. I am now convinced that the **KJV** is the most trustworthy Bible version that's available to us today. Many of the other versions aren't translations, at all; they're either clever commentaries or paraphrases. You'll be surprised to learn how many of the most popular Bible versions are from highly questionable original-language manuscripts...and how many are substantially influenced by Occult practitioners.

Quick! How many different children's party games can you recall? Ever play the one called "Gossip?" This description of it will amuse you all over again. If "No," you may catch up on loads of fun and gain some valuable insight, to boot!



With the children lined up single-file, an adult leader explains the game's two rules and its objectives: "The important thing is (a) to listen very carefully, so that you'll be able (b) to whisper the message accurately to the next person

in line. Then, from the last player in line, we'll learn how well you have all listened and how accurately you've delivered the original message, as a team."

After reading a short written message, the first player returns it to the game leader and the game begins.

More players mean longer games. Longer games always yield hilarious distortions of the original messages. Remember that, please—and this, too: Throughout most of the 2,000<sup>+</sup> years since Jesus walked here, literacy was the exception. Today, it's the civilized norm. Still, though, millions of Believers trust "experts" to interpret scripture for them, as if they can't read, themselves, for comprehension. The people they trust with all their hearts, their preachers, trust denominational *experts*.

What went wrong? Suffice it to say that Satan is surely ecstatic. The gates of Hell have observably prevailed against the organized visible church. The Church – the one against which the gates of Hell will not prevail – is fully alive and well, but largely invisible. God will always have a faithful remnant.

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I'm often called TC Newsome. That's a penname: I wish not to promote myself, especially when publishing derivative works from God's Holy Word. Perhaps you'll perceive value in that. As a former newspaper editor, my job as resident scribe for the Link1<sub>TM</sub> Bible Research Team has been to faithfully record and publish our conclusions on each scholarly research initiative.



"Our conclusions" is likely not the best term for that, because when everyone in any collaborative group claims to have drawn the same conclusion

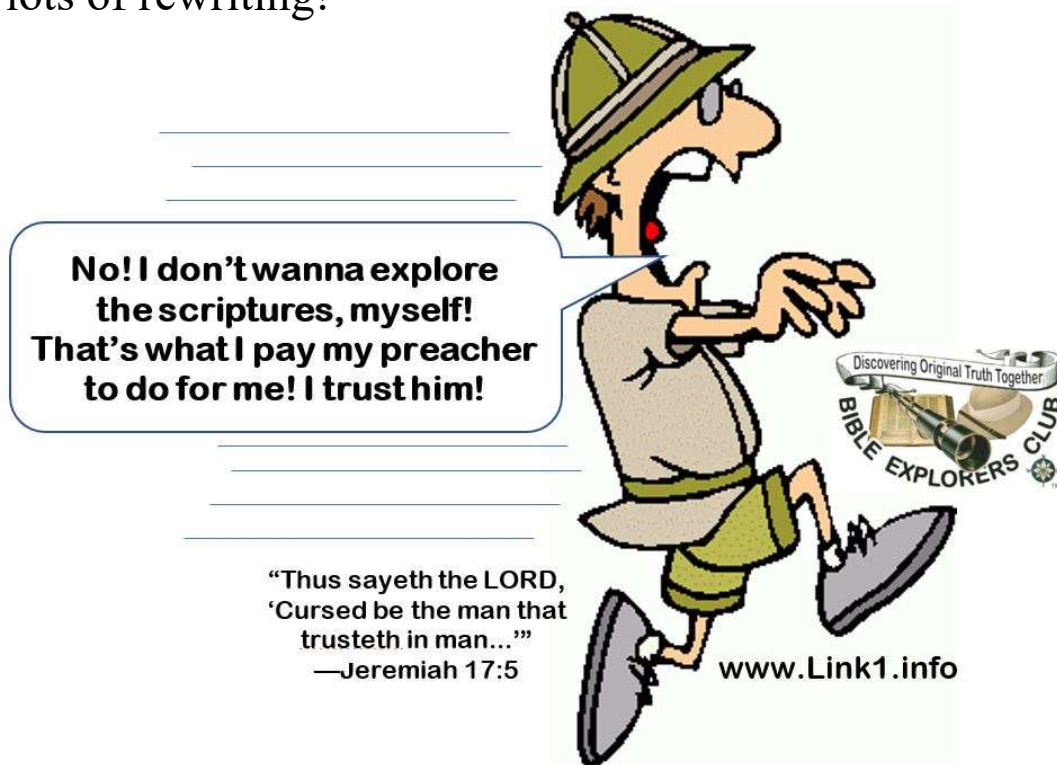


on a matter, some (typically most) have subordinated their critical thinking to dominant members. Not smart.

In the visible church there are “special” people and “little” people. In **The Church**, nobody is special. Nobody is your superior. Nobody is your subordinate. As you read our 2021 FlipBook series for full comprehension, you will discover a myriad of sensible rationale for the conclusion that the gates of Hell have prevailed against the organized visible church.

We often do not agree on every point but, more often than not, we are able to come to reasonable consensus. The team is gracious enough to permit me to be the tiebreaker most of the time.

After committing to writing what I think to be a reasonable consensus, the group votes to accept or reject what I’ve written. You guessed it; I have had to do lots of rewriting!



From those who're inclined to always agree with me, I learn not much.  
From those who rationally explain why they disagree, I learn volumes.

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