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Tok bilong God i olsem lait bilong soim rot long mi



Destroying the faith of many in PNG

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Do You Like It When People Lie To You?

Does it bother you when someone seems to be telling the truth to you but then you find out he was lying straight to your face?



What if the lie involves money, even lots of money? What if someone promised you money if only you give to this 'papa lain' or his 'association' and so you do. Time passes and he comes back again and again for years asking for more, promising you greater returns, but you never ever see anything in return. You will still die a poor man.

What if it involves life? Maybe a doctor says your daughter is alright but days later she is on her death bed. The doctor lied – maybe because he didn't want to treat your daughter, or he was too busy – but still you believed the lie that your daughter was

going to be okay. Now what?

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There is lying in Parliament House. There is lying in the public services. There is lying in our markets. There is lying in our schools.

There is lying in our work

places. There is lying in our homes. There is lying in our hearts. And our country has become known as one of the most corrupt nations in the world – 136 out of 176 nations on the corruption index.

But let's cut a little deeper.

What if the lies involve your soul? What if the lie involves where you will spend eternity? What if you have been lied to about the truth and you started to believe a false gospel? What if the lies you are receiving, even from your pastors and teachers, are not leading you to eternal life with Christ, but to eternal destruction? What if they are lying to you and you don't even know it?

We believe that one of the greatest gifts God gave us is the Truth. Actually, it is THE greatest gift because the Truth became incarnate. The Truth dwelt among us. The Truth is Jesus. *"I am the way, the truth, the life,"* Jesus says in John 14:6.

This is the Gospel: that Jesus is not only the Truth, but He also conquered the Father of Lies, the Devil, on the cross. When He said, *"It is finished,"* He defeated Satan so that Truth may reign, again!

As Christians, we love the truth because we love Jesus. We hate lies because we hate the Father of Lies.

Everyday, we want to stand up to the devil and say, *"You are a liar, but we know the truth. We believe Jesus is the truth, and the truth will set us free!"* We believe that because Jesus has conquered this relentless evil, these words are true: *"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free"* (John 8:32).

We wrote this issue of Tulait because we want you, the reader, to know the truth. And we want you to be free, truly free, and not living in a prison of lies.

To help you, we have exposed seven lies that are destroying you, the good people of PNG. There are more – many more – but we found these to be some of the worst.

We encourage you to read through these seven lies with your Bibles open and like the Bereans in Acts 17. Check to see that we are in fact telling the truth! On our part, we wrote these articles with our Bible open, humbly in prayer, waiting upon the Lord. However, if you feel that we are not telling the truth, you can write or email us at the addresses on the back cover. We want to be a people, a church, a federation of Reformed churches in PNG, that teaches and preaches the Truth!

We love you, the reader, and today we want you to be free; free in Jesus Christ, free forever more!

So we can sing together and really mean it:

"Shout again for the whole world to hear, Papua New Guinea; We're independent and we're free. Papua New Guinea."

Pastor Ian Wildeboer

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Yu Save Pilim Amamas Taim Narapela i Giamanim Yu?

Sapos yu bin bilipim tok bilong narapela na bihainim em, tasol bihain yu harim olsem em i giamanim yu – yu save pilim olsem wanem?

Sapos tok giaman bilong em i samting bilong mani, planti mani? Sapos wanpela papa lain i promis long givim yu mani sapos yu givim sampela mani long helpim wok bilong kisim bikpela mani, na yu mekim olsem? Na sapos, sampela taim bihain, em kam bek gen, na askim yu long sampela moa mani, na mekim wainkain promis olsem bipo, na yu givim long em? Dispela samting i go i go, tasol yu no lukim dispela mani yet. Maski westim taim–bai yu dai olsem wanpela rabisman tru.

O, sapos tok giaman bilong wanpela em i samting bilong laip? Dokta i tokim yu olsem pikinini meri bilong yu bai stap orait, tasol sampela de bihain em i dai. Dispela dokta bin giamanim yu bikos em i les long helpim pikinini meri bilong yu, em i no inap, o em i bisi tumas, tasol yu bin bilipim em taim em i tok pikinini bilong yu bai kamap orait. Tasol, nau bai yu mekim wanem? Wanem kain piling bai kisim yu?



Ol tok giaman em i samting nogut tru i bin kamap long graun taim Adam na Ivi bin bilipim ol tok giaman bilong Satan. Tupela i no bin bilipim ol tok promis bilong God. Na tok giaman em i samting nogut tru i stap yet long PNG.

Yumi save:

Tok giaman save kamap long Parliament Haus bilong yumi.

Tok giaman save kamap long ol maket bilong yumi.

Tok giaman save kamap long ol ples wok bilong yumi. Ol haus bilong yumi yet i pulap long tok giaman.

Tok giaman i stap insait long bel bilong yumi wanwan. Na kantri bilong yumi i kamap olsem wanpela bikpela hap long dispela graun bilong tok giaman na paulim mani samting.

Tasol, yumi go daun moa insait long dispela tok.

Sapos ol dispela tok giaman em i samting bilong spirit bilong yumi. Sapos dispela tok giaman bai pasim yu long stap gut wantaim Bikpela oltaim oltaim. Sapos ol narapela i no lainim yu gut na yu no klia tru tru long ol tok bilong Gutnius. Sapos ol pasto o sios lida bilong yu, ol i autim tok giaman, na ol dispela tok i no inap bringim yu klostu moa long Kraiss, nogat, em bai

bringim yu long hel. Sapos ol i wok long giamanim yu, tasol yu no save long dispela?

Nambawan presen God i bin givim long yumi, em i TOK TRU! Na Tok Tru i bin kamap man na i stap long dispela graun. Tok Tru em i Jisas. *"Mi yet mi rot, na mi as bilong tok tru, na mi as bilong laip,"* Jisas bin tok olsem long Jon 14:6.

Na dispela em i Gutnius: Jisas Em i tok tru, na Em i bin winim papa bilong tok giaman, Satan, long diwai kros tu. Taim Em i bin tok, *"em i pinis nau,"* Em bin winim tru Satan, olsem na tok tru inap kamap na igo antap gen!

Olsem ol Kristen manmeri, yumi laikim tumas tok tru bikos yumi laikim tru Jisas. Yumi les tru long ol tok giaman bikos yumi les na les olgeta long dispela papa bilong tok giaman. Tasol, *"Sapos yupela i holim strong tok bilong mi, orait yupela bai i stap ol disaipel tru bilong mi. Na yupela bai i save long tok tru, na tok tru bai i mekim yupela i kamap fri,"* Jisas i tok olsem (Jon 8:31,32).

Olsem na mipela i bin raitim dispela magasin, Tulait, bikos mipela i laik yupela, ol manmeri bilong ritim dispela magasin, i save long tok tru. Na mipela i laik yupela i stap fri, na fri olgeta! Nogut yupela i stap long kalabus bilong ol tok giaman, em i kalabus bilong man nogut.

Long helpim yupela, mipela bin putim ples klia 7-pela tok giaman i wok long bagarapim tru yupela, ol gutpela manmeri long PNG.

I gat planti tok giaman tru istap, tasol mipela i bin makim ol dispela 7-pela olsem ol bikpela tok giaman tru i wok long bagarapim ol manmeri, yangpela na ol pikinini bilong yumi.

Mipela strongim yupela long opim Baibel bilong yupela taim yupela ritim ol dispela tok giaman. Na yupela mas kamap olsem ol lain bilong taun Beria long buk Aposel 17. Skelim tok bilong mipela wantaim tok bilong God, olsem yupela ken save, tok bilong mipela em i tru, o nogat! Mipela tu i bin opim ol Baibel bilong mipela, daunim mipela yet na beten, na askim God long helpim mipela taim mipela i bin raitim ol dispela tok. Tasol, sapos yu ting olsem mipela i no mekim tok tru insait long dispela magasin, yu ken salim pas i kam long mipela na soim mipela buk Baibel we mipela bin rong. Yu ken lukluk long baksait bilong dispela magasin long kisim tok save long raitim pas o salim email long mipela. Mipela laik kamapim na strongim tok tru tasol na stap olsem ol lain ino wanbel long giaman tok na pasin.

Mipela i laikim yupela, ol lain bilong ritim dispela magasin, na mipela i laik yupela i stap fri long pasin bilong giaman insait long Jisas Kraiss, na fri olgeta, oltaim oltaim!

Olsem na, yumi ken singim Nesenel anthem bilong yumi wantaim bel bilong yumi:

"Shout again for the whole world to hear, Papua New Guinea; We're independent and we're free. Papua New Guinea."

Pastor Ian Wildeboer

LIE #1

We Should Fear Sanguma, Black Magic and Poison

That's a lie. We should not fear these deeds of darkness.

There is absolutely no reason for a child of God to fear sanguma or any act of sorcery, any curse, poison, marila, puri-puri. None!

Here is why:

Really, these words or these names are empty.

They have no meaning. They are words or names that people have made up to try to understand the spirit world and create fear.

These words and their meanings and the stories around sanguma are then passed down from one generation to another. But in the end, they do not mean anything because ultimately the battle is between two beings that exist in the

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heavenly realms: God and Satan. Our God is Lord and King over heaven and earth and He rules with love and truth. Many thousands of angels serve Him faithfully. Satan is an angel too, but he rebelled against his Creator and was thrown out of heaven with all the demons and fallen angels who

followed his rebellion (Revelation 12). He exists to this day as an angel and just an angel. He rules over his demonic hosts and all people who live in darkness, who reject Christ, including those who practice black magic or sorcery. Satan is the Father of Lies and the Murderer from the beginning (John 8:44).

However, never forget this: God has absolute authority over Satan.

Satan is not everywhere present, only God is!

Satan is not all-knowing, only God is.

Satan has only delegated power.

That means this: Satan can only go as far as God will let him.

Think of the righteous man, Job. Satan asked God to destroy Job and God said you can cause him pain but you can't take his life (Job 2). God fulfills His plan and purpose even through the evil plan

of Satan (Genesis 50:20).

The story continues. Jesus came, the One through whom all things are created (Colossians 1:17). Jesus is the enthroned Son of God who broke the power of Satan and all his hosts on the cross of Calvary (Colossians 1:15). Now Jesus reigns over the heaven and earth, including the forces of evil in the demonic realm – Satan and his demons. Yes, Satan is still called a roaring lion, seeking anyone to devour (1 Peter 5:8), but he is on a leash, you could say. Jesus is holding the leash.

So yes, the devil loves to twist the truth, but Jesus says, "I am the truth" (John 14:6).

Yes, the devil loves to make people fear, but whom shall we fear if God is on our side?

Yes, he is like "A thief who comes only to steal and destroy," but Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life and have it in the full" (John 10:10).

Yes, he has deceived us in PNG for far too long, but Jesus has come to set us free!!

This truth allows us to realize that apart from God, who is KING of KINGS and Satan, who is king over the demonic world, there is no other force or power. There is no other darkness than the darkness and power of the devil. There is no other true, righteous, holy, redeeming power than that of Almighty GOD!

So, whatever someone believes about sanguma or puri-puri or marila or black magic, he is only believing in the power of the darkness of Satan. These are merely

God hates the works of Satan!

names given to the demonic activity of Satan. And whoever practices these evil 'arts' and does not repent of this evil will be judged. He or she will face the lake of burning fire (Revelation 21:8) when the King returns! God hates the works of Satan!

Therefore, it is not Satan you must fear, but God! If God has all power over the dark world, we need to pray to Him and trust Him, alone. Absolutely nothing happens outside His will!

And for those who love God, God promises "In all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

For this reason, you do not need to be afraid of sanguma, or poison or marila or any form of witchcraft. No, friend, you need to turn to Christ and confess that He is Lord over your life and believe Him when He says, "I know you, I love you, I have redeemed you, you are mine and I will never leave you!"

Now, if you feel you are under a curse do not fear. Claim the promises of the Gospel that the "One in you (JESUS) is greater than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). And take courage.

If you think someone died because of a sanguma, be wise. Do not take revenge. Find out the facts – have an autopsy or postmortem done! Realize that you will never ever be able to prove that sanguma was the cause. Never!

Your only answer then is to turn to Christ.

In Christ we are more than conquerors! Be bold. Be strong. Do not be afraid.

Pastors Nawai Renagi and Ian Wildeboer

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TOK GIAMAN #1

Yumi Mas Pret Long Ol Sanguma na Poisin



Em nogat tru. Em i giaman tok tasol – yumi no ken pret long ol samting bilong tudak.

Sapos yu save olsem yu pikinini bilong God, bilong wanem yu pret long ol sanguma, poisin, marila o puri puri? Yu no lukim long ai bilong yu wanpela man i senisim man i kamap dok.

No gat wanpela!



Dispela em i tru bikos:

Ol dispela kain tok o nem, ol i no gat as bilong ol. Ol manmeri bilong dispela graun, ol yet i bin kamapim ol dispela tok. Ol i laik kisim save long ol samting bilong ol spirit nogut, na tu, ol i laik pretim ol manmeri.

Ol save tokaut long ol dispela samting wantaim ol famili lain bilong ol; ol save lainim ol pikinini long dispela samting; na ol arapela lain i kamap bihain, ol tu bai harim dispela tok. Long wanem, dispela pasin i no pinis yet. Yu mas save olsem ol

dispela tok i tok win tasol; bikos long wanpela pait i bin kamap namel long God na Satan.

Tasol, God bilong yumi Em i Bikpela na King bilong heven na graun, na Em i save bosim olgeta samting wantaim pasin laikim na ol trupela pasin. Planti tausen tausen ensel i save aninit long Em na bihainim tok bilong Em olgeta taim.

Tingim.

Satan em i wanpela ensel tu, tasol em i no bin daunim em yet aninit long God olsem na God i bin tromoim em i go daun long graun, wantaim ol ensel husait i laik bihainim Satan (Kamapim Tok Hait 12). Satan em i stap yet olsem wanpela ensel nogut. Em i stap bikman antap long ol spirit nogut na ol manmeri i stap long tudak na save mekim sanguma o poisin. Satan em i papa bilong ol tok giaman na em i man bilong kilim ol man i dai long bipo yet (Jon 8:44). Tasol em i wanpela ensel tasol.

Na yumi no ken lus tingting long dispela: God i stap antap moa long Satan.

Satan i no inap i stap long olgeta hap bilong graun long wanpela taim olsem God inap! Satan i no save long olgeta samting olsem God i save. Olgeta pawa bilong Satan, God i bin givim long en. Em I min olsem: Satan mas bihainim tok bilong God. Tingim dispela gutpela man tru, nem bilong en, Jop. Satan bin askim God long tok orait long Satan i ken bagarapim Jop. Na God i bin tokim em, “Yu ken mekim wanem samting yu laik mekim long en, tasol yu no ken kilim em i dai” (Jop 2:6). God bai inapim plen bilong En, maski wanem samting Satan i mekim (Stat 50:20).

God na Satan i wok long pait yet, na Jisas i bin kam. Jisas i bin stap taim olgeta samting i no kamap yet, na Em i save mekim olgeta samting i stap gut na i wok gut wantaim (Kolosi 1:17).

No ken lus tingting: Jisas Em i dispela King i bin brukim olgeta pawa bilong Satan na ol spirit nogut, taim Em i bin dai long kros bilong Kalvari (Kolosi 1:15).

Nau Em i King bilong heven na graun, na Em i bosim olgeta samting—Satan na ol spirit nogut wantaim. Yes, Satan em i gat liklik strong—1 Pita 5:8 i tok, em i olsem wanpela laion i singaut

strong na em i save raun bilong paimim ol manmeri bilong kaikai. Tasol, God i save bosim olgeta pawa bilong Satan. Wanem samting em i laik mekim, God i mas tok orait pastaim.



Yes, Satan em i papa bilong giaman, tasol Jisas i tok, mi as bilong tok tru (Jon 14:6). Yes, Satan gat laik long pretim ol manmeri, tasol bai yumi pret long husait taim God i stap wantaim yumi? Yes, Satan em i olsem wanpela stilman i kam bilong kilim ol sipsip i dai na bagarapim ol, tasol Jisas i tok, “Mi kam bilong ol i ken kisim laip, na bilong laip i ken pulap tru long ol” (Jon 10:10). Yes, Satan i bin giamanim yumi long PNG longpela taim tumas, tasol Jisas bin kam pinis long mekim yumi i stap fri!!

Dispela trupela tok i soim yumi olsem i gat wanpela King bilong olgeta King, Em i Jisas.

