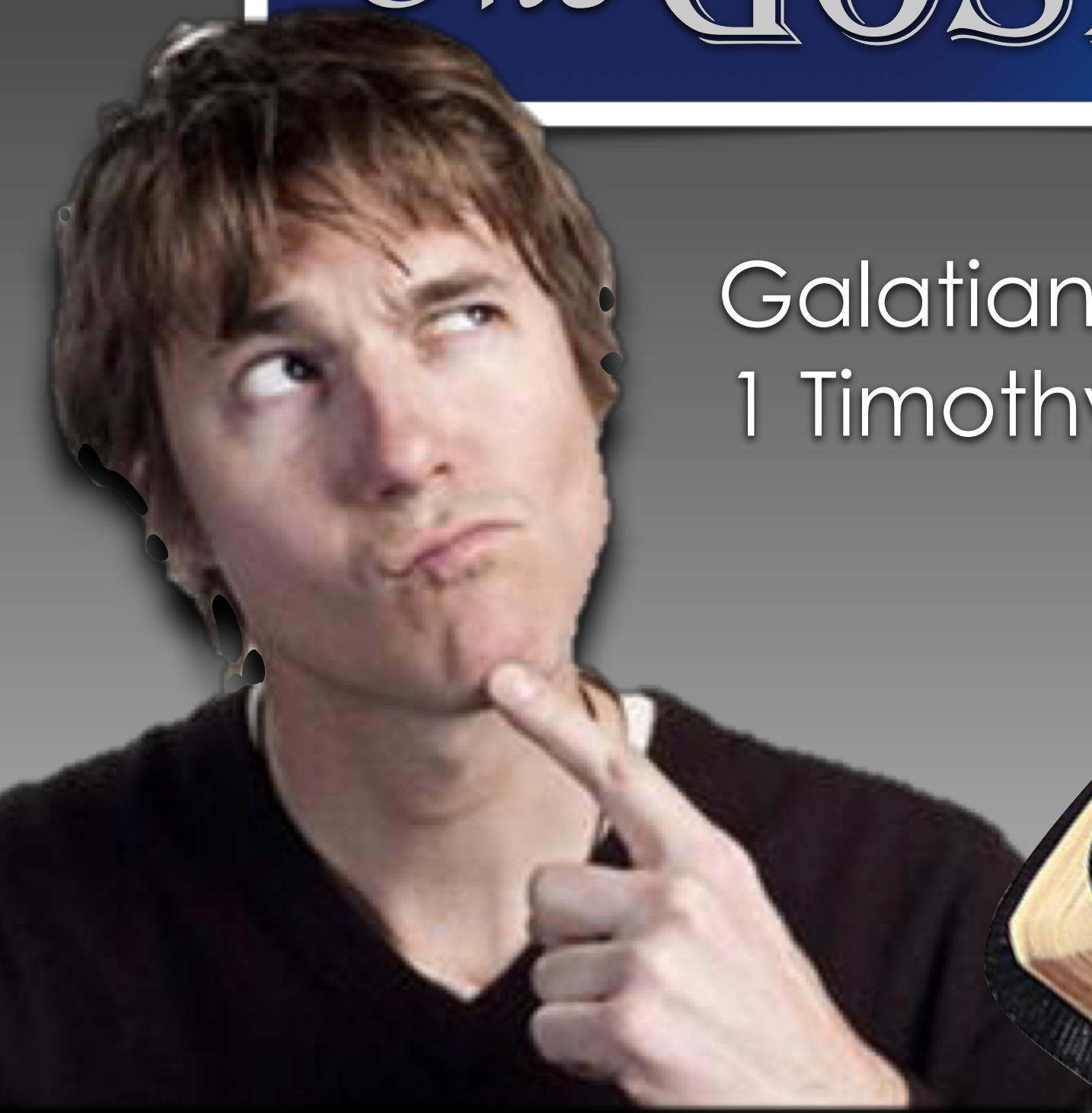


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Galatians 1:6-9
1 Timothy 1:3,4



Satan Has Been Busy trying Changing What
God Has Said From The Beginning - **Ge 3:1,4,5**



1 ... "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree
of the garden'?" 4 ... "You will not surely die.

