

Had the fundamental truth of justification been sedulously guarded by the teachers of the earliest centuries, had they "taught the things of the Holy Spirit in the words of the Spirit," had they preserved silence when the apostles preserved silence, and, while refraining from uttering a word as to the immortality of the soul, had insisted on Christ's own teaching on the subject, that to give eternal life is the very object of redemption (John 5:28, 29), a corruption of the subject of justification would have been almost impossible.

For under the correct view of man's mortal condition, justification, or pardon and acceptance with God, is what takes place when a sinner "passes from death unto life," and that change is exclusively the gracious act of God, not the work of mortal man. Since the gift of righteousness is equivalent to the gift of life eternal, and that gift is an act of supernatural grace, there is no room left for the notion that a man can in any way "justify himself" through human effort.

A man can no more work himself up into an immortal condition of "equality with the angels," or make himself a "partaker of the divine nature," than can an ox or donkey work himself up into humanity. Salvation, in the sense of being "saved alive" from death eternal, must be purely "the gift of God." Man can have no share in the moral or physical causes which procure salvation, not in the inception, not in the completion. To live forever is a free gift, bestowed freely on the vilest, needed equally as a free gift by the worthiest of men. This is justification of life.

And if the main doctrine of justification had been preserved, it would have upheld, like the central column of a temple, the entire fabric of evangelical theology. Every other gospel doctrine is derived from it, or rests upon it, or is connected with it in indissoluble unity.

The Bible declares not only that it is through the death of Christ that we are "saved from wrath," but, further, that we are reckoned righteous by believing this truth. Christ's righteousness is reckoned or imputed to us for our justification, and through faith this same righteousness is also imparted to us for purification of our characters. That is, we are regarded by God as being "one" with His Son in righteousness, and therefore as standing before Him clad in the dazzling garments of the First-born from the dead. "This is a mystery," and an idea exceedingly revolting to modern religious philosophy. But it pervades the whole of the New Testament.

Edward White, *Life in Christ*

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# Bread from on High

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## Hands Across the Gulf by A.T. Jones American Sentinel, December 8, 1892

That the "evangelical" churches of the United States have taken possession of the governmental authority of the United States, is plain to every one who will candidly consider the subject. That they purpose to keep this power and use it, they have plainly and repeatedly declared.

We are inquiring: What effect will this course have upon the churches, and through them upon the State?

So far, we have found that the effect upon the churches has been, stating it briefly, to commit them to open apostasy from the Lord and from His gospel; to make them the chiefest law-breakers in the Nation, even the destroyers of government itself; and to form them into the grandest system of *bribery* that this Nation ever saw—bribery in politics, bribery in business, and bribery in amusements. And all this, that they may be confirmed in their effort to make void the law of the Most High.

The churches profess that the course which they have taken is essential to the preservation of the State, and in this the salvation of the Nation. What effect, then, can such a course have, and only have?

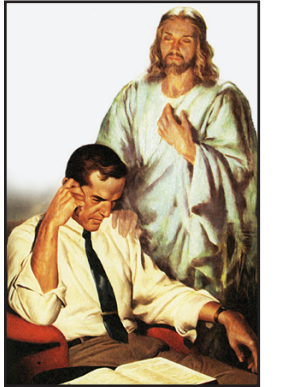
We have before shown how that it was to help her bear an overweight of worldliness and worldly influences, that she grasped the arm of the

State and formed this illicit connection with worldly power. We there pointed out the utter incongruity of seeking deliverance *from* an evil, by a positive alliance *with* the chiefest source of that evil; and how the only effect this could have upon the churches would be infinitely to increase the burden which they already found themselves unable to bear alone. How can *that* save the Nation?

The church of Christ is the divinely-appointed means through which God would call the nations to seek the Lord that they might find Him and be delivered from this present evil world. What, then, when these professed churches of Christ *themselves* seek to the power of this present evil world, join themselves to it, and put their dependence upon it? How can *that* save the Nation?