Olsem na, taim wanpela man o meri i bilip long ol sanguma o pawa bilong puri-puri, marila, o poisin, ol i bilip long pawa bilong tudak bilong Satan. Ol dispela samting i kam long en. Na sapos ol i mekim sanguma na ol i no tanim bel, God bai kotim ol. Taim

Jisas i kam bek, ol bai go long ples bilong ol, dispela bikpela hul i gat hatpela paia i lait long ol ston salfa (Kamapim Tok Hait 21:8). God i les tru long ol pasin bilong Satan na tudak!

Olsem na, yumi no ken pret long Satan, yumi mas pret long God! Sapos God i save bosim ol tudak, yumi mas beten long En na trustim En tasol. Larim toktok bilong Em i bosim yumi na i no toktok bilong Satan. God i save mekim olgeta samting i kamap, long laik bilong En yet. Na sapos yumi givim bel bilong yumi long God, Em i promis pinis long mekim olgeta samting i wok wantaim bilong mekim gut long yumi (Rom 8:28).

Yumi no ken wari na pret long sanguma, poisin, marila, o ol dispela kain samting bilong tudak! Nogat, brata o sista, yu gat nid long lukluk long Krai na tokaut olsem Em i Bikpela long laip bilong yu. Yu mas bilipim tok bilong Em. Taim Em i tok, ‘mi save long yu, mi laikim yu, mi bin kisim bek yu, yu bilong mi, na mi bai no inap lusim yu!’ Yu ken tokaut olsem: em nau! Em tru! Nau mi save.

Yu gat nid long lukluk long Krai na tokaut olsem Em i Bikpela long laip bilong yu.

Sapos yu pilim olsem yu stap aninit long pawa bilong sanguma, yu no ken pret. Tingim Satan i olsem wanpela laion, na em i laik bagarapim yumi olgeta. Tasol yumi mas bilipim dispela promis insait long tok bilong God olsem, “Dispela Spirit i stap insait long yupela em i winim spirit i stap insait long ol man bilong graun” (1 Jon 4:4). Kisim strong long Bikpela.

Sapos yu bin harim olsem wanpela man i wokim sanguma na bihain yu ting olsem wantok bilong yu i dai long dispela as. Tingting gut pastaim. No ken sutim tok nating na traim long bekim bek. Askim ol dokta long sekim bodi na painimaut wanem samting bin kilim em i dai. Na tu, yumi lainim pinis, i no sanguma i save kilim ol man. Em i toktok tasol. God yet i makim de bilong dai bilong ol man na meri, maski em i larim Satan i pinisim laip bilong wanpela lain. I no sanguma. Em I God, yet!

Olsem na, olgeta ansa bilong olgeta askim i stap long Jisas Krai. Lukluk long Em.

Krais i save mekim yumi i win tru (Rom 8:37). Yumi no ken surik. Yumi mas i stap strong. Yumi no ken pret.

Pastors Nawai Renagi and Ian Wildeboer



LIE #2

Jesus Is Not True God

That is a lie.

Jesus is true God. That is the truth!

He is the true, only begotten, not made or created, Son of God.

Since Jesus walked on the earth, the church throughout the ages has confessed this to be true. Sadly, many today do not give Jesus Christ the worship that He deserves. To their shame, they do not worship Him as Lord and God as Thomas did when he first saw the resurrected Saviour (John 20:28). Instead, they believe that Jesus is a created being, maybe like the archangel Michael.

Jesus is truly God! To believe anything else is to believe a lie.

There are churches and religions even in PNG that are working very hard to tell you that you cannot believe in Jesus as the true and eternal Son of God.

They are out to destroy the true faith and the only hope of Papua New Guineans!

To list a few:

- ▶ The Koran of the Islam religion *"repeatedly emphasizes that Jesus Christ is not the literal Son of God. He is not true God. How could God have a Son who is both true God and true man? They praise their God Allah for this. 'Praise belongs to God [Allah]. Who has not taken to him a son...'"* They condemn anyone who believes that Jesus is the eternal Son of God and is God Himself.



- ▶ The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that Jesus is not God, but rather He is God's first creation. They say Jesus was Michael the archangel in heaven before he appeared on earth, and while on earth he was only a man, not both God and man; and now he is in heaven again as Michael the archangel.
- ▶ The Mormons believe in many gods who are human beings that have grown divine. *"God himself was once as we now are, and is an exalted man."* Likewise, the Son, Jesus Christ, is simply an exalted man.

But what do the Scriptures say about Jesus being the Son of God?

The Lord Jesus once asked His disciples *"Who do you say that I am?"* Simon Peter replied, *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"* (Matthew 16:15, 16). After Jesus rose again His disciples met Him and they worshipped Him, because He is God (Luke 24:52). Only God deserves our worship (First Commandment). Jesus did not stop them worshipping Him for He is God.

Then He sent them out, telling His disciples to baptize new believers into the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). There is one God in three persons!

So what else does the Bible say about Jesus being fully and truly God? The following quotes from the Bible make it very clear that Jesus is the true and eternal Son of God.

- ▶ Philippians 2:5-8 – *"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus, who being in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross."*
- ▶ Matthew 3:16-17 – *"As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and resting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'"*

- ▶ John 5:18 – *"For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill Him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God."*
- ▶ Colossians 1:13, 19 – *"For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves,....for God was pleased to have all His fulness dwell in Him."* (see also Colossians 2:8-9)

There are so many more texts that can be mentioned from the Holy Bible, but all confirm the truth that Jesus is truly God! To believe anything else is to believe a lie.

What happens when you do not believe that Jesus is true and eternal God? You cannot be saved.

The only way Jesus could save you was to be both true man, in order to carry the sins of men and women on the cross, and true God, in order to endure the wrath of God against our sins. Only in the name of Jesus, the true and eternal God, can you be saved!

There is no hope for those who believe the lie that Jesus is not God!

Therefore, be discerning and ask the Holy Spirit of God to convict you of the truth that will set you free from the lie. So, by believing in the only true Son of the Living God, who is God Himself, according to the Scriptures, you may have life eternal.

Pastor Henderik Versteeg

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TOK GIAMAN #2

Jisas Em I No God Tru

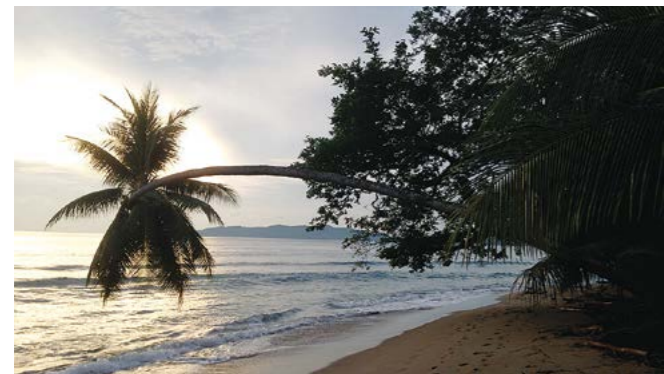
Dispela em i tok giaman! Jisas Em i God tru.

Em i wanpela Pikinini tasol (Only Begotten Son) bilong God, na Em i kam long God yet. Em i no kamap long wanpela taim olsem yumi tupela i bin kamap long dispela graun long wanpela taim. Nogat. Em i bin stap bipo bipo tru, na bai Em i stap oltaim oltaim tu. Sios bilong bipo na bilong tude tu i save autim dispela konfesen: Jisas Em i God tru.

Tasol, planti ol lain long tude i no save givim biknem long Jisas Kraisis olsem God yet. Ol i mas sem long lotuim Em olsem Bikpela

na God bilong ol, olsem Thomas i mekim taim em i lukim Jisas i kirap pinis long matmat (Jon 20:28). Nogat, ol i bilip olsem God i krietim (mekim kamap) Jisas, wankain olsem Em i krietim nambawan ensel Maikel. I gat planti ol sios na ol riligen (bilip) long

PNG tu i wok long tokim yumi olsem, Jisas Em i no God tru, na Em i no Pikinini tru bilong God i save stap oltaim. Ol i laik bagarapim stret trupela bilip na hop tru bilong ol Kristen long Papua New Guinea!



Bai mi toktok liklik long sampela bilong dispela lain:

► Dispela Koran (buk) bilong ol Islam lain "i tok strong olsem Jisas Kraisis i no Pikinini tru bilong God na Em i no God tru. God bai i gat wanpela pikinini man husat i God tru na man tru wantaim olsem wanem? Ol i save presim god bilong ol, Allah, long dispela samting: 'Yumi mas givim biknem long Allah. Bikos Em i no kisim Jisas olsem pikinini bilong Em...'" Na ol i save toknogutim ol manmeri i bilip olsem Jisas Em i Pikinini bilong God na Em i God yet olsem God.

► Ol Jehovah Witness i tok olsem, Jisas i no God tru. Ol i tok olsem, God i krietim (mekim kamap) Jisas pastaim long Em i mekim ol ensel na olgeta narapela samting. Ol i tok olsem, pastaim long Jisas i kam long dispela graun, Em i bin stap olsem namba wan ensel Maikel long heven. Na taim Jisas i stap long dispela graun, Em i man tasol na i no God tru. Na nau Em i stap long heven, Em i stap olsem namba wan ensel Maikel gen.

► Ol Mormon i bilip olsem, i gat planti ol man i bin kamap olsem god. Ol i tok, "Bipo, God yet i stap olsem man olsem yumi, na nau Em i stap olsem wanpela man antap tru." Wankain olsem, Jisas Kraisis i stap olsem wanpela man antap tru.



Tasol Baibel i tok wanem long Jisas? Tingim, Bikpela Jisas i bin askim ol disaipel bilong Em olsem, "Na yupela yet i tok mi husat?" Na Saimon Pita i bekim tok olsem, "Yu dispela man God i bin makim bilong kisim bek ol manmeri bilong En. Yu Pikinini Bilong God i gat laip". Taim Bikpela Jisas i kirap gen long matmat, Em i go kamap long ol disaipel na ol i lotuim Em (Luk 24: 52). Bilong wanem? Bikos Em i God tru. Yumi no ken lotuim ol giaman god (lo namba wan). Tasol Jisas i no pasim ol disaipel long lotuim Em, bikos Em yet i God. Na bihain Em i salim ol i go bilong mekim olgeta manmeri i kamap disaipel bilong Em. Em i tokim ol long baptisim ol long Nem bilong Papa na bilong Pikinini na bilong

Wanpela God tasol i stap – God Triwan!

Holi Spirit (Matyu 28:19). Wanpela God tasol i stap – God Triwan!

I gat sampela moa tok i stap long Baibel i tokaut long Jisas Em God tru, o nogat? Yes, i gat planti. Bai yumi ritim sampela moa tok long Baibel i soim klia olsem Jisas i God tru na Pikinini Man bilong God i save stap oltaim.

- Filipai 2:5-8 — "Yupela i mas holim wankain tingting olsem Kraisis Jisas i bin holim. Em i stap God tru, tasol Em i no ting long holimpas dispela pasin bilong i stap wankain olsem God. Nogat. Em i lusim dispela pasin, na Em i kamap olsem wokboi nating. Em i kamap olsem man na ol man i lukim Em i stap man tru. Na Em i daunim Em yet na i bihainim tok bilong God, i go inap long Em i dai, yes, inap long Em i dai long diwai kros."
- Matyu 3:16-17 — "Jisas i kisim baptis pinis, na kwiktaim Em i lusim wara na i kam antap. Na heven i op, na Em i lukim Spirit bilong God i kam daun olsem wanpela bilong ol dispela kain pisin ol i kolim balus, na em i kam i stap long Em. Na long heven wanpela maus i singaut olsem, 'Dispela Em i Pikinini bilong mi. Mi laikim Em tumas. Bel bilong mi Em i amamas long Em.'"
- Jon 5:18 — "Ol Juda i harim dispela tok na ol i laikim moa yet long kilim Jisas i dai, long wanem, Em i no kalapim lo bilong de Sabat tasol. Nogat. Em i tok, God Em i papa bilong Em stret. Long dispela tok Em i mekim Em yet i kamap wankain olsem God." (Ritim Jon 1 tu).
- Kolosi 1:13, 19 — "Yumi bin i stap aninit long strong bilong tudak, na Em i bin kisim bek yumi na putim yumi insait long lain bilong Pikinini bilong en, Em dispela Pikinini em i save laikim tru...God i laik bai olgeta laip na pasin bilong Em yet i mas i stap long dispela Pikinini, olsem na God yet i pulap tru long Em." (Lukim 2:8-9 tu)

I gat planti moa teks i soim klia olsem Jisas Em i God tru. Sapos yu bilipim sampela narapela tok, em bai yu paul olgeta — em i tok giaman tasol.

Wanem samting bai kamap sapos yu no bilip olsem Jisas Em i God tru bilong oltaim oltaim? Yu no inap long kisim salvesen, ya! Bilong kisim bek yu Jisas i mas i stap olsem man tru long baim olgeta sin bilong ol man na meri long diwai kros. Na Em i mas i stap God tru olsem na long olgeta strong bilong Em, bai Em inap long karim hevi bilong belhat bilong God long ol sin bilong yumi.

Yu inap kisim salvesen long Nem bilong Jisas Kraisis tasol, Em i God tru, tasol!

Ol lain i bilipim dispela tok giaman olsem Jisas Em i no God, ol i no gat hop.

Olsem na, yu mas lukaut gut. Askim Holi Spirit bilong God long helpim yu lusim dispela tok giaman na bilipim tok tru. Askim Em long helpim yu long bilipim dispela tok tru bilong Baibel: Jisas Em i Pikinini tru bilong God i gat laip, na Em i God yet! Bilip long Em, na bai yu kisim laip i pulap long amamas oltaim oltaim!

Pastor Henderik Versteeg

Pikinini tru bilong God i gat laip, na Em i God yet! Bilip long Em, na bai yu kisim laip i pulap long amamas oltaim oltaim!



LIE #3

Good People Go To Heaven

Is this really a lie? Don't good people go to heaven?

Studies have shown that people in our country, and also from all over the world, believe that if you are a good person you will go to heaven.

Are all these people wrong? Yes.

"But if I try really hard and am really nice person, God will accept that, right?"

Wrong.

"But if I do good things like go to church, read my Bible and pray, pay my tithe, don't hit my wife, swear or get drunk, God will be happy with me and let me into heaven, right?"



Wrong. Wrong. Wrong.

Good people do not go to heaven. The Bible teaches us there is no one good, not even one. *"There is no one who is righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God"* (Romans 3:10-11). Truly, if God found one good person on earth He would let him or her go to heaven. He has not found one.

But why do people continue to believe this lie, then? Two reasons.

Reason number one: they do not understand sin.

They do not realize that before a most Holy God we are totally sinful, totally corrupted by sin. In fact, we are even born in sin (Psalm 51:5). They do not realize that God's eyes are too holy to look upon evil (Habakkuk 1:13). They do not realize that no one can see God and live because He is so holy (Exodus 33:20). They do not realize that God's perfect standards bring death, not life, because they are too hard to keep. Just consider what Paul said in Romans 7. He said that when he tries to do good he cannot carry it out because, *"The evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing"* (Romans 7:19). Our good works cannot help us

Who then gets to go to heaven? The answer is simple: all who do not trust in their good works, but believe that Jesus alone is their only hope for this life and the life to come!

get to heaven because they are filled with sin, pride, selfishness and impure thoughts (Isaiah 64:6; Galatians 2:16). Sin, our sin, has destroyed any hope of getting into heaven by doing good works!

Reason number two: they do not understand grace.

This is grace: that even though we are completely sinful, unable to do anything to earn our way into heaven, God loves us and HE has opened up for us a way! How? Through the perfect life and sacrificial death of Jesus. *"God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God"* (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus came from heaven to stand in our place, take our penalty, bear the wrath of God, cleanse us from our sins, and purify all our works. He did this on the cross! Jesus took the punishment and anger of God against our sins that we deserve, and gives us the blessings and benefits of eternal life with the Father that He deserves!



And so this is grace: that you get heaven when you deserve hell.

And this is grace: that God helps you because you can't help yourself.

And this is grace: that nothing will separate you from Christ and you will get to enjoy Him forever in heaven!

Who then gets to go to heaven? The answer is simple: all who do not trust in their good works, but believe that Jesus alone is their only hope for this life and the life to come! *"For this is eternal life,"* Jesus says, *"that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent"* (John 17:3).

