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## WE ARE IN TROUBLE

The United States of America is in trouble with the Self Existent, Eternal One who created this universe. We pointed out just one symptom of the sickness that our nation is afflicted with in our previous article. If you do not have a copy of any of the past articles, you may obtain them either from the paper office or on our website, <http://www.bayourouge.net>.

The reason for the sin sickness that plagues our nation is so few of our citizens know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Oh yes, our nation is religious. Nevertheless, religion sends more people to the Lake of Fire (*Revelation 19:11-15*) than anything else I know. When a person depends upon their church membership or their baptism to save them, they do not see a need to repent of their sins and request that the Messiah pay their sin debt by His death on the cross. They have allowed a pastor or a priest to convince them that all they have to do is trust their guidance rather than what Jesus Christ said in His Divine Word.

*<sup>6</sup>Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6*

*<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? <sup>2</sup>If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. <sup>3</sup>What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. <sup>5</sup>However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. <sup>6</sup>David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>8</sup>Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.”*  
*Romans 4:1-8 The New International Version*