The church of Christ is the divinely-appointed agency to "persuade men" to join themselves to the Lord: what, then, when these professed churches of Christ *threaten* congressmen in order that they themselves may succeed in joining themselves to the Government? How can *that* preserve the State or save the Nation?

The church of Christ is the divinely-appointed agency to persuade men to send up their petitions to the Lord for help,



and for deliverance from every burden and from every evil: what, then, when the professed churches of Christ themselves send up their petitions to *men*, even though the men be congressmen, and though the petitions be backed up with threats? How can *that* save the Nation?

Both society and the State are already cursed with the insatiable demand for office, or position of trust, in return for political service rendered: what, then, when the *professed* churches of Christ make this the very chosen channel through which they would make successful their aims upon the State? What effect, then, can this have upon society and the State, other than to increase this course even to ruinous depths?

By the enactment of wholesome laws, the people have been doing their best to protect themselves from the rule of the tyrannical spirit of the boycott. But how can the people protect themselves from

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this despotism, when the churches control the law-making power for the general community, and make the boycott in all business relations their chosen means by which to force submission to their will in the local community. What, then, can be the effect of this, other than to so cultivate the spirit of spying and treachery as to destroy mutual confidence and individual integrity; set every man's hand against his neighbor; and fill the land with deceit and violence?

Lawlessness is already so prevalent as almost to threaten the existence of a republican form of government: what, then, when the professed churches of Christ at one leap land themselves in the lead in this, by disregarding the supreme law, overriding the Constitution, and taking the governmental authority out of the hands of the people and into their own lawless hands? In this they have accomplished their long-announced "object" "to

change that feature of our fundamental law" which declares that "governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." But how can *this* preserve the State? How can this save the Nation? What effect indeed can it possibly have other than to produce here that condition of lawlessness and confusion, yet of *ecclesiastical despotism*, that is always created by attempts of the Church to rule the state?

Here, then, are these churches professing to be the churches of Christ, yet having gone away from Him, their rightful Lord, and joined themselves to another; professing to minister the power of God, yet depending upon the power of man; professing to persuade men with the message of justification by faith in Christ, they actually *compel* men by the *condemnation of the law of men*; professing to lead in the way of righteousness, uprightness and sincerity, they actually lead in the way of unrighteousness,

corruption, and deceit; professing themselves to be models of Protestantism, they have actually joined hands with Romanism and follow her customs and require all to receive the signs of her authority.

There is but one thing more that they can possibly do in this direction, and even this they *will do*, that is, enter into alliance with Satanic power itself, by joining hands with Spiritualism. This they will do as certainly as they have done that which they have done already. Then will be completely fulfilled the prophecy which now is but partly fulfilled—Revelation 18:2, 3.

We have already shown how these churches have presented themselves as "a cage of every unclean and hateful bird"; but then the whole of the verse will be fulfilled and the world will hear that cry of the angel of the Lord which comes "mightily with a strong voice saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of

devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."

At the same time there is "heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven and God hath remembered her iniquities." Revelation 18:4, 5.

Thank the Lord, there are yet some of the people of God in these churches. There are yet some Christians there. But they can not remain there much longer without becoming partakers of her sins. They can not stay there much longer and remain Christians. They can not stay there much longer without receiving of her plagues, and of the judgments of God upon her iniquities. ❧

It would be difficult to use language in a looser way than by calling this "a Christian Nation." In all the Nation there is not a single town, nor a village even, in which the people are all Christians. A single family in which all are Christians is seldom found; and individual Christians are not abundant. We do not say these things to find fault; we are simply stating the facts in the case, as every person knows who looks at things as they are. —E.J. Waggoner, *American Sentinel*, April, 1888.

By the decree of enforcing the institution of the Papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with Spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and Republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan, and that the end is near.

*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 451.