Do you know Jesus?

Do you believe in HIM?

There is eternal hope for you, and hope for our nation of PNG, if we understand this truth!

Pastor Ian Wildeboer

TOK GIAMAN #3

Ol Gutpela Manmeri Bai i Go Long Heven

Dispela tok, em i giaman tok, o nogat? Sapos pasin bilong yu i stretpela, bai yu go long heven, o nogat? Planti manmeri bilong kantri bilong yumi, na planti manmeri bilong olgeta narapela kantri tu, i ting olsem, sapos pasin bilong yu i stretpela, yu inap go long heven.

Tarangu, dispela tingting, em i kranki stret.

Sampela lain bai tok olsem, *"God i save mekim gut long olgeta manmeri i mekim ol gutpela pasin, a?"*

Nogat. Em i rong, tu!

O, sampela bai mekim toktok moa yet, *"Sapos mi save mekim stretpela pasin olsem mi go long sios o ritim Baibel o beten o givim ol ofa, God bai i amamas long mi, a? Sapos mi i no save paitim meri bilong mi o tok nogut o spak, mi bai go long heven, a?"*

Nogat. Em i rong na rong olgeta.

Ol manmeri i save mekim ol gutpela pasin na ol i ting dispela samting bai helpim ol i go long heven, ol i rong. Long wanem? Bikos Baibel i tok olsem, i no gat wanpela man i save mekim stretpela pasin. Nogat tru. I no gat wanpela man (Rom 3:10-11). Tru, tru, ya. Sapos God i lukim wanpela gutpela man long dispela graun i save mekim ol stretpela pasin, orait, God bai i larim dispela man i go long heven. Tasol God i no inap lukim wanpela man i save mekim olsem.



Olsem na, bilong wanem ol pipel i save bilipim dispela giaman tok? I gat tupela as bilong dispela.

Namba wan as em i olsem: Ol i no save gut long sin em i wanem kain samting tru.

Ol i no save olsem, God Em i holi na holi olgeta. Yumi olegeta i pulap long sin. Bel bilong yumi i bagarap olgeta long sin. Tru, ya, taim yumi stap yet long bel bilong mama, yumi lain bilong mekim sin (Buk Song 51:5). Dispela lain i no save olsem i no gat wanpela man inap lukim long God na stap laip yet. Bilong wanem? Bikos holi bilong God i narapela kain olgeta (Kisim Bek 33:20). Ol i no save tu olsem lo bilong God i stretpela tru. I no gat wanpela man inap tru long bihanim ol lo bilong God long strong bilong ol yet. Olsem na, ol lo bilong God i no save kisim laip i kam long yumi. Nogat. Ol lo bilong God i save kisim dai tasol i kam long yumi.

Yumi ken lukluk long tok bilong Paul long Rom 7. Em i tok olsem, taim em i traim long mekim stretpela pasin, em i no inap. *"Na pasin*

nogut mi no laik mekim, em mi save mekim." Yumi no inap mekim ol gutpela pasin long kamap long heven, bikos yumi i pulap tru long sin.

Numba tu as em i olsem: Ol i no save gut long marimari bilong God.

Dispela, ya, em i marimari tru: Maski bel bilong yumi i pulap tru long sin, God i save laikim tru yumi na Em i opim pinis wanpela rot long kisim salvesen, na wanpela tasol long go long heven.

Olsem wanem? Long stretpela pasin tru na long dai bilong Jisas tasol!

Krais i ofaim Em yet bilong kisim bek yumi! *"Krais i no bin mekim sin, tasol God i laik helpim yumi, olsem na Em i bin bungim olgeta sin bilong yumi antap long Em, na Krais i kamap olsem man bilong mekim sin tru. God i mekim olsem bai yumi ken i stap wantaim Krais, na long strong bilong Em yumi ken kamap stretpela manmeri bilong God"* (2 Korin 5:21).

Jisas i lusim heven bilong kisim ples bilong yumi, bilong kisim pe bilong yumi, bilong kisim belhat bilong God, bilong rausim sin bilong yumi na bilong mekim olgeta pasin bilong yumi i kamap stretpela tru long ai bilong God.

Em i mekim olsem long diwai kros. Jisas i kisim ples bilong yumi na Em i karim pinis dispela kot na belhat bilong God. Na Em i givim bikpela blesing na amamas long yumi, na Em i givim yumi ol gutpela samting bilong laip bilong stap oltaim oltaim wantaim Papa God. Na ol amamas na ol gutpela samting bilong Em yet, dispela Em i bin givim long yumi.

Em, ya, em i marimari tru: Maski yu mekim sin olsem na yu mas i go long hel, God bai i kisim yu i go long heven!

Na em i marimari tru: God i save helpim yu bikos yu i no inap long helpim yu yet.

Na em i marimari tru: I no gat wanpela samting inap long pasim laik bilong Krais i kam long yu, na yu bai amamas wantaim Em oltaim oltaim long heven!

Olsem na, husat bai inap i go long heven?

Em i no hatwok tumas long bekim: Olgeta manmeri i no ting gutpela pasin bilong ol inap long helpim ol i go long heven, tasol ol i bilip tru long Jisas Krais tasol. Ol i bilip olsem Jisas tasol i helpim bilong ol long taim bilong laip na long taim bilong i dai. Jisas i tok olsem, *"Na laip bilong i stap gut oltaim, em i olsem. Ol man i kisim dispela laip, ol i save long yu, yu wanpela tasol yu God tru. Na ol i save long Jisas Krais, Em yu bin salim i kam"* (Jon 17:3). Yu save long Jisas?

Yu bilip tru long Em?

Sapos yumi i no save gut long ol dispela tok tru, yumi olgeta bai bagarap olgeta long bihain taim. Sapos yumi i no bilip long Jisas, yumi no inap painim bel isi long taim yumi stap laip na long taim bilong i dai.

Pastor Ian Wildeboer

LIE #4

(Part 1)

God Promises Health And Wealth To Those Who Have Faith In Him

Imagine you are walking through the market and hear a preacher beginning his talk.

The message you hear is that you are like God (Genesis 1). You were made to be feared and admired by God (Psalm 139). Then you hear that God has great plans for you (Jeremiah 29:11), and that if only you would believe, all these things are possible (Mark 9:23).

And then you hear that through Christ you can do all things (Philippians 4:13), you can even be healed by Christ's wounds (Isaiah 53) if only you confess with your mouth and believe with your heart (Romans 10:9) that these things are so.

Wow! What a powerful message! Your life could be changed completely by this. You will never have to worry about whether you will have food to eat or money! NEVER! In fact, if this preacher is right, just sow a seed of 50 kina and you'll get 5000 kina back! And your sick aunty will be healed, if only you can get her to start saying out loud: "I am already healed!"



But what a disappointment when it does not work.

Was it something you did wrong?

You sowed a seed and got no return, and now your family is hungry and your dinau is due. Your aunty proclaimed herself healed, but still lies in her hospital bed getting worse instead of better.

You go back to the preacher you heard to find out why it didn't work. And you hear the message again – if only you would believe it, you can have whatever you desire!

So, you borrow another 10 kina and you sow another seed. You spend the night by your aunty's side, declaring that she will get well. But when the morning comes you have no money, your aunty is dead and lies in the morgue, and you are heartbroken and disappointed.

Why didn't it work?

Did you not have enough faith? Is it your fault your aunty didn't live? Is it your fault the debt-collector is looking for you?

Sadly, this is a real story for many. After hearing what they thought was a powerful message – about money and healing and that they could live their best life right here and right now – they found only sorrow and heartbreak, and were left totally confused.

Why didn't it work?

It didn't work because this is a lie!

These people have been lied to. They have been cheated. They have been stolen from and all in the powerful name of Jesus. These preachers come promising wealth, health, and happiness but instead they take your money (your seeds), do not improve your health, and steal your happiness by creating great doubts and fears in your mind. They believe they are encouraging you with the true gospel, but all you are left with is the fear that maybe your faith is not strong enough and the worry that everything went wrong because of something you did.

Sadly, this is the result of Prosperity teaching. Papua New Guineans who believe this message are being robbed, not only of their money and their health, but even worse, of their confidence that God is good and the Bible is true. Because how could the Bible be true if these so-called promises of God are leaving people poor, sick and doubting?

Dear friend, please know that the Bible is true and does not lie.

God can never lie!

The Bible teaches that Satan, the Devil, is the Father of all lies.

The Bible teaches that Satan, the Devil, is the Father of all lies. The problem is that these preachers are NOT telling you what the Bible says!

The Bible verses quoted in the examples above are all saying very different things from what these prosperity preachers are promising you. Let us look at them again.

Genesis 1 tells us that God made us in His image to reflect His glory. We are not like God with our own glory to shine, but like a mirror we reflect His glory! Or, take Psalm 139. This Psalm isn't about how amazing and wonderful we are, but how awesome God is for how He has made us!

Mark 9:23 tells us not to doubt Jesus' power, but to believe in Him. Why? Because He is God.

Isaiah 53 tells us that He is the Saviour who has come from God, suffered, and died in our place so that our sin against God could be forgiven. The healing that we receive from

Jesus' wounds is not physical but spiritual – it is a new heart, a new life in Jesus.

Now consider Romans 10:9. This verse tells us that when we believe in Him with our hearts and confess with our mouths that He is Lord, then we will be saved from God's anger against our sins. This has nothing to do with declaring that you are better and then waiting to see if you are. This is about your salvation!

Finally, Jeremiah 29 which speaks about the plans God has for you is speaking

about the 70 years the Jews were in exile in Babylon. The hope came when they returned to Israel (2 Chronicles 36:21-23), but the ultimate fulfilment came through Christ. He is the only one who gives us eternal life. He is the only one who will prepare a heavenly home with God the Father for everyone who believes in Him.

Therefore, when we follow Jesus as our Lord and Master, we are not promised health and wealth, but suffering and hardship. That is why in Philippians 1:29 Pauls says, "For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him." And a few chapters later in 4:13 Paul says he can "do all things" through Christ, because Christ gives him the power to endure these things.

The Bible doesn't promise you that your aunty will be healed if you believe.

It doesn't promise that God will reward your generosity with great wealth.

God's Word does not say that you have the power to manipulate God by speaking words of faith.

The Bible does promise us much, much more than that: it promises us eternal life with God through faith in Jesus Christ, where we can do what God has created us for: give glory and honour to Him! And remember this: no prosperity gospel preacher can buy this promise for you or have you try to buy it, yourself. This promise is a gift of grace and it is received by faith!

When we follow Jesus our Lord and Master, we are not promised health and wealth, but suffering and hardship – yet Christ gives us the power to endure all things!

Brother Dave van der Wal

TOK GIAMAN #4

(Hap 1)

God Bai i Givim Planti Mani na Ol Gutpela Samting Bilong Dispela Graun Long Ol Lain i Bilip Long Em

Dispela em i tok giaman!

Ating wanpela taim yu bin raun long maket o taun na yu bin harim wanpela pastor i autim tok olsem, "God i wokim yu long piksa bilong Em yet olsem na yu olsem God yet" (Stat 1). Dispela prisa i tok moa olsem, "God i wokim yu bilong Em i ken amamas long yu" (Buk Song 139). Em i tok moa olsem, "Bikpela i laik mekim gut long yu, na Em i no laik mekim nogut long yu" (Jeremaia 29:11), "na sapos yu bilip tru long Em, ol dispela samting bai i kamap tru" (Mak 9:23).

Na bihain long dispela, em i skruim tok moa olsem, "Long Krai yu inap long mekim olgeta samting" (Filipai 4:13), "na yu bai stap gut tru bikos Jisas i karim bikpela pen na hevi bilong yumi pinis" (Aisaia 53), "na ol dispela samting bai kamap tru sapos yu bilip tru long God long bel bilong yu" (Rom 10:9).

Oloman! Em i strongpela tok stret, a? Taim yu harim, yu mas laikim tru dispela tok na yu ting olsem laip bilong yu bai i senis olgeta. Bai yu no inap wari moa long kaikai o mani gen. Nogat tru! Taim yu go bek long haus, yu tingting planti long dispela autim tok na yu ting yu bai lukim dispela 50 kina bilong yu i gro kamap 5000 kina! Na dispela wanblut bilong yu i sik nogut tru, ating em bai i kisim orait long en sapos em i bilip na tok, "Mi orait pinis!"



Tasol wanem samting bai i kamap taim olgeta dispela samting i no kamap tru olsem dispela pastor i bin tok? Ating bai yu sori nogut

tru na askim yu yet olsem, "Mi bin mekim wanem kranki samting na laip bilong mi i no kamap gutpela stret?"

Dispela 50 kina bilong yu i lus pinis, na famili bilong yu i hangre tru bikos yu no gat kaikai na yu no inap bekim dinau bilong yu. Na wanblut bilong yu i bin bilip na tok olsem em i orait pinis ya, turangu, em i stap yet long haus sik na i luk olsem dispela sik i winim em olgeta. Yu go bek long dispela pastor na askim em, "Bilong wanem dispela ol gutpela samting yu tok i no kamap long laip bilong mi?" Na em bai bekim askim bilong yu olsem, "Yu mas bilip strong na no ken kisim tupela tingting. Sapos yu bilip tru, bai yu kisim olgeta samting yu laikim."



Olsem tasol yu dinau gen long narapela 10 kina. Na yu go lukim wanblut bilong yu na yu tokim em gen olsem, God bai oraitim em. Moning gen yu no gat mani, na turangu, wanblut bilong yu i dai na bel bilong yu i hevi tru na yu krai i stap.

Bilong wanem God i no inapim tok bilong dispela pastor?

Bilip bilong yu no inap, o nogat? Em i asua bilong yu na dispela wanblut bilong yu i dai, o nogat? Em i asua bilong yu na dinau bilong yu i go antap moa yet, o nogat?

Dispela samting i no naispela, tasol em i save kamap long planti lain long kantri bilong yumi. Ol i save harim dispela kain tok – olsem ol bai i kisim planti mani, ol bai i stap orait, na ol bai i no

inap sot long wanpela samting nau – tasol nogat, ol i wok long bungim hevi yet, ol krai yet na tingting bilong ol i paul.

Bilong wanem God i no inapim tok bilong dispela pastor?

Bikos em i tok giaman tru! Em i tok giaman olgeta! Dispela pastor i no save gut long Baibel!

Ol manmeri i bin harim tok giaman. Ol dispela kain pastor i giamanim ol lain long nem bilong Jisas. Ol dispela kain pastor i save promisim planti mani, gutpela helpim na amamas long ol. Tasol, nogat, mani bilong yu i lus, yu no kamap orait, na i olsem dispela ol pastor i stilim amamas bilong yu taim ol i kamapim tupela tingting na pret long tingting bilong yu. Ol dispela pastor i ting olsem ol i strongim yu long tok tru, tasol yu bai pret yet-nogut bilip bilong yu i no inap, na nogut olgeta samting i bagarap long pasin nogut bilong yu yet.

Na yumi ken sori tru bikos dispela em i no liklik samting. Em i olsem kaikai ol tising bilong Prosperity Gospel i save karim. Na i olsem ol i stilim mani na gutpela sindaun bilong ol lain bilong Papua New Guinea husat i bilipim dispela tok. Na wanpela samting moa em i dispela, Prosperity Gospel i save stilim bilip bilong ol tu na ol bai i paul yet na bai askim kain askim olsem, "I tru God Em i gutpela na olgeta Tok bilong En insait long Baibel i tru, o nogat? Sapos God i no save inapim ol promis bilong Em, hau bai mi bilipim dispela tok long Baibel?"

Pren bilong mi, harim: Tok bilong Baibel em i tru olgeta, na em i no save tok giaman.

God i no inap giamanim yumi!

Baibel i tok olsem, Satan em i papa bilong tok giaman. Ol dispela pastor bilong Prosperity Gospel i no save autim tok tru bilong God!

Ol i save paulim planti teks long Baibel na ol teks mi bin autim pastaim tu, bilong wanem, ol i no klia gut tru long as bilong ol dispela teks.

Kam nau, bai yumi lukluk long dispela ol teks gen, na bai yumi klia gut long as tru bilong ol dispela teks.

