First, I want thank so many of you for your kind birthday wishes, especially the large group that posted on my Facebook page. You make me smile. Early April is actually quite important to my family. My dad's birthday is April 2. Mine is the 5th. Our wedding anniversary is the 9th, and Kristin's birthday is the 12th. If anyone is on Kristin's Facebook page, I'm sure she would enjoy hearing from you!

This will be rather short. Click here for a sneak preview into the early stages of our developing "Agents of Satan" set. Pictured are Max Ocon and Junie Lawson. We film April 26,27. Charles Lawson is developing our budget, which I will share with you soon.

I just wrote a new article titled, "Three False Gospels," which I hope will be shared far and wide. May God bless and use it.

We are pleased that many more will be attending our White Horse Media camp meeting June 2-5. Truly, the scenery is beautiful in North Idaho.

My heart breaks over today's tragedy in Brazil. May God comfort (somehow) the parents of the children killed. Let's pray for them. After hearing of this painful event, my main response is, "Even so, Come Lord Jesus!" Revelation 22:20. Thank God that someday soon there will be "no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

One more thing: This morning I received an unexpected email from Texas talk show host Rick Walker inviting me to be his guest today for a recorded radio interview on "any topic of my
Hell. The interview went great! It will air Sunday night, April 17. When it does, I'll post the link. Rick was so impressed by the Bible texts used (such as Malachi 4:1-3) that he will have me back for a live Q & A on May 15. For years Rick has struggled with the notion that a loving God will torture people forever. Now he knows the truth. After the show he told me he was having great discussions with the radio station manager and with his parents. Say a prayer for him. I'll keep you posted.

Jesus is good!

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Three False Gospels

by Steve Wohlberg

In the book of Galatians, Paul warned his converts:

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed (Galatians 1:7-9).

These stirring words should convince any clear-thinking Christian that it is quite possible for Satan, his angels, and his agents to so "pervert the gospel of Christ" that those who think they believe the "Good News" are actually being deceived by the Devil. Ominously, this actually happened to Paul's own converts in Galatia, and they were in danger of being "accursed." We should watch out that this doesn't happen to us.

Here are three popular perversions we should avoid:

1. The "I'm Good Enough To Be Saved" False Gospel.
   Sadly, millions of professed Christians have accepted this perversion of the "Good News." They think that just because they aren't as bad as other men, they're automatically going to heaven. Jesus Christ warned about this delusion in His "parable to those who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others" (Luke 18:9). In his prayer, the proud Pharisee boasted, "God, I thank you that I am not like other men-extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and give tithes of all that I possess" (verses 11,12). Such self-complacency won't lead to Pearly Gates, but to the lake of fire. By contrast, the lowly tax collector "would not so much as raise his
eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'" (verse 13). Jesus is clear that the tax collector was "justified" by God, not the Pharisee (see verse 14).

Paul clarified in his Galatian letter that the only way any sinner can be legally "justified," which means to be declared "not guilty" before a holy God, is by "faith in Christ and not by the works of the law" (Galatians 2:16). In other words, being "good" won't save us. Neither will performing good deeds. Neither will keeping the law. Not a chance. Only the true gospel of Jesus Christ can save us. We must have personal faith in Jesus Christ alone.

2. The "I Can Keep Living in Sin" False Gospel. This error is comparable to a ditch on the other side of the road, and it is very popular. Millions assume that because they are not saved by "the works of the law," that this means that they can nominally accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, and then do as they please, even to the point of willfully practicing known sin. "Only Jesus is perfect," they may claim (which is true), but then they mistakenly conclude that it is therefore okay for Christians to do wicked things. In the same book of Galatians, Paul also warned,

   Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21, emphasis added).

Did you catch that? Under the general heading of "the works of the flesh," Paul listed "adultery," "fornication," "sorcery," "hatred," getting drunk, and spreading strife. "Well," many who practice these sins will rationalize, "once again, no one is perfect, what can you expect?"
My response is that Jesus Christ expects these evil sins
to be sliced out of both the heart and life of every true Christian. If they are not, what does Paul say? Take note: "those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God." To believe otherwise is to believe a false gospel.

3. The "I Don't Need to Keep the Law" False Gospel.
This last deception is insidiously subtle. Because the New Testament is clear that sinners are not justified or saved "by the works of the law," many have therefore mistakenly concluded that the Ten Commandments have passed away, and don't need to be kept. But if you look closely at Paul's works-of-the-flesh list quoted above, and then compare it with Exodus 20:3-17, you will see that Paul is actually listing specific violations of God's Law. "Adultery" breaks the 7th commandment, "idolatry" violates the 2nd, and "murder" breaks the 6th. Next Paul lists nine "fruits of the Spirit," such as "love," "joy," and "peace," and concludes by saying, "Against such there is no law." What does that mean? It means that the law of God is not against these good fruits, but it is still against the evil ones! Thus God's law still exists, and should be obeyed. We can be sure this is Paul's intent because in another letter he quoted the 5th commandment, stating, "Honor thy father and thy mother," and then he commands Christian children to "obey" it! (See Ephesians 6:1-3)

So what is the true gospel after all? We don't need to speculate, for the answer is in the Holy Bible. Paul wrote,

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:1-4, emphasis added).

There it is, clear and simple, straight from Paul's inspired pen. "Christ died for our sins ... He was buried ... He rose from the
dead." That is the gospel. But what is "sin" anyway? Again, we don't need to guess, for John told us clearly when he wrote, "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). So how should we respond to the Good News that our loving Savior died on a cruel cross to pay the complete penalty for our sins of breaking the Ten Commandments? The biblical answer is that we must "repent" (see Acts 2:38) - which means turning away from the sins of breaking God's law - and believe the gospel. Then Jesus Himself says to us, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15), which is a direct quote from the 2nd commandment (see Exodus 20:6).

