Salvation is a person, not a prayer! Salvation is IN the right CHRIST. One drowning in the sea of sin is not saved by crying for help unless he leaves the water and is safely with the Captain of his Salvation. You can't call on Him just because you want a free pass to Heaven and expect him to answer you. And that is true no matter how sweet the sales pitch from the Fish Oil Marketing Firm.

A true member of the Bride of Christ has a definite desire to divorce himself from as much of the pleasures, entertainment, and lusts of this world that he can. It's not perfection, but true possession results in a marked progression toward loving God more and loving sin less. Professing Christian, *have ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God?* (1st Thessalonians 1:9) Or did you just add Jesus to your American Idols?

If you've fallen for this false gospel, today "...*repent and turn to God...*" (Acts 26:20) and "*Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance...*" (Luke 3:8) ---Before it's too late!

Anything less than the real thing is slick advertising from the fish oil salesmen.

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## Service times

Sunday School 10 am Sunday AM 11:05 am Sunday PM 6:30 pm Wednesday PM Service 7:00 pm





I had heard about the wonders of fish oil capsules. They promised to lower cholesterol, and add years to my life. The only problem was from when I started taking them--- my diet seemed to only get worse! Hence, my cholesterol did not change like I was told it would. What I discovered was that in *simply adding fish oil to my life*, I had this false confidence that I could now eat whatever I wanted. In reality, I never turned to a balanced healthier diet as I embraced the fish oil promises. Hence, I was deceiving myself and making things worse. The fish oil capsules failed to produce the promised effect because I merely *added them* to my diet without wanting to see my eating habits changed.

Likewise, I sadly see Churches all over America today infiltrated with Fish Oil Salesmen because many folks are doing the same thing with the Gospel. Instead of "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:20), many professing believers in America instead merely add Jesus to their lives like a Hindu god. Today's churches are filled with many people who are more loyal followers of their sports teams than to the Lord Jesus Christ. We have professing Christians who have read every Harry Potter book but won't read their Bible. We have church members who see nothing wrong with Hollywood, drinking, fornicating, homosexuality, rock-n-roll music, or living for entertainment and pleasure. "Be not deceived" (see Galatians 6:7) ---a lot of these "Christians" have never been born again---they are false converts; they are on their way to hell for all eternity. They may have cried, "Lord, Lord", but Jesus will say to many, "I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (see Matthew 7:21-23)

Jesus Christ warned, "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3) All throughout the Bible, you will clearly see repentance in action. It goes beyond merely "agreeing with God." Repentance and saving faith are like a two sided coin. If you truly believe you will repent. If you repent you proved you believed. If there's repentance there's a change. It's that simple.

Repentance is a *change of mind about sin, self, and the Saviour, that produces a change of life.* It's a change of management---when you repent, you go from being in control to letting God call the shots in your life. Jesus makes it clear---if you love Him, you will obey Him. Jesus said *MY sheep hear MY voice.* Not works of righteousness but

fruits of repentance. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15) It's not perfection, but it is a desire to live for the LORD Jesus Christ once you know he died for you. Jesus asks, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46) A lot of people say, "Hey, I love Jesus!" but Jesus defines friendship in the Bible. "Ye are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you ." (John 15:14)

You cannot earn your way to heaven --- "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us." (Titus 3:5). However, don't live in denial, dragging a false profession all the way to the gates of hell. The Bible urges you professing Christian to "examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." Is your faith alive or dead? (2nd Corinthians 13:5) The Bible is clear that "faith without works is dead". (James 2:20) Christians that don't produce any fruit have no Biblical reason to suspect they are saved. If after making a profession, you still don't have a love for God's Word (The King James Bible), a hunger for righteousness, a desire to be at a church that preaches the Bible, a desire and a need to share the gospel, and a willingness to obey God, you are on very dangerous ground. "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his hand upon the sand; And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it." (Matthew 7:26-27)

Make sure you are not a false convert of the Fish Oil Salesman that is headed for hell with shock and eternal torment! "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 7:21A) "But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity." (Luke 13:27)

Romans 10:13 says. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." You have to call on the <u>right Lord</u> with the <u>right heart</u> in the <u>right way</u>. This includes a repentant heart, calling on the True and Living Christ found in the Holy King James Bible. A false Christ cannot save you. The Jehovah Witness "Christ", the Mormon "Christ", and the "Christ" supposedly found in the Catholic Wafer won't save anyone. Neither will a "Christ" we've created in our own image, one concocted by selfish, ear tickling Purpose Driven Fish Oil Salesmen. A false Jesus can't and won't save---because it's a powerless Christ.