Stat 1 i tokim yumi olsem, God i wokim yumi kamap olsem Em yet bilong soim yumi olsem Em i pulap tru long strong na biknem. Em i no wokim yumi long piksa bilong Em yet bilong apim yumi yet. Nogat, yumi mas mekim ol gutpela pasin bilong God yet bilong soim strong na biknem bilong God long laip bilong yumi. O, tingting long Buk Song 139. Dispela Buk Song i no tok olsem yumi man i gutpela na bikpela olsem na God bai i amamas long yumi. Nogat, dispela Buk Song i laik soim klia olsem God i gutpela na antap tru na yumi mas litimapim nem bilong Em bikos Em i wokim yumi long save bilong Em.

Mak 9:23 i tokim yumi long bilip long Jisas bikos Em i God. Na Aisaia 53 i stori long Wokman bilong God o Savior bilong yumi bai i kam long God na kisim ples bilong yumi na karim pen na i dai.

Na long wok bilong Em, God bai i lusim sin bilong yumi. Bikpela Jisas i inapim tru Aisaia 53. Dispela siapta i no tok olsem yumi bai i stap orait long bodi bilong yumi. Em i no tok olsem yumi bai stap gut olgeta taim long dispela graun. Nogat, bel bilong yumi bai i kamap orait – sapos yumi bilip long Jisas, yumi bai kisim wanpela nupela bel, em dispela nupela laip yumi kisim long Jisas.

Yumi lukluk tu long Rom 10:9. Dispela vers i tok, "Sapos yu tokaut klia long Jisas Em i Bikpela na sapos long bel bilong yu yu bilip long God i bin kirapim bek Em long matmat, orait bai God i kisim bek yu". Em i no tok bai yumi

kamap orait tru long bodi na bai yumi no inap bungim ol hevi gen. Nogat, em i samting bilong salvesen bilong yumi- wok God i mekim bilong Kisim Bek yumi.

Na las, bai yumi lukluk long Jeremaia 29. Vers 11 i tok olsem, "Mi Bikpela, mi tingtim pinis ol samting mi laik mekim bilong helpim yupela. Mi laik mekim gut long yupela. Mi no laik mekim nogut long yupela." Dispela siapta long Jeremaia i stori long taim ol lain Juda bin i stap long kalabus long Babilon inap long 70 yia. Na Jeremaia i autim ol promis bilong God, olsem God bai i kisim ol i go bek long Israel (2 Stori 36:21-23), na tu, dispela teks i toktok long Krai husat bai i kam na inapim dispela promis olgeta. Em tasol i kisim bek yumi na Em i givim yumi dispela nupela laip bilong stap oltaim. Em tasol i redim wanpela ples long heven wantaim Papa God bilong olgeta manmeri i bilip tru long Em.

Olsem tasol, God i no promisim yumi gutpela sindaun na bikpela mani sapos yumi bihainim Jisas olsem Bikpela na Masta bilong yumi. Nogat, Em i promis olsem yumi bai bungim ol hevi na pen olsem Pol i tok long Filipai 1:29, "Harim, God i mekim gut pinis long yupela na Em i larim yupela i mekim wok bilong Krai. Em i no larim yupela i bilip tasol long Krai. Nogat. Em i larim yupela i karim pen tu long Nem bilong Em." Na long siapta 4 lain 13 Pol i tok, "Krai i save strongim mi, na long stong bilong Em mi inap mekim olgeta samting." I min olsem, Krai i save strongim mi long mekim wok bilong Em na long karim ol dispela pen yumi save karim long Nem bilong Em (Pol i bin stap long kalabus taim em raitim pas i go long Filipai).



Baibel i no mekim wanpela promis olsem wanblut bilong yu bai kamap orait sapos yu bilip tru long Em.

Em i no promisim yu olsem God bai givim planti mani na kago long yu sapos yu save givim planti samting long ol narapela lain.

Tok bilong God i no tok olsem yu inap mekim kain kain samting long laik bilong yu sapos yu gat strongpela bilip. Em i no tokim yumi olsem yumi gat pawa long mekim God i bihainim laik bilong yumi.

Nogat. Tasol Baibel i givim planti ol gutpela promis long yumi, na ol dispela promis i winim tru ol giaman promis dispela Prosperity Gospel i save mekim long yumi: Buk Baibel i promisim yumi olsem insait long Bikpela Krai Jisas bai yumi kisim laip bilong stap gut oltaim oltaim wantaim God Papa long heven. Na long dispela taim bai yumi inap long mekim olgeta samting God i laik yumi i mekim: Bai yumi presim Em na givim olgeta hona na glori i go long Em! Na tingim dispela: I no gat wanpela pastor bilong Prosperity Gospel inap long baim dispela promis long yu o helpim yu i baim dispela promis. Dispela promis em i wanpela presen God i givim nating tru long yumi, na yumi ken kisim long trupela bilip insait long Krai Jisas tasol!

Brata Dave van der Wal

LIE #4

(Part 2)

The Health and Wealth Gospel – Sickness Is Not Part Of God's Will For You



This is a lie!

This past week was hard. My wife was sick with malaria, my two daughters had high fevers, my friend's son had very bad malaria and his pregnant wife had malaria for the second time in two weeks. And then another friend's wife had to have surgery because of a serious stomach problem.

According to the Prosperity "Gospel," this is not God's will. Sickness comes from the devil, not God. All this sickness around us must be the work of Satan. If God were with us, the Prosperity "Gospel" teaches, we would be healthy, as well as wealthy.

In a recent article, Kenneth Copeland, a famous Prosperity teacher, says that sickness is always a curse, it is never a blessing from God. Copeland writes:

"[Saying that sickness can be a blessing] is a lie of the devil."

There is not one scripture in the Bible that says sickness is ever a blessing. On the contrary, Deuteronomy 28:61-62 says point-blank that "every sickness" is a part of the curse. It's the result of the evil that came into the world through sin and a manifestation of Satan's hatred of the human race" (Page 9, Believer's Voice of Victory magazine, August 2017).

Is this true?

A lot of Papua New Guineans face sicknesses of many kinds. Malaria. Aids. Typhoid. Dengue. TB. Has God abandoned all of our sick friends and family?



Are only the healthy people blessed by God? NO, sickness can also be a blessing!

Kenneth Copeland says sickness is never a blessing from God, but he is completely wrong.

God uses sickness as a way to make our faith stronger and bring us closer to Him. It can be a blessing.

Let's examine a few more texts from Scripture to see what the whole of Scripture – not just one text – says about sickness.

► Deuteronomy 8:2 – Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands."

These 40 years included sickness, for example, those who were bitten by a bronze serpent. Was that sickness a blessing from the Lord? Yes, it was, as it brought them to repentance (Numbers 21:7). God used those hardships to test His people and, the next few passages show us, testing from God is a blessing.

► James 1:2-4 – "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

**"Count it pure joy, my brothers, when you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance... that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."
(James 1:2-4)**

Is sickness among these "trials of various kinds." Absolutely. James is very general here, and is certainly not excluding sickness. Why should we "count it all joy" when we are sick? Because God is testing our faith, making it stronger. What a blessing!

► 1 Peter 1:6,7 – "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which

perishes even though refined by fire—may be proven genuine and may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed."

Again, we hear of "various trials." Does this include sickness? We don't know for sure, but the point is that God sometimes sends us these hardships because He has a greater good in mind. What is that greater good? The strengthening of our faith which makes us want to love, and honour and praise Jesus Christ more!

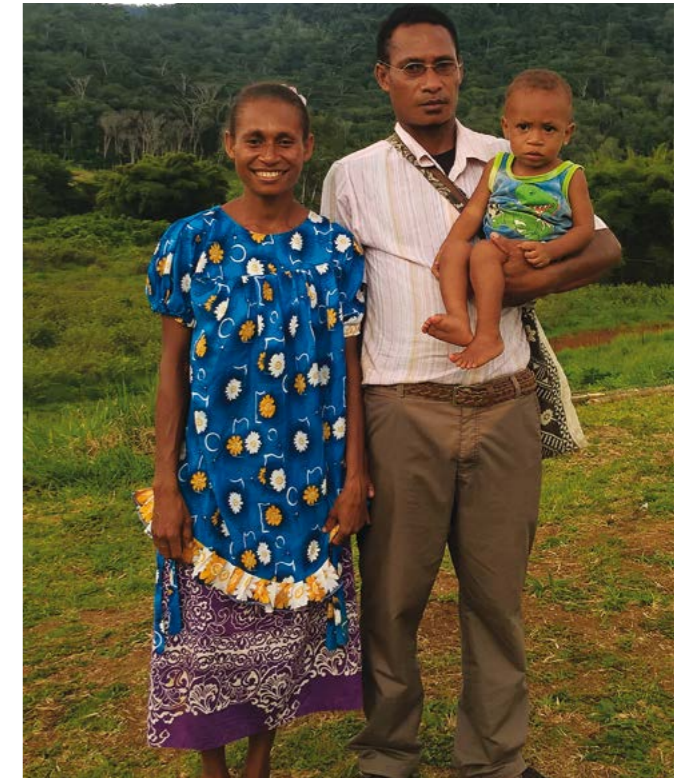
► Psalm 32:1-5

1 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night Your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Most Bible teachers agree that when David says, "my bones wasted away" he is describing a sickness of some kind. As the psalm shows, this suffering led him to examine his life and seek the forgiveness of the Lord. Was this a blessing? David says so in verse 1: "Blessed is the man..."



Reading these passages (and many more!), you will discover that sufferings such as sickness come to God's children from His loving, fatherly hand.

Kenneth Copeland's false teaching about sickness makes believers not only confused, but also makes them question whether God really is in control of everything and whether He really does love them.

Sickness doesn't kill people's faith—the Prosperity Gospel does.

But God's Word is clear. God is in control of all things in this world, and as Romans 8:28 says, God works in all things for the good of those who love Him and have been called according to His purpose.

And nothing, including sickness, can separate from His love in Jesus Christ (Romans 8:35-39).

That is good news.

Pastor Ryan deJonge

God uses sickness as a way to make our faith stronger and bring us closer to Him. It can be a blessing.

TOK GIAMAN #4

(Hap 2) Prosperity Gospel – Olgeta Sik i Stap Outsait Long Blesing Bilong God

Las wik, em i hat tru long mi taim meri bilong mi i kisim malaria na tupela pikinini meri bilong mi i skin hat. Pikinini man bilong pren bilong mi tu i kisim bikpela malaria, na meri bilong en i gat bel i bin kisim malaria tupela taim insait long tupela wik. Na meri bilong narapela pren bilong mi i bin go long haus sik na ol dokta i bin operatim em (katim bel bilong em) na stretim sampela bagarap i kamap insait long bel bilong em.

Tasol dispela Prosperity Gospel i save tokim yumi olsem: God Em i gutpela God olsem na Em i no laik bai yumi sik. Satan tasol i save kisim ol sik i kam long yumi. God Em i no save mekim olsem. Satan tasol i wok long mekim yumi sik. Dispela Prosperity Gospel i tok, “Sapos God i stap wantaim yumi bai nogat wanpela bagarap olsem sik o hangre inap kam long yumi. Yumi bai i stap gut tru oltaim na bai yumi i no inap sot long mani na bai yumi gat planti gutpela samting.”



Kenneth Copeland, wanpela tisa bilong dispela Prosperity Gospel, i tok olsem, ol sik i samting bilong bagarapim yumi tasol, olsem na wanpela sik i no inap kamap olsem blesing bilong God. Copeland i rait olsem:

“Taim yumi tok olsem ol sik i ken kamap olsem wanpela blesing bilong God, dispela em i tok giaman bilong Satan. I no gat wanpela tok long Baibel i tok olsem ol sik i ken kamap olsem wanpela blesing bilong God. Nogat tru. Lo (Deuteronomy) 28:61-62 i tok olsem “olgeta sik” i samting bilong ol bagarap. As bilong sik em i samting nogut i kam long sin, na em i soim klia olsem Satan i no save laikim ol lain bilong graun.”

Em i tok tru o nogat? Planti manmeri bilong Papua New Guinea i save kisim kain kain sik olsem Malaria, Aids, Typhoid, Dengue, TB na planti arapela sik.

Tasol askim i olsem:

- ▶ God i lusim pinis olgeta pren na famili bilong yumi husat i sik, o nogat?
- ▶ Ating ol manmeri husat i no save sik na stap gut tru em God i mas blesim ol pinis a?

Kenneth Copeland i tok olsem ol sik i no inap kamap olsem wanpela gutpela samting bilong God i kam long yumi.

Tasol dispela tok bilong Copeland i rong olgeta. Long wanem, God i save yusim ol sik bilong strongim bilip bilong yumi na bringim yumi i kam klostu moa yet long em. Ol sik i ken kamap olsem wanpela blesing bilong God.

I gutpela sapos yumi bekim dispela tingting bilong Copeland wantaim Tok Bilong God, olsem na kam na yumi lukluk long sampela vers bilong Buk Baibel. Yumi i no ken lukluk long wanpela liklik hap bilong Baibel tasol. Nogat. Yumi mas lukluk long olgeta hap bilong Baibel na painimaut Tok Bilong God i

tok olsem wanem long ol sik na hevi bilong yumi long dispela graun?

- ▶ Lo 8:2 – *“Yupela mas tingim gut God, Bikpela bilong yumi, i bin go pas long yupela na helpim yupela long dispela longpela wokabaut. Yupela i bin raun long ples wesana nating inap 40 yia. Na God i bin salim sampela hevi bilong traim yupela, bai Em i ken save, yupela inap bihainim olgeta lo bilong Em o nogat.”*

Taim ol Israel i stap 40 yia long ples wesana nating, planti bilong ol i bin kisim kain kain sik. Tingim dispela taim we ol snek i bin kaikaim ol. Dispela sik i bin kamap olsem wanpela blesing bilong God. Yes, em I tru olgeta. Ol sik i bin wok long mekim ol Israel i tanim bel long pasin bilong sakim tok bilong Bikpela na tok pait long wokman bilong God, Moses. God i bin yusim ol dispela hevi bilong traim ol pipel bilong Em.

Kam, bai yumi lukluk gen long sampela moa vers bilong soim klia olsem God i save givim ol traim long yumi bilong blesim yumi.

- ▶ Jems 1:2-4 – *“Ol brata bilong mi, sapos ol kain kain traim i kamap long yupela, orait yupela i ken ting olsem, em i samting bilong amamas tasol. Yupela i save, samting i kamap na i traim bilip bilong yupela, em i save kamapim pasin bilong sanap strong na karim hevi. Orait oltaim yupela i mas sanap strong na karim hevi, bai dispela pasin i ken kamap strong tru long yupela. Olsem na bai yupela i stap gut, na yupela bai i no sot long wanpela pasin bilong God. Nogat. Pasin bilong yupela bai i gutpela na i stret olgeta.”*

Ol sik i sampela bilong dispela “ol kain kain traim”? Dispela em tru na tru olgeta. Long dispela teks, Jems i no tok long wanpela kain traim tasol. Nogat. Em i bin tok long kain kain traim, olsem ol sik tu. Yumi i ken ting olsem, ol traim i samting bilong amamas tasol, long wanem, God i save wok long traim ol bilip bilong yumi na mekim bilip bilong yumi i kamap strong moa yet. Yumi i ken amamas tru long dispela!

- ▶ 1 Pita 1:6-7 – *“Yupela i save tingting long ol dispela samting God i laik mekim na yupela i save amamas. Tasol nau long liklik taim tasol, ating kain kain traim bai i kamap na givim pen long yupela. Long dispela pasin God i save traim bilip bilong yupela. Yumi save, gol em i gutpela samting tru, tasol ol i save kukim long paia, bilong traim na painimaut em i gol tru, o nogat. Bilip bilong yupela i winim gol na i gutpela moa, long wanem, gol em i samting bilong bagarap. Olsem na ol kain kain traim i kamap long yupela, em i bilong traim bilip na soim olsem, yupela i bilip tru long Krai. Na long las de, taim Jisas Krai i kamap ples klia, em bai i amamas tru long yupela na givim biknem long yupela.”*

Long hia tu, yumi ritim tok long “kain kain traim”. Ol sik i wanpela bilong dispela ol kain kain traim, o nogat? Mipela i no klia olgeta, tasol yumi i ken save gut olsem, God i save salim ol traim long yumi, long wanem, God i laik strongim bilip bilong yumi. Bilong wanem? Long mekim bilip bilong yumi i kamap strongpela moa. Na long dispela rot, laikim tru bilong yumi long Jisas Krai bai i kamap bikpela moa yet, na bai yumi i wok strong moa yet long honaim Em na apim nem bilong Em!

