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In 1971, Alonzo had a vision. In this vision, he saw a bright light, and heard a voice speaking to him, telling him to go and help someone. Not understanding the meaning of the vision, Alonzo was troubled. Alonzo often spoke to his wife concerning the vision and indicated to her that he believed he would be required to help people in the future.

In November 1976, Alonzo's wife, Annette, who had received Christ into her life some three years prior, began to notice a change in her husband's way of living. She noticed that he began to separate himself from his well-loved social crowd. He began to withdraw from other worldly habits, such as using profanity, gambling, and liquor drinking.

In about January 1977, Alonzo began to attend church services with his family. He also took an interest in reading the Bible and other religious literature. In March 1977, a miraculous change occurred in the life of Alonzo Kilgore. His dear wife relates to us the event of his spiritual conversion:

“It happened on a Thursday, the tenth day of March 1977, at about 10:45 p.m. Alonzo was watching one of Billy Graham's revival service programs on television. The sermon topic was “Is Your Name Written on the Lamb's Book of Life?” After listening to this sermon, Alonzo realized that in order for his name to be written on the Lamb's Book of Life, he would have to receive Jesus Christ into his life, and be saved from sin. When the call was made for people to come to Jesus Christ to be saved, Sporty, as Alonzo was called at the time, immediately jumped up from the bed where we were sitting, he went to the television and with outstretched arms accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into his heart. I immediately received the witness in my

heart that God had saved my husband and filled him with the Holy Spirit. God had truly performed a miracle right before my eyes. From that night to this day, Alonzo Kilgore has been a changed man. His entire family can witness to the fact that he has truly been born again”

On March 14, 1977, Alonzo Kilgore became a member of the church where his wife and children were members. In July 1977, Alonzo Kilgore was called by God into the ministry. He now understands that the light which he saw, and the voice which he heard in his vision of 1970 was the Lord telling him that one day he would be called to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that others could receive spiritual help and be saved from their sins. In February 1980, Elder Alonzo Kilgore was led by God to resign his job of fourteen years with the Baltimore City Public System, that he might give himself and his time totally to the ministry of the word of God.

Elder Alonzo Kilgore has proven to be a true minister and servant sent by God. The scripture teaches in Romans chapter 10, verse 15, “And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

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FOREWORD

The word of God teaches us that Jesus was sent into the world to save us from our sins. If you are blessed to be a partaker of Jesus' program of salvation, God will enable you to live free from sin in this present world. This is a necessary requirement if an individual desires to acquire eternal life.

Just as a person must meet certain qualifications to enter a desired profession, he or she must also meet certain qualifications to be a candidate for the kingdom of heaven. Jesus' return to the earth for the saved could be any day now. The information contained in this and previous volumes of "Saved from Sin" will educate you on the requirements for eternal life; in fact, they serve as a road map to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Elder Alonzo Kilgore is a qualified teacher of the word of God and the processes of salvation based upon his personal experiences and conversion in Christ. We urge you to read this information with the hope that you will be inspired with a desire to be saved from sin.

INTRODUCTION

My Testimony:

I did not learn what I am teaching from a carnal religious teaching. I was not seeking to be a minister of the gospel. I was very happy teaching reading and art to elementary school children. I was called from my profession as a teacher. At the time of my calling, I did not know what was happening to me until my pastor, who was Elder Jake Butler at that time, explained to me that God was calling me to be a minister of the gospel.

I did not learn the knowledge that I am imparting to my listeners from some college or religious seminary. I learned the basics of what I am teaching from Elder Lightfoot Michaux. My knowledge comes from the word of God, The Original King James Version of the Bible. My teacher today is the Holy Spirit. The knowledge of the word of God is simplified for my understanding by the Holy Spirit.

You cannot receive what I am teaching, and not be blessed. I base this upon my own personal experiences. I have been blessed since I've learned the principles of righteousness that keep me living free from sin. God has no respect to persons. If you obey what I am teaching, God will bless you also. God does not need any favor from anybody. There is nothing that we can do for God, but praise Him. I am going to do that as long as I can breathe.

To Fellow Christians:

Throughout my travels, I've met different Christians who will show indications that they are involved in church work. Some will introduce themselves by saying they perceive that I am a preacher. When Christians began to talk about God and their churches, I get right to the point about salvation. My question concerning salvation is pretty much standard, and I will ask them, do they believe that after Jesus saves them can they live above sin in this present world. Generally, the reply is "No, how can you?" I don't hold such professing Christians responsible, because it is a reflection of their ignorant religious teachers.

It is not possible to hear from God without a God sent preacher. How can a preacher preach the truth unless he is sent? God will occasionally bring true saints to meet someone to share a true testimony of salvation with another person who

may be seeking help. It is by my life and conversion in Christ that I am qualified to tell a professing Christian that they are wrong, and that they can live above sin after Christ saves them. The word of God teaches that it is not only possible to live above sin, but also necessary if we are truly born again. I tell such Christians that Jesus came to save us from our sins (St. Matthew 1:21). Jesus died to take away sins from those who believe on Him.

When you are born of God, the Bible teaches that you cannot sin (I John 3:9). You will not sin because the word of God, which condemns sin, remains in you firmly to warn you when sin is about to overtake you, and it gives you the ability to resist the devil's temptations to sin.

If You Obey The Word Of God It Will Change Your Life:

As I teach the word of God, I am trying to establish your knowledge. You cannot learn the knowledge of God's word as you learned knowledge in school. The knowledge of the word of God must be taught by the Holy Ghost, because it is spiritual knowledge that cannot be given by worldly means. If you follow me in this literature, with the help of the Holy Spirit you will acquire an understanding. Everything that I teach is based upon the truth. If you take in what I am teaching, you will see a change in your life. The Holy Ghost goes to work in a person's life who takes in the word of God.

What Good Is Your Church?

What good are the teachings of a church if the folk who go to church are committing sins like folk who don't go to church? I used to be a member of a church that taught it was alright to be a sinner, and that you could be saved as a sinner. They taught nothing about repentance and the power of the Holy Spirit. I found that the members of the church were committing sin in the church like the sinners outside of the church. I did not want to be in a church that would not make me a better person. These conditions are the same in many churches today, because the teaching is the same. When you speak about living above sin, some people make it sound like something very complicated. However, living above sin is a very simple process.

First, you get the mind, then you fellowship with those who believe, and who are living free from sin. You should then begin to drop off sinful practices

that you are familiar with. It could be such things as adultery, fornication, liquor drinking, using profanity, and being dishonest. You will learn more of what is required to stop sinning as you go along. However, first stop doing what you know is wrong. You should next go to a place where the Bible is taught, and not some church where they are playing entertainment games. A home setting for teaching the Bible is better. Be sure that you are being taught from the Original King James Version of the Bible. The Holy Spirit will not work through other translated versions of the Bible.

Study the Bible daily, along with this literature, and you will learn things that you never realized were in the Bible, and that most churches are failing to teach. Most churches fail to teach these things because they feel that the in depth truth of the Bible will turn away big crowds of people, and they are correct to believe this. Most Christians of today do not want to accept the true teachings of the scriptures when they interfere with their sinful pleasures.

The Spirit Of The World Is Deceitful:

The accuracy of our perception of life must be given to us by the Spirit of God. When you don't have the Spirit of God assisting you, your judgment will be cloudy. The conditions of the world are under the influence of the power of deceit that comes from the devil. Only the Spirit of God can give a clear perception of things in the world.

Satan is the power of darkness and he has cast a spirit of deceit in the world. In order to see above Satan's power of deceit we must receive assistance from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual sight. Spiritual sight is the ability to see things with a righteous perception. Any jury and judge in a court of law can be influenced by the spirit of deceit, and sentence a person to death based upon lies that were told.

Righteousness can only be implemented by the Spirit of God. Wisdom and knowledge that you get from the world is alright to an extent, but once it is infiltrated by the spirit of darkness and deceit it becomes unjust. The only hope for man is in the Lord.

A True Fellowship With God:

There is nothing in life that you can obtain that is more precious than a true fellowship with God. Whatever you lose in this life to maintain a fellowship with God will be worth it. It is necessary to acquire an understanding of the value of a fellowship with God that you might be motivated to keep it. Such a godly fellowship will help you to understand why your tests and trials are important, and though such tests may be burdensome, you will not resent them when you see that they are making your fellowship with God stronger.

CHAPTER I

THERE IS POWER IN THE WORD OF GOD

Subject: God Has The Answer In The Scriptures:

Whenever you want to know what God is going to do concerning the future of the people of the earth, find a holy man and listen to such a man talk about God. God works in the minds of men that which He wills to be done. Back during the days of Jesus if God wanted to give answers to questions about the future of the world, He would cause the question to arise in the mind of an individual, so if we today desired to know the same thing, we might find the answer on record.

Today, holy men of God are taught by the Holy Spirit to use the scriptures to answer questions that might be on the minds of this present generation. The Bible was written by holy men of God whom He could work through, by putting questions in their minds. As they asked the questions, the answers were brought by angels. The Bible came not by the will of men, but by holy men who were moved and inspired by God to write as they were dictated to by the Spirit of God.

Subject: The Truth Must Be Accepted As It Is Presented:

The truth as it is revealed in the Bible must be accepted as it is presented. You cannot change the truth to be compatible with the weaknesses of human nature. Upon acknowledging the truth, human nature must repent, be transformed, and brought up to the standard of righteousness that the truth presents. It does not matter how impossible it seems to be to accept the truth, if it is not accepted, those who reject it will be considered by God as unbelievers.

The word of God is of no private interpretation. What I give in my literature is not my interpretation of the Bible, but the actual teaching of the word of God. Many religious practicals believe that the word of God should be lowered to a standard of living that is in harmony with their sinful nature, and they have interpreted the Bible to mean such. The Bible means just what it teaches, and it doesn't need any interpretation.

The world is filled with different churches and denominations today because people interpret what the Bible says to suit their own desires. To believe that you cannot live above sinful practices is to believe that the devil is greater than God is. It is the devil that causes people to commit sin, and it is God who gives you power to live free from sin. When a person believes that they can live above sin, the power of God comes upon the person the moment the devil presents a temptation to sin, and causes the person to reject the sin, and resist the devil.

When you are born again, you are born of God, receiving God's Spirit, and this free power from God is yours to assist you against the temptations to commit sin. The Spirit of God is the Holy Ghost, which is an anti-sin power that can prevent sin from coming into your life under any condition. When you receive this power, sin will have rule over your life no more. You will not be condemned by the law of sin and death, because you will be under grace.

Subject: The Word Of God Is Like A Mirror:

It is not enough to learn about the kingdom of heaven in a song or poem. It is better to learn from the word of God in the Bible. The word of God teaches you about your life. It is like a mirror that you have on the wall; it shows you your natural face. This means it shows what you lack spiritually that you might obtain salvation. When it speaks of your natural face, it means your sinful or carnal state. When you see your sinful state of existence, you have a choice to make changes in your life. Listen to James 1:23:

Verse 23 - For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer,
he is like unto a man beholding his natural face
in a glass.

If a person is concerned about being saved, they will remember what the word of God showed them concerning their spiritual condition. They will be blessed when they seek God for help to make changes.

Verse 25 - But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty,
and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful
hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be
blessed in his deed.

**Subject: Men Should Do Research On The Science Of Salvation
Rather Than War:**

It is probably the best waste of time to plan a long stay in this present world. God is not going to let a world that He provides for to continue as it is now. It

doesn't matter if you are saved or unsaved, you are not going to continue to live under the conditions that now exist.

Nations of today are doing research preparing for tactics of future wars rather than learning the science of how to be saved. Those who are truly saved should be glad that God is going to bring changes in the world. Nothing that the nations of the world accomplish will be worth much if salvation is not a part of it.

The scriptures are the most valuable thing that we have, because they teach us how to be a part of God's plan for man. The scriptures came not by the will of man, but men wrote them as they were inspired by God. The scriptures are a looking glass, which will enable you to see if you are on the better side of God's plan.

Subject: God's Word Is Eternal:

God's words are eternal. The word of God will never pass away. It is the will of God that we know His word. God's word is not to be taken lightly. If the word foretells of events that will come upon the world, it will surely happen. God can see in the dark as well as He can see in the day. He can see common practices at night, which are displeasing in His sight. God warns us to practice doing right so that we will be secured by what His word promises. When you have obeyed God, He will talk to you in fellowship by means of His Spirit. He will then take away our sins and remember them no more to be held against us.

Subject: The Word Of God:

When words are in authority, they have power. When the boss on a job gives orders for what he wants done, his words will carry power to get it done. God has authority over the entire universe by means of His word. The world was created by the word of God. God spoke and out of His words came power. The power of men in authority is in their words. The Spirit of God produces power in His words. The Spirit and the word work together. When the word of God goes forth, the Spirit will energize the word. When you obey the word, the Spirit will assist by causing the word to do what God commands it to do. The word of God created the world because the Spirit was in the word. When Jesus said blessed are the poor in spirit, when they believed His words they were blessed. When Jesus

stepped out on the deck of a ship in a storm, He said “Peace be still” and the storm became calm.

The word of God is full of grace and truth when you obey it. It will give you favor and assistance. Jesus taught the people that by obeying the word of God they could live above sin. He explains the importance of forsaking sin and obeying the word. Jesus exhorted men to go in peace and sin no more. Through obedience to what Jesus taught, the new birth would follow.



CHAPTER II

**BEHOLD - THE BRIDEGROOM
(JESUS) COMETH:
PREPARE**

Subject: The Day Of The Lord Will Come:

The day of Jesus' return will come as a thief in the night, resulting to the heavens, as we presently see it, passing away with a great noise, and the elements of the heavens shall melt with fervent heat. It is not the will of God that we be ignorant of this event that is why He has made this knowledge available in the Bible.

Whenever a person tries to keep us ignorant about a source of information, it means they are deceitful. God does not keep us ignorant of what He plans to do so that we can prepare ourselves to be ready. We now have time to learn how to be holy and acceptable to God that we will not be destroyed with the sinful world. If we repent, the Holy Spirit will help us to be holy in all manner of conversation and godliness. Man will initiate his own destruction by means of sin and war, but God will finish it.

Subject: What Shall Be The Signs Of Jesus' Coming?

When the disciples asked Jesus what the signs of His coming would be, Jesus said that He would tell them, but they should be very careful not to let anybody deceive them. One of the signs Jesus said would be that false preachers would come in His name professing that they are God sent preachers, using Jesus' name. Jesus said there will be wars and rumors of wars, but He said all these things must come before the end. Nations will also rise against nations, and there will be famines and pestilences, but the end is not yet, these things will be the beginning of sorrows. Men's hearts will be failing them because of the fears that will be coming upon the earth. Jesus said these things are the beginning of sorrows.

There will be one safe place for a person to stand when these conditions come upon the earth, and that is in the holy place. That means to stand in righteousness. Make sure you are living right. When the time comes, it will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. However, God has assigned an angel by the name of Michael that will deliver all whose names are written in the book of life. When you are born again, your name is written in the book of life and Michael will deliver you (Daniel 12:1-3).

Subject: Is Your Name In The Book Of Life?

In order to be a sinner, a person must disobey a commandment that God has given, being a willful and intentional violation of a commandment of which the person has knowledge. After a person intentionally disobeys the commandment, their name along with the record of the commandment that they disobeyed will be placed in the book of the condemned to be used in the Day of Judgment (Daniel 7:10).

Every commandment that God tells us to obey, He also tells us how to obey. Your name is removed from the book of the condemned when you do it as He tells you, and the record of your disobedience that was placed in the book of the condemned will be blotted out. Your name will then be placed in the book of life (Colossians 2:13-14) (Revelations 20:12).

If you are willing to obey God, and you don't have the ability, it will be made known to God by your effort to obey. When God sees the effort, though you lack the ability, He will supply the ability and strength.

Subject: Be Ye Also Ready:

The scriptures warn us by teaching us the signs of Jesus' return so that the day of the Lord will not take us by surprise. Now the secret to being ready for Jesus is not to let Him catch you doing anything that God has commanded you not to do, because Jesus cannot take you into heaven when you are disobedient. Your disobedience will close the doors of heaven to you.

Life in the kingdom of heaven will be developed by the Spirit of God using the righteous life that it gave us on earth to be upgraded to a level of perfection that will be acceptable to God for the person to live in the kingdom of heaven. If the Holy Spirit has not initiated a righteous life on earth by giving the person the new birth in Christ, it will have nothing to develop for the person to live in heaven when Jesus returns.

You must receive the first part of your salvation while you are living on the earth in order for the second part to make you perfect to live in heaven. The first part of your salvation should make you perfect in conduct while on the earth, and the second part will make your body perfect upon Jesus' return.

Listen to I Corinthians 13:10:

Verse 10 - But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

Listen to I John 3:2:

Verse 2 - Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall see him as he is.

Subject: Don't Gamble With Your Soul:

If you follow what I am teaching from the Bible, and observe what is happening in your environment and everyday life's experiences, you will be able to see that what the Bible teaches is right. Every principle that I teach is based upon what the Bible teaches.

You don't want to be a gambler with your soul, thinking that you will be lucky and get saved when Jesus returns. God doesn't deal with luck; He honors His promises. Luck is false and it is for foolish people who live by time and chance.

God's promises are a sure thing to those who obey Him, and sure damnation to those who disobey. Men who do not believe and obey the word of God are gambling with their souls. If you lose your soul, it will be an eternal loss. Some believe that they will have time to get right before Jesus returns, but the word of God teaches to "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour that ye think not".

Subject: Your Soul Is Your Life:

Now if you desire to be in the first resurrection, you must first be a holy person. To be holy means that your life is sin-free and you are filled with the Holy Spirit. If you are not holy when Jesus returns for the saved people, you will not leave the earth in the first resurrection. If you die holy, you will be simply resting and you will get up in the first resurrection at the command of Jesus' voice. Listen to St. John 5:25:

Verse 25 - *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.*

Your soul is your life. When you die saved, the death of the physical body will have no power over your soul. You will pass from death unto life. Listen to verse 24:

Verse 24 - *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

The second death will have no power over the saved person. The first death of the body is natural, but if you are not saved, the second death is spiritual, which will be eternal torment. The first death will separate you from your friends and relatives, but the second death will separate you from God. If you are not saved, you are separated from God while you are living in this world. If you should die while you are separated from God, you will experience eternal death being forever separated from God. There is no plan made available for a person to be saved after they die if they are not saved while they live. There is no record in the Bible of purgatory or any place that an unsaved person can go to and come back to be saved after they die.

The word of God teaches us how to repent of our sins and to be born again while we live in this life. When you are born again of the Spirit of God, you will never die spiritually, which means your life in the physical body will be transferred to a new spiritual body prepared by God in the first resurrection. So the word of God teaches that blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power. After you have been born again of the Spirit of God, there is no power in death to destroy your life eternally.

Subject: More About The Judgment For The Unsaved:

The first resurrection will be for the born again saints, and little children seven years of age and younger. This resurrection will take place a thousand years before the second resurrection. The second resurrection will be for the unsaved. Listen to Revelations 20:5:

Verse 5 - But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

The first resurrection will be for the saints to reign with Christ a thousand years to enjoy the blessedness of the kingdom of heaven (Revelations 20:4). This will be an introduction to their eternal blessings.

Those unsaved that are left on the earth after the first resurrection will live in a habitation of pure misery for this thousand-year period. At the end of this thousand-year period, the judgment will take place, and God Himself will set the judgment for the saints (saved) who would have been called in the first resurrection to judge the unsaved. Listen to Revelations 20:11-15:

Verse 11 - And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Verse 12 - And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Verse 13 - And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Verse 14 - And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Verse 15 - And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Now a record of the unsaved person is kept in heaven to be used in the judgment of the last days. Every evil thought, word, and deeds are recorded against the unsaved for this Day of Judgment. All of this knowledge was put in the Bible by God's holy men. God revealed it to them that they might preach and record this knowledge so that we might know how we could escape damnation and eternal punishment.

Now many may not believe this information, but their unbelief will have no effect upon this knowledge coming to pass. God will not allow anyone to be lost without first warning them, because He is a just and loving God who is willing to save you if you desire to be saved.

Subject: It Is The Plan Of God That Saved People Be With Jesus In His Glory:

Jesus desires that all born again saved people be with Him in His glory. If saved people are with Jesus while they live in this present world, they will also be with Him in the wonderful and blessed day when He shall again be with His Father, God.

In the beginning Jesus was not known in heaven as Jesus; "Jesus" was His earthly name given after He was born on earth. Jesus was known as the word of God in the beginning. God later took His word, which was with Him in the beginning and created all things by it. Afterward God placed the same word in a body, and named it Jesus Christ. Jesus is the human name and Christ is the divine name, ordained by God. God sent His word into the world that He might bring the knowledge of God to man who had been separated from God by sin.

When the people of the earth believe the word of God, then Jesus' mission on earth will be fulfilled, and all who believe will one day be with Jesus and be a part of His glory. God has promised that He shall one day bring to an end this sinful world. Therefore, from generation to generation, men who believed in God have looked forward to Jesus' return and to the correcting of a world of evil.

Subject: Jesus' Return Will Be Sweet For The Saved People: But Very Unpleasant For The Unsaved:

When Jesus comes in His glory to take the saved people back to heaven, it will be a sweet day for the saved that are ready to receive Him. However, not so sweet for the unsaved who are not ready. The word of God is true, and as sure as we see the sunrise in the morning, we shall see the Son of God come with a big horrifying surprise for those who are not saved.

Jesus will catch some men with bottles of liquor in their mouths, and they won't have time to take them down. He will catch some men having affairs with women who are not their wives. He will catch some politicians telling lies, and making promises to people that they know they can't keep.

