

DRACULA, NOSFERATU, TWILIGHT : THE VAMPIRE FAD : PART 1

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In light of the current popularity of the vampire-centered "Twilight" book series by American author Stephenie Meyer, and the related movie series, I felt that this article was due for an update. Originally titled "Dracula: Fighting Fear With the Word, Faith and Love" in 1997, due to its updated contents, I have decided to rename the much expanded series "Dracula, Nosferatu, Twilight: The Vampire Fad".

If you happen to be a vampire fan -- I am not -- you probably already know that Meyer's vampire-based book series consists of four novels which follow the lives of its three primary characters: Edward Cullen, who is a vampire; Isabella "Bella" Swan, who is a teenage girl who falls in love with Edward and eventually marries him; and finally, Jacob Black, who is a shape-shifting wolf. The four novels are entitled "Twilight", "New Moon", "Eclipse" and "Breaking Dawn". As of November of 2012, all four novels had been adapted into movies under the title "The Twilight Saga".

Let there be no doubt. These vampire novels and movies are having a very strong impact on children and young adults all around the world, just as the Harry Potter books and movies have done since 1997. The current Twilight hype is like the Harry Potter phenomenon happening all over again; and Meyer's novels, as well as "The Twilight Saga" movies, have enjoyed considerable commercial success. Stephenie Meyer's four books have won multiple awards. Most notable among them is the 2008 British Book Award for "Children's Book of the Year" for the final novel, "Breaking Dawn". The Twilight series as a whole has also won the 2009 "Kids' Choice Award for Favorite Book".

According to online sources, as of March, 2010, global sales

of the Twilight book series has surpassed one hundred million copies. Furthermore, the novels have been translated into at least thirty-eight different languages around the globe. In addition to this, the four Twilight vampire novels have set records as the biggest selling novels of 2008 on the "USA Today Best-Selling Books" list. Furthermore, they have spent over two hundred and thirty-five weeks on the New York Times "Best Seller" list for "Children's Series Books".

Considering the wild success of the Twilight vampire novels, just as some Christian parents have been concerned regarding the Harry Potter books and movies, we should also be equally alarmed and concerned by the fact that young people are being so mesmerized by the Twilight vampire novels and movies. Now, on the surface, we can dismiss the Twilight novels and movies as just being obviously "innocent", fictional fun -- and very profitable fun at that -- but in my view, it is the underlying subtle message that is found in all vampire stories, whether it concerns Dracula, Nosferatu, Louis de Pointe du Lac, Lestat de Lioncourt or Edward Cullen, which should be of concern to every Christian parent; because this message contradicts the truth of the Scriptures, and is inherently evil. This message centers around blood, and the hope of achieving eternal life.

As God's Word makes very clear to us -- particularly in the Epistle to the Hebrews -- and as I also explain in a number of other articles, such as "Lies and Deceptions of the Roman Catholic Church" and "Alien Life, Extrasolar Planets and Universal Atonement", just as the Levitical priests of the Old Testament period entered into the Holy of Holies once a year, first in the Tabernacle, and then later in the Temple of Solomon once it had been built, so too, we are told that Jesus Christ shed His innocent Blood once -- and only once -- in order to make restitution for our sins, so that we may now obtain Mercy, receive Forgiveness for our sins through His Sacrifice, and obtain Eternal Life through an act of repentance and faith in His loving Atonement. Consider the following verses which verify this point:

"Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin ONCE: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God."
Romans 6:9-10, KJV

"But this man, [Jesus] because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did ONCE, when he offered up himself."
Hebrews 7:24-27, KJV

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in ONCE into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

Hebrews 9:11-12, KJV

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now ONCE in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself . . . So Christ was ONCE offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."
Hebrews 9:24-26, 28, KJV

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ ONCE for all."
Hebrews 10:10, KJV

"For Christ also hath ONCE suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:"
1 Peter 3:18, KJV

The previous verses reveal -- and in fact totally expose -- the deceptive lies which are propagated by Satan in popular vampire stories regarding Count Dracula, Nosferatu, Lestat de Lioncourt and Edward Cullen, who is the main character of the Twilight book series. As I mentioned a moment ago, the Scriptures repeatedly inform us that Jesus Christ willingly shed His Blood for the remission of our sins; and that if we acknowledge our sinful condition, and accept Christ's Death as Atonement for our sins, we can inherit Everlasting Life.

On the other hand, as is his custom, Satan takes Scriptural truth, and he completely twists and distorts it, in order to conform it to his own agenda. Thus, while Jesus Christ freely shed His Blood and gave His Life for us all, in most vampire stories, vampires are depicted as evil, hideous creatures of the night who violently prey upon the living, and steal their blood from them against their will, in order to sustain their own wretched lives for centuries. In other words, while Jesus willingly gave His Life and Blood, in complete submission to the Will of His Holy Father, vampires violently take people's lives and blood; and it is usually without their consent. So it is the exact opposite. Jesus Christ's actions demonstrate unselfish love for all of humanity, while the vile actions of fiendish vampires demonstrate nothing but pure selfishness; that is, love for self, and self-preservation, at the expense of humanity.

Of course, in certain vampire stories, these blood-sucking ghouls of the night invite their victims to live forever as well; that is, if they are willing to engage in the very same violent bloodletting themselves. Furthermore, as we have now seen, while Christ's Blood was shed one time on a Roman Cross for all men, and not many times, or continually, vampires and their victims must drink blood again and again, in order to sustain their so-called "eternal life". I would consider such an existence eternal hell.

