

“THE GOD I KNOW...”



Masters at Rationalization

God clarifies the issue! Psalm 50:16-23

- *“What right do you have to declare My statutes?”
50:16*
- You hate instruction and cast off My word, *50:17*
- You consent with & practice sin upon sin, *50:18-20*
- *“You thought that I was altogether like you!” 50:21*
- Punishment or reward: *It's your choice!* *50:21-23*



Remaking God in Our Image

Romans 1:20-25, 28

- *“The God I know” ... “My God”*
- The God of the Bible debunks the false hopes of all the false gods we invent in our minds
- We must listen to and obey the word of the true God
 - Not the false words of the false gods we make in our own image



*“...will save me without being baptized
(John 3:16).”*

The God I Know...

- “Thief on the cross was not baptized!” *(Luke 5:24)*
- Thief was not commanded by Jesus to be baptized...
you are! *Luke 6:46 (Hebrews 9:16-17)*
- **God of the Bible:** Water baptism is essential for
salvation, *Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:37-38; 1 Pet. 3:21*



“...wants me to worship Him with instruments of music.”

The God I Know...

- *God of the Bible: SING*—*Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16*
- How do you know what God wants? (*1 Cor. 2:10-11*)
- Who are you to add to God’s word? *Rev. 22:18*
- Who are you to define true worship? *John 4:23-24*



“...would not expect me to give up all the fun things of life to follow Him.”

The God I Know...

- Things like social drinking, gambling, dancing, fornication, immodest clothing and conduct...
- Who is defining your “fun?”
2 Timothy 3:4; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 John 2:15-17
- *God of the Bible: KILL THE FLESH, Col. 3:5-10*



*“...would not send good people to hell.”
(Religious, moral, kind, charitable...)*

The God I Know...

- Who is defining “good”? *Hebrews 13:20-21*
- All have sinned, and all who are in sin are lost,
Romans 3:9-12, 23; 6:23
- **God of the Bible: Sent His Son to save “good”
people, too!** *Mk. 10:17-22; Acts 10:1-6, 22; 11:14*



“...will save me in spite of my sin.”

The God I Know...

- *God of the Bible*: *Will not save in spite of sin!*
- “Continual cleansing” error says grace will save you even as you sin, *Romans 6:1-2, 15*
 - Grace greater than sin does not teach us to keep on sinning, *Romans 5:20-21; Titus 2:11-13*



“...will save me even in doctrinal error.”

The God I Know...

- *God of the Bible: No, He will not!*
- Our doctrine cannot contradict Christ's doctrine, *Romans 6:17-18*
- We do not have God when we go beyond the doctrine of Christ, *2 John 9-11 (Acts 2:42)*



“...would not expect me to end my marriage to be right with Him.”

The God I Know...

- **God of the Bible: He already has!**

Ezra 9:1-2, 13-15; 10:1-4, 10-12 (44)

- Men approve many marriages Jesus says are adultery, *Mark 6:17-18; Luke 16:18; Matthew 19:9*

Those who accept the teaching of Jesus will, if necessary, become eunuchs for salvation, Matthew 19:10-12



Acts 17:30-31

The God I Know

- The God we know must be the *God of the Bible*
- We must not become *idolaters* by trusting in a false god to save us!
- Idolaters worship false gods and are warned to repent and prepare for judgment, *Psalm 50:22-23*