However, those who desire to be ready for Jesus' return can be ready, because God will give them the Holy Spirit to help them be ready. Such will have their minds stayed on the Lord, watching and waiting for Jesus.

Subject: Jesus Is Preparing Places For The New Arrivals In Heaven (St. John 14:1-3):

The primary preparation in being ready for Jesus' second return is to believe what God sent Jesus to teach us, and everything else will fall in place. Jesus taught, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved". Baptism of water is a symbol of how you would be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Those who don't believe what Jesus taught concerning His second coming shall be damned, not by Jesus, but by their unbelief.

The only thing that can separate you from the grace of God is unbelief in the teachings of Jesus Christ. When you believe the gospel, you will obey the gospel, and your heart will not be troubled upon Jesus' second appearance. Though Jesus is not on earth with us today, we can be made ready by the Holy Spirit. Jesus has informed His disciples as well as believers today that in His Father's house are many mansions.

The Holy City in heaven will have many residences prepared for the believers of Jesus' teaching, because Jesus is making arrangements. At the present time, the citizens of heaven are countless millions of angels, and no residences are vacant because angels don't die, and that is why Jesus is preparing mansions for the new arrivals.

Subject: Christ Is The First Fruits Of All Who Will Be A Part Of The First Resurrection (I Corinthians 15:20):

We do not want to be vulnerable to death in the natural state. To receive death in the natural state is to receive it as an unsaved person. Only Jesus can prepare us to receive death in the spiritual state. Death in the spiritual state means that you have been born again. When you are born again, you will have victory over death in Christ, and if you die before the first resurrection, your soul will receive a peaceful rest in paradise. God gave Jesus power over the lives of saved people while they live, and victory over death when they die in Christ.

When Jesus appeared unto John on the Isle of Patmos, He said, "I am He that was dead and behold, I am alive forevermore, I have the keys of hell and death". Hell in this scripture represents the grave and death is the prisoner. Jesus is the first man who ever lived in a natural and spiritual body. We were sown or born in a natural body, but if we are saved, though we die, we will be resurrected in a spiritual body (I Corinthians 15:44). Jesus was sown in a natural body, but when He was resurrected, He was raised in a spiritual body.

Jesus is giving us the pattern for our own lives by which we will experience the resurrection upon His return. Christ was the first fruits for those of us who are saved. So now, Christ's resurrection was not just for Christ; but a pattern and example of how saved people will also be resurrected. Listen to I Corinthians 15: 20:

Verse 20 - But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

Christ is the first one whose natural body died, and was raised from the grave in a spiritual body. All who are saved in Christ will be resurrected upon his return that includes the dead and the living.

Subject: The Hope Of The World Is The Resurrection:

The hope of the world is built upon the resurrection. The resurrection is the only means by which those who desire to be saved can be delivered from the miseries that will come upon the world. If there be no resurrection of the dead then all the labor and sacrifices that it took to implement the plan of salvation would be in vain. The resurrection will be for those who died saved, and for those who will be alive and saved upon Jesus' return. It is the hope to live again that is the hope for those who are in Christ. So Jesus came to give us hope which is, if we die, we shall live again eternally.

Jesus admonished His disciples before leaving them, that they should let not their hearts be troubled, and if they believed in God that they should also believe in Him; that in His Father's house are many mansions. This means many blessings for their comfort and joy.

There will be many services performed by the spiritual beings in heaven for the entertainment, comfort, and happiness for the new arrivals. Angels are spiritual beings that will be preparing the things that Jesus has planned for the saints who will be arriving. In heaven the new saints will never have to worry about dying again, because they will be given spiritual bodies prior to their arrival in heaven like angels have who presently live in heaven. The new saints will experience living in an atmosphere of unlimited peace and pleasantness. Such joyous conditions will be everlasting. None of the good things of heaven will ever end. So, Jesus admonished His disciples to be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh, because His return will be so quick that we will not have time to prepare ourselves to receive Him.

Subject: Today Is The Day Of Salvation:

You can rejoice and have all the fun and pleasure that your money can afford while you live in this world, but as you began to approach death, you will not be able to rejoice when you know you have to die. Now some people are not going to die, those who are saved and alive when Jesus returns. If you are saved when Jesus returns, you will never experience death. You will experience a change in your physical body to an immortal, spiritual body. Jesus will administer the first resurrection for the born again saints. Those who are alive upon His return will never die. Listen to St. John 11:25-26:

Verse 25 - Jesus said unto her, *I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*

Verse 26 - *And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

If you are saved and you die before Jesus returns, then you can rejoice in knowing that though you die, you can live again. It is wonderful to know that Jesus is coming to take the saved people to heaven. It will be soon because all of the signs that indicate His coming is near are in place. Saved people are very happy to have this knowledge, because they are looking for Jesus. If you are not saved, you are not looking for Jesus; you are looking for a chance to hit the lottery.

Jesus is not going to allow anybody to know the day or hour that He is coming, however, the Bible gives us signs of the season of His coming. The most important thing is to be ready. You can only be ready when you are born again and living a sin-free life.

If you are not saved before Jesus comes, you won't have time to get saved upon His appearance, because it will happen so quickly that those who are not saved will not be able to get ready. It takes time to learn how to live a saved life. You won't be able to do it upon Jesus' return, because Jesus is going to appear in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for the trumpet will sound letting the unsaved know that it is too late to be saved (I Corinthians 15:52).

After Jesus returns for the saved people, there will be no other chance for the unsaved to be saved. The grace period that we are now living in is the only time that God has allowed for people to be saved. It will be a good thing to get ready now while there is still time.

Subject: How To Get Into The New City:

The Bible gives us a detailed description of the kind of people that are going to heaven. God is now building a beautiful new city that is called Jerusalem. There will be no night there, nor sunlight. The presence and glory of God will give the light. Folk who acknowledge the presence of God today in their minds, and respect His presence by the way they live, will have the privilege of living in His presence throughout eternity. Such people are a holy people, who live in this present world above the practice of sin. God is not playing games with the world. Being saved is serious business.

Now to get into this new city we will need the Spirit of God, which is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the only means by which we can get into this new city; it is our ticket and escort. You should be saved if you have the Holy Spirit while you are living in the present world. The Holy Spirit gives you fruit unto holiness to make you a holy person, and this will qualify you to receive everlasting life in this new city. Listen to Romans 6:22:

Verse 22 - But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

If your life consists of love, peace, joy, patience, humility, meekness, longsuffering, goodness, and charity you have the Holy Spirit, and these qualities are evidence that you will receive everlasting life in this new city.

Subject: The New World Order Will Be The Righteousness Of Christ:

God who is the creator of this endless universe has also created countless millions of angels that are subject to His command in heaven, and they move according to His desires. We can be assured that God's will, will be done in earth as it is being done in heaven. When Jesus sets up His kingdom on earth, righteousness shall exist from one corner of the earth to the other. The new government of the earth will be ruled by Christ in righteousness.

Righteousness shall be the strength of the loins of the Son of God who shall rule over the kingdoms of this world, according to God's promise. In this new kingdom, faithfulness shall be the girdle of Jesus' reign. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and

the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6). All viciousness and violence shall be taken from the dumb brute that shall be on the earth. “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord” (God), (Isaiah 11:9).

Subject: All Of The Saints Will Be Resurrected When Jesus Returns:

I am so happy that Jesus was resurrected from Calvary, because He has promised to come back one day to get me along with other born again saints, according to the promises in the Bible. The same Bible that promised that Jesus would save me has also promised that He is coming back to get me and take me to heaven. I would be a fool not to believe His promise after He has given me a witness by being resurrected in my life. I believe that all the prophets, holy men, and women who are resting in Paradise are going to be resurrected upon Jesus’ return and those who are saved and living will meet them upon their resurrection with Christ.

For those of us who are saved, our interest now should be directed to His return to earth. Jesus informed His disciples before He left the earth that upon His return, the world would come to an end. This should be the main thought in the minds of those who are saved today. Jesus informed His disciples that they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days after His departure.

Jesus said when He returned to heaven that He would ask His Father to send the disciples the Holy Spirit to keep them while He was gone. This request to God by Jesus was for everybody who believed His gospel up to this present day.

Subject: The Next Great Storm:

Believe it or not, the word of God declares that the next great storm, which shall come upon the earth, will not be as the storm that came upon Noah and the people of his day. It will be a storm of flashing lightning with fire and brimstone falling upon the earth to consume the unsaved, because the saved people will be gone. Born again believers would have found their place in the kingdom of heaven.

Now Jesus Christ is the temple for the souls (minds) of men and women who walk in His statues. A temple is a place where one can be sheltered from storms of wind and rain, a place where you can abide and hide from dangers. Jesus is the temple for the souls of saved people and their bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of God. God invites everybody today to come into the temple so that you will be sheltered from the next storm that's coming.

When your soul or mind is secured, you are safe. The mind is the central center for the human body that can secure the body when the correct information is sending the correct signals to the body. When you obey the word of God, your mind is sending the correct signals to your body.

**Subject: Only The Holy Spirit Will Lead You The Right Way
(St. Matthew 24:4-14):**

If the Holy Spirit does not send a preacher to teach you about the signs to look for upon Jesus' second appearance, you will be deceived looking for the wrong signs. When the disciples of Jesus Christ inquired about the signs of His second coming, Jesus gave very specific and detailed descriptions of what they should look for.

Jesus said one of the signs would be that there shall be great distress on the earth, but those who trust in God shall be delivered. Another sign that Jesus taught would be an influx of false preachers deceiving and misleading people. Such religious leaders will come in Jesus' name. Some saying that God called them to preach, and some might even be bold enough to say that they are Christ, and they will deceive many people.

In the last days, the scriptures teach that most of the people who think they are saved will be deceived. Such people will desire a religious way of life that will tolerate sinful pleasures. Jesus referred to these kinds of religious practicals as those who will be seeking a broad way to be saved, but they will follow the way of destruction. Listen to St. Matthew 7:13-14:

Verse 13 - *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:*

Verse 14 - *Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

Subject: What Will The End Of The World Be Like?

Today the world is suffering as it has never suffered before. Nations are against nations. Men's hearts are failing them because of fear of the things that are coming upon the earth. Revolutions are occurring in the midst of many countries. Jesus said these are the beginning of sorrows.

Nineteen hundred (1900) years ago, the disciples of Jesus Christ sat with Jesus who spoke and told them the signs of the end of the world. Today very few preachers preach the true gospel. However, God can send the message to the world with only a few faithful servants.

We don't know when these things will happen, but the Bible teaches us to stand in the holy place. The holy place is not a church building; it is obedience to God's word. When you stand in the holy place, you are standing in righteousness. Those who are saved must live so that when the trumpet of God sounds and the dead in Christ shall rise, you will be one in that number. We are now living in the last days. Listen to Daniel 12:1-3:

Verse 1 - And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Verse 2 - And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Verse 3 - And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Prior to the destruction of this present world, Michael who is an angel of the Lord, shall stand for the children of God. Those who walk uprightly shall be delivered. Everyone whose name is written in the book of life shall be saved. You must be born again to have your name written in the book of life. These are the saints who will be caught up in the first resurrection. They will be awakened unto everlasting life. A thousand years later, those whose names were not written in the book of life will be awakened unto everlasting shame and contempt. No man

knows the day or hour of Jesus' return. It may be a thousand years from now or it could be this year. Listen to St. Matthew 24:36 and 42:

Verse 36 - *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

Don't let any man tell you that he knows the day or hour of Jesus' return and the end of the world; however, the Bible gives us the signs of His coming:

Verse 42 - *Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*

Subject: The New Earth:

At the present time, the possessions and wealth of the world can only be retained by man while he lives. God's word teaches saved people to "fret not thyself" because of unsaved people who prosper in their ways. Saved people should not be angry and in no wise should they do evil to acquire wealth, because evil doers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon the Lord shall inherit the earth.

There will come a day when the wicked people of the earth shall not be here. The Bible promises that the saved people will inherit the earth. This will take place after God sets up a new earth where righteousness will be the controlling force. This will be after the earth has been purged by fire. At this time, the meek or saved people shall delight themselves in an abundance of peace (Psalms 37:7-11).

If we are children of God during this present day while the unsaved are prospering, we will later be heirs of God when God establishes the new earth. We at that time shall come into possession of all that God has created. The kingdoms of the earth shall be given to the saints. In the kingdom of heaven, the saints will be guests there, but the new earth shall be given to the saints of God. This means that the government and the rulership of the whole world shall be given to the children of God.

While we live in this present world under the authority of the unsaved, God is teaching us how to rule ourselves. After such time, He has promised that if we are faithful and endure, we shall come into full possession of that which He created in the beginning for the upright and holy man and woman. God is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. God created the world to be a paradise and to be inhabited by His son Adam in joy, peace, and happiness; by

transgression, he fell. However, today Adam lives in us and if we obey God's command, God will redeem Adam in us. This means we will receive the blessings that Adam lost by transgression.

God is teaching us how to rule ourselves so that when He gives us the new earth, there will be no government by any one person. Every person shall govern himself or herself. Today on the earth, everybody is trying to govern somebody else and it only results to wars. If everybody had the Spirit of God to govern them there would be no need for the military and law enforcement to govern the people of the earth. When you are saved living in this present world, it is being proven by your conduct and ability to govern yourself that you will qualify to live in the new earth that God will establish for His children. This is not true for the person who has not been born again. All things will be ours to enjoy in the new earth, and the time will surely come when God will suffer us to come onto possession. God's plan is to establish righteousness in the new earth, that those who dwell there may be under the government and rulership of God in their hearts.

The presence of God is with you if you will obey Him and keep His commandments, and His goodness will go before you. Though you are a servant in this present world, if you keep God's commandments, you will be promoted to a position of trust, control, and rule. God exalts you when you obey Him. Though you are a servant, you are waiting for the fullness of time to be promoted. God has promised two things for every true child of God. One is eternal life and the other is the inheritance of the earth. Today the devil is trying everything that he can to keep us out of the will of God, and if we don't control ourselves, we will find that the devil will be ruling us.

Those who have the devil's spirit would like to fill you with envy, strife and hate because the devil likes to recruit new servants. When you understand the purpose of God, you will obey God at all cost. One day those of us who are servants in this present world will be rulers over the earth. The day is coming when those who are now living on the earth won't be here; the wicked shall be cut off (Malachi 4:1).

Subject: You Must Be Converted To Get Into The Kingdom Of Heaven:

It is the will of God that the people of the earth be converted and become as little children so that He can take them into the kingdom of heaven. Little elementary school age children have beautiful attitudes toward those that love and care for them. A child properly loved and reared with good home training will

never give anybody any trouble. Such a child will never go to jail or become delinquent. There is nothing more beautiful than a child like this.

Can you imagine a kingdom of people with this kind of disposition? This is what the people of the kingdom of heaven will be like. They will be saints of God. There will never be any contentions, disagreements, arguments, envy, strife, or malice in the saints of God's new kingdom.

God will not allow anyone on earth to be a part of this new civilization unless they take on the above character traits while they are living in this present world. It may seem like a hard thing to do, but if a person desires to be a saint in God's kingdom, God will give them the Holy Spirit to help them while they are on earth today.

Subject: Jews And Gentiles Will Be Citizens Of The New Kingdom:

It is a wonderful thing to have God with you in this life, because this is a dangerous world. When God is with you, His presence is made known by His Spirit. The Spirit will guide you, direct, and protect you along with the angels of God encamping around you. They will be with you when you are home, at work, in your car, or where ever you go. You get these benefits when God is with you.

Now make no mistake God is not with sinners. If you are a sinner, you are vulnerable to the forces of evil, which is the devil. When God is with you, He will be with you in life and in death. Though you die, you will enter a peaceful, pleasant rest in a place called Paradise, and you will live again when Christ returns for His people.

All power in heaven and earth is given into the hands of Jesus Christ that He will bless those who are saved. When you are saved you will obey Jesus' gospel, and this will give you the right to be a joint-heir with Christ.

The scripture declares that when Jesus shall descend from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, the dead in Christ shall rise, and all who obey Him who are yet living, shall be changed. They will be gathered from all parts of the earth to go back with Jesus. They will be taken to heaven to live in the New Jerusalem, which will be the capitol of the new kingdom.

When Israel of old was established by Moses, Jerusalem was the capitol city for the nation of Israel, but it was destroyed because of the disobedience of the people of Israel, so they lost their kingdom on earth. After the Jews rejected Jesus upon His first appearance to the earth, salvation was offered to the gentiles. So today, Jews and gentiles shall be accepted in that new kingdom, which shall be

established upon the earth and in heaven. This New Jerusalem will be a beautiful city prepared in heaven by God, and it will be the fulfillment of God's promise to his saints.

Just before He left the earth, Jesus promised His disciples that He was going away to prepare a place for them that where He would be they could be also. This promise is to everybody who has been born again. Today all who are saved are looking forward to living in the new capitol city, the New Jerusalem.

CHAPTER III
WHAT IS SIN?

Subject: Sin:

All unrighteousness is sin. Sin makes your life difficult and appalling. Sin is deceitful and is designed by the devil who was the originator of sin to disrupt your life's operations. Sin makes people lie, steal, extort, murder, and drink alcoholic beverages while they do such things.

You can't always see how sin is affecting your life because it has undercover operations. Many do not understand how bad sin is until after it has ruined them. Sin can ruin your life to the extent that you cannot recover from its damages. Only Jesus can help you against the effects of sin.

Subject: Come Out Of Sodom:

If you are a born again believer in the teachings of Jesus Christ, you are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. The world is only acknowledged by God through you. Your ministry and purpose is the reason that God has not yet destroyed the world. God will not destroy the world as long as saved people are on the earth. Born again believers are ambassadors for Christ who represent God to the earth. When God sends orders to the born again believers to prepare for evacuation, the world is in trouble. Lot and his family were warned by God to come out of Sodom before the fire fell. God will never destroy the righteous with the wicked. When an ambassador is sent to a foreign country to warn them of war, the war will not start until the ambassador has left the country.

When the world is overwhelmed with sin, God will categorize the spiritual condition to be like Sodom and Gomorrah. The ambassador will then warn as many people as He can to "come out of Sodom". You get out of Sodom by repenting of your sins. My warning to the unsaved world is to "come out of Sodom".

Subject: Sin Is Of The Devil:

Sin did not originate from man; it was passed down to man by the devil. Sin does not belong to man; the devil has deceived man to be a carrier of sin. When the word of God teaches against sin, it is not speaking against man, but it is speaking for man to deliver him from sin. When a person carries sin in their life, they also carry the devil. The devil deceives humans by incorporating his program

of sin into the human nature to be a part of human desires. When a person has desires to commit sin, it is not their desires; it is the devil's work.

A desire to commit sin can only be removed from a person's life by the power of the Holy Spirit. Such a removal of sin from the human nature is not a biological operation that can be done by a medical surgeon, but a spiritual transformation that must be done by a spiritual power that is greater than the power of the sinful nature.

The natural desires of humans come from the carnal mind. The mind carries the natural tendencies of humans. When the Spirit of God gives a person the new birth in Christ, it transforms the natural or carnal mind to a spiritual or righteous mind. Listen to Romans 12:2:

Verse 2 - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

When the mind has been renewed, the nature of a person will be regenerated from a level of carnality to an elevated level of spirituality by the renewing of the Holy Ghost. The nature will be upgraded from a lower level of sinful desires to a higher level of righteous desires. Listen to Titus 3: 4-5:

Verse 4 - But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Verse 5 - Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

Subject: It Is The Evil Thoughts Of People That God Is Looking At:

Now we won't know when the day of the Lord is going to be, but the scriptures give a warning by comparing what happened to the people during the days of Noah. It gives us a description of how the people were during Noah's day. Listen to Genesis 6:5:

Verse 5 - And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

The word of God is teaching that during Noah's day, the evil thoughts of men were evil continuously. Notice that God looked at the hearts and thoughts as well as the actions of men, and He made preparations to destroy the people based upon the evil thoughts that were in the hearts or minds of people.

If people today are carrying evil thoughts in their minds, this will be reason enough for God to destroy the people again. In order to find grace in the sight of God, people must repent of their evil thoughts as well as their evil actions. It is the thoughts in the hearts of men that will eventually produce evil actions. Listen to St. Mark 7:21-23:

Verse 21 - *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,*

Verse 22 - *Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:*

Verse 23 - *All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*

When God sees no indications that people of the earth are willing to repent of their evil ways of thinking, He knows that their actions won't get any better. Therefore, He will prepare to destroy the people of the earth that are partaker of such evil thoughts.

Subject: Sin Brings Destruction:

The sins of the people caused the old world to be destroyed. If sin caused the old world to be destroyed, it will certainly cause this present world to be destroyed. The destruction of the old world was an example for the people of this present world. God makes His way of doing things plain to us by means of the things He does. We learn what God will do in the future based upon what He has done in the past. Heavenly language is made known to us through earthly things that we are familiar with. The flood that destroyed the old world is common knowledge to the people of today.

**Subject: Obedience To God Is Very Valuable:
The Wages Of Sin Is Death:**

Many people today don't place any value on obedience to God's commandments. They think that God will bless, help, and protect them in spite of the sins that they commit. They think that Jesus' death on Calvary grants them forgiveness for all the sins that they have previously committed, and all the sins that they will commit in the future. They believe that God will answer their prayers regardless of how much they commit sin. Such believers are labeled by the word of God as being rebellious to God. Listen to Isaiah 1:19-20

Verse 19 - If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Verse 20 - But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

You cannot be a servant to God and a servant to sin. In order to be a servant of God, you must be obedient to His righteous teaching. Listen to Romans 6:16, 18, 20, and 22-23:

Verse 16 - Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

You have to be free from sin to be a servant of righteousness.

Verse 18 - Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

When you commit sin, you are separate from the righteousness of God.

Verse 20 - For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

You are only a servant of God when your life is free from sin.

