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- C_____.

Gal. 5:22 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

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- L_____.

Matt. 5:14-16 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid, neither do men light a lamp and hide it under a bowl, but it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light so shine that they may see your good works and honor your Father in heaven.

“Although it has been fashionable to deny it, anti-slavery doctrines began to appear in Christian theology soon after the decline of Rome and were accompanied by the eventual disappearance of slavery in all but the fringes of Christian Europe. When Europeans subsequently instituted slavery in the New World, they did so over strenuous papal opposition, a fact that was conveniently ‘lost’ from history until recently. Finally, the abolition of New World slavery was initiated and achieved by Christian activists.” - Rodney Stark, historian

“The Church is Responsible for so Much Suffering”

Give Me an Answer—part 4

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Glaring Character Flaws

- C_____ grace.

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...

- G_____.

Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works so that no one can boast.

- C_____ -likeness.

Luke 5:31-32 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

- E_____.
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Fanaticism

Matthew 18:4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

Mark 9:33 He asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?"³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Jesus' Critique of Religion

Luke 11:39-46; 20:47 You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.... You neglect justice and the love of God.

Isaiah 58:2 Day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.³ 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you

please and exploit all your workers.⁴ Your fasting ends in quarreling.... You cannot fast as you do and expect your voice to be heard...

Isaiah 58: 6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice... to set the oppressed free...?⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?⁸ ... then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

Mark 10:45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Justice in Jesus' Name

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Matt. 5:13 You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.