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We Cannot ACTUALLY Change The Gospel

- ✦ By rejecting, twisting, subtracting from or adding to the scriptures, all we really change is our beliefs, and our spiritual condition - not the gospel itself — Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Pet. 3:16

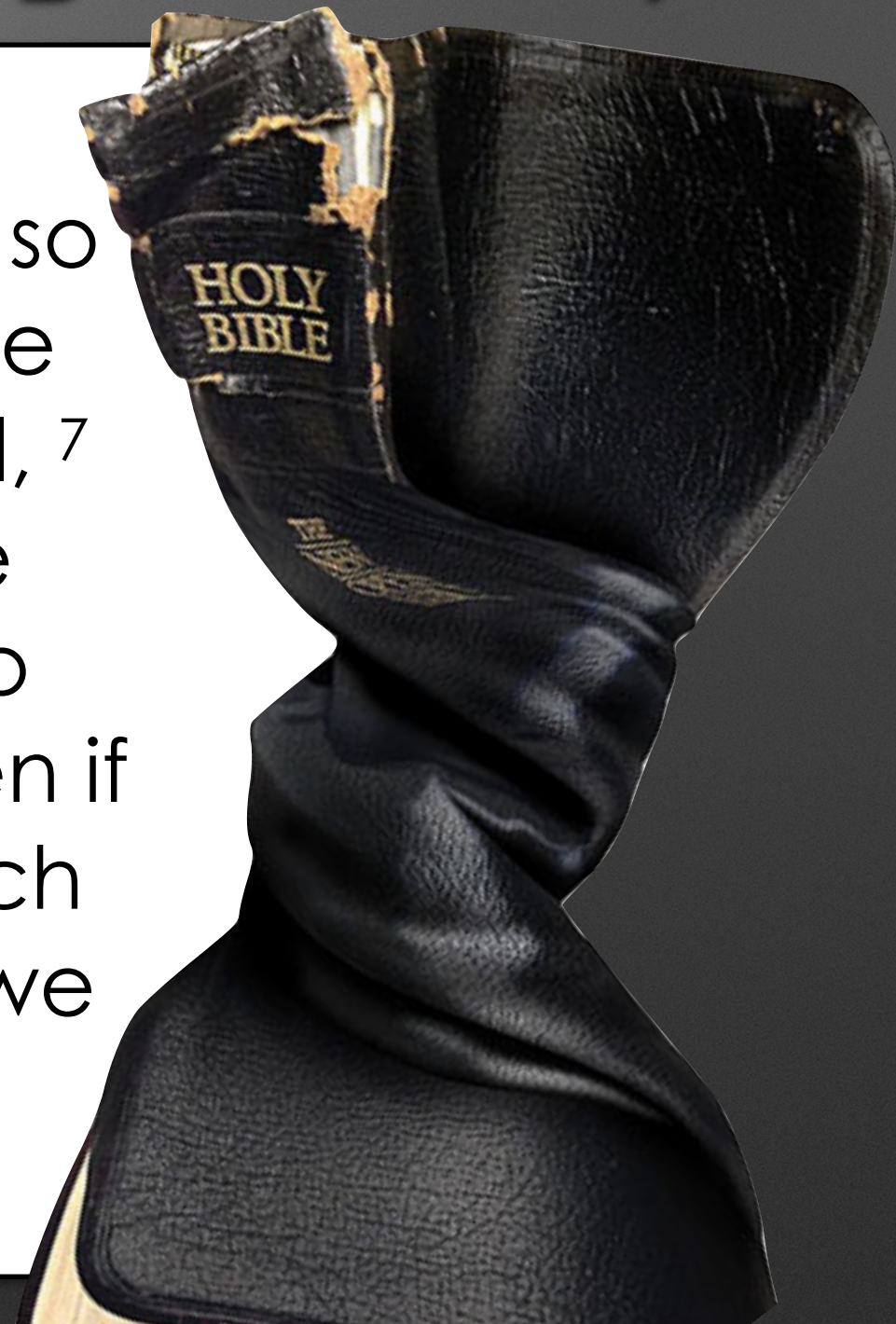


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Galatians 1:6–9 (NKJV)

⁶ I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ 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. ...



