Blind Ernie "Spare Rituals"

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[Chorus]

Without Christ, men ain't spiritual they get caught up in a bunch of spare rituals

I got a feelin' most of this spiritual
mess is just spare rituals
dressed in traditional garb
Hip-hop tells a man that he's god
a contradiction of terms but noone thinks it's odd
and noone hopes that God comes to reclaim His planet
when back in the day that type of hope was demanded
or should I say da' mandate?

Now man hates to hear words about man's fate and breaks into tears

And swears

it's no fact that man was manufactured
If you're down with this world's thinkin' man you're
backwards

We are not your ordinary slum dwellas check the young fellas gettin' open like an umbrella in the rain

I still maintain

I tell the truth: that me without Christ is like the house without the roof

and you need proof?

well check the average house with no doors, or no floors

no windows, just empty corridors

that's what we call abandoned

and that's the state that every man's in

unless you've asked Christ to come and stand in

the gap, I slap on the jeans

and walk the urban scene

and see mad teens in love and down with the world's theme

song but check the new song we sing

it's Jesus the Christ, y'all long live the King!

[Chorus]

See, ever since I learned that it was more than cliches

I sought to grab the microphone and put Christ on display

so all can see that all the way from here to Albany there ought to be love for the God who makes the autumn leaves awesomely

fall in the Fall time, often we draw lines and alter the plans with our flawed minds

all up and down the F.M. dial

they make songs about takin' the wrong route and yet men smile

Yet when trials and tribulations appear

"God this" and "God that" is all that you hear

You don't see them runnin' to them BMWs

when trials of regular human beings trouble you

There's only one God I know of

who does more than create to devastate but

demonstrates to show love

(it's so bugged) yet not wack doctrine

Lyrically I throw gloves to tag ya head like we was slap boxin' (ain't that shockin')

but did you know? Yoshua offers us relationships and not just rituals

Oh if you know what you gonna bring (than bring it) you know what our thing is it's long live the King, kid

[Chorus]

See, mankind is opposite God, meaning He's anti it's called sin a.k.a. the reason why man dies hold your hands high

if you want Christ to sub for you

the only one life who qualifies to substitute who suited up and jumped in the game? (who)

Who moved it up and bumped in His name

where an "X" marked the spot

while planet Earth conversed in the parkin' lot

talkin' bout whose god is gonna win? (who)

And at the end of the night when the game is done

I'm sure it'll be the famous Son (who)

who's name is none other than Jesus

the one I'll run and hug

and thank for puttin' righteous blood in my bank account

when my tank amount was empty

then He filled me up, like a tank and a half

now from the Bible I answer men like Hank Hanegraaff and at man I laugh

'cause now I understand the scorecard

and peep the whole scene like a crazy keen store

guard

it's sure hard to prove to men that the Lord is

more than a name tossed around in my chorus of course it's not some forces in space it's my Lord who's sportin' this world like a bracelet, taste it that's what we call flava those other gods don't cut it plus they can't fade, like a dull razor Y'all raize ya hands if you no longer stand for the wrong thing and sing with us "Long live the King!"

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