Now, some misguided vampire fans might retort that not all

vampires are necessarily evil, and not all vampires drink human blood. Such was the case with Edward Cullen in the Twilight novels and movies, who drank the blood of animals instead. However, regardless of whether blood is obtained from humans or animals, the drinking of any kind of blood is strictly prohibited in the Scriptures, as we see by the following verses:

"But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man."
Genesis 9:4-5, KJV

"And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood. And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust. For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off."
Leviticus 17:10-14, KJV

"Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times."
Leviticus 19:26, KJV

"Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh."
Deuteronomy 12:23, KJV

"And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood. Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day."
1 Samuel 14:32-33, KJV

"Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood . . . For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well."
Acts 15:19-20, 28-29, KJV

"As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication."
Acts 21:25, KJV

While legends of vampires had long been a part of European lore, it wasn't until Irish novelist Abraham "Bram" Stoker penned "Dracula" -- originally titled "The Un-Dead" -- in 1897, that the vampire mythology was introduced to a wider audience. It wasn't until twenty-five years later -- and ten years after Bram Stoker's death -- that Count Dracula made his first cinematographic debut in 1922's "Nosferatu", which starred actor Max Schreck. However, in that release, he was not known as Dracula, but rather as Count Orlock. Problems followed soon after the release of "Nosferatu"; the reason being that Friedrich Wilhelm Murnau -- who was the German director of that silent film -- had not been authorized by Florence Stoker -- Bram Stoker's widow -- to make the movie. Furthermore, Ms. Stoker did not receive any royalties from it. After three years of litigation, Florence Stoker won the case; and while she wanted the negative and all prints of the film destroyed, this did not happen. As a result, "Nosferatu" has survived to this current day.

As many of you will know, the first official cinematographic adaption of Bram Stoker's "Dracula" occurred in 1931, when Universal Studios released director Tod Browning's "Dracula", with Bela Lugosi in the leading role. Since that time, there have been a number of prequels, sequels and remakes, with a variety of noted actors in the leading role, including, but not limited to, John Carradine, Christopher Lee, Gary Oldman, Frank Langella, Jack Palance, Klaus Kinski, Gerard Butler and Rutger Hauer; but Bela Lugosi is still viewed by many people as playing the definitive Dracula, even though Lugosi only played in the role two times during his entire lifetime.

Personally, I suspect that there may possibly be an element of truth in certain old vampire legends and myths. However, as occurred with other legends -- such as those concerning the Olympian gods -- the truth became distorted, exaggerated and embellished over time. Please understand that I am not suggesting that a blood-sucking vampire named Count Dracula actually existed; and I most certainly do not believe that a person can actually turn into a bat, any more than a man can turn into a real werewolf. However, is it possible that the vampire legends which have survived over the centuries, were inspired by an actual event in the dark past, which may have involved some kind of demonic manifestation; and if not that, then at least a real person? Please consider the following information.

Prior to actually writing "Dracula", Bram Stoker spent a few years conducting research for his pending novel. He delved into folklore and myths concerning vampires, which had been popularized throughout Europe, having first originated in the East European nations of Hungary and Romania. One view holds that the story of Count Dracula may have been based on the life of an actual person who lived in medieval Europe; and who truly did have a demonic perversion for drinking human blood. Other sources suggest a more plausible explanation. That is that Bram Stoker more than likely borrowed the name

for his evil blood-sucking vampire from Vladislaus Dragulia. Dragulia -- who was born in Sighisoara, Transylvania and was of Russian descent -- was also known as Vlad III Dracula. He was named after his father, Vlad II Dracul.

Online sources state that the name "Dracula" actually means "son of the dragon"; which makes perfect sense, because his father's name -- Dracul -- does in fact mean "dragon". Vlad II acquired this name as a result of being a member of a secret fraternal order of knights known as the Order of the Dragon. This order was founded by Sigismund of Luxembourg, who was a Holy Roman Emperor for a period of four years, as well as the king of Hungary, Croatia, Bohemia, Lombardy and Germany during different periods of his life. The purpose of the order was supposedly to uphold the Christian faith, and to defend the Empire against the Ottoman Turks. As a result of his bravery in fighting against the Turks, Vlad II was admitted to the order around 1431. It was at that time that he was given the name "Dracul", or "dragon".

As I mention in a few other articles, I view the very nature, stated goals and violent methods of the so-called "Christian Crusades" to be contrary to the peaceful teachings of Jesus Christ. In the New Testament, both Jesus and the Apostles in fact teach us to strive to live peaceably with all men. This same message is found in the Old Testament as well, despite the many violent wars which were fought by the Israelites. It is made evident by verses such as the following:

"But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."
Psalms 37:11, KJV

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."
Isaiah 2:4, KJV

"And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."
Micah 4:3, KJV

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth . . . Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God . . . But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."
Matthew 5:5, 9, 44-45, KJV

"And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus [meaning the Apostle Peter] stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father,

and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?"

Matthew 26:51-53, KJV

"Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?"

John 18:10-11, KJV

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

Romans 12:18, KJV

Furthermore, I find it very odd, and in fact contrary to the Scriptures, that any such alleged Christian order would call itself the "Order of the Dragon". After all, in the Bible, we are clearly informed that the dragon is another symbol that is used to signify Satan, as we see by the following verses that are found in the Book of Revelation:

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him . . . And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,"

Revelation 12:9, 20:2, KJV

If earthly violence and wars are inspired by anyone, I would dare say that it is Satan -- who is the adversary of God -- and most certainly not God Himself. This point alone reveals a lot about the "Christian Crusades" which, as you may know, were primarily waged by military forces which were loyal to the Roman Catholic Church. You will find many other articles on the Endtime Prophecy Net website which deal with the sins and errors of the Roman Catholic Church, so I will not delve further into the matter in this current series. I will list some of these articles for you at the end of this series.

On a side note, if you wish to learn more about worship of the dragon from a very different perspective, you may enjoy reading part eight of my twenty-part series called "Nature of the Alien: ET's, Demons or a Government Plot?". There seems to be a lot more to the mystery surrounding the dragon than what at first meets the eye. Furthermore, it is possible that certain of the ancients may have been privy to such esoteric knowledge. But let us return to our discussion concerning the possible origin of the infamous Count Dracula.

Like his father before him, Vlad III Dracula was a prince and ruler of the East European region known as Wallachia during the middle of the Fifteenth Century. As a point of reference, Wallachia and Moldavia united in 1859, and were followed by Transylvania during the early part of the Nineteenth Century, to form the basis for the modern nation of Romania. Due to Vlad III's extremely cruel nature -- he had a reputation for impaling his enemies upon wooden poles until they died -- he acquired the nickname of Vlad Tepes Dracula, or Vlad III the Impaler. The word "tepes" is in fact Romanian for "impaler".

