

# **It Wasn't So From The Beginning**

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## **Genesis 1:1**

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

## **John 1:1-3**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

## **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14**

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Revelation 3:14**

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

## **1 John 3:7-9**

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

## **The Smyrnaean Church Age**

This spirit of antichrist is not new. This is not something that just came in the church ages. It has been here all along. To get a clear understanding of

how it works, how it goes against God and takes over in the church, look at the Old Testament and see it there. Let us examine this spirit as it was manifested in Israel as she came out of Egypt to be the church in the wilderness. Just as the early church started out under the pure ministry of the Holy Spirit with signs and wonders and manifestations such as prophecy, tongues, and interpretation, wisdom, knowledge and healing, so in the days of Israel when they left Egypt, they were under the leadership of the Spirit of God manifesting in gifts. God was the leader of the people. Actually He was their King. He was a Father-King. He took care of Israel like a man cares for his family. He fed them, fought their battles, smoothed away their difficulties and settled their problems. He just busied Himself over them. They were the only nation to which He was truly God. But one day they got to looking around, and they saw the Philistines and other nations with kings over them. It caught their eyes and they decided that they ought to humanize their leadership, so they wanted a king. Now God was going to humanize the leadership Himself, in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, but they got ahead of Him. Satan knew the plan of God so he put it in the hearts of the people to get ahead of God (the Word). When they approached Samuel and asked for a king, Samuel was so dismayed that his heart almost failed him.

God had been leading His people through this consecrated, Scripture-vindicated prophet and he felt that he had been rejected. He gathered the people and pleaded with them not to turn away from the God Who had carried them like children, and prospered them and blessed them. But they persisted. They said to Samuel. "You have never been wrong in your leading. You have never been dishonest in your financial dealings. You have done your best to keep us in line with the Word of the Lord. We appreciate the miracles, wisdom, provision and protection of God. We believe in it. We like it. And furthermore we don't want to be without it. It's just that we want a king to lead us to battle. Now of course when we go out to battle it is still our intention to have the priests go ahead with Judah following, and we will blow the trumpets and shout and sing. We don't intend to stop any of that. **BUT WE WANT A KING WHO IS ONE OF US TO LEAD US.**" And God said to Samuel. "See, they have not rejected you, but they have rejected ME from ruling over them." How tragic that was. Little did they realize that when they were asking God to let them be like the rest of the world they were rejecting Him, because God had ordained that His

people act different from the world. They are not of the world and they don't look like the world and they don't act like the world. They are crucified unto the world and the world is crucified unto them. II Corinthians 6:17-18, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." You see the one difference between Israel and the rest of the nations was God. Put God to one side and Israel was like any other nation. When Sampson cut off his hair he was like any other man. Put the leadership of the Holy Ghost aside and the church is NOTHING BUT THE WORLD WITH GOD'S NAME ATTACHED TO IT. The world and the church are all of the same lump, just like Jacob and Esau were of the same parents, but the Spirit of God makes the difference. It doesn't matter if you call yourself a Christian. Anyone can do that. The point is whether or not you have the Spirit of God in you, for without that Spirit you are reprobate; you are none of His. Amen. Not too long ago I asked a lady if she were a Christian. She said to me, "I will have you know, sir, that I burn a candle every night." What in the world has that got to do with it? I'm a Methodist, I'm a Baptist, I'm a Pentecostal. That hasn't a thing to do with it. It is the Holy Ghost or perish. Well, starting way back there in the first church the people got to thinking and reasoning how to improve on God. The deeds of the Nicolaitanes began showing themselves. Then a group formed. They drifted away from the pattern of the Word. All it takes is just one word changed and that little leaven then leavens the whole lump. He that offends in one point of the law is guilty of all. Eve just changed one word. That will do it. And when that Satan-centered group was formed, it began to hate and to fight the true believers, insisting that they (the aliens) were the church of God. Notice how organization breeds hatred. It destroys fellowship. It makes bitterness. That is what myrrh means. This is what Smyrna was full of. Bitterness. A root of bitterness defiles many. So more and more defilement was coming in. Every age would feel its scars. The Smyrnaean church had drifted far from the original. It had become a hybrid. It had hybridized itself the way Eve did. You know that a hybrid is what comes of two species mixing. The result is no longer pure like the original. It is mongrel. Well, when Eve allowed the beast to mingle his seed with hers she produced a creature called Cain that wasn't pure human. He was of the WICKED ONE. Notice how different he was from Abel. Notice how different he was from Seth. He hated God and would not obey the Word and persecuted and killed the