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2 Peter 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as *they* do also the rest of the Scriptures.

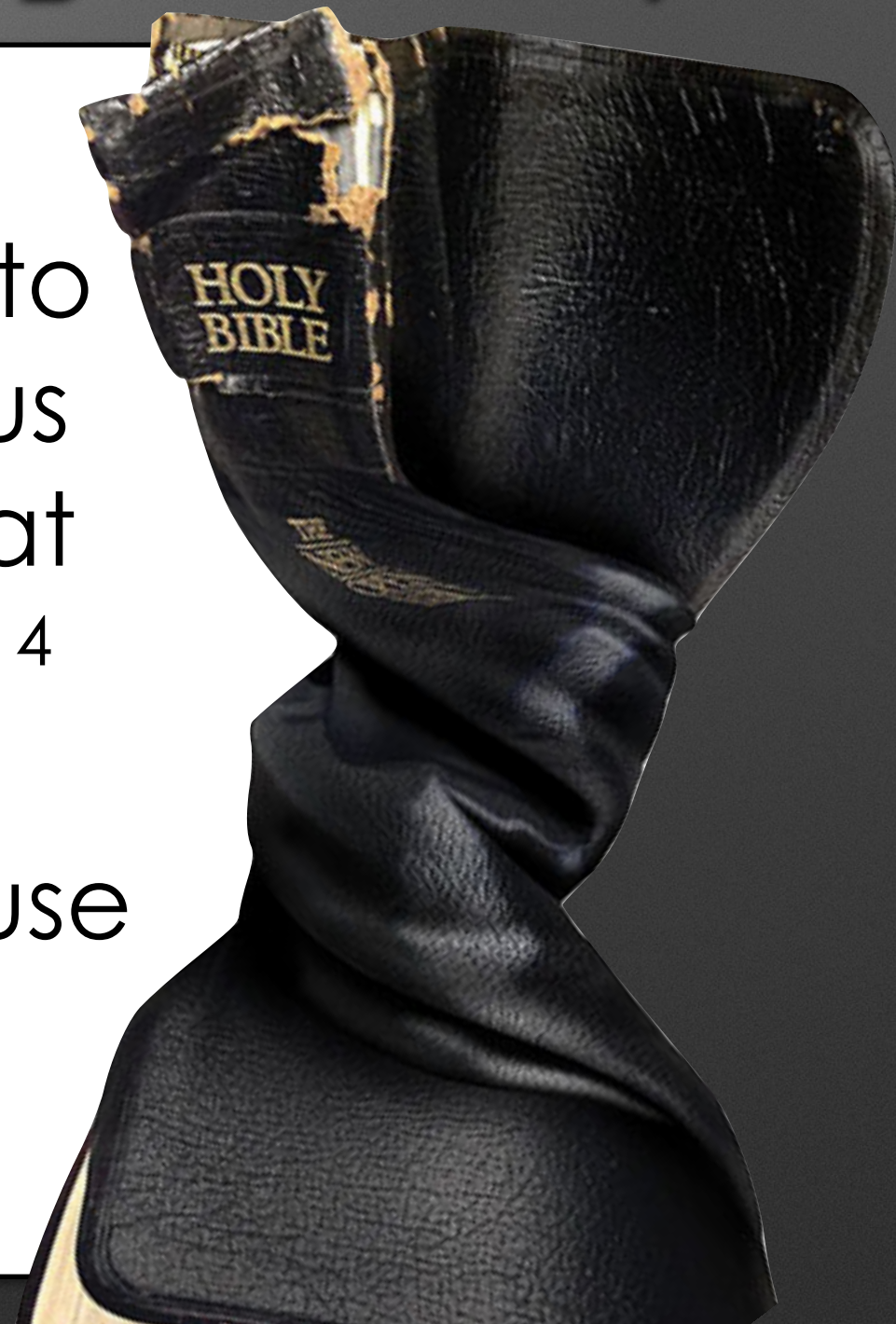


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Psalm 119:89 (NKJV) ⁸⁹ Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