The Wikipedia entry offers the following sick description of the torture techniques which were employed by Vlad III the Impaler. Please be warned that the following paragraphs are quite revolting and disgusting in nature, and may cause some degree of queasiness with some of my readers. Even I found them difficult to read:

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In the West, Vlad III Tepes has been characterized as a tyrant who took sadistic pleasure in torturing and killing his enemies. The number of his victims ranges from 40,000 to 100,000. According to the German stories, the number of victims he had killed was at least 80,000. In addition to the 80,000 victims mentioned, he also had whole villages and fortresses destroyed and burned to the ground. These numbers are most likely exaggerated.

The atrocities committed by Vlad in the German stories include impaling, torturing, burning, skinning, roasting, and boiling people, feeding people the flesh of their friends or relatives, cutting off limbs, and drowning. All of these punishments mainly came from things people did that displeased Vlad the most; stealing, lying, and adulterous relations. Other methods of punishment included skinning the feet of thieves, then putting salt on them and letting goats lick off the salt. This was a way that Vlad kept his people in order and taught them that stealing would not be tolerated in his lands. No exceptions were made: he punished anyone who broke his laws, whether men or women, no matter the age, religion or social class.

Impalement was Vlad's preferred method of torture and execution. His method of torture was a horse attached to each of the victim's legs as a sharpened stake was gradually forced into the body. Death by impalement was slow and agonizing. Victims sometimes endured for hours or even days. Vlad often had the stakes arranged in various geometric patterns. The most common pattern was a ring of concentric circles in the outskirts of a city that constituted his target. The height of the spear indicated the rank of the victim. The corpses were often left decaying for months.

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Similar to Vlad III the Impaler, Bram Stoker's Dracula was likewise the epitome of evil. He was a rather vile creature who preyed upon the fears of his unsuspecting victims, and of course, on their warm blood as well.

As the tale goes, there were two things which Dracula could not endure. The first was a crucifix, which symbolizes belief in the Christian God. While I am not certain why Bram Stoker specifically chose the crucifix as one means of deterring an evil vampire such as Dracula, and causing him to draw back in fear, I suspect that Stoker may possibly have been aware of the following verse that is found in the Epistle of James:

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."
James 2:19, KJV

As many of my readers will already know, the second thing which vampires greatly feared -- at least in the movies which were later made -- was natural sunlight. In fact, as most cinematographic endeavors reveal, evil Count Dracula ultimately met his doom when he was exposed to sunlight. This again may possibly be a reflection back on the Holy Scriptures, because there are verses where God the Father is symbolically represented by the Sun. Consider these two verses, for example:

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."
Psalms 84:11, KJV

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."
James 1:17, KJV

Furthermore, while Count Dracula and other vampires concealed their evil blood-sucking deeds under the cloak of darkness, in the Scriptures we are clearly told to flee from the works of darkness, because we are in fact the symbolic Children of Light, as we can determine by the following sample verses:

"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 reproved."
John 3:19-20, KJV

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."
Romans 13:12, KJV

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"
2 Corinthians 6:14, KJV

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light . . . And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."
Ephesians 5:8, 11, KJV

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"
Colossians 1:13, KJV

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness."
1 Thessalonians 5:4-5, KJV

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his

marvellous light:"
1 Peter 2:9, KJV

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:"
1 John 1:6, KJV

As you are probably already beginning to realize, everything that Satan does is in direct contradiction to the Scriptures. In fact, that is why he is called Satan; that is, because the very Hebrew word itself means "adversary". If the Word of God condemns something and says not to do it, Satan turns around and does it. If God's Word classifies something as evil, the Devil turns around and calls it good. In other words, Satan enjoys twisting and perverting everything that God says and does. It is his nature. I am reminded of the following verse:

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"
Isaiah 5:20, KJV

We can clearly see this in Bram Stoker's story of Dracula, and in other books and movies concerning vampires as well. In fact, this is the very danger of the "Harry Potter" and the "Twilight" book series and movies, because they present something dark and evil which is prohibited by the Lord, as something positive and desirable. As I noted earlier, these things are having a very detrimental spiritual effect on a lot of people; particularly on impressionable young children who lack Spiritual Discernment. Christian parents need to sit up and take notice, because the Devil is already working very hard to pervert your children's values, and their sense of right and wrong. He is tempting them with evil, and giving them an unhealthy appetite for those things which are clearly forbidden by the Lord.

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Battle Between The Forces Of Light And Darkness, Differences From Nosferatu, How To Kill Vampires, Wooden Stake Or Wooden Cross, Divisive Sword Of God's Word, Mother Mary's Temporary Suffering, Isaiah's Prophecy Regarding Jesus Who Is Suffering Servant, Sheep Divided From The Goats, Jesus Drove A Stake Into The Heart Of Death And Evil With His Sacrifice, We Are Purified By The Precious Blood Of Christ, Dracula/Satan Kills

And Destroys While Christ Brings Life, Eternal Life Is A Free Gift Of God, Satan Had Power Over Death, A Lifelong Fear Of Death, Resurrection And Transformation Of The Dead, Satan's Ruse, Adam And Eve's Fall, Sin And Death Was Passed On To All Men, Satan Was Created As Beautiful Angel Of Light, Satan Can Change His Appearance, Is Satan Still Beautiful, Did The Lord Alter His Post-Resurrection Appearance, Satan The Deal Maker, Satan's Materialistic Heaven On Earth, Beware Of Worldliness Satan The Liar, Deceiver, Trickster, Manipulator And Murderer

Concerning the ongoing battle between the forces of Light and the forces of Darkness, you may also be interested in reading such articles as "The Children of Light: Are You One of Us?", as well as "Star Wars: The Real Battle Wages On!"

It should be mentioned, however, that in Bram Stoker's novel, Dracula did not suffer from an aversion to sunlight. In fact, the infamous count was seen on a street in London during the daylight hours. Based on my personal research, the idea of Dracula being destroyed by sunlight was introduced in 1922's "Nosferatu", and caught on quickly in other movies after that. One other difference between Bram Stoker's Dracula and the ghoul Nosferatu is that while Dracula's victims turned into new vampires, Nosferatu's victims died instead due to their loss of blood.

