

---

Subject: Re: A psychological question: "choose to believe"

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Sun, 16 Jan 2011 06:24:18 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Spoony wrote on Sun, 16 January 2011 00:04Starbuzz wrote on Sat, 15 January 2011 16:27I remember back in 2000 when me and my sister went up in the church and "confess" and were known as "saved." We were baptized a week later and we were told, "now you are in God's magnifying glass."

see, they probably thought that's a comforting thing to say. big brother is watching you. i can't help but shudder. it's like when people use the word "salvation" to mean "obey him and he won't torture you"

of course...almost every religious marketing phrase has a sinister real meaning. It makes me not just shudder but also sick at how immoral, heartless, and unquestioning zombies it has made its followers.

When my grandfather died back in August, my dad in his anguish took a picture of my grandfather to church to pray over it to find solace. This was the non-denominational church we have been going to for the past 1 year. The first thing the pastor asked my dad was "was he a believer?"

I felt truly sick and gutted and took it as an insult to the memory of my grandfather. Basically the pastor asked for his own curiosity, "is he in heaven or trashing about in hell fire?"

My disgust with such a hateful threat-based religion has no boundaries. No matter what sugar-coated words are used, it always boils down to hell: the immoral disgusting threat of punishment that has kept Christians in line for this many centuries.

---