- ✳ Truth is **indestructible** – Luke 21:33
- ✳ Truth is **everlasting** – 1 Peter 1:23-25
- ✳ Truth is **unalterable** – Is 40:8; John 10:35; Rom 3:1-3



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We CANNOT add to
God's word — Deut
4:2; Deut. 12:32; Prov.
30:6; [Rev. 22:18]



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from God's word —
Deut 4:2; Deut. 12:32;
[Rev. 22:19]

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Joshua 1:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.



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Proverbs 4:26–27 (NKJV)

²⁶ Ponder the path of
your feet, And let all your
ways be established. ²⁷
Do not turn to the right or
the left; Remove your
foot from evil.



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- * God has told us what He wants and we cannot do something different - Lev 10:1-4; 1 Chron 13:1-13; 15:13;
- * God has told us all He wants and we cannot add to it — 2 Tim 3:16,17; Eph. 5:19; Gal. 4:10
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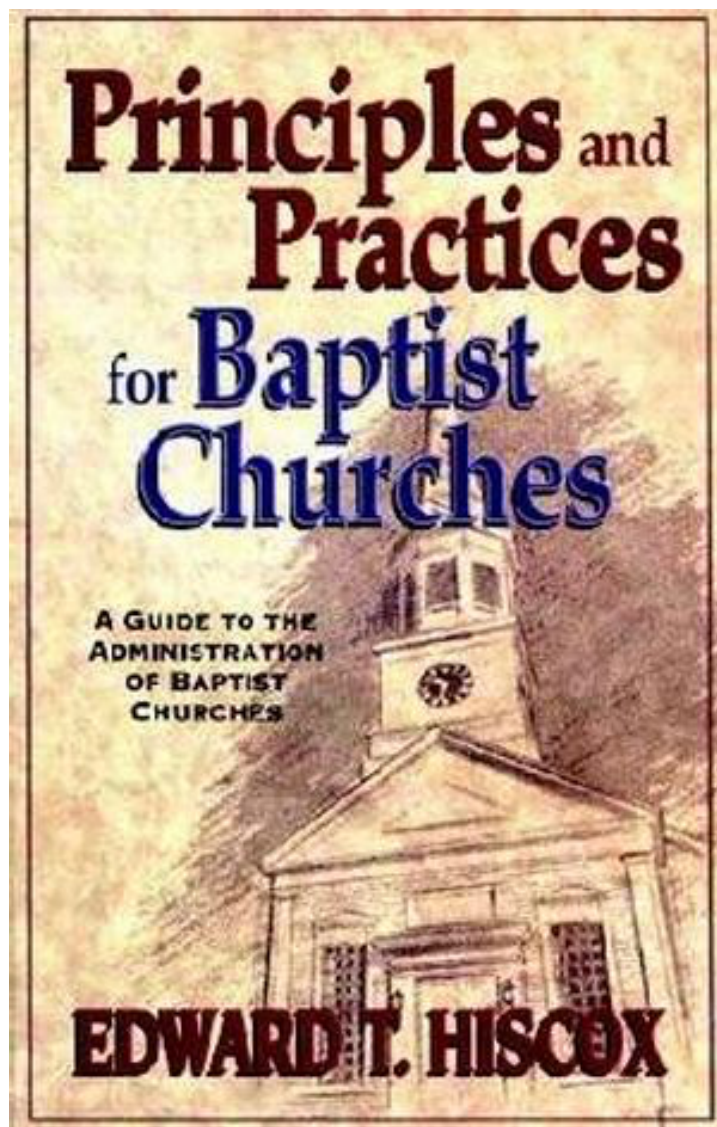
FAKE GOSPELS

Nevertheless - We live in a society that does not properly value TRUTH - and many have taken great liberties with the Word of God. (Which we **MUST NEVER DO!**)