However, assuming that he avoided sunlight, according to the legend of old, the only other way to destroy a vampire is by driving a wooden stake into his heart while he is at rest in his coffin. Here again we see a possible connection to the devilish deeds of Vlad III the Impaler. As I noted earlier, the devil has a propensity for corrupting Biblical truth, and twisting the Scriptures to fit his personal agenda. So, while vampires can be destroyed in this manner, at least according to the legend, what is more important is that the Word of God tells us that evil is ultimately destroyed as a direct result of Jesus Christ's intervention on a wooden Cross -- or stake -- as we see by the following verses:

"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree."
Acts 5:30, KJV

"And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree."
Acts 10:39, KJV

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."
Galatians 3:13, KJV

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."
1 Peter 2:24, KJV

Not only was our Lord hung on a tree, or wooden stake, but the Bible informs us that Jesus' Word is like a spiritual

Sword -- yet another sharp pointed weapon -- which tries the hearts of men, and also divides the followers of the Light, from the followers of Darkness. For example, when Joseph and Mary brought Jesus into the Temple at Jerusalem in order to offer the customary offering that was mandated by the Mosaic Law -- see Leviticus 12:2-8 -- we are told that an old man by the name of Simeon was moved by the Holy Spirit to prophesy over Jesus. Following are the words that Simeon spoke to Mary:

"And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."
Luke 2:34-35, KJV

Indeed, Christ's earthly Mission as the Suffering Servant would in years to come temporarily result in His own mother being hurt beyond all human endurance. We today can barely begin to imagine how much pain dear Mary must have felt as she helplessly watched as her beloved son was mocked, and became the object of intense ridicule and rejection, was persecuted, and was ultimately tortured and murdered by the unbelieving Jewish religious elders and their proxies; that is, Pontius Pilate and the Romans. As the Prophet Isaiah was inspired to write more than 2,500 years ago concerning the Suffering Servant:

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made

intercession for the transgressors."
Isaiah 53:1-12, KJV

Many years later, once He had begun His final Ministry as an adult, Jesus echoed the words of Simeon when He confirmed that the words which He would speak, and the Divine Mission which He would fulfill, would result in a division between the sheep and the goats; not only in this life, but also in the day of Final Judgment, when we are told that body and Spirit will be divided asunder, as we see by the following verses:

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."
Matthew 10:34-38, KJV

"Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."
Mark 13:12-13, KJV

"Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law."
Luke 12:51-53, KJV

"Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of him."
John 7:40-43, KJV

"But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both."
Acts 23:6-8, KJV

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"
Ephesians 6:17, KJV

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12, KJV

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God . . . And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."

Revelation 19:15, 21, KJV

In a symbolic sense, with His Death on the tree -- which some sources posit was a wooden stake with a T-bar on it -- Jesus drove a sword -- or stake -- into the very heart of death and evil; and He opened the way to Eternal Life for all of us. As I noted earlier, this He did, not through the selfish taking of blood, as in the legends of Dracula, Nosferatu, Louis de Pointe du Lac, Lestat de Lioncourt and other vampires, but rather through the voluntary giving of His own Blood, for the remission of the sins of the world. Following are some more verses for your personal consideration:

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."

Ephesians 2:13-18, KJV

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Hebrews 9:11-14, KJV

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

1 Peter 1:18-19, KJV

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have

fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

1 John 1:7, KJV

The stark contrast between Dracula/Satan and Jesus Christ should now be very obvious to you. While Jesus is the Giver of Life, Dracula/Satan is the robber and destroyer of life. Satan inspires people to kill themselves, or each other, in as many ways as possible, and he has been quite successful at it, as we all know. Jesus freely offers us the Gift of Eternal Life through the Words of Truth which He speaks to our hearts through the pages of the Bible. It is indeed a free Gift, as the following verses clearly reveal:

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

John 6:63, KJV

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

Hebrews 2:14-15, KJV

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."

Isaiah 55:1-2, KJV

". . . freely ye have received, freely give."

Matthew 10:8, KJV

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

Romans 8:32, KJV

"And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."

Revelation 21:6, KJV

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Revelation 22:17, KJV

In the previous verses from the Epistle to the Hebrews, the Apostle Paul clearly identifies Satan as the one who had the power over death. Furthermore, Paul informs us that because of their fear of death, some people live in emotional and spiritual bondage their entire lives. If such people would simply accept the Word of God as being true, and believe in and accept the Sacrifice of Christ, not only would they be freed from this terrible lifelong torment, but they would also be freed from death itself. This does not mean that we

won't someday experience death in our physical bodies; but it does mean that we have the promise of being resurrected to Eternal Life. Consider the following verse which again validate this point:

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."
1 Corinthians 15:51-52, KJV

"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."
Philippians 3:21, KJV

"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, KJV

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, KJV

Contrary to God's promise of Everlasting Life as we find it described in the previous verses, just like Dracula, Satan also offers his own brand of "eternal life", in which he claims we too can live as gods; as we see by the following verse:

"For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."
Genesis 3:5, KJV

Being the subtle deceiver that he is, we all know how that sad story ended. Adam and Eve fell for Satan's ruse; and as a result of their disobedience, not only did they not become as gods, but they were expelled from the Garden of Eden, and sin and death were passed on to all men, as we see by these verses:

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"
Romans 5:12, KJV

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to

make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

Genesis 3:6-24, KJV

The reason why so many people fall for this deception is because, just like Dracula, Satan does not allow us to see himself as he truly is. He does not allow people to really see his true nature. As I explain in my 1997 article called "Satan: Origin, Purpose and Future", in his original state at the time of his creation, Satan was one handsome devil, as we see by the following verses which are found in the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel:

"Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day

that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee." Ezekiel 28:12-17, KJV

Furthermore, as I point out in that same article, apparently, despite his fall from the Heavenly Realm, Satan still has the power to appear to us as an "angel of light", as the Apostle Paul informs us in this verse:

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."
2 Corinthians 11:14, KJV

In the previous verse, the word "transformed" is derived from the Greek word "metaschematizo". This word means to change the figure of, or to transform. The implication seems to be that the Devil possesses the ability to actually change his physical appearance, just as according to legend, vampires can morph into bats at will. Whether or not Satan is still a handsome creature, I really don't know. If we consider that he and other spiritual entities seem to possess the power to shape-shift, I suspect that if he still appears to humans on the Earth, then it seems obvious that he would endeavor to present himself as a wonderful, magnificent creature, just as the Apostle Paul states in the previous verse.

