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# Deception in the Church

False Doctrines of the Faith Movement

# Demotion of Jesus Christ

the “born again” Redeemer

**Ken Copeland:** Jesus has not remained the same, he has changed. (What Happened From the Cross to the Throne, Tape #00-0303)

**Charles Capps :** "The sinless son of God **became as a serpent** that He might swallow up all evil....If you will behold what happened when the sin offering was made and the fact that Jesus became a serpent upon the pole, it will change your life. . . . **Jesus died spiritually**, not for any of His own sin! He became the serpent on the pole, the snake on the ground, in the Old Testament type." (Authority in Three Worlds, 177, 166-67.)

**Paul E. Billheimer :** "The Father turned Him over, not only to the agony and death of Calvary, but to the **satanic torturers** of His pure spirit as part of the just dessert of the sin of all the race. As long as Christ was 'the essence of sin' **He was at Satan's mercy** in that place of torment. . . .While Christ identified with sin, **Satan and the hosts of hell** ruled over Him as over any lost sinner. During that seemingly endless age in the nether abyss of death, **Satan did with Him as he would, and all hell was 'in carnival.'** " (Destined for the Throne, special edition for TBN [Fort Washington, PA: Christian Literature Crusade])

**Kenneth Copeland :** "He [Jesus] is suffering all that there is to suffer. There is no suffering left apart from Him. His emaciated, poured out, **little, wormy spirit is down in the bottom of that thing [hell]**. And the Devil thinks he's got Him destroyed." ("Believer's Voice of Victory" program [21 April 1991]. This message was originally delivered at the Full Gospel Motorcycle Rally Association Rally at Eagle Mountain Lake, Texas.)

## Heretical Doctrines About Jesus Christ

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**Ken Copeland**: **Jesus has a beginning and an end**. (What Happened From the Cross to the Throne, Tape #00-0303)

**E.W. Kenyon** : "Jesus was conceived without sin. His body was not mortal. **His body did not become mortal until the Father laid our sin nature upon Him when He hung on the cross**. (What Happened from the Cross to the Throne [Lynnwood, WA: Kenyon's Gospel Publishing Society, 1969], 20, 33, 44-45.)

## Jesus Was Born Again in Hell

**Kenneth Copeland** : "That Word of the living God went down into that pit of destruction and charged the spirit of Jesus with resurrection power! Suddenly His **twisted, death-wracked spirit** began to fill out and come back to life. He began to look like something the devil had never seen before." ("The Price of it All," Believer's Voice of Victory 19)

**Kenneth Copeland** : "**He [Jesus] was literally being reborn before the devil's very eyes.** He began to flex His spiritual muscles. . . . Jesus was born again--**the firstborn from the dead** the Word calls Him--and **He whipped the devil in his own backyard.** He took everything he had away from him. He took his keys and his authority away from him." (Ibid., 4-6.)

**Kenneth E. Hagin** : "Every man who has been born again is an incarnation and Christianity is a miracle. **The believer is as much an incarnation as was Jesus of Nazareth.**" ("The Incarnation," The Word of Faith 13, 12 [December 1980]:14; cf. E.W. Kenyon, The Father and His Family, 100.)

**Ken Copeland**: **Jesus was reborn in the pits of hell.** (What Happened From the Cross to the Throne, Tape #00-0303)

**Joyce Meyer**: "**There is no hope of anyone going to heaven unless they believe this truth I am presenting. You cannot go to heaven unless you believe with all your heart that Jesus took your place in hell**" (p. 37).. [The Most Important Decision You Will Ever Make, Booklet, 1991 edition]

## Main points

- 1) Man was transformed from divine to demonic through the fall. This spiritual death that he fell into was **not a condition of separation from God but in actual fact a new nature or spirit principle infused by the Devil**. Thus to the faith movement spiritual death means having Satan's nature.
- 2) Each **man inherited the nature of Satan** by birth into this world.
- 3) Man took on the nature of Satan and also **transferred his legal authority over the earth to Satan**.
- 4) Satan **legally became the god of this world** and the master of all its inhabitants. Adam committed "high treason" by transferring his God-given rights to Satan.
- 5) In order **for God to redeem man** He needs to **take the sin-nature of the Devil upon Himself** and **pay a ransom to the Devil as the new legal owner of man**. Thus God has to submit Himself to punishment in hell and so take upon Himself the punishment that is due to man. **The substitutionary death is taken to mean that the Messiah** had to take upon Himself the nature of the Devil, be legally thrown into hell for being a sinner and be punished and tortured in hell as a sinner. **Christ died twice, first spiritually and then physically**. He now had to suffer the judgment for being a sinner. (It is interesting to note that in the twisted world of the faith movement God is the judge and Satan works for Him in hell as the executer of the divine judgment). The victory in hell now depended on a technicality that the Devil overlooked namely that Christ did not literally sin and therefore God could revive Him by the Spirit while He was in Hell. The Messiah slipped into Hell through a technicality and now was able to whip Satan in his own backyard by the power of the Spirit.
- 6) The moment the Spirit moves on the **Messiah in hell He is in actual fact reborn** and now takes on the new divine nature of God. The redemptive power of the Messiah thus lies in the mystery of Him dying spiritually and taking on the nature of Satan and then being reborn in hell by the power of the Spirit.