righteous. He set himself up above the Word of God. The church, too, has departed from what she originally was. She is a hybrid. That is, the church nominal is a hybrid. People say, "I am a Baptist." It wasn't so in the beginning. "I am Methodist." It wasn't so in the beginning. Instead of the straight Word of God, instead of the Spirit-filled men in the church who were led by Spirit-given revelation, there are now creeds, and by-laws, and the educated guesses of educated men. Learning has taken the place of revelation. Reason has replaced faith. Program has replaced spontaneous praise in the Holy Ghost. It wasn't so from the beginning. The whole specie has changed. It has become a hybrid church. Now then, when the church becomes hybridized, will it produce pure Christians? It can't. The life or seed that brings Christians to birth is not in them. Like brings forth like. The Baptists bring forth more Baptists and they act like Baptists. Methodists bring forth Methodists and they act like Methodists. Not one is known by the power of God nor can they be for it's not there. They are known by their ceremonial worship of God and their creeds and dogmas. Talk about a hybrid. Do you know the most famous hybrid in the world? It has been with us for ages. It is the mule. It is a cross between a donkey and a horse. He is a funny kind of an animal. He can't reproduce himself. He has no life that can do that. Yet talk about work. He can outwork the horse or the donkey. But watch his nature. He is stubborn and you can never trust him. He is a perfect picture of hybrid religion. A cross between truth and darkness, for the horse is a type of the true believer and the ass a picture of the unrighteous one. Mix them and you have a sterile, formal religion. It hasn't the seed of life. It is dead. It can talk about truth but it can't produce it. It doesn't have God in its midst, yet it gathers together and talks about God, and all the while systematically denies the power. They will deny the Word in the very Name of the Lord. And there is never any hope for them. Do you realize that no organized religion ever had a revival? Never! Once they organized they died. They can't ever come back. No sir. I can show you that in type. In Exodus 13:13, "And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck; and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem." See, the ass can be redeemed. Every miserable sinner can be redeemed by the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ, or in rejecting Christ be rejected himself. But you don't redeem the mule. There is no redemption for him. There is no blood for him. There can't be because the mule takes refuge in the church

while the ass takes refuge in the blood. The mule has “no seed” in him that can be quickened, but the ass has seed.

### **65-0427 - Does God Change His Mind?**

59 And they found out, one of the great key-notes was that how they got this great revelation, there was a prophet among them. They had a prophet, now, someone that led them. It wasn't a man-made system like he was used to, his—his delegations with him, and so forth, but it and his dignitaries. But they had a—a leader, a Divine-called leader.

60 And, oh, what a sad day it was, when the church world left off the Divine leadership of the Holy Ghost, and adopted a bishop or anything else to take its place. It was a sad day. The Holy Spirit is to be the leader of the church. He is sent to confirm the Words of Jesus Christ, to make the church live as it did live at the beginning.

### **65-0221M - Marriage And Divorce**

314 “It wasn't so from the beginning.” That is right, it wasn't so, and it will not be at the end. But under modern conditions, as God's servant...I won't call myself His prophet; but I believe maybe, if I wouldn't be sent for that, I'm laying a ground for him when he does come. So under the modern conditions, I command you to go to your home, with your wife now. If you are happy with her, live with her, raise your children in the admonition of God. But God be merciful to you if you ever do that again! You teach your children to never do a thing like that, bring them up in the admonition of God. And now that you are as you are, let us go now, at the late evening hour that we're living in, and “**press towards the mark of the high calling in Christ,**” where all things will be possible.

218 Well, the woman is the tree. She is the fruit tree. You're the fruit of your mother. The fruit of the womb is you. That's right. And then the fruit of the Tree of Life, that was in the garden of Eden, is Christ. Through the woman come death; through the Man, in the original creation, come Life. To be born of a woman is death; (to be born of a Church or Creed) to be born of Christ is Life. Get the idea? That's where. Now you see where the goddesses went to, don't you?

219 First Adam and Eve typed the second Adam and Eve, see, the multiplication. Now the multiplication of Adam and Eve was through sex, to replenish the earth, but it wasn't so at the beginning. God just made a male

and a female, like He did His other creatures, see, legal, just like the Church.