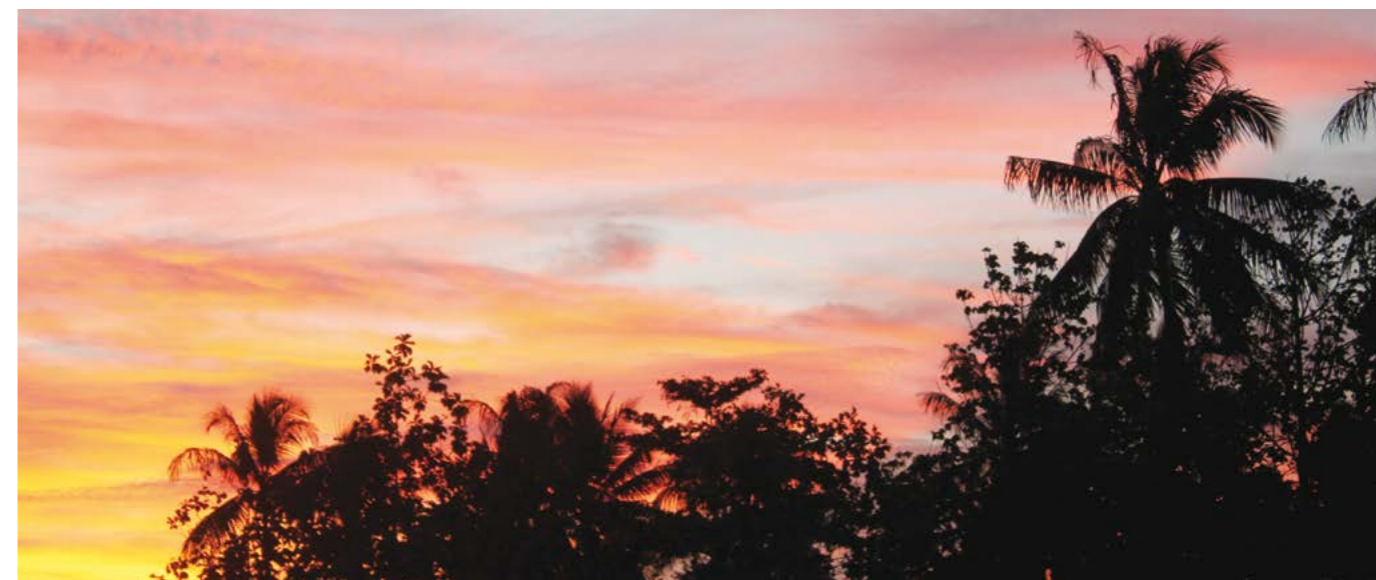
- ▶ Buk Song 32:1-4 — *“Sapos God i lusim pinis rong bilong wanpela man, na i rausim sin bilong em, dispela man i ken amamas. Sapos Bikpela i tok olsem, dispela man i no gat rong nau, na dispela man i no save bihainim pasin giaman, orait dispela man i ken amamas. God, taim mi no autim sin bilong mi yet, mi krai nogut long san na long nait. Olsem na bodi bilong mi i slek olgeta. Long san na long nait han bilong yu i mekim save long mi. Strong bilong mi i lus olgeta, olsem bikpela san i boinim graun na graun i drai.”*

Taim Devit i tok olsem, “bodi bilong mi i slek olgeta”, em i tok long sampela kain sik i bin kisim em. Dispela Buk Song i soim yumi olsem, hevi bilong Devit i wok long mekim Devit i skelim laip bilong em na i go long God bilong askim Em long lusim sin bilong em. Dispela em i wanpela gutpela samting. Em i samting bilong amamas. David i tok olsem long vers 1: “Dispela man i ken amamas”.

Taim yumi ritim na skelim olgeta tok long Buk Baibel, yumi bai save gut olsem, Papa God i save salim ol traim na ol hevi na ol sik long ol pikinini bilong Em. Bilong wanem? Long soim yumi laikim tru bilong Em yet. Ol tok bilong Kenneth Copeland, em i tok giaman stret. Tok bilong em i save paulim ol bilip lain. Na ol bai i gat dispela kain askim: Em i tru olsem God i bosim olgeta samting? Em i tru olsem God i laikim mi tru? Ol sik i no wok long bagarapim bilip bilong yumi. Nogat. Dispela Prosperity Gospel i wok long bagarapim bilip bilong yumi.

Tok bilong God i klia olgeta. God i save bosim olgeta samting bilong dispela graun. Romans 8:28 i tok olsem, God i save mekim olgeta samting i wok wantaim long mekim gut long ol man i save givim bel bilong ol long God. I no gat wanpela samting olsem sik, hangre, dai o ol spirit nogut inap pasim laikim tru bilong God insait long Jisas Krai. Dispela i gutnius tru tru!

Pastor Ryan deJonge





God Is Angry With Us If We Do Not Keep The Saturday Holy

Some people say that Christians who worship on Sunday, almost all Christians, are following heathen practices. They say we have the mark of the beast – 666. Therefore, God is very angry with those of us who worship on Sunday and will send us to hell.

This is a terrible lie!

Why do they say this?

First, they say that it was man, not God, who started Sunday worship. They argue that the Roman Emperor, Constantine, changed the Old Testament Sabbath day (Saturday) worship to the first day of the week (Sunday). Sunday-worshippers are followers of Constantine, not God.

But this is not true. It is a lie.

Although the Christian emperor did want people to rest on Sunday, and therefore did not allow businesses to run on Sunday, the fact is, Sunday worship goes back way before the time of Constantine (311 AD), to the time of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, on the first day of the week.

Second, some others say that those who worship on Sunday are following the ways of the people at the tower of Babel (Genesis 11). They claim that Nimrod and his people worshipped the sun on this day, and so Sunday worship came from this heathen practice.

From this lie, we get another terrible lie that the Christians who worship on Sunday are in fact following the religions of the Babylonians and have the mark of the beast, 666, on them (see Revelation 13:18). Therefore, they say, all Christians who worship on Sunday will end up in hell.

But again, these are all lies!

These chapters are not about sun worship, or about Saturday versus Sunday worship.

So what does the Bible say about what day we worship on?

The Old Testament Sabbath

As we open the Old Testament we learn quickly that Saturday was the day of rest. We learn in Genesis 1 that when God created the world He rested on the seventh day (Genesis 2:2). He

stopped creating and celebrated what He had done. By doing this, God has set an example for us to follow. We must take a day in a week to stop all our labour and worship God and find rest in Him.



Many years later, during the Exodus at Mount Sinai, God told His people to keep the Sabbath day holy. It was a day of rest for God's redeemed people. At this time, God wanted this day to become a sign, a sign of the covenant between God and His people (Exodus 31:13). It showed that their God, Yahweh, was both the creator of heaven and earth (Exodus 20:8-11) and was also the One who saved His people from slavery of sin and death (Deuteronomy 5:12-15).

Now, this Sabbath day in the Old Covenant was very strict. You were not even allowed to gather sticks on the Sabbath to make a fire! (Numbers 15:32-36)

Over time, the people of Israel did not keep this law – and many others—and God sent them into exile. Ignoring the Sabbath showed that they rejected their God, Yahweh, who had saved them!

But then what changed?

What happened that led the Apostles and the New Testament church to worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, instead of on Saturday, the Sabbath day?

Answer: Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth and His coming changed everything!

He came to fulfil the Old Testament. Jesus said, *“Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me (Jesus) in the Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms”* (Luke 24:44).

Jesus came to fulfil the law because the law is only a shadow and not the real thing (Hebrews 10:1). The real thing is found in Christ Jesus (Colossians 2:17).

Therefore, Jesus fulfilled the 4th commandment too.



How did Jesus fulfil the 4th Commandment?

Like some people today, the Pharisees did not understand what Jesus came to do.

They said that a man is saved or made righteous before the holy God by obeying the law. They believed salvation comes from obeying the rules, so they made lots and lots of rules around keeping the Sabbath day holy.

But friends, remember this: Jesus came to fulfil the law and save us from the penalty of the law.

Therefore, Jesus challenged the Pharisees about the Sabbath many times (Matthew 12:1-13, Mark 1:21, 3:2, 6:5, Luke 14:1-3, John 5:14-16). They thought he was breaking the law. But He wanted to show two things:

First, that the Sabbath day was a day of doing good, of preaching, of healing and protecting lives.

Second, that the day itself does not make someone righteous or save anyone. No! Jesus saves us!

Jesus said, *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”* (Matthew 11:28). If you believe in Me, He is saying, you have rest. I am your Sabbath rest.

Why did the day of worship change from Saturday to Sunday?

After Jesus died, where was He on the Sabbath day (Saturday)? Jesus was in the grave. He was paying the penalty of our sins as law-breakers, for the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

But on Sunday, the first day of the week, He AROSE!

On Sunday, the first day of the week, Jesus AROSE and now believers can rest in His finished work on the cross and celebrate it!

By rising He broke the chains of death, the power of sin and Satan and secured our eternal rest! Now believers can rest in His finished work on the cross and celebrate it! The best day to do this is the day He completed His work for us: ON SUNDAY!

Therefore, from this day forward, the Apostles and the New Testament church of Jesus Christ worshipped the Lord together on the first day of the week – Sunday.

It should not surprise us that this day has been called the Lord's Day (Revelation 1:10; and 1 Corinthians 16:2). The Lord's Day, being the Lord Jesus' Day, for He rose victorious over sin and death. We should also not be surprised to read that the disciples met on the first day of the week and Jesus appeared amongst them (John 20:19, 26). We should also remember that the Holy Spirit was poured out on Sunday, which is the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-36) and this is the start of the New Testament church.

In short, Jesus the Passover Lamb was sacrificed on the Passover week, risen on Sunday, and then the Holy Spirit was poured out on Sunday, during the feast of Pentecost. God marked these days as special and the New Testament church celebrates these days when we come together for worship on Sunday!

So are we and the Apostles wrong in not keeping the OT Sabbath day?

Not at all! As stated above, the followers of Jesus Christ have been worshipping on the first day ever since our Lord rose again from the dead.

Here are a few more examples.

- ▶ At Troas, the Apostle Paul held a worship service and the Lord's Supper on the first day (Acts 20:7).
- ▶ The Christians in Corinth had set aside their offerings on Sunday, the first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:2-3).
- ▶ On the Island of Patmos, the exiled Apostle John received the revelation from our Lord Jesus on the first day, which, as we learned, he calls the Lord's Day (Revelation 1:10).

Today most Christians following in the line of the Apostles and the early church, continue to worship on Sunday.

We set this day apart and stop marketing, working, running our businesses, even professional sports, so we can dedicate it to the Lord of heaven and earth. We come together on this day (Hebrews 10:25) to praise Him for His works of creation and salvation!

And when we worship together on Sunday, we are reminded and encouraged to flee from sin and find our rest in Christ alone for everyday of the week. For by faith alone, through grace alone we will enter the perfect rest, which is promised to all those who find their rest in Christ alone.

So, dear friends, if you do not keep the Old Testament Sabbath day (Saturday) holy you are NOT sinning. And God is NOT angry with you!

In fact, if you do worship on the Sabbath day (Saturday) and think that because of this God will save you or bless you, then you are very mistaken. In fact, you are sinning. And worse, if you believe that Sunday worshippers have the mark of the beast, 666, then you are going against Christ and His bride, the church. You must repent of this pride, this hostility, and this self-righteous, legalistic faith. Do not reject the finished work of Christ and show contempt to those who want to celebrate it on Sunday!

Now friends, since PNG still considers Sunday a 'holiday' (holy day) let us strive to meet together and worship the risen King of Kings, together, on this day! It is the Lord's Day and God is glorified when we do!

Pastors Tony O.Aufa and Ian Wildeboer

TOK GIAMAN #5

God I Bel Kros Tru Sapos Yumi I No Tingim De Sarere (Sabbath) na Makim Olsem De Bilong God Yet

Sampela manmeri i tok olsem olgeta Kristen husat i save lotu long Sande (na klostu olgeta Kristen i save mekim olsem), ol i bihainim ol pasin bilong ol lain i no bilip long God. Ol i tok olsem mipela i gat dispela mak bilong dispela wel animal – namba 666. Olsem na, ol i tok, God Em i bel hat tru long mipela ol lain i lotu long Sande, na dispela pasin bai salim mipela i go long hel.

Dispela em i tok giaman olgeta!

Bilong wanem ol i save tok olsem?

Namba wan samting, ol i tok olsem em i wanpela man tasol i bin kirapim dispela pasin bilong lotu long Sande, na i no God i mekim olsem. Ol i tok olsem wanpela King bilong Rom, nem bilong em Constantine, i bin senisim dispela pasin long Olpela Testamen long lotu long Sarere (olsem las de bilong wan wan wik) na tokim ol Kristen long lotu long Sande (olsem namba wan de long wan wan wik). Olsem tasol, ol i tok, ol lain i save lotu long Sande, ol i save bihainim tok bilong Constantine tasol, na i no tok bilong God.

Tasol dispela em i tok giaman. Em i tok giaman!

Em tru, Consantine i gat laik sapos ol manmeri i lotu long Sande na malolo wantaim, olsem tasol em i pasim ol stoa samting long op long Sande. Tasol yumi mas klia, em i no Constantine i kirapim dispela pasin bilong lotu long Sande. Nogot, dispela pasin i kamap long taim bipo long Constantine (311 AD), long taim Jisas Krai i kirap bek long matmat long namba wan de long wik, long Sande.

Namba tu samting, sampela narapela lain i tok olsem, ol lain i lotu long Sande i bihainim ol pasin bilong ol pipel i bin wok long sanapim wanpela bikpela taua long Babel (Stat 11). Ol i ting olsem dispela pasin bilong lotu long Sande i kam long dispela man Nimrod na ol lain bilong em husat i bin lotuim san long dispela de (Sande). Olsem na, ol i tok, ol Kristen i save lotu long Sande, ol i bihainim dispela pasin nogot.

Na i gat sampela moa tok giaman i save kamap: ol dispela lain i giaman na tok olsem, ol Kristen i save lotu long Sande ol i bihainim bilip bilong ol lain bilong Babilonia, na ol i gat dispela mak bilong wel animal, namba 666, long het bilong ol (lukluk long Kamapim Tok Hait 13:18). Olsem tasol, ol i tok, ol Kristen husat i save lotu long Sande, ol bai i go long hel.

Tasol gen, olgeta dispela tok em i tok giaman tasol!

Dispela ol siapta i no toktok long pasin bilong lotuim san, o long pasin bilong lotuim God long Sarere o long Sande.

Olsem na, Buk Baibel i tok wanem samting long wanem de yumi i mas makim olsem de bilong lotuim Bikpela?

De Sabat Long Olpela Testamen

Taim yumi i ritim dispela Olpela Testamen, hariap yumi bai lainim olsem Sarere em i bin stap olsem de bilong malolo. Long Stat 1 yumi kisim save olsem God Em i malolo long de namba 7 taim Em i krietim dispela graun (Stat 2:2). Em i pinisim wok bilong Em, na Em i amamas i stap taim Em i lukim wok bilong Em. Taim Em i mekim olsem, God i givim yumi wanpela eksampel long yumi i mas bihainim. Long wanpela de long wan wan wik, yumi olgeta i mas lusim wok na lotuim God, na malolo long Em.

Planti yia bihian long Stat 1, long taim ol Israel i wokabaut long ples wesan nating, ol i stap long Maunten Sainai. Na God i tokim ol lain bilong Em long ol i mas tingim de Sabat na makim olsem de bilong Em yet. Em i wanpela de bilong malolo bilong dispela lain bilong God. Na long dispela taim God i tok olsem dispela de em i olsem wanpela mak, wanpela mak bilong dispela kontrak bilong God wantaim olgeta manmeri bilong Em (Kisim Bek 31:3). Na moa, dispela de Sabat i soim olsem dispela God i bin wokim graun na skai na solwara na olgeta samting i stap long en (Kisim Bek 20:8-11), Em i dispela God i kisim bek ol pipel bilong Em long kalabus bilong sin na dai (Lo 5:12-15).

Long Olpela Kontrak, dispela de bilong Sabat i gat planti ol lo bilong em. Wanpela bilong dispela lo i olsem ol i no inap long kisim paiawut long de Sabat (Namba 15:32-35)!

