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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.

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Foreword

Welcome to Volume XIII of “Saved from Sin”. We are living in “the grace age”. The opportunity to enter the kingdom of heaven is now being offered. Elder Kilgore continues to educate his readers in simplicity on the requirements to obtain salvation according to the scriptures. The road map to eternal life and the kingdom of heaven is made available in this and other volumes of “Saved from Sin”. It is hoped that God will bless your understanding as you read and study this information.



INTRODUCTION

The Grace Age:

We are presently living during the ‘grace age’. Everybody should take advantage of the opportunity to be brought in close touch with God. God is extending this time to the people of the earth so that they can be saved. Jesus brought the gospel from heaven to the people of the earth in the form of parables that we might understand the plan of salvation.

Today anybody can repent of their sins and receive salvation in Jesus Christ. God will give the Holy Spirit to a repenting sinner, so that they might be born again. The Holy Spirit will direct a person through this life and later into the kingdom of heaven. The Holy Spirit will give a person a new, holy mind with a new nature that will enable the person to keep sin out of their life while they are living on the earth.

Upon Jesus’ return, the Holy Spirit will give the born again person a new body that will be compatible with the eternal atmosphere and environment of heaven. If you desire to be saved, the Holy Spirit will bring the knowledge of God into your mind to teach you a new way of living.

The same Jesus that was born of a virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit will be born in our mind in the form of His teaching. This means the principles of righteousness that Christ taught will become your way of thinking, directing you through life accordingly.

The Last Gospel Is Now Being Preached:

If you are hearing the true gospel today it should be the same gospel which was proclaimed by John the Baptist when he was sent to introduce the coming of Christ crying “repent” (Matthew 3:1-2). John’s gospel started the plan of salvation rolling and introduced the offer God was making to man to bring him back into fellowship with God. John’s gospel was actually the first and only gospel. After John preached the gospel, Christ later came and cried, “repent”, saying that the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Mark 1:14-15). The opportunity to enter the kingdom of heaven was being offered. The door to salvation was being opened. Man was being invited to enter. After Christ, came the apostles, all came preaching repentance. Repentance means to turn from your sinful practices. That

was the gospel. If folk have not yet repented of their sins, and are attending some church, then they are going to church for nothing.

Repentance was the message starting with John, introducing Jesus, and later from Jesus and His apostles. If a preacher is preaching the gospel of a truth today, he should be preaching repentance. Repentance is the only message that will reconcile God and man. It was fresh, new, and inviting when Peter preached it on the day of Pentecost, and three thousand souls were saved in a single meeting. In the centuries that followed, many thousands have accepted Christ, but now it is the last gospel because it is the only way man might be saved. It is the last gospel because the time for preaching it is rapidly coming to an end. It is the last gospel because the opportunity to accept it, and be saved is closing in on the sinner.

God is leading those that He has called to find the sinner who has a mind to repent and lead them to Christ. The devil is busier today and the pressure of sin on the people is greater. Iniquity abounds and children have become more delinquent and more disobedient to parents and difficult to manage. Wickedness abounds more today than in the day of Sodom. Sin is out of control and the fact that there are more sinners today than there were in times past has made the problem worse for the God sent preachers to spread the gospel. Nevertheless, the last gospel will accomplish its purpose.

The last gospel to be preached will gather together every pure heart. It will call together a nation consisting of people from every ethnic origin, tongue (language) and kindred who are worthy to be received in the presence of Holy God. Those who God have called by means of the last gospel will worship God in Spirit and in truth.

The Plan Of God:

When God planned salvation for man, He incarnated Himself in a human body called Jesus. The first part of this process was initiated when God put His word in the mind of a virgin named Mary. The word of God is so powerful that it can do anything. When the word of God was implanted in the mind of Mary, it reversed the course of nature. It caused nature to function directly the opposite of the way it had previously functioned. God allowed His Spirit to cause Mary to conceive a child from the word of God. God called His name Jesus. Jesus was to represent grace. Grace would be the means by which we could be saved. Humans on the earth were born in sin and shaped in iniquity, and grace would be the means by which such sinful conceptions would be corrected. Grace was given to help make preparations for us to be born again. We had no means by which to correct

our sinful conception. No wealth, prestige, prominence, or human power could correct our condition. Grace was the only solution for the problem.

When we received grace, all of our transgressions were excused on one condition, and that was for us to be willing not to commit sin again.

The Way To Eternal Life Is By Faith In God:

To have faith in God is to put your trust in God. This means you must learn to depend upon God for your survival and welfare. You will have the belief and confidence that God will do that which He has promised to do. Your faith in God should be coupled with a progressively holy life being absolutely dependent upon God leading you through life.

You would then follow God as a blind person with your hands in God's hand. You would not be desiring to see your way through life yourself, but desiring to feel the pull of the Lord guiding you. If you could see by your own means, you would choose the way that appeared to be easy and inviting. You would want to see a way through life that would give you the entire view, and not merely a day-by-day entrance route through life.

A child of God must trust God for guidance on a daily basis, confident that the way God points out will lead to eternal life since God can see both the beginning and the end of the way that leads to eternal life. A child of God should never worry about provisions for life. He should depend trustingly upon God as a young child depends upon its mother for what it needs.

He should feel confident that the things he needs will be provided. A child of God should pray to his heavenly Father asking Him to provide what he needs with confidence that God will hear his prayer and provide. He should be trusting God as children trust their parents. If a child of God is fully obedient to God, he should believe that his obedience will open the door for his prayer request to be granted by God. Such a child will learn that obedience and simple faith will give him what he needs and give him many things he desires from God.

A child will then look to God for deliverance from problems, for salvation for healing and comfort. When a child of God prays, he should believe sincerely that he is talking to God who is in hearing distance and is as understanding and sympathetic as an earthly father would be. Such a child of God must believe that on the strength of what God's word promises, God would grant the request in His own way and time according to the faith of the person.

We must not feel for a moment that God can be burdened by our request or that we could be in such bad condition that it would be too costly for God to do.

We should not come to God doubting His ability to grant us what we ask for. Such prayers would be frivolity or mockery. This means such prayers would have no sincerity or reverence. These would be prayers of disrespect to God.

Prayers without faith and sincerity to God are prayers of dishonor. Such prayers will have no claim for the things that they ask for. Mockery means to ask without definite faith to obtain the blessing. When you go to God, you should first believe that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him. Faith must always precede your approach to God. We should never go to God just to be asking. The importance of the operation we set in motion through prayer to God is too great and terrible to be set off foolishly with doubt and fear. Such prayers set off a false alarm to heaven, and those who are responsible are not regarded with a favorable response from God.

Though God would immediately recognize the mockery in such prayers, He takes no pleasure in fools. If you are living a righteous life, the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. Whenever a child of God goes to God for anything, they must consider that God sees their heart, and knows the intent of their mind. If they are unbecoming in any way, God will see that they are and will withhold whatever consideration He might have reserved for the child.

The promise that God will do anything you ask if you keep His commandments is quite assuring to all who trust Him and are identified as His children. I believe He will do anything I ask so I keep His commandments and stand ready to exercise my rights as His child whenever a situation occurs that would make it necessary for me to pray to Him. God has been a wonderful Father to me, and I am careful always to maintain my integrity as His child.

Your Belief In God's Word Can Give You The New-Birth:

In the fullness of the dispensation of time, the long range prophesy of Isaiah came to pass. Those of us who are living today were not here when Jesus was born; we only know what God revealed by the prophet Isaiah hundreds of years ago. Isaiah prophesied that a virgin would conceive a child. When the conception took place, Isaiah was dead.

In order to show that Isaiah's prophesy was from God, God helped us by giving three witnesses. They were the angel Gabriel, Joseph and Mary. Gabriel brought the message from God to Mary and Joseph, and in nine months, Jesus was born. Now Jesus' conception took place as it was prophesied to Joseph and Mary because they received and believed the message. God doesn't waste time with people who have unbelieving hearts and question His message with doubt. God

knew before the foundation of the world that Mary and Joseph would believe the message. God ordains His plan through those who will believe what He tells them.

Today if a person believes that Jesus can save them from sin, God has already planned to save them. The plan for their salvation was in the making before they heard the message from God, just as the prophecy of Isaiah was pre-planned to be given to Joseph and Mary. Jesus was born in the Virgin Mary's womb because she believed the message from God. Jesus will also be born in the minds of anybody who believes in His purpose for being sent to the earth by God.

When Jesus is born in the minds of people, they are born again of the word of God, because Jesus was the word of God made flesh. Jesus was sent and prepared by God to live in the flesh and blood bodies of those who believed His purpose for being sent to the earth. Listen to the purpose for which Jesus was sent in St. Matthew 1:20-21:

Verse 20 - But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Verse 21 - And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

His purpose for being sent to the earth was to save us from our sins.

Flesh And Blood Cannot Inherit The Kingdom Of Heaven:

Jesus was sent to offer us a process of salvation that would give us the new-birth. He came to teach us how to be born again. This new-birth would be of an incorruptible seed. Our flesh and blood birth is of a corruptible seed. Corruptible things eventually die. No corruptible flesh and blood humans will be able to enter the kingdom of heaven, because heaven is a habitation for incorruptible life (I Corinthians 15:54-55). Incorruptible life is everlasting life. Flesh and blood cannot live in an incorruptible environment because God did not give flesh and blood humans the ability to adjust and live in an incorruptible environment.

The word of God came from heaven, and it brings incorruptible life to those who receive it. When a person receives the word of God, it will give them a new

mind and a new nature. This new mind will cause the person's desire to follow and obey righteous principles that the word of God teaches. Righteous principles are incorruptible principles. In heaven, the citizens there follow righteous principles that the word of God has given them, because righteous principles are compatible with an incorruptible environment. For those who are born again here on earth, they are born of the word of God that has given them the same righteous principles that the citizens in heaven are presently living by.

When Jesus returns to the earth, those who are born again of the word of God, following the righteous principles that the word teaches, will by the power of the word that they are obeying be changed. They will be given an incorruptible body to be compatible with their new minds that will qualify them to live in an incorruptible environment in heaven. Listen to I Corinthians 15:50-54:

Verse 50 - Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Verse 51 - Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

Verse 52 - In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Verse 53 - For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this Mortal must put on immortality.

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.

Preparations Are Being Made In Heaven For The Saved People:

Jesus has prepared a place in heaven for the saved people. Saved people who are living on the earth today will very soon live in a habitation called heaven. Heaven is a place where God's kingdom is established. Presently in heaven, there are countless millions of angels living there, but very soon the saved people of the

earth will be arriving there. After the saved people from the earth get to heaven, God is going to have a thousand-year jubilee or celebration for the saved people.

Angels are waiting for the arrival of the saved people so that they can rejoice with them. Angels of heaven love the saved people on the earth and on many occasions have helped the saved people through difficult and dangerous situations on earth. These were the assigned guardian angels for the saved people. Angels admire saved people of the earth because the saved people had to suffer to become citizens of heaven, whereas angels were created citizens and only had to make the choice to stay there during the revolution in heaven administered by Satan. So angels in heaven have the highest regard for saved people on the earth, because they endured much persecution and suffering to have a chance to enjoy life in heaven that angels are already enjoying.

Joy In Heaven:

There are more angels in heaven than humans on the earth. The population of angels cannot be numbered by our mathematical system on earth. Whenever God saves one soul on earth, the population of angels in heaven will rejoice and give praise to God. Nothing can take place in heaven, or in the earth that is to the glory of God without the angels rejoicing. The day that you were truly saved, a heavenly celebration took place in honor of God's choice to save you. Whenever the enemy loses another soul all heaven rejoices because that is something that causes glory to God.

Christ died to save sinners. The devil is struggling to keep the sinner from accepting the salvation which the death and resurrection of Christ have made available to the sinner. Every time the devil is the loser in this struggle, the glory belongs to God, and heaven rejoices. There is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety and nine righteous people who do not need to repent. It is the repenting or turning around of the sinner from sin to righteousness that glorifies God. Every time a man or woman believes that Christ can save from sin, and puts forth an effort to live above sin, all heaven puts on a dress parade, and there will be great shouting and rejoicing on the plains of glory.

When the saints of God go marching into the kingdom of God, waving palms of victory and singing "I've been redeemed", angels will step back and let the victorious saints take over heaven. When the crowns of glory are placed on the heads of the saints, joy in heaven will be as great as it was the night the angels sang over the plains of Judaea when Christ was born. Such celebration will be as the

results of Christ being born again in the lives of all the saints who were saved by grace.

Heaven will be a wonderful place in which to be because of the great joy that will be in the hearts of everybody there. The Lord said blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power (Revelation 20:6). Everyone who has taken a stand to walk with the Lord has given the devil's kingdom a great blow, and is qualified now to walk with the redeemed of the Lord.

Those who have been blessed with this privilege should pray day and night thanking God for the strength and power to stay in this way. Make no mistake such people are going to be tried by the devil, but the reward you will get if you overcome is worth any condition you will have to suffer in order to hold your seat in the congregation of the righteous.

Unspeakable Joy In Heaven:

Your imagination will not be able to give you any conception of what joy in heaven will be like. In I Corinthians 2:9 the scriptures teach that "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him". No born again believer would want to lose this chance for a life in heaven by fooling with sinful trash in this present world, no matter how enticing the devil makes it look.

Such saints should thank God that His Spirit moved them to accept salvation the day they heard His voice. They should thank God for giving them boldness, for that is what it takes in this evil day, to break away from sin and follow after righteousness. It takes boldness to forsake sin and follow Christ. There are many sinners who would give anything to be able to break away from their sins and follow the Lord, but they can't because the devil is fighting them. The pull of evil is too strong for them to break away unless God helps them. Such people will die without hope, and never taste the joy and peace that has been given to the truly saved person.

Only the Holy Spirit can help a person to break away from sin after they have initiated efforts to repent. Repentance is a good start, but the Holy Spirit must finish the job. When you stand up in the congregation and confess that Jesus is the Christ, and He is able to keep you living a life free from sin, the Holy Spirit will join you to Christ, and from that moment, you must live the life of Christ.

You must start out at once to live that life by refusing to fellowship any longer with sinners, and get rid of anything that you have in your possession that

would defile your body, or induce you to sin. You must abstain from any practice or habit that would bring condemnation, or induce you to disobey the word of God. You must develop a binding relationship between you and God through prayer and meditation and reading of the scriptures. You should then be an example to others, allowing them to see how Christ has changed you. This will help you to encourage others who are struggling to live Godly as you were.

The Second Resurrection Will Be For The Sinner:

If you are not saved, you may not realize it but the devil is living your life for you. What you think are your desires are the devil's desires if they are inclined towards sin. People who are not born again live the life of the devil. This means the spirit of the devil lives in them. They allow the devil to direct their thoughts by means of lustful urges. While they live, they may seem to be enjoying themselves, but they are in reality having very miserable experiences from time to time after their so-called pleasures end, because the devil does not bring joy. The devil may bring thrills and fun for a while, but afterwards there is condemnation, which brings woes, sorrow, and sadness.

A sinner's life and soul belong to the devil. "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning" (I John 3:8). When the sinner dies, his body returns to the dust from which it was made, but his life or soul (mind) goes with the devil and remains with him until the second resurrection. Then, when the sinner rises from the dead, the devil will be there to claim him. The sinner will then be turned into hell along with the devil and all other evil souls.

The resurrection of the sinner will not take place until after the saints have been caught up and are taken with their Lord to heaven. A period of one thousand years will elapse, and then will come the second death when the devil and all sinners will be permanently separated from God.

When Does The Saved Person Go To Heaven?

The saved person will not go straight to heaven if he or she dies before the first resurrection. Jesus did not go when He died. Jesus remained on earth 40 days after His resurrection. He died, yet He did not go to heaven. Many people are under the impression that after you die, your soul enters the kingdom of heaven.

The person who is not saved will not go to hell immediately after they die. The wicked will not go to hell until after the judgment.

If everybody went to heaven after death, heaven would be filled with sinners and saints because the judgment has not yet taken place. If the saved went to heaven and the unsaved went to hell after death, what need would there be for a judgment day? The saved would be receiving their reward, and the unsaved would be receiving punishment.

The devil is not in hell yet. He's in the homes and lives of the unsaved. So if the devil is going to hell according to the scriptures, he will have to be there in time to receive all those whom he deceived into following him there, but he is on his way to hell to set-up a reception center for the unsaved,

Do You Know Whether Or Not You Will Be In The First Resurrection?

Every human being should have correct knowledge on whether or not they are going to be in the first resurrection. It is the duties of pastors and preachers of the gospel to teach and to enlighten their listeners on what is required to be in the first resurrection. It is a sad thing to be ignorant of the fact that you are lost when your life on earth ends. I will not allow any listener of my gospel to be ignorant of where they are going to spend eternity. If some disagree with the gospel that I am teaching, that is their choice. It is my responsibility to inform them on what is required to be in the first resurrection.

