

# The Gospel According to “Charlie Church”

## Introduction

- A. Most people are God fearing individuals
  - 1. Yet, they don't know what the bible says.
  - 2. Heard things from preacher or others
  - 3. Read scriptures, isolated a verse or 2
  - 4. Ned Flanders of “The Simpsons” good example.
  - 5. How religious people view religion.

## I. “Jesus loves everyone, so do I.”

A. Accept people for who they are and what they do.

- 1. Homosexuals—Rom. 1: 26-27 (24-25)
  - 2. MDR—Matt. 19: 9
  - 3. Thieves? Murderers? 1 Cor. 6: 9

## II. “Only evil people will go to Hell.”

A. Men like Hitler, Mussolini, Bin Laden

B. Need to love all men including Hitler, etc.

- 1. Jesus said so! Matt. 5: 43-48
- 2. Just declared you “love everyone as Jesus”.
- 3. God wants all to go to heaven—2 Pet. 3: 9

C. Sweet grandmother

- 1. reads bible daily
- 2. goes to church
- 3. doesn't do God's will—Matt. 7: 21-23
- 4. Will go to Hell
- 5. If she isn't going, then I won't either.

## III. “I keep the Sabbath and others...just in case.”

A. Debtor to the whole law—Gal. 5: 1-4

B. No work on the Sabbath—Jews only

C. Don't eat meat on Fridays—Catholics/Jews

### **Canon 1251—From 1983**

Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

### **From a Forum site online...**

Canon Law still requires that Catholics not eat meat on Fridays!

Of course, most Episcopal Conferences have determined that, instead of abstaining

from meat, Catholics may perform an act of penance of their choosing. But, do you ever remember to abstain from a particular food or do some other penance on Fridays? And, at any rate, the main rule is still to abstain from meat on Fridays, the performance of another penance instead is an optional alternative.

1. Peter and the Sheet—Acts 10: 12-16
2. Daniel and Co.--Dan. 1: 5,8-10, 15-16
3. Better example-- 1 Cor. 8: 7-10, 12-13; 10: 21

#### IV. "It's in the bible"

##### 1. A. Money IS the root of all evil!

1. Actual verse—1 Tim. 6: 10
  1. a. Giving—Mk. 12: 14-17
  - b. Tax—Matt. 17: 24-26

##### B. Cleanliness...Godliness

1. What your mother told you
2. Not from scripture
3. Smashing Pumpkins—Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness

##### a. Song called, "Zero"

Emptiness is loneliness  
And loneliness is cleanliness  
And cleanliness is godliness  
And God is empty just like me

4. Disciples/hand washing—Matt. 15: 1-2

##### 2. V. "Jesus is my personal Savior."

###### A. John 3: 16—Belief

1. Debate between Baptist and CofC preacher
  - a. Baptist says, "Belief used 90 times in book of John"
  - b. Pieces of the puzzle of salvation.
  - c. Same puzzle piece, won't fit together
  - d. Challenged, "One verse in the scriptures that tells all of the steps"

###### 1. The Puzzle is made of many pieces, many scriptures.

a. Mk. 16: 16; Acts 2: 38—both say "Baptism", Belief and Repentance are also pieces.

b. Matt. 10: 32: 33, confession

c. Rom. 10: 17, hear (Jas. 1: 22--doers)

d. Rev. 2: 10c—Live faithfully unto death

###### B. Works are also necessary—Jas. 2: 17-18, 22, 24

## Conclusion

Don't be a Charlie Church and rely on what you think you know.

1. Study!! 2 Tim. 2: 15; 3: 16-17
2. Practice!! Jas. 1: 22; 1 Jn. 4: 1, 6