Na taim i go i go na planti ol lain bilong Israel i no save bihainim dispela ol lo bilong de Sabat – na planti ol arapela lo tu – na God i salim ol i go long kalabus long kantri Babilon. Taim ol i sakim ol lo bilong God long dispela de Sabat i soim klia olsem ol i givim baksait long God, olsem God bilong kontrak, husat i kisim bek ol!

Tasol wanem samting i senis?

Wanem samting i kamap na mekim ol Aposel na dispela sios long Nupela Testamen i wok long lotuim God long Sande, dispela namba wan de long wan wan wik, na i no long Sarere, dispela de Sabat?

Bekim i olsem: Jisas, dispela Pikinini bilong God, Em i kam long dispela graun, na taim Em i kam olgeta samting i senis!

Jisas i kam long inapim dispela Olpela Testamen. Jisas i tok, *“Olgeta samting bipo ol i raitim long mi long lo bilong Moses na long buk bilong ol profet na Buk Song, dispela olgeta samting i mas kamap tru”* (Luk 24:44).

Jisas i kam long inapim dispela lo bikos dispela lo i olsem wanpela piksa o tewel tasol bilong ol gutpela samting i laik kamap bihain (Hibru 10:1). Na Krai Jisas Em i dispela samting tru (Kolosi 2:17).

Olsem tasol, Jisas inapim dispela namba 4 lo tu.

Jisas inapim dispela namba 4 lo olsem wanem?

Kain olsem sampela lain long tude, ol Farisi i no save gut bilong wanem Jisas i kam long dispela graun.

Ol i tok olsem, olgeta man i mas bihainim lo bilong God long kamap holi na gutpela tru na bilong kisim salvesen. Bikos ol i ting olsem ol i mas bihainim olgeta lo long kisim salvesen, ol yet i kamapim planti lo tru long pasin bilong makim dispela de Sabat olsem de bilong God yet.

Tasol prens, tingim dispela: Jisas i kam long inapim dispela lo, na long kisim bek yumi long dispela pe nogot long sin bilong yumi.

Olsem tasol, Jisas i wok long salensim ol Farisi long tingting bilong ol long de Sabat planti taim (Matyu 12:1-13, Mak 1:21, 3:2, 6:5, Luk 14:1-3, Jon 5:14-16). Ol i ting olsem Em yet i sakim ol lo. Tasol Jisas i laik soim klia tupela samting:

Namba wan samting i olsem: De Sabat em i de bilong mekim ol gutpela wok, bilong autim tok bilong God, bilong oraitim ol sikman na long lukautim laip gut.

Namba tu samting i olsem: Dispela de Sabat i no inap kisim bek wanpela man o meri o helpim yumi i stap stretpela long ai bilong God. Nogot! Jisas tasol i kisim bek yumi!

Jisas i tok, *“Yupela ol man i save hatwok tru na i karim ol bikpela hevi, yupela olgeta kam long mi na bai mi givim malolo long yupela.”* Sapos yumi i bilipim Em, i olsem Em i malolo bilong yumi. Em i Sabat bilong yumi.

Bilong wanem de bilong lotu i senis long Sarere i go long Sande?

Bihain long dai bilong Jisas, Em i stap we long de Sabat (Sarere)? Em i stap long matmat. Em i baim pe nogot bilong olgeta sin bilong yumi bikos yumi i save sakim lo bilong God, bikos pe bilong sin i dai tasol (Rom 6:23).

Tasol long Sande, dispela namba wan de long wik, Jisas Em i kirap bek long matmat!

Taim Jisas i kirap bek i olsem Em brukim ol sens bilong dai, na pawa bilong sin na Satan wantaim, na Em i givim yumi dispela malolo bilong oltaim oltaim!

Nau ol bilip lain i ken malolo long wok bilong Em long diwai kros, na amamas long dispela samting tu! Na nambawan de bilong mekim olsem em i Sande bikos long dispela de Jisas i pinisim dispela wok bilong kisim bek yumi!

Olsem tasol, olgeta de bihain long taim Jisas i kirap bek long matmat, ol Aposel na dispela sios bilong Nupela Testamen i wok long bung long wan wan Sande, dispela namba wan de long wik, bilong lotuim Bikpela.

Em i de bilong Bikpela. Buk Baibel i tok olsem long Kamapim Tok Hait 1:10. Sande em i de bilong Bikpela Jisas Krai bikos Em i winim sin na dai taim Em i kirap bek long matmat long dispela de. Na olgeta disaipel i save bung long namba wan de long wan wan wik, na Jisas i go lukim ol disaipel long namba wan de long wik tu (Jon 20:19, 26). Na tu yumi i mas tingim dispela de we Holi Spirit i bin kam daun na kapsait – em i wanpela Sande tu, em i dispela de bilong Pentikos (Aposel 2:1-36). Na dispela i makim taim dispela sios bilong dispela Nupela Testamen i kirap.

Long sotim dispela ol tok yumi i ken tok olsem: Jisas, dispela pikinini sipsip bilong Passover (De bilong Tingim De God i Larim ol Israel i Stap Gut), Em i dai olsem wanpela ofa long dispela wik bilong tingim Passover. Em i kirap bek long matmat long Sande, na Holi Spirit i kam daun long dispela Sande long taim bilong

Pentikos. God i makim ol dispela de olsem ol bikpela de bilong Em na sios bilong Nupela Testamen i save selebretim ol dispela bikpela de taim yumi bung wantaim long lotu long olgeta Sande.

Tasol yumi na ol Aposel tu i mekim rong taim yumi i no bihainim dispela Sabat de bilong Olpela Testamen, o nogot?

Nogat na nogot tru! Olsem yumi i harim pinis, ol lain i bihainim Jisas Krai, i bin stat long lotu long wan wan Sande bihain long taim Bikpela bilong yumi i kirap bek long matmat.

Na sampela moa eksampel i olsem:

- ▶ Long Troas, Pol, dispela Aposel bilong Jisas Krai, i bin go pas long lotu na long Kaikai bilong Bikpela long namba wan de bilong wik (Aposel 20:7).
- ▶ Ol Kristen long Korin i save bungim ol mani bilong givim long ol man bilong God long Sande, dispela namba wan de long wik (1 Korin 16:1-3).
- ▶ Taim Aposel Jon i stap long kalabus long Ailan bilong Patmos, Jisas Krai i bin kamapim ples klia ol tok i stap hait bipo long em long dispela de bilong Bikpela, dispela namba wan de long wik (Kamapim Tok Hait 1:10).

Na tude, klostu olgeta Kristen i bihainim dispela pasin bilong ol Aposel na sios bilong Nupela Testamen, na ol i bung long lotu long Sande.



Yumi save makim dispela de long malolo. Yumi i no maket o wok o pilai ol bikpela spot. Bilong wanem? Bikos yumi i laik makim dispela de olsem de bilong tingim Bikpela bilong heven na graun. Yumi i save bung long dispela de (Hibru 10:25) long presim Em long wok bilong Em long krietim yumi na long kisim bek yumi!

Na taim yumi i lotu wantaim long Sande, yumi i tingim wok bilong Krai bilong kisim bek yumi, na dispela I mas skulim yumi long ranawe long sin na long malolo long Krai tasol long olgeta de long wan wan wik. Long bilip tasol, long marimari tasol bai yumi inap long

kamap long dispela nambawan malolo stret bilong oltaim oltaim, olsem God i promisim olgeta manmeri husat i save malolo long Krai tasol.

Olsem tasol, ol pren bilong mi, sapos yu no bihainim pasin bilong dispela Sabat long Olpela Testamen olsem de bilong tingim Bikpela yu NO mekim sin. Na God i NO bel kros long yu!

Moa, sapos yu save lotu long Sarere (olsem Sabat) na ting olsem long dispela rot God bai kisim bek yu o blesim yu, orait yu paul olgeta. Moa yet, yu mekim sin! Na sapos yu bilip olsem ol lain i lotu long Sande i gat dispela mak bilong wel animal, 666, i olsem yu pait long Krai na meri bilong Em, dispela sios bilong Em. Yu mas tanim bel long dispela sin, dispela rot bilong apim yu yet na pasin bilong bihainim kain kain lo long kamap long heven. Yu mas daunim yu yet aninit long tok bilong God. No ken tok nogot long wok bilong Krai na daunim ol lain i laik selebretim dispela wok long olgeta Sande!

Ol prens, Papua New Guinea i makim Sande olsem wanpela *“holiday”* (holy day) yet. Olsem na yumi mas wok strong long bung wantaim na lotuim dispela King bilong olgeta king husat i bin kirap pinis long matmat, long dispela de! Em i de bilong Bikpela na God bai i kisim glori taim yumi i mekim olsem!



LIE #6

When A Man Pays A Bride-Price For His Wife, She Becomes His Property

This is a false statement. She is God's property, not her husband's!

Satan is the great deceiver and the father of lies (John 8:44). He has deceived many people and is destroying PNG with this lie. Let me help you understand why this is a terrible lie and why it is the cause of much abuse, pain, sorrow and even death to women.

Before I expose the lies of Satan and allow the truth to silence it, let me mention some good things that we can find in the bride-price system:

- ▶ Bride-price is part of the customary way of recognizing marriage as legal and binding in the eyes of the community.
- ▶ Paying the bride-price is sometimes a way of saying thank-you and showing appreciation to the bride's family.
- ▶ Since the bride's family is losing their daughter, this loss can be offset by the bride-price.
- ▶ It is possible for a bride-price to bring two rival groups together and can make peace and grow relationships.

- ▶ Scripture itself mentions a kind of bride-price. Genesis 24:53 retells the story of the future wife of Isaac; her name was Rebekah. *"And the servant (of Abraham) brought out gold and silver jewelry and articles of clothing, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave costly gifts to her brother and to her mother."* (see also Genesis 29:18-20).



But many follow Satan's lies and actually use the bride-price system to destroy God's good gift of marriage and even women themselves.

Here are some crushing problems with our current bride-price practice:

- ▶ In this system we do not recognize that God is the One who gives the bride to the groom. We learn from Genesis 2:18-24 that marriage between one man and one woman was God's plan from the beginning. Marriage is a holy institution of God's making, not man's.
- ▶ Bride-price allows men to marry many women or divorce one and buy another. But the Scripture says in Matthew 19:4-6, *"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."* This shows that God hates divorce and polygamous marriage. Satan uses divorce and polygamous marriage to destroy marriages and families.
- ▶ With the bride-price system, the woman is most often seen as an item or product that you can buy to use as you like. People say, *"Em i property/kago bilong me,"* or, *"Em i bisnis bilong me,"* and so bride-price becomes huge. I once heard about a bride-price of K100,000 plus K30,000 garden food, store goods, and animals. And the least is K5,000-K10,000. The man thinks that since he has paid the bride-price, he now owns his wife so that he can do whatever he wants to her: he can beat her, make her suffer, sexually abuse her, make her a

slave at home or a workhorse for the garden. Why? *"Bikos mi baim em pinis. Em i samting bilong mi."* This lie is all over PNG and women do not have a voice in this!

- ▶ If the woman is unable to bear children, she might be beaten or divorced or forced to accept that a second wife comes to live with her, (or, again, divorced if she disagrees). But Scripture is clear that sometimes God will withhold children from a couple for His own reasons.

We need to see these lies coming from the Father of Lies, Satan himself.

He is bent on destroying marriage, destroying family, destroying the unity and love between husband and wife. We need to remember what

the Scripture says in Genesis 2:22-23 *"Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of man, and He brought her to the man. The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.'"*

Listen! A wife is not a product that you can buy at the store, but a person created by God Himself.

She is made from man's rib, meaning that she is equal to him and should be close to his heart. She is a part of his body, a part of his life! This means her husband should love her, care for her well-being, and be with her only as his wife.

If you have sinned in this area, seek Christ. Ask God to forgive you through His blood and go and treat your wife as a friend, soul-mate, companion, confidant and God-given gift. God is gracious and He is willing to help those whose lives and marriages are being controlled by the lies of Satan.

Jesus said in John 5:24, *"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."* Believe in this truth your life and your marriage will change!

So:

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word"
(Ephesians 5:25-26)

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TOK GIAMAN #6

Taim Wanpela Man I Baim Meri (Brait-Prais), Dispela Meri I Kamap Olsem Samting Nating Bilong Em Yet

Dispela tok i no ken kamap olsem tok tru. Em i tok giaman! Dispela meri ol i bin baim, em bilong God wanpela tasol, na i no bilong dispela man husat i baim em.

Satan em i man bilong tok giaman, na em i papa tru bilong pasin bilong tok giaman (Jon 8:44). Em i save giaman planti manmeri, na em i wok long bagarapim PNG long dispela tok giaman. Kam, yumi lukim na bai mi helpim yu, na bai yu save gut long dispela tok giaman, na tu bai mi mekim klia moa long yu olsem dispela tok giaman i olsem as bilong planti bagarap, pen na bel hevi, na em i as bilong dai bilong sampela meri tu.



Tasol bai mi autim sampela gutpela samting long dispela pasin bilong baim meri pastaim, na bihain bai mi soim klia moa olsem dispela tok i tok giaman bilong Satan.

- ▶ Pasin bilong baim meri i olsem wanpela kastam bilong soim olsem dispela marit em i wanpela marit tru long ai bilong ol manmeri bilong komyuniti bilong ol.
- ▶ Sampela taim dispela pasin bilong baim wanpela meri i olsem wanpela rot bilong tok tenkyu long famili bilong dispela meri.
- ▶ Baibel yet i stori long wanpela kain pasin bilong baim meri. Stat 24:53 i stori long dispela meri Rebeka husat bai i kamap meri bilong Aisak. *"Na bihain em i kisim kain kain bilas silva na gol na ol naispela klos na em i givim long Rebeka. Na em i givim kain kain presen i dia tumas long brata na mama bilong Rebeka tu."* (Lukluk long Stat 29:18-20 tu)
- ▶ Dispela pasin bilong baim meri bai helpim dispela wanpela famili taim pikinini meri bilong ol bai i go lusim ol na i stap wantaim man bilong em.
- ▶ Sampela taim dispela pasin bilong baim meri bai helpim tupela lain famili husat i no save wanbel i wok long kamap wanbel na stap isi wantaim.

Tasol planti man i save bihainim ol giaman tok bilong Satan, na ol i mekim dispela pasin bilong baim meri long bagarapim stret dispela pasin bilong marit. God yet i givim dispela pasin bilong marit olsem wanpela gutpela presen i kam long yumi na yumi no ken bagarapim. Na i gat sampela taim ol man i save mekim dispela pasin bilong baim meri, olsem na ol i ken bagarapim meri bilong ol long laik bilong ol yet.



Daunbilo long hia yu ken lukim mi bin makim ol sampela bikpela hevi tru i save kamap taim yumi i bihainim pasin bilong baim meri:

- ▶ Taim yumi baim wanpela meri em bai pasim yumi long luksave olsem God yet i givim wanpela meri long man. Stat 2:18-24 i skulim yumi olsem God yet i kamapim dispela pasin bilong marit. Em yet i kamapim dispela pasin bilong wanpela man na wanpela meri i kam bung na pas wantaim long marit. Pasin bilong marit em i samting God yet i kamapim, na i no man i kamapim.
- ▶ Dispela pasin bilong baim meri i save kamapim kain pasin nogut olsem: ol man i save maritim planti meri o ol bai rausim wanpela meri na baim narapela meri. Tasol Baibel i tok long Matyu 19:4-6, *"Olsem na man i save lusim papamama na i pas wantaim meri bilong en, na tupela i kamap wanpela bodi tasol! God i tok olsem na tupela i no i stap olsem tupela moa. Nogat. Tupela i kamap olsem wanpela bodi. Olsem na samting God i pasim pinis, em man i no ken katim."* Yumi ken klia olgeta olsem God i no laikim tru pasin bilong brukim marit na pasin bilong maritim planti meri. Na Satan i save mekim dispela tupela pasin nogut long bagarapim planti ol marit na famili wantaim.
- ▶ Pasin bilong baim meri i save kamapim kain kain tingting nogut. Ol lain i save ting olsem ol meri i kain olsem wanpela samting nating ol i baim pinis, olsem na ol i ken mekim kain kain samting long dispela meri long laik bilong ol yet. Ol man na olgeta famili bilong ol i save tok, *"Meri em i bilong mi, ya! Em i kago bilong mi yet."* Ol narapela tu i save tok, *"Em i bisnis bilong mi, ya!"* Olsem na dispela pasin bilong baim meri i kamap bikpela moa yet. Wanpela taim mi bin harim tok long wanpela pe bilong baim meri i olsem K 100,000 wantaim K30,000 gaden kaikai, ol samting bilong stoa na ol animal. Na olgeta taim dispela pe ol i mas baim em i winim K5,000 – \$10,000 samting. Na taim wanpela man i baim meri pinis, em i ting olsem em yet i bosim meri bilong em nau. Em i samting bilong em yet. Olsem tasol em inap long mekim wanem samting em i gat laik long mekim long dispela meri: Em i ken paitim em, em i ken bagarapim em, em i ken mekim meri bilong em i kamap olsem wokboi nating long haus o long gaden. Bilong wanem? *"Bikos mi baim em pinis! Em i samting bilong mi!"* Tarangau! Dispela em i tok giaman stret na dispela tok giaman i wok long karamapim PNG olgeta. Na ol meri i no inap autim laik bilong ol yet!
- ▶ Na sapos wanpela meri i no inap karim pikinini, man bilong em bai paitim em o rausim em o kisim narapela meri i kam stap wantaim tupela. Na bai meri bilong em i no inap tok nogat long dispela. Sapos em i mekim olsem, ating man bilong em bai rausim em wantu. Tasol Baibel i soim klia olsem sampela taim God bai i no givim pikinini long sampela meri long laik bilong Em yet. Em i samting bilong God.

