

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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# REPENT AND BE BAPTISTS: ~ A PARODY ~

(Parody: a humorous or satirical imitation of a serious piece of literature or writing)

The following Scriptures are for Progressive Church of Christ and Christian Church change agents who want to be more Evangelically oriented! These Scripture labels are available to be cut out and placed in your Bible **OVER** the Scriptures referred to.

## By Doing This, You Will No Longer Suffer the Complaints Such as These:

- "You think you are the only ones going to Heaven!"
- "The idea of the Restoration plea of speaking as the oracles of God and calling things by Bible names and other such pleas, are divisive!"
- "Your people are hung up on Baptism!"
- → "Your ideas of the "One Church" is arrogant and belittling to other sincere people!"

## Here is your chance to show that you are Loving, Open-minded, and Have Tolerance!

Rest assured that most of the Bible Colleges and Universities of the brotherhood approve these new translations and are turning out many students who hold to these new translations in their heart.

#### YOU CAN EXPECT:

More invitations to speak at conventions, rallies and camps if you offer these invitations to those you hope to win!

#### THESE NEW NON-SECTARIAN SCRIPTURES WILL:

Make your church grow and broaden your opportunities to preach on majors instead of minors.

We've "watered down" baptism (pardon the pun) so we can reach more people with the Good News of the Gospel. Jesus wants men to confess they are sinners and he wants to come into people's hearts.

What better way can we get men and women, boys and girls, than to tell them this and then we can BAPTIZE them AFTER we get them SAVED.

Following are some Scripture Labels you may use:

"19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, having them say the Sinner's prayer and asking Jesus into their heart in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you always, even until the end of the world."

--Matthew 28:19-20

"He that says the Sinner's Prayer and asks Jesus into his heart shall be saved, and he that asketh not shall be damned."

--Mark 16:16

"37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Say the Sinner's Prayer every one of you and ask Jesus into your hearts for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

--Acts 2:37-38

"Then they that gladly received his word said the Sinner's Prayer and asked Jesus into their hearts: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

--Acts 2:41

"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and say the Sinner's Prayer asking Jesus into your heart, calling on the name of the Lord."

--Acts 22:16

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man say the Sinner's Prayer and asks Jesus into his heart he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

--John 3:5

"The like figure whereunto even the Sinner's Prayer doth also now save us (and by asking Him into ones heart one receives a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

--I Peter 3:21

47 Can any man forbid these to say the Sinner's Prayer and ask Jesus into his heart, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to say the Sinner's Prayer and ask Jesus into their hearts. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days."

--Acts 10:47-48

"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they said the Sinner's Prayer and asked Jesus into their hearts, both men and women."

--Acts 8:12

"Then Simon himself also said the Sinner's Prayer and when he asked Jesus into his heart, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done."

--Acts 8:13

"3 Know ye not, that so many of us that said the Sinner's Prayer and asked Jesus into our hearts entered into his death? 4 Therefore we entered into His death with him by the Sinner's Prayer: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

--Romans 6:3-4

"17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have said the Sinner's Prayer and asked Jesus into your hearts as was delivered unto you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

--Romans 6:17-18

"12 Having said the Sinner's Prayer, ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses when you asked Jesus into your heart;"

--Colossians 2:12-13

"One Lord, one faith, one Sinner's Prayer,

--Ephesians 4:5

"And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing said the Sinner's Prayer and asked Jesus into their hearts."

--Acts 18:8

### Before you use the above labels to replace the original Scriptures, note the following quotes from the "Pagan Christianity"...

"In our day, the "sinner's prayer" has replaced the role of water baptism as the initial confession of faith. Unbelievers are told, 'Say this prayer after me, accept Jesus as your personal Savior, and you will be saved.' But nowhere in all the New Testament do we find any person being led to the Lord by a sinner's prayer. And there is not the faintest whisper in the Bible about a 'personal' Savior. Instead, unbelievers in the first century were led to Jesus Christ by being taken to the waters of baptism. Put another way, water baptism was the sinner's prayer in century one! Baptism accompanied the acceptance of the Gospel.

For example, when Lydia heard Paul preach the Gospel, she believed and was immediately baptized with her household (Acts 16:14-15). In the same way, when Paul led the Philippian Jailer and his household to the Lord, they were immediately baptized (Acts 16:30-33). This was the New Testament pattern (see also Acts 2:41; 8:12, 35-37).

Baptism marked a complete break with the past and a full entrance into Christ and His Church, Baptism was simultaneously an act of faith as well as an expression of faith."

"As stated earlier, the sinner's prayer eventually replaced the biblical role of water baptism. Though it is touted as gospel today, this prayer developed only recently. D. L. Moody was the first to employ it. Moody used this 'model' for prayer when training his evangelistic coworkers. But it did not reach popular usage until the 1950's with Billy Graham's 'Peace with God' tract and later with Campus Crusade for Christ's 'Four Spiritual Laws'."

(Note these last quotes are from "Pagan Christianity" by Frank Viola and George Barna [Tyndale House] pages 189-190.)