Verse 22 - But now being made free from sin, and become

servants to God, ye have fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

The wages of sin is death, or to be eternally separated from God.

Verse 23 - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Subject: Failure To Repent Is An Indication Of Unbelief:

When people don't have the mind to repent of sinful practices, they will not believe the warnings of God that the scriptures are giving. The people during Noah's day did not know it was their doom until the flood was upon them. They had heard the warnings that Noah gave, but they gave no regard to Noah's warning neither did they have respect for Noah as a prophet of God. In order for the warnings of God to have a positive effect upon a person's mind, they must have a mind with the intent to repent of their sins.

Subject: Turn At God's Reproof:

If you turn from a life of sin at God's reproof, He will pour out His Spirit upon you, and enable you to understand His words. You cannot please God when you don't understand His word (Proverbs 1:23).

If you fail to turn at God's reproof, He will hide His eyes from you and not see you at a time when you desperately need Him. In addition, when you pray, He will not hear your prayers (Isaiah 1:15).

Subject: The Thrill Will Not Stay:

Sinful pleasures are deceitful. Sinful pleasures don't last. There is a difference in sinful pleasures and joy. Sinful pleasures give you thrills. Thrills don't last; thrills leave you after they have fooled you. Remember B.B. King, who sang the blues; he said, "The Thrill Is Gone". The thrills always leave, because

thrills are designed by the devil to feel good to the carnal nature, and later leave you hanging.

Dope addicts and liquor drinkers are never satisfied, because dope and liquor only give you thrills for a short while. These substances take you into an imaginary world of pleasure that does not really exist, and they leave you. After the thrill is gone, you are left hanging, trying to figure out how you can get back. Many who indulge in such pleasures end up in jail. Later, the devil will remind them of the song that B.B. King sang, “The Thrill Is Gone”.

Subject: We Cannot Control The Results Of Sin:

For man to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil was an act of evil. Man was taking in his own hand that which he did not know how to deal with. When we are commanded not to bother something that we don't have knowledge of, our disobedience would be to our own destruction. I would not try to fly an airplane, because the knowledge of how to do it is beyond my skills.

God commands us today not to commit adultery, because the results of such an act will be beyond our ability to deal with. Some people are killed as a result of adultery. When the devil can motivate a person to be disobedient to God's command, he blinds their minds to what the results will be. When David took Uriah's wife, he had no idea that his sons would take his wives and have sex with them before all Israel so that the nation could see it.

Subject: God Will Not Allow Sin Nor Sinners To Be A Part Of His Eternal Plan:

God, according to His word, would not do anything that would affect the people of the earth unless He warns them first. God is merciful in His way by giving people time to prepare and make themselves ready. The world is going to be destroyed again because of sin. Sin is against God's holiness. Under no conditions will God allow sin or sinners to be a part of His eternal plan. God will not neutralize sin to make it acceptable. He will simply deliver us from sin. Sin has disrupted and corrupted all of the nice things that God has done for man's comfort and happiness.

Sin is now preeminent. God teaches in His word that if He did not spare the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell and placed them in chains of

darkness, and He spared not the old world and destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah with fire, because of the wickedness of the people in that day. So then, neither will God tolerate the sins of this present day.

Subject: The Danger Of Covetousness And Greed:

Happiness is not material; it is spiritual. Happiness has to be in your mind and not in your material and financial gains. You can acquire billions of dollars in finances and lose your health, and your money will not make you happy. God makes you happy, and not the material things of this world. You can only be happy with a contented mind, and that can only come from God. When God has given you reasonable health, and the material things of life that you need, and you realize it is because of your obedience to God, you will be truly happy.

It is not steaks and lobsters that will make you enjoy your dinner; but a good appetite. With a good appetite, you will enjoy a hamburger from Burger King more so than the fellow who goes to the Red Lobster with not such a good appetite. A good appetite comes from God. If you are not covetous, you can be happy with less than the person who is covetous. A covetous person is never satisfied, because the person will always want more. A person who is not covetous will be given satisfaction from God with a lot less than a covetous person. If you desire to accumulate you should do it so that somebody else might profit.

The problem with our economy is the greed of a few that have affected the mass majority. Greed is contagious. Everything on the earth belongs to God. If some men have the ability to acquire more than others do, they should do like Henry Ford, and set up a program so that everybody will profit by his prosperity. Henry Ford was an example by God to show the wealthy how to supply for the needs of those who have less. If greed and covetousness continues, the entire nation will fall economically as it did during the great depression.

Subject: No Fornicator Or Whoremonger Can Be Saved:

If you are committing fornication and going to church, you are wasting your time going to church. Fornication means to have sex and not be married. You cannot be a follower of Christ and commit fornication. When you commit fornication, you are not following Christ in love, but you are following sin in lust.

Love is of God and lust is of the flesh, inspired by the devil. Listen to Ephesians 5:1-3:

Verse 1 - Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

Verse 2 - And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

Verse 3 - But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

No whoremonger, fornicator, or unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Whoremongers are those who sponsor prostitutes and pay for sex, and they could just as well go to church on Sunday. They will nevertheless have no inheritance in the kingdom of God.

Subject: There Will Be No Excuse For Hatred:

No reason for hatred is acceptable to God. Instructions are given in the word of God in order to destroy the spirit of hatred, and to introduce the spirit of love. Hatred must be removed from the lives of those who want to live in heaven with God. In heaven, there will be only love, joy, and peace.

Hatred is a sin that has brought the human family so much misery, weakness, and disorders that this present generation is revealed as being wicked more so than any previous generation. God not only shows us the miseries of the past that were brought about by hatred, but He also reveals the path ahead for those who allow hatred to be in their lives.

Subject: Only God Can Help You Tell The Truth:

You must get help from God to speak the truth. Nobody can speak the truth unless God helps them. In man's natural state, his ways will be perverse. To be perverse from righteousness is to be separated from God. Before Jesus was

brought into the world, people were perverse. It is hard for a person to tell the truth without the Spirit of God. A person will imagine a lie in their mind and tell it as though it was the truth. In the fleshly state, it is a common thing for the flesh to desire to be praised. If the flesh feels that a lie will bring praise to the person, a lie will be uttered by the lips of the person who is perverse.

Subject: Evil Must Be The Choice Of The Unsaved Person – It Cannot Be Forced Upon The Unsaved:

Until a child reaches the age of seven years, he or she is considered by God as being a little saint. After the age of seven, the child begins to take on the ways of those around him or her. Any child who dies before reaching the age of seven is covered by the blood of Jesus. This is because such a child has not become wise enough to discern between good and evil, and no evil has entered the child's heart. A person must be mature enough to identify right from wrong, and choose to do wrong before evil can enter their heart.

Subject: When You Have Trouble Don't Blame God:

It is the devil who makes trouble and deceives sinners by keeping them in the troubles he makes. If the unsaved person follows the devil he will use trouble to lead the unsaved to hell. The teachings of Jesus Christ show us how not to follow the devil, and thereby avoid going to hell. People who go to hell are led there by deception. When a person follows the devil, they are led ignorantly into transgression of God's word.

Now watch the devil when you are in trouble, because he will try to show you how mean God is. He wants those in trouble to blame it on God. When you get in trouble the devil will make you look for folk to blame, and when you can't find anyone to blame, he will make you blame God if you are not careful. He does this because God is your only means to be delivered from trouble.

CHAPTER IV

THE GRACE OF GOD BRINGETH SALVATION:

Subject: Grace Is Available For Everybody:

Everybody will experience the availability of grace from God. For those who do not hear from God by means of the gospel, they will hear by means of their conscience. When you hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, instructions are given to you that you might know that the grace of God hath appeared to every man in his conscience, teaching him that every time something ungodly comes up in his mind to do, he must deny it. This experience brings grace to all men and women.

If you believe the word of God, it will purify your heart. The word has power to purge your heart of all ungodliness and sinful desires. Such purification will make your actions and deeds pure. There will be others around you who will be witnesses to the purification process. They will see a change in your life and bear witness to your conversion.

Now after you confess that you believe God can keep you free from sin and stand-up before witnesses, you will shun the appearance of evil, and God will sanctify you by filling you with the Holy Spirit. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, something within you will give you zeal to lift up a standard of righteousness when the enemy comes upon you to tempt you to go back into sin.

Subject: God Wants To Save Sinners:

God loves sinners, but He wants to save them from their sins. A sinner can be separated from the practice of sin. When this happens, God will no longer consider them to be a sinner. God knows that sinners are taken captive at birth against their will. Jesus is the only one who can lead us out of this captivity.

When you are saved from sin, you are sanctified in Christ Jesus by the Spirit of God, which means you are set apart from sinful practices. You are then brought forth by the word of righteousness by a pastor who fed you with knowledge and understanding. Your mind at this point would have been girded about with the truth. Without a girdle, your mind can be just as wild as a horse without a bridle.

Subject: When God Saves A Sinner He Makes A Sinner A Saint:

God loves sinners; He gave His only begotten Son to ransom sinners from the grave, and to redeem sinners from eternal death. Sinners have a blessed opportunity to be saved. The angels who once lived in heaven and rebelled against

God do not have the privilege to be saved that sinners on earth have. God has done a bigger favor for sinners than their families could ever do. If sinners choose to continue to be sinners rather than saints then there is no more that God can offer them. When God saves a sinner, He makes them a saint.

When a sinner becomes a saint, they will no longer commit sin. Saints do not commit sin, because they are made holy by the power of the Holy Spirit. To be holy means to be free from sin. When God saves a sinner, He calls them from a life of sin to be holy like God and Jesus are holy. Listen to I Peter 1:15-16:

Verse 15 - But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

Verse 16 - Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Subject: Open Your Mind And Ears For Spiritual Things Of God:

You are blessed when your eyes and ears are opened to the Lord, because He can reveal the dangers that lie ahead to you. God has to open your ears for you to have the ability to hear His word. Without a spiritual ear, you are deaf to the knowledge of the word of God. You could read the Bible and get nothing from it. You could hear the gospel preached, but it would have no effect upon you. You would see others rejoicing, but you would be unmoved and untouched.

You would be physically alive, but spiritually dead. The beauty of salvation would be hid from your eyes, and though you would be in the company of saved people, you would not be a part of the body of Christ. You could not pray, because the Spirit that makes intercessions for prayers to God could not reach you.

My advice would be to open your mind and ears with a strong desire to be saved, and for spiritual things of the Lord that you may see, perceive, hear, and understand, and God will help you.

Subject: When You Get Saved It Was God Who Stopped You:

The Apostle Paul was on his way to Damascus when he was converted. He had planned to arrest a saint by the name of Ananias who was following the teachings of Jesus Christ, but God stopped him and turned him around. When God saves you, He stops you from the way you are going and turns your life around. If

you are still living the same life of sin that you lived before you joined the church, God has not stopped you.

You must be stopped by God to be saved. Neither you nor your church can stop you from living a life of sin, only God can stop you. When God stops you, He stops every aspect of your previous life. God will discontinue your social life, your religious life, and sometimes your career. God will cause you to make a 180 degree turn about. You will then begin to live completely for God. All of your former friends, relatives, and church members will know that God has stopped you. Some will tell you it is not necessary to stop everything that you were previously doing, but you will stop because God would have stopped you.

Subject: God Corrects Those That He Is Going To Save:

If the teachings of the word of God chasten you, it means that God is showing you that He loves you. When you receive correction from God concerning the things you are doing wrong, this means that God wants to save you. God knows when we lack knowledge of the things that we are doing wrong, and He sends us instructions on how to correct our wrong.

During this correction process, God will give us the Holy Spirit to guide and counsel us on how to obey God's word. God's Spirit is everywhere and it can use any source of an earthy means to teach, guide, and correct us. You may not see God while you are on the earth, but He can talk to you and guide you by means of His Spirit. His Spirit can use the voices of people, or written information and make it available for your knowledge so that you can be saved.

Subject: How Do You Worship God?

You can set up a place to worship God in your home. When you are born again you will have the mind to worship and obey God everywhere you go. It is deceitful to worship God only in a local church. Such a way of worshipping can lead you into the spirit of hypocrisy. Those who worship only in church assemblies could very well be worshipping to be seen of others who are present. When you are truly saved, you will worship in the presence of God with the knowledge that God's eyes are watching your life.

You worship God by obeying the principles of righteousness that His word teaches. It is the way you live that worships God, and not necessarily, what you do

in a church assembly. What good is it to go to a church assembly to sing, pray, testify and return to your private life to commit adultery? Such ways of living do not honor God, but they give honor to the devil. When you live in the spirit of hypocrisy, you are worshipping the devil. When God is not in your private life, neither is He in your church when you go. In order for God to go to a church with you, you have to carry Him in your private life throughout the day.

Subject: Spiritual Slumber:

As unsaved people, we are born into the world in spiritual slumber. This means we are asleep to the knowledge of righteousness. We are spiritually asleep. Under these conditions, our minds are not alert, nor aware of the righteousness of God. To be saved we have to be awakened unto righteousness. Listen to I Corinthians 15:34:

Verse 34 - Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

To be spiritually asleep means we are dead to the knowledge of God. When we become saved Christ quickens or revives us to righteousness and the eyes of our understanding are enlightened that we may see “what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints” (Ephesians 1:18). Until we receive this reviving, we are dead in trespasses and sins. We are the living dead (Ephesians 2:1). Listen to Ephesians 2:5:

Verse 5 - Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Subject: Your Heart Is Your Mind:

When the Bible refers to the heart, it is making reference to the mind. The heart is the mind. Just as your biological heart pumps blood through the body, your mind, which is spiritual, pumps thoughts to the members of your body to tell them what to do. If you have a carnal or sinful heart, it will tell the members of your body to commit sin, such as telling your tongue to lie, or hands to steal.

When God saves you, He gives you a new heart or mind that is righteous. When your heart is righteous, it will send orders to your body members to do righteous deeds. Your heart (mind) is the control center for your body's operations. You cannot do right but so long unless the Holy Spirit has given you a new mind. The condition of your mind (heart) affects your entire body.

Subject: More About The Carnal Nature:

The carnal nature is a curse that was brought upon the human race as a result of the sins of Adam. The devil cursed the human race with the carnal nature. The carnal nature is the flesh, or the natural inborn tendencies of humans to possess desires that are contrary to the teachings of the word of God.

When humans are born into the world, they inherit the genetic nature to be sinful from their ancestors. This kind of human nature can never enter the kingdom of heaven; and unless this nature is replaced, such people would not want to live in heaven. All who possess the carnal nature would prefer to live in an ungodly world where sin is preeminent, as the world is that we presently live in.

God offers the new birth in Christ to replace the carnal nature of humans who desire to acquire eternal life in heaven. The new birth would replace the carnal nature with the divine nature of God. Only those who acquire the divine nature of God will be able to enter the kingdom of heaven. The divine nature of God must be acquired while such a person is presently living on the earth. You will not be able to get this nature after you get into the kingdom of heaven because the carnal nature will be rejected upon Jesus' return. Listen to Revelation 22:11-12

Verse 11 - He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

Jesus gives no plan for folk to change from the carnal nature to a holy nature upon his return.

Verse 12 - *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*

The carnal nature is made known in Galatians 5:19-21. It is referred to as the works of the flesh.

Verse 19 - Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Verse 20 - Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Verse 21 - Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

When you are born again, you are born of the Spirit of God. This means you are filled with the Holy Spirit. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it replaces the carnal nature and the works of the flesh with the divine nature of God, and this will be made known to you. You will be able to see your life producing the following fruits of the Holy Spirit that are listed in Galatians 5:22-23:

Verse 22 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Verse 23 - Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Subject: The Power Of The Incorruptible Seed:

When you hear the gospel coming from a Holy Ghost sent preacher you will receive into your mind the implantment of an incorruptible seed. The word of God is an incorruptible seed that can transform a person's mind and body giving the person an incorruptible life. An incorruptible life is not subject to death, age, nor sickness. The initial work of the incorruptible seed will start while the person lives in this present world after receiving the word of God. At this stage of reception of the word, they will live a life free of sinful desires, which would normally lead to death. At the end of their life in the flesh and blood body, the incorruptible seed will develop a new body that is incorruptible to replace the body that they

presently live in, and they will not experience the second death. The incorruptible seed has power to defeat death. Listen to I Corinthians 15:54:

Verse 54 - So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Subject: The Light Of The Gospel Offers Salvation In Christ:

There is no worse spiritual condition to be in than to not have knowledge of the plan of salvation. Jesus came to the earth to bring light to the world. The devil had the people of the earth in darkness, or ignorant of the plan of God. When you acquire knowledge of the plan of salvation, it is through knowledge that you can receive life in Christ. Life means to be saved. Christ brought the light of the gospel that gives life to the world. Listen to St. John 1:4-5:

Verse 4 - In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Light means understanding. When you understand the plan of salvation, nothing can stop you from receiving life in Christ.

Verse 5 - And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

The devil's purpose is to keep the world in darkness or ignorance so that they can't make a choice to receive life that Christ offers.

Subject: If You Live Right God Will Bless You:

It is a wonderful thing to live right according to the righteousness of God's word. Living right while you are in this present world pays off. You will clearly be able to see that the conditions of a person's life that lives right is far better than the conditions of those who don't live right. When you are living right, it means to live without committing sin. When you learn that lying, stealing, committing

adultery, and drinking liquor are wrong, you won't have half the problems that people have who do these things.

God has placed blessings and rewards behind righteous living. When you live right, it leads you to blessings from the Lord. When you live wickedly, you have to be dishonest to get ahead, and eventually you will have trouble. Look at the latter end of the lives of people who are wicked, and dishonest. I don't have to mention their names; they are in the news all the time.

During this period of grace that God is giving the world, men and women who correct their lives of sinful practices can receive forgiveness for their sins. In addition, God will bless them with material blessings to show that He is pleased with them. Christ died for this purpose.

Subject: You Are Wise When You Are Holy:

We know that these are the last days by the conditions that prevail. The scriptures teach in II Timothy 3:1 that in the last days, perilous times shall come (dangerous times). Verse 2 of that chapter teaches that men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, and unholy. When we see these things happening, we know that we are living in the last days. Jesus could return any day and resurrect the saved people.

When God wants us to know something, He presents the knowledge that is relevant to our everyday living conditions and things that we see happening. God teaches us within the bounds of human reasoning. He helps us to understand that it is foolish to be unholy, and wise to be holy.

Subject: The Earth Will One Day Be Like The Kingdom Of Heaven:

There is such a great program for the salvation of man ordained by God that no power on earth can abolish. If you desire to be saved, nobody has power to stop you. God purposely constructed a plan for salvation so that one day those who are saved will be able to live in heaven and upon a new earth in a civilization dominated by peace, joy, and love. Today we are given grace from God to adjust our lives to this holy way of living. As we make these adjustments, it is proof to God that we desire to be a part of this new paradise where righteousness will avail.

The apostles of Jesus were eyewitnesses of His acts, and they saw the power that Jesus received from God through prayer. They had seen things happen as a result of Jesus' prayers to God. This resulted in them being motivated to want to learn more about Jesus' way of life and His relationship with God. They noticed that in Jesus' prayer, a petition was presented to God that the kingdom of heaven would come to the earth to renew the ways of the inhabitants of the earth like that of the kingdom of heaven. Listen to this passage of scripture of Jesus' prayer to God in St. Matthew 6:10:

Verse 10 - *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven.*

Subject: God Promises To Deliver The Saved People From The Miseries Of This World:

Regardless of what biblical scholars and men of science may teach, God is the same today as He was yesterday. God does not change His ways of doing things because our opinions about God change. God's plan from the time that Adam failed until this present day is for the salvation of man.

Jesus is coming to redeem man from the curse of sin, and when man has been redeemed, God has planned to give man a glorious body to live in that will be fashioned like His own glorious body, and to deliver man from the suffering and miseries in a flesh and blood body. Those who are saved will first experience a change from their present bodies to their new glorious bodies. At this time, they should look up because their redemption will be drawing near.

Many of the problems of life that cause us to be discouraged and despondent are the miseries of living in a flesh and blood body that modern medicine is not able to solve. God wants us to know and understand that we are His children and if we continue to obey His commandments, we will one-day experience deliverance from the miseries of our existence in this present world. The redemption of those who believe and trust in God must come.

Now the devil has deceived many into believing that they can escape the miseries of this world by running around enjoying worldly pleasures, going to dance halls, and cabarets. These things only make life worse, because they take you further away from God. It is in the holy place of God that you will find comfort until Jesus comes.

Subject: A Virgin Shall Conceive:

Jesus was manifested to the world as He came through forty-two generations down to the Virgin Mary from the seed of Abraham, born of a pure holy daughter in Israel, undefiled by man, clean and virtuous. All this was done that God might fulfill His promise which He spake through the prophet Isaiah when He said a virgin shall conceive (Isaiah 7:14).

God's first son Adam was brought from the earth, but His begotten Son Jesus was born of the Holy Spirit from a virgin. The origin of the begotten Son carried power, and purity that would be used to redeem mankind from the curse that the first son brought upon the world. God knows how to do things.

Today the world has hope, but only in Christ. Today the world has peace, but only in Christ. The angel announced His birth by singing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, and good will toward men" (St. Luke 2:14). Peace without goodwill won't last, and until the world accepts the Lamb of God as their Prince of Peace, there will be no peace on earth.

Subject: The Promises Of Jesus Christ (St. Matthew 5:1-48):

Jesus' offer to the people of the earth is that if they will be poor in spirit, humble themselves, and be subject to His commandments, He will give them the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is also saying that the poor in spirit should not worry about those who are taking advantage of them in this present world, because in addition to the offer of the kingdom of heaven, they will also inherit the earth. These are the promises that Jesus is offering the people of the earth, and nothing has power to annul Jesus' promises to the people of the earth if they obey His commandments.