Let us not forget that for reasons which are not made fully clear to us in the Gospels, Mary and some of the Disciples failed to recognize Jesus following His Resurrection from the dead. This is made evident by verses such as the following where Mary encounters the risen Christ while she is weeping outside of His sepulchre. Exactly how is that Mary saw Jesus standing, and yet she did not recognize the man who she had known personally for several years?:

"But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master."
John 20:11-16, KJV

So concerning Satan, I can see no reason why certain people would still choose to worship that demon of darkness, unless he appears as a beautiful creature to them. I do not believe that any person in their right mind would purposely worship a hideous-looking monster. Naturally, I do not believe that the Devil looks anything like the cartoonish, cigar-smoking "hero" who's been made famous in the "Hellboy" movies. If he appears as anything -- assuming that he really appears to anyone at all -- it is more than likely as a manipulative, suave, handsome, but deadly, deal-making character. Satan certainly tried to make a deal with God when it came to the Patriarch Job; and he certainly offered some handsome deals to Jesus during those forty days that the Lord fasted in the wilderness of the Jordan River Valley.

So, because of this game of deception and smoke and mirrors that he plays, and because he knows how to exploit people's worries and fears -- such as the fear of death -- Satan has dragged a lot of people into his sinful lair. He knows that he cannot really offer his subjects eternal life, any more than Dracula, Louis de Pointe du Lac, Lestat de Lioncourt, Twilight's Edward Cullen or other vampires can. So instead, he offers them his brand of a materialistic heaven on Earth in which all of their selfish carnal desires can be met, if they will just bow down and worship him. Consider again what devilish deal-maker said to Jesus during those forty days:

"And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

Luke 4:5-8, KJV

Satan's idea of heaven on Earth is probably something akin to Las Vegas. If that den of fleshly lust and iniquity is your cup of tea, then you had better watch out; because as the Apostle John warns us in his first Epistle, it will all pass away someday, and you will be left with nothing but ashes between your teeth:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

1 John 2:15-17, KJV

Jesus pointedly exposed Satan's true nature as a master liar, devilish deceiver, trickster, manipulator and murderer, when He reprimanded the Scribes and the Pharisees in the eighth chapter of the Gospel of John, when He said the following to those unbelieving children of hell:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and

abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."
John 8:44, KJV

Indeed; Satan that old serpent lied to Adam and Eve; and he certainly prompted Cain when he flew into a jealous rage and slew his own righteous brother, Abel. Furthermore, the Devil has influenced countless people over the millennia to commit all manner of evil and abominable works, from deadly wars to murderous abortion.

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DRACULA, NOSFERATU, TWILIGHT : THE VAMPIRE FAD : PART 3

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Put On The Whole Armor Of God And Resist Satan's Temptations, Most Vampires Are Usually Depicted As Very Handsome Devils, Nosferatu Type Vampires Are Hideous-Looking Fiends, Fools Who Accept The Vampire's Bite, A False Promise Of "Eternal Life", Servants Of Sin And Death, We Are Freed From The Servitude Of Sin Through Christ, Satan The Vampire Sucks On Our Lives And Spirits, Sin Is Satan's Tool To Distract Us From The Path Of Righteousness, Satan Is A Destroyer Of Faith, Hedonism In The World, Liberalism And Same-Sex "Marriage", Zombified Slaves, Poisoned By Satan's Bite, Immune To The Conviction Of God's Spirit And Blind To Truth Of His Word, Zombie Apocalypse And African Voodoo, Danger Of Multiculturalism, In Bondage To Fear, Overcome Fear Through Faith In Christ, Perfect Love Casts Out Fear, People Who Are At War With God, Assurance Of Love Brings Soundness Of Mind, Control Your Thoughts And Do Not Fear, Do Not Worry About Tomorrow, Just Trust The Lord

Thus, it is because Satan is a liar, deceiver, manipulator, trickster and murderer, that Peter, James and Paul warn us to watch out for subtle lies and tricks, and admonish us to put on the whole armor of God, and to resist Satan's attacks, by submitting ourselves to God, as we see by these verses:

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."
2 Corinthians 2:11, KJV

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"
1 Peter 5:8, KJV

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Ephesians 6:10-12, KJV

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

James 4:7, KJV

Just as Satan can deceptively appear as a beautiful "angel of light", Count Dracula, Louis de Pointe du Lac, Lestat de Lioncourt, Twilight's Edward Cullen and other vampires are depicted as handsome devils and suave, cool characters who possess a taste for good wine, fine clothes and, of course, pretty women. No one suspects their true nature until it is too late, just like Satan. Through their hypnotic gaze, such blood-sucking fiends hold their victims in a paralyzed state of fear; and in so doing, they facilitate their deadly bite, which will ultimately turn their victims into new vampires.

Nosferatu, of course, was the exception to the rule. Unlike other vampires which would follow later, Nosferatu was given a rather ghoulish appearance. If you have seen the original 1931 silent version of the movie -- I watched parts of it a number of years ago, but I have a difficult time maintaining interest in old silent black and white films -- then you will know that Nosferatu was a very repugnant, vile, corpse-like fiend with rodent-like features, which included elongated fingernails and incisors. Unlike later debonair counterparts, there was nothing endearing, charming or gentlemanly about Nosferatu whatsoever, as he slinked around in the shadows.

As we saw in part one, while some people unwillingly become victims of vampire attacks -- at least as far as the legends are concerned -- others voluntarily allow themselves to be wooed by the vampire's gentlemanly charm and grace; and they believe him when he cunningly tells them that it will all be over in a minute. Just one bite, and "eternal life" will be theirs; at least so they claim. These people gladly -- and quite foolishly -- listen to the subtle lies and deceptions of vampires such as Dracula, Lestat, Edward Cullen and their evil ilk, not realizing that these vile, merciless creatures will rob them of their very lives and spirits, and what it means to be human, and turn them into soulless ghouls.