Our hope in rising in the first resurrection is based upon our obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Obedience to God will cause your hope of being in the first resurrection to be substantial. In order for us to be partaker of the first resurrection, Jesus had to die and to be resurrected, according to the word of God. The word of God also promised that all who obeyed Jesus would be partaker of His administration of the first resurrection. Though God had promised death to all who were born in sin, God's love sent Jesus to change the program by His death for those who had been condemned to die. The message that Jesus brought from God was the hope for every man because Jesus died for all men.

False Things Don't Last Long:

When folk go to a church on Sunday morning they are pure and clean. Folk don't smoke cigarettes, use profanity, and drink liquor in churches. Some folk are so well mannered in churches that you can't hear them say amen. It is good to be

well mannered and have good conduct in church, but it is better to have it at home and in your private life. If you don't have good conduct at home and in your private life, God won't give you credit for having it in your church. Attendance in a church service doesn't mean anything to God if your conduct and behavior are not sin-free in your private life. If you learn what pleases God in your church, it is not much good for you unless you take it home with you. What good is a church that can't improve your private life?

If you desire to have peace and joy in your private life, you have to have God in your private life. If you have peace and joy while you are in church, and not have it in your private life, such peace and joy in your church is false and is not from God. Peace and joy from God is continuous and has no bounds or limitations. To merely have good conduct while in church is false conduct, and such conduct is an act of hypocrisy. The peace and joy that go along with false conduct is also false peace and joy. You can always tell false things because they don't last long.

The Last Gospel:

God communicates to the world by means of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The word "gospel" means good news from God. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the last gospel that the world will hear before Jesus returns.

Jesus was sent to the world the first time for the purpose of making the people of the earth ready for the day that is coming to offer salvation for those who receive Him, or damnation to those who reject Him.

Many prophets were sent by God before Jesus came, but Jesus is the ultimate messenger from God. Jesus was the greatest. The word of God teaches that never a man spoke like Jesus. The people during Jesus' day had never seen a man perform the works of God like Jesus did. They said that the wind, and the waves obeyed Him, and He would call men from the graves, and they would hear Him. Jesus was the voice of God made flesh.

At different times prior to Jesus' appearance, God spoke through prophets, but in these last days, God has spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things. Jesus is the brightness of God's glory, and the express image of His person, upholding all things by the word of His power. Jesus is the brightness and the brilliance of the mind of God, and in person, He looks like God. If you should see them in heaven together, you wouldn't know one from the other, except for the scars from the nails in Jesus' hands, which held Him on the cross. Jesus

upholds every word of the promise of God, because the power of God speaks through Him.

Yoke Up With Jesus:

When Jesus came to the earth, He was the word of God made flesh. Jesus was the word of God itself, sheltered in a human body. In St. John 1:1, it teaches that in the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God, the same was in the beginning with God.

Jesus was the word of God that was with God in the beginning, and everything that God created was made by the word of God. God later sent His word to the earth to dwell among the people of the earth, and they beheld His glory, which was the glory of the only begotten of the Father who was full of grace and truth. Jesus offered salvation to the world that was free, and He never failed to teach the truth.

Jesus extended His hand to everybody and said, come unto me and learn of me; take my yoke upon you, and I will be your burden-bearer; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Today Jesus invites you to yoke up with Him regardless of the sin that the devil has placed upon you, He is able to help all who will receive Him.

CHAPTER I

THE END IS NEAR

Subject: You Will Have One Chance To Meet The Messiah:

Now God's timing is perfect. As the time is approaching for the next appearance of Jesus, God is making preparations for the advent. The world can be late for such events, but God is always on time. The Messianic hope is still alive. Many are waiting for Jesus while others are still asleep in sin. The Christian society of America is aware of the next event, and the Holy Spirit is in full operation to secure the souls of those who want to be ready. Are you ready? You will have one chance to meet the Messiah.

Subject: There Will Be A Resurrection For The Saved Who Are In Christ:

The first resurrection will be a glorious event. Jesus will be the administrator, and all the saints through the ages will be a part of this event. For those who are saved, this will be a resurrection to receive eternal life. After Jesus' crucifixion, He showed Himself by many infallible proofs that He was the same person who walked and talked in the midst of friends and enemies with nothing but a spirit of love within Him.

Jesus did not seek to find His enemies that crucified Him to take vengeance upon them. He demonstrated the same love that He died with. God being love, and His begetting the only Begotten Son by the Holy Spirit, caused the Son to be nothing but love before and after the crucifixion. Jesus could not hate nor retaliate. He was the expression of His Father toward man. Those who are saved adore the birth of Jesus, and thank God for His resurrection.

When you are born again, it means that Jesus has been resurrected in your life. Your life will then manifest the same spirit of love that Jesus manifested. If Jesus has been resurrected in your life while you live today, you will also be a part of His resurrection when He returns for the saved people.

All of this was planned by God so that we might be saved. It was a dark day when Jesus was crucified, but it will be a glorious day when He administers the first resurrection. Jesus is a wonderful and great Savior, and whatever God has done was for our learning and information that we might rejoice in knowing that our salvation and deliverance from death is a sure thing.

Subject: The Second Birth Will Entitle You To Be A Part Of The First Resurrection:

I did not learn the knowledge of the word of God with a carnal mind; I had to receive a spiritual mind to learn what I am teaching. You get a spiritual mind when you are filled with the Holy Spirit. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit you receive an anointing, and the Spirit of God becomes your teacher. You cannot take in what I am teaching without being blessed.

If you are going to be saved, you must experience two births. The first birth is given to you by your parents, but the second birth must be given by God. The second birth from God will cause you to live a different life from what you lived as a result of your first birth. When you experience the second birth from God, it will qualify you to be in the first resurrection. The first resurrection will be administered by Jesus Christ. It will be for the purpose of taking all who have experienced the second birth to heaven. When you receive the second birth from God, you will be given the benefit of living in the kingdom of heaven with God.

Subject: The Day Of The Lord:

The day is coming when everything in the world shall be burned up, but that will not be the end. The whole creation came from the earth and when it goes to ashes, it will go back to the earth. Everybody will not die from old age that is living on the earth. Somebody will be here when the world comes to an end. God is not going to wait for everybody to die.

Jesus will soon descend from heaven with the voice of an archangel and the dead in Christ shall rise first, and the saved people who are alive in Christ will be caught up second and be taken to heaven out of the reach of the destruction of the earth that will follow their resurrection. The wicked or unsaved shall be left (I Thessalonians 4:16). The unsaved people of the earth today will be left behind. The wicked or unsaved will be burned into stubble. Their physical bodies will be burned, but their minds or souls will be given new bodies. Unlike the saved people taken to heaven, the new bodies of the wicked will be prepared by God to suffer everlasting pain and torment.

The evil spirits of the wicked shall be put into new bodies for this purpose. The wicked shall be turned into hell (Psalm 9:17). The wicked will have bodies whose worms will never die (Mark 9:47-48). Listen to St. Matthew 13:41-43:

Verse 41 - *The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend,*

and them which do iniquity;

Verse 42 - *And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

Verse 43 - *Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

Subject: The Harvest Is The End Of The World:

One day real soon a harvest is coming to the world. The saved people are going to be gathered with God like a farmer gathers wheat. The unsaved are also going to be gathered like weeds and prepared to be burned. After the saved people go to heaven with Jesus, the unsaved are going to be prepared for the judgment. The judgment will take place after the death of the physical bodies of the unsaved. After the judgment, they will experience another death of their souls. The harvest will be the end of the world. Listen to St. Matthew 13:39-43:

Verse 39 - *The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*

God is going to send angels along with Jesus Christ to gather the saved people to take to heaven, and the unsaved will be gathered like tares or weeds to be burned in fire first and after that, they will be judged.

Verse 40 - *As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.*

Verse 41 - *The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;*

Verse 42 - *And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

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CHAPTER II

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Subject: The Word Of God:

You can't accomplish anything in life without some form of communication. We communicate by words. When our words are true, they will be supported by our deeds and actions, which will be true. Communication by means of words carries power when they are supported by actions.

Men build big buildings and bridges through their words. When a man gives you his word and backs up his word whatever his word says will be an asset when his words are good. God is known through His word, for God backs His word. A man can be no more than his word. When a man ceases to back his word, people don't care about his words. The world was created by the power that is found in the word of God, and the power of God is the truth.

When the word of God speaks to you, the veracity of God speaks to you. The veracity of the word will have a positive effect upon your life if you obey the word. When you obey the word of God, you activate the truth of the word. When the truth of the word is activated by obedience, there is nothing that can prevent what the word says from being accomplished.

Man could only know God through His word, so God made His word flesh that it might dwell among men so that they might see Him, and know Him. Jesus Christ was the word of God made flesh who dwelt among men, and taught that the word of God could keep men separate from sin. Jesus was not the product of a man, but a product of God's word. When the word of God is carried from one person to another by the Spirit of God, it has power to change the person who receives it.

God sent His word by Gabriel to Mary who believed it, and became the mother of Jesus. If a person receives the word of God from a messenger sent by God, Jesus will be born in their mind, and the life of Christ will be manifested in their life.

Subject: The Word Of God Can Never Die:

God sent Jesus to the world in a body like the average man. This was done so that the people might know that the word of God in the flesh can keep the flesh living above sin.

Jesus lived a sin-free life as an example to the world, performing deeds that represented the power of God that was manifested in His words. Jesus asked the people to believe Him for the work's sake as He spoke the words of God. He took

no credit for Himself. He went to the cross and died, because He was in a flesh and blood body, but the word of God in Him could never die.

Subject: The Word Of God Is Incorruptible:

You don't want Jesus' return and appearance to prove that you are born again. You want to be sure that you are born again before Jesus returns the second time. The word of God is the only information to help you to know that you are born again. In St. John 3:9, it teaches that whosoever is born of God does not commit sin. This scripture is the truth from God's word. This is evidence that you have been born again. If a person does not believe this scripture, they will be damned.

Salvation of a person is by the power of God. Human power is limited, and cannot keep you from committing sin. Only the power of God can keep you from committing sin. When you are born again, you are born of the word and the Spirit of God. The word is an incorruptible seed that never dies, or grows old.

When a person is a sinner, they will do things that will cause them to die, because sin leads you to corruption. When Jesus was crucified, He was in the earth for three days and His body never saw corruption. That is because He was the word of God; the word of God liveth and abideth forever (I Peter 1:23). If a person accepts, believes, and obeys the word of God, it will preserve their soul, though their body will go back to the dust.

Subject: The Word Of God Is The Mind Of Christ:

A preacher cannot preach the word of God unless he is living according to the teachings of the word of God. The Holy Spirit must first give a preacher the new birth before it will give him power to preach the word of God. The word of God is like a double-edged sword, it cuts both ways to condemn sin. If a preacher is a sinner, then the word of God will condemn him the same as it would all sinners.

Any preacher can preach his own mind and his opinion about salvation, but the word of God is the mind of Christ.

Subject: The Word Can Be Made Flesh In You:

When God sent Jesus to the earth, the word of God was made flesh. Jesus was the living word of God in a flesh and blood body. This was done as an example for all who would be saved. When you receive the teachings of Jesus Christ, your body becomes a living epistle. The word of God will live in your flesh and blood body just as it lived in Jesus. The word will be made flesh controlling your body to live righteous. Listen to St. John 1:14:

Verse 14 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,
(and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only
begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

When we are born again, the word of God is written in our hearts and we become living epistles. All of this is done by the Spirit of God. Listen to II Corinthians 3:2-3:

Verse 2 - Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known
and read of all men:

Verse 3 - Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the
epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with
ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in
tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart.

Subject: Follow Me With Your Bible:

It is a good thing to follow what your pastor preaches with your Bible. If he is preaching a lot of information that is not in your Bible, you should ask him where he's getting his sermons from. The gospel of Jesus Christ from the original King James Version of the Bible is the only knowledge that God sent to the earth.

You can get your Bible and follow my sermons, and you will see that every principle that I teach is from the Bible. The Bible teaches against sin from Genesis to Revelations, and that is what I teach. The first group of angels that was cast out of heaven was because they sinned by following the devil. If God cast angels out of heaven for being sinners, why do you think He would allow human sinners to come into heaven? Listen to II Peter 2:4-5:

Verse 4 - For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Verse 5 - And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.

If God didn't spare angels that sinned or the ungodly people during Noah's day, He did this for an example for those of future generations so that they can know that he won't save people who continue to be sinners and fail to repent of their sins. I believe this, because this is what the Bible teaches.

Subject: Do You Understand The Parables That Jesus Spoke?

Jesus spoke nothing without using a parable to simplify the principles. Jesus told the men who knew about fishing that the kingdom of heaven is like a great net, that they would cast into the sea and bring in everything, but after they got it to shore they would separate all of the bad stuff from the good fish that it caught. The parable is that those who fail to repent of their sins are like bad stuff, and will be separated from the good. Listen to St. Matthew 13:47-50:

Verse 47 - *Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:*

Verse 48 - *Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.*

Jesus is teaching in these parables that under no conditions will God allow the unsaved to continue to live with the saved when the world comes to an end.

Verse 49 - *So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just.*

Verse 50 - *And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

Subject: Get An Understanding:

Understanding the word of God is very important. You have an understanding when you can apply the knowledge of the word to your everyday life's conditions in a meaningful way. You must be able to use the knowledge of God's word to elevate your way of living from sin to righteousness. If you hear the word of God being preached and do not understand it, the devil will come along and take what you heard out of your mind. This means you received the word by the wayside. Listen to St. Matthew 13:19:

Verse 19 - *When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.*

This is why it is very important that your preacher or pastor must take so much time to make the word of God plain to you so that you won't go away without an understanding. Remember, the teachings of the word of God do not mean anything to you unless it can be related to the spiritual conditions of your life. To hear and rejoice over how well a preacher preached a sermon is not worth anything unless it has been taught to improve your life's spiritual condition.

Subject: Be Careful That The Things Of This World Won't Interfere With You Receiving The Word Of God:

The biggest oppositions to a person receiving the word of God are deceitfulness of riches and the cares of this world. If your interest is more so involved in the cares of this life, God will allow such things to choke the word of God out of your mind after you have heard it. The word of God must have top priority over your preferences in life. You must deny your attractions for the things of this life that will establish priority over you receiving the word of God. Listen to St. Matthew 13:22:

Verse 22 - *He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.*

Subject: You Want To Be Sure That You Receive The Word On Good Ground: Or In A Good Mind:

The person who receives the word in a good mind will be saved. A good mind is a mind that desires to be saved over all other things in life. God will not over-look such a person. This type of mind will produce fruit of the Holy Spirit from the word that he or she received. This person will also be a witness to others by the changes that have taken place in their life as a result of receiving the word of God. Listen to St. Matthew 13:23:

Verse 23 - *But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*



CHAPTER III
WHAT IS SIN?

Subject: What Is A Sinner?

God is against sin, but He will help a sinner to repent. God is for a sinner who has a mind to turn from sin. A sinner is a person who disobeys God's commandments. He is a violator of what God stands for. A sinner is against God's holiness. God's holiness is His character. When you live free from sin, God categorizes you as being a saint. A saint is a holy person who is set apart from sinful practices.

If a person has a mind to repent from sin, God will help to make them a saint. In the kingdom of heaven, there will be only saints and angels living there.

Subject: They Knew Not The Day Of Their Visitation:

Israel means a soldier of the Lord. Israel was God's people. God loved Israel. God raised up Israel to be a nation unto Him to follow His law. To follow the law of God is to follow His Holiness. God put the greatest leaders, and warriors that have ever lived in Israel, such as Samson, David, Gideon, and Joshua.

God sent Moses to give Israel the Law to make Israel a holy nation, and to be sanctified from other nations of the world. As long as Israel obeyed the Law, they had power within their nation to defeat, and overcome any enemy that rose up against them. When Israel failed to obey the Law of Moses, they became weak and suffered one defeat after another, and eventually they were taken into captivity again by the enemy.

Later, Israel became a rebellious and stubborn people, to the extent that when God decided to pay them a visit in human form. They did not recognize God, and they rejected, and crucified God, because they knew not their day of visitation. Humans have been the same all through the ages; they will reject, and rebel against the one who does the most for them.

Subject: Humans Cannot Manage Evil:

Evil cannot be managed by humans. Evil gets out of control when it possesses the spirit of a person. When a person has anger in their mind, they can do harm to someone that is not the cause of their anger.

Jesus gives grace to a person to make them forsake evil. If Jesus doesn't help a person to deal with evil, it will overtake them. When Jesus comes into your

life, He will protect your mind from the effects of evil. Though you live on earth around evil, Jesus will keep your mind on heavenly things and your mind will be in perfect peace.

Subject: Nobody Gets Better In Sin:

God never desired that man should know evil, and had man not disobeyed, he would not have known it. God forbade Adam to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and because Adam disobeyed, death entered the world by Adam. Adam was ejected from paradise when he sinned. God sent Adam out of the Garden of Eden because there was another tree called the tree of life that would have sustained Adam's life.