Basque Vegetable Rice

Per serving: 206 calories; 5 g fat; 4 g fiber; 35 g carbohydrates; 4 g protein; 0 mg cholesterol; 5 g sugars; 27 mg calcium; 523 mg sodium; 427 mg potassium

## BASQUE VEGETABLE RICE

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (14 oz.) can diced tomatoes
- 1 medium zucchini, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups short-grain brown rice
- 3 cups vegetable broth

1. Heat oil in a heavy skillet over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, and cook, stirring often, until the onion is soft but not browned, about 6 minutes.
2. Add tomatoes, zucchini, bell peppers, paprika, thyme, salt. Bring to a simmer, then cover and cook for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Add rice, stir to coat well with the tomato mixture. Add broth; bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, cover and simmer until rice is tender, about 20 minutes. Serve with crusty whole wheat or rye bread. Serving size = 1 1/3 cups

## Putting Out the Fire

**Understanding inflammation.** If you've ever jammed your finger, scraped your knee, or sprained your ankle, you're already familiar with inflammation. The accompanying redness, swelling, and pain are sure signs that inflammation is taking place. Inflammation is part of your body's response to nearly any type of physical injury. It's one of the ways that your body protects itself, and begins its repair process in rebuilding damaged tissues.

Inflammation is not always as obvious or benign as the above examples. It can silently involve every cell in your body and, over time, negatively affect your health and abilities. A chronic inflammatory state causes irritation to your blood vessels, joint linings, and the lining of your intestines. The results over time are a build up of plaque on the blood vessel walls which narrow the lumen of the blood vessel and restrict blood flow.

Chronic inflammatory response in the joints can cause rheumatoid arthritis. Inflamed intestines can manifest in various ways such as irritable bowel syndrome, inefficient digestion, constipation and/or diarrhea. Heart and vascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and Alzheimer's are all linked to chronic "systemic inflammation."

But if you can't see inflammation inside your body, how do you measure it? The levels of certain chemicals in your blood are known to increase with increased levels of inflammation. These can be tested by your doctor. One of these chemical markers for inflammation is a protein called C-reactive protein (CRP). CRP is often measured in conjunction with other blood tests, and normal values are well established. From a clinical standpoint, a CRP level of less than 5 milligrams per liter of blood is considered normal. "Normal" may not be optimal, though. Many medical researchers believe that even slight elevations of CRP are tied to increased risk for heart attack, stroke, and many other diseases.

Your body creates both inflammatory and anti-inflammatory chemicals (called "prostaglandins") from nutrients in the food that you eat. Fatty acids are the building blocks that combine to create these

chemicals. Of particular interest in terms of inflammation are eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), and gamma-linolenic acid (GLA) which promote cellular production of anti-inflammatory chemicals. Arachidonic acid (ARA) does just the opposite, *enhancing* the production of inflammatory chemicals that cause damage.

Imbalances in your diet such as excessive protein and fat intakes, can lead to the creation of excessive amounts of inflammatory prostaglandins, which fuel your body's inflammatory response. ARA is found primarily in meat, eggs, dairy, and processed meat products (i.e. salami, bologna, bacon, etc.). Conversely, the consumption of certain nutrients, like omega-3 fatty acids, allows your body to produce more anti-inflammatory prostaglandins, which it then uses to reduce inflammation throughout your body.

Where can you get omega-3 fatty acids in your diet? It's relatively easy. Flax seeds (2 Tbsp. provide 146% DV) and walnuts (1/4 cup 95% DV), winter squash (1 cup cooked provides 14% DV), soybeans (1 cup cooked, 43% DV), tofu (4 oz. 15% DV) are all excellent sources of omega-3 fatty acids. Very good sources (5v% DV or more in 1 cup) of these healthy fats include cauliflower, cabbage, and broccoli (either of these at 1 cup steamed provides about 8% DV). Good sources (2.5% DV or more in 1 cup) of these healthful fatty acid are found in kale, collard greens, spinach, brussels sprouts, summer squash, and raspberries. ❧

### Did You Know?

Studies have proven that eating even a relatively small number of omega-3 food sources can have a measurable impact on your blood levels of omega-3s, including those two key omega-3 fatty acids, EPA and DHA. For example, two weekly servings of an excellent or very good source food is enough to boost your blood levels of omega-3s.