### **65-0221M - Marriage And Divorce**

190 They said Elijah was a woman-hater. He wasn't a womanhater, of real women. He just didn't like them Jezebels.

191 And if that be so, then must be God must be the same way, because He is the Word which come to the prophets. So it must be God, the same way, so, see, He knows the original creation, "from the beginning," He said, "from the beginning." They were prophets who the Word came to.

192 And He made her for man, and not man for her. Did you know that, that, "Woman was made for man, and not man for woman"? How many knows that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] The Bible teaches that. All right. She was given a place in man, before the fall, equal over all creation. But "after" the fall, now here we bring the subject up. But "after" the fall, he was her ruler, she must keep silent in all matters, now after the original beginning is over.

193 Jesus said, "It wasn't so from the beginning." That's when time began, when God made it first in His original creation. All that understand, say "amen" again. [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] In the beginning God created just one male and one female. But then the woman was made different from the animals, all other animals, for deception. Now watch now, "It wasn't so from the beginning." She was made, if she had stayed in original condition, she would have never been no fall. But she caused the fall and the interruption that broke the whole continuity of God, and throwed death, sorrow, and everything else, on the earth. She was made thus.

### **61-0411 - But It Wasn't So From The Beginning**

56 You know, Satan tried that on Jesus one time. Oh, yes. One time there came One from heaven to change this hybrid condition. So as he tempted Eve, he also tempted Jesus, got Him up there on top the mountain. He said, "Now, if Thou be the Son of God, I want you to perform a miracle so I can see you do it." That same old devil lives today, just in other people. That same Spirit of Christ lives today only in other peoples. You see? That's right. The man goes but the Spirit never does. So then he took Him up on top the mountain, He said, "Now, if You be the Son of God," tempted Him by the Word, said, "It's written in the Bible, 'He will give His Angels charge

concerning you, less any time you dash their foot against a stone, bear thee up.” See, part of the Word... But He didn’t dash His foot against a stone. So He said, “And it’s also written.” Amen.

57 Oh, he knowed he had Somebody there besides Eve then. He couldn’t hybrid this One. No, sir. Why? He come to breed back to Adam’s race a living faith in the living Word of the living God. And He proved right there by His action, that the weakest saint on earth can beat the devil upon the written Word of God. He was God Himself manifested in flesh, had powers without limit. But He never used them. What did He do? He defeated Satan on the same thing that Satan defeated Eve on. Amen. He pulled the wool over him that time. When he whitewashed the Word of God to Eve and she believed it... But when he come to try to whitewash it with Jesus, he failed. Yes, sir. He failed because He stayed with the Father’s Word, said, “**It is written, Thou shall worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.**” What did he do? Satan said he left Him alone, ’cause He took the Word of God. It wasn’t no hybrid to Him. He was the unadulterated virgin born Son of the living God. He wasn’t whitewashing Him, whitewashing the Word, wasn’t hybreeding Him. No, and He—He had been borned of God. He came from God; He went to God; He stayed on God’s Word. He never varied from It one bit. When He come, He performed the signs of the Messiah that the Bible said He would perform, and the unbelieving, hybrid church in that day didn’t believe it.

58 And when He does it today, they still don’t believe it, because it’s hybrid. Said, “It wasn’t so from the beginning.” When He come, He found men teaching things that wasn’t in the Bible. And then He said, “**It wasn’t so from the beginning.**” I wonder if He come today, He’d find a lot of them teaching things that wasn’t in the Bible. He’d say the same thing, “**It wasn’t so from the beginning.**” It’s true. Now, we notice the things that He found. When He come He found the church... Listen, and let this soak in good and deep. When He came, what did He find? He found people looking to the church for salvation. And what were they getting? A bunch of creeds. And that’s the same thing that’s existing today: a bunch of man-made creeds. Salvation comes through the Blood and that only. And if you’ve got salvation, Jesus Christ said, “**These signs shall follow them that believe. And the works that I do shall you also.**” That’s salvation; that’s the evidence of it. It’ll be the same.

**61-0411 - But It Wasn't So From The Beginning**

75 Listen, in closing. Jesus said, **“I am the Vine; ye are the branches.”** And what did that Vine... That vine doesn't bear any fruit. The branch in the vine bears the fruit. Did you ever see a vine bearing grapes? No, you saw the branches in the vine bearing grapes. Now, let's—let's reason something. If that Vine, **which is Christ, Saint John 15th chapter.** You believe that, don't you? Well, if that first Vine brought out a—first Vine brought out a branch and it was a Pentecostal branch, and behind this branch they wrote the Book of Acts... Is that right, brethren? If that Vine ever puts forth another branch, it'll be a Pentecostal branch that'll write a Book of Acts behind it.

