

# Kiwanis Club Ugly Sweater Contest Winners



Tom Bonny- 1st place



Steve Garrett- 2nd place



Janet and Robert Smith- Cutest Couple.



Rodney Davis and Larry Stewart  
The Bah Humbug award

## Why do many wrongly use the Bible?

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Before we begin this article, let me wish everyone a joyful holiday season. May each of us reflect upon God's love and mercy towards us in the past, present and future.

So, today, let us study to see what can be wrong in the lives of many professing Christians.

At this time, I want to use about four things that I believe are a great hindrance to people honestly seeking to be blessed of the Lord.

First, there is among all religions something called a misconception, defined as: a misunderstanding or a wrong idea.

2nd, to misconstrue: to think or explain in a wrong way.

3rd, a misconception: the act of wrongly judging or to explain in a wrong way.

4th, a misnomer, using a wrong name, or one that does not fit.

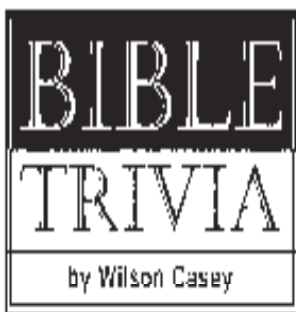
As we examine some Bible verses that explain God's true mercy, forgiveness, salvation; I will use one of the most well-known perhaps among all men. This of course would be **John 3:16**, where it says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Let me say this at this time, I firmly believe that this passage is inspired by God and holds no mistakes herein. But sadly, many by using the very acts I mentioned above, have wrongly misunderstood, wrongly used, and failed to comprehend its truths. When we examine the context, we see that God loves all of mankind so much so that he desires them to enter into his glory by sending Jesus to die for our sins. Man's part is to give themselves totally to God through Jesus who died for us, by believing that His Son is the Saviour of the world. Now comes the mis-

application of this passage. Please note what is said, that men who believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life. Where then is the misunderstanding? Notice that it does not say would not or could not but should not. Why is this so? Simply because our God has done everything within his capability to save all, but if men failed to obey his word, then, even though they might believe, still they will perish. How can this be a problem? First of all, **Hebrews 5:59** says that Jesus is the "author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." But, right over in the next chapter, in verses 1-4, it talks about some that were once saved, enlightened, tasted the gift of life in the work and then fell away, thus crucifying the Lord all over again. Then, once again, in **Hebrews 3:14**, it is written, "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;" So, then, man should not be lost, but they will be unless they remain in Christ Jesus to the end. Matthew 7:21-22 clearly tell us many who claimed to be believers will be rejected because of their misconceptions. One more verse, **Acts 2:38**, where the inspired Apostle said when asked, "what shall we do?" "said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." But men tend to use the verb word 'misconstrued' in saying that baptism is not for the remission of sins or that it doesn't save anyone who believes or obeys this. At this time, I will let the Word of God shoot this into outer space by using **1 Peter 3:21**, which says, "The like figure (Noah and the Ark) whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

And there are many more. But today, I ask you to consider 2 Corinthians 13:5. Please read it! It tells us to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith. Prove and know yourselves so that we won't be among the rejects of the Judgment.

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Sincerely, Bob Casey



1. For possible new year's resolutions, Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be ..."? Resolved, Established, Directed, Bountiful
  2. Psalm 37:5 instructs us to, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to ..."? Nurture, Pass, Action, Light
  3. Which book proclaims the first day of the new year is for resting and a memorial sounding the trumpet? Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers
  4. 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20 are among the verses to focus on what in a new year? Blessings, Moving forward, Grace, Church attendance
  5. In which month of the religious calendar did the new year begin in the Bible? 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th
  6. From James 1:5, what may one lack, and if they ask God, it shall be given? Love, Wisdom, Truth, Goals
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Sir, tattoo this Psalm on my arm. I never, ever want to be without it."

Many of us are like that soldier. We have God's Word in our Bibles but not in our hearts. We keep His Word on our tables or desks but not in our minds. We do not allow it to become part of us. It's outside and "nearby" but not inside where it can make a difference in our lives.

"Praise the Lord, O my soul," said David, "and do not forget all His benefits - Who forgives all your sins, Who heals all Your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion."

When we pause and think of this Lord that David is writing about, it does not make any sense to keep Him in a Book or on a piece of paper. He deserves to be living deep within our hearts, guiding and guarding our lives.

After the battle he went to a tattooist with a copy of the Psalm and asked, "Please,

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Williams Memorial Baptist Church on Poplar Street at 6:00 p.m. with Matthew and Rosemary Watson as the featured singers. There will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

## God's Way

by Mabel Tipton  
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"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3: 2)

What a tremendous hope is ours. It is no wonder that we look forward to that day when we shall be like Him; for we shall see him as he is. When the resurrection takes place, then will the prophetic promise be fulfilled, which says, "Death is swallowed up in victory." (1 Corinthians 15:54) Death will have no power over the Christians. There will be no more fear of death, no more subjection to death, and no more grave, for God will give the saints victory over death, hell and the grave.

The prayer of Paul was made after contemplating God's power or victory over death in behalf of his saints. "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;" (Philippians 3: 10)

The power that produced Jesus' resurrection, will also produce the resurrection of his saints and can become a part of our lives today. This was the fervent prayers of the apostles.

Can that same power exist, in a supernatural way, in our lives? So that His will may dominate the lives of his saints, and his divine power may generate the power, that man needs to live for Him.

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." (Romans 8: 11)

According to the scriptures, the doctrine of the resurrection of Christ, is an infallible truth. "To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." (Acts 1: 3)

We are still partakers of that truth today. For many are being brought out of the throes of spiritual darkness into a marvelous spiritual light; a light that illuminates the soul, sets the captive free from sin. Breaks the power of evil habits. Liberates from the power of tradition and gives man a peace and rest that cannot be acquired, in any other walk of life. *Come learn with me.*

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