Sin is so terrible that God planned that man would be better off dying than to continue to live as a sinner. Nobody gets better in sin. A 500 year-old sinner would be worse than Adolf Hitler. Adam would never have died had he remained in the Garden of Eden and obeyed God.

The Garden of Eden on earth was a symbol of how life will be in heaven. Everything on earth that is good and pleasant is a symbol of heaven. The awfulness of the earth is what we got in Adam, but the goodness that heaven will offer is what we gained in Christ.

Subject: Sin Gives You False Joy With Evil Fruits:

Sin will keep you from enjoying the goodness of God. You cannot relate to the goodness of God unless you cease from sin. Sin causes things in your life to be unpleasant, and it takes away your appetite for the good things of God.

Obedience to God's command reproduces joy, peace, happiness, love, goodness, and patience. Sin reproduces hate, variance, envy, strife, malice, and contention. When a person commits sins, evil things will be the fruit of their acts. When a person obeys God, the fruit of the Holy Spirit will be the fruit of their acts.

Subject: The Wages Of Sin Is Eternal Death, But The Gift From God Is Everlasting Life:

When God warns the people of the world about the dangers that will overtake them for their disobedience to His word, God also shows signs to bear witness to His warnings. Five hundred and twenty-five years before Jesus was born into the world, God gave us warnings of the end of time. The final chapter of God's warnings is here.

The beginning of the last days started when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Jesus was not sent just to be a minister to the people during his time, but He was sent to get us ready for the end of time. When time ends, eternity starts, and whatever condition the people are in at the end of time, they will be in the same condition forever. If a person is living in sin when time ends, they will remain in sin throughout eternity, suffering from the wages of sin. If a person is living free from sin when time ends, they will remain free from sin, living with God in heaven forever.

Death is the wages for sin in eternity; it will be the second death, which will be eternal torment. Everlasting life will be for the saved people in eternity, and it will be a gift from God for the saved. Listen to Romans 6:22-23:

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.

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

Subject: The Sin Of Cain:

Adam was the seed of all humans, and we were all condemned in Adam. It was because of Adam's sin that we were in sin. It is for that reason that people die after they are born. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). We were born under the sentence of death. Due to the fact that Adam chose to be a sinner, and we were his seed, the fruit of a man can be no different from the seed that produced the fruit.

When Adam had his first son Cain, He became a murderer because Adam was a sinner. If Cain had stayed close to God, the presence of God in his life could have kept him from being a murderer. God came down and talked to Cain,

warning him of what sin could do if he had continued to make insufficient sacrifices to God. Cain strayed from the presence of God, and the sin that was passed down from Adam made Cain a murderer (Genesis 4:7-8).

Today God's presence is given to man by His Spirit. If a person desires to live in the presence of God, the Spirit of God will give them the new-birth, and the sins of Adam will have no power against them, as it had against Cain.

Subject: Tactics Of Deceit:

When the gospel is given to the people, it exposes the works of the devil, and destroys his efforts to deceive people. The devil uses tactics of deception against those who are ignorant of his devices. The devil has been successful in causing many to believe that sin is not harmful, and is acceptable to God. Most people are not aware of the fact that sin causes them to be burdened and unhappy. We are using the gospel to help people to know that sin is of the devil, and that to get sin out of their lives, they must get the devil out.

When you repent of your sins, the devil has no place in you. The devil can tempt and try to intimidate you, but only sin can prevent you from being saved. When you have repented of your sins, the devil can only be a demonstrator against your stand with God. The Holy Spirit will assist those who repent of their sins, and give them power against the devil. When folk are not aware of the truth about life, and the deceitful tricks of the devil, they will be vulnerable to the devil's deceitful tactics. The devil cannot make you follow a false way. He cannot take away your free will of choice; he must deceive people into following a false way, so that they will willingly choose to commit sin, thinking that sin is okay and offers no harm.

Subject: A Rebellious Spirit Is Of The Devil:

Rebellious angels are the cause of the trouble we are having in the world today. The first sinner was an angel who was cast out of heaven into the earth. He later entered the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve were, and deceived the woman to rebel against God.

The spirit of rebellion, in a person who is rebellious against what God's word teaches, is injected into the person by rebellious angels. Such a spirit is a seducing spirit that causes people to be separated from God. Jesus was sent to the

earth to reconcile man to God. Any spirit that rebels against God is the spirit of the devil.

Subject: The Unpardonable Sin:

It is the Holy Spirit that is presenting this knowledge of God's word to those who read it. In order to be saved, you must accept the knowledge that the Holy Spirit is giving to you. Though I am writing this knowledge, it is not coming from me. It is simply coming by me, just as the mailman brings your mail. Your mail does not come from the mailman; he is simply the carrier of your mail.

If you reject the knowledge in these books that the Holy Spirit is sending, you would be blaspheming or disrespecting the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which means it will be impossible for you to be saved. The Holy Spirit is your guide that leads you to God. If you reject your guide, there is no other means that God has provided for you to get to him. To disrespect the guidance of the Holy Spirit is an unforgiven sin (St. Matthew 12:31-32).

Subject: The Terror Of Sin:

If you are not aware of the damage that sin does to humans, you will compromise with sin. Sin has broken homes, destroyed the virtue of many young girls, crippled and broken bodies, shortened lives, and caused wars to destroy many nations. Sin is a buzzard that consumes humans while humans are still alive. Listen to Isaiah 1:21-23:

Verse 21 - How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

Verse 22 - Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:

Verse 23 - Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

The description as was given by the prophet Isaiah is a description of how sin has caused the people of the earth to walk after the flesh. All that sin in the world offers is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. The people of the earth cannot see where sin has caused them to be blind to the reality of their miseries and later their destruction. They no longer live in reality. They live in vanity. They go to church and pray along with their sin practicing ways of living and God is not interested in such people praying. Listen to Isaiah 1:15-20:

Verse 15 - And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

Verse 16 - Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

Verse 17 - Learn to do well; seek judgment; relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Verse 18 - Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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.

Subject: Selfishness:

Jesus taught that if a man wanted to be a follower of His gospel that he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Christ. To deny yourself is against selfishness. Selfishness is very powerful, and is not easy to overcome. Selfishness is a curse to the human nature. Selfishness is against the righteousness of God. When a person is selfish it will cause them to commit other sins to protect their selfishness.

Murders and robberies are committed to secure selfishness. Wars between nations take place because leaders are selfish. Selfishness is a way of life that seems right to the selfish person, but the end of that way is death.

Subject: Substance Abuse Destroys A Person's Judgment, Afterwards Their Lives:

Alcoholic beverages are very deceiving, and they disrupt good judgment. If you tell a drunken person that he or she is drunk, the person will ask you who is drunk. That is because alcohol was not designed for internal use of the physical body. Whenever something is taken internally, and it affects the mental judgment of a person, such a substance is being used improperly. Good common sense comes from God. When a substance is taken internally and it disrupts good common sense, it is being taken by the influence of the devil who is an enemy of God. Illegal drugs are used the same way by the devil. The devil uses such substances to destroy the judgment of a person first, and later it will destroy their welfare, and afterwards their lives.

Alcohol and illegal drugs are presented to people who are married for the purpose of destroying their marriages. It is given to professional, intelligent, and well-educated people to destroy their careers. If you have ever talked to a recovering alcoholic or drug addict, you will learn that many are well-educated and previously successful teachers, businessmen, doctors and lawyers; and the drugs and alcohol abuse destroyed their careers and marriages and caused their children to be scattered. These things are the results of poor judgment that substance abuse causes.

Subject: God Acknowledges A Repenting Heart:

God sent the prophet Jonah to Nineveh to warn the people of Nineveh to repent. The King of Nineveh along with the people repented, and Nineveh was saved. Nineveh was an example of how God will keep His word and save a nation or an individual if they repent. To repent means to stop committing sin, because you are sorry for being a sinner. When repentance comes from the heart, God will accept and spare those who repent.

Manassas was the most wicked king that had ever ruled over Israel, and he became sick unto death. While he was sick he repented of his evil ways and

prayed to God for forgiveness and God forgave Manassas of all his evil acts; if you go to heaven you will see Manassas there also. The stories on record in the Bible are for the benefit of future generations so that others will know how God will forgive their sins if they repent with a sincere heart.

Subject: You Can Live Free From Sin:

The Lord does not charge us for being a sinner because we are born in sin. He charges us for being a sinner if we continue to be a sinner. The gospel of Jesus Christ was sent to the earth by God for the purpose of making us aware of our sins, and what the results will be if we continue in sin.

Jesus was sent to bring to man the knowledge of the new way involving the new birth, which would set man free from sin. When you are free from sin, you will walk after the Spirit, and not after the flesh. To walk after the flesh it means that you will live for sinful pleasures. To walk after the Spirit means that you will live to obey God's word. Just because you are born in sin does not mean you have to stay in sin. You can enjoy a better life of righteousness by repenting of your sins, and living righteous.

Jesus has power to relieve us of the sinful state, and give us grace to enter into a spiritual state. If we decide in our hearts to obey God, we can find salvation that will enable us to live free from sin.

Subject: Only Christ Can Deliver From Sin In The Flesh:

We can repent of some sins, but we can't get our sins out ourselves: we must surrender our lives to God for Him to remove our sins. Only Jesus can operate on you to remove sin from your nature. When sin is in your nature, the very tendency to commit sin will be more powerful than your willingness to stop committing sin. When sin dwells in you it is not really you that do it, but sin that dwelleth in you. You may be very displeased with sin, but it doesn't care, it will make your body do it. Listen to Romans 7:17-20, 24-25:

Verse 17 - Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Verse 18 - For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,)

dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Verse 19 - For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Verse 20 - Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Only Christ can deliver you from sin that brings death to you.

Verse 24 - O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Verse 25 - I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

**Subject: God Is Not God Of The Dead But Of The Living
(St. Matthew 22:32):**

Death will not purge you and make you a saved person after you die. If you die a sinner, death will not make you a saint. Jesus did not teach Nicodemus that he could be born again after he dies. Everything that Jesus taught Nicodemus about being born again had to take place while he was living.

God is not a God of the dead, but of the living. God does not have a plan for people to repent after they die. When John the Baptist was sent to preach repentance, he did not preach it to the dead, but to those who were living. If you die as a sinner, God will have nothing to do with your soul in regard to being saved. Listen to St. Matthew 22:31-32:

Verse 31 - *But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,*

Verse 32 - *I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac,*

and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

God did not save Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob after they departed, but the scriptures teach that they were saved in this life. Now they are abiding in paradise.

Subject: God Gives Everybody A Chance To Repent:

You want to be sure your name is written in the book of life. When you are born again, God writes your name in the book of life. When you were born the first time of your parents, your name was written on the book of records in the courthouse. After that you are born again the Holy Ghost will indwell within you to give you strength, understanding and power to raise you up in the last days. Everybody whose name is written in the book of life will be delivered from the earth prior to the final destruction.

Now if you are saved, you are saved from your own actions. When men learn that they are to blame for their own sorrows, and because of their disobedience to God that they will lose their chance for being saved, they will still have a chance to repent, and be saved. It is the sorrow and remorse of a person that shows them a need for a savior. When they can see these conditions in their lives, they have a chance to be saved. They will then learn what a great favor God is granting by warning them, and giving them a chance to correct their sinful errors.



CHAPTER IV

**SALVATION:
GENERAL TOPICS**

Subject: The Origin Of Man:

When you are not dedicated to the Lord, the Lord will not be a part of a divided interest in your life. When you are dedicated to the Lord, you will give all of your heart, soul, and strength to God's services. God in return promises you eternal life. Eternal life with God is the only means of escaping a damnable destiny with the devil. You must remember that your soul (mind) never dies; it is the eternal part of your existence. Only God can save your soul from spending eternity in a lake of fire and brimstone.

Unless your mind is filled with the Holy Spirit, and you have experienced the new birth in Christ, your way of thinking will deceive you. When we are born into this world, learning about the world, we have no conception of how life will be after we leave here. Our way of perceiving life causes us to believe that we are going to be here forever. Though we know that our ancestors have passed on, our perception of life is like a never-ending story. However, just as surely as we have begun life, it will come to an end. We will meet death, or see the end of this world if Jesus returns while we are living.

What you believe about life has nothing to do with what is going to happen if your belief is contrary to God's word. The life that you now possess was given to you by God. God has promised you that if you walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, though you die, you shall live again. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, because he dies, but that he might receive eternal life.

Now there are many today who believe that all there is to life is to eat, drink, and die. They don't argue against dying, but they think that there is nothing more to their existence after they die. It will be difficult to believe the word of God without the assistance of the Holy Spirit. The belief of God's word must be initiated by you, and if you are sincere, the Holy Spirit will help you.

God never planned that man should die. Death was brought upon man by his sins. God is the God of the living and not the dead. Everything that God initially created was to live forever. What sense is there in creating something to die? God's plan for man is to save him from death. Death was Adam's decision. Though Adam made a decision for man to die, his decision does not have the power to stop God from restoring man to live forever.

Now the physical body of man will return to the dust; the physical body is only a temporary carrier of the soul. The soul is what God is going to save, and give it a new body for a carrier. Initially, God made man out of the dust and loaned man His breath for the life of the physical body. The earth is the mother of man, because Adam was brought forth out of the dust, and Eve was created from Adam, so today when we are born of a woman, we are born from the earth.

After forming man from the dust of the earth, God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. Today we live physically by the breath we breathe that came from God. In Ecclesiastes 12:7, it teaches the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the breath will go back to God who gave it.

Subject: God Can Communicate With Everybody:

What you understand that the Bible is saying to you is what it means. God knows how to communicate with us, and He knows our abilities to comprehend His messages. The Bible is of no private interpretation no more than the weatherman is to give to people individual meanings of what the weather will be. The weatherman gives one forecast for everybody who lives in the same vicinity.

So is it with God. What He says to one, He says to all. What you understand from the word of God is what God is saying to you. When you don't understand something, God is not talking to you. God does not have inabilities; He is able to communicate with everybody.

Subject: Obey God And Live:

Obedience to God's word would have given Adam eternal life. God is love; He wants you and me to do what His word teaches, and though we die, we shall live again. Adam was the seed of all men, and in Adam, all men will die unless they are saved and are alive when Jesus returns. Out of one blood, God made all nations, which gives us all the same destiny, if we disobey God as Adam disobeyed.

Adam lived 930 years after he ate the forbidden fruit, yet God said the day you eat of it you shall die. One day with the Lord is a thousand years, so Adam died the same day (II Peter 3:8). Adam died after he was driven out of the Garden of Eden so that he could not eat of the tree of life and continue to live. The allotted time for man's life today is three-score years and ten, and by reason of strength, four-score.

Now if God sees fit, He can prolong your days as He did for Hezekiah, because Hezekiah had a work he wanted to complete. God sent the prophet Isaiah to Hezekiah to tell him to get his house in order for he was going to die. Hezekiah prayed to God, and asked God to lengthen his days, and before the prophet Isaiah could get out of the courtyard, God sent him back to tell Hezekiah that he would

lengthen his days fifteen years. So, obey God and stay in touch with God, and if you have a purpose in life that will be to the glory of God, you can ask for extra time.

Subject: Fear God And Keep His Commandments:

When your car gets too old, and starts to give you trouble, you had better trade it for a new car. You might get a fair price for it if you took care of it during the earlier days of your ownership. It works the same way with your body. If you obey God in your youth before the evil days come, this would be the days of your infirmities of your body.

Now if you remember your creator in the days of your youth, then you will have nothing to fear when you get old. God has promised to give you a new body to replace the old body if you follow the maintenance agreement with the old body, just as you did your old car before trading it in.

The maintenance agreement with the old body is to fear God and keep His commandments, and when the time comes for you to trade the old body, God will give you a good deal on a new body.

Subject: The Seed Of Abraham:

The offspring of Abraham was good soil for God to plant a seed in the earth that would be God's lamb for a sacrifice. Abraham was willing to make a sacrifice of his son Isaac until God interrupted, and provided a lamb for Abraham. The lamb that God provided in place of Isaac was a temporary sacrifice, but a symbol of the ultimate sacrifice that God would later make in Jesus Christ.

It was because of Abraham's faith in obeying God and Isaac's humility that God later provided a sacrifice from the seed of Abraham. When God sent Jesus to be a sacrifice, He took not on the nature of angels, but on the seed of Abraham. Listen to Hebrews 2:16:

Verse 16 - For verily he took not on him the nature of angels;
but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

The promises for the salvation of all who would be saved was made to Abraham, because of his willingness to obey God, by being willing to use his only son Isaac as a sacrifice when God commanded him.