Subject: How Is Your Record In Heaven?

Did you know that everything you do is being recorded; even when you think nobody is watching? If you are not saved, the sinful things you do are being recorded. God has a recording system that works through the air and can record every deed that each human being is doing on the earth, and He keeps the record in heaven. Listen to Job 16:19:

Verse 19 - Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high.

You can have your record cleared up if you repent and get saved. Otherwise, we will hear our record played back to us in the Day of Judgment. When a person repents and receives the new birth in Christ, their record of sinful deeds will be wiped clean. When your record of sinful practices is cleared, God sends it to a place called Calvary, and hangs your old sinful record on Jesus' cross. Nobody can take it down and present it against you. Listen to Colossians 2:13-14:

Verse 13 - And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Verse 14 - Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

**Subject: Save Yourself And Those Who Will Hear You
(I Timothy 4:16):**

If you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it means you are born again. When you have the Spirit of God, you can keep your mind on Jesus' return. The Holy Spirit will help you to keep your mind on your earthly duties and on Jesus' return at the same time, and you will be ready when He comes.

Now if you don't have the Holy Spirit, it means you have not been born again, and under these conditions, the devil will make you keep your mind on evil things. You will be in chaos, fighting and fussing, and your mind will not be on the sky, watching for Jesus; it will be in contention with somebody.

The Holy Spirit will help you to watch and pray being always ready for Jesus' return. By watching, you can be ready to greet Jesus when He comes. Now don't worry about trying to straighten other people out if they don't want to be saved. You have to save yourself. If someone else shows interest in your salvation, you can help them. Don't let people upset or disturb you by their ill conduct and sinful lifestyles; God will take care of them.

Subject: There Is A Difference Between Church Programs And Salvation:

You have to be careful of church programs today, because many churches are putting on shows to entertain the members. You can become so excited watching a church put on a show and be a million miles from salvation. Just because the spirit of a church seems to be exciting doesn't mean that it's the Spirit of God.

The Spirit of God brings righteousness into the lives of the people, and you can acquire this spirit at home. What good is it to go to a church and enjoy an exciting show and go home to argue with your wife? You would be better off to acquire a spirit of righteousness in your home and enjoy peace with your wife. When you are saved, God dwells in your mind and He gives you joy, peace, happiness, and contentment. You can go to a church, enjoy a show, afterwards return home, and not have any of these things.

Subject: Are You Sure You Want God's Life?

If you give God your life, God will give you His life in return. Now when God gives you His life, you will have to live like God and take on the character of God. God is liberal, kind, longsuffering, patient, easily entreated, and peaceable, without hypocrisy, and partiality.

Are you sure that you want God's life? God loves His enemies, and He is forbearing towards those who are against Him. Have you changed your mind about wanting God's life? God is full of charity and dedicates all the necessary resources for the comfort of others. God is going to give His kingdom to people of the earth who were at one time against every principle that He stood for.

Now before you make up in your mind that you want God's life, you had better think about it for a while, because it may be more life than you would want to live.

Subject: Jesus Is The Express Image Of His Father:

You shouldn't get comfortable living in this present world if you are not saved. Jesus was sent into the world by God the Father for the purpose of making

us ready for the day that is coming in which the pleasures that men and women are enjoying in this world will come to an end.

The world will not always be a habitation for sinful pleasures. When Jesus brought the gospel to the world, He made it very plain that the end would soon be upon us. People during Jesus' day had never seen a man perform as Jesus had done. They said that the wind and the waves obey Him, and that He could call men from the grave and they would live again. Jesus was well known as the word of God made flesh. God at various times in different ways spoke prior to Jesus' ministry through prophets, but in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son Jesus, whom He had appointed heir of all things.

Jesus is very unselfish. If we believe and obey His gospel, He is going to allow us to enjoy living in His new kingdom forever. Now Jesus just doesn't have real estate in heaven, the entire universe belongs to Him. Jesus is now preparing many mansions for His people to enjoy eternally. Jesus is in the brightness and the brilliance of the mind of God and when we see Him in person, we will see God, because He is just like God in person. If you should see God and Jesus together, you would not know one from the other, except for the scars from the nails on Calvary on Jesus's hands.

Therefore, the word of God teaches that you wouldn't know Jesus from God His Father, because He is the express image of His Father. The word of God also tells us that He upholds every word of His promise, because God the Father is the power that speaks through Jesus.

Subject: Grace Is Available Today On Earth Just As It Was During Jesus' Day:

When the prophets of God speak, they are moved by the Spirit of God to speak. The words that they speak are not really their words; God is simply using their voices to speak by the Holy Ghost. However, when Jesus came, He was the word of God made flesh, which means the people were receiving messages directly from God, and those who had a mind to receive the messages, the Holy Spirit would help them to understand the messages.

Jesus was with God in the beginning as the word of God, and the word was God, which means they were one. Everything that was made was made by the word of God. Without Jesus being involved to initiate the creation, nothing was made. Jesus was a part of God's entire plan for the creation, and today all who receive Jesus will be eligible to enjoy the creation that is presently being renovated by Jesus.

Now to help us to believe and receive the plan of God, God sent Jesus to dwell among the people of the earth. Today if we believe Jesus' teaching, the Holy Spirit will bring Jesus into our lives, and just as the people of Jesus' day received grace, or favor, we can receive the same favor when we accept Jesus Christ.

Subject: The Natural Versus The Spiritual:

God speaks in parables that man might look upon the natural and see the spiritual. The grapes on a grape vine can only get their life from the vine. So is it also with those who want to be saved in Jesus Christ. Christ is the true vine, and we must stay connected with the vine to receive life in Christ.

If Christ is holy, then we should be holy. When we are not being holy, we are not abiding in the Lord. Proof of our connecting with Christ is that we will be producing fruit on a continuous basis. Such will be the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Spiritual Sight Gives You Understanding:

When your eyes are open and you can see, your natural sight is a blessing, and a pleasure you can enjoy. Spiritual sight is different from natural sight; with spiritual sight, you perceive or understand things. In order for your spiritual sight to be effective, God must give power to the spiritual eye to understand His word. God's word is a spiritual teaching.

Spiritual things pertain to right and wrong. Unless you have the Holy Spirit you do not have a spiritual eye, this means you will only be able to understand the things of the world that man has done. When you don't have a spiritual eye, you are blind to the things of God, but you will have good sight for the things of the world.

When you start with God, desiring to be saved, you should follow somebody who has good spiritual sight. A person who has spiritual sight can lead those who do not have spiritual sight, and if they follow, they can be saved.

Subject: The Spiritual Mind Is More Powerful Than The Carnal Mind:

When the Bible makes reference to the heart, it is referring to the mind or soul. The heart is the spiritual part of your existence. When your doctor makes reference to your heart, he is talking about the organ in your body that pumps blood. Your physical heart is the organ in your body that pumps blood, but your mind pumps thoughts that give orders to your body. Your mind is the control center for your body. It can produce emotions such as hate, love, malice, envy, or emulations. Your mind can control your body, but nothing that you possess can control your mind, because it operates based upon the Spirit that it has.

If you have the spirit of the devil, you are carnally minded. If you have been born again, you have the Spirit of God, and you are spiritually minded. To be spiritually minded is to be a righteous person. When you are a spiritually minded person, the fruit of the Holy Spirit will be the product of your mind, and it will be revealed in your life.

The carnal mind and the spiritual mind will not reside in a person's life at the same time, because they are contrary to one another. When the spiritual mind is present, the carnal mind leaves, because it does not have power to defeat the spiritual mind. The spiritual mind comes from God, and the carnal mind comes from the devil.

Subject: Don't Get Too Close To Folk Who Are Doing Wrong:

Don't get angry with people because they won't do right. You will always meet people who are not right, and if you get angry, you will always be angry. You will see people who seem to be prospering because of their crooked ways, but you must continue to do right. Doing right is doing what God tells you to do. Be careful of who you associate with, because people who do wrong can influence you to do wrong, if you get too close to them.

Don't try to help folk who have trouble for doing wrong. If you have a friend or relative that is in jail for doing wrong and they ask you for help, tell them that Jesus helped them two thousand years ago and that help is still available. Don't get too close to them, because if you do, you will get some of their punishment.

Subject: Only God Can Make You Dwell In Safety:

Once you start with God, you should not allow anything to make you regret that you made a start towards God. I would not exchange what I have with God for anything that the world has to offer. Everything the world has to offer is short termed, and cannot be compared with the blessings that God has to offer in His kingdom. Listen to Romans 8:18:

Verse 18 - For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

I have been through tests and trials through the years and not once have I been sorry that I started with the Lord. There is nothing in my life that can compete with my love for God. God is everything to me. God is more realistic to me than my neighbors are. It is through my devotion to God that I know that I am a child of God.

God is in my mind and thoughts every second of the day. I lay down at night with God on my mind and I get up in the morning with God on my mind. I spend most of my time during the day in meditation, reading, and writing about my experiences in the Lord. I spend most of the night praying to God. There is no doubt in my mind that the way I have chosen is the way of holiness.

Every night when I go to bed I lie down in peace. I have learned that only God can make me to dwell in safety, and so I trust Him so much that I am helpless without Him.

Subject: You Won't Find A Better Friend Than Jesus:

Jesus Christ is the greatest character that has ever lived in a human body. Jesus is the Savior of the world. In my literature, I am attempting to portray Jesus that others might become better acquainted with Him. I have never known anybody to die that his or her enemies might be saved. Listen to Jesus' prayer for His enemies in St. Luke 23:34:

Verse 23 - Then said Jesus, *Father forgive them; for they know not what they do.*

Jesus' disposition was a reflection of love, not love like the world knows about, but love for those who were inflicting pain upon Him until He died. This love is beyond human ability to comprehend. Jesus was wounded for our transgressions, and He was bruised for our iniquities, so that one day we would have the privilege to live in His kingdom to be happy forever.

I don't know of anybody else that would do this for their enemies, and very few who would do it for their friends. Jesus' sacrifice saves us from our worst enemy, which is death.

Subject: The Greatest Character That Ever Lived:

Jesus is the greatest character that ever lived on the earth. Jesus died the death of a malefactor that those who accepted His teachings might live forever. Nobody else has ever done this for mankind. Everybody on earth today should be acquainted with Jesus. I am trying by means of my literature to acquaint people with Jesus. Listen to Isaiah 53:5:

Verse 5 - But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

History has no records of anybody who has suffered so much for the benefit of those who deserved to suffer. We as sinners deserved the punishment that Jesus took for us. We deserved to die and to be forever separated from God.

Jesus was sent by God to bring salvation for us from that which we could not deliver ourselves. Nobody took Jesus' life; He laid it down for us, and He picked it up again so that we could live again with Him in His new kingdom. What Jesus did for us is not what people are willing to do for one another today unless they have Jesus in their lives. Man in his natural state is selfish beyond measure.

When Christ was dying for us He looked up to heaven and asked His Father to forgive them that mocked Him, and crucified Him. If there had been one speck of selfishness in Christ, the crucifixion would have brought it out in the form of vengeance. Christ was the perfect man who overcame evil with good, teaching us how to overcome evil, and not be overcome by evil.

God had His Son presented to the world in this manner with the greatest opposition, yet evil was not able to overcome Him. The great secret of life was manifested at the cross, and that was to know how to overcome evil. The only way

that you can overcome evil is to forgive those who have done, or are doing evil to you with a pure heart, without any reservations. In order to acquire this victory over evil you cannot carry in your heart any resentment for what they have done to you. You must not allow any injury to your pride or feelings to grow, because that would destroy your ability to forgive, and cause you to seek revenge. Jesus realized that thoroughly, so nothing that they did to Him could change His opinion about the power of God to make Him overcome evil with good.

Jesus found extra power within Him, so He had victory over evil. Though Satan caused the people to try to destroy that power, Jesus was nevertheless victorious. When He was reviled, He reviled not again. When He was threatened, He threatened not again. When they judged Him wrongfully, He stood and took the judgment, knowing that God in heaven judged righteously, and would not let Him be hurt by the evil judgments of men.

Righteousness is like a good seed planted in rich soil. It will come forth. It will bud and bloom. Nobody has the power to bury righteousness. They tried it on Jesus and in three days, He came forth. Today Jesus will be resurrected in the life of anybody who will receive Him with the mind to obey His gospel.

Subject: When You Are Saved Jesus Secures Your Soul:

Though Jesus is invisible, He is very much present in the lives of those who are saved. A truly saved person should never fear to trust Jesus, because Jesus is near, and wherever the saved person goes, Jesus will go with them. When you are saved, your soul or life is in Jesus and He secures your soul. Jesus gives eternal life to the soul, and though the body may go back to the earth, the soul belongs to Jesus.

Subject: You Cannot Bury Righteousness: It Will Rise:

Man in his natural state is selfish beyond measure. There is no ruler or means of measuring a man's meanness when he is not saved. Christ having this knowledge, while dying on the cross for those who were lost in sin, looked up to heaven and said, "Father forgive them".

If there had been one speck of self in Christ, such a prayer could not have been made. God had His Son presented to the world in this manner with the greatest opposition, yet the evil was not able to overcome Him. The only way that

you can overcome evil is to forgive with a pure heart and without reservations toward those who do evil to you. You cannot carry in your heart the embers of resentment for what they have done to you. You must not allow any injury to your pride, or feelings to grow because that would destroy your ability to forgive and cause you to seek revenge.

God is the ruler of heaven and the earth, and is the avenger of every evil deed; Jesus realized this completely while dying on the cross. Therefore, nothing that they did to Jesus could change His opinion about the power of God to make Him overcome evil with good. Jesus found the power within Himself; therefore, He had victory.

Subject: Walk With God:

No matter how big a man becomes in the world, he is small when he tries to make himself bigger than other men are. The greatest person in the eyes of God is a servant to other men. Any nation or leaders of nations that try to hold other people down will be brought down by their own actions.

If a person is a follower of righteousness, God is with the person no matter how low a position they may hold in life. The only big thing that you can be in God's eye is a big servant. When a person possesses character and principles in his heart created by God, such a person is one who walks with God. It is advisable never to join in with anyone who tries to lift himself or herself above another person that is created in the image of God. If this is done, those who are guilty will find that it is appointed unto man once to die, and after death the judgment.

Jesus is our example, and Jesus is also our bread of life. When a person is trodden down by another, all they have to do is to call on Jesus through prayer, and God will deliver them just as He did the nation of Israel. What God does for one person or nation, He will do for another if their obedience to God is the same.

Subject: We Must Understand The Ways Of God:

It is necessary that the people of the earth understand the ways of God. If you cannot understand the ways of God, you are living in darkness. To live in darkness means you are living without knowledge, and your movements through life are unsafe.

The Lord will simplify His knowledge for us, but most people of today hate knowledge. When people love sinful pleasures, they hate knowledge from God. God's word brings wonderful information from heaven so that we can know the will of God. When you are willing to hear God, He will give you a new spiritual ear to help you hear Him.

Subject: The Creation Is Not The Results Of An Accident:

Now there must be a God somewhere. Who could do all of the wonderful things that we see in the universe? It takes a fool to believe that the creation happened by accident. Accidents do not leave anything in a decent order. The results of a car accident are totally out of order. Nothing is worth anything when accidents take place. That's why auto insurance companies will total your car that has been in a terrible accident. If the creation were the results of an accident, it would not be suitable for human habitation.

Subject: Adam Stepped Down From Grace But Today We Can Step Up To Grace In Christ:

God does everything so nicely. God created this beautiful world for the first man to live in, with everything he needed for his happiness, and when man appeared too lonely, God gave him a woman. God created man perfect with a body that had no aches and pains, and placed him in a garden named Eden. Eden was a paradise for Adam and Eve to enjoy forever. Today if we obey God's command, the blessings that God gives us will be forever. God is not a limited God, and the blessings that He gives are unlimited. In the Garden of Eden, God caused every tree to bear fruit with a taste that satisfied Adam.

Now God's goodness to man is by choice. God will not force His goodness upon man, therefore, God gives man the free will of choice, whereas he can choose to obey, or choose not to obey. So, God planted one tree in the garden and instructed man, "if you eat of this tree it will cause you to lose all of the blessings that I have given you. This will result to the end of your disobedience being death" (Genesis 2:16-17).

God didn't want man to know evil, so He forbade man to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God also instructed man that the tree of life was also

in the garden and that he could eat of it if he felt weak, or fatigue and it would give him fresh vigor and continuous strength.

Man understood God's instruction, and he knew his options, so when he sinned, it was entirely by choice and not ignorance. Today God also makes sins known to us, and just as Adam had the choice to step down from grace, we have the choice to step up to grace in Christ.

**Subject: Gods's Word Is Plain Our Way Of Thinking
Is Confusing:**

When you have a mind to receive God's word, God will give you a mind to understand it. God will reveal it to you. The understanding of God's word does not come by means of intelligence or education. It is a gift from God, hidden from the smart or prudent mind.

There was a Eunuch in the Bible who was trying to read, and understand the word of God. He was so anxious to receive it that he traveled many miles to the land of Israel where he believed he would find someone who could explain it. God sent Philip to meet him. The Eunuch's mind was so open to receive it that as soon as Philip explained it, the Eunuch believed it, and was saved. It was by means of Philip that God sent the understanding of His word to the Eunuch. However, the Holy Spirit in the form of an angel directed Philip to go where he found the Eunuch.

God can use any person or means to send someone to help you to understand the word, and bring you salvation. Salvation comes to you incorporated with an understanding of the word. All you need is a desire to know more about the Lord. Things about God that seem confusing will be revealed to you, and appear so simple and plain that you will be amazed. God's word is plain; it is our carnal way of thinking that is confusing.

Subject: The Blood Of The Lamb:

The symbol of the crucifixion was set in motion long ago when God commanded Moses to kill a lamb, take the blood of the lamb and pour it into a basin, and put the blood on the doorpost of each home of the Israelites when they were in bondage.

Until this present day, humans are in bondage of sin. We cannot free ourselves from sin any more than the children of Israel could free themselves from bondage of the Pharaoh. The events in the Old Testament were symbols of how God was going to later do things when Jesus was sent. The blood of the lamb that Moses was commanded to use was a symbol of Jesus' blood that God was going to use to set us free from sin.

The death angel passed over the blood on the doorpost of the Israelites, and those of us who receive the teachings of Jesus will be washed of our sins by the blood that Jesus spilled on Calvary. This event will cause God to pass over us when He gets ready to destroy the world. Christ is our Passover just as the blood of the lamb on the doorpost of the Israelites was their Passover.

Subject: God Makes Himself Known To People Based Upon The Way They Are:

In (Hebrews 12:18) you will learn how terrible it was when God came down in person upon Mount Sinai to let the people know that He was more than a man. When God had Moses to act as a mediator between Him and the people, the children of Israel got to the place where they wanted to talk directly to God. Today everybody will tell you that they know God. Many will tell you that God has dealt with them in a special way. They will tell you that God has talked to them. Women as well as men will tell you that God has called them to preach.

People of today have taken on this frame of mind when it comes to God, because they don't believe that a pastor of a church is the only one God talks to. Many would like to have a few words with God on high personally and directly. They don't want to accept the proposition that every time they receive a message from God, it has to come through a preacher. When the children of Israel took on this way of thinking, God told Moses to tell them to clean themselves up, and He would set a day to meet with them.

Now the way you live determines how God will meet with you, and make Himself known to you. Listen to II Samuel 22:26-27:

Verse 26 - With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful,
and with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself
upright.

Verse 27 - With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with
the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury.

God will make Himself known in a person's life based upon the kind of person they are. If a person is crooked and dishonest, God will see to it that their life will consist of an association with people who are dishonest. If a person is a whoremonger or an adulterer, God will see to it that their associates will be whoremongers and adulterers. If a person is a liquor drinker, God will see to it that they are socially surrounded by liquor drinkers. On the other hand, if a person is merciful, pure, honest, and full of love, God will see to it that they are surrounded with the same kind of people.

Now the children of Israel had been rebellious and contentious towards Moses. Therefore, when they came to meet God, they encountered contentious and arrogant conditions to meet God under. When God came down to meet them the heavens were darkened, the thunder began to roar, and lightning began to dangle down the mountainside. If you are rebellious and indignant towards the person that God sends to be a mediator, when you meet God His introduction will be the same as you are.

Subject: You Must Hear Who God Sends To Hear God:

A person does not need direct contact with God to hear Him. If a person doesn't have a mind to hear the preacher that God sends, they won't have a mind to hear God. In St. Luke, 16:24 it teaches that the rich man that went to hell had requested of Abraham to send word to his five brothers not to come to hell. The response was that if they don't hear the ones that God sent neither will they hear one sent from the dead.

During Moses' day, God was using Moses to make Him known to a rebellious people. They failed to hear the prophets and the angels. Finally, God decided to send His only begotten Son, and those who fail to hear Jesus will have no other chance to be saved.

Down through the ages God brought prophets into the world who would tell us of His love and judgment. God then manifested His love when He brought Jesus into the world so that those who hear Jesus can be born again and become a child of God. Today if the people of the world knew about the love of God as they should, there would not be enough churches to accommodate them. The little time that we have left on this earth should not be spent in ignorance, but in gaining an inseparable relationship with God.

Subject: Contentment:

If you read the scriptures and meditate on God's word with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, God will bring peace to your mind. Everybody that lives is seeking a better home. If you are saved, you are seeking a home with a peaceful environment in a building not made with hands, but one that is eternal in heaven (II Corinthians 5:1). Those who know and love the Lord have been brought to the realization by the Spirit of God that these earthly houses shall be dissolved in the fullness of time, because their construction is temporary and the materials used cannot last long. Therefore, we should seek another building to live in which Christ has gone to prepare for us. Such preparations will be mansions in heaven that will last throughout eternity ((St. John 14:1). With this understanding, we are contented.