## Refutation

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

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

The declaration that he was made “sin” (*ἁμαρτίαν* hamartian) **does not mean that he was sin itself, or a sinner, or guilty,** it mean that **he was a sin-offering** - an offering or a sacrifice for sin.

Heb 9:12 He went once for all into the [*Holy of*] Holies [*of heaven*], not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves [*by which to make reconciliation between God and man*], **but His own blood**, having found *and* secured a **complete redemption** (an everlasting release for us).

Heb 9:14 How much more surely shall **the blood of Christ**, Who by virtue of [*His*] eternal Spirit [*His own pre-existent divine personality*] has **offered Himself as an unblemished sacrifice to God**, purify our consciences from dead works *and* lifeless observances to serve the [*ever*] living God?

1Pe 3:18 For Christ [*the Messiah Himself*] died for sins once for all, **the Righteous for the unrighteous** (the Just for the unjust, the **Innocent for the guilty**), that He might bring us to God. In His human body He was put to death, but He was made alive in the spirit,

1Pe 3:19 In which He went and preached to the spirits in prison,

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has made to light upon Him **the guilt and iniquity of us all**. [1Pe 2:24-25]

Isa 53:10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief *and* made Him sick. When You *and* He **make His life an offering for sin**

Hell not occupied yet

Mat 25:41 Then He will say to those at His left hand, Begone from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire **prepared for the devil and his angels!**

## Death and Separation

Rom 6:23 For the **wages which sin pays is death**, but the [*bountiful*] free gift of God is eternal life through (in union with) Jesus Christ our Lord.

Col 1:21 And although you at one time were estranged *and* alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities,

Col 1:22 Yet now has [*Christ, the Messiah*] **reconciled** [*you to God*] in the body of His flesh **through death**, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His [*the Father's*] presence.

Mar 15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?--which means, My God, My God, **why have You forsaken Me** [*deserting Me and leaving Me helpless and abandoned*]? [Psa 22:1]

[Eph 4:8](#) Therefore it is said, When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive [*He led a train of vanquished foes*] and He bestowed gifts on men. [[Psa 68:18](#)]

[Eph 4:9](#) [*But He ascended?*] Now what can this, He ascended, mean but that He had previously descended from [*the heights of*] heaven into [*the depths*], **the lower parts of the earth?**

[Php 2:8](#) And after He had appeared in human form, He abased *and* humbled Himself [*still further*] and **carried His obedience to the extreme of death**, even the death of the cross!

[Col 1:18](#) He also is the Head of [*His*] body, the church; seeing He is the Beginning, the **Firstborn from among the dead**, so that He alone in everything *and* in every respect might occupy the chief place [*stand first and be preeminent*].

[1Ti 2:5](#) For there [*is only*] one God, and [*only*] **one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,**

## Concept of the New-birth

[Joh 3:3](#) Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is **born again** (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God.

## In Conclusion

- The blasphemous rendering of the atonement forms an integral part of the foundation for the little gods theory. **Since Christ was reborn in hell and thereby overcame the enemy, man also becomes divine when he is born again by the nature of God – he is therefore equal with Christ and indeed a little god.**
- The faith movement has a Satan-ward view of redemption flowing from the idea that Satan had a legal ownership of man and that a ransom consequently had to be paid to him to redeem man.
- **Satan maintains dominion over man through accusation, deception, enslavement to sin, fear of death and the power of death – his is a usurped authority.**

# Demotion of God

Deification of Satan

**Kenneth Copeland** : "I was shocked when I found out who **the biggest failure in the Bible actually is....The biggest one is God**....I mean, He lost His top-ranking, most anointed angel; the first man He ever created; the first woman He ever created; the whole earth and all the Fullness therein; a third of the angels, at least--that's a big loss, man. . . . Now, the reason you don't think of God as a failure is **He never said He's a failure**. And you're not a failure till you say you're one." ("Praise-a-Thon" program on TBN.)

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**Frederick K.C. Price** : "**God can't do anything in this earth realm except what we, the body of Christ, allow Him to do**. TBN, audiotape #PR11.) Cf. chapter 6, 85.