The process of salvation had to be given a direction to reach those who would be saved. Abraham was the path by which God directed salvation to the earth in Jesus Christ. Listen to Galatians 3:16 and 18:

Verse 16 - Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Verse 18 - For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Subject: Good Soil:

Now before God uses a person, He will first allow the person to be tried. The purpose of God trying Abraham was to see whether or not he would be the proper soil out of which to bless the nations of the world. Good soil is very important for a seed. As Isaac manifested the spirit of obedience to Abraham and Abraham obeyed God, it was evidence of good soil worthy for God to plant His seed, which would be Jesus Christ. It was out of the soil that Abraham produced Isaac that Christ would later manifest His obedience to God on Calvary.

Today we must be willing to present our lives to God entirely as a living sacrifice to obtain salvation in Jesus. The soil has already been prepared. All we need is a willing mind, and Jesus who was the seed of God will be implanted in our hearts by the Holy Spirit to give us salvation.

Subject: God Can See The Sincerity Of Your Religion:

Today churches are having their religious revivals and great gatherings in their super churches along with their sinful lives, pretending that they have repented. They have mass choirs, they speak in unknown tongues, shout, and fall out as evidence that the Holy Spirit is in their midst. They will afterward go forth on Monday and renew their sinful activities of life, forgetting all about their previous religious church services. Such religious practicals are not fooling God.

They will receive no assistance from God when their fears come upon them. False religious worshipers will bring upon themselves by their sinful ways of living their own sword of retribution against themselves.

If folk are good in their intentions towards God, their actions will show it by means of a sin-free life, and the goodness of God will be upon their habitation. Having a lot of churches with religious excitement doesn't get you anywhere with God. There is no profit in speaking well in churches and committing sin in their private lives. It is the heart (minds) of people that God sees. If your heart is not pure, God does not accept your religious rituals in your church. You can't pray for God to stop you from committing sin when you desire to do it. You must repent first of the things that you enjoy that are sinful and God will see the sincerity of your repentance, and help you with the things that you can't stop doing.

Subject: He That Believeth And Is Baptized Shall Be Saved:

On occasions, I will meet Christians who perceive that I am a preacher. Many times, they want to get right into the subject on salvation in Jesus Christ. I will always try to be ready to respond without being conceited or presumptuous. If I perceive that their religious teaching is inadequate, or erroneous, I am very careful not to offend them, but I will attempt to help them.

On some occasions, I have found that they are familiar with the scriptures, so after exchanging a few words, I will finally ask that all-important question. I will ask if they believe that when a person is a professing Christian can they live in this present world and not commit sin. In most conversations, they are offended regardless to how careful I tried not to offend. Some will ask, "How can they"? Others will respond by saying nobody can live in this present world without sinning.

I don't hold them responsible because I know that such a response is the result of an ignorant teacher who was not God sent. It is not possible for a person to learn the accuracy of what the scriptures teach without a God sent preacher (Romans 10:14-15).

On some occasions, the Lord will use me to bring the knowledge of the scriptures to their attention, and then there are some who have no mind to receive such knowledge. God will always make it possible for those who seek after righteousness to find the truth. My reply to the question is that you can live above sin, for the word of God teaches that it is not only possible, but necessary for you to be saved.

The correct knowledge of salvation was not given by God for a debate with those who won't receive it, but for salvation for those who will believe it. He that believeth, and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned. Listen to St. Mark 16:15-16:

Verse 15 - *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Verse 16 - *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

Subject: You Get Saved While You Live:

Unless God orders the conception of a person for a special work, he or she will be born in sin. No matter who you are, you were born a sinner. The Bible gives a record of three who were born for a special work; they are Jesus, John the Baptist, and Jeremiah the prophet.

It is natural for all others to be born in sin. It is not natural for you to be born righteous. This is why God has arranged and planned for man to be born again. Unless a human being is a child 7 years of age or under, they will not get into the kingdom of heaven unless they are born again. Under no conditions will God allow a sinner to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Heaven is a holy habitation, and is not compatible with the sinful nature of neither humans nor angels. This is why Satan and all angels who followed him were cast out. If under any conditions, church folk of today follow a religious leader who is a sinner neither they nor their leader will be allowed into the kingdom of heaven. Listen to I Corinthians 6:9-11:

Verse 9 - Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, or adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Verse 10 - Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Such sinners will have to be born again and washed by the blood of Jesus

from their sinful nature while they live in this world. God has no plan on record that teaches He will save sinners after they die or after Jesus returns if they are still sinners and are living.

Verse 11 - And such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Salvation in Jesus Christ must take place while you live in this present world, and not after you leave. You don't leave this world to get saved, you leave to get your reward after being saved while you are here. Listen to Titus 2:11-14:

Verse 11 - For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Verse 12 - Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Verse 13 - Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Verse 14 - Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Subject: Watch Your Imagination:

You have to watch your imagination concerning your salvation. Your imagination can deceive you when you are trying to be saved. Obedience to the word of God is the only confirmation of your being saved. You must obey the word of God and not your imagination or your thoughts. People imagine things that are favorable to what they want in life.

When the devil perceives that your religion leans towards your imagination, he will fill your mind with vain thoughts that are far from the knowledge of God's word. The Lord is only present in your mind by the knowledge of His word and your obedience.

Subject: Jesus Will Be Looking At Your Life, Not Your Church Building:

The name of your religious denomination means absolutely nothing to God. It is not the name that you use to identify what religious sect you belong to, but the life that you live. If you allow the word of God to purge you from all bitterness, envy, hate, malice, and strife, you will have God's attention. If you simply go to church on Sunday, you will have fellow church members' attention.

Singing, praying, and shouting in a church assembly are okay if it is supported by a righteous life. Jesus is coming back to the earth for a church without spot or blemish. This means He will be looking for a people who are sin-free, and not for a place where people assemble on Sunday. Jesus will be looking at your life and not your assembly hall.

Subject: What Does It Profit To Gain The Whole World And Lose Your Soul?

Wealth can make you feel independent of God. Many wealthy people feel that they don't need anything but their wealth. Wealthy people stay in contact with their investments and bank accounts more than they check on their relatives and friends. Listen to what Jesus said about a rich man in St. Luke 18:24:

Verse 24 - And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, *How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!*

It is nice to be wealthy, but it is better to let God control your wealth. You can be saved when God controls your wealth. If your wealth causes you to fail to recognize God, your wealth can send you to hell while it stays in this world allowing somebody else to enjoy it. Jesus gave one example of a man who went to hell and it was a rich man. Listen to St. Luke 16:19 and 23:

Verse 19 - *There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:*

This rich man failed to allow God to manage his wealth, listen to where he ended up:

Verse 23 - *And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*

Subject: The Gambler:

A gambler is a person who will take a chance on winning more money by putting out his own money. A gambler does not think that he or she is going to lose, though they sometimes lose. Their initial frame of mind is that they will win more than what they have; so they take a chance on the hope that they will win. A gambler has no guarantee that he or she is going to win when they make the initial bet, but they go for the chance to win not knowing what the results of their bet will be.

There are many today who take a chance on where their souls will spend eternity. They may go to church occasionally, but they are not sure of what's going to happen to them after they die. They don't think much about death and their eternal destiny as long as they feel pretty healthy. So then, they go along in life just like the gambler who goes to the casino taking a chance that they might win. If a gambler keeps playing and doesn't win a jack pot, then the owner of the casino will cut a percentage of everything he wins, when he wins, and if the gamblers keep gambling, the owner of the casino will be the winner.

When a person lives in sin, their sins take a percentage of their chances for being saved, though it may not seem apparent at the time that they are enjoying a life of sin. However, if they continue to practice sin, their chances for winning eternal life will become minimal everyday as they get closer to the grave, and eventually the devil will be the winner, because they would have gambled and lost.

Subject: What Is Your Attitude Towards God?

Your mental attitude towards God is very important. The way you think and feel about the reality of God is relevant to your salvation, and is a determining factor as to whether or not you will be saved. Few people know God as being a realistic God. Most people believe only the positive aspects of God's blessings upon them. They don't believe that God sees and records their unrighteous deeds.

There are also many who don't believe that when they go to church they are in the presence of God, and that their attendance in church is acknowledged by God. They don't believe that God hears their profane language and sees their

dishonest dealings. They don't believe that God sees their acts of adultery and fornication. A person's mental attitude towards God must be with complete acknowledgement that God sees and hears every act of conduct whether it is good or evil, and that in the Day of Judgment, they will be judged accordingly. Listen to II Corinthians 5:10:

Verse 10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Subject: Jesus Paid The Debt That I Owed For Sin:

It is nice to know that the Lord is involved in your life. Even when things are going against your best interest, you will know that the Lord will eventually give you victory. Before God comes into your life, you are a captive of sin. When you are a captive of sin, you are also a captive of Satan, and this is worse than a man who is being arrested by the cops. When you are a captive of sin, you are helpless to do anything about it. Only Jesus can deliver you from such captivity.

When Jesus delivered me from sin, I didn't know what it was all about. I had to learn that I was being liberated. I learned that there was no more condemnation in Christ. He gave me the power to walk no more after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Therefore, my condemnation left me because the hand of the Lord was good upon me, and set me free from sin. God taught me that I had been alienated from Him while in sin, but was now set free because Jesus paid the debt that I owed.

Subject: Walk In The Light As Jesus Is In The Light:

In order to be in fellowship with God, you have to obey Him. In order to obey God you must acquire knowledge of what is acceptable to God. When you don't have knowledge of what is acceptable to God, you are walking in darkness, and you will be displeasing God and not know it.

Jesus gives us light on what is required to please God. When we have light, the way to please God becomes clear. When you walk in the light as Jesus is in the

light, it is through Jesus that you can have fellowship with God. The light of Christ gives you understanding of what the will of God is.

Subject: Yoke Up With Jesus:

A born again saint is called by God. You cannot save yourself; you must be called by God. God calls a person to be saved from sin. There are many who think that they are going to heaven simply because they go to church. For those who are truly born again, God has most likely called them out of their churches. Heaven is a dwelling place of God, where no darkness can come in. When God calls a person out of sin, His presence gives them a heavenly place in Christ Jesus while they are on the earth. Sin is darkness. If a person goes to a sin practicing church, then God has not called them. The presence of God gives a light to the world by means of the person He calls.

God makes the call through Jesus Christ, and Jesus extends the call by giving the invitation for God, that He might take you to God. When God calls us, His purpose is to relieve us of sin. Sin is a burden upon the heart or mind of any man or woman no matter who he or she is or where they come from. Unless we get relief from such a burden, we'll commit suicide or give up on life. Therefore, God sent Jesus into the world to extend an invitation to come to Him. When you come to Jesus, you can take His yoke and learn to work with Him. This means Jesus will help you to accomplish things that are too difficult for you to accomplish by yourself.

Subject: Jesus Teaches The Truth About Yourself:

The plan of salvation is so easy to follow that a wayfaring man need not err if he repents with a sincere heart. Such a person only has to believe! Evidence that you believe is that you will obey the word of God. Those who heard Jesus during His day and believed Him, Jesus gave them power to be saved.

Today anybody can receive power from God, and they don't have to be confused wondering whether or not there is a God! If you accept the teachings of Christ as the Bible gives it and follow it, you will find that everything it teaches is true. When you come to Christ, He helps you to know things that are relevant to salvation. Jesus tells you about yourself, and you will know it's true because you know yourself.

Subject: The Grace Of God:

The grace of God means favor from God. The Lord sent a forerunner into the world testifying to the fact that Jesus would come, and save man from his sins. Man would be saved by grace. Grace was given because of God's love for the world. Grace means that God is offering forgiveness of sins to the world, and would in addition give man power so that he does not have to commit sin anymore. When you have received grace from God, sin will no longer be a part of your way of living. Sin cannot abide when grace has been given to a person. When you receive grace, you will experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit (St. Matthew 3:11). You don't have to be baptized with water to get to heaven, though you must be willing if you have the opportunity, but you must be baptized with the Holy Spirit to get to heaven.

After the thief on the cross confessed and rebuked his companion for doubting that Jesus was the Son of God, due to the fact that the mob that was crucifying Jesus was crying out, "Save thyself", the thief thought on Jesus. The thief on the left side of Jesus joined the mob in ridiculing Jesus, but the thief on the right side had watched Jesus as He climbed Calvary, and he saw an expression upon Jesus' face that he had never seen upon the face of a human being. Through all the mocking and jeering, and the abuse they had put upon Jesus while He carried the cross to Calvary, He never said a mumbling word, or showed a harsh look. The thief on the right who had watched Jesus rebuked his partner, and turned to Jesus hanging on the cross and said, "Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom". The scriptures teach that when Jesus heard this He stopped dying and said, "Verily, I say unto thee, today, thou shalt be with me in Paradise".

The thief never had a chance to go down to the river of Jordan to be baptized, but right at the time of his confession the Holy Spirit overshadowed him, and though he had been a criminal for many years, all the condemnation rolled away, and his faith in Jesus justified him in the sight of God. Justification is a part of grace that is given when you believe that Jesus is the Son of God. The other work of grace is sanctification, and it comes when you are set apart by the Holy Spirit to prove to the world that you've received grace that keeps you living above sin.

Subject: Give Your Mind To God:

It is difficult for people to understand that they need God. Not just when a crisis occurs, but while life seems to be going well for them. When the physical

and the material aspects of life are doing well, the mind needs God. The mind cannot have contentment without God. Many may wonder why they have trouble sleeping at night. Unless God is in the mind, the mind will be like the troubled sea that's always going back and forth to the seashore.

When you are born again, God can settle your mind and allow peace to reside in the mind. When you love God and obey His commandments, there will be a mutual understanding between you and God, and the Spirit of God will rest upon your mind, allowing you to be settled, established, and strengthened in the peace of God. When this relationship develops between you and God, your mind will be satisfied in the presence of God. Your mind will not be troubled, burdened, or upset because God will be at hand as a present help to you. God will remove the things that give you trouble, keep your mind free from trouble, and fill your mind with a song.

Subject: God Will Help You To Live Above Sin:

To live above sin means to do that which is right. It must first start from the mind. When the mind is set to do right, the body members will follow. Sometimes you will have to suffer a loss for doing right. That is called a sacrifice. After you suffer awhile, you will experience joy, peace, and contentment that will be given to you by God. You will also have God to help you through the remaining of your life when the devil tries to subdue you.

**Subject: It Is Not Robbery To Be Equal With God
(Philippians 2:5-6):**

When you obey the word of God, you become like God. When you become like God, you can represent God, because God will be alive in your life by means of His Spirit. God is righteous, and when you obey God's word, you become righteous just as God is righteous. To be righteous according to the word of God is to be equal with God. God won't be jealous of you when you are equal with Him, He will be pleased with you. God does not consider it robbery to be equal with Him.

When you are born again, you live by the power of God's Holy Spirit. God will then be your life. All of your movements, purposes, and actions will be by the power of God.

Subject: When God Is In Your Life He Saves You From Your Personal Problems:

God will not be in your actions unless He is in your mind. When your mind is holy, the things that you do will be holy. You can't be an actor by putting on a show in your church, and think that God is in your performance. To impress people that God is in your life by putting on a show in your church is the spirit of hypocrisy. Many church folk love to show off. They make people think that God is in their lives by speaking in tongues, singing, dancing, and shouting in their churches.

You can't bring God into your life or your church by putting on a show. In order for God to be in your life, you must have a sin-free life. Many churches are like theaters today. Folk use such churches for entertainment. Being saved is serious business. If a person can't stop drinking liquor and committing adultery, what good is the entertainment in church doing for them? You can be entertained by looking at television. When God is in your life, He solves your personal problems.

Subject: The Name On A Church Building Means Very Little If The Members Are Not Holy:

A building that is named a casino does not make it a gambling casino; the gambling that goes on inside the building makes it a casino. You can put a name on a building saying that it is a gambling casino, but if sick patients go there to receive medical treatments, the name on the building doesn't mean anything. What is being conducted inside of the building determines what it really is.

So is it also with a church building. If a building is named a church building, and the people that go there drink liquor, gamble commit adultery, lie, and steal, then the church name doesn't mean anything. What the people do inside determines the kind of building it is. If people go to a building named after some church to make dates to commit adultery and fornication, then the building that is named some church is a house practicing whoredom.

Subject: When God Dominates Your Life You Are Made Free From Sin:

If you give God your life, He will give you His life. If you are willing to surrender your life to God, He will come into your mind, and dominate your life of sin, by overwhelming your life with His life of righteousness. The righteousness of God is more powerful than an unrighteous life of sin. When God does this, your life will not be condemned by sin, but you will be under grace. The grace of God can dominate sin, and remove it. Listen to Romans 6:14-15 and 17-18:

Verse 14 - For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

When you have sin in your life, the law that Moses gave will condemn you. When you are under grace, sin will not dominate your life. Grace will make you free from the condemnation of the law.

Verse 15 - What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

When God dominates your life, you are no longer a servant of sin; this means you are free from sin.

