American Clergy Leadership Conference
Despite its *Christian heritage*, the United States leads the industrialized world in the:

- percentage of single-parent homes (23%)
- abortion rate (22.9 / 1,000 women aged 15-44),
- sexually transmitted diseases
- teenage birth rate
- use of illegal drugs by students (44.9 % in ‘98)
- size of the prison population (327 / 100,000).

*Source: "Lost in America" by Tom Clegg and Warren Bird*
Family Breakdown

Is America’s Great Moral and Social Crisis

From 1970 to 2000:

• Rate of marriage **declined** by one third
• Divorce rate has **doubled**
• Married couples with children **declined** by one third
• Out-of-wedlock births have **tripled**
• Cohabitation (couples living together without marriage) has **increased** 1000 %

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census

*Current Population Reports, 1970-2000*
A national survey of Christians indicates that Born-again Christians have a slightly greater probability of divorce (27%) than the rest of society (24%). (George Barna)
Family Breakdown
The Church Challenged

Church Scandal

The Boston Globe

Crisis in the Priesthood

Why Some Christians Commit Adultery

Divorce

The Christian Dilemma

When the Wall Breaks
Genesis 1:28  “And God blessed them, and God said to them, "**Be fruitful** and **multiply**, and fill the earth and subdue it; and **have dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

1) Be fruitful (individual)
2) Multiply (family)
3) Have Dominion (natural world)
The Three Blessings

Be Fruitful

Multiply

Have Dominion

True Family

Mind

Body

Man

Woman

God

Human

K. of Heaven

Creation

God’s Purpose for Creation

Society

Nation

World

True Indiv

God's Purpose for Creation

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Creation
“Have you not read, that He who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said for this reason... the two shall become one flesh, so they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder... for your hardness of heart Moses allowed divorce, but from the beginning it was not so.”

Matthew 19:4-10
The Family that God was planning to Bless Became Cursed...

Adam and Eve’s marriage and family life took place outside the garden.
Genesis 2:17  “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

Genesis 3:15  “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”
4.1 Satan and Fallen Humanity

John 8:44 “You are of your father, the devil. And your will is to do your father’s desires.”
Fallen Man is in the Midway Position.
Fallen Man is in The *Midway* Position.
Fallen Man is in The *Midway* Position

satan

God

ADAM

CAIN

ABEL
The Bible

Important parts:

- Book of Revelation
- The Parables of Jesus

Many important parts of the Bible are expressed in symbols and metaphors. To learn what the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents, let us first investigate the tree of life, which stood next to it in the Garden of Eden.
John 16:25  “These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.”
2. Elder Son’s Dominion

Foundation of Substance

God

Adam

Commandment

Archangel
2. Elder Son’s Dominion

Archangel

“god & ruler”

Cain = 1st Born

= Abel 2nd Born
2. Elder Son’s Dominion

Archangel = Abel

Cain = 1st Born

= Abel
2nd Born
2. Elder Son’s Dominion

Genesis 4:6-7

God

= Abel
2nd Born

Cain
1st Born
True Family Ideal

Adam & Eve

God

Jesus & John the Baptist

Judah (south) & Israel (north)

Moses & Israelites

Perez & Zerah

Jacob & Esau

Isaac & Ishmael

Shem & Ham

Abel & Cain

Hell
True Family Ideal

John the Baptist: ascetic life
Kings must keep faith in law
Tribes must uphold law
Moses’ 40 yrs of faith
Abraham offered Isaac
Noah built the ark
Abel offered animals
2. Elder Son’s Dominion

God = Abel
2nd Born

Genesis 4:6-7
Cain 1st Born

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True Family Ideal

- God
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- Children

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Hell
2. Elder Son’s Dominion

God

Israel

Abel = 1st Born

Cain = 2nd Born

Esau = 2nd Born

1st Born

Foundation of Substance
2. Elder Son’s Dominion
Israel Prepares For Christ

Law Covenant

Deuteronomy 28

if Faith

if no Faith

Israel is Head

Blessing

Curse

Israel is Tail
Matthew 21:33-43

"Surely they will reverence my son."
Word of Jesus

Matthew 23: 37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!”

John 6:28-29 “Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.”
Christ’s Return: The Mission

Jesus Mission: Spiritual & Physical Salvation

Spiritual Salvation

BELIEVERS

Spiritual

Physical

SALVATION

Rom. 7:24-25
Rom. 8:23

Spiritual Rebirth

God

Holy Spirit

Jesus

Jesus Mission: Spiritual & Physical Salvation

SALVATION
Romans 7:22-24 “For I delight in the law of God, in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members. **Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?** Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I of myself serve the law of God with my mind, but **with my flesh I serve the law of sin.**”

Romans 8:23 “...and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly **as we wait** for adoption as sons, **the redemption of our bodies.**”
Christ’s Return: The Mission

Spiritual Salvation

BELIEVERS

Original Sin
Rom. 7:24-25
Rom. 8:23

Jesus

Holy Spirit

Spiritual Rebirth

God

New Eve

Spiritual & Physical Rebirth

3rd Adam

Rom. 7:24-25
Rom. 8:23

God
When we believe in Jesus as the Savior through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we receive the love of the spiritual True Parents, generated through the give and take between Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
Revelation 3:21

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.
I Peter 5:4

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.
THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, 
Till my trophies at last I lay down; 
I will cling to the old rugged cross, 
And exchange it some day for a crown