When Christ has given your earthly home love, joy, and peace you are convinced, and contented that the knowledge of the word that tells you about a heavenly home is a reality. The things that God does in your life while you are on the earth is a witness to the things that He promises He will do for you in heaven (St. John 3:12).

Subject: Contentment Drives Away Greed And Cultivates Love:

True contentment comes from God, and is that state of satisfaction that helps you to forget yourself and think of others. God sends along with contentment a spirit of thankfulness and appreciation that makes you put a very high value upon everything that God has blessed you with. The divine spirit of contentment helps to drive out all other spirits of discontent that try to impose upon you.

Contentment makes you satisfied with what you have to the extent that no room is left in your life for covetousness. You will not desire what others have because it is their blessing from God, adequate for their needs. A desire for what others have will never arise when you have contentment. Contentment will give you a desire more or less to share what you have to give them a taste of the contentment that you have experienced. The spirit of contentment drives away greed and cultivates love.

Subject: Dissatisfaction Leads To Greed:

If everybody could do everything for themselves, this would be a selfish world, but God has fixed the world so that we have to depend on each other for different things that we need for our survival. God gives some a limited ability to produce, and others more abilities to produce. To whom much is given, much is required. If a person is not satisfied with what God has given them the ability to produce, then their next step will be down to a level of greed.

In (Philippians 4:11) it teaches that we should be content with whatever state we are in. When you are satisfied with what God has given you and you learn to be a good steward, then God will increase and broaden your capacity. God does not mind giving you more if He sees that you are thoroughly capable of taking care of what He has given you. God will sometimes try you with a little and when you are successful, He will increase your possessions.

Subject: Don't Fret Because Of Evil Doers:

The people of our country should be more concerned about obeying God than what's going on in the country. Many people spend more time looking at the news media than they do reading the Bible. If you study the scriptures, they will tell you of everything that is happening, and they will tell you how it is going to end. The news media will tell you how people are prospering being crooked and unfair to those who have less, but listen to what the scriptures teach in Psalm 37:1-2:

Verse 1 - Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

Verse 2 - For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

Subject: Make Sure Your Own House Is In Order:

You hear a lot of folk complaining about what is being done in the White House. They need to worry about what is being done in their houses. I have respect for the president in the White House whether he's Democrat or Republican,

because God is in charge of the White House. God is going to lead those in the White House to make decisions for the best interest of the people when the people are pleasing God. Whatever the man in the White House does is what God planned. If the majority of the people obey God, then God will make the man in the White House do for the benefit of the people.

When the people of a nation begin to drift away from God, the leaders of the land will not be for their best interest. If the people turn back to God, and call upon the name of the Lord with a repenting heart, then God will give the people of the nation relief by directing the president's decisions.

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in Daniel's day thought he was the ruler of the world's greatest nation at that time. He had to learn the hard way that God was the ruler of heaven and the earth. Nebuchadnezzar walked out on the walls of his palace one day and said, "Is not this great Babylon that I built?" God showed him who builds and who tears down. Therefore, God took his mind from him and Nebuchadnezzar received a mind of a beast, and ate grass for seven years. He lived like an ox. He thought he was a ruler of Babylon, but he couldn't rule himself. After seven years, his mind returned, and he told the world that God ruled heaven and earth, and raises up whom He pleases to be king or ruler, or president.

Subject: False Conversions:

In order for you to know that you are saved, you must see a change and a difference in your life. Your life must clearly manifest such changes that you will be amazed; the Spirit will be bearing witness to your salvation by means of the changes that you see. You will then realize without a doubt that the way you have chosen is the way of holiness. How do I know it is? I know because your life will be different from what it used to be.

It is important to understand that you will not escape suffering, but the way of the cross will lead you home. Those who are in churches with false conversions will be falling all around you just like they were on a battlefield losing the war.

As the conditions of the world get bad, so will the conditions in the lives of those who experience false conversions. False conversions attack your emotions by means of music, exciting sermons, and a limited repentance of some sins, or no repentance of sins. These types of religious practicals are not related to salvation in Christ, and will surely fall on the day of temptation. You are only saved according to the knowledge given in the scriptures, and not according to emotions.

Subject: A True Conversion:

When the spirit of the Lord is present, the devil has to leave. God will send His Spirit to help a new convert to get off on a good start in righteousness. The devil has no power to withstand the presence of the Holy Spirit. When you begin to live right and praise God with sincerity of heart, the devil will try to come around with all the temptations of hell. However, they will appear weak to you because of your zeal for righteousness, which rises up above such temptations and will set a standard that cannot be reached by the devil.

When you call on God the Spirit of God will come upon you and give you victory over every sin and power to avail. You must continuously look to Jesus who is the author and finisher of your faith. You must always consider Jesus who endured adversities of the devil. Though some people will bear witness to your conversion as being true, others will contradict you. Those who don't believe and claim to be church going Christians will dispute your claim that you are saved because your life will condemn them, and the devil in them will cause them to be vigorously against you.

I am giving instructions in my books for you to go by, and these instructions are based upon my experiences in the Lord that have kept me in the Lord for thirty-five years. No matter who you are, if you follow these instructions as they are given, God will manifest Himself exceedingly to do more for you than you ever dreamed, and with power. God can give you power to go on in righteousness but those who have experienced false conversions could not last a day. Power from God will help you to go on until Jesus comes, or when you enter your rest.

Remember when you are filled with the Holy Spirit you will be holy, living a holy life free from sin. You will not be led to do what unholy people do; your life is going to be different from the average church going Christian. You must live the life that God has given you in spite of criticism and opposition. The Holy Spirit would have administered a process of adoption for you to induct you into the family of God as a child of God.

Subject: God Will Provide For His People Regardless Of The Economic Recession:

God will never relinquish His authority over the earth to the rulership of men. He's allowing the devil to have access to the people of the earth for a season or so, but it will soon come to an end. The devil cannot prevent the servants of

God from eating the good of the land, as long as they are willing and obedient. Such servants will be blessed in spite of the devil's harassment.

God will provide for His people who are obedient regardless of the economic recession, just as He did for Elijah and the widow when the famine was upon the earth.

Subject: If You Are Saved Today It Was Planned By God Before The Foundation Of The World:

It has been God's plan before the foundation of the world that He would save every person who was born in sin who would be willing to accept Jesus Christ and become one with Jesus. God wants to unite those who are willing to live righteously with Jesus so that they will be a part of the everlasting kingdom that God is going to give Jesus. God has promised that one day He shall make those who obey Him one with Jesus and Himself to enjoy all things for eternity. It was for this purpose that God created man.

Before the foundation of this world, there was a planet called heaven where God planned the creation of the world and for man to live upon the earth. Man was initially chosen by God to be a part of the glory, which God gave Jesus. God planned that man should be holy with Christ, without blame before Him in love, and having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will (Ephesians 1:4-5).

If you are saved today, it was planned by God before the world was created that you would be born into the world and made holy by Jesus Christ. You were adopted as one of God's children by Jesus Christ.

Subject: Be Careful Of Your Church Services:

You have to watch church services. Church services can fool you and make you think you are saved when you are not. You do not obtain salvation in Jesus Christ just by going to church. There are many who believe that they are on their way to heaven because they are active in their churches. Such Christians will preach, sing, and testify in their churches as though they are faithful children of God, yet in their hearts they are far from God.

When God saves you, He occupies your heart (mind) by putting His Holy Spirit in your mind. When your heart is not right, your church services are a waste

of time. The righteousness in your life must be produced from your heart. It is not what you do in your church that makes you right, but the grace of God must make you right and you can go to your church and tell others about what God has done for you in your personal life. You can join every church in town, but unless you serve as a light to your fellow man by love and good deeds, then your church services are in vain.

Subject: Don't Trust Everything You See!

The devil can fool you all the way to hell. When you become interested in a church, the devil becomes interested in you. Church programs can be like a circus show that is designed to fool the people. The difference is the people know that a circus show is designed to fool and entertain them, but they don't know that a church program can do the same thing. Many church programs are designed to fool people to get their financial support. You cannot trust what your eyes see in a circus, and neither can you trust what you see in some churches. You can only trust what God is doing in your life based upon the teachings of your church.

Subject: The Joy Of The Lord:

If you listen carefully to the word of God it will teach you how the latter part of your life will be based upon the way you lived during your former years. When Jacob was blessing his twelve sons, he could easily tell them what they were going to be by what they had done.

If you commit your life to God in your youth, you will have a better life when you are older. You will experience more joy from God than woes from the world. When God blesses you, He will add no sorrow with the joy He gives you. Remember whatever comes to you in life is yours. Don't make the mistake of blaming somebody else for your problems; it is what you have sown. The only way you can tell what your seed produced is by what comes to you in life.

Subject: Yesterday Will Meet You Tomorrow:

After you are born again and start living for God, yesterday will meet you tomorrow. Don't get in your mind that because you are going in the path of righteousness you are not going to have trouble. The beautiful thing about having trouble is that you will learn how to allow trouble to make you perfect.

Nobody reaps what they have not sown. You may not remember what you sowed, but it will come back to you in the harvest. David took Uriah's wife and his own son took his wife.

Subject: You Will Reap What You Sowed:

After you get saved your prior life of sin will have an effect upon your present life of righteousness. All existence has been programmed by God so that the life cycle of humans is predicated upon sowing and reaping. This means what a person puts out in life will determine what their return will be. Though you may be saved today, you will nevertheless receive a return for the sins you practiced before you were saved. Your love for God will have to be so strong that you must be determined that nothing will separate you from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

No matter how righteous you are today, you are going to reap what you sowed. Now the process of reaping is a little different from sowing. When you reap, you get back more in return than you sowed. This oftentimes will make it difficult to identify your return as being the results of what you planted. After acquiring this knowledge, you will be wise when you practice sowing good seeds, which will yield good fruit throughout your course of life.

Subject: True Hope:

The source for true hope is in Christ. When we have hope for the wrong sources, it is vain hope. Christ is the true source of hope. Obedience to God will cause your hope to lead you to God. When this source of hope is substantiated in your life, you can lay down at night in safety. Listen to Psalm 4:8:

Verse 8 - I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep:
for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

When you are born again you are safe, because your life is hid with Christ in God. When your hope has been substantiated, you will have an understanding of why you are obeying God.

Subject: You Should Strive For Mastery In Obeying God's Word:

Today, people will try to excel in every endeavor except obeying the word of God. They acquire mastery in sports and entertainment, but when it comes to obeying God's word, they are careless and perfunctory. Everybody who wants to be saved should try to be perfect. They will make mistakes along the way, but they should try very hard to correct their mistakes as they do when they are performing in the theater.

When a person shows a lack of interest in obeying God's word, God will show a lack of interest in their salvation. Listen to II Timothy 2:5:

Verse 5 - And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

Subject: Trust And Obey:

Our dependence and trust in God should cause us to look to Him for guidance and help at all times, and cause us to glorify the Lord for every good thing that comes to us in life. When the blessings of God come to you in life, it is a result of your obedience, and God is glorified. Folk who know you will know that you obey the teachings of Jesus, and God will bless you so that they will see the results of your obedience. Under such conditions, God will get the glory out of your life.

Trusting and obeying God is the very essence of your salvation. It is our belief in the reality of God that is substantiated by our trust and obedience.

Subject: You Must Have Respect For God To Get Help From Him:

The only way that you can show a person that you honor them is to show respect for them. You can only honor God when you show respect for His word. You cannot show respect for God's word unless you obey it.

We need help from God whether we realize it or not. Life is deceiving by causing us to think that we can make it without God's help. When you respect what a person stands for, you can get help from them; so is it also with God.

Subject: The Strong:

If you are truly saved and have been born again of the Spirit of God, you should be strong in the Lord. You should be filled with the Spirit of God, and are steadfast and upright in all your walk. You should be taking instructions from the word of God and obeying the gospel. You should be helping to carry the burdens of spiritually weak folk that you worship with. You should be a spiritual light for the unsaved who are looking for salvation. You should be doing missionary work. You should support the finances in your place of worship. You would be spiritually referred to as the strong.

Subject: The Weak:

There are those who have taken a stand to walk with God who live only on milk. They are like newborn babies who slowly gather nourishment for spiritual food. Such beginners in the Lord are not able to stand alone. They have to be instructed, encouraged and helped by the stronger person in the Lord. They have to have an example to follow, so the strong must be their spiritual guardians. They must depend upon the strength of the strong. They must be carried along patiently until they can walk alone. They are called the weak.

Subject: The Wicked:

The third category of spiritual practicals consists of those who come into a church for some purpose unrelated to being saved, or obtaining salvation in Christ.

This category has no intention of being saved, but only desires to destroy the weak, and overcome the strong. They are the children of the devil planted in the midst of the righteous to discredit and to spoil the works of God. They seek to find fault. They criticize and complain. They oppose the teaching of Christ, and the leaders. They contend with the strong and endeavor to influence the weak. They are called the wicked.

The purpose of our godly fellowship is to help each other to walk uprightly and grow strong. To this end when we see a brother overtaken in a fault, one who is strong must go to him alone and tell him of his fault in the Spirit of meekness to help him overcome. If he is weak he will listen, and will be helped and strengthened by the brother who is strong. But if he will not listen, then the brother must take another strong brother with him. The two brothers being strong and realizing the value of the soul have the specific intention of saving the weak brother's soul. The strong will know that the devil has worked through the wicked to gain the advantage. They also know that if the weak brother wants to be saved, and if they approach him according to the word of God, there is hope for the weak brother. However if the weak brother is still unruly this will be an indication he has been won over by a wicked one. So he is then brought before the church with the hope that he might yet be helped since that is the responsibility of the church.

Every effort should then be put forth by the strong to show the weak brother his fault, and to instruct him on the teachings of the scripture as it might affect his condition. If he will still not hear, being filled with the venom of the wicked, he is no longer weak, he is wicked, and the strong brothers and sisters must at this point separate him from their group. If such a weak person has become so filled with evil that he can no longer see the advantage of being subject to the word of God and the fellowship of people who live clean and uprightly, he isn't fit for decent company, and the strong must no longer be required to call him brother. The strong do not create problems in an assembly, but the weak and the wicked do. There must be an effort to help the weak, but the wicked must be rejected when they create problems and become a bad influence on the weak. The peace for the wicked is in the world, and not among the saved people in the church.

Subject: If You Are Obeying A Righteous Religious Teaching It Will Make Your Life Righteous:

If you are born again as a result of obeying your religious teaching, it means your religious teaching is right. The correct religious teaching will produce you as a new creature in Christ when you obey it. Only the righteous life of a person can

authenticate their religious teaching as being right. You cannot talk about your religious teaching and make it right; it has to produce a righteous person to show that it is right. If you are not living a righteous life and you think that your religious teaching is right, you have been deceived by an unrighteous religious teaching. This means you and your religious teaching are in error.

When your religious teaching is from God, it will have the Spirit of God in it, which is a righteous Spirit. If a person is not saved, they will not hear God, nor those whom God has previously saved. This is how you will know the Spirit of truth from the spirit of error (I John 4:6).

Subject: Do You Know What A Temptation Is?

There are some who may know what a temptation is until they meet it. You can never tell the things that will tempt you, but when you are tempted, you are being tried. That is, your righteousness is being tried. God will prepare you for your test and allow the devil to pressure you to see if your righteousness will avail over wickedness. The devil will try to get you to resort to a wicked means for relief. The Spirit of God will lead you to a righteous means of relief.

Subject: God Arranges For A Saved Person To Be Tried:

If you are saved, God will set up a situation for you to be tried so that you will know that you are saved. You cannot know that you are saved by the way you feel. In order for you to know that you are saved, your obedience to God must be tried. God will then arrange for the devil to try you. God will not try you, but He will set the stage for the devil to try you as He did Abraham and Job.

When God allows you to be tried, your obedience to God must be as faithful as Jesus' was when He was hanging on the cross. Now you will not have to hang on a cross, but you will experience having to make a sacrifice of some kind that will be very close to you. It will be a denying sacrifice that only God will be able to help you go through with.

You must make such a sacrifice willingly. God will not take away your free will of choice. This will not be a one-time experience. You will be tried time and time again. Each time that you are tried, it will be further confirmation of your salvation, and you will be strengthened.

Subject: The Clay Has No Right To Question The Potter:

If you serve the Lord properly, the Lord will bless you. After He blesses you, the devil will come along and say you are serving God for what you can get from God. Now the devil is an accuser who will lie on you. When you are a child of God, God takes care of His children. The entire universe belongs to God, and He certainly won't allow His children to be without.

Job was blessed by God, and that displeased the devil. So the devil got permission from God to make Job suffer. The devil works the same way today. He's seeking permission from God to take a child of God through a test to make such a child stop serving God, because his accusation is that you are serving God for what God has blessed you with. So Satan did everything he could to Job. When Job's wife turned against him, Job looked up and said to her, the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord. When you are going through a test, the devil's purpose is to get you to resent God, and question His reason for your test. Listen to Job 40:1-2:

Verse 1 - Moreover the Lord answered Job, and said,

Verse 2 - Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.

If you have ever made anything out of clay, you can know that the clay itself makes no decisions about what you desire to make. I was previously an art teacher and I made whatever I desired out of clay, and the clay had no questions about what I decided to do with it. The clay does not argue with the potter. The clay is in the hands of the potter, and what the potter sees fit to do with the clay is in his power to do.

We are just clay that has been given life by God, and we have no right to ask questions about what God allows to happen to us. We have no right to argue with God concerning our trials. Later God will give us the answer, and understanding of why a test is necessary. Listen to how Job responded in Job 40:3-4:

Verse 3 - Then Job answered the Lord, and said,

Verse 4 - Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee?
I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

Subject: Your Tests And Trials Are A Confirmation Of Your Salvation:

The one very important thing that God gives to every human being is the freedom of his or her will to be saved, or not to be saved. We have the right to choose to accept, or reject salvation. We can surrender our lives to God, or reject God.

If a person thinks that they have received Jesus Christ into their life, then God will allow them to be tried so that they can know. Your trials are a confirmation of your salvation for you to know if you are saved or not saved.

Subject: If You Are Saved You Have A Divine Purpose In God's Plan:

Every person that God saves has a divine purpose for being saved. God does not save you to do nothing. Today if a person is saved, they have a part to play in God's divine plan. God's purpose for saving Abraham was to find out whether he would be the proper soil out of which to bring the seed of life, who would later be Jesus Christ. The seed of life has been passed down through generations that those who are saved might be used to help others to be saved.

Isaac manifested the spirit of obedience to his father Abraham without complaining when he was to be a sacrifice, and in the same manner, Christ was to manifest His obedience to God. The soil that produced the seed of Isaac was also used to produce the seed of Christ. Today if we are saved, that same soil has produced the seed to save us.

God allows us to be tried, just as He did Abraham, to place into our minds His will when we surrender to him. We must choose to surrender to God, and a test is allowed to try our choice to surrender. A test shows us that we are sincere, God already knows. A test will then make us strong in our confidence to obey God to assure us that we are saved.

Subject: Trouble Is For All:

We are born into a world of trouble. There is no need to think that we can avoid trouble, because it is everywhere. If we take too many people to the moon,

we will have trouble on the moon. Trouble is in the nature of humans when they are born, and it follows them everywhere they go. Listen to Job 14:1:

Verse 1 - Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

Often times when people began to have trouble, they blame it on somebody else. If you are saved, trouble is good for you, because it gives you experience, and experience makes you wise and cautious. Experience adds knowledge and power to your life. Trouble gives you knowledge of your endurance and enables you to know where you stand. When you have trouble, you will find out who your friends are.

If you are an obedient child of God, God will help you when you have trouble. The Lord tells us in Psalm 50:14 to pay our vows, and in the day of trouble, you can call on Him and He will deliver you.

Subject: Trust In God:

You must learn to trust God so much that you realize you are helpless without Him. When your faith is established, nothing will have power to prevent your perseverance. True faith will keep you in the Lord and you will not consider looking back to a life of sin again. With this mind, God will set you apart from a life of sin by means of your affections. You will lose your taste for sin and acquire an unmovable zeal for righteousness. You will be like a tree planted by the water that will bring forth fruit. Your religion will consist of your way of living more so than merely going to church.

Subject: Your Approach To God Must Be Sincere:

The way of life of a child of God is the walk of faith. As a child trusts its parents, so also should a child of God trust God. When you trust a person, you depend upon the person. This means you would never worry about the things you need in life. When you trust God, your trust is built upon your obedience to God. God will never forsake an obedient child. When you need God to do something for you, you should let your mind go back to review your record of obedience to God. If your record of obedience is good, then God's promises to you will be

good. When a child has good and reliable parents, the child never worries about the things he or she needs in life. The child will go to sleep without a care or worry.

Our attitude towards God with reference to our faith and trust should be just like the child's towards mother. A child of God should believe that God will hear his or her prayer, because prayer reaches the throne of God with obedience to God. Our dependence and trust in God make us look to Him for guidance and help at all times, and causes us to glorify the Lord for every good thing that comes to us, whether we worked for it or not.

We have compared our faith in God with a child's faith, which is simple faith. Simple faith is not complicated, nor difficult to acquire. It can be within a very elementary frame of mind that works quite well for those who obey and trust in God. Simple faith is not restricted to an intellectual class of people; it is available to anybody who desires a sincere relationship with God. Simple faith has no limitations, technicalities, nor formal classification, just sincere faith that won't let go of God.

When you pray, God is moved by your faith in your prayers, and it is by means of your faith that He will send the blessing, if your faith does not waiver. God is true and sincere. When you come to God, your approach to God must be in the spirit of sincerity; otherwise, your religion will be loose, and your approach to God will be considered as mockery.