**Ken Copeland**: Satan wanted God to interject Himself into the world, **which would be illegal**, then Satan could turn God's light out. (What Happened From the Cross to the Throne, Tape #00-0303)

**Ken Copeland**: When Adam originally sinned **he gave his god nature to Satan**. **God could not intervene since He had made Adam the god of the earth**. God was left on the outside looking in. (Following the Faith of Abraham; Tape #01-3001)

## Refutation

**Psa 24:1** A Psalm of David. THE EARTH is the Lord's, and the fullness of it, the world and they who dwell in it. [1Co 10:26]

## Three words for “world”

### Aion

2Co 4:4 In whom the **god of this world** (aion) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

### 2Co 4:4

The **god of this world** (*ho theos tou aiōnos toutou*). “Age,” more exactly, as in 1Co 1:20. Satan is “**the god of this age**,” a phrase nowhere else in the N.T., but Jesus uses the same idea in Joh 12:31; Joh 14:30 and Paul in Eph 2:2; Eph 6:12 and John in 1Jo 5:19

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world (aion), against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

## Kosmos

Joh 12:31 Now<sup>G3568</sup> is<sup>G2076</sup> the judgment<sup>G2920</sup> of this<sup>G5127</sup> world:<sup>G2889</sup> now<sup>G3568</sup> shall the<sup>G3588</sup> prince<sup>G758</sup> of this<sup>G5127</sup> world<sup>G2889</sup> (Kosmos) be cast<sup>G1544</sup> out.<sup>G1854</sup>

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Κόσμος – kosmos- world

Thayer Definition:

- 1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, **government**
- 2) the **ungodly multitude**; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ
- 3) **world affairs**, the aggregate of things earthly
- 3a) the whole circle of **earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures**, etc, which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ

**Used 187 times and refers to a world-system under the power or influence of Satan.**

## Oikoumenei

Mat 24:14 And<sup>G2532</sup> this<sup>G5124</sup> gospel<sup>G2098</sup> of the<sup>G3588</sup> kingdom<sup>G932</sup> shall be preached<sup>G2784</sup> in<sup>G1722</sup> all<sup>G3650</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> world<sup>G3625</sup> (**oikoumenei**) for<sup>G1519</sup> a witness<sup>G3142</sup> unto all<sup>G3956</sup> nations;<sup>G1484</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> then<sup>G5119</sup> shall the<sup>G3588</sup> end<sup>G5056</sup> come.<sup>G2240</sup>

## G3625

οἰκουμένη- oikoumenē- world

### Thayer Definition:

1) the **inhabited earth**

1a) the portion of the earth inhabited by the Greeks, in distinction from the lands of the barbarians

1b) the Roman empire, all the subjects of the empire

1c) the whole **inhabited earth**, the world

1d) the **inhabitants of the earth, men**

Luk 4:5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms (Basileia) of the world (kosmos) in a moment of time.

Luk 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

## Basileia

### Βασιλεία- kingdoms

#### Thayer Definition:

1) royal power, kingship, dominion, rule

1a) not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom

1b) of the royal power of Jesus as the triumphant Messiah

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, (Kosmos) according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

It is clear that Satan rules over systems and men who walk according to the flesh and ungodly nature. Satan does not own the earth but is a dark ruler over those who reject the true God. He knows how to use what is in the world to bewitch men and keep their focus off eternal matters.

Job 1:9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

Job 1:10 **Hast not thou made an hedge about him**, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Job 1:11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

**Job 1:12** And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

**If God had no rights on the earth how could He banish man from the garden, destroy man in the flood confuse the language in Babel and do natural wonders in the old Testament?**

## God as man

Ken Copeland: God is approximately 6'2" to 6'3" tall. (Spirit, Soul, and Body; Tape #01-0601)

Ken Copeland: God weighs approximately 200 lbs. (Spirit, Soul, and Body; Tape #01-0601)

Isa 40:12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, marked off the heavens with a [nine-inch] span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

This verse is wrenched out of context to mean that God is the size of a six foot human being and has a span of nine inches.

What is actually conveyed here is the fact that **he measures out the vast expanse of the heavens as easy as a man would measure a piece of cloth with his hand.**

[Dan 4:34](#) And at the end of the days [seven years], I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding and the right use of my mind returned to me; and I blessed the Most High [God] and I praised and honored and glorified Him Who lives forever, Whose dominion is an everlasting dominion; and His kingdom endures from generation to generation.

[Dan 4:35](#) And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing. And He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay His hand or say to Him, What are You doing?

The eternal God does not need to negotiate with one of His creatures or wait for the right confession or permission to gain access to His creation.

There are many peculiar ideas and practices in the Faith theology, but what merits it the label of heresy are the following:

- its deistic view of God, who must dance to men's attempts to manipulate the spiritual laws of the universe;
  - its demonic view of Christ, who was filled with "the Satanic nature" and must be "born again in hell";
  - its gnostic view of revelation, which demands denial of the physical senses and classifies Christians by their willingness to do so; and
  - its metaphysical view of salvation, which deifies man and spiritualizes the atonement, locating it in hell rather than on the cross, thereby subverting the crucial biblical belief that it is Christ's physical death and shed blood, which alone atone for sin.
- All four of these heresies may be accounted for by Kenyon's syncretism of metaphysical thought with traditional biblical doctrine