Verse 17 - But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

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

Subject: Christ Is The Only Way Out Of This Trap:

Life is one big trap for humans. There is no way out of the trap that we are born in except in Jesus Christ. Listen to Hebrews 2:3:

Verse 3 - How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation...?

When man is born in sin, he is like a fish that is caught in an evil net. Listen to Ecclesiastes 9:12:

Verse 12 - For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

Today God offers salvation from the conditions that we are in, and if we neglect the plan that God has set up for man to be delivered, we can't escape the traps that we are in. It is the grace of God that brings us salvation in Jesus Christ, teaching us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, that we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

Grace teaches us how to live so that we can escape this trap that the world offers. The grace of God is offered to all men and women. When we refuse to live according to what grace teaches us, we will remain in this trap.

Subject: As With The People So With The Priest:

History that is written by man gives an account of past events, but the word of God gives an account of the past, present, and future. The prophet Isaiah gave an account of this present day. A prophet is one who will tell what will happen. A historian is one who tells what has already happened. If your pastor is a historian, he or she won't be of much value to your spiritual knowledge.

According to the prophet Isaiah, the earth as we presently see it won't be like it is in the future. In the book of Isaiah, 24th chapter, it teaches that the Lord is going to make the earth empty, waste and turn it upside down. This means that God is going to empty the contents of the earth. God has become vexed with the people of the earth, because they have become unthankful, and do not appreciate the goodness of God. The conduct of the people of the earth is not according to the standard of good conduct that God requires.

There are some whose eyes have been anointed spiritually, and they are being used of God as examples of what God requires to be saved. Those who are obeying will be delivered from the wrath of God. Religious leaders of today have not been instrumental at teaching the word of God. So, God is going to serve judgment on religious leaders who are unjust as well as the people. Read Isaiah 24:2:

Verse 2 - And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest...

This is difficult in many social settings of our society to tell the priest or preacher from the people. Some preachers or priests lie, use profanity, commit adultery, abuse little boys, and drink liquor just like the people. Isaiah prophesied hundreds of years ago that this day would come, and it would be a sign of the day that the Lord will turn the earth upside down.

Subject: Jesus Demonstrated How To Escape The Damnation Of The World:

God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world. The world was already condemned. It was sin that condemned the world. God sent Jesus to save us from the condemnation. Jesus brought knowledge to the world of how to escape the condemnation. This knowledge was referred to as the gospel. This was good news from heaven to show the world how to obtain eternal life.

God's word is the truth, and when it gives instructions on how to escape the dangers of the world, nothing can harm those who obey the instructions. Jesus was an example for the world to follow. His obedience to God delivered Him from damnation of the world. If we follow Jesus' teaching, it will deliver us also.

Jesus came to teach the world that sin is the thing that brings damnation. When a person repents of their sins, there is nothing that can harm them when they follow that which is good. Listen to I Peter 3:13:

Verse 13 - And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

Subject: God's Plan For The Saved:

God's plan for the saved people is better than any that man could ever conceive. The plan is that God is going to create a new heaven and a new earth above which no germs can enter, and where the flowers will bloom forever. God is going to fix it so that the saved who shall live after this earth has dissolved will never die. God is presently warning the people of the earth and giving them understanding of His plan so that they can be ready. If the warnings are disregarded by some, they will not be in the right place and in the right spiritual

condition at the right time to go up to meet Jesus with the saved people. When the unsaved wake-up one morning and see that they have been left behind, those who received this warning will remember this warning, and wish that they had heeded to it, but they would have remembered too late.

Why take a chance on not being a part of the most important event of your life. There is no harm in repenting of your sins and giving your life to Christ, and in return receiving the new birth when Christ gives you the Holy Spirit. After that you receive the Holy Spirit, it will do everything that is necessary to make you ready to meet Jesus. The Holy Spirit will demonstrate power to take the saved people to meet Jesus, just as it resurrected Jesus from the grave after His crucifixion. When you are born again the Holy Spirit will indwell within you until Jesus returns, and it will raise you up to meet Jesus just as it raised Jesus up to meet God. Listen to Romans 8:11:

Verse 11 - But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Quicken means that Jesus is going to give eternal life to your new body while you are in transit to meet Him. Listen to I Thessalonians 4:14, 16 and 17:

Verse 14 - For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Verse 16 - For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Verse 17 - Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Subject: A Celebration In Heaven For A Repenting Sinner:

The kingdom of heaven presently consists of a population of angels that cannot be numbered. When a soul on earth is saved from sin, and won over from

the enemy of God, all heaven rejoices because this brings glory to God. Now the people on earth who know the person who just got saved may not be too excited about it, but in the kingdom of heaven salvation for a sinner on earth is one of the biggest events that can happen, and the angels in heaven will celebrate to honor the works of God in the earth. Every time the devil loses a soul from sin, the glory belongs to God and all heaven rejoices.

The kingdom of heaven is different from the way the world does things. The people of the earth get excited about sports events, and important people capture the attention of the majority. However, in the kingdom there is more joy over one sinner who repents on earth than the praising of what large crowds of people are doing. Even those who are already saved don't get as much attention in heaven as one repenting sinner gets on earth. Every time a sinner repents and accepts Jesus Christ, all heaven puts on a celebration.

Subject: The Importance Of Obedience To God:

It was the disobedience of one man to a commandment that God gave him that brought death to all men. Obedience to God's command is very important. Whatever suffering the human race experiences that brings death is the results of disobedience to God. There is no need in going to a church if you don't obey God. It is not your membership in a church that brings salvation; it is your obedience to God. God only recognizes His people by their obedience to His word. Obedience to God leads you into a strait and narrow way that will get you into heaven. 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.*

When you are following the strait way, it will not allow provisions for the flesh. You are not in the strait way when you are enjoying the pleasures of sins. The strait way would be a way of righteousness that is sin-free.

Subject: The Principles Of Righteousness Can Make You A Saint:

If you obey the principles that make you a sinner, you will receive eternal death at the end of this life, but if you obey God by taking in the teachings of Jesus Christ, you will not live as a sinner, and at the end of this life, you will reap eternal life. When you obey from the heart that form of doctrine, which was delivered unto you, you will become a new creature in Christ. The word of God is teaching that when you obey from the heart that form of doctrine, which God sent to the world, you will be born again. When you obey the teachings of Jesus Christ, you will no longer live in sin, but in righteousness. You would then be made free from sin and become the servant of righteousness.

When you yield your body members to the teachings of Jesus Christ, you are a servant of God. You will then be born of the Spirit of God by means of your obedience to God. The word of God will then guide you through life, and you will be free from unrighteousness.

**Subject: The Preaching Of The Gospel Is Not Entertainment
But A Warning:**

The preaching of the gospel is not for entertainment, but a warning to the people of the earth that they might know what is going to come to pass. It has always been the purpose of God to make man know, and understand His plan; therefore, prophets (preachers) of old were used so that if they went a certain way, the end of that way would be death.

Death is the worst terror that can come upon man. Death does not come from God, but from sin. If a person can escape sin, they can escape the second death. The enemy of God and man has cast the spirit of deceit upon the world so that death can overtake man in his ignorance. If man doesn't take heed to God's word, death will take him by surprise.

There are many who die, and are not alert to the event of death until it is too late. God sends timely warnings concerning death, and if man takes heed, he can escape the second death, which is eternal death of the soul. The death of the physical body is not so terrible, and will only last for a moment, but death of the soul is eternal, and will be very agonizing for those who are not saved.

Subject: God Can Save His Plants:

When God saves you, you become like a plant in a garden that is planted in righteousness. After that you are planted in righteousness you can worship God in the beauty of holiness. God looks down from heaven with delight upon those who are planted in righteousness. When people fail to accept the righteousness of God, God is grieved. The scriptures teach how God was grieved in the days of Noah because every imagination of the hearts of man was evil continually. God was grieved because man's sins had forced them to be separated from God. When God is separated from man, there is no help for man to become a righteous plant. Such a separation by the sins of man results to God having no alternative but to destroy man who has become a carrier of sin (Genesis 6:7).

After Adam sinned, this caused man to stray away from the influence of God, and there was no spiritual help from heaven to strengthen man to be righteous; so man grew worse through the centuries becoming alienated from the righteousness of God. God was then sorry that He made man. God's plan to have man as a holy creature had been defeated.

So then, God saw that it was necessary to work out another plan for the future generations of man that was not responsible for the sin of the first man. Death was the penalty for the sins of the first man that was passed down to men of on coming generations. So God arranged a plan to deliver man from the penalty of death by means of death. Nobody but God could conceive of such a plan to save man that required the death of His holy and righteous only begotten Son who was required to shed His blood on a cross by means of death that death might be defeated for all who would come to God. As a result of Jesus' death, God ordained that the Holy Spirit be sent to the earth for man to be made over and regenerated to live again to the glory of God.

Subject: The Spirit Of The Messages From God Today Will Be In The Same Spirit Of Past Times:

Whenever God is going to do something that will have an effect upon the people of the earth, He will first warn them. When God gives warning to the people of the earth, He won't send a news flash; God will send the message by means of His prophet. If you learn who the prophet of God is, you will get the correct warning from God.

A prophet of God will speak words that are in full accord with the Holy Scriptures. The message from the prophet will be updated messages based upon

the spirit of messages that have been sent in past times to warn the people of that time. The event and the message may not be the same as it was in times past, but the Spirit of the message will be the same if the spirit of the people is the same. For an example, if the spirit of the people is like it was during the time that God destroyed Sodom, then the spirit of the message will be the same.

Just as God sent an angel to help Lot and his family to get out of Sodom, God will send an angel such as Gabriel to help the prophet and the people to evacuate the earth before God destroys the earth (Daniel 12:1). The events recorded in the scriptures were written aforetime that we might have some knowledge in the last days to prepare for the events that will come upon the world.

Subject: Take Heed To The Warnings Of God:

If you are a sinner, Jesus is not your minister, nor your savior. Jesus is not a minister of sin, but He is a minister of righteousness. Jesus will soon return to take the people to heaven who have received Him as a minister of righteousness. When Jesus has administered righteousness to a person, it means the person will live righteously. All the signs given in the scriptures concerning Jesus' return are hanging out like neon lights, which tell of Jesus' return.

God allowed a record to be made in the scriptures of what happened during the flood to show how indifferent the people were concerning the warnings that were given by the prophets and holy men. Today as it was in those days, people are not giving heed to the warnings. God gives warnings because He is not willing that the people be caught unprepared and perish. If the people persist in being indifferent, the judgment will come upon them when they least expect it. When the judgment of God comes upon a people that are unprepared, their chances for being saved will permanently end.

People of the world are consumed by fun and pleasures of life, and are completely disinterested in the messages from God that give warnings. When the destruction comes after the saved people are secured with Jesus, God Himself will see to it that there will be no means for the unsaved to escape the destruction. When the flood came upon the people during Noah's day, God himself closed the door of the ark so that the unsaved had no chance of entering the ark at the last minute to be saved. The rain fell in torrents and the people were overwhelmed and destroyed. The floods were so violent that it took practically one year from the time the rains began until the time the waters receded within the earth before Noah, his family and the animals were able to leave the ark. So take heed to the warnings of God.

Subject: God's Will Is Not Always Our Will:

The will of God is not always the will of man. Man must learn the will of God and adjust his life to the will of God in order to please God. Sometimes to adjust your life to the will of God requires a sacrifice. A sacrifice impresses upon God how serious you are about adjusting your life to His will. When you are serious about adjusting your life to God's will He will help you. God helps you by giving you the Holy Spirit as an assistant in the adjustment process.

Subject: The Righteous Versus The Wicked:

If you live a righteous life before some people, they will become offended because they are wicked. Wickedness is not compatible with righteousness. The life of a righteous person shines the light on the life of a wicked person and exposes them. A wicked person is condemned by the life of a righteous person. Though the wicked person will oftentimes persecute the righteous person, the righteous person should be very careful not to intentionally offend the wicked person.

When Cain went before God to make sacrifices, he did it with a wicked spirit. Abel also made sacrifices before God, but with a righteous spirit. God responded to Cain's sacrifices with reproof showing Cain that he had not done well before God. God had accepted Abel's sacrifices and Cain resented Abel and later killed Abel. A wicked person is offended by the righteousness of a righteous person, and it can be revealed through envy, strife and variance against the righteous person (Genesis 4:3-5).

Subject: God Looks For A Good Heart:

God does not look at the color of the skin; He looks for a good heart. A good heart or mind is like good soil that a farmer plants seed in. When God sees a good heart, He plants His word in such a heart. When the word of God is planted in a good heart, the person will be born again. When the word of God is planted in a good heart, the Holy Spirit causes the word to send spiritual power through the person's mind and body. The body will then take on new righteous desires. We are sinners because we desire to commit sin. This means we have the nature to

commit sin. When the word of God is planted in our minds, it gives us a new nature to live righteously. Righteousness and sin are contrary to one another.

Righteousness has more power than sin. When the word of God is planted in your mind, you will have power in your nature and desires to live above the previous desires to commit sin. When the word of God is in a person's mind, it reverses the course of nature. As you go along with the word of God in your mind, your life will produce fruit of the Holy Spirit. Such things as joy, peace, and love will be the dominant virtues in your character.

**Subject: There Is No Law Against Living Righteous
(Galatians 5:22-23):**

If you learn how to live without committing adultery, fornication, drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking cigarettes, lying, stealing, carrying malice, hate, envy, and strife in your heart, you would not be breaking the laws of our nation. When you refrain from practicing the above sins, you would not be a radical or seditious person who is against the government. There is no law in our constitution, local or state government that a person who doesn't commit the above sins would be breaking. Law enforcement officers get along fine with those who don't commit the above offences. When a person lives free from sin, there is no condemnation towards them from God or the government. Listen to Romans 8:1:

Verse 1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

The laws of our government neither the law of God are not made for a righteous person, but the unrighteous, and it is good if it is applied accurately to the law-breakers. Listen to I Timothy 1:8:

Verse 8 - But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

Verse 9 - Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

Verse 10 - For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.

If a law is made to allow fornication, adultery, and homosexuality, then those who don't do such acts will be more righteous than the laws. When the people become more righteous than the laws, then the laws will be of non-effect.

Subject: The Mission Of Jesus:

God gave Jesus to walk the earth and minister to the people of the earth for three years. Jesus learned our actions, cultures, ways, and dispositions. Then He began to preach the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. Under the present spiritual conditions of the people on the earth, all who sinned were dead and damned. Jesus offered His plan to a dying world so that they could lay down their sins, and let Him instruct them on how to acquire salvation and deliverance from their damnable destinies.

Jesus gathered a little cabinet of twelve disciples and commissioned them to go into all the world and preach the gospel of the kingdom of heaven to every creature. Whosoever believes it, and was baptized because of Jesus' resurrection could be saved. Later Jesus told his disciples that He was going back to heaven to His Father to take up His previous position in heaven as the word of God. However, He promised His disciples that He would not leave them comfortless, and that the Holy Ghost would be sent to help them with the remaining of their mission for the people of the earth who would be saved.

Subject: You Have A Spiritual And Physical Life:

When you believe the word of God, the Spirit of God activates the word in your life. The Spirit of God causes the word to become a functional part of your life. Your belief in the word of God can cause you to turn your life around completely from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. The word of God is the power of God unto salvation, receiving its power from the Spirit of God. It is your faith in the word of God that causes power from the Spirit of God to bring salvation to your life when you believe it.

The Spirit of God quickens or gives a righteous life with righteous desires to your body causing you to live righteously. It gets into your veins just like your blood flows giving you physical life, but the Spirit of God gives a righteous spiritual life to your body. Just as you receive life physically by means of your blood, you can receive life spiritually by means of the Holy Spirit.

Blood gives life to your body, but the Spirit of God gives a righteous life to your mind. The blood of Jesus Christ was shed on Calvary to give you a righteous spiritual life just as you receive a physical life from the blood of your earthly parents.

Subject: Jesus Is The Way:

I want you to listen to the prophet Isaiah who is giving directions to the kingdom of heaven. You can't get to heaven unless God sends somebody to show the way. In the book of Isaiah 35:8, he is pointing you to the way of heaven:

Verse 8 - And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness;...

Isaiah is saying an highway shall be there. He is not referring to an interstate highway, but an elevated way of living that is called holiness. He is saying that if you want to get to God, you will have to live holy while you are on the earth. To live holy means to live free from sin. There is no way for anybody to get into the kingdom unless he or she lives a sin-free life while in this present world. To be holy or sin-free is the only way to the kingdom of heaven.

If you try to get to heaven some other way, all other ways will make you a thief and a robber. Listen to St. John 10:1:

Verse 1 - *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.*

Unless you become holy while you are living in this world, you will never see God. Listen to Hebrews 12:14:

Verse 14 - Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

Subject: Obey God And He Will Live With You:

If you are having troubles, it could be because of your disobedience to God. Examine what you are doing to see if it is contrary to God's commandments, and if you make the necessary corrections, your problems will be solved.