When your faith is not definite and your heart is not sincere, such an attitude is mockery to God. You would be better off not to pray at all. You must pray with the attitude that God is your only chance, and if God does not help you, there will be no help. Your frame of mind must be desperate. You must believe with a firm conviction that God is near, hears your call, and that He will answer your petition.

Subject: God Is Concerned About Your Problems:

God teaches that if you keep His commandments, you can ask what you will and He will do it. When you have simple faith, it will cause you to believe that without a doubt. Anybody who knows you will know that you believe that commandment, because they will see you keeping His commandments.

Your obedience to God's word keeps you eligible to ask even though there is no need to ask. Though you may not have an immediate need to ask God for a blessing, you should not feel independent of God. You cannot please God when you feel independent, and that you can get along without Him. You must have this frame of mind, "If it wasn't for the Lord, what would I do?" You have got to feel

that if God does not help me, there is nowhere to go for help. You must feel that God is everything to me, and if God doesn't help me, there is no help. You must believe that though you cannot see God, He can see you and can hear your prayer. You must believe that God is acquainted with your problem and is concerned about your disquietude.

Subject: The Reality Of God:

Our approach to God for help must be inclusive with our belief that He is a reality. When we pray, we must communicate to God just as we do a friend or business associate. We must believe that we are going to get our reward because of our record of obedience. So we must seek God diligently with a frame of mind that is motivated by God's promises to us.

God never breaks His promises to an obedient child. When our confidence is built upon God's promises, our faith will please God. Without true faith, it is impossible to please God. True faith in God convinces the believer that he or she will get what they ask for. The eyes of the Lord are over a righteous person, and His ears are open unto their cry (Psalm 34:15). Though you cannot see God, the spirit of faith, trust, and obedience will bring about confidence in His reality.

Subject: The Wisdom Of God:

The wisdom of God is the fear of God, not to be afraid of Him as you would be afraid of a tyrant, but fear that you would offend Him, fear that you would do something to displease Him. God loves the people of the earth and is longsuffering toward us. He is not willing that anybody should perish. God desires that we come to the knowledge of the truth, and for this cause, God will send a preacher to teach what is required to be saved. God understands that people are inclined to go wrong, because they have not been born again. So He offers us the new birth in Christ.

God does not allow those who desire salvation to be deceived. He teaches that you have not been born again until you live above sin. You will know that you are living above sin when you love everybody, and there is no desire in you to violate God's word. You will have no evil thought or imagination that will motivate you to do evil deeds.

When you are born again, the love of God will control your life, and love from God will not condemn you. It will look for the best in you, and give it power

to be the dominate forces of your life. Though the devil may come, try you, and show you everything against love, God's Spirit will give you the ability to resist the temptations of the devil and you will be victorious in love.

Subject: The Mercy Of God:

You can praise God when your life is clean and your heart is pure. God is glorified in those who are purged from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. Under these conditions, everything you do will be a praise and glory to God.

When you are saved every good thing that comes to you in life comes from God though man may be the medium by which God uses to bless the saved person. Of all the sinful acts that the people of the earth have committed, God only sent Jesus to offer them forgiveness. God never sent anyone to condemn the people of the earth for their sinful practices; He only offers grace to save us from sin.

Subject: Hide Your Mind In God:

When you obey God, you live in God and God lives in you. This is a good benefit because God is strong, and we are weak against the evil forces of life. Life has evil forces that are for the purpose of destroying humans.

Now the world is going to be on fire soon, and you will need God to be your means of rescue. Believe it or not, the next great fire will not be a forest fire; it will be fire and brimstone. It will be flashing lightning, falling to consume the sins of the people, and if you are in sin, you will be in the danger zone. The only way that sin can be destroyed is to destroy the carriers of sin. If you hide your life in God, you will be classified by God as a righteous person, and God is going to send Jesus to take the righteous people from the earth before the fire falls.

When the fire falls, the righteous people will be in their new homes in heaven enjoying eternal life. God is presently inviting everybody to come in to His holy temple where they will be safe. If you give God your mind, your life will also be with God. When this happens, your mind will be in perfect peace. You can only have peace when you are safe.

Subject: God Wants Adults To Be Saved As Well As Little Children:

God is offering a gift to the people of the earth, which is eternal life in His kingdom. God is great, kind, and is full of mercy and goodness, and He does not desire that anyone on the earth perish. Listen to St. Luke 12:32:

Verse 32 - *Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

This scripture does not sound like someone who will get pleasure out of destroying people. The ways of the people of the earth destroy them. God prepares a way in Christ for the people of the earth to live in safety. God gives us instructions on how to acquire eternal life in His kingdom. God teaches us that the wages of sin is death. When Adam died as a result of his sin, it was not God that killed Adam, but it was his sins that killed him. God teaches us today just as He taught Adam that if we repent of our sins, and stay away from sin we will be safe.

God will allow all the little children of the earth that are not old enough to understand right from wrong to be saved. He said, suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the kingdom of heaven. God teaches grown folk that if they are willing to be converted, and take on the humble spirit and nature of a little child, they can also enter the kingdom of heaven. Under these conditions, Jesus can take full-grown adults into the kingdom. God understands that it is difficult for an adult to take on the humility and spirit of a child, so God will give the Holy Spirit to help adults with this change of nature.

Subject: Perfection Is Grace From God:

There are very few people who are striving to be perfect in their religious teaching. Many believe it is impossible to be perfect and that God does not require a life of perfection for salvation. Many believe that Jesus made a mistake when He spoke these words in Matthew 5:48:

Verse 48 - *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

The scriptures cannot be broken. Every word of God is accurate and precise. If we are not perfect in our conduct and way of living that is our problem and not

God's. God gives you credit for being perfect if you believe that you can be perfect and are striving to be. That is called grace. Grace means we are being given something that we could not earn nor acquire by our own means and ability.

Perfection is grace. God knows that we are subject to fallacies and mistakes, so He gives us unearned favor when we try to be perfect. If a person commits intentional sins and concludes in their mind that God understands because nobody can be perfect, God does understand and will let them go to hell.

Subject: God Doesn't Waste Time With Hypocrites:

If a person is not striving for perfection they are not worthy of salvation. When God saves you, He calls you up to a higher standard of living and that is a standard of perfection. It is possible to be anything that you have been taught to be. If you want a perfect foot of lumber, all you need is a twelve-inch ruler. Twelve inches determines what a perfect foot is.

If you follow the teachings of God's word, it determines whether or not you are perfect. The word of God determines what a perfect life should look like. Many will contend that nobody can be perfect, because it is more comfortable for them to live an imperfect life. Now you can't be perfect in the eyes of carnal men and women because carnal eyes look through the eyeglasses of perverseness. If you wear green glasses, everything you see will be green. Carnal eyes can't see the truth; they see most things as being false, even when some things are true. Carnal eyes give a negative perception of positive things. Carnal eyes will say that nobody can be perfect when they don't know everybody.

You must have a mind to be perfect in order to receive help from God. God helps you according to the mind that you have, and He does not reject you because you make mistakes, He helps you to correct your mistakes. Every time you correct a mistake He gives you credit for being perfect. If you have a mind that has accepted the thought that you can't help for sinning, then God will let your sins carry you to hell. God doesn't waste time with hypocrites.

Subject: Saints Create A Heavenly Place In Christ Jesus:

It is a struggle to live on the earth because the sins of Adam alienated us from the commonwealth of heaven. Wealth in this present world is very much

unequal. Prior to Adam's sin the powers of heaven made life in the Garden of Eden very comfortable and easy for Adam's survival.

After Jesus came to unite us back to God, God's mercy brought us into a covenant or an agreement with Him, which God will never fail to keep. Those of us who are following Christ in truth and in spirit are quickened or made alive and brought together by our faith in Christ. It is not by works that we are saved, but by grace that we are saved. If you have God's Spirit, you will love one another. You won't see the color of the skin, or the poverty or their intellect. You will see faithfulness, honesty, love, and obedience.

When you have the Spirit of God, you will recognize God's Spirit in one whenever you meet the person. As you get to know one another, your relationship will become a heavenly place in Christ Jesus.

Subject: Talk To God In Prayer:

When you are saved, you can talk to God in prayer. Prayer is a conversation between you and God. God will listen to your problems and give you solutions for your problems. It is a waste of time to tell your problems to other people and spend a lot of time talking to them. If you spend more time talking to God in prayer you will see things get better for you.

If you create a little time on your daily agenda for about an hour and talk to God, God will help to solve your problems without telling other people. When you pray, you must have the Holy Spirit to help you present your request to God in a humble spirit. When you are humble, you can get God's attention. God will dwell in a high and holy place with you if you have a humble spirit. God allows His Spirit to assist and to help the person who is humble and contrite that He might lift your burden. God hears and recognizes the prayers of a righteous person. When a righteous person prays out of the depths of their heart for other people as well as him or herself, God will send His Spirit to them to assist them.

Subject: The Peace That Christ Brings:

Over nineteen hundred years ago, Christ was sent into the world to bring peace. Many today are celebrating His birthday, but they don't have peace. In order to honor a person by celebration, you must honor the purpose for which they

came. Nations all over the world are celebrating Jesus' birthday and they are at war.

Christ did not come to bring peace as the world gives peace, but peace to people as individuals. This means peace in your heart. If you have been born again, you have peace in your heart, and the world can't take it away. The peace that Christ gives is greater than all the forces of the world. You can have peace in the midst of confusion when you have the peace that Christ gives. There will be peace in the time of trouble, peace while the storms of life are raging. This is the peace we need, for life without peace is not worth living.

Subject: The World Is Unhappy Because People Have Failed To Love One Another:

It is God's will that we learn how to show love towards one another, even when we don't know each other. You are happy when you love your neighbor. Nothing can make you happy but love. God's Spirit deploys love throughout the earth, making it available for all who desire to be born again. When you are born again, it is by God's love. God's Spirit moves His love upon you, and gives you the new birth if you repent of your sins.

When we fail to treat each other kind, showing love, it means we don't have the Spirit of God, and we have not been born again. God's love will give you the ability to love your worst enemies. The reason the world is unhappy today is because people don't love one another. You can only acquire divine love from the Spirit of God. Human love does not endure and is partial. If you only have human love, you can love a person today and hate them tomorrow. However, divine love is perpetual and cannot be disrupted by the evil forces of this world.

Subject: Peace Can Only Come Through Love And Not War:

We don't have to worry about evil and wicked leaders of the world, but we have to worry about the evil spirits that rule them. We must be careful not to allow the evil spirits to get in us. It must be our desire to allow the wisdom and judgment of God to rule us by means of the Spirit of God.

World leaders may think that they want peace, but when they want peace by means of an iron fist, they are being deceived. To want peace at the conclusion of a war is foolish. It is like a farmer trying to get milk from a dead cow.

Only in Christ can we have peace; and it does not come as a result of war, but from love. When God sends the final destruction to the earth, it will not be war; it will be cleaning up the mess that the devil started.

Subject: God's Rod And Staff Will Comfort An Obedient Child:

Whenever you walk with Jesus, the fear of evil will have no power over you. You are walking with Jesus when you obey His gospel. The threat of evil does not intimidate a person who walks with Jesus. Such a child of God will have no fear of death because death will have a new meaning for a child who walks with Jesus. The word death means relief and rest for a child of God. When their journey in life comes to an end, they will lean upon the promises in God's word and receive comfort from the rod and the staff of God. They will lean upon God's rod for support and His staff for words of comfort. There's power in the word of God that can give comfort under any conditions. To lean on God's rod and staff is to lean on His promises.

Only condemnation in the heart of a person can allow death to threaten the person. When the heart is right, there is no condemnation for the devil to use to threaten a child. The obedience of a child takes away the devices that the devil uses to threaten the person. When God doesn't condemn a person there is nothing that will have power to condemn the person.

Subject: Words Of Peace Can Bring Peace Into Your Life:

When a person does not walk in the statutes of God, they are vulnerable to the severe effects of trouble. Having trouble without the assistance of Jesus can be severe trouble. When you obey the commandments of God, you can call upon Him in the time of trouble and He will deliver you. This is a promise from the word of God that is empowered by the Spirit of God. Such words can lift a person's mind and bless their conditions. When words are used by the Spirit of God, they can make you happy. When they are used by the devil, they can make you unhappy. Spirits give power to words. When the Spirit of God is deploying words, it will solve whatever your problems are. When you listen to the word of God and hear about the Prince of Peace such words will bring peace into your life. Now you must be careful to receive and obey the words of peace in order for peace to be activated in your life.

Subject: Delight Yourself In The Lord:

If you obey God, He will take care of you. Listen to this scripture in Psalm 37:3-4:

Verse 3 - Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Verse 4 - Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

When you trust in the Lord and do good, God will surely provide the best things for you, regardless of the economic conditions of the time. When you delight yourself in the Lord, you will be pleased to live righteously. You will not allow your heart to have desires that are worldly and unholy.

Subject: God Is Glorified In The Life Of A Saved Person (Matthew 5:16):

When you are a born again faithful servant of God, God will bless you so that other people who know you will see how God loves you. God will be glorified in your life based upon the things that He does for you. When God is glorified in the life of a saved person, it means that God will be praised by the blessings and the righteous life of the person. Under such conditions, the saved person's light will be shining before others to glorify God who is in heaven. God can only be seen on earth in the life of the saved person. Matthew 5:16 reads as follows:

Verse 16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Subject: Spiritual And Material Blessings:

If you have a mind that is sincere to the teachings of God's word, the Holy Spirit will come down in your presence and bear witness to what I am teaching so

that you can believe, and accept what I am teaching. The Spirit of God will also go to work for you in your personal life, helping you with your personal business. You will begin to prosper in ways that you have never prospered before.

When the Spirit bears witness to the teachings of God's word, it will give you spiritual showers from heaven that will overwhelm you with joy, along with material or financial prosperity. God is using the teachings that He has given me for an example to others who are willing to listen. What I am teaching is based upon what I have experienced.

Subject: The Devil Isn't In Hell He's In Your Church:

Now the devil isn't in hell, he is in our communities. Listen to Job 1:7:

Verse 7 - And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou?
Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going
to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and
down in it.

Satan is interested in what's going on in the earth just as God is, and when things get too quiet and peaceful, then Satan gets a war started. After Satan started the sin business on the earth, the earth got worse, and social conditions have not improved. Now Satan has always been interested in those who are obedient to God.

**Subject: The Devil Is A Liar And The Father Of Liars
(St. John 8:44):**

Satan came to a meeting that God was conducting with His angels, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it" (Job 1:7). Believe it or not, the devil is very much present in the world today. His operations are as busy as the local grocery stores. A lot of folk think the devil is in hell. He's not in hell yet; he is too busy trying to recruit large crowds to go with him.

The devil's presence is made known through the people that he occupies and uses. The devil uses sinners to do his business on the earth. If you are born again,

the devil can't occupy you, because you have the Spirit of God in your life. The devil cannot trespass the presence of God's Spirit. If you desire to keep the devil out of your life, you must be born again of the Spirit of God. Then the devil won't be able to come into your life.

When the devil is in a person's life, it is difficult for the person to distinguish their true character from the character of the devil, because the devil constructs his character into the character of humans. Satan then gives humans purposes and ambitions that can only be accomplished by acts of sin.

Now the devil is a master deceiver of those that he is using. Such people cannot tell that their acts of evil are of the devil. They will give themselves credit for the evil works that the devil is doing in them. The devil maintains tricks of deceit by using people of the world to lie on them and to get them to lie on other people. The devil is a liar and the father of liars.

It is possible for the devil to get husbands and wives to lie to each other. If politicians, lawyers, and lawmakers are not careful, the devil can get them to lie to the people of the nation. If you ever want to learn where the devil is operating, listen up for a lie to be told, and that is the devil.

Subject: The Devil Uses Conceit To Deceive People:

God teaches us what will be helpful and what will be harmful. When instructions are given from God, they are based upon the future as well as the present. We as human beings may perceive harmful things in our present situation, but we cannot always see what the future holds. Therefore, instructions coming from God concerning the future may not appear to be in our best interest. Inclusive with our lack of foresight are the works of the devil who will distort our discretion, causing us to ignore God's instructions and to make perilous choices. This is what happened to Adam and Eve.

When the devil influences our discretion, he uses deceit to build upon our conceit. He told the first woman that if she ate of the forbidden fruit she would not surely die, and this would result to her being as wise as God is. Satan could see that the woman had a little conceit so he further increased her conceit by giving her a false magnification of her desire to be somebody greater than she was. However, today she is not great; she is dead. So God first warned her about how she could continue to be happy, or if she made the wrong choice, how it would cause her to die.

Today, God does the same thing for people of the world. God warns us of how we can be saved if we repent of our sins, and how we will be lost if we

continue to practice sin. So, the devil comes along and has made the religious leaders of today use their conceit to take the word of God out of context, teaching that we can be saved, and practice sin at the same time.

CHAPTER V

THE NEW BIRTH IN CHRIST

Subject: The Importance Of The Second Birth:

I am going to try to mention in each of my books the importance of experiencing the second birth. If you are saved, you have to be able to identify two births that have taken place in your life. Each birth would have given you the nature to live two different lives.

The first birth from your parents caused you to grow up to become an adult, or teenager living a life of sinful practices. The first birth is very important for your information on whether or not you are saved. If you pay close attention to the life of your first birth, you should easily be able to see that you lived a life of sinful practices. You may have done such things as lie, commit fornication, or adultery, smoke cigarettes, or drink alcoholic beverages.

This is very important because it will help you to identify if you have been given a second birth. This first birth is called a fleshly birth. It means you were born in sin to live the life of a sinner. The second birth is called a spiritual birth. This means you have experienced the birth of a righteous life, to live righteously.

Now don't get confused; the second birth is not a religious birth, but a righteous birth. There are many kinds of religious rituals that you can experience, which have nothing to do with righteousness. For example, you may have gone to church and spoke in unknown tongues, and fell on the floor. This can be a religious ritual, but it has nothing to do with receiving a second birth of righteousness. There are those who have performed such religious rituals and have continued in a life of sin. Therefore, you want to be sure that the sign of your second birth is a righteous birth showing indications that you are not practicing the sins that you previously practiced before your second birth.

Subject: That Which Is Born Of Flesh Is Flesh And That Which Is Born Of Spirit Is Spiritual:

Nicodemus asked the most important question in the Bible. He asked, "How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" (St. John 3:4.) Jesus responded by saying He was not referring to being born of the flesh again, and that which is born of flesh is flesh. In other words, Nicodemus your fleshly state is okay, and does not require another birth, but Nicodemus' spiritual state needed to be replaced. Your spiritual state is your state of mind. It is the way you think and your desires that are produced from your mind. Such desires are sinful, because they are produced from a sinful source, which is your carnal or sinful mind.

So Nicodemus this birth would be for the purpose of replacing your sinful mind that produced sinful desires. Under these conditions, Nicodemus you would be born again of the Spirit of God, whereas your first birth was of the spirit of your parents, which produced you in a fleshly or sinful state. That which is born of flesh is sinful, and the person is not acceptable to God in the fleshly state. However, when you are born of the Spirit, you will be spiritual or righteous and you are then acceptable to God.

To be born of God is to be born of the Spirit of God. You can acquire the Spirit of God by hearing the word of God. The word of God is spiritual words, such as those the angel Gabriel brought to Mary, the mother of Jesus. When Mary heard and believed Gabriel's message, which was God's word, it produced Jesus in Mary's womb. Today when a person hears the word of God preached by a Holy Ghost sent preacher, it will give them the birth of a new mind that will be sin-free, producing thoughts and actions that are sin-free.

Subject: You Must Be Born Again To Be Ready For Death:

The word of God teaches you how to be ready for death. A born again child of God will not experience the second death, but if they obey God it will prepare them for the death of the physical body. If you live right, when death comes you will experience entering into a peaceful rest. There is a rest for the people of God. Listen to Hebrews 4:9-10:

Verse 9 - There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

Verse 10 - For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

If you have not been born again, you will not enter into the rest. Death to the unsaved is a cruel monster. Many people show so little interest in being prepared for death. They go about their daily lives as though they are going to live forever. Those with this frame of mind will allow death to catch them unprepared.

Subject: Jesus Was Sent To Give Us The New Birth:

Now we all know that we were born once, but God sent Jesus into the world so that we might be born again. Our first birth of our parents was of the flesh. To be born of the flesh means to have a nature to commit sin. When we have received the new birth from Christ, we are born of the Spirit. A spiritual birth is a birth of righteousness with the nature to live above sinful practices. God gave His Son to redeem us from the birth of the flesh that we might be saved from the penalty of a fleshly birth, which is eternal death.

The second birth in Christ gives us life beyond the grave after our physical body dies. If we are alive when Jesus returns to the earth, the second birth will prevent us from ever dying.

Subject: You Are Born Again Of The Will Of God By The Power Of God:

You cannot live a righteous, saved life with the human nature that you were first born with, because it does not possess the power to live righteous. You can only live righteous by the power of the Holy Spirit that Christ gives to those that He saves. Listen to St. John 1:12-13:

Verse 12 - But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

The word of God is referring to those who are born not of blood, nor of the will of your parents, but of God. No human man can will that you be born again of a spiritual birth; but you are born again of a spiritual birth by the will of God. Listen to verse 13:

Verse 13 - Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Only the will of God can cause a person to be born again by the power of God.

Subject: A Born Again Mind Has A Life In Heaven And On Earth:

Jesus was the word of God made flesh, who came down in the form of a human body, and dwelt among the people of the earth. They beheld His glory as of the only begotten Son of God who was filled with grace, and taught men and women that they had to be born again to live eternally with Him in heaven.

The time is now upon us that Jesus shall return according to the words spoken by His prophets and apostles to fulfill all things that He promised to give to man, which was eternal life. The gospel that Jesus taught and left on record can destroy the works of the devil in the minds of people if they believe and obey it. Obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ can construct a spiritual mind in you that will be able to resist the temptations and deceit of the devil.

