

Review: Ray Comfort, *God Has a Wonderful Plan for Your Life: The Myth of the Modern Message*, Living Waters Publications, Bellflower, CA, 2010

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Strong on Doctrine, Weak on Scripture

This book brings to light the almost-unbelievable statistics about ‘Christian’ morality such as regularly visiting porn sites and abortion approval, also the shocking numbers of those permanently leaving whatever they thought was Christianity by age eighteen (88%).

Through the lens of Biblical prophecy none of this should be surprising:

“Let no man deceive you by any means: *for that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;”

II Thessalonians 2.3, Authorized Version

The author gets it right regarding preaching of the law before giving the gospel, however, the ‘scriptures’ used are taken from many bibles like the corrupted Amplified and the New King James, as opposed to the standard Authorized Version (AV).

It is no coincidence that this modern day falling-away has coincided with the explosion of English bible versions, leading many to question what the words of God really are, can they be trusted, and where they can be found. Interestingly, the giants of the faith referenced to are mostly from the 17th-19th centuries, when only one Bible was widely in use in the English-speaking West, i.e., the AV.

Foreword (pp. 5-7)

I) Phenomenal Growth (pp. 9-19)

45% of Christians believe gambling is acceptable, 33% think it's acceptable to kill a baby in the womb.

30% pastors have viewed porn in the last thirty days.

80-90% of decision-makers for Christ fall away quickly.

II) The Way Out off Problems? (pp. 21-32)

Per tradition:

-Philip was crucified in Phrygia, AD54

-Matthew was beheaded in Ethiopia, AD60

-Barnabas was burnt to death in Cyprus, AD64

-Mark was dragged to death in Alexandria, AD64

-Paul was beheaded in Rome, AD66

-Andrew was crucified in Achaia, AD70

-Thomas was speared to death in Calamina, AD70

-Luke was hanged in Athens, AD93

171,000 Christians are martyred annually for their faith.

Understandably, the lost only think of the here and now.

III) The Happiness Dilemma (pp. 33-44)

Unsaved 'Christians' simply bring their sins into the Church, wearing out pastors, tying up labourers, and bringing disrepute to the gospel.

IV) The Lost Key (pp. 45-56)

V) Making Grace Amazing (pp. 57-68)

The reality is that man has a God-shaped hole in his head.

“We must let Moses send us to Christ”.

VI) The Motive and the Result (pp. 69-82)

At a 1990 crusade, 600 decisions for Christ completely vanished after 90 days.

Between 1995 and 2005, AOG churches reported 5,339,144 decisions, which translated to only 221,790 Church attendees.

Statistics evidence an 84-97% fall-away rate.

VI) What Did Jesus Do? (pp. 83-98)

VII) Raiders of the Contents of the Lost Ark (pp. 99-108)

Appendix) For My Campus Crusade Friends (pp. 109-124)

Across 42 months of public ministry, Jesus spoke about hell 33 times.