



To Each One *The Heart of An Apostle*

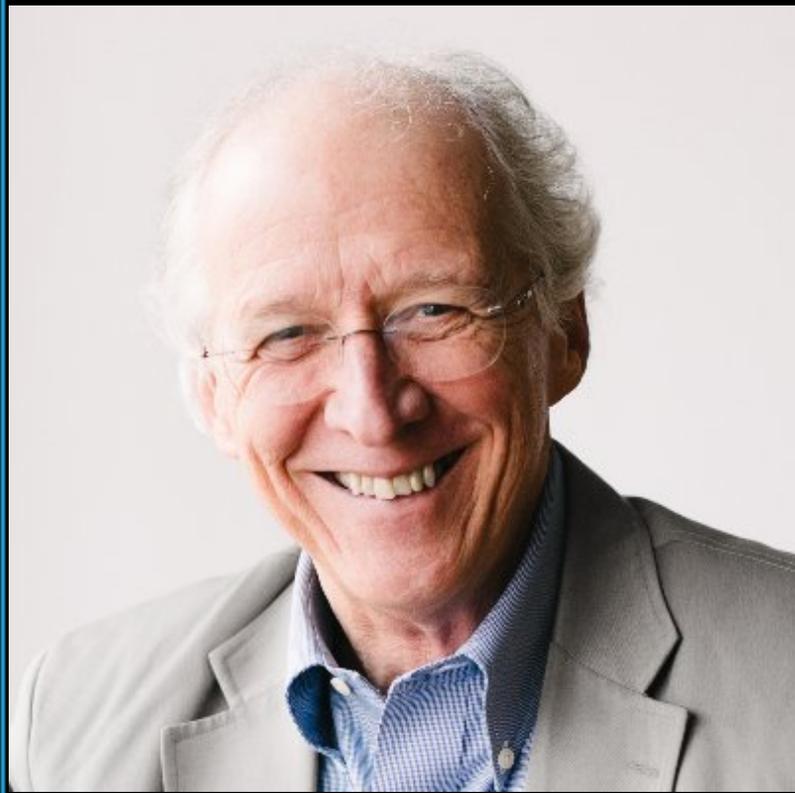
Acts 20

2 Corinthians 5:14, 20

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.





John Piper

“Where a person or group is not spreading the gospel, they are losing their grasp on what it actually is.”



Philemon 6

I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.







Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey





Acts 8:18-38



Summary of Gnostic Beliefs

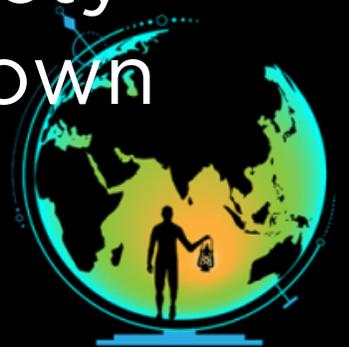
1. Gnosis means “to know” (or knowledge).
2. Matter (and all that is physical) is inferior and evil. Only the spiritual is good.
3. God is unknowable, and an evil, lesser god created the material world.
4. Jesus was not a physical being (or else only temporarily).
5. Salvation (from the evil, material world) is through secret, hidden knowledge.



“In the Gnostic worldview, the material world is essentially evil. As a result, all the so-called ‘natural’ distinctions in the world—for example the difference between male and female, or the notion of there being a natural order to human sexual relations—are at best an illusion, and at worst, corrupted deceptions.

All that belongs to the ‘outer’ world of society and religion, indeed the outer world of your own body - is all irrelevant and deceptive.”

- N.T. Wright



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- 4) Being human means creating your own identity even if it means erasing the identity given to you.





Acts 20:32

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Acts 20:33-35

³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."