The teachings of the gospel carry righteous power that can transform a person's way of thinking. When you are born again, you will lose your sinful nature and receive a divine nature from God, and though you die, God will preserve your soul and give it another body just like He gave to Jesus. When you are born again your soul, which is your life, will be hid with Christ in God. Your soul, mind, or life will consist of two parts; one part will dwell in heaven hid in Christ with God, until Christ returns for the second part of your life. The second part will remain with your body on earth until Jesus returns. Upon His return, He will unite your heavenly life with the earthly part, and renew your body and take you to heaven. When Jesus returns for the saved people, the flesh and blood bodies that they are presently living in will be done away. Listen to I Corinthians 13:9-10:

Verse 9 - For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

Verse 10 - But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When you are born again, the new birth destroys your nature to sin. Your old sinful life is dead, and Jesus has secured a new life for you in heaven with God. Listen to Colossians 3:3-4:

Verse 3- For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Verse 4 - When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

When you are born again, your mind can live in heaven and in earth. You will have an earthly mind and a heavenly mind. Your heavenly mind will enable you to set your affections on things above. Your motivation and ambition will be stronger for heavenly things than it is for earthly things. Listen to Colossians 3:1-2:

Verse 1 - If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Verse 2 - Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

When your mind is in heaven with Christ in God, you can experience revelations of the kingdom of heaven as well as the reality of things on the earth.

Subject: Eternal Life Starts In This World For Those Who Have Christ:

When you are born again, you are given power from God by His Holy Spirit to live right. To live right means to live without sin in your life. When you are living right, you are experiencing the beginning of life eternal. Life eternal starts when you have experienced the new birth in Christ while you are still living in your physical body in this present world. Eternal life starts in this life and it will be later perpetuated into the kingdom of heaven. Listen to I John 5:12:

Verse 12 - He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Subject: When You Are Born Again You Are Sanctified In Christ Jesus To Be A Saint:

There is no need to get too comfortable with the sinful state of this world, because God's plan is that He is going to destroy this world and create a new heaven and a new earth where only righteous people shall dwell. No sinners will be able to live in the new society that God is going to create, because it will be a holy society. Sin and holiness are contrary to one another, and cannot abide in the

same habitation. If God were to allow sinners to live in the new earth, they would be very uncomfortable and would ask for permission to leave. Sinners would be miserable in the company of saints.

God nevertheless is longsuffering towards sinners in this present world. He is offering sinners every opportunity to repent and receive the new birth in Christ. When a person is born again, they are sanctified in Christ Jesus, which means they are set apart from a life of sin. When you are sanctified by the Spirit of God, you are a saint.

Subject: Only God Can Help You To Live Above Sin:

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you can't help from being a witness for the Lord. The apostles of Jesus Christ were witnesses for the Lord, and they couldn't be stopped from bearing witness of the saving power of God. A true witness for the Lord will testify of how Christ saved them from sin. When God saves you from sin, the Holy Spirit will make you open your mouth and tell people about the power of God.

You cannot be a true witness for Christ unless you are filled with the Holy Ghost. Now a person cannot live without committing sin unless the Lord helps them. You can't save yourself just because you go to church. If you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, when the devil comes around, he will make you commit sin and send you back to church on Sunday so that you can sing, pray, and shout. You must be born of the Spirit of God to live above sin. You can join a church and not be joined to Christ.

Subject: God Is In You If You Are A Child Of God:

We had nothing to do with coming into this world, but we can have something to do with how we leave. Our parents made arrangements for us to come here, but God can make arrangements for how we leave by giving us alternatives for how we can leave.

Churches and preachers are everywhere in our nation, but very few people know what their end will be like when they live a life of sin. When God talks to you, He tells you the truth about your eternal destiny. Wherever God's people

worship, God will very plainly communicate with them. God will not leave His people ignorant of the way that they are going.

When you are a child of God, you will have God in your heart by means of His Spirit, and He will educate you. When you are a born again child of God, you have access to God twenty-four hours a day. When you are truly saved, you don't have to look for God, because He is in you. If God is not in your heart, you are wasting your time going to church, because God won't be in your church unless you take Him there.

God does not dwell in church buildings made of sticks and stones, but He dwells in the hearts of people. God dwells in your mind when you are saved; He directs you through life, and later you will be directed into His kingdom.

Subject: When You Are Saved You Are Married To Christ As A Spiritual Virgin:

The prophet Isaiah prophesied of the birth of Jesus and the plan of salvation. Isaiah prophesied that a virgin would conceive, a woman who was undefiled, holy, clean, and virtuous. God only works through a holy and sin-free person. After God saves you, though you may be married with a husband or wife, you will be made a chaste virgin in the eyes of God. You will be a spiritual virgin that is no longer defiled by sin. Now you would not be a sex-free virgin, but a sin-free virgin. A sin-free virgin is a spiritual virgin. When you are made sin-free, you are married to Christ. To be married to Christ is spiritual matrimony. Listen to II Corinthians 11:2:

Verse 2 - For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy:
for I have espoused you to one husband, that I
may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

When you are saved, you become a member of the body of Christ. The body of Christ is the bride, only a sin-free person can be a member of the body of Christ. If you are not sin-free, you are not a part of the bride, or the body of Christ, which means you are not saved. This is whom Jesus will be looking for when He returns; Jesus will be looking for the bride. Jesus will not marry any member of the bride who is not a chaste virgin; you must have a sin-free life.

When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, it makes you sin-free and qualified to be a part of the bride to meet Jesus when He returns. When you are not filled

with the Holy Ghost, it means you will not be fit to meet the bridegroom when He comes. Listen to St. Matthew 25:6-8:

Verse 6 - *And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.*

Verse 7 - *Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.*

Now these are sex-free virgins, not sin-free.

Verse 8 - *And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.*

The oil in the lamps is symbolic of our lives being filled with the Holy Spirit. We can only be married to Christ when we are filled with the Spirit. Listen to Romans 8:9:

Verse 9 - But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

In order for the five virgins to be sin-free, they must have their lamps filled with oil or the Holy Spirit.

Subject: You Get The New Birth By Believing And Obeying God's Word And Repenting Of Your Sins:

Words produce spirits. Evil words will produce evil spirits, which will cause a person to do evil deeds. Righteous words will produce the Holy Spirit, which will cause a person to do righteous deeds. God's words are righteous words that will cause a person to receive the Holy Spirit if they believe and obey His words.

It is through the word of God that we are born again. The word of God gave the first righteous birth to the Virgin Mary when she believed the message from the angel Gabriel. Today it will give a righteous birth of a new mind to anybody who believes it. You don't get a righteous birth by praying or speaking in unknown tongues; you get it by believing, obeying, and repenting of your sins.

**Subject: Jesus Is The Good Shepherd And The Door
(St. John 10:9):**

If God does not teach you righteousness, you will never know the way of righteousness. If your pastor is not taught and sent by the Holy Ghost to teach you righteousness you will never be born again, because you can only be born of God's word to receive a new birth in righteousness.

When you are born again, Jesus is the good shepherd and the door. This means Jesus has to give you a new mind and feed you His word. Jesus must give you an ear to hear what the Spirit of God has to say to you. Christ is a mediator between man and God to intercede for us. God assured Christ that whatever we asked in His name, God would grant for Jesus' sake. Understanding our infirmities, Christ eagerly intercedes when the Father would be unsympathetic and merciless. So we invoke the mercy of the Father when we ask for it in the name of Jesus.

CHAPTER VI
THE WORKS OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT

Subject: The Spirit Of God Deploys The Love Of God:

Now the grace age is this period of time that God has granted to the world for a time to be saved. Salvation during the grace period is implemented by love. The Spirit of God will give salvation to those who want to be saved by means of love. When we witness the works of the Holy Spirit, we will see love in action.

The grace of God is not implemented by force, but by love. When people are without the love of God, they do not want salvation; they hate God. Wealth in the kingdom of heaven will be common among all who are there. There will be no need for greed and wars because everything will be available for all the citizens. This will be a civilization where the Spirit of God will deploy the love of God for all of the citizens of heaven.

Subject: Only The Holy Spirit Can Get You Into The Kingdom Of God:

Make no mistake about your eternal destiny if you die as a sinner, there will be no other chance for your soul to be saved. Now there are many who don't know about being saved, because they are not affiliated with a church or religious leader that teaches about salvation in Jesus Christ. There is only one thing that can prevent your soul from being saved, and that is when your sins exist between you and God. Sin is a wall of partition between man and God, and Jesus is the only means by which the wall of partition can be removed. Listen to Ephesians 2:14:

Verse 14 - For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Now this is very important to every human being because you could die tonight. You must be sure that your soul is saved. Your soul is your life that will leave your body looking for a permanent residence. Only Christ can secure your soul, giving it eternal peace. Many people go along not considering what the next event in their life will be. Often times we are not knowledgeable of the future for our lives. We may have plans for tomorrow, but they don't necessarily have to happen. The way we plan and think concerning our future has no power to influence the future.

Now most everybody talks about meeting God when they leave this world, but if your sins are presently in your life, when you leave here, you will not see

God in the next life. You must be filled with the Holy Spirit while you live in this world in order to have access to God when you leave here. If you don't have God's Spirit when you die you will not be His child in eternity. Listen to Romans 8:9:

Verse 9 - But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

It is the Spirit of God that can discipline the sinful deeds of the flesh. Listen to Romans 8:13:

Verse 13 - For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

When you receive Jesus, the Spirit of God also comes into your life, giving you power to obey His gospel.

**Subject: Be Careful That Your Mind Won't Throw A Rod:
When You Hear The Word Of God:**

If you talk to some of the older guys who grew up in the '40s and '50s, they can tell you what it means to throw a rod in an automobile engine. In an automobile engine, it has what mechanics refer to as piston rods. Piston rods are very important in the operation of an automobile, because its function is vital towards the operation of the automobile. One of the main requirements for the proper function of piston rods is ample motor oil in the engine. Without sufficient motor oil, the piston rods will fail to function or they will break. The older guys of the '40s and '50s call it "throwing a rod". Motor oil has compatibility with the operation of the piston rods; motor oil works in harmony with the piston rods, giving them proper lubrication to function. We might say that motor oil is an anointing for the piston rods. Without motor oil servicing the piston rods, the piston rods will not work to cause the automobile engine to operate.

So is it also with the human mind when it hears the word of God. The human mind needs the Holy Spirit to anoint or lubricate it so that it can understand how to receive and apply the knowledge of the word of God to its life's operation. Without the Holy Spirit servicing the human mind to receive and understand the

word of God, the human mind will throw a rod". This will result to the human mind breaking away from the assistance that the word of God is offering.

Subject: The New Mission Of The Holy Ghost:

In the Old Testament, the men of God received assistance from God when the Spirit of God moved upon them to give them assistance in whatever situations that they were confronted with (Judges 15:14). The men of God were not filled with the Holy Spirit, but they were assisted by the Holy Spirit, such as David when he slew Goliath and Samson when he killed a thousand Philistines. Listen to Judges 15:14:

Verse 14 - And when he (Samson) came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

Notice that the Spirit of God moved upon Samson to assist him to fight the Philistines.

The prophet Joel prophesied that in the last days the Spirit of God would take a renewed mission for the people of God. Such people would experience a renewing of the Holy Ghost by an indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the nature of men and women. Listen to Joel 2:28:

Verse 28 - And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost would have the mission of upgrading the human nature to a new level of righteousness to discipline the carnal nature, taking away the desires to commit sin. This would be a process of regeneration, whereas the Holy Spirit would get into the biological makeup of the nature of humans. It would construct a barrier of righteousness in the human nature preventing the nature of sin from trespassing the power of God in

a born again believer that they might live free from sin. This would be the new mission of the Holy Spirit referred to as a renewing of the Holy Ghost. Listen to Titus 3:5:

Verse 5 - Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Evidence of this process being in a person's life would be manifested in a new mind. Such a person would have experienced a renewing of the Holy Ghost when they have been renewed in the spirit of their mind. Listen to Ephesians 4:22-23:

Verse 22 - That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Verse 23 - And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Subject: The Holy Spirit Is A Mail Carrier Of Prayers To God (Romans 8:26):

You don't get to heaven by praying; you get there by obeying God. Prayer is the means by which you approach the throne of God, but you must obey God's commandments in order for your prayers to reach God. Disobedience to God causes prayers to be of non-effect. When you obey God He pours His Spirit upon you, and God's Spirit will carry your prayers to God. Your prayers cannot reach God unless the Holy Spirit is the mail carrier for your prayers. The Holy Spirit helps you to understand what God requires so that you will have a line of communication with God. It is impossible to please God without an understanding of His word. It is more important to obey God than it is to pray. God already knows what you need before you pray, but your disobedience will not allow you to receive consideration from God.

If you are sincere, God will teach you what is required to get His attention. You can't learn about God unless He sends someone to teach you. When you cease to do evil and learn to do right, there is an open line of communication between you and God; and the Spirit will establish the connection line.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Brings Human Desires Within The Bounds Of Good Conduct:

God ordained that men and women be together in holy matrimony, because they are a comfort to one another. Nothing on earth is more beautiful than a man and a woman being married with godly minds. When such a couple is filled with the Spirit of God, they will make one another happy.

It is difficult to make your spouse happy when you don't have the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, though a man and woman are married, they will try to make someone else's spouse happy. The Holy Spirit keeps you interested in your own spouse. The Holy Spirit controls and disciplines a person's interest and sexual desire to their spouse. When you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, you are not born again, and your sexual desire will be uncontrollable. It will run wild. Without the Holy Spirit, human nature is without discipline, and you can't always do right, because you know what is right. Your carnal desires will be stronger than your knowledge.

Knowledge of what you know is right must be activated by the Holy Spirit in order for you to do right. Most folk who commit adultery know it is wrong, but their wild carnal desires are not always within the bounds of good behavior. This is why you must be born again. When you are born again, God replaces your carnal nature and its wild desires with His divine nature that will bring your desires within the bounds of good spiritual conduct. Listen to II Peter 1:4:

Verse 4 - Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Subject: The Fear Of The Lord:

When you fear God, you are wise. This means you are spiritually smart enough to know what not to do to displease God. You learn to fear God by acquiring knowledge. To be spiritually ignorant will cause you to disrespect God.

The fear of the Lord has cleansing power that dominates the heart. It will subordinate, or demote all thoughts and evil imaginations to a level where such thoughts will be non-effective. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil. The Holy Spirit will energize your spiritual ability to make evil inactive.

The fear of the Lord will prolong your days; in it is strong confidence as a fountain of life (Proverbs 10:27). When you receive the Holy Spirit, you will receive the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, inclusive will be the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

Subject: You Can Be A Witness After You Receive The Holy Ghost:

Just because your name is on a church roll does not necessarily mean that your name is on the book of life in heaven. In order for your name to be on the book of life in heaven, you have to receive the new birth from the powers of heaven. You must receive power from the Holy Ghost to be registered in heaven, and you can then be a witness for God here on the earth. Listen to Acts 1:8:

Verse 8 - *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Subject: Honor God And He Will Bless You:

You cannot visualize and be encouraged by the promises of God's word unless you have the Spirit of God. When there is no vision given by the Spirit of God, the people will perish. So God in His mercy has ordained that His Spirit move upon those who receive His gospel so that they will be inspired and motivated to believe His promises.

It is only through the Spirit that one can visualize the promises of God. The things of this world that we are confronted with oftentimes bring discouragement. Therefore, we must anchor our hope in the promises of God that will lift our minds above the things of discouragement. We should not waste a lot of time talking to men and women for encouragement, because they need to be encouraged themselves. However, we can find encouragement in the Spirit of God, which abides in the people of God. If we give reverence and honor to God by means of His Spirit, God will give us encouragement and strength by means of His Spirit.



CHAPTER VII

**SALVATION -
SPECIAL TOPICS**

Subject: Human Existence Is A Witness To The Reality Of God:

We live in this present world as though we are going to be here forever; that is how we feel about life. But just as surely as we can breathe, we are going to leave here. Now there are atheists who don't believe in God, neither what His word teaches. Such people believe only what they can see, feel and eat. They don't believe that humans have souls. They believe that when they die that will be the last of their existence. The knowledge of God's word is the only thing that can keep us from being fools. The knowledge given from the word of God awakens us to the reality of God. To think that the sun, moon and stars are in the heavens coincidentally is foolish. Nothing in our existence can maintain a peaceful order coincidentally. Even scientist will teach that things are in order by means of controlling forces that keeps them in order.

If the sun were coincidentally to move a little closer to the earth, we would all coincidentally burn up. You can see the power of God controlling the sun putting it on a time cycle for human existence to continue. It rises and sets so that we can make a distinction between day and night.

If a man believes that he has no soul it is because he doesn't know what a soul is. Adam was created a living soul before he was given a body. A soul or your mind is the very core of human existence. Without the soul, the body would be lifeless. God gave us our souls and our parents gave us our bodies. The body can be destroyed, but nobody can destroy your soul because God created it. The reality of God is in the existence of humans; the very fact that humans exist bears witness to the reality of God.

Subject: A Willing Mind Is Accepted By God:

Baptism of water is very important, and each person who comes to Christ must be willing to do so if they have the opportunity. If a person does not have the opportunity to be baptized in water and have a mind that is willing to do so then God will give them credit. If there first be a willing mind to obey, He accepts the will to do just as He accepts others who are able to do. Listen to II Corinthians 8:12:

Verse 12 - For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

Now baptism of water is very important because it commemorates Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. When a person shows that they have repented, their baptism will be a symbol of Jesus' burial as a person's body goes down under the water, and Jesus' resurrection as their body is brought up out of the water.

God set up the ordinance of baptism in water because it is important that those who come to Christ should honor His death and resurrection that was done for our sins. After we are baptized in water, it is very important that we walk in the newness of life. This means we should live a new life in Christ above the sinful practices that we previously lived in. Listen to Romans 6:4

Verse 4 - Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Subject: Are You Ready To Be Baptized?

The foundation for salvation is obedience to God. God has set forth instructions, which we must follow to establish us as obedient children of God. We must follow the rules that God has given that will direct us on a definite course leading to complete salvation. Such rules will not honor our personal judgments or opinions, because God is the originator of the plan of salvation. In addition, the course He has set is necessary to restore us in His favor and meet the requirements for regeneration, much like the ritual that is set up in your lodge in order that one might become a member.

Baptism was introduced by Christ as an essential ordinance by which you might be inducted into the channels of salvation to become a child of God. No one can be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ unless he or she has first repented or forsaken his or her sins. This means you are sorry for the sins you have committed in that you will turn away from them and seek to live a righteous life. Godly sorrow worketh repentance, which means you are sorry you went contrary to the will of God, and ashamed of things you did in sin to the extent that you firmly resolve that if God forgives you and shows mercy in cleansing you from your sins, you will never again commit such acts. God being moved by such repentance forgives you and cleans up your record of your sinful acts, and then you are ready for baptism.

Subject: You Are Not Ready For Baptism Unless You Have Forsaken Your Sins:

God desiring for us to be freed from the penalty and power of sin sent His only begotten Son to die for us. The moment we believe and see that disobedience to God is unprofitable here and damnable hereafter, we would become established in righteousness. We would then be buried with Christ in baptism in water and come up in the newness of life to live a life above sin, by obeying the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Today there are ministers who pour water or sprinkle water on candidates for baptism, but those who are baptized by a God sent minister are taken into the water, and submerged under and brought back up from under the water, this is the way John the Baptist baptized Jesus. There were Scribes and Pharisees during Jesus' day who refused to be baptized according to the order of heaven, and came to the baptismal services to mock those who were participants. John called them a generation of vipers. John said though they were members of a church, they had not yet repented, and that they were not yet prepared for salvation. No one is ready for baptism unless he or she has forsaken his or her sins.

Subject: God Should Be Honored Above All:

We as a nation don't want to take God out of anything. When the Supreme Court made a decision in the nineteen-sixties forbidding prayer to be offered in the public schools of New York because of the formation of a prayer by the Regents (a board, which was given the authority to legislate rules for children in the schools), it was a damnable decision for children in schools all over the nation. Today children are afraid to go to school, because when prayer was taken out of the schools, guns and drugs went in.

No honor to God should be considered as unconstitutional in a God fearing nation. Everything that we have for human survival comes from God. On a daily basis, we should acknowledge our dependency upon God in prayer.

Subject: Please Support President Obama:

Today God is working in the heart of President Obama to try to abolish unfair economic practices that are being practiced against the poor and middle

class. President Obama is trying every possible way to elevate the poor and middle class to a fair standard of living. When a nation as wealthy as America is today has an increasing population of the poor and unemployed among the middle class, it is because our wealth is not balanced, which results from unfair economic practices among the wealthy.

What the wealthy cannot perceive is that an increase among the poor and middle class will eventually cause our nation to fall. What President Obama is attempting to do is to establish a fair tax rate, and to increase employment to save our nation from where it was economically headed. Those who oppose President Obama are selfish, greedy, and ignorant of our economic destiny.

Subject: In Order To Be Good Rulers Leaders Must Be Able To Rule Themselves:

A man cannot be a successful president or ruler over the people unless he can first rule himself. When folk see that a man can't rule himself, they will have no regard for his position of rulership. Leaders like to rule, but they don't like to be ruled. A ruler must first learn to be ruled by having control over his emotions. When a ruler can control his emotions, he can rule with good discretion. A lack of emotional control causes a person's decisions to be without good discretion. In order to have an effective governmental system of operation, government officials must have good emotional stamina to make good decisions.

