

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## **"A Little Heresy Goes a Long Way"**

Week-after-week for the past seven years we have presented a Prophecy Update. This is #371 in that series.

Most of the Bible's over 2500 prophecies have been fulfilled to the letter. We therefore expect the remaining prophecies of the Last Days to be literally fulfilled.

One important sign we are close to the end is that professing Christians will turn away from the faith. One commentator expressed it this way:

The picture of the Church in the end times that is portrayed in the Bible is not a very pretty one. The Bible prophecies that the Church will be racked by apostasy. Jesus prophesied that "many will fall away" (Matthew 24:10).

Paul reveals the source of the apostasy in Second Timothy 3:5, saying, "Men will hold to form of religion but will deny its power."

In light of this, I thought I'd share with you the findings of a recent poll about what Americans believe. The findings are summarized in the statement, "Most Americans believe in Heaven, Hell, and a few old-fashioned heresies."

Researchers asked 43 questions about faith, covering topics from sin and salvation to the Bible and the afterlife. They wanted to know how people in the pews - and people on the street - understand theology.

Just under half of Americans (45%) say there are many ways to Heaven - which conflicts with traditional views about salvation being linked to faith in Jesus.

Overall, Americans don't seem too worried about sin or being sent to Hell. Two-thirds (67%) say most people are basically good, even though everyone sins a little bit - an optimistic view of human nature at odds with traditional teaching about human sin.

Less than half (48%) of Americans say sex outside of marriage is a sin.

Many Americans also don't mind being disconnected from a local church. About half (52%) say worshiping alone or with family is as good as going to church.

Almost all (82%) say their local church has no authority to "declare that I am not a Christian."

More than half (56%) believe their pastor's sermons have no authority in their life, while slightly less than half (45%) say the Bible was written for each person to interpret as they choose.

About half of Americans (48%) believe the Bible is the Word of God. Four in 10 (43%) say the Bible is 100% accurate, while a similar share of Americans (41%) say it's helpful but not literally true.

<http://www.lifewayresearch.com/2014/10/28/americans-believe-in-heaven-hell-and-a-little-bit-of-heresy/>

This is evidence of apostasy; of a growing apostasy. And it is just what you'd expect to find based on a literal reading of your Bible.

What you also find from reading your Bible is Jesus' promise to return for His Church - to resurrect and rapture us to Heaven prior to the coming seven-year Tribulation.

The rapture is an imminent event; and that's why, each week, I ask, *"Are you ready for the rapture?"*

If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***