**Satan** has *used* **RELIGION** to *deceive* the *world*.

Satan loves to be worshiped. But most people are not comfortable worshiping dark, creepy, and evil things.

**Satan knows** that *IF* you are not worshiping God, *THEN* you have chosen *EVIL*. And because the *LEADER* of the EVIL side *is Satan*, he gets to **claim** the worship that **rightfully** belongs to God.

You might be religious. And because you go to church, you think you are worshiping God...

But there are 3 major beliefs in some Churches that prevent people from being saved. Works, Sin, and Idolatry!

Shame on those Churches and their leaders! They should know better!

Once saved, ALWAYS SAVED (no matter where they go to church). Sealed by the Holy Spirit IS FOREVER! BUT these things can give OTHER PEOPLE the FALSE idea that they will go to heaven without trusting Jesus (and the sacrifice He made) and cause THEM to NOT become Saved!

## **WORKS**

If you believe that anything you do (giving money, helping old ladies across the street) is good enough to get you into heaven, you have basically told Jesus that what He suffered was not good enough to cover all of your sins.

You are, in effect, rejecting the finished work that Jesus did when He came to live and die sinless so He could be JUDGED in YOUR place for YOUR SINS and ERASE them ALL.

Rejecting Jesus is not going to save you.

### SIN

**God HATES sin**. He does not *Get You.* **God** is *HOLY*. He is NOT OK with your sin because **He knows the evil** that comes from *SIN*.

He wants you to turn to Him. Turn away from your sins and realize that they are not *OK*.

# (SIN continued)

Acknowledge the Sin.

Agree that IT IS wrong.

But as long as you think that

**He** *Gets You*, you are not turning away from your sin.

Instead, you are trying to bring **God** out of **HIS HOLINESS** to accept your sin.

THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN!

Leaders of some churches, who are influenced by Satan, coddle you into believing that God accepts you as you are with your sins.

**BUT as long as you are** still getting pleasure from your sins *AND* **thumbing your nose at God**, you are not sorry for sinning against Him.

Not sorry at all. How *can* you be forgiven for something you are *NOT* even sorry for?

#### **IDOLATRY**

If you hold anything or anyone
— including Mary — IN THE SAME OR
HIGHER regard than Jesus, THEN you
are not worshiping the God of the Bible.

And since you ARE worshiping something... AGAIN, Satan gets to claim the worship that SHOULD rightfully belong to God.

## About **Mary** (and **Peter**)

We believe that both **Mary** the mother of **Jesus** and **Simon Peter** loved, **respected**, and **worshiped Jesus** for the Lord, Savior, King, and **God that He is**.

Nowhere in the Bible does it tell us that Mary or Simon Peter asked to be held in the idolized positions that MAN has lifted them to.

We **love** and **respect** Mary and Simon Peter and hold them in the **SAME REGARD** as **ALL believers**.

...whatever you do, DO IT ALL for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV

Consider yourself **a follower of Jesus** and **keep it simple.**It is still ok to call yourself a **Christian**.

WE DO.

But WE are **not religious!** 

We believe all Scripture — as

originally written — is inspired of
God and accept it as final authority in
all matters of doctrine and practice.

But there have been many translations
and misinterpretations of the Bible.

Use caution. Always ask the Holy
Spirit for guidance when reading
God's word or listening to other
people read it or talk about it.

The Holy Spirit will give you good judgement.

**Warning**: It is our nature to move or LEAN toward religion.

**Because...** it always makes us feel good when we, by our own works, complete all our made—up religious requirements that WE have set and compete with each other when doing so.

We humans like to create our own things that we decide have to be achieved and how they have to be carried out in order to have something to check off and track how wonderful we are and how good we are doing as we are practicing our religion.

This is the **exact opposite** of *what God wants from us.* 

When we practice religion, we end up with " I am better than you" OR " I am angry because you are better than me."

**God is our FATHER.** He does not like it when we *act like that* toward each other.