Yumi mas luksave long ol dispela tok giaman bilong Papa bilong tok giaman, Satan yet.

Satan em i gat bikpela laik stret long bagarapim pasin bilong marit, long bagarapim ol famili, na long bagarapim laikim tru na pasin bilong wanbel insait long marit. Yumi mas tingim tok bilong God long Stat 2:22-23:

"Orait God i wokim wanpela meri long dispela bun Em i bin kisim long man, na bihain Em i bringim meri i go long man. Man i lukim meri na em i tok olsem, 'Em nau. Em i poroman tru bilong mi. Bun bilong em i kamap long bun bilong mi, na mit bilong em i kamap long mit bilong mi. God i wokim em long bun bilong mi, olsem na bai mi kolim em 'meri.'

Harim! Ol meri i no samting nating bilong baim long wanpela stoa! Nogat, em i meri God yet i wokim!

Em i kam long bun bilong man, na dispela i min olsem em inap long man yet, na bel bilong man i mas amamas long em. Meri em i wanpela hap bilong bodi bilong man bilong em. Olsem na man bilong em i mas laikim em tru, lukautim em gut tru, na stap wantaim em olsem wanpela meri tasol bilong em.

Sapos yu yet i bihainim ol dispela tok giaman na yu bin mekim sin long dispela ol pasin, yu mas go long Krai. Askim God long lusim sin bilong yu long blut tudia bilong Krai. Na go na laikim tru meri bilong yu olsem poroman bilong yu, na helpim bilong yu. Stap wanbel wantaim em bikos em i wanpela presen God yet i givim yu. God Em i pulap long marimari, na Em bai i redi long helpim yumi sapos ol tok giaman bilong Satan i wok long bagarapim marit bilong yumi.



Jisas i tok, *"Tru tumas mi tokim yupela, man i harim tok bilong mi, na i bilip long Papa, Em i bin salim mi na mi kam, Em i gat laip i stap gut oltaim oltaim. Em bai i no gat kot. Nogat. Em i lusim dai pinis, na nau Em i stap laip."* Bilipim dispela tok tru, na laip na marit bilong yu bai i senis!

Olsem na: *"Yupela man, yupela i mas laikim tumas ol meri bilong yupela, olsem Krai i laikim tumas sios na i givim laip bilong Em yet bilong helpim sios. Long wara na long tok bilong en, Krai i wasim sios na mekim em i kamap klin long ai bilong En"* (Efesus 5:25-26).

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Lying comes so easily to us. Even the other day, someone asked me if I had 2 kina to help with his bus fare. Immediately I answered, "No, sorry, I don't have any money," even though I had 2 kina in my pocket.

I confess: I lied. Why?

To protect myself! For one, I wanted to keep my 2 kina. Also, I did not know if this man was being honest or if he would spend my 2 kina on beer or smokes. So, I lied to avoid showing him that I didn't trust him.



But, you ask, I thought we were talking about how lying is destroying PNG? Lying about 2 kina isn't the problem! It's the corrupt politicians that lie about 2,000,000 kina right?

Here is the problem: if we think it is okay to lie about 2 kina, we will think it is okay to lie about 2,000 or 2,000,000 kina too.

Jesus taught us that, "Whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much" (Luke 16:10). If you can't be trusted

because you lie about 2 kina, you can't be trusted if you are working with millions of kina.

Lying is at the root of corruption. We are so angry with corrupt politicians and businessmen, but have we asked ourselves: Am I corrupt? Am I a liar?

PNG's corruption problem doesn't start at the top, with those who have power and money. It starts at the bottom, with you and me and every one of us that thinks lying is okay.

What PNG – you and I – need is the TRUTH of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This gospel teaches us:

1. God hates our sin of lying. He does! He hates lies about billions of kina just as He hates lies about 2 kina! God hates lying for it is the native tongue of the devil (John 8:44). God hates lying because it destroys societies, it destroys our communities, our cities, our rural districts, our nation and even our churches.
2. This same God who calls us to ALWAYS tell the truth has sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for our sin, including this sin. If we confess our sin of lying humbly to Him, He will forgive our sins with His costly blood.
3. To all those who truly hate their sin of lying, God will also give His Holy Spirit to help us live a new life, a life of truth. The Holy Spirit helps us to love the truth and hate lies. The Spirit teaches us how to put God first, and love Him and His ways more than anything or anyone else.

What PNG needs are men and women of the truth because God blesses the truth. And the truth – the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ – will set us free!

Pastor Ryan deJonge

LIE #7

Lying Is Okay Because Everyone Does It

Our country is one of the most corrupt countries in the world, according to Transparency International. In its 2016 Corruptions Perception Index, Transparency ranked PNG at 136th of 176 countries, more corrupt than countries like Iran, China, Brazil, and India.

What is the cost of corruption? Millions of kina? Billions? No one knows for sure.

But we all know the cost on the lives of Papua New Guineans: poverty because roads aren't built, homelessness because of backroom deals with developers, sickness and death because money is sucked away from much-needed medical services.

But why is Papua New Guinea so corrupt? How can this happen in a country that calls itself a Christian country, which says that 92% of people are Christian? Maybe one reason for this is that many in PNG put their wantoks first, not God.

We all understand the wantok system. In some ways it is a good system. In this system we look after our relatives, stand up for them, protect them and support them. This is good.

But what happens when we put our wantoks first, before God?

This is what happens: We will lie, cheat, steal and even kill people in order to help our wantoks. And we know this happens: parents lie to police to protect their children, businessmen cheat customers to make money for their wantoks, politicians secure work for their wantoks even if they are not qualified, employees steal from their bosses to get cargo for their wantoks. We see this all the time. People hurt others to help their wantoks. This is destroying our nation.

But the problem is deeper than the wantok system.

The problem is that even before we think of our wantoks, we think of ourselves. We put ourselves first, before others and before God. We help our wantoks, even if they commit a crime, because we want them to help us out if we are in trouble. Or, we cheat to help our wantoks because it will raise our status in the community. We are not really thinking of helping our wantoks first, we are thinking about ourselves first, even if it means breaking God's commands.





TOK GIAMAN #7

Pasin Giaman Em i Orait Bikos Olgeta Lain i Save Mekim Olsem

Korapsen bilong kantri bilong yumi i go antap moa long korapsen long klostu olgeta arapela kantri.

Transparency International (em i wanpela lain i save wok long pinisim strong bilong korapsen long kain kain kantri) i mekim dispela tok olsem. Corruptions Perception Index 2016 i ripot olsem, Papua New Guinea i stap namba 136 bilong 176 ol kantri long wol.

Korapsen bilong Papua New Guinea i winim korapsen bilong ol kantri olsem Iran, China, Brazil na India.

Korapsen i save kostim yumi hamas?

Klostu wan milien kina? O, wan bilien kina? O, em i go antap moa yet? Planti kina i save lus nating olgeta yia bikos korapsen i stap. Hamaspela kina? Mipela i no save. Tasol yumi save gut olsem hevi bilong korapsen i wok long bagarapim laip na sindaun

bilong yumi olgeta bilong Papua New Guinea!

Ol pipel i save sot long mani bikos i luk olsem korapsen i save bagarapim wok bilong mekim ol gutpela rot. Planti ol pipel i stap haus nating bikos korapsen i save mekim ol giaman giaman kampani kontrak. Ol pipel i kisim sik na dai bikos korapsen i save stilim ol mani bilong ol medikal sevis.

92% bilong olgeta manmeri bilong Papua New Guinea i tok olsem ol i Kristen. Olsem na, hau bai dispela kantri i pulap tru long korapsen?

As bilong dispela korapsen i wanem samting? Watpo kantri bilong yumi i pulap stret long korapsen?

Yumi save kolim kantri bilong yumi wanpela Kristen kantri. Inap long 92% bilong olgeta manmeri bilong Papua New Guinea i tok olsem ol i Kristen. Olsem na, hau bai dispela kantri i pulap tru long korapsen?

Ating wanpela as bilong dispela korapsen i olsem planti lain i tingting tumas long ol wantok bilong ol yet. Ol I no tingim God yet.

Yumi save gut long wantok sistem, a? Dispela wantok sistem i bin givim yumi sampela gutpela samting, o nogat? Long dispela pasin, yumi save lukautim na banisim na sapatim gut ol wantoks bilong yumi yet. Dispela samting em i orait. Tasol, wanem ol samting bai kamap taim yumi tingting long ol wantok bilong yumi na yumi lus tingting long God?

Dispela samting bai kamap: Yumi bai mekim pasin bilong giaman, stil na kilim ol man i dai bilong helpim ol wantok bilong yumi. Em tru, a?

- ▶ Ol papamama i save giamanim ol polis bilong protektim pikinini bilong ol.
- ▶ Ol bisnesman i save mekim stilpasin bilong helpim ol wantok bilong ol.
- ▶ Ol politisen i save givim wok long ol wantok bilong ol tasol, maski ol i gat gutpela save o nogat.
- ▶ Ol wokman i save stilim ol kago bilong bosman bilong ol bilong givim sampela samting long ol wantok bilong ol. Yumi save mekim kain kain pasin bilong helpim ol wantok bilong yumi.

-Ol man bai bagarapim arapela lain bilong helpim wantok bilong ol. Harim, ya. Dispela kain pasin i wok long bagarapim stret kantri bilong yumi.

Tasol as bilong korapsen i no samting bilong dipsela wantok sistem tasol. I gat wanpela bikpela samting moa i save kamapim korapsen. Na dispela samting em i ol pasin bilong yumi yet. Ating, yumi save tingting tumas long yumi yet, na yumi save lus tingting long ol narapela na long God, tu.

Ating, yumi save helpim ol wantok bilong yumi, maski ol i brukim ol lo pinis. Long wanem? Nogut ol wantok bilong yumi i gat sampela tingting nogut long yumi na ol i no helpim yumi long taim yumi bungim ol hevi. Ating, yumi save stil bilong helpim ol wantok bilong yumi. Long wanem? Em bai givim namba long yumi yet. Ating, yumi no save tingting tru long ol wantok bilong yumi. Nogat. Ating yumi save tingting tumas long yumi yet, maski pasin bilong yumi i brukim ol lo bilong God.



Nogut yumi stap lain bilong tok giaman.

Las wik, wanpela man i bin askim mi long givim em 2 kina bilong baim bas fi. Wantu, mi bin bekim, "Sori, nogat. Mi no gat mani." Tasol 2 kina i bin stap long poket bilong mi. Mi giamanim em. Nau mi autim sin bilong mi long yu: Mi giaman pinis, long wanem? Mi laik lukautim mi yet! Mi yet mi laikim dispela 2 kina bilong mi. Na moa, mi no klia sapos dispela man em i giamanim mi, o nogat. Em bai yusim dispela 2 kina bilong baim bas fi, o bilong baim bia o smok? Mi no save. Olsem na, mi giamanim em.

Ating yu bai bekim tok bilong mi olsem: "2 kina, em i samting nating. Em i no bikpela samting. Dispela kain pasin i no save bagarapim kantri bilong yumi. Em i 2 kina tasol. Ol politisen, ya! Ol i save giamanim yumi long 2 milien kina! Mobeta yumi wari long pasin bilong ol gavman."

Yumi save tingting tumas long yumi yet, maski pasin bilong yumi i brukim ol lo bilong God.

Tasol yumi mas tingting klia. Sapos em i orait long giamanim wanpela man long 2 kina, orait, em i orait long giamanim em long 2000 o 2000000 kina tu.

Harim tok bilong Jisas: "Na man i save mekim pasin i no stret long ol liklik samting, em bai i mekim pasin i no stret long ol bikpela samting tu" (Luk 16:10). Sapos yu save giaman long 2 kina, bai yu giaman long wan milien kina tu.

As tru bilong korapsen em i pasin giaman. Yumi save belhat tru long ol politisen na bisnesman bikos ol i mekim giaman pasin na pasin bilong korapsen. Tasol, yumi mas askim bel bilong yumi yet: Mi yet mi man bilong korapsen? Mi yet mi meri bilong tok giaman? Mi save giamanim ol man, o nogat?



PNG – yumi yet – i nidim gutnius tru bilong Jisas Kraus. Gutnius i tok olsem:

- ▶ God i no laikim tru pasin giaman bilong yumi. Tru, ya. God i no laikim tru pasin giaman maski em i 2 kina samting olsem em i no laikim tru pasin bilong giaman long 2 bilien kina. Long wanem? Pasin giaman em i samting bilong Satan yet (Jon 8:44). Na tu, God i no laikim tru tok giaman bikos em bai bagarapim ol komyuniti bilong yumi, ol siti bilong yumi, ples bilong yumi, kantri bilong yumi na sios bilong yumi tu.
- ▶ God yet i save singautim yumi long bihainim pasin tru long olgeta de. Em yet i bin salim Pikinini bilong en, Jisas Kraus, bilong dai bilong sin bilong yumi, sin bilong tok giaman tu. Sapos yumi daunim yumi yet na autim dispela sin bilong mekim tok giaman o pasin giaman God bai lusim sin bilong yumi long blut dia tru bilong Jisas Kraus.
- ▶ Na tu, God bai givim Holi Spirit bilong Em long olgeta lain i no laikim tru long pasin giaman. Holi Spirit bai helpim yumi bihainim nupela laip, long nupela rot bilong trupela na stretpela pasin. Holi Spirit bai mekim bel bilong yumi i laikim tru olgeta tok tru, na mekim yumi i les tru olgeta long pasin giaman. Em yet bai i lainim yumi long givim biknem long God, na long laikim tru God na olgeta pasin bilong God moa yet long olgeta narapela samting, na moa yet long olgeta arapela man na meri tu.

PNG i nidim wanem kain samting?

Yumi i nidim ol manmeri bilong tok tru. Bilong wanem? Bikos God i amamas long blesim olgeta tok tru. Na tok tru bilong God, em i gutnius bilong Jisas Kraus, em bai i mekim yumi i kamap fri!

Pastor Ryan deJonge

Do we know the Bible well? Do we read it, and meditate on it every day? Are we able to defend our beliefs and recognise false ones?

REFORMATION DAY

500 Years Later!

(31 October 1517 – 31 October 2017)

Reformation Day brings several questions to mind: Do we know the Bible well? Do we read it, and meditate on it every day? Are we able to defend our beliefs and recognize false ones?

Papua New Guinea claims to be a Christian country – statistics say over 90% are Christian. But how many of this 90% know their Bible, or even want to know it? How many are able to see the difference between false teachings and true teachings? If we are to hold on to the TRUTH, for by it we will know the way to eternal life, we need to know God's Word and hold steadfastly to what we believe!

Five hundred years ago, the Reformation was about going back to the truth of the Bible. Martin Luther was clear that what the Bible taught was different than the practices and teachings of the church in his time. Because of those differences, or false teachings, God used Luther to bring about reformation. For this reason, we celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on 31 October 2017!

Today, over 500 years later, Christian teaching must also be Bible-based. I think that for TRUTH to prevail in the churches, both the preachers and members of the congregation must have full access to the Scriptures. One of the many things Luther did was translate the Bible into the language of the German people (1534), as Wycliffe (1382) and Tyndale (1535) translated the Bible into English. They did it so people would have access to the Bible in their heart language. Praise God for the Bible translators at work today in PNG.