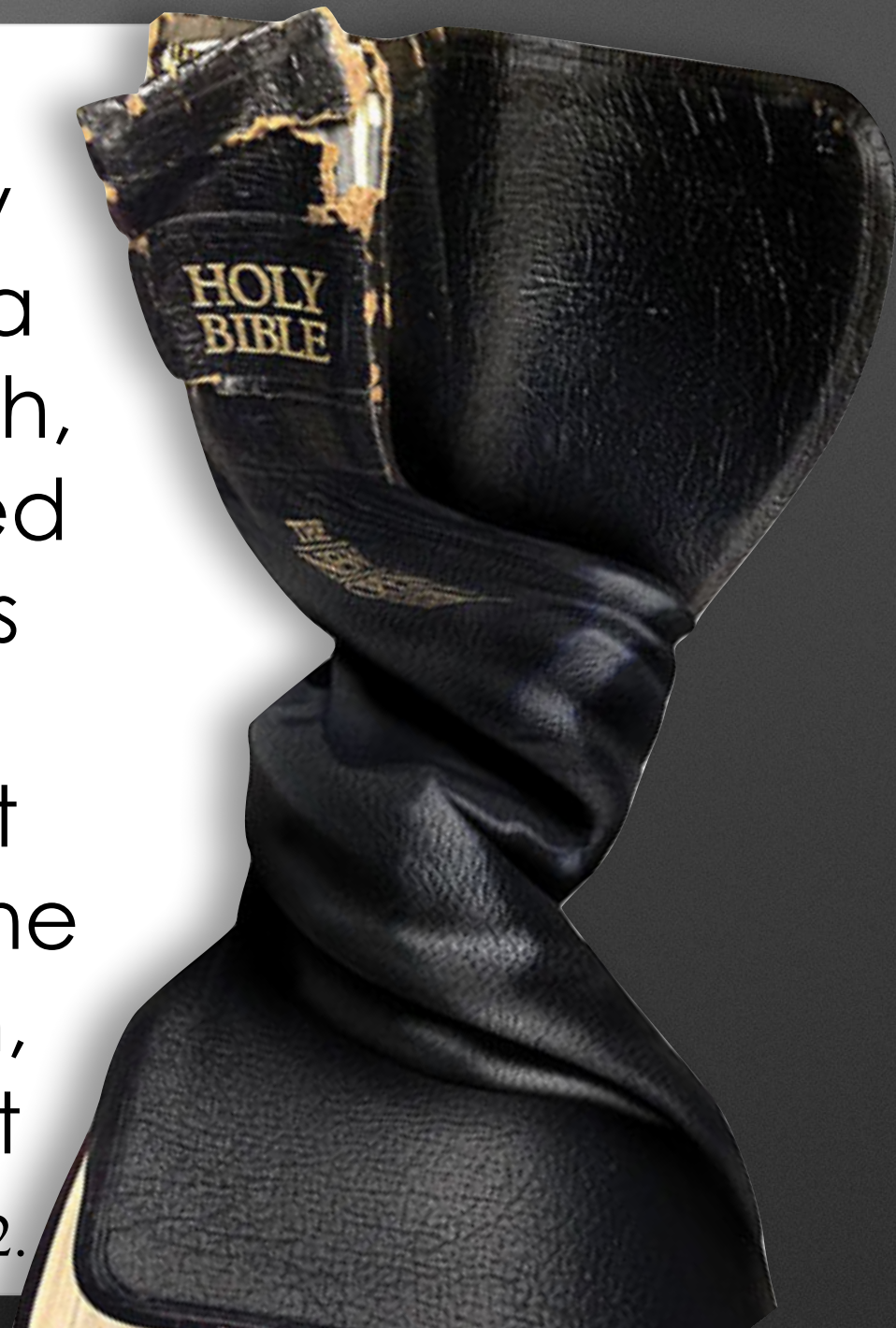
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One of The Most Popular Attempts



“...the baptism of a convert by that very act constituted him a member of the church, and at once endowed him with all the rights and privileges of full membership. In that sense, 'baptism was the door into the church, BUT now it is different



Edward T. Hiscox, *A Standard Manual for Baptist Churches*, p. 22.