Jesus was sent to teach us how to obey God, which will result to God helping us in our troubles. God will send a person to teach what is required to be saved in every age to whom He will reveal His secrets; they are called prophets. If you obey such a person, your troubles will be eased. The prophets of God will warn the people, and make them aware of the things that displease God.

When you are obeying God, your life should consist of joy, peace, and happiness in the Spirit of God. When you have the Spirit of God, you are living with God and you are not under condemnation. When you live a life of sin, your sins will be with you in every aspect of your life, and God will not be present.

Subject: God Can Divide The Light From Darkness:

When you obey God, you are living in the light of God. Obedience to God's word gives you spiritual light so that you will be able to distinguish right from wrong. When a person is not obedient to God's word, they will think fornication is right and acceptable to God. Obedience to God brings you out of darkness into light. In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, and when darkness was upon the earth it could not respond to God's command; so the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the deep, and God gave a command to the earth and the earth obeyed. Listen to Genesis 1:1-4:

Verse 1 - In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Verse 2 - And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Verse 3 - And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

When a person has made a choice to obey God, the Spirit of God will move upon them to help them obey God, and God will separate darkness from their minds so that they may be able to live in the light of God's word.

Verse 4 - And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Subject: The Blood Of Jesus Christ:

The blood of Jesus Christ is different from the blood of the average person. The blood of Jesus Christ has cleansing power. This means it has power to clean things that are defiled by sin. Soap and water can clean things that are dirty, but the blood of Jesus Christ can clean things that are spiritually unclean. You can have a clean body after you take a shower, but if you desire to commit adultery you are spiritually unclean, and soap and water won't help you. When the blood of Jesus Christ cleans you up, it takes away your desire to commit sin.

Subject: The Purification Process Must Start From You:

When God saves you, He reinforces your life and ability to do things with power. This power is given by the Holy Spirit that God gives to the saved person. Humans that are not saved have restrictions and limitations on their abilities to accomplish things in life. There is no limit to the power of God in a person's life. God gives humans that He saves power and knowledge to help them in life.

Humans must first allow God to clean their hearts and purify them to be sin-free. God does not help an unclean person who practices sin. Sin makes a person spiritually unclean, and not fit for God to help. When a person repents of their sins, God gives them the Holy Spirit that cleans and purifies them of sin.

Now before God purifies you, you will have to stop doing things that displease God. You must try to obey what you know is right, and God will do for you what you can't do for yourself. So then, the purification process must start from you.

Subject: Your Soul:

God gave you your soul, and He tells you how to save it. You must make the choice for your soul to be saved. When your soul is saved, God will give you a new body with new life upon Jesus' return to receive you in the first resurrection.

There are two parts to your existence in the physical state; they are your physical flesh and blood body, and your breath. The third part of your existence is spiritual, which is your soul. Your body will go back to the dust at the end of your life on earth, and your breath will go back to God, but your soul belongs entirely to you. Your soul (mind) is the part of your existence that is looking for a permanent home. If your soul is saved, it will live eternally with God in heaven. If your soul is lost, it will spend eternity in a lake of fire and brimstone, which was prepared for the devil and his angels.

Now your soul is your mind. It is the part of you that hears, tastes, feels, thinks, hates, or loves. Your soul can exist separate from your body. It can take a trip in a dream to another location while your body is asleep. So your mind (soul) is going to live on after your body returns to the dust, and your breath returns to God. After you repent, and obey God's word, He will give your soul a new body to live in, forever in heaven.

God initially created man to live forever, but disobedience brought death to man. The wages for sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who died for our sins to redeem us from death.

Subject: Man Cannot Live Without God's Grace:

God is not a man. He is a God with superior abilities that far exceeds a man's imagination. God is not affected by time; He doesn't have to rush to do anything; He can make the sun stand still. Man has to live by the command of God or else he will die. God's word is the means by which life was given to man. When man violates God's word, He violates his life source. Man can only live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. A wise man will learn the will of God and live accordingly.

Man is a peculiar animal, and if you tell him that he shouldn't do a thing, he will try to do it. When a man does what God says not to do, he undermines his chances for survival and comfort in this world, and weakens himself becoming vulnerable to the adversities of life. Disobedience to God's word is an open door for man's downfall. To disobey God is to fall from the grace that God wants to give man. Man cannot live without grace from God.

Subject: Don't Get Angry With Those Who Are Wicked:

Please don't get angry with folk who don't do right. You will always meet people who don't do right, and if you let them make you angry, you will always be angry. You have to be longsuffering with people who are wicked. You can only be longsuffering when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, because longsuffering is a product of the Holy Spirit. You will oftentimes see people who will practice wicked devices and will seem to be prospering and you might be barely making out trying to be honest. Being honest in your dealings with people is what the Lord commands you to do. It is better to obey God than to do wrong and prosper.

If you believe the word, it teaches that there will come a time when righteous people shall inherit the earth, and wicked people will be cut off. You should not fret yourself because of evil doers when you are obeying God. Don't be jealous of those who are prospering by means of wickedness. Listen to Psalm 37:2-4, and 7-11:

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

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.

Verse 7 - Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Verse 8 - Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

Verse 9 - For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

Verse 10 - For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

Verse 11 - But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Subject: The World Can Worry You To Death If You Don't Have The Spirit Of God:

When you are born again, and live right, you won't have to struggle with death. A child of God should welcome death. When you obey God and death comes, you will have a peaceful transition from this world. Death for a child of God is a peaceful rest which passeth all understanding.

Now only Christ can make you ready for death. No matter what comes upon you in life the Holy Spirit will keep you happy. The world may change, but the Spirit of God can stabilize your joy. If you don't have the Spirit of God, the world can worry you to death. God does not want the saints to change this world, but to be relocated to a society of peace.

Subject: The Gospel Can Save The World:

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the only thing that can save the world. Nothing in the world can save the world from damnation; therefore, God sent the gospel to the world that some might be saved. People of the world cannot help one another unless they do it according to the gospel. When the principles of righteousness that are taught in the gospel are not obeyed, the people of the world will be selfish. The gospel teaches how to live to please one another and not self. In the kingdom of heaven, every citizen there will be servants of one another. The gospel of Jesus Christ teaches to love and serve one another.

Subject: The Christians:

God does not make His people saints after they are dead; if they are not made saints by the life they live in Christ, they will not be made saints after they die. The name Christian was given to disciples of Christ at a city called Antioch. It was given to the disciples for the purpose to ridicule them because they followed Christ.

Jesus' name may be popular today and highly honored by many, but during the days of Jesus' ministry on earth, Jesus was the least popular person in that part of the world, and was crucified because of the rejection that most people of that day gave Him. There were only a few who received Jesus and were truly saved; this resulted to them being called Christians, which was a name of reproach. The more popular religious sects of Jesus' day on earth were the scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, Zealots, and Essenes.

The Christian faith was not an accepted religious faith of that day, and was considered to be a faith of reproach. In the days that the apostle Paul ministered, the Church of God was struggling to maintain its existence. The name Christian was considered by the opposers of the teachings of Christ as being contemptible because Christ and His apostles were considered to have been stamped out. Christ, in the opinion of the more reputable religious sects, was an insurrectionist.

As saints persevered their persecutions, they were able to prove by their faithfulness and accomplishments that Christ was the Son of God, the Messiah of God, then all the reproach in the name left and they were not only called Christians, but also saints. Listen to I Corinthians 1:2:

Verse 2 - Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.

Subject: Saints Will Be Saved From Every Nation:

God has categorized all the people in the world in two classes: one class is saints and the other is sinners. God does not recognize people by religious denominations. To God we are saints if we live righteous and sinners if we live unrighteous. There will be saved people from all nations, kindreds, and tongues who will be washed in the precious blood of Christ and be received in that number into Heaven where they will be saints throughout eternity. There will be others of all nations, kindreds, and tongues who will not make it, but will be cast into outer darkness as sinners to spend eternity with the damned (Revelations 5:9).

Those who are called by God to be saints will be about God's business conducting prayer meetings and revival services. They will be busy assisting in missionary work. Saints will not be involved in social activities of the world where folk drink alcoholic beverages, and have sinful pleasures.

Saints are people who are sanctified, who are filled with the Holy Spirit, and who are strictly dedicated and obedient to the teachings of God. Saints consider that their bodies are the temples of God, and they must be kept holy and clean for God to dwell continuously in them, for God will not dwell in an unclean temple. In order to keep their bodies clean, they do not indulge in lustful appetites of the flesh. They do not drink liquor, smoke cigarettes, or seek pleasures from sinful practices. Saints are cleansed through the word of God and set apart by God for a useful purpose.

God uses saints from time to time as examples or for missions of mercy or spreading the gospel. Saints are filled with the Holy Spirit and are reinforced by the Holy Spirit so that the difficult problems of life will be unable to deter them. In addition, the Holy Spirit gives saints power and authority to use the forces of Heaven to accomplish any undertakings to the glory of God. The Holy Spirit increases their abilities, clarifies their vision, and renews their strength to enable them to stand any test, overcome any temptation, and perform any service that God may call upon them to do. Such assistance from the Holy Spirit is only given to saints, and not granted to Christians.

Subject: Don't Try To Be Your Own God:

Those who have experienced false religious conversions will oftentimes try to be a God for themselves. They will bring their problems to God, and then try to do the job themselves without any understanding that God is a rewarder of those who seek Him of a truth.

If your conversion came from God, then your efforts to seek God will be true. All that is done for those who are truly converted to righteousness will be done by the hand of God. Such converts will learn that God is God and will be a Father to them, and they will not attempt to be their own God. They will simply desire to be a servant.

Subject: What Is Your Purpose For Going To Church?

If you go to a church for any purpose that is unrelated to salvation the devil has fooled you. When you go to church with no intention of being saved, you are walking into the church with the devil. You are being planted in the church to do the work of the devil in pretense of a Christian. The devil uses such people to spoil

the works of God in churches of today. You will be used of the devil to find fault, criticize, complain, and interfere with others who want to be saved.

Those who go to church for purposes unrelated to salvation don't know what salvation is. The devil will teach such people how to oppose the teaching of the pastor, to contend with those who are trying to be saved, and to be bad influence for the weaker members.

Subject: The Spirit Of Truth And The Spirit Of Error:

Everybody needs help sometimes. If you feel independent and self-assured, the devil has fooled you and there will come a day when you will need God. The time will come when your money, prominence, and your best friends will not be able to help you. When God is not influencing the human mind, it is under the influence of the spirit of error.

Most churches today are under the influence of the spirit of error. Evidence of the spirit of error being in a church is manifested in the personal lives of the members. If you are religiously influenced by your church and your life is not spiritual, it is due to the fact that your religious teaching is having no effect on your life.

True religion should lead to a productive and righteous life. If there is no evidence of such, it means that the religious teaching is the spirit of error. When you are truly saved according to the correct teaching of salvation, Christ will live in your flesh and blood body directing your life, and your living conditions will be better. When you have the spirit of error it means Jesus Christ is not living in you. The Spirit of God will testify in you that Jesus is living in your body of flesh and blood. Listen to 1 John 4:2:

Verse 2 - Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

Jesus Christ lives in saved people by means of the Spirit of God. Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ lives in saved people is the spirit of error, and the spirit of anti-christ. This is how you will know the spirit of error and the Spirit of truth. The power and greatness of Jesus Christ lives in those that He has saved, and they will be above the spirit of error, which is the spirit of the world. Listen to I John 4:4, and 6:

Verse 4 - Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Verse 6 - We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Subject: A Fellowship With God:

The scriptures are for the purpose of revealing God's plan on how He will restore His fellowship with man. If you are saved, you have fellowship with God. The scriptures should be a witness to your fellowship with God. If there is a conflict of your life and the scriptures, it means your salvation is in error, and that there is no fellowship between you and God.

The way that you get along with your fellowman is a witness to your fellowship with God. You cannot have malice, envy, strife, and hatred towards your fellowman and have fellowship with God. Listen to I John 2:9:

Verse 9 - He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

If we say that we have fellowship with God and hateth a brother, or a sister, we are yet in darkness. All men and women are brothers and sisters before God. Listen To I John 1:6-7:

Verse 6 - If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

Verse 7 - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Our fellowship with God is measured by how well we get along with our fellowman.

Subject: Are You Carnal Or Spiritual?

To be carnal means to have the nature and desires to commit sin. To be spiritual means to have the nature and the desires to live free from sin. You can be carnal by your own efforts. You cannot be spiritual by your own efforts. You must have help from God to be spiritual. Being human means that your tendencies to live are of the earth.

Earthly productions of life are limited, and cannot sustain its tendencies for an indefinite period of time. For an example, if you have apples on a fruit tree, you have to harvest them during the season that they are ripe; otherwise, they will go bad. So is it also with human abilities to be spiritual.

You can be spiritual, or a good person for a while, but when conditions change, you are apt to change also. The fruit on the apple tree changes according to the weather conditions. A carnal person can be righteous for awhile, but unless such righteousness is produced by the Spirit of God, the conditions of life will cause the carnal mind to turn from righteousness to unrighteousness.

Subject: Let Your Testimony Be With Few Words:

It is better to believe, and obey the word of God, than to have an excessive testimony. If your testimony is not given to you by the Holy Spirit, a test from the devil will cause you to forsake your testimony of Christ. Before Peter received the Holy Spirit, he forsook his testimony for Christ when pressure was applied by the devil. The devil hears everybody's testimony of Christ, and he knows when the Spirit of God is not with the testimony. This will result to Satan preparing a day to try such testimonies.

Peter said to Jesus that though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. When Jesus was taken to Calvary, Peter couldn't be found. When you don't have the Spirit of God, you can't stay with your testimony. It is better to believe the word of God than the emotions of a testimony.

Subject: Two Different Kingdoms:

There are kingdoms of this world and there is a kingdom in heaven. The kingdoms of this world are ruled by laws of nations and military forces. The kingdom of heaven is ruled by love. When laws are enforced, the citizens will

obey the laws because of fear that they will be punished for breaking the law. When love is the ruling force, the people will respect and honor one another because of the zeal that love implements.

So the law rules by fear of punishment, but love rules because of the respect that the citizens have for one another. It was because of sin that God sent the law by Moses so that the people of the earth could be disciplined. God later sent grace to the earth by Jesus Christ so that His love could bring kindness, peace, joy, longsuffering, humility, and goodness to the people of the earth.

When a person has received grace from God, the love of God will implement the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their life, and there will be no need for the law to discipline the individual. In order to become a citizen of the kingdom of heaven, the grace of God must implement the fruit of the Holy Spirit while they are on the earth.

Subject: The Redeemed Of The Lord (Isaiah 62:12):

Jesus went to Calvary to redeem from the curse of sin and death those who would be saved. To be redeemed means the curse of sin and death has been lifted from you. The process of redemption was given by means of making the people holy. If a person is not made holy, it means they are not redeemed. To be holy means to be made sin-free. We could only be redeemed by being made one with God and Jesus. If a person is not made holy and become one with God and Jesus, they are not redeemed, and the curse of sin and death is upon them.

The process of redemption soughts a people out from a life of sin and of sinful practices, and sanctifies them from a life of social sinful activities. Such people will then be known as the holy people of God. To be one with God means to be holy like God. When a people are not holy, they are not protected from the curse of sin and death. When you are born the first time, you receive your earthly parent's name; but when you are born again of the Spirit of God, God gives you His heavenly family name, which is Holy.

Subject: When You Live Above The Law Your Life Will Have No Conflict With The Law:

When the love of God is the controlling force in your life, it means that you are born again. It is the love of God that saves you from damnation. Love from

God makes you decline to sin so as not to displease the one who has been so good to you. You will have no desire to displease God. God will give you the power of the Holy Spirit to keep you with this desire, and it will completely remove your appetite to sin.

Though you presently live in a world that is ruled by laws, you will live above what the law forbids. Under these conditions, you will also have a citizenship in heaven. When you follow the teaching of Christ, while living in this present world, the teachings of Christ will have no conflict with the laws of your nation, because the teachings of Christ are above the law. For an example, the law forbids a person to be drunk while operating an automobile. Such a law will not refer to you because you won't drink alcoholic beverages under any conditions. Therefore, your life will not have any conflict with the law on such matters.

Subject: Ask In Jesus' Name:

Whatever we ask of God in Jesus' name God will grant us. When you ask for something in Jesus' name, you are asking in accord with the word of God, and you will receive what you ask for. When you ask in Jesus' name, you are asking so that what you receive will be used to glorify Jesus. Such a request will be a reflection of the way that Jesus teaches you to ask.

When you ask for selfish purposes, you are not asking in Jesus' name, you are asking in your own name, and God will not grant you such a request. Your prayer should benefit somebody other than yourself. The Lord will not withhold a blessing from you if you ask it in His name.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Must Actually Pray For You:

You cannot pray yourself. You have to be led, and taught to pray by the Holy Spirit. God will only receive a prayer request that is presented by the Holy Spirit. The words you use in your prayers must be put into your mouth by the Holy Spirit. This can only be made possible when you are filled with the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit puts a prayer request in your mind, it will be answered by God, because the Spirit knows the will of God (Romans 8:26).