Why did they translate the Bible? So that we could read it! Personally, as a family, and as a church. A good Scripture knowledge and God-given wisdom will keep the members of the church accountable in their beliefs and practices, and growing in their faith and obedience to Christ!

Did the Reformation achieve its purpose? What do you think?



I know it did not come that cheaply. It came with a high price – the lives of many martyrs. So too the Apostles who first spread the TRUTH! They gave their life to ensure the TRUTH would reach us. Now we need to receive that TRUTH through God's Word – that is the purpose of the Reformation!

Jesus said, "I am the WAY, and the TRUTH and the LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

As a member of a Bible believing church in PNG, the Reformed Churches of PNG, I am thankful that what is preached and taught is the Word of God – the TRUTH that was taught by Christ. And I pray that you are fed the TRUTH as you read God's Word and hear it preached!

Brother John Lanta



Refomasen De:

500 Yia Bihain!

(31 Oktoba 1517 – 31 Oktoba 2017)

Nau em i taim bilong kisim dispela TOK TRU—dispela em i as bilong dispela Refomasen!

Dispela Refomasen De i kamapim sampela askim: Yumi save gut long buk Baibel o nogat? Olgeta de yumi save ritim buk Baibel na tingting gut long ol tok insait long em? Yumi inap tokaut long bilip bilong yumi taim yumi harim sampela tok giaman?

Yumi save tok olsem, Papua New Guinea em i wanpela Kristen kantri—na i gat olsem 90% bilong olgeta manmeri long PNG i kolim ol yet Kristen. Hamaspela bilong yumi inap luksave long ol giaman tok dispela ol giaman man i save autim? Sapos yumi laik bihainim na holim strong ol TOK TRU, na kisim laip i stap oltaim oltaim, yumi mas save gut tru long ol tok bilong God na holim strong trupela bilip bilong yumi!

Faiv handet yia i go pinis, Refomasen i bin kamap. Em dispela taim i kamapim pasin bilong go bek long tok tru i stap long buk Baibel. Martin Luther bin putim ples kliia olsem ol sios long dispela taim, ol i no bihainim ol trupela tok bilong God. Planti ol tok giaman bin kamap i stap na paulim ol manmeri nogut tru. Olsem na, God i bin yusim Martin Luther long kamapim bikpela senis o refomasen long dispela taim. Long dispela as, long 31 Oktoba 2017, yumi bin tingim dispela bikpela de bilong Refomasen i bin kamap 500 yia i go pinis!

Tude, 500 yia bihain, bilip bilong ol Kristen mas sanap yet antap long Baibel tasol. Mi ting olsem, sapos yumi laik holim strong tok i tru, olgeta hetman na memba wantaim insait long sios, olgeta i mas save long tok i stap long Baibel. Wanpela bikpela wok Luther bin mekim, em i bin tanim tok bilong Baibel i go long tok bilong kantri Jemani (long yia 1534), olsem John Wycliffe (1382) na William Tyndale (1535) bin tanim Baibel long tok Inglis. Dispela tripela man i bin mekim dispela bikpela wok bikos ol i laik helpim olgeta manmeri long ritim tok bilong God long tok ples bilong ol yet. Yumi ken tok tenkyu long God long ol wok ol manmeri nau i mekim yet long tanim tok bilong God long kain kain tok ples long Papua New Guinea.

Ol dispela lain i givim bel bilong ol long tanim tok bilong God bilong wanem? Bikos ol i laik olgeta manmeri, na yumi tu, i mas ritim Baibel! Yumi yet mas ritim, wantaim ol famili bilong yumi, na sios bilong yumi tu. Planti gutpela tingting i stap long buk Baibel, na ol dispela gutpela tok bai helpim bilip bilong yumi i gro na helpim yumi sindaun gut na bihainim Krai moa na moa yet!

Yumi ken lukim sampela gutpela samting i kamap long wok bilong Refomasen tu, o nogat? Yu ting wanem?



Yes! Dispela Refomasen bin skulim yumi long skelim gut na save long giaman tok!

Olsem na, dispela Refomasen i no liklik samting. Planti tausien lain bin lusim laip bilong ol bikos ol i sapatim dispela Refomasen. Ol aposel tu, dispela namba wan lain bilong autim TOKTRU, ol tu i bin lusim laip bilong ol! Ol i bin givim laip bilong ol long salim dispela TOK TRU i kam long yumi tu, long helpim yumi long skelim gut na save long ol giaman tok. Nau em i taim bilong kisim dispela TOK TRU—dispela em i as bilong dispela Refomasen!

Jisas bin tok, "Mi yet mi ROT, na mi as bilong TOK TRU, na mi as bilong LAIP. I no gat wanpela man inap i kam long Papa long narapela rot. Nogat. Long mi tasol" (Jon 14:6).

Olsem wanpela memba bilong wanpela sios i save bihainim olgeta tok bilong God, ol Reformed Sios long PNG, mi amamas tru olsem ol hetman i save autim tok bilong God tasol—ol TOK TRU Krai yet i bin autim. Na mi beten olsem yupela tu bai kisim gutpela kaikai long taim yu ritim Baibel na harim tok bilong God!

Brata John Lanta

Do You Know The History Of The Prosperity Gospel?

Let us start with one of the most famous prosperity gospel preachers, Kenneth Copeland. What he says summarizes this false gospel.

He states: *"If you have an abundance in your natural bank account, you can enjoy plenty of material things. If you have an abundance of faith in your spiritual account, you can enjoy plenty of everything—wealth, health, good relationships, peace, success."*

Prosperity or "Health and Wealth" or "Name It and Claim It" teachings use biblical words in their books and magazines. They use words like faith, spiritual, blessing, peace, and so on, and you can easily believe that they are teaching the truth.

But are they?

Is prosperity teaching biblical? Is the prosperity gospel the same as the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

In this article, we will look at the history and teachings of the prosperity gospel so that we can understand it better and discern the truth.

According to one author, Kate Bowler, in her book, *"Blessed: A History of the American Prosperity Gospel"* there are three streams that flow together to make the river of the prosperity gospel:

- (1) a non-Christian philosophy called New Thought;
- (2) Pentecostalism, and
- (3) "The American Dream"



The first stream is called New Thought. It shows the very shaky foundation of the Prosperity Gospel. The grandfather of prosperity teaching is E.W. Kenyon. He took New Thought teaching and mixed it together with Christianity. He taught that there are spiritual laws that rule the universe and that the key to success is to understand those laws and use them for your own benefit. One of the laws is the power of words. If you speak words with a strong faith, your words can make things come true or come to life. Very sadly, Kenyon took this to mean that you can manipulate and control God by your words.

The second stream is that of Pentecostalism. Pentecostalism is a branch of Christianity that began in America in the early 1900s. At the beginning, this Christian movement focussed on speaking in tongues, believing it to be the most important sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit in someone's life. In addition to speaking in tongues, Pentecostalism has also emphasized healing and deliverance from demons. But prosperity teaching took that emphasis on healing and deliverance and focussed it on material things. The gift of healing, prosperity teaching claimed, shows that God blesses His people with good health. Deliverance from demons, they said, means deliverance from poverty and economic trouble so that Christians can become rich and successful.

In the early days of prosperity teaching many Pentecostals were opposed to it. For example, the teachings of Oral Roberts, one of the early leaders of the prosperity movement, were not accepted in his own Pentecostal Holiness Church at their 1953 General Conference. However, he bought acceptance. After pledging \$50,000 to his denomination, the leadership in the church began to like and accept him again. Sadly, prosperity teaching was eventually accepted and the "Health and Wealth" gospel now fills many Pentecostal churches.

The third stream of the Prosperity Gospel is American culture and what many call The American Dream. This dream is this: that a better life with more money and therefore more happiness is possible for anyone and everyone.

Kate Bowler calls this the American "gospel." According to this "gospel," if you work hard enough, are smart with your money, believe in yourself, and are willing to take some risks, then you too can become famous and rich. After all, the thinking goes, many of the famous and rich of America were once poor people too.



While the American "gospel" does not include asking God for help in this process, it was very easy for American Prosperity teachers to add God in. If the so-called American "gospel" could promise more money and happiness without God's help, they said, then certainly with God's help there would be an even greater chance at success!

Of course, greed has played a major part in the history of the prosperity gospel. Not only do its teachings encourage believers to become greedy by asking God for wealth, but many of the teachers themselves live greed-filled lives. Kenneth Copeland is one of the most famous Prosperity teachers. He owns an

18-million-dollar home in Texas, while his church maintains a fleet of jets, including one that costs 20 million dollars.

Where does Kenneth Copeland's money come from? From God?

Actually, it comes from the donations of millions of followers who donate and buy his books and magazines in the hope of becoming rich and happy themselves. One critic of the Prosperity movement describes Health and Wealth teachers like this: *"They live like multi-billionaires off income from the poorest and most desperate people in our society."* As prosperity teachings spread, these poor and desperate people are found all over the world.

The worst part of prosperity teachings, however, is not greed and luxurious lifestyles. The worst part is that it twists, confuses and warps the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Kenneth Copeland lies when he says, *"The gospel to the poor is that Jesus has come and they don't have to be poor anymore!"*

This is deceptive.

This is fraudulent.

This is not according to the Bible.

From the Bible, we learn that Jesus gave up his heavenly riches to become a servant (Philippians 2), and we are to have the same attitude as him. Paul speaks against greed, and calls it idolatry (Colossians 3:5). Paul's own lifestyle was a model of modesty and contentment (Acts 20:33-35), and he calls believers to the same modest lifestyle (1 Timothy 2:9; Hebrews 13:5).

But what about 2 Corinthians 8:9, where the Apostle Paul says, *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich?"*

Prosperity Gospel teachers love to point this text out, so we need to consider it carefully. First, we should notice that Paul is speaking here about giving away wealth and possessions, not about receiving them. He highlights the example of Macedonians who were generous even though they were poor. Second, the wealth that Paul is speaking about is the wealth of spiritual blessings, the kind of riches that he speaks about in Ephesians 1, where he says that we have been blessed in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3), which he also calls *"the riches of God's grace"* (Ephesians 1:7).

The gospel of Jesus Christ is not that Jesus has come to give us lots of money and possessions, to bless our greed, or to allow us to live healthy, wealthy lives on earth.

The good news of the Gospel is that Jesus has come and paid the penalty for our sins, sins like greed and envy.

Our Lord Jesus Christ suffered on the cross and died because God the Father is terribly angry with these sins. It is only when we repent of these sins and believe in Christ's atoning sacrifice for us that God the Father forgives our sins and receives us as His children. And those who love Christ, really love HIM, and Him alone, are willing to give up earthly riches, fame, and even good health in order to serve the Kingdom of Christ and bring glory to God.

So, is the Prosperity Gospel biblical?

No. The Prosperity Gospel has much more to do with greed, materialism, and idolatry than it does with gospel of Jesus Christ, and those who promote it are promoting demonic lies that lead many astray from the true riches of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Ryan deJonge



The Reformed Churches Bible College



The Reformed Churches Bible College (RCBC) is near Port Moresby at 14 mile along the Sogeri Road. The College was established in 2006 for those interested in learning more about Reformed, Biblical theology and becoming leaders within the church. It offers a two-year Certificate Program and upon successful completion of this program, a three year Diploma Program.

Certificate program courses include: *Through the Word, Christian Doctrine, Teaching Techniques, Children's Ministry, Public Speaking, Missions, Marriage and Family life, Churches in PNG, Church History, English and others.* An important part of the program is to encourage students to apply spiritual truths they learn to their lives. **The Diploma program** is an intensive program that prepares students for pastoral ministry. This is for men who wish to become ministers of the Word within the Reformed Churches in PNG. Students will be expected to complete assignments and work with in the churches as part of their studies.

Fees for single students – K700/year + 10 days of work at the college. For married students with families – K900/year + 10 days of work at the college.

Children: Under 2 free, 2-10 K50/child, 11 and up K100/child

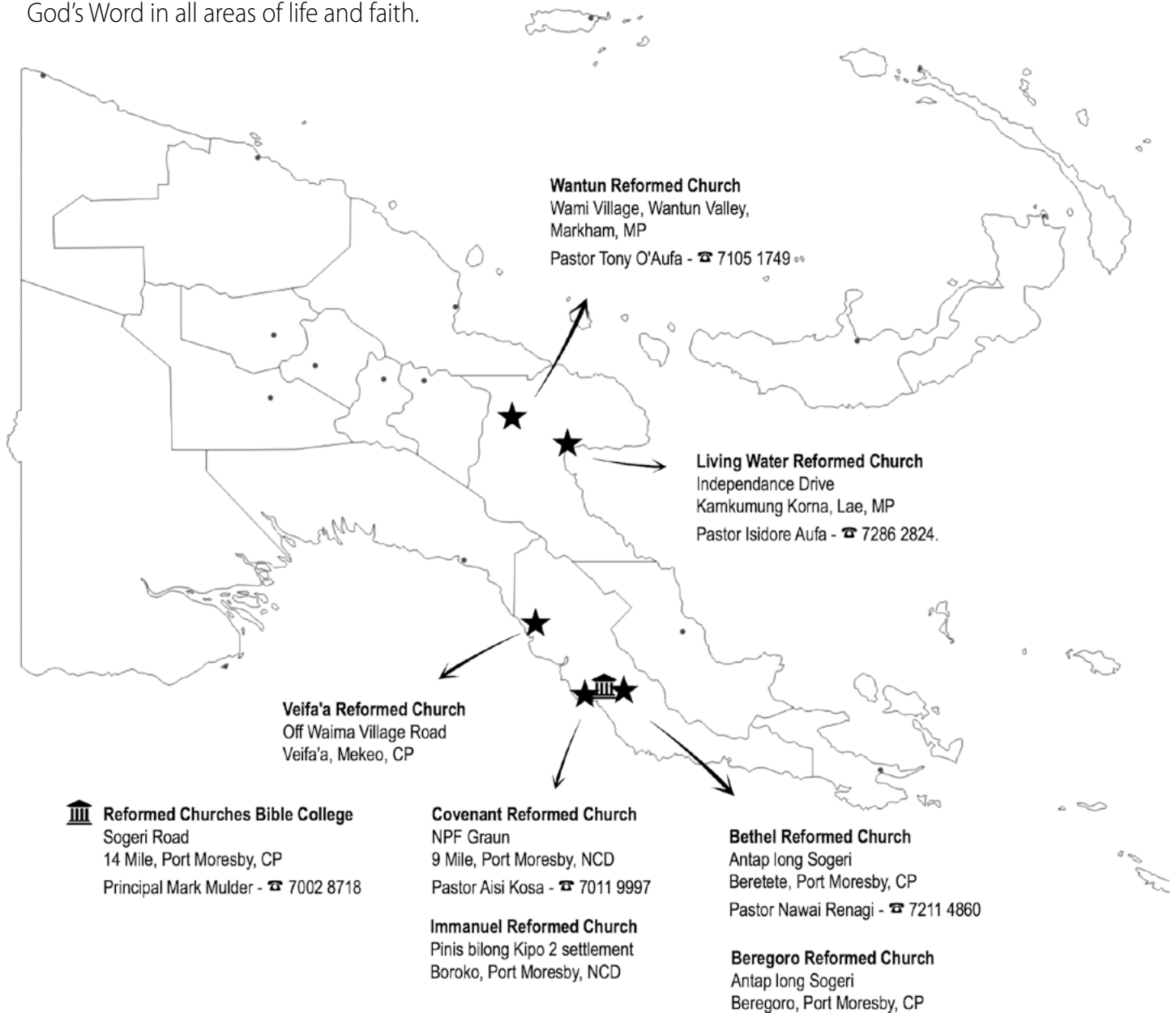
If you are interested in receiving the student handbook, an application form (which are due early November), or if you have further questions, please contact the Principal either by letter, email or phone (details on back page).

Reformed Sios i Stap Long Wanem Hap?

The Reformed Churches of PNG is a small denomination with churches in NCD, Central and Morobe Province. These churches have their roots in the Protestant Reformation in the 16th Century and are linked to Reformed Churches all around the world.

We desire to spread the truth of God's Word throughout every province of Papua New Guinea.

The word 'reformed' points to the fact that these churches always seek to go back to the truth revealed in God's Word in all areas of life and faith.



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