

# “Practical Christianity”

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<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

<sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Matthew 5:43-44





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And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

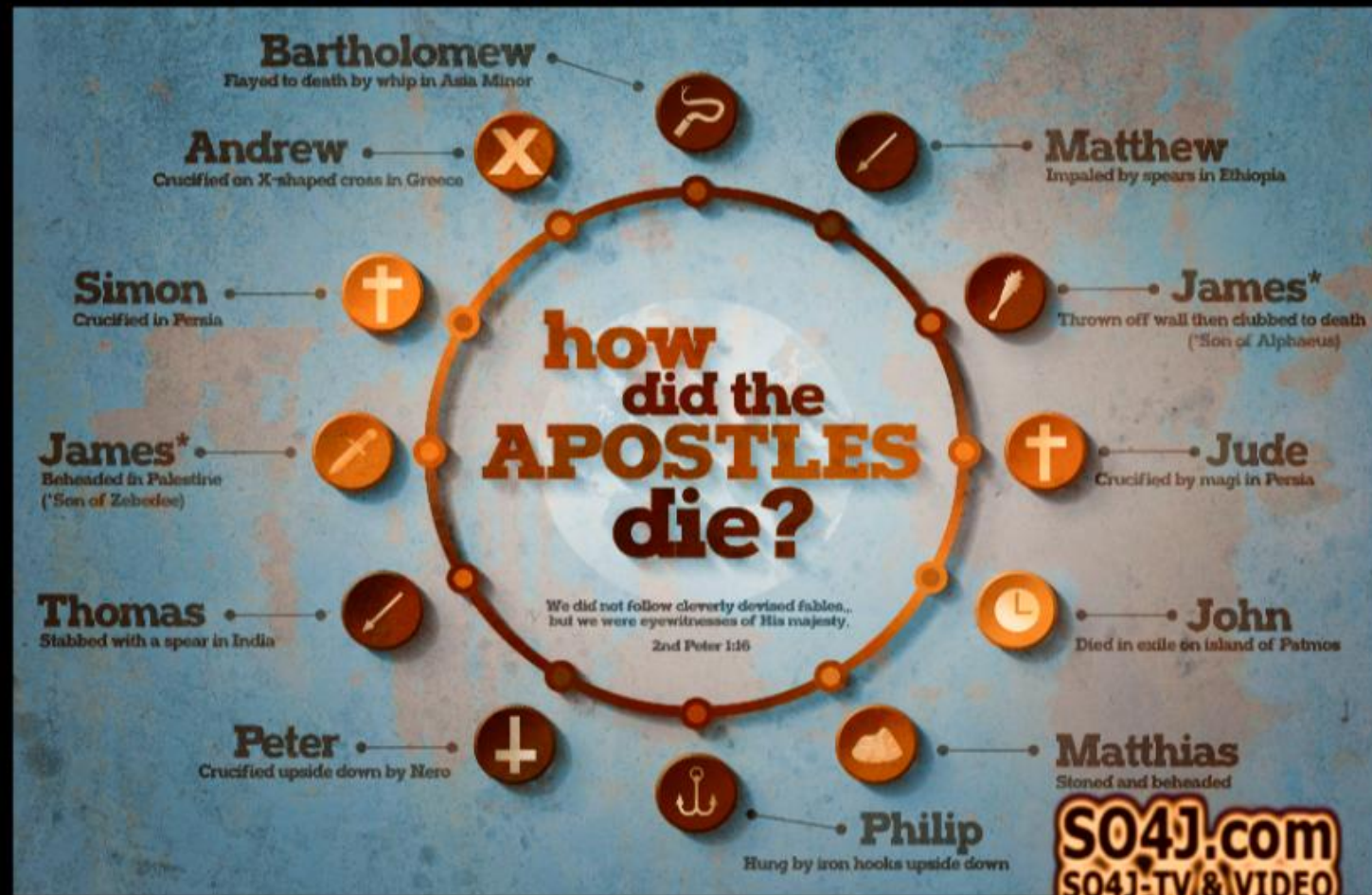
34 And Jesus said, *“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”*

Luke 23:33-34





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<sup>58</sup> Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, *“Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”* And when he had said this, he fell asleep.<sup>1</sup> And Saul approved of his execution...

Acts 7:58-8:1





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“The church owes Paul to  
the prayer of Stephen.”

St. Augustine





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“Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.”

Romans 10:1





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2. Life of empathy.

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<sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

1 Corinthians 12:26





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8 And the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?”

Job 1:8





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<sup>11</sup> Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him... They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him....<sup>13</sup> And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

Job 2:11-13





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<sup>1</sup> Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said.... <sup>7</sup> “Remember: who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off?  
<sup>8</sup> As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same.

Job 4:1, 7-8

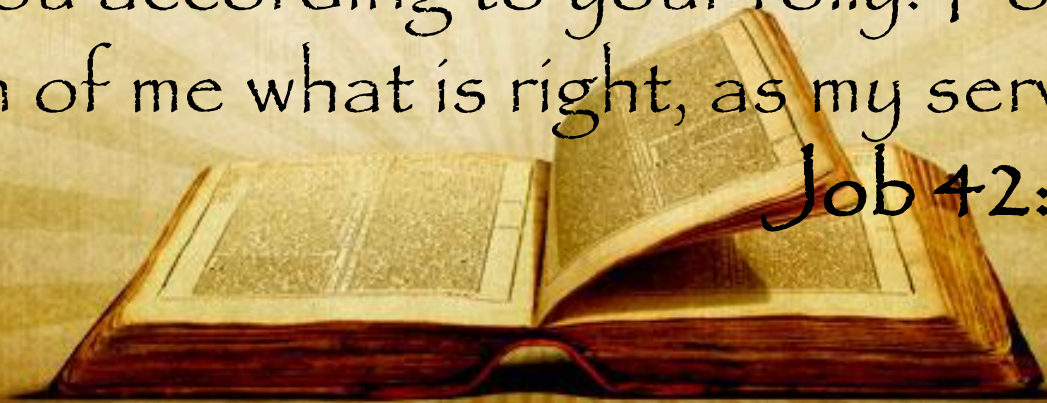




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7 After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has... And my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.”

Job 42:7-8





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4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

Luke 13:4-5





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<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4





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<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Romans 12:3





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1 therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4: 1-3





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<sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease.”  
John 3:30





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Dear God, I understand that I have broken your Law and sinned against you. Please forgive my sins. Thank you that Jesus suffered on the cross in my place and rose from the dead. I now place my trust in Him as my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord - Acts 3:19

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - John 1:12

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