76 Oh, you say, “But I'm So-and-so. I belong to...” It wasn't so at the beginning. If you say, “But Jesus, You know, I belong to the holy...” **“It wasn't so at the beginning.”** That's right. He'd say the same thing. “Why, we believe that the days of miracles has passed.” **“It wasn't so at the beginning.”** “We don't believe you have to speak with tongues.” “It wasn't so at the beginning.” “We don't believe in Divine healing.” “It wasn't so at the beginning.” Go back to the beginning; go back where the church started. And it started on the day of Pentecost with the Holy Ghost pouring down upon the people, and filling their heart, and filling their souls until they died as martyrs, burnt the earth up with their message of salvation. Get away from our man-made creeds and get back to the Bible. Yes, go back to the beginning; that's where we start.

That's why you have every Message and Nominal Church trying to get back there on their own instead of waiting on God, Same as all the stories in the Bible when you get ahead of God you'll Mess it up....

### **61-0411 - But It Wasn't So From The Beginning**

79 Brother, the church is a Pentecostal church. The life that's in the Vine come up into one church and get a Pentecostal experience. And behind it they have all kinds of the gifts of the Holy Ghost, the signs of Jesus Christ. And today we have grafted into it every different kind of a denomination: Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and even Pentecostal, so-called, grafted into it, but they don't bear the original fruit. They don't have the original experience, yet they are suckling off of the name of Christianity. Hallelujah. That's right. That Vine ever brings forth another branch, it'll be a Pentecostal branch with signs following the believer. Right. Back to the original. These hybrid things won't work. I know they're sticking in there, called “Christianity,” but they're not Christianity. The fruits... **“By their fruits**



**you shall know them.**” And why can’t they? They’ll never go back. They can never be an orange because they’re hybrid, yet, they wanted the name of Christian. But they’re hybrid.

80 Oh, I know and you may think I’m off of my head, but that’s the truth. Every time it brings forth, what will it do, have a revival? Sure, it will bear what? Lemons. A Methodist will bear Methodist, Baptist will bear back Baptist denomination, Pentecostal denomination will bear Pentecostal. But when they go back to the original Vine and come from the root (Hallelujah.), they’ll come forth with the baptism of the Holy Ghost like they did at the beginning. And the same works and signs that followed Jesus will follow, and followed that early church will follow the church today. You say, “I’d do so-and-so.”

**“But it wasn’t so at the beginning.”**

### **61-0119M - Things That Wasn't So From The Beginning**

1 ... of His days, teaching things that wasn’t so. I suppose if He’d come today, He’d find the same thing: things that wasn’t so from the beginning. If you always want to know what’s truth, go back to the beginning. Go back to Genesis, and you can take every cult and every true from today. Just... The plants all begin in Genesis, because Genesis is the seed chapter of the Bible. And if we want to know what is right, go back from the beginning.

2 Just like I was trying to say last night, when God once makes a statement, He can never vary from that statement. He’s got to keep it all the way through. What He said in Genesis is the same thing in Revelation, and all the way through. He’s God, and that’s all. See? And all of His Words are true.

### **61-0119M - Things That Wasn't So From The Beginning**

14 Jesus, when He came, He said, “Moses because the hardness of your heart suffered you a divorce from your wife: but it wasn’t so from the beginning.” Now, we find out they’d took the commandments of God and made them of none effect.

15 When Jesus came, He found people looking to the church for salvation. What did they get? Creeds; each denomination makes up its own creed. And then that’s what He found the people depending on the church for salvation; and they found man-made creeds.

16 And if He come today in Person and talked to us, He’d find the same thing: man making the Word of God fit their denomination, giving them

creeds. And there's no salvation in a creed, if it's not the Bible. It's got to be Bible, because His Word is...all we have need of, is His Word. And His Word, when He is the Word, the Word of God is God. That's all. It's His Word, Hissself. He's..."In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And the Word is still God. It is still God. 17 Now, we find out that when He come, He found the men, then, taking the commandments of God and making them of none effect, by taking the commandments of God, and suiting it around to meet their creeds, so it was of none effect. And the church looked...The people looked to the church instead of looking to God's Word. So therefore, He said, **"It wasn't so from the beginning."**

18 We find it the same today, as I've quoted two or three times already this morning, and watching that clock, it makes me nervous, so I—I want to say this though, that, "This is true." Then in that day as it is now, and now as it was then, they holler out, "Where is God?"