If we heed this inspired counsel, we will avoid the "I'm Good Enough to Be Saved" false gospel, the "I Can Keep Living In Sin" false gospel, the "I Don't Need to Keep the Law" false gospel, and escape deception. Then we will be following "the truth of the gospel" (Galatians 2:5) in these last days.

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11 children killed in Brazil school shooting

By JULIANA BARBASSA, Associated Press
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RIO DE JANEIRO — A gunman roam the halls of an elementary school in Rio de Janeiro on Thursday and killed 11 children, lining them up against a wall and shooting them in the head at point-blank range as he shouted, "I'm going to kill you all!"

It was the worst school shooting in Brazil — and would have been deadlier if the gunman had not been shot in the legs by a police officer, who said the man then fell down some stairs and shot himself in the head.

Images taken with a cell phone and posted on YouTube showed students fleeing wildly, screaming for help, many with their white and blue school shirts soaked in blood.

At least 18 people, mostly students, were injured, many by gunfire, and taken to local hospitals, said Rio state Health Secretary Sergio Cortes. At least four were in grave condition.

The dead included 10 girls and one boy, plus the gunman, Cortes said. The ages of the children were not immediately known.

"He came in shooting," said Andreia Machado, recounting what her 13-year-old daughter, Thayane, told her before going into surgery.

Thayane was hit by three bullets and lost feeling in her legs because one hit her spine, said her mother. Crying as she spoke, Machado wondered if her daughter would ever be able to return to school — or walk.

"She's such an active child," she said. "That's the biggest fear I have, her not being able to walk again. But we have to trust in God."

The gunman was identified as 23-year-old Wellington Oliveira, who had once attended the Tasso da Silveira school in a working-class neighborhood in western Rio.

No motive was known, but authorities said the shooter left a rambling and mostly incoherent letter at the scene indicating he wanted to kill himself.

The letter also explained in detail how Oliveira wanted his corpse to be cared for — bathed and wrapped in a white sheet that he left in a bag in the first room where he said he would start shooting.
The letter also states that the gunman should not be touched by anyone who is "impure" unless they wear gloves.

"If possible I want to be buried next to my mother. A follower of God must visit my grave at least once. He must pray before my grave and ask God to forgive me for what I have done," read the letter, portions of which were posted on the Globo television network's website.

Edmar Peixoto, the deputy mayor of western Rio, said the letter also stated the gunman was infected with the AIDS virus.

The public school was in the midst of celebrating its 40th anniversary, and students' handmade posters commemorating the day could be seen through school windows.

Rio Police Chief Martha Rocha said that when Oliveira first entered the school he told staff members he was there to give a lecture.

Shortly afterward, he opened fire. Rocha said he was carrying two pistols and an ammunition belt. He fired off at least 30 rounds.

Rio is a city rife with drug-gang violence in its vast slums, but school shootings are rare. The gunman had no criminal history, Rocha told a news conference.

About 400 people were inside the school when the shooting began about 8:30 a.m. local time (7:30 a.m. EDT, 1130 GMT). The school serves grades one through eight.

"What happened in Rio is without a doubt the worst incident of its kind to have taken place in Brazil," said Guaracy Mingardi, a crime and public safety expert at the University of Sao Paulo.

Jade Ramos, a student at the school, said the gunman repeatedly yelled "I'm going to kill you all!"

"He had already killed a lot of children in the first floor and in the yard," she told the Globo television network. "He kept telling the kids to face the wall and was shooting at their heads. The children kept begging, 'No, please!' There was a lot of blood, children agonizing on the stairs."

Ramos said she escaped by running into a classroom, where a teacher then locked the door and barricaded it with tables.

Police were alerted to the shooting when two young boys, at least one with a gunshot wound, ran up to two officers on patrol about two blocks away. The officers sprinted to the school and at least one quickly located the gunman on the second floor and traded shots with him.

"He saw me and aimed a gun at me," said officer Marcio Alves. "I shot him in the legs, he fell down the stairs and then shot himself in the head."

Rio Mayor Eduardo Paes said life at the four-story, pastel yellow and green school was turned into a "hellish nightmare."
"This day would have been so much worse if it weren't for the hero policeman," Paes told reporters at the school.

Authorities closed the school temporarily while they investigate, but Paes said it would reopen.

Rio Gov. Sergio Cabral called the shooter a "psychopath" and said there were no indications anyone else was involved in the shooting, but that the investigation would continue.

"We have to investigate where he got the weapons and where he learned to use them," the governor said.

Terrified parents rushed to the school in the Realengo neighborhood. Television images showed them crying and screaming for information about their children.

Zilda Nunes, 67, lives across the street from the school and said three of her grandchildren were inside when the shooting began.

She screamed for help when she heard the gunfire, but didn't enter the building. As students fled, she offered them sugar water to help calm them down, she said.

"There were so many children shot, so much blood," Nunes said. "People were asking for help, but what could I do?"

Three helicopters were landing and taking off from a football field next to the school, ferrying the wounded to hospitals.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, attending an event in the capital, Brasilia, lamented the deaths of "defenseless children."

"I ask for one minute of silence for these children who were taken so early from their life," she said, her voice cracking and eyes welling with tears. "It's not in the nature of our nation to have these types of crimes."

Associated Press writers Bradley Brooks, Stan Lehman and Tales Azzoni in Sao Paulo contributed to this report.