If I Could Change The GOSPEL

More Ways I Might Want To Change The Gospel

ALL MEN WILL BE SAVED AND BE IN HEAVEN

► BUT ...

- 🌀 Matthew 7:13,14; 25:41,46
- 🌀 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- 🌀 Galatians 5:19-21
- 🌀 Romans 2:5-11
- 🌀 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
- 🌀 Revelation 21:8



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More Ways I Might Want To Change The Gospel

GOD WILL EXCUSE THE IGNORANT

► BUT ...

- 🌀 Hosea 4:6
- 🌀 Matthew 15:14.
- 🌀 Ephesians 5:15-17
- 🌀 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
- 🌀 2 Peter 3:15-17



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DOCTRINE DOESN'T REALLY MATTER

► BUT ...

- 🌀 Jeremiah 23:16
- 🌀 Matthew 15:7-9, 13,14
- 🌀 John 7:16,17; 8:24,32
- 🌀 2 Peter 2:18-22
- 🌀 2 John 9



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SALVATION IS BY FAITH ALONE...

“We are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by faith, and not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore, that we are justified by faith, only, is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort.”

-Article IX--Of the Justification of Man (THE ARTICLES OF RELIGION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, the Discipline of 1808)



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- 🌀 Matthew 7:21-27
- 🌀 Luke 6:46-49
- 🌀 Acts 2:38-41; 10:34,35
- 🌀 James 1:22,23; 2:14-26
- 🌀 Hebrews 5:8,9; 11:1-31
- 🌀 1 John 2:3-6



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BAPTISM IS NOT NECESSARY TO BE SAVED

► BUT ...

- 🌀 Mark 16:16; Matthew 28:19
- 🌀 Acts 2:38-41; ... 22:16
- 🌀 Romans 6:3-6, 16-18
- 🌀 Galatians 3:26,27
- 🌀 Colossians 2:12,13
- 🌀 1 Peter 3:21



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ANY CHURCH WILL DO – IT DOESN'T MATTER

► BUT ...

- 🌀 Matthew 16:18
- 🌀 Acts 2:47
- 🌀 1 Corinthians 12:13ff
- 🌀 Ephesians 1:22,23; 4:4; 5:23-25
- 🌀 1 Corinthians 1:10-12
- 🌀 Romans 16:16



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GOD WILL ACCEPT WHATEVER WORSHIP WE GIVE

► BUT ...

- 🌀 Leviticus 10:1-4
- 🌀 John 4:24,25
- 🌀 Acts 2:42; 20:7
- 🌀 1 Corinthians 11:2; 14; 16:1,2
- 🌀 Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16
- 🌀 Hebrews 12:25-29



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ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED

"We take the position that a Christian's sins do not damn his soul. The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people have nothing whatsoever to do with the salvation of his soul." . . . "...all the sins a Christian may commit from idolatry to murder would not put his soul in any danger!"

Sam Morris, a Baptist preacher in a tract titled, "Do A Christian's Sins Damn His Soul?"