Subject: Christ Will Rule The World In Righteousness:

The ambition of evil world leaders of today is to rule the world. The Communists want to rule the world. The Arabs want to rule the world. The Capitalists want to rule the world, and so they make wars to accomplish their purpose. However, it is the plan of God that righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the deep. This is God's plan for the world that will be carried out by Christ. Listen to Revelations 12:5:

Verse 5 - And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Evil world leaders do not care for the welfare of the common people of their nations. They simply want to have their way at the expense of the people. Today God is offering a grace period for anyone who desires to be a part of the new heaven and earth ruled by Jesus. However, they must repent of their sins and be saved.

If people of the world fail to repent of their sins during this grace period, they will be a part of the damnable destiny that the rulers of this world are taking them to. A good example is what you see going on in Syria at this time. Such leaders only use the people of their nations for their own purposes that are not for the welfare of the people. Now you can see the purpose that the leaders of Syria and Egypt desire for their nations, but listen to the plan that God has for those who desire to be saved. Listen to II Peter 3:13-14:

Verse 13 - Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Verse 14 - Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Subject: God Will Not Respond To Leaders Of A Nation Who Are Sinners:

Little children should be taught how to pray, because those who are seven years and under are not charged as sinners and God will hear their prayers. The kingdom of heaven will have more children than adults. It is not necessary that little children repent, and be born again; therefore, many will live again in the kingdom of heaven.

Prayers should be conducted in the public schools of America so that children can honor God. Whenever a nation fails to honor God things will get worse. Nothing gets better without God. God must be honored above all. When men try to honor themselves above God they have become fools.

A nation can't call upon God on their terms, they must learn the terms to which God will respond in order to receive help from God. When prayer is presented by little children, it provokes the blessings of God upon a nation. God will not bless a nation by considering the spirit and attitudes of conceited politicians and government officials. God will have no dealings with adults of a

nation unless they have been born again. Our best hope to get help from God is not by means of church folk who practice sin, but by little children in the schools of America whose sins are not charged to them.

The people of the earth need to understand God. Things that are big, reputable, and important on earth are not acknowledged by God as being important. When God is going to do something, He works with the least person to accomplish His purpose. Remember David the shepherd boy. When God sent the prophet Samuel to anoint a son of Jesse to be King over Israel, Jesse called all of his sons and presented them to Samuel to see who would be God's choice to be king. The Spirit of God did not move on Samuel to anoint any of the sons who were most favored of Jesse. So Samuel asked Jesse if he had anymore sons, and Jesse said I have one more, but he is just a little shepherd boy who is watching the sheep. Samuel said send for this boy; and when David arrived, the Spirit of God moved on Samuel with power to anoint David to be king.

God does not see things as we see them, He will oftentimes use the least person to acknowledge and to accomplish His purpose. That which is highly esteemed of man is an abomination to God. He that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John the Baptist.

Subject: A Continuous Practice Of Homosexuality Will Cause The Human Race To Become Extinct:

When you get married to the opposite sex, your bed is undefiled. For something to be defiled, it means that it is spiritually unclean or a sin. Though many things that are done in the world today are acceptable to the people that do them, if it is defiled it is not acceptable to God, and God will reserve a judgment for such acts. Listen to Hebrews 13:4:

Verse 4 - Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled:
but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

Marriage is an institution set up by God. God is the only one who can decide and compose how marriage is to be conducted. It is God who decides what makes a marriage authentic. So the components of marriage were originated by God. In the beginning, God made male and female to be the basic participants in marriage. Listen to St. Matthew 19:4:

Verse 4 - And he answered and said unto them, *Have ye not*

read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female.

Humans must be made either a male or a female by God. They can't make themselves some sex that God has not created. God made only males and females. A male has a penis for a sex organ, and a female has a vagina. This is what distinguishes a male from a female. In order for a marriage to be acceptable before God, it must consist of a male and a female.

Species of animals don't have to get married because they exist in a lower social order than humans do. However, in order for animals to reproduce after their kind, they must mate with the opposite sex. Male tigers cannot mate with male tigers; they must mate with female tigers to reproduce. This keeps the species and families of tigers from becoming extinct. If animals or humans begin to mate with the same gender, they cannot reproduce life after their kind, and eventually, if this sexual practice continues, they will become extinct.

Subject: Only The Holy Spirit Can Prevent Divorces:

The Spirit of God is the only sure means of a husband and wife staying together; otherwise, they will be vulnerable to a divorce. The husband and wife must be filled with the Holy Spirit to stay together. This is because it is the only power on earth that can keep the devil out of a marriage. The devil causes divorces. The devil separates a marriage by means of adultery, selfishness, malice, arguments and a list of things outside of the marriage. Human abilities are not strong enough to prevent the devil from implementing a means for divorce.

When a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, he or she does not live entirely for themselves, but for their spouse and children. The Holy Spirit removes selfishness from the life of a person, allowing them to have concern for their family. Selfishness is the first law of the carnal nature, and people will kill to have things their way. Carnal humans build up personal strongholds to secure their selfish ambitions. They will lie, cheat, steal, and deceive those who love them just to protect their selfish empires.

Divorces do not solve the carnal problems that people have. Such people only transfer their problems from the first spouse to the next spouse. The only people who benefit from a divorce are lawyers.

Subject: True Religion Affects The Social Conditions Of Society:

The world today is not satisfied with its system. God did not create the world for some to live in luxury and others to live in poverty. Life in the kingdom will not be like this; it will consist of commonwealth. It is not acceptable to God for the government to take from the rich and give to the poor. The sharing of wealth must be done willingly in order to be acceptable to God. When this is not done in a godly way, the spirit of rebellion and insurrection will develop in the people. This has happened throughout the history of mankind. It is the duty of a man whenever he becomes a Christian to be interested in his brother. Whenever the church loses influence over the people, then society will become uncivilized.

A society does not acquire good conduct and fellowship from institutions and schools of education, but they must possess the Spirit of God. When the church loses the respect of its members, they will disrespect God. Society will then decide to give their children education in place of salvation, and to enlighten them in science and progress of material things rather than to teach them about God.

The Spirit of God is given to man by God that man might know how to live and share his power, his strength, his wealth and knowledge with his brother who is not as wise as he is.

Subject: God Gives Gifts To Every Child:

Before you were born into the world, God knew you and your characteristics. Every child that is born is named by God. The name that the parents select for the child is put into their minds by God. God loves children and He will not allow any child who is not mature enough to know right from wrong to be judged as a sinner. All children at the approximate age of seven years and younger will be saved.

God gives a gift to every man and woman who is born into the world. The gift is for the person to do something in building, promoting, and preserving the works of the Lord that were in the creation. Some people are born with special gifts for special work. For those who work in the channels of their gift, success will be inevitable.

If you use your gift to the glory and honor of God, nothing will be able to prevent you from being successful in life. If you attempt to acquire a career outside of your gift, you will have problems, and God will not be with you in such an endeavor. When you have a gift, no one can do this job like you can. Others

will be misfits when they try to imitate your gift. God knows the name of every child before conception. He knows the nature of the child, and gives the child gifts that are suitable to him.

Subject: A Proper Child:

The problem that our judicial system does not seem to understand is how to solve juvenile delinquency, and this is because they can't solve it. The mothers of America can solve juvenile delinquency, but they have to work with God to do so. When a child is born in sin, something must be done to correct its condition, and the Bible gives the answer.

Children are a gift from God. When we were born into this world as a male or female, God planned our birth as a gift to our parents. God plans a child's future before it is born, and it is a plan of success for the child, and a blessing to the parents and others involved. God will allow His plan for the child to be defeated if the mother fails to work with God. Fathers can also assist.

If the parents work with God, the purpose for which your child was born will be fulfilled. Before a child is born it is named by God, and its name is on the book of life. Listen to Psalm 127:3:

Verse 3 - Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

When God gives you a child, it is a reward for you, but parents must be wise enough to know how to get the benefits from the reward. If somebody gives you an inheritance and you don't bother to claim it, you lose the benefits of the inheritance. The mother of a child, by obeying God, can have a child as great as Moses was to Israel.

The value of a child is far above anything else that might be given to a father and mother on this earth. The problem is that parents seek for the wrong things in life. They seek for inanimate things to make them happy in life. They seek for automobiles, fancy clothing, vacations, and good times, and not being interested in the child.

The value of a child cannot be estimated. A child can be the most reliable friend and companion when parents get old and sickly. You will be able to trust a child more than a spouse or relative when you have properly trained the child, because God has ordained that a child be as such.

Subject: God's Purpose In Moses Was Fulfilled By His Mother:

It is natural that husband and wife come together sexually. God ordained and created them for that purpose. However, after having children, failing to train them properly is detestable to God. Parents who allow children to run wild and get into trouble are not fulfilling the purpose for the gift of a child. God gave the child to be a blessing, not just for the parents, but also for everyone who comes in contact with the child.

Moses' parents discerned the purpose that God ordained the child for, and they threw the child in the way of Pharaoh's daughter. If a mother would watch a child, she will be able to tell the purpose for which the child was born. She can do this by watching the child's traits and movements. When parents train and monitor their child, the Spirit of God will direct things so that those whom God can use will not go wild.

Moses' mother saw that the child was a goodly child, and she prepared for the child to escape the decree of the Pharaoh. God has a hand in all that we do. If it is done right, He will bring everything to pass that is proper. God gave Moses a mission to raise up Israel and bring her out of bondage; the purpose for which God gave him to his mother and father was fulfilled in Moses.

Subject: Don't Let The Devil Into Your Marriage:

There is one thing that the devil likes to do and that is to break-up a relationship between husband and wife. There is nothing that the devil hates more than a happy marriage. Marriage is an institution set up by God. Separation of husband and wife was set up by the devil. When husband and wife begin to contend, disagree, and go their separate social ways, the devil has his foot in the door.

The devil's first triumph was when he tempted the woman and the man to disobey God by eating the forbidden fruit. When the devil can get the husband or wife to disobey God, he has an entry into the marriage. Disobedience to God is an open door invitation for the devil to come in. After the devil's entry, he will gradually have an effect upon the conditions of the family. The families' social and financial conditions will take a downgrade and if there are children involved, they will suffer also as a result.

The devil will discredit the marriage relationship by means of adultery when the spouses begin to resent each other. The sign of the devil entering a marriage relationship will be noticeable by the spouses' feelings and dealings with one

another. When the spouses begin to see these things change, they should immediately seek spiritual counsel. Being disagreeable and having contrary feelings will be noticeable by others that are close to the family. When this occurs, the spirit of the devil is trying to acquire an entry. Prayer, fasting, and spiritual counsel will be a wise recourse when these conditions occur.

CHAPTER VIII

THE TRUE AND THE FALSE: PREACHERS AND TEACHINGS

THE TRUE

Subject: The True Pastor:

The reason that many people are living in sin is that their pastors do not preach the truth to them. Pastors should preach the gospel, and not their philosophy, or personal interpretation of the word of God. A true pastor is a shepherd who cares for the salvation of the sheep. A true pastor's knowledge should come from God. It should be revealed to him from God by means of the scriptures.

A true pastor should be the feeding ground for his listeners. He should feed their minds knowledge from God's word that will offer them the new birth in Christ. The true pastor should give his listeners a detailed description of what the new birth should look like in a saved person's life. He should be the example for the people to observe. If a pastor is not saved, it will be impossible for his listeners to be saved. This is because they have to be produced from the Spirit of God in him.

The human mind takes in knowledge that it believes. If a pastor is preaching the true gospel, those who take it in will be saved. If they take in the wrong gospel, they will be lost. When a pastor tells the people that they can't help from sinning, this will weaken the people against sin.

Subject: The Witness Of Jesus' Resurrection Is In My Life:

Everybody who is saved has proof in his or her life that what Jesus promises in the word of God is true. Jesus was resurrected on the third day according to His promises in the Bible. For those of us who are saved, He is also resurrected in our lives, and He has made us new creatures. Now God was very careful not to allow our salvation to change our physical appearances, because the witness of Christ saving us was for us and if anybody else is to receive the witness, they must believe our testimonies.

Therefore, the prophecy of Jesus' birth and His resurrection is fulfilled and confirmed by those who are saved. I believe and I rejoice over the fact that Jesus got up from the grave, because He has also been resurrected in my life. I know my old life of sinful practices and I can't find it anymore. It has been gone for thirty-five years. The teachings of Jesus Christ helped me to know what had happened to me when I was saved. I have found no other source of information that explains

my conversion and the new life that I have received except the teaching of Jesus. So then, I can say of a truth that the resurrection of Jesus has been authenticated in my life.

Subject: The Prophet Of God:

A prophet is one who foretells of what is about to come to pass. No one can foretell future events unless he has been inspired by God, and told beforehand by the Holy Spirit, because no one knows the future. The prophet himself does not know his future, and we all know that we are living now, but whether we will be here tomorrow, we do not know.

Six hundred and thirteen years before Christ was born, the prophet Nahum spoke of the day in which we now live. It was a prophecy of warning concerning this day. Now, the prophecies of past times are not given heed by many people today because they don't believe the word of God. The prophecies of God's word do not relate to the way of thinking of the unbeliever. Unbelievers of the word of God are deceived by their own way of thinking.

When you are born again, you don't think your way. Your thoughts are empowered and produced by the Spirit of God, so that you can think God's way. Prophecies from God's word will not deceive you, they will assure you of what is about to happen.

Subject: Institutions Of Religious Education Cannot Teach The Knowledge Of God:

Today men are going to colleges and religious seminaries to learn how to preach. Such institutions of higher learning will teach men how to be good speakers, but not good preachers. A preacher sent by God must be taught by the Holy Spirit. His entire life's experiences will be programmed by God even before he gets saved. At a point and time in his life, God will call him from a life of sin and reveal the knowledge of His word to the man. When God educates a man, it is by revelation and not some secular education. Institutions of learning that are set up by man can only teach the knowledge that men have, but the things of God can only be revealed by God (I Corinthians 2:11).

Subject: The Church Is Supposed To Be The Light Of The World:

When Jesus was in the world, He was the light of the world. Before Jesus left the world, He told His disciples that they were the light. Light means righteousness. Jesus taught and instructed His disciples in the way of righteousness so that they knew how to exemplify the principles of righteousness, and were able to be the light of the world as He had been. Today this should be the job of the church.

The church is supposed to require that those who follow Christ be a true and faithful example of all that Christ stood for. The light should not be hidden, but put where everybody might see the light. When we see confusion and perplexity in the hearts of people in churches as well as non-church people, it is clear that people do not have the light to guide them. This means that the church is not functioning as the light of the world as Jesus intended.

Today people need a light more than ever before, because troubles of the world have overwhelmed their efforts. The church should be a body of believers called from the world to walk with Christ through faith. The only relief for the unsaved is through the faithful members of the body of Christ to show them the correct way for salvation.

THE FALSE

Subject: Beware Of False Prophets:

The false preacher is educated by Satan. His primary style is to speak and dress to deceive. You should have knowledge of the word of God that will help you to check on whether or not your pastor is a false prophet. You can only check him out by the word of God. If your pastor is false, he will keep you ignorant of many things that the word of God teaches. He will not use the Bible much and what he does use from the Bible will be primarily flattering scriptures. Flattery will be his style of preaching.

The false pastor will not preach against the carnal nature in fear of offending many listeners. Keep in mind that a false preacher would not have knowledge that he is false. What he has been taught at a religious seminary has impressed him to be a qualified true minister of God, but if he is not teaching deliverance from a life of sin, he is a minister of Satan

Now a false preacher looks like a sheep in spirit. He looks gentle, tender, pure, and humble, but inwardly he is like a ravening wolf. Now don't be deceived because you hear a preacher stand up and say, "Lord, Lord", with so much feeling. Not everyone who says, "Lord, Lord", shall be saved.

You need to use this checklist for your pastor. Now a false prophet will tell people that they can live in sin, and still be saved. He plays for the gate receipts; he likes a large crowd. He is like a star actor who likes to excite and stimulate the audience. He likes the acclaim and applause of the people, and seeks a reputation for fame and prominence among the people. He will tell you that God wants you to be His child, but you can't help from sinning. He is like a cow that gives you a pail of milk and then kicks it over.

Subject: The Imitator:

During Moses' day, there were in the land of Egypt those who worked divinations. They were like magicians of today who by the power of the devil, were able to do the same thing that Moses did with his rod. An imitator of righteousness can be very impressive, and deceiving. Satan uses imitators today in Christian churches. He can set up leaders today to imitate the righteousness of God, just as the sorcerers and magicians of Moses day imitated the power of God in Moses' rod. Moses actually demonstrated the true power of God in his rod

when it was converted to a serpent, but imitators use tricks to deceive the eyes of people. Human eyes are limited in what they are able to see in accuracy; the tricks of the magicians fooled those who were looking.

So is it also in churches of today. If the people are not carefully taught the correct knowledge of the word of God, imitators of righteousness can fool them with false demonstrations of righteousness such as falling in the floor, and speaking in unknown tongues as signs of the Holy Spirit. Human beings can be deceived by imitators of righteousness when they are not familiar with the true power of God. A true demonstration of righteousness is revealed in the life of a person who lives free from sin, rather than those who give false demonstrations in a church.

During Moses' day, the true power of God was demonstrated in the lives of the Israelites when they were freed from bondage of the Pharaoh. When the power of God is in action it does something for the person rather than the person merely going to church exercising some false church ritual, and afterwards returning to their private life continuing in a life of sin.

Subject: Vain Religious Teachings Are The Problem Of The World:

It is the will of God that the people of the earth learn how to conduct themselves toward one another. Human relations have been the problem with mankind since Cain killed his brother Abel. God did not create the world for men to go to war against one another, but to help each other. If God has blessed one nation to be wealthy in its natural resources, it is for the purpose of helping a poor nation.

Nations of the earth today are unhappy because they have been blinded by the God of this world, which is the devil. The devil blinds and deceives nations of the world by means of their vain religious beliefs. Satan gets them to worship vain Gods of idolatry. Such Gods will condone wars and murders of their fellow citizens such as we see in Syria. Foolish and vain religious teachings will cause the worshipers to believe this is acceptable. The teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are implemented around love. Jesus demonstrated this love by coming to the earth in human form and dying for His enemies.

Subject: Christ Will Not Be In A Person's Life With Sin:

A religious leader who tells you that you cannot help from sinning with Christ in your life is a false witness for Christ. It is better to be no witness for Christ at all than to be a false witness. These type religious leaders are deceitful workers of Satan. When Christ is in your life, you will have power by His Spirit to live free from sin. Christ will not be in your life when sin is in your life. Christ is contrary to sin. Sin and Christ do not have fellowship with one another. Sin is the works of the devil, and Christ does the work of God, which is to destroy the works of the devil. Listen to I John 3:8:

Verse 8 - He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

If Christ was sent to destroy the works of the devil, which is sin, it is certainly not reasonable that Christ would be in a person's life who is a sinner. When you are born again, you are born of God, and the seed, which is the word of God, will remain in your life to keep sin out. The word of God will remain in your life by the Spirit of God. Listen to verse 9:

Verse 9 - Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Subject: A Preacher's Sermons Should Be Supported By The Life He Lives:

Just as God can give us a solution on how not to commit one sin, He can give us a solution on how not to commit any sin. Now God gives us a solution on how not to commit fornication or adultery. The solution is that we can have one wife, or one husband. If God can give us a solution on how not to commit adultery or fornication, He can also give us a solution on how not to steal. God can provide us with a job to earn what we need. Whatever we need, God will provide if we are willing to accept His provisions.

Now God will give people an example by first making provisions for the preacher that He sends. The preacher will be the example for the followers. Now

many religious leaders have gotten into positions of pastors and they need to be taught themselves. A perverse pastor is a stumbling block to the followers, and he is not God sent.

You cannot teach people salvation in Jesus Christ by what you say, because words without examples of support will be without power. What a preacher teaches should be a review of the way he is living. A preacher is no good if he has a wife and a sweetheart. Such a preacher is a home breaker, and not a homemaker. These type preachers hide under the garment of their cloth, with eloquent speech, and foolish followers will say “Amen” to support their sermons if they desire to live the way the preacher lives.

Subject: Don't Follow False Christians:

The devil is very clever. Satan has more false religious people in the churches of America than there are truly saved people. A truly saved person is a very unusual person, and it is hard to find one who is truly saved. Satan occupies false Christians to make others believe that they are saints. Satan uses such false Christians to make you believe that they are your best friend.

If you want to be saved, don't depend on a friend or Christian church worker to lead you to Christ. You must learn to follow the word of God, or someone who teaches you against sin. A person that God is using to teach you won't have sin in their life. Such a person will be a true witness for God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Has Your Religious Teaching Been Adulterated?

We have so many different religious denominations today because the people have interpreted God's word to suit their own personal taste for religion. They have tried to establish themselves in righteousness, but not according to God's way. If most religious teachings of today were correct, the problems in society would be so few that the courts and lawyers would be out of business. Weak and erroneous religious teachings make lawyers wealthy, and prisons overcrowded.

No religious teaching is correct unless it is according to the directions given in the scriptures. If the scriptures are adulterated, then the lives of those who follow such will be adulterated with sin. When you adulterate something, it gets

weaker. When the teachings of the word of God are adulterated, people get weaker and become more wicked.

If you desire to be sure that you are saved, you should follow the scriptures more so than your pastor or the teachings of your church. There is only one way to get into the kingdom of heaven, and that is, to go the way God has set forth by the instructions given in the scriptures. Today religious leaders have established systems of worship designed to answer to the conveniences of the people. When people are not informed properly and correctly, they are easily persuaded to go the wrong way.

AFTERWORD

We hope that you have enjoyed reading Volume IX of Saved from Sin. In closing, be reminded “Today is the day of salvation”, that is, the day to be delivered from a life of sinful practices. Jesus is able to give you the ability and power to do so, if that is your desire.

Just as a computer retains information in its memory, it is hoped that the information in this and previous volumes of Saved from Sin will stay with you and stimulate within you a desire to be saved from sin.