The Holy Ghost knows your needs better than you do, so it will make utterances to God within you, which the Lord interprets into a language that is

acceptable. If you have not been born again, you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, which means you have no help to pray.

Unless someone who has the Holy Spirit prays for you, you have no ability to pray, because your prayers won't reach God. When your prayers are directed to God by the Holy Spirit, they will glorify His Son. The Holy Spirit will direct your prayers to God that you might be able to accomplish something to the glory of God, and not to your own glory, then God will hear your prayer.

Subject: Let Your Life Be According To The Will Of God And Your Prayer Will Be Answered:

The will of God is that our lives be according to His word. When our lives are according to His commandments, it means our lives are according to His will. Under these conditions, when we pray, we are praying according to the will of God, and what we ask for, He will hear us. Listen to I John 5:14-15:

Verse 14 - And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

Verse 15 - And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

When we examine our behavior by the principles and precepts of the gospel, and conform to the will of God, our prayers will be answered.

Subject: What About A Test?

Now there are a lot of church folk who don't want to be tried, or to go through a testing period; they just want to go to church to sing, shout and testify. However, when it comes to being proven by hard testing they don't want it, neither do they think it is necessary. If a person is not willing to allow their religion to be tested and tried, they are a hypocrite, and such religious practicals will never see the kingdom of heaven. If a person is willing to be tried, God will prove to them

that they are saved. You cannot know the authenticity of your conversion unless it is proven.

Subject: Temptations Can Make You Perfect:

You must overcome temptations. After you start to obey God's word, the devil will present you with a package of temptations. When you are tempted, it will be good for you to fast and pray. Temptations will bring fear and suffering for the purpose of making you weak. You must be sure you are filled with the Holy Spirit, and are obeying the timely warnings of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the only match against temptations.

Temptations do not come from God, but from the devil. If you can maintain your righteousness when you are tempted, temptations will make you perfect. You must remember that temptations will be presented in line with something that will gratify your old sinful desires. The purpose will be to nourish and strengthen the sinful nature that you have repented of.

Temptations will want you to resist the warnings and guidance of the Holy Spirit to satisfy your fleshly nature. You will easily be able to identify temptations because they will be presented contrary to the way the Spirit is leading you. When you have knowledge of the way the Spirit of God is leading, and you see conflict rising, it will be the temptations from the devil that is causing the conflict.

Subject: Why Was Christ Led In The Wilderness:

Why was Christ led in the wilderness to be tempted? The Apostle Paul taught that we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted in the wilderness, while we must find temptations in our association with others; yet we are tempted alike. The devil distributes temptations according to the weakness or strength of the individual and his capabilities.

The temptations that the devil presented to Jesus were to get Him to doubt that He once lived in heaven with God, and was sent to the earth to do the works of God. If you are saved, the devil will tempt you to doubt whether or not you are saved and whether God is with you while you are living in this present world. You must fast and pray, and review the scriptures just as Jesus did when He was being tempted in this way.

The question of Jesus' deity was uppermost to His mind from that moment in the wilderness throughout His entire ministry. After failing to get Jesus to doubt, the devil worked on the people whom Christ dealt with and preached to. To a great extent the devil succeeded as far as the people were concerned, but not so with Peter who said He was the Christ and that flesh and blood had not revealed it to him, but his Father which is in heaven (Matthew 16:17).

The opposition of the devil in discrediting Christ is as strong today with the people, especially among the Jews. There is still great doubt among many that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God.

Subject: A New Convert In Christ Should Receive Criticism From The Unsaved:

When a person experiences true salvation in Christ, those who know the person will know that the individual has truly changed. They may not agree with the person's new way of life, but they will know the person is different.

Those who observe the new convert's conversion will see the person as being peculiar. Such observers will clearly see that the new convert is not doing the things that they at one time did with the unsaved company that they use to keep. Listen to I Peter 4:3:

Verse 3 - For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries.

Now the former friends will think the new convert is strange because they don't run with them anymore.

Verse 4 - Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you.

Such criticism of the new convert is expected from those who are not saved.

Subject: Let Us Make Sacrifices To God:

When you are saved, you are willing to sacrifice your life that would continue to enjoy sinful pleasures of the world. You are willing to sacrifice your life to be a servant of God that by your sacrifice others might be saved. The willingness of saved people to be living sacrifices is after the example of Christ who gave His life for us to be saved. So that we would understand to what extent our sacrifice should be, He teaches in Romans 12:1:

Verse 1 - I Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

When you are willing to sacrifice, all of your strength, time, and a tenth of your net income belong to God. This is because we have been brought with a price that Jesus paid on Calvary that our tithing and financial contributions could not have paid for. It is easy to trust God when you don't have anything because you look for God to give you everything. To trust God means that you must give Him something to trust Him with, believing that He will take care of you in return.

Subject: You Can Only Be Perfect With God's Help:

Words are very important. Words make treaties, contracts, and agreements between nations to prevent wars, and to allow trade agreements for exporting and importing goods. The use of words should be carefully selected when you are doing serious business. A poor selection of words can minimize the importance of business transactions.

The word perfection comes from God. God used it initially in His command to Abraham. God commanded Abraham to be perfect. Abraham did not respond to God by saying nobody can be perfect; Abraham put forth an effort to obey God. It is true that nobody can be perfect unless God helps them to be perfect. Perfection means that God will help you to correct the things you do that are wrong, and give you the wisdom and ability to do right.

If we were born into the world with the ability to do everything correct with no mistakes or fallacies in our lives, there would have been no need for God to use the word perfection in His command to Abraham. Abraham would have already

been perfect. God seeing that Abraham came from a family of idol worshipers and sinful practices commanded Abraham to be perfect. In addition, knowing of Abraham's inability to be perfect based upon his previous family culture God gave Abraham the command and assisted Abraham with the ability to be perfect.

What God said to Abraham, He is saying to us today. In St. Matthew 5:48 it teaches to "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect". God knowing people today as He knew Abraham would not give us this commandment unless He intended to help us to be perfect.

Subject: Are You Making Provisions For The Flesh:

Unless you are striving for perfection you are not worthy of a call from God. We cannot set God's standard for saving us; we are only saved according to the scriptures. The standard of God's calling is a standard of perfection. It is possible to be perfect if you desire to be. Most people don't want to be perfect because they desire to use weaknesses to make provisions for the flesh or sinful desires. When you make provisions for the flesh, you are flesh. To be of the flesh is to be sinful, and when you are of the flesh, you are separated from God. To be perfect means that when you learn something is a sin, you won't do it.

Subject: Let Us Love One Another:

The commandment of God is for us to love one another. If the people of the earth did that, there would be no more wars, murders, divorces, or courts of law. We have so many problems in the world today because the people have failed to obey God's commandments. God's commandments are not for His benefit, but for the people of the earth.

To love a person means that you are concerned about their happiness and welfare. God was so concerned about the people of the earth that He sent His only begotten Son to die for us. Today it is not necessary for us to die for one another, but to stop hating one another. You cannot camouflage hatred in political speeches. Hatred will manifest itself. The only solution for hatred is love. Love must be without differences or dissimulations.

Subject: God's Love Interrupted Our Destiny:

As a sinner, we were born destined for eternal damnation. It was God's love that interrupted our destiny by extending the plan of salvation to the people of the earth. If we had not been given the knowledge of God by Jesus Christ, it would have been impossible to escape eternal damnation.

The word of God is not given to us to suit our way of living, but to change our way of living from carnality to spirituality. If we are living in sin, we don't need to hear a sermon that will inspire us to stay in sin, but instructions on how to get out of sin.

When a preacher speaks under the influence of the Holy Spirit, his preaching will not be in line with a sinner's way of thinking. Such preaching will encourage the listeners to be renewed in the spirit of their minds, and not conformed to the ways of the world, but to be transformed by a renewing of their minds. We are born to be sinners. God gives the new-birth in Christ to change our course of existence for us to be sin-free.

Subject: Fear God:

To fear God is to obey Him. This means you love and respect God. It does not mean that you are intimidated by His power. Your fear is created by love, and that you might displease Him by a wrong act.

So, your fear of God will cause you to be careful of what you say and do before Him. When you fear God, your conscience will cause you to keep clean hands, and a pure heart, because you will always feel the presence of God. Under these conditions, your main purpose in life will be to obey God.

Subject: Divine Love:

Human love is usually limited to natural affections. That is love for some particular relatives or friends. Human love is not divine love. Divine love is unconditional love. It is not selfish or limited. Divine love comes from God and it will love a sinner, enemy, saint, or political opponent. Divine love will do good even when it is despised and rejected. When you have divine love you would not care what others may say about you or how they may treat you; you will still love them. Divine love cannot be deterred or over powered by any forces of evil. It is

more powerful than all other expressions of emotions in the world. Divine love has qualities that wouldn't change just because people change. With divine love, you wouldn't stop loving a person just because they stop loving you.

Divine love makes your heart happy because it isn't mixed with jealousy, envy and other emotions that would tarnish and corrupt your heart. Divine love is pure, clean, and holy and it keeps the person who has it that way. The person who has divine love would not use it to abuse, mistreat, or to slander a person's character, even in a political campaign. Divine love does not take a recess to allow a person to exercise degrading character speeches against another for political gain. Divine love will be used to help and bless others. Divine love makes you understand that those who do not love you are ignorant and void of understanding the will of God.

Any attitude in defiance of divine love will destroy those who take on such a position, though they may try to destroy the person with divine love. Those who are partakers of divine love cannot be defeated because the powers of heaven rest upon them. When adversity comes to a person with divine love, the grace of God will give them the ability to withstand whatever comes upon them, and the person who opposes divine love in another will be judged according to his or her conduct.

Since God controls the destiny of humans, He will suffer retribution to overtake anyone who harms those who have divine love. This will make it possible for those with divine love to bless those who curse them, and pray for those that spitefully use them and persecute them. Those who oppose divine love in a child of God do not actually hate the child of God, but they in reality hate God whose Spirit of divine love has filled His child.

Subject: Love Must Spread Abroad By The Holy Ghost:

Love will be the governing force in the kingdom of heaven. The Spirit of God produces and carries the love of God. When the love of God is implemented by the Spirit of God, there will be no need for laws to govern a people. Man is a creature that cannot be ruled by commandments. There must be a source of power within man to rule him and cause him to be self-governed. This source of power is the love of God. When love is a source of power governing the hearts of man it can be spread abroad by the Holy Ghost. This means man's works will be the fruit of his love.

Subject: Peace Only Comes Through Jesus Christ:

Jesus came into the world to bring peace. Life without peace is not worth living. Whatever satisfaction you can find in life without peace is not worth much. Peace is a very rare state of existence that can only come through Jesus Christ. The people of the world do not understand how to acquire peace and the good condition that it gives.

Unless a person has Jesus Christ, they don't have peace. Peace from God dwells in the mind of the person to whom it is given. It is a gift from God. You must know where the source of peace comes from in order to be a recipient of it. Many seek the world for peace; but the world has no peace to offer. When God gives a person peace, He puts it in their heart. If you don't have peace within you, you won't get it at the ball game or a rock concert. In order to receive peace in your heart, you must accept the teachings of The Prince of Peace.

Subject: Consolation Is Given To The Saved Person At Times Of Adversity:

Everybody should get acquainted with God, and make Him their best friend. When adversity comes and problems of life take away your pleasures that you once enjoyed, and there is no money left to supply your lustful desires, you will then see that only a true God can help you. God gave Jesus as a redeemer that will give a person peace of mind in the day of trouble and will give consolation to lift the countenance of those who are heavy burdened.

You have to be born of the Spirit of God to realize that this help is available during times of adversity. The person who has walked with God in sincerity and truth, and has kept the commandments of God will be eligible to receive consolation from God during the times of adversities. Consolation from God can be spiritual and material depending on the needs of the person.

If it is a spiritual need, God by His Spirit will take the person's mind to visit their future heavenly home. Such consolation can be done by means of songs or scriptures. As they sing songs and praises to God, their minds will be lifted from the adversities of life no matter how heavy the burden may be and they will be tuned into heaven with a song, and the burden will be lifted and their way brightened. The song will suit their condition at the time the problem is before them, and it will lighten the problem. Singing songs of praise is one of the mediums through which God has planned to help the saved person to stand in the day of adversity.

Subject: An Abundance Of Peace (Galatians 5:22):

You won't know what peace is until you are filled with the Holy Spirit. Peace is among the fruits of the Holy Spirit. When you are born of the Spirit of God, you become partaker of the fruits of the Spirit. Peace will then be given to you by God. After Jesus returns and takes the saved people to heaven, they will live in a society with an abundance of peace. Listen to Psalms 37:11:

Verse 11 - But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit in this present world, you are introduced to peace, but in the new heaven and earth you will live in an atmosphere of overwhelming peace. Everything that the Holy Spirit does for you in this present world is an introduction to the works of the Holy Spirit in the kingdom of heaven. All who are saved will feel the full force of the works of the Holy Spirit in God's kingdom and on the new earth that it will prepare for the saved people.

Subject: Peace In This Present World Is Not A Reality:

The prophet Isaiah gives a full and complete description of the character, disposition, and mission of Jesus showing qualities that presented peace that were different from earthly meanings of peace. Isaiah taught that though Jesus was oppressed and was afflicted, He opened not His mouth with words of contention or complaints against His oppressors. Christ walked in the presence of His enemies so as not to provoke strife. Of course, He angered them, because the doctrine He taught was too strong to be absorbed by their carnal minds, but He was gentle, kind, understanding, and forgiving.

Christ consistently went about doing good among the people, healing their sick, raising their dead, feeding their hungry. Christ would show them where they were wrong, but would assure them that if they followed Him, He would take responsibility for their wrong and suffer the consequences. This won the respect, love, and confidence of many though it also aroused the bitter resentment of the leaders of the Jews.

Jesus taught them that love was the greatest force on earth; and if they would let it come into their heart, it would conquer their enemies and give them great power with God. He said they should love their enemies, and then have great

confidence that God would bring vengeance for them upon any foe who caused them to suffer. He said they should love God, and that love would make them perfect even as God is perfect.

His doctrine that taught men to love their enemies would certainly not destroy peace, but rather would promote peace. Prior to Christ's ministry, men would never consider such an approach to an enemy. They would consider what means they had to destroy their enemy. To this day, that is the common practice of the world, and that is a good reason why peace on earth is not a reality.

Subject: Ask God For A Reviving:

Humans receive their physical or mortal life from their parents, but we can only receive eternal life from God. When God's people who have a promise of eternal life get together they are one in spirit, and God's love and blessings will abound toward them. God will bless them spiritually and materially. There will be great rejoicing among the people of God who have a sure hope for eternal life.

They invite the Holy Ghost to come upon them through their obedience to the command of God. If you obey God's word and desire His presence to be with you, because you've kept His commandments, all you've got to do is to humble yourself, and though God dwells in a high and holy place, He will be with those with a humble and contrite spirit. When you humble yourself, He will come down, manifest Himself, and make Himself known to you.

You won't be able to see Him with your natural eyes, but God has also given us the sense of feeling as well as seeing, and when you feel God's presence, it is just as real as seeing Him. You can't see a pain, but you know when you have it, because you feel it. The Holy Spirit will come down and be with you and you will feel God's presence.

Now you cannot experience the presence of God unless you have been born again. Everybody who is truly born again understands what I am teaching. You can ask God to revive you, and He will do it. You cannot receive the Spirit of God without being illuminated. So if you need encouragement, and a spiritual uplifting, ask God to revive you, and He will do it. Now when you pray, ask God for a spiritual blessing. When you get the spiritual blessing, you don't have to worry about the material or financial blessing for they will overtake you.

Subject: God Blesses You According To His Will:

If you would first seek the kingdom of heaven, everything else you need in this life will be added unto you. Every person who obeys God, and sets their hearts on going to heaven will have the blessings of God while they live on the earth. You must keep God's commandments, and do His will, and whatever you need, He will provide. When God blesses you, He does it according to His will. So, when you do His will, you will be in line with blessings from God.

It is the will of God that you be a blessing to others as He blesses you. Everything that I've learned about God, I share the knowledge with others, because this is the will of God. When I pray for something that I need, I am asking according to His will that I am doing. Learn the will of God, and do it; you can then ask for what you need according to His will.

Subject: God Will Give You The Desires Of Your Heart:

When you trust in the Lord, and obey His word, He will surely provide for your needs regardless to economic conditions of the nation. When you delight yourself in the Lord, you will be pleased with a righteous life. When you are living righteously, you will not allow your heart to desire things that are worldly and unholy. This kind of mind will result to God giving you the desires of your heart. God will not allow the devil to prevent His servants from enjoying the good of the land, as long as they are willing and obedient (Isaiah 1:19).