Tragically, only too late do these poor creatures realize that while the vampire has kept his promise, and given them "eternal life", it is in fact a hellish, tormented life on Earth as a fellow creature of his Dark Kingdom, who will be forced to prey upon the hopes and fears of others, just as they have been preyed upon themselves. They will be forced to commit acts of extreme violence, again and again, just so they can extend their wretched lives for centuries to come. While they may have been freed from the burden of the short existence of this earthly life, they have taken on an even greater burden, and become the servant of their own selfish motivations. So it is with sin in our lives. As the Apostles

Peter and Paul make very clear to us, by yielding ourselves to the forces of darkness, and following the path of sin, we become servants, or slaves, of the same, as we see here:

"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning."
2 Peter 2:19-20, KJV

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
Romans 6:16-23, KJV

As the Apostles state, and as all Bible-believing Christians should already realize, the only real way to be truly set free from the burden and servitude of sin -- which results in death -- is to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Thus, as Jesus Himself stated to the Jews in the Gospels of John and Luke:

"Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."
John 8:34-36, KJV

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,"
Luke 4:18, KJV

While I am just using the stories of vampires as an example, a metaphor, and an archetype, I hope that you have begun to understand how Satan and sin can operate in our lives, if we allow them to. Satan is just like a vampire. He is in fact a spiritual vampire. He sucks on our lives and our spirits, and he uses the temptations of sin as his tool to try to distract us from God's righteous path, and draw us into his world of darkness and misery. Of course, he doesn't literally suck our

blood as the legendary Dracula, Nosferatu and other vampires do, but he does try to drain us of our faith, so that we will lose all semblance of what it means to be a Christian, and we become a hypnotic zombie, just like so many other people in this sad world who live their daily, meaningless lives. The truth of the matter is that a life without faith, and hope in a better future world, is no life at all. As the Apostle Paul was inspired to write:

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

1 Corinthians 15:19, KJV

Just as a vampire tempts his victims with the promise of "eternal life", in a similar fashion, and as we saw earlier, Satan will tempt us by drawing upon our carnal weaknesses. Sadly, he has been quite successful; and more and more, this world is turning into such a hedonistic place where anything goes, as we draw closer to the end of human governance. At the current rate of our slide into the abyss of sin, we will soon put the carnal Romans to shame; that is, if we have not already done so. Many of us have seen and felt the effects of the liberal attitudes which have taken over a large part of the world. None of us have remained immune to the damaging effects of the global disease of liberalism. As my American friends will no doubt already know, just four days ago, the state of Delaware became the eleventh state in the nation to legalize so-called same-sex "marriage". I was just reminded of the following verse that was written by Jeremiah:

"Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD." Jeremiah 6:15, KJV

In a typical vampire movie, while being bitten by a vampire usually results in the victims becoming vampires themselves, this is not always the case. In some instances, a person may become a zombified slave who is responsible for taking care of the grounds, as well as for luring unsuspecting victims to the castle while the infernal master is asleep in his coffin. The way that the vampire creates his mindless slaves is by sucking out a small portion of their blood, and then placing them in a trance-like state through a demonic gaze, so that they are then willing to obey their master without question.

In a way, this is exactly what Satan does with people of the world, in order to make them slaves of his system. He gives them a lethal bite which corrupts and poisons their spirit -- just like a vampire or a viper -- so that he can then take control of them, and make them subservient to his will. The Devil's bite poisons such people with an overwhelming desire for money, or for power, or for fame and notoriety, or for sexual pleasures, or for some other fleshly lust. It becomes like a drug in their system, and they just want more and more of it, so they become willing to do whatever it takes to get it. Being poisoned by Satan's venom can likewise cause us to become immune to the conviction of God's Spirit, and blind to the truth of His Word as well. If you doubt that this is so, then please consider the following verses:

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the BLINDNESS of their heart: Who being PAST FEELING have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."
Ephesians 4:17-19, KJV

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;"
1 Timothy 4:1-2, KJV

As I explain in other articles, it is my belief that in the second group of verses above, when Paul writes "having their conscience seared with a hot iron", he is referring to the practice of cauterization. For those of you who may not be familiar with it, this is a process where a heated instrument or caustic substance is used to burn the flesh, in order to stop bleeding, or to prevent a wound from becoming infected. However, as a result of doing this, not only does the flesh become scarred, but quite often, that area of the flesh also becomes numb, because the nerve endings have been destroyed. Thus we see that Paul appears to be saying the same thing that he says in his Epistle to the Ephesians. People become numb to -- or past feeling -- the conviction of God's Spirit working in their lives. This is what sin will do.

As I said earlier, people literally become Satan's zombies in the world. The so-called "zombie apocalypse" is not coming; it is in fact already here in a spiritual sense. Furthermore, it has been here for a very long time, because Satan has been the false god of our current world since Biblical times. It may interest you to know that the word "zombie" -- or "zombi" -- finds its origin in the West African religion of Vodou -- or Voodoo, as it is also spelled -- which eventually made its way to the islands of the Caribbean. As it turns out, Zombi was in fact a snake god. Consider the following excerpt from the Wikipedia web page:

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According to the tenets of Vodou, a dead person can be revived by a bokor, or sorcerer. Zombies remain under the control of the bokor since they have no will of their own. "Zombi" is also another name of the Vodou snake lwa Damballah Wedo, of Niger-Congo origin; it is akin to the Kikongo word nzambi, which means "god". There also exists within the West African Vodun tradition the zombi astral, which is a part of the human soul that is captured by a bokor and used to enhance the bokor's power. The zombi astral is typically kept inside a bottle which the bokor can sell to clients for luck, healing or business success. It is believed that after a time God will take the soul back and so the zombi is a temporary spiritual entity. It is also said in voodoo legend, that feeding a zombie salt will make it return to the grave.

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Taking into consideration the previous information, should we not all be alarmed by the way young school children are now being exposed to African dance and music, all in the supposed name of enhancing cultural awareness and promoting what has become referred to as multiculturalism? As many of you will no doubt already know, even certain American churches have succumbed to the spirit of multiculturalism. As I explain in a few other articles, this is the exact opposite of what God instructed the ancient Israelites to do. They were supposed to maintain themselves a spiritually and genetically pure race. They were not supposed to mix with -- much less marry into -- the people of pagan nations who did not worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This is why I personally have long embraced the view that multiculturalism is really destroying what remains of Christian America from within, in a spiritual sense. Satan has poisoned the nation with his deadly bite.