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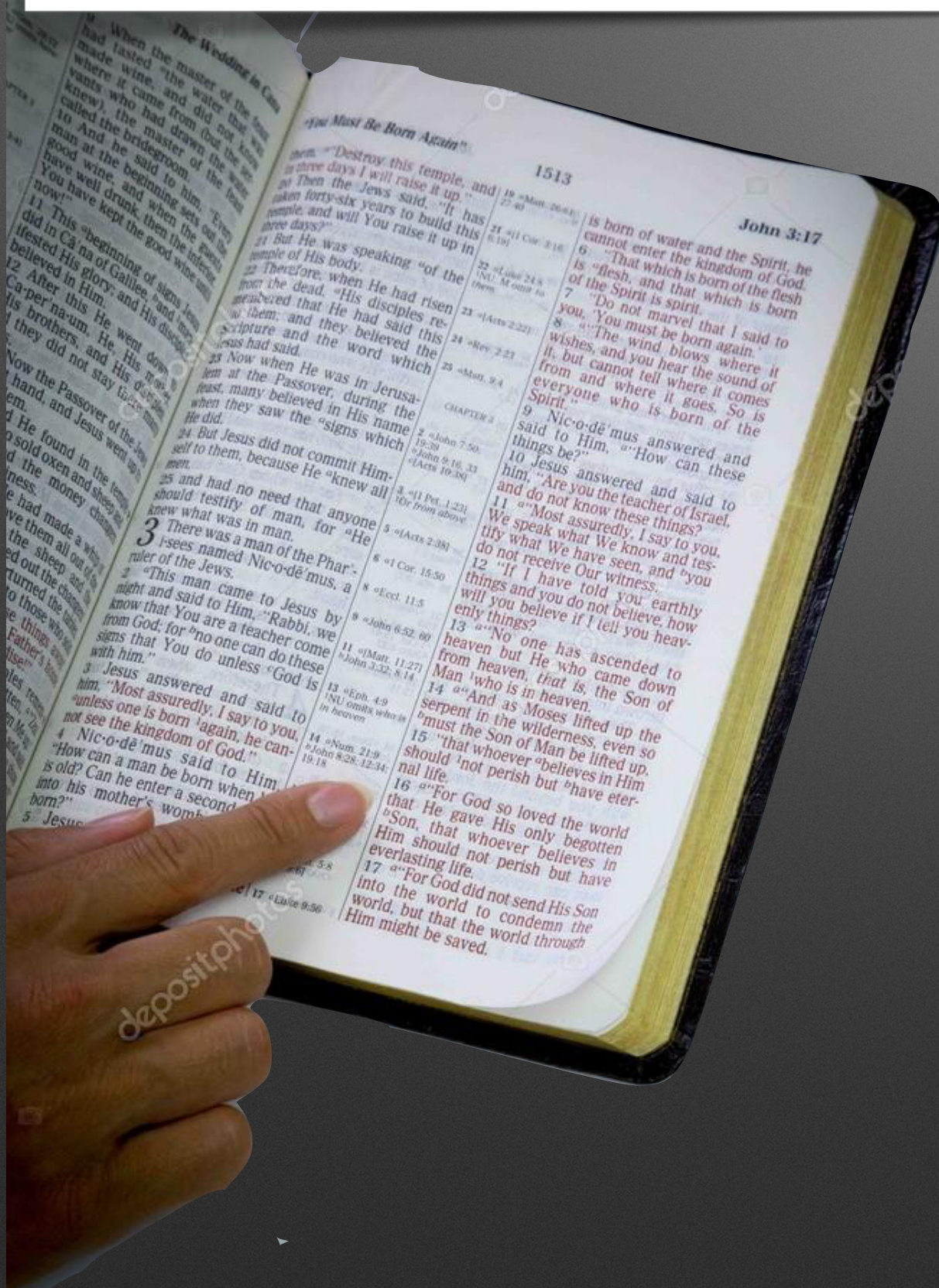
THERE IS NO HELL – NO ETERNAL PUNISHMENT

▶ BUT ...

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LET US BELIEVE & OBEY The GOSPEL



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10 Steps on How to Create Your Own Theology (and Make It Seem Biblical)

STEP 1: Identify a belief you already hold, either consciously or subconsciously, or would like to see affirmed.

STEP 2: Go to the Bible for proof-texting.

Step 3: Perform what looks like “word studies” in Greek (and Hebrew, if possible, and other cool dead languages like Latin).

Step 4: Reconstruct the social and historical contexts of the chosen biblical passage to fit your belief.

Step 5: Always use big vocabulary words and complex sentence structures.

Step 6: Quote people who agree with you.

Step 7: Misconstrue any opposing viewpoints.

Step 8: Make sure your new theology is culturally palatable.

Step 9: Claim victory!

Step 10: Disseminate your theology through preaching and writing.