19 Well, the very thing, that, they've left God when they left His Word. That's the reason we have things the way we do today, is because people left the Word of God.

### **60-1206 - The Smyrnaean Church Age**

59 Go back to the beginning! Let nature alone. Let God alone. Keep the Church in the Holy Ghost; and get away from all these bishops and popes with all kinds of doctrine. Go back to where we started at. Go back. Jesus would come tonight, you'd say, "I'm a Methodist." He'd say, "It wasn't so from the beginning!" "I'm Presbyterian." **"It wasn't so from the beginning!"** What was at the beginning? A Pentecostal Experience of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. That's the way It began.

### **Matthew 7:22-23**

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

### **60-1127M - It Wasn't So From The Beginning**

36 We need a bred-in Holy Ghost religion, Holy Ghost power. Where is God? God is in His Church. God is in His Word. God is in His people. God

is in His universe. He's everywhere, but we can't hybrid Him into something, because He won't cross up with nothing. He's God and God alone. You can't breed Him in five or six different things and—and four or five different gods. He's God and God alone. He won't hybrid. He's God. You can't make intercession of saints and say, "This saint did this and that saint did that." No such a thing. There's one Mediator between God and man, and that's Christ Jesus, the only Mediator.

What's the matter with the church then? If He was here on earth, which He is, and we find the church today in the same condition He did, teaching for doctrine the commandments of man. He said, "It wasn't so from the beginning." Now, we find out what it was at the beginning.

### **60-1127M - It Wasn't So From The Beginning**

29 That's the same thing we got today. When the Holy Spirit's here, the Person of the Holy Spirit, hunting out, searching out the Bride of Christ, what do we get? What does He find? People accepting creeds for salvation instead of going back to the original for it. You got a—a prayer book, or some kind of a textbook of some sort that "we so-and-so believes this so-and- so." Why do you take a textbook for it? God's Bible is the Textbook. Go back to the beginning. You adopt a handshake instead of the baptism. You adopt sprinkling instead of water baptism. You adopt forms and creeds and so forth instead of taking the formula the way God wrote it. That's the reason we got a dead, hybrid church today, because it can't produce any more. A Lutheran can make a Lutheran. A Baptist can make a Baptist. A Presbyterian can make a Presbyterian, but God makes a saint when He comes in, the original Holy Ghost, Pentecostal blessing.

### **63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed**

154 First, to express Hisself completely, God in Christ.

155 Second, to have the preeminences, by this, in His Church, which is His Body, the Bride, till He could have the preeminence to express Himself through them. All right.

156 And, thirdly, to restore the Kingdom to its rightly position, that fell by sin by the first Adam, back to where He walked in the cool of the evening, with His people, talked with them, fellowshiped with them.

157 And now sin and death had separated them from His Presence and His entire expression. Do you read it? Before the foundation of the world, to express all of His—His—His attributes, what He was.

**56-0120 - Fellowship With God Through Reconciliation** 17 Every nation is trying to get an atomic bomb now, over rule and power to say, "All nations will bow at my..." It can't do it. But God laid down a program in the beginning how that man can have fellowship one with another. And we'll have to come to God's terms on it; that's all. In the beginning when man used to walk in the early age with God in the garden of Eden, when the first man was created in the great cathedrals, under the palms, he and his wife, when the cool of the evening come along, they come out and worshipped God, had a perfect fellowship. God longs for fellowship. He yearns, He wants people to speak with Him, to talk with Him. You might do one... You might sing too much, or you might preach too much, sometime, but there's one thing you'll never be able to overdo, that's pray. The Bible said, "I would that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands." 18 You'll never be able to have too much fellowship with God. And God longs for His creature, who He created in His image to fellowship with Him. Wouldn't you love to have lived in that time when the great fellowship God had with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, to come down in the cool of the evening and talk with them and fellowship with them? Wouldn't that be marvelous? We all would like to have that time. Now, I believe, by God's Word I can prove to you that we can come right back on them terms again with God tonight, right straight back to that kind of fellowship.

Let Us Pray,