As I stated earlier, these creatures of the darkness -- that is, Satan and his minions -- feed on fear, all kinds of fear. It can be a fear of death, or a fear of the pain which might accompany one's death, or a fear of what might happen after one dies, or a fear of being found out, or a fear of failure, or a fear of ridicule, or a fear of not being accepted, or any other kind of fear. Fear is like a heavy chain; and it is through these fears -- particularly those which are related to death and the Afterlife, which keep many people in bondage all of their lives. The irony of this situation is that these things simply need not be. People can be delivered from their fears in a moment, if they will simply accept the One who has already overcome both fear and death by confronting them face to face on the Cross. Consider the following verses:

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."
John 16:33, KJV

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."
1 John 4:4, KJV

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."
Revelation 12:11, KJV

If more people would understand God's love for them; if they would have faith in His Word -- especially in the fact that He loves them so much that He has promised them Eternal Life if they will only believe -- then all of their fears would just dissipate; because love is the exact opposite of fear. In fact, the Scriptures inform us that perfect love -- that is God's Love -- casts out fear. Consider these verses:

"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."
John 3:16, KJV

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we

were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8, KJV

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
2 Peter 3:9, KJV

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."
2 Timothy 1:7, KJV

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."
1 John 4:18, KJV

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."
Romans 8:15, KJV

Notice how the Apostle John even informs us that fear has torment, exactly as I stated earlier. People are tormented by their fears, because they don't have God's peace through Christ. Even more accurately stated, they don't have peace with God, because they have rejected Christ. In other words, they are still in rebellion against God, and in essence, at war with God, due to their sins. They have not submitted to His Will for their lives. Therefore, due to their uncertain future, they fear.

It's really just that simple. Love is the opposite of fear; and fear just so happens to be one of the greatest weapons that Satan and his minions use against people. In fact, even in human relationships, this holds true. If we know in our hearts that someone truly loves us, then we have no reason to be jealous of them, or to worry about such sad things as betrayal and infidelity. It is when we doubt their love that we begin to fear such things. Please also notice that in the previous verse set, we are told that having a sound mind is the opposite of fear. That word "sound" is derived from the Greek word "sophronismos". It actually means self-control and moderation. In other words, fear causes us to lose control of our thoughts. In the following verse, the Apostle Paul tells us to do the exact opposite. In other words, he admonishes us to take control of our thoughts, and to not be overcome by fear:

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"
2 Corinthians 10:5, KJV

Some people worry so much, or become so afraid of something, that it absolutely drives them to the brink of insanity. In fact, did you know that heart attacks can also be brought on by fear and worry? However, in the Gospels, Jesus admonishes us to not worry or fear about the future or about anything else. We simply need to trust God for all things, including for our personal needs:

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Matthew 6:34, KJV

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

Matthew 10:28, KJV

"Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."

Matthew 10:31, KJV

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Luke 12:32, KJV

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27, KJV

Over and over again, Jesus tells us to fear not. He does not want us to be afraid, and He does not want us to worry about anything. He wants us to have full faith that His Father and He are in control of our lives and to realize that:

". . . all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28, KJV

As I have mentioned to my readers before, it is interesting to note that the word "worry" is not found one single time in the entire King James Version of the Bible. In contrast, the word "trust" is found one hundred and thirty-four times. Consider the following verses which advise us to trust in the Lord, and to not be afraid:

"The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence . . . As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him."

2 Samuel 22:3, 31, KJV

"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him."

Job 13:15, KJV

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation."

Isaiah 12:2, KJV

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:"

Isaiah 26:3-4, KJV

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose

hope the LORD is."
Jeremiah 17:7, KJV

"Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."
Psalms 2:12, KJV

"Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD."
Psalms 4:5, KJV

"But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee."
Psalms 5:11, KJV

"And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee."
Psalms 9:10, KJV

"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."
Psalms 18:2, KJV

"Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."
Psalms 37:3-5, KJV

"Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies."
Psalms 40:4, KJV

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me . . . In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me."
Psalms 56:3-4, 11, KJV

"Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah."
Psalms 62:8, KJV

"In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion."
Psalms 71:1, KJV

"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."
Psalms 91:2, KJV

"Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield."
Psalms 115:11, KJV

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."
Psalms 118:8, KJV

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6, KJV

"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe."

Proverbs 29:25, KJV

"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him."

Proverbs 30:5, KJV

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7, KJV

"For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe."

1 Timothy 4:10, KJV

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Trust God And Do Not Fear, Misguided Churches And Cults That Impose Rigid Requirements And Rule By Fear, Fear Of Jewish Religious Rulers, True Fear Versus Godly Reverence, Fearful Looking For Of Judgment, Verses Regarding Fear Of The Lord, Satan Is The False God Of This World, Faith Which Worketh By Love, Faith And Trust Grow By Diligently Studying God's Word, Be Filled With The Light And Demons Of Darkness Will Flee, Seek First God's Kingdom, Accept God's Peace Through Christ Today, Closing Remarks, Suggesting Reading Resources List

As we have seen, while just like Dracula, Nosferatu, Edward Cullen and other fictitious vampires and monsters of the dark night, Satan and his minions try to fill us with fear, God's Word inspires us and admonishes us to do the exact opposite. We are to have faith and not fear. We should trust in God and not fear or worry about anything. Furthermore, we should also endeavor to control our thoughts, lest we be overcome by them and they become monsters in our lives.

In the Scriptures, there are actually a few meanings for the word "fear", such as being amazed, or truly being afraid of something. The Jewish religious rulers were constantly using fear as a powerful mechanism to keep the people in subjection to their cold, dead, rigid system of dead works, similar to certain modern-day churches and cults which promote the false belief that one cannot be truly saved -- or serve the Lord -- outside of their particular denomination or organization. If one chooses to leave the church or cult, he is made to feel as if he is abandoning the Lord. I discuss this issue more at length in such series as "Elijah: Where Are the True Prophets of God?" and "Heaven's Gate, Suicide and Other Death Cults". Some of those misguided churches and cults provide a whole list of rigid rules which one must abide by, or a long list of doctrines which one must embrace, in order to be saved, or to even become a member of their exclusive club. If one does make it inside the door, he is always in fear that he might fall from grace.

