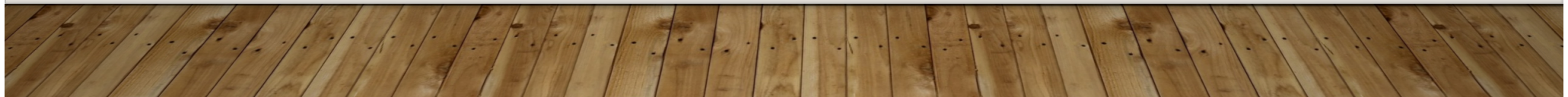


IS GOD THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION?

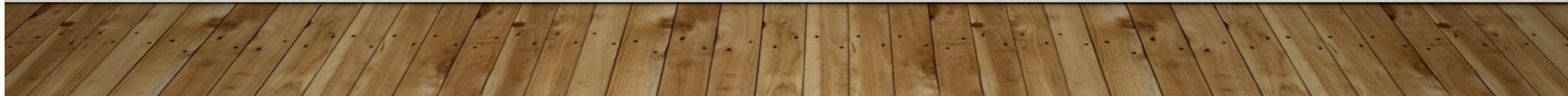


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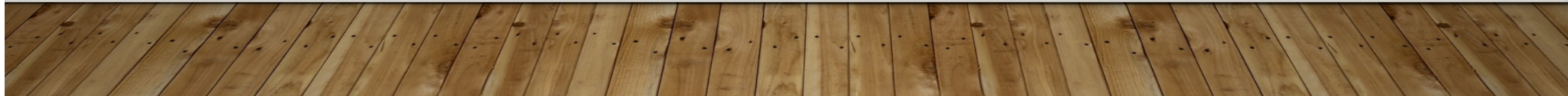
CONFUSED?

- ***1 Corinthians 14.33***: “For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”
 - Confusion: (Akatastasia)—instability, anarchy, revolution.
 - English word: Catastrophe.
 - **V.40**: Decently and in order. (Not exercise in spontaneity, impulsiveness).
 - Who is worship really about??? Not you!
 - Worship: (Shakhah)---Lit. to bow down, to prostrate oneself, honor,
 - Worship makes God the supreme object of our attention.



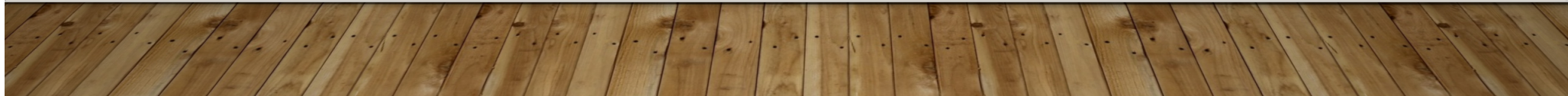
CONFUSED?

- ***1 Corinthians 11.3:*** “ But I (Paul) fear, lest somehow, as the serpent beguiled Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”
 - *Beguiled*: deceived, deluded, enticed, allured.
 - 2 Thess. 2.9-11: “Did not receive the love of the truth...delusion”
 - *Craftiness*: a bait; unscrupulous conduct; Subtility;
 - *Corrupted*: retailer, huckster, peddler.
 - *Simplicity*: (Liberality)—Single, simple, sincerity.



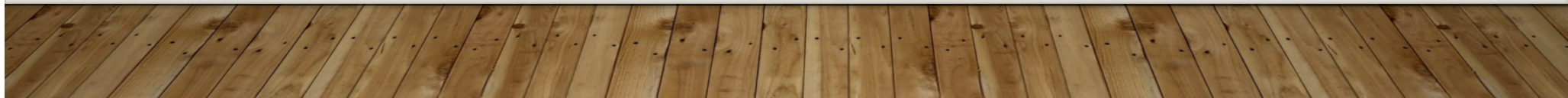
THERE IS ONLY ONE GOSPEL

- **Mark 16.15:** “Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”
- **Galatians 1.6-9:** ...”even if we or an angel of God preach any other gospel than what had been preached that he would be accursed.”
- **Matthew 7.21-23:** Not everyone would enter into heaven but only those who do the will of the Father.



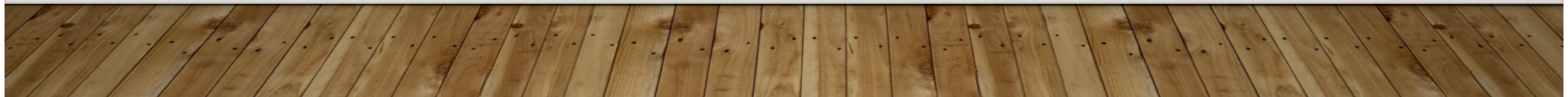
GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

- In the O.T. the price for God's mercy was the blood of bulls and goats.
 - **Heb.9.22**: “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness”
- In the N.T. the price for God's mercy and grace was the blood of Jesus Christ.
 - We cannot be “good enough” on our own
- Our faith responds to God's offer of redemption through Christ.
 - Choice (God forces no one)



JESUS AND HIS GREAT SACRIFICE

- **2 Corinthians 5.21**: “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
- **Hebrews 9.26-28**: “He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself...having been offered once to bear the sins of many.”



THE BELIEVER MUST DIE!

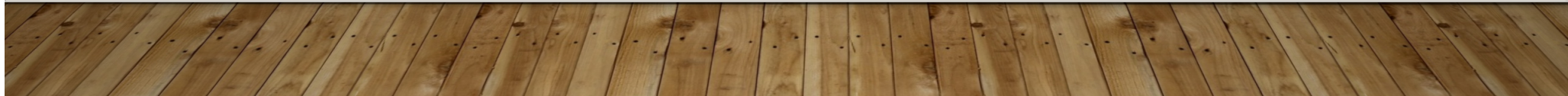
- **2 Timothy 2.11**: “If we died with Him, we will also live with Him.”
- **Romans 6.8**: “Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.”
- **Colossians 3.3**: “For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”
- **Galatians 2.20**: “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...”

THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES:

- At what point in my faith do I:
 - Die to sin?
 - Die with Christ?
- Or: When/How does God view me as:
 - Uniting with Christ in His death?
 - Being crucified with Christ?

HOW AND DO I DIE WITH CHRIST??

- **Romans 6.3:** “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus, were baptized into His death.”
- **Romans 6.4:** “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”
- **Romans 6.5:** “ Knowing this that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”



WHEN DO I DIE WITH CHRIST??

- **Romans 6.7:** “For if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.”
 - When does the sinner die?
 - Answer: When you are baptized into Christ; into His death.
 - What is the result?
 - Answer: You are freed from sin.

BAPTISM

- **Acts 22.16:** Saul---”arise and be baptized and wash away your sins.”
- **Acts 2.38:** “Repent and be baptized everyone of you for the remission of your sins.”
- **Acts 2.47:** “And the Lord added daily to the church those that were being saved.”
- Who does the work in salvation?
 - **Colossians 2.12:** “buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God.”