Romans 7:8

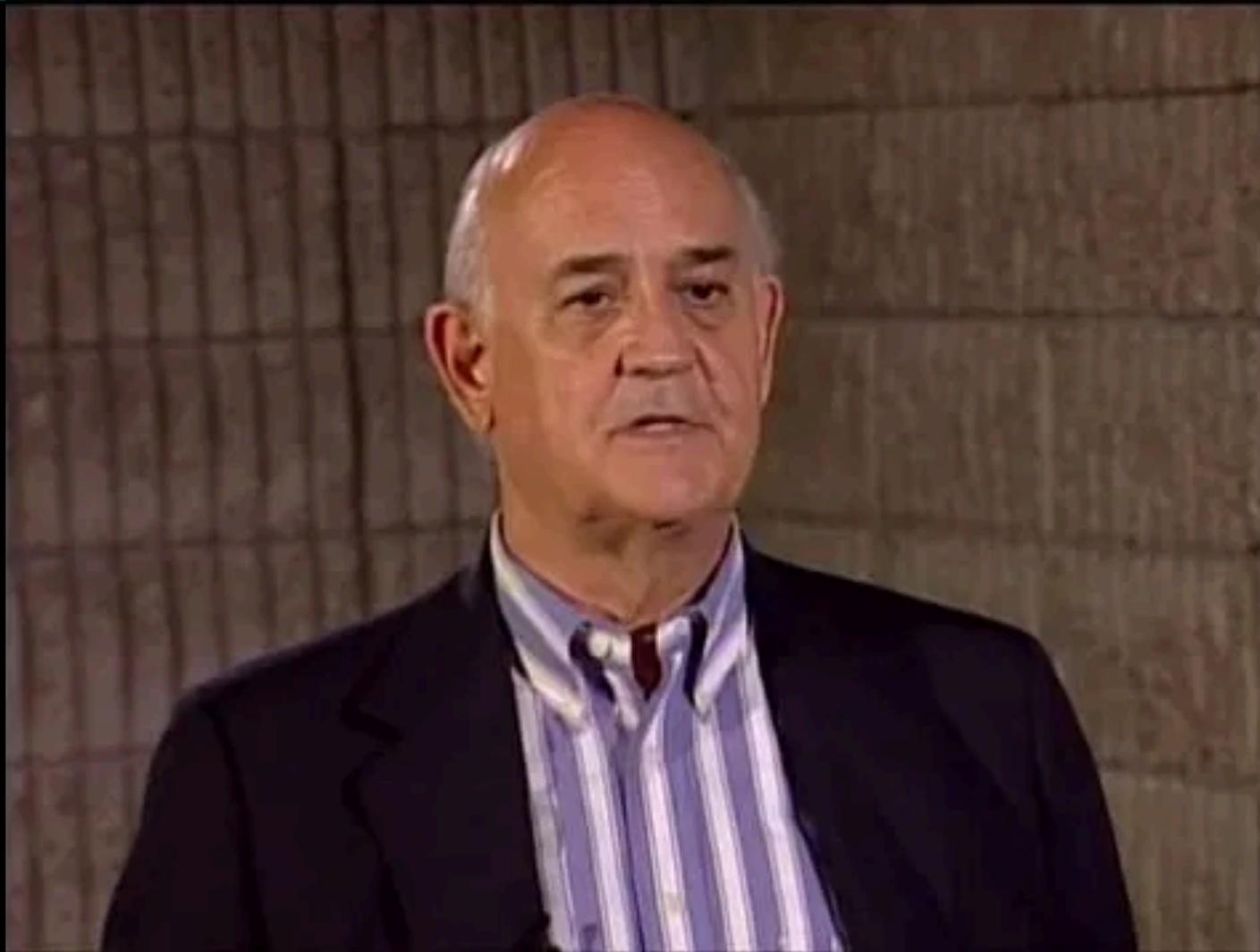
But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness.



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Mike Quarles



1 Corinthians 15:56

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.



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Romans 6:6-7

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin.



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Romans 6:11

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



Ephesians 2:6

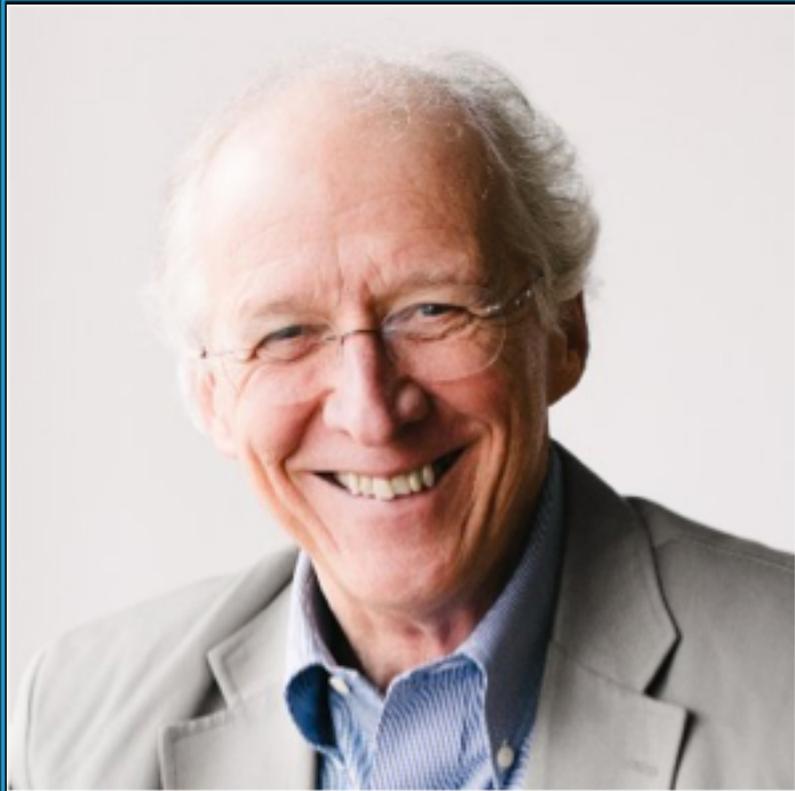
...and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,



Galatians 5:1

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.





John Piper

“Christian, you are objectively a new creation. God did that!

The command and the confirmation is now: Put it on! Put it on! Like a uniform bearing the insignia of the cross.”



1 Corinthians 1:30

And because of [God] you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . sanctification.



Acts 20:24

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.



Revelation 2:2-3 (Church of Ephesus)

“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.” - *Jesus*



Revelation 2:4 (Church of Ephesus)

But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.