But as I was saying, the four Gospels, the Book of Acts and the Epistles clearly reveal that the Jewish religious system of the Scribes and the Pharisees was no different. They ruled through fear, as becomes quite evident by verses such as the following:

"Howbeit no man spake openly of him for FEAR of the Jews."
John 7:13, KJV

"But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. These words spake his parents, because they FEARED the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him."
John 9:21-23, KJV

"And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for FEAR of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus."
John 19:38, KJV

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for FEAR of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."
John 20:19, KJV

Please notice that while the Disciples feared the Jewish religious authorities, the minute that Jesus appeared, He offered them His peace. Of course, the most important kind of fear which we Christians should concern ourselves with is Godly fear; that is, a special reverence for the Lord. The Greek lexicon refers to it as reverential obedience. It is derived from the Greek word "phobeo", which translates into certain English words as "phobia". This kind of fear is very similar to how young children are supposed to reverence and respect their parents. In other words, obviously, we are not supposed to walk around full of terrible fear every day and minute of our lives, just waiting for the Lord to strike us down with a lightning bolt.

If anything, the aforementioned is the kind of image of God which many atheists and Christ-haters like to promote. This they do as a way to try to justify their rebellious behavior and their unbelieving hearts. However, they are not fooling anyone; particularly not God. The image they create is not an accurate depiction of the true God of the Bible. It is a deceptive half-truth, and they know it. As I said a moment ago, the kind of "fear" which we are supposed to have is a love-based reverence for our parents, and for the Lord; with the knowledge that if we choose to disobey either, then we must likewise expect to face some form of chastisement. As long as we choose to obey the rules and are respectful, our parents -- and the Lord -- will show us their loving side. However, if we repeatedly and defiantly choose to cross over the line by disobeying, knowing full well what may happen to us, then there is only a fearful looking for of judgment, as we see by the following verses:

"For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me."
Job 3:25, KJV

"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."
Hebrews 10:26-27, KJV

Just as there are many verses in the Bible which encourage us to trust in the Lord, there are also quite a few which advise us to fear -- or reverence -- Him as well. Following are some example verses which are found in both the Old and the New Testaments:

"And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation."
Luke 1:50, KJV

"But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him."
Luke 12:5, KJV

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."
2 Corinthians 7:1, KJV

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."
Philippians 2:12, KJV

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."
Hebrews 12:28, KJV

"Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king."
1 Peter 2:17, KJV

"And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."
Job 28:28, KJV

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever."
Psalm 111:10, KJV

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."
Proverbs 1:7, KJV

"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate."
Proverbs 8:13, KJV

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."
Proverbs 9:10, KJV

"The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened."
Proverbs 10:27, KJV

"The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death."
Proverbs 14:27, KJV

"The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility."
Proverbs 15:33, KJV

"By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil."
Proverbs 16:6, KJV

"The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil."
Proverbs 19:23, KJV

"By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life."
Proverbs 22:4, KJV

It is clear then that there is quite a difference between Godly fear and worldly fear, or fear which is inspired by Satan. After all, Satan does control this present world, because he is the false god of the same who works in the children of disobedience, as we can easily determine by the following verses:

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."
2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"

Ephesians 2:2, KJV

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Ephesians 6:12, KJV

As we discussed in part three, love is the opposite of fear. If we believe in God, and know in our hearts that He loves us as His own dear adopted children; and if we trust or have faith in Him that He is going to take care of us, then we really have no reason to fear. In essence, faith and love work hand in hand. This is made evident by verses such as the following:

"For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love." Galatians 5:6, KJV

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love," Ephesians 3:17, KJV

"Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 6:23, KJV

"And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 1:14, KJV

"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 1:13, KJV

"Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?" James 2:5, KJV

It is this union of Love and Faith working within us which frees us from the Prince of Darkness and the fearful grip he wishes to have upon our lives. Where does this faith come from? How do we acquire trust in the Lord. Aside from simply watching how God continuously works in our lives, and always resolves every situation which comes along, as I have shown in many articles, it is also through daily, diligent study of His Word; that is, the Holy Bible. God's Word is like a seed; and once it is planted in our receptive hearts, faith begins to grow. Consider the following verses:

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17, KJV

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psalms 119:11, KJV

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of

truth."
2 Timothy 2:15, KJV

"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:"
Proverbs 3:3, KJV

"Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart."
Proverbs 7:3, KJV

If we are faithful to take the time to fill our minds and hearts with the Light of God's Word, then there simply will be no opportunity or room for Satan, or for his demons of darkness, to take root in our lives. It is impossible for light and darkness to occupy the same space at the same time. Just as the vampires of fiction flee with the rising Sun, so too, the forces of darkness flee when the Light of Christ shines in our hearts. Consider the following verses and be inspired:

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."
2 Corinthians 4:6, KJV

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:"
2 Peter 1:19, KJV

To reiterate, if we diligently study God's Word, our faith and trust in the Lord will grow. Not only that, but we will also acquire the peace which passes all understanding, as we begin to recognize how He takes care of every situation, and provides our every need, when we are truly pleasing Him. Here again are a few verses for your consideration:

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:7, KJV

"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."
Psalms 37:4, KJV

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
Matthew 6:33, KJV

If you do not yet possess this peace in your life, then I invite you to accept the One who can give you this peace; that is, the very King of Peace Himself, Jesus Christ, who is the Son of the eternal God. Consider these verses:

"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without

descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."
Hebrews 7:1-3, KJV

Not only will Jesus Christ give you His peace as He promised to do, but He will likewise grant you Eternal Life, once you place your faith in Him alone for your Salvation. If you do this, then someday you too will be raised to Eternal Glory, where there is no darkness or fear at all. It's still not too late! Please do it today! Become a Child of Light and live!

With these thoughts I will bring this series to a close. I hope that you have found it informative, and I pray that it has been a blessing and an inspiration in your life. If you have enjoyed reading this series, please consider sharing its URL with your online friends. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter or Google+, I would also appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

For additional information and further study, you may want to refer to the list of reading resources below which were also mentioned in this series, or which are related to the topics which were discussed in this series. All of them are also located on the Endtime Prophecy Net web server:

Alien Life, Extrasolar Planets and Universal Atonement
Beholding the Evil and the Good
Death: Final Battle, Final Victory
Do You Want Love and Light, or Rod and Wrath?
Elijah: Where Are the True Prophets of God?
Heaven's Gate, Suicide and Other Death Cults
Lies and Deceptions of the Roman Catholic Church
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