Subject: A Faithful Stewart Will Be Blessed:

If you love God, you will keep His commandments. When you keep God's commandments, He will commit responsibilities and blessings into your hands. God will make you a steward over possessions for you to manage. When you keep God's commandments, you will be a very responsible and trustworthy person that God will use. Such a steward will do nothing except what God will be pleased with. You will be able to do things for God, because God loves a faithful steward. God has no limit to the material blessings that He will commit to the responsibility of a faithful steward.

CHAPTER V

HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?

THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Subject: Have You Received The Holy Ghost Since You Believed?

You would be surprised to know the number of church going people who are supposed to be following the Lord and are not acquainted with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost gives you the new- birth. It causes you to be born again. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you are born again of the Spirit of God. The Holy Ghost causes Christ to be alive in your life. When you hear the word of God preached, the Holy Ghost activates the power necessary for the word of God to function in your life.

Though you may have knowledge of the gospel, without the Holy Ghost, your knowledge will be dead. When you received the Holy Ghost it means that your repentance was sincere and that God acknowledged your repentance by giving you the gift of the Holy Ghost, which gives you additional power to repent of the sins in your life that were too difficult for you to repent of. Don't be deceived, you can be worshipping in some church, and not have the assistance of the Holy Ghost, which means your worshipping is in vain.

In the early days of the apostles of Jesus Christ, when the disciples passed through the city of Corinth where folk were supposed to have been saved, they found the people worshipping God, praising His name without the Holy Ghost being present. Though they were faithful members, but without the power of the Holy Spirit, the church was yet carnal. There is only one power to keep the church spiritual, and that is the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit in an assembly, there is nothing there that would be beneficial to the church.

The true church is not a building, but a body of spiritual believers that are filled with the Holy Ghost practicing the teachings of Christ. Such people would be the members of Jesus' body and are built together for an habitation of His Spirit that wherever they go, folks will see God's temple, which are lively stones united in Christ. To have church names simply as identification for your religion is carnal. Listen to I Corinthians 3:4, then 3:

Verse 4 - For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

Verse 3 - For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

When the Holy Ghost is not present in an assembly, then carnality will be present.

Subject: You Can Be Born Again By Receiving The Knowledge In These Books:

The knowledge from God concerning your salvation did not come from some religious institution of higher learning. Such knowledge comes directly from God by means of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is a teacher, and carrier of the word of God. When the Spirit of God brings knowledge from God to you, if you are willing to receive it, it will implant the knowledge in your mind. You will then be able to retain the knowledge just as you retain your date of birth, and social security numbers for your personal information.

The Spirit of God moves the word of God with power to be activated for the person who receives it. The knowledge of the word will then remain with you as a personal assistant to help guide you through life. You would then be filled with the Holy Spirit, or born again. You will receive a new mind with a new way of thinking. Along with your new mind, you will receive a new nature that will generate new desires. All of your physical aspects will remain the same, but the moral or spiritual aspects of your life will be new.

Such renewing was done by the Holy Spirit when you heard, and received the word of God. You can receive this renewing process by reading and believing the knowledge that is in the books that I write. There is power in the word of God that can change your life. My books are completely composed of unadulterated knowledge of the word of God. With such knowledge, the Holy Spirit will accompany, and give the new birth to anybody who receives this knowledge.

Subject: The Knowledge In These Books Is For Those Who Want To Be Saved:

If you are a liquor drinker prior to Jesus' return, you will not be able to sober up on His return; you had better start sobering up now. If your efforts to sober up are sincere, God will give you the Holy Spirit to help you. The Holy Spirit will take away your taste for alcoholic beverages. For those who desire to be ready for Jesus' appearance, God will help them to be ready. God desires for as many people to be saved who want to be saved. It will be very difficult to break away from sinful habits without the aid of the Holy Spirit. However, the Spirit of God is moving upon the earth at this present time on stand-by to help a repenting heart.

Now remember once you start to repent of everything that you know is wrong, you will be qualified to pray. When you pray, ask God for spiritual strength to turn from sins that you are not knowledgeable of, and the Holy Spirit

will be an intercessor for you. Don't rely on your previous personal knowledge to get assistance from God; follow the knowledge that is in these books that I am giving. The information in these books was ordained by God to give directions on how to be saved. The knowledge that many are taught previously is most likely erroneous knowledge.

Subject: The Trinity:

God exists in three parts. They are referred to as the trinity. The first part is God the Father, the second part is God the Son, and the third part is God the Holy Spirit. All three parts of God are one in administration. This means they have a unity that can never be divided. They never disagree or are contrary to one another. Jesus is the second part of God that was sent to the earth in human form to bring grace to the people of the earth.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost was sent to the earth to implement the grace that Jesus brought. Today the Holy Ghost is still ministering grace to those who are willing to receive the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Holy Ghost does not teach of itself; it only teaches the gospel that Jesus taught. When you receive the teaching of Jesus Christ, you also receive the Holy Ghost. This is what causes you to be born again. You are then born of God. When you receive God's word by Jesus, assisted by the power of the Holy Ghost, you are born again. God will then live in you for the remaining of your life on earth, and afterward take you to heaven.

When you get into the kingdom of heaven, the Holy Ghost would have given you a new mind and body to live in. God will then be living in you completely in heaven as He lived in you partly while you were on the earth. You will then be equal with God because you will be a part of God. It would have been the Spirit and the word of God that was sent to the earth by grace that made you a permanent part of God's existence to live in heaven.

Subject: Be Sure You Are Filled With The Holy Ghost Before Jesus Returns:

As sure as the weather man will forecast a sunrise, and that there will be a fair day in the city of the forecast, Jesus is going to appear in the sky to be a big surprise for the people of the earth that are not saved. Those who are born again

will not be surprised when Jesus appears because they are waiting for Him. If you are born again, you are filled with the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of God in you will keep you ready for Jesus' appearance.

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, You are like a lamp that is filled with oil. It means your body or vessel is prepared to meet Jesus and go back with Him, St. Matthew 25:1, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 11-13:

Verse 1 - *Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.*

Verse 2 - *And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.*

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you are wise.

Verse 4 - *But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.*

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

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

Verse 11 - *Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.*

Verse 12 - *But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.*

Verse 13 - *Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*

Subject: Stamina:

In order to escape the influence of the world after you have repented and you have been converted, you must seek God to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will give you stamina against the influence of the world. Stamina is strength to stand against the influence of the world. It will cause you to

respectfully reject the activities, pleasures and associations with people who desire to influence you to participate in sin again. Without the Holy Spirit giving you stamina, your conversion will have limited spiritual resistance against the influence of the world. A conversion can be a temporary turn from the world and a life of sin, and unless it is assisted by the power of the Holy Spirit, it will be short termed.

A conversion is a conviction against sin brought to your understanding that sin is wrong. Many criminals are convicted of crimes, and they accept their convictions while they are in prison, but when they are released they go back to commit the same crimes. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit after your conviction, it sets up a spiritual blockade in your nature against the desires to commit sin again. Not only will you be convinced that sin is wrong, but the desires of sin will not be able to trespass your desires to obey God.

The Holy Spirit gives you an overwhelming force to obey God that no forces of evil can penetrate. After Jesus' disciples received the word of God, Jesus prayed that they would be kept from the evils of the world until they received the Holy Ghost. It was Jesus' prayer that kept them from the influence of the world until the Holy Ghost was given (St. John 17:12-17). When you get the Holy Ghost, you will be able to endure the forces of evil in the world without being influenced by such forces.

Subject: God Desires To Dwell In The Heart Of A Person By His Spirit:

It is the responsibility of the God sent preacher to labour in the gospel so that the carnal members will become spiritual. The people must be taught what is acceptable to God in order for them to be given the Holy Ghost. The people need to be taught that God does not dwell in temples made with hands, but He dwells in the hearts of those who repent of their sins.

When God dwells in the heart of a person by means of His Holy Spirit, He becomes the control center for the physical operations of a person's body members. The person then will be empowered by the Spirit of God to live free from sin. The body will no longer be carnal, but spiritual. The life of the person's body will be the life that Christ is living in the person. The Holy Ghost would have given the spiritual part of the person a new life that would cause the same old body that one time lived in sin, to live free from sin.

Subject: After You Are Converted You Must Quickly Receive A Filling Of The Holy Spirit:

The preacher of righteousness should be teaching the people that God does not hold you responsible for being a sinner; this is why He has made arrangements for sinners to be born again. God only condemns you after you have been given knowledge that sin doesn't pay, and yet continue to commit sin. The moment you are willing to turn from your sins God is willing to forgive you, and remember your sin against you no more.

After you repent, God will give you the Holy Ghost to keep you from going back to sin. The Holy Ghost will make sins distasteful to you. Prior to receiving the Holy Ghost, though you have been converted, sin can come back unless you quickly receive a filling of the Holy Ghost. If your conversion is sincere you will quickly pray to God for a filling of the Holy Ghost, and God will honor a sincere request. Such a request is an indication that you won't desire to go back to a life of sin again.

Subject: After You Repent Of Your Sins You Must Receive Help From The Spirit Of God:

If you are saved today, you should thank God for the Spirit of God that moved you to accept salvation in the day that you heard God's voice. Human efforts cannot move you to accept Jesus Christ. Though you may desire in your mind to accept salvation in Christ, only the Spirit of God can move you to accept Christ. Satan can prevent a human from accepting Christ, but he is no match for the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit singles a person out to accept Christ, the devil will have to stand on the side and watch.

The Spirit of God gives you boldness to accept Christ and to break away from sin and continue to follow Jesus' teaching. There are many unsaved people in churches of today who would love to acquire true salvation in Christ, but they can't because the Spirit of God has not singled them out for salvation in Christ. Many may hear callings from their pastor or evangelist, but only a few will be chosen for salvation in Christ. Listen to Matthew 20:16:

Verse 16 - *So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.*

Unless the Spirit of God moves a person to accept Christ, and to turn from a life of sin, evil will be too strong for them to break away from it. Unless God sends His Spirit to help a sinner break away from a life of sin, they will die without hope. To experience true salvation in Christ, one must repent of his or her sins, but their repentance must get a response from God to deliver them from a life of sin by means of the Holy Spirit.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Is The Only Source Of Help For Man Today:

We should take the teaching of the scriptures very seriously. Everything that was spoken by those men whom the Holy Ghost overshadowed and caused to speak, is being fulfilled in our day. When you learn to fear God, you will take the scriptures seriously, not to fear that God will destroy you, but fear that you will destroy yourself. God warns you of what will be the results of that which you do which is contrary to His instructions.

After Jesus left the earth, God sent one source of help for man to be saved by and that source is the Holy Ghost. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you have protection from the sins that can destroy you. The Holy Ghost is an anti-sin power that is able to defeat sin and the devil in every way. The Holy Ghost teaches you how to live righteously with power that can lift up a standard against the sins that would destroy you. When you are born again of the Spirit of God, nothing the devil has can reach you and allow sin to overtake you.

The Holy Ghost abides in those who follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Holy Ghost does not come to a church assembly to save people; it only comes to those who repent of their sins with the intent of heart to not commit sin anymore. You won't receive the Holy Ghost going to a church building; you only receive the Holy Ghost when you go to Christ.

Now your conscience will tell you what is wrong before you do it, but the Holy Ghost will give you power not to do it. God will not judge you for what is wrong unless He first informs you on what is wrong. The law of God is made known to your conscience and condemnation will follow unless you repent. Where there is no law, there is no condemnation. When there is no knowledge of a sinful act as being wrong, God will not judge you for such act until you are informed that it is wrong. You don't have to go to a church to learn that adultery is a sin. The knowledge of such an act is written in the conscience; this is why folk don't advertise adultery when they do it.

When you are born again and filled with the Spirit of God it intercedes on every temptation that is presented to you to commit sin, and gives you power to resist the devil and the temptations. The Holy Spirit gives a person wisdom to be able to identify sinful temptations.

Subject: The Spirit Of Truth:

When alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and fornication make you happy, those things give you false happiness. False happiness does not last and is very costly. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs can cost you everything you own. Adultery can cost you your marriage by means of divorce.

God does not want false spirits to make you happy. The Spirit of truth is the Spirit that you should seek to make you happy. The Spirit of truth is the Holy Spirit that comes from God to fill your temple with true happiness. The God who makes the summer, winter, spring, and fall can surely make you happy.

Subject: The True Baptism:

The baptism of water is a symbol of a true baptism, and it should be done to honor and represent the true baptism. The true baptism is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. John was sent to baptize with water, which was to represent the true baptism of the Holy Spirit, which is administered by Jesus.

Though the baptism of water does not carry the power to give you the new birth, you cannot ignore or dishonor the baptism of water, and give honor to the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is because the baptism of water is an introduction to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, just as John introduced and represented the ministry of Jesus Christ.

The baptism of water is not the baptism that you must have to enter the kingdom of heaven. The baptism of the Holy Spirit will get you into the kingdom of heaven. The baptism of water is a symbol of the burial and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The baptism of water is a preview of the main attraction that must follow, which will be given by Jesus Christ.

When you look at previews of a movie, it is not the actual movie, but an introduction of the coming attraction. If you repent with a sincere heart to turn from your sins, and are baptized with water, then it will be a preview of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which will cause you to be born again.

Subject: The Purchased Possession:

When you are baptized with the Holy Spirit, you are born again. Your mind is then sealed with desires to live above sin until the day of the redemption of your body, whether you are living, or dead. The new body will be made incorruptible to be compatible with a Holy Ghost filled mind that will qualify you to live in heaven with God.

One baptism of the Holy Spirit will prepare you for total redemption. Listen to Ephesians 4:4-5

Verse 4 - There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Verse 5 - One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

The purpose of the one baptism of the Holy Spirit is to seal you to the day of total redemption, to make you ready to receive Jesus when He comes for His purchased possession. Listen to Ephesians 1:13-14:

Verse 13 - In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Verse 14 - Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Subject: The Truth Versus Perverseness:

A person cannot speak the truth unless God helps the person. Man is born in the natural state to be perverse from the truth. The truth is not compatible with the carnal nature of men. The truth and the carnal nature are at variance to each other. Only the Spirit of God can help a person to speak the truth.

If a person is not filled with the Holy Spirit, knowledge that is perverse from the truth will dominate their mind, and control their way of thinking, and perverseness will be their state of mind. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, and is the only means by which the truth can be above perverseness. Your mind can

only escape perverseness, and be guided into the truth by the Spirit of truth, which is the Holy Spirit. Listen to St. John 16:13:

Verse 13 - *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

The truth is the complete knowledge of man's destiny.

THE NEW BIRTH

Subject: Your Nature:

Your nature is your in-born tendencies that cause you to do things in life. If you have the in-born tendencies to do evil, your nature will cause you to do evil. You do not have power over your nature to make yourself do good when you have the nature to do evil. When Adam sinned, all humans inherited the nature from Adam to do evil or to commit sin. God worked out a plan for man to send Jesus to replace the human nature with His divine nature. The divine nature of God gives humans the power to do good before God.

The way that you receive the nature of God is to receive the word of God that Jesus taught. When you receive the word of God, you will receive the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of God carries the nature of God. The Spirit of God gives humans the new birth, and when you are born again of the Spirit of God, you are also born of the nature of God.

The nature of God is holy, which means those who receive the nature of God will be holy also. To be holy means to be sin-free. You can only be sin-free when the nature of God replaces your sinful nature.

Subject: When You Accept The Truth Of The Word Of God, You Will Be Born Again:

When you are born of God, God abides in you and you will abide in God. God will always be with you. You are then born of the Spirit of God. This means

you will take on a new spiritual life. Spiritual things have to do with right or wrong. Prior to the Spirit of God coming into your life, you were led to do wrong because you were controlled by the sinful spirit of the flesh.

When you are born of the Spirit of God, God will produce righteous desires that will be developed in your mind. Your mind will be mingled with God's mind and the two minds will become mutual and united. There will be no conflict between your mind and God's mind. You are now filled with the Holy Spirit, and whatever the will of God is, will become your will. The word of God will be your source of information to lead you through life according to the will of God.

The Spirit of God would have at this point consumed by Holy fire your desires to commit sin. Sin will be repulsive to you. You will desire to live above the sinful practices that you once enjoyed. In order for this process to take place, the truth as it is revealed in the Bible must be accepted by you no matter how impossible it might appear to be.

Subject: What Is The Process Of Regeneration?

When your mind is above sin, your actions will also be above sin. This can only be made possible after you are born again. To be born again is a process of regeneration that takes place by the power of the Holy Spirit. The first generation that you were born in was a generation of sin along with other sinners. When you are born again, the Holy Spirit takes your soul, mind, and nature above the generation of sin to a higher generation of holiness or righteousness. Your mind and your desires will then be above the sinful desires that you had in your first generation.

The second regeneration process upgraded your spiritual status to a level that is acceptable to God. You are then adopted into the family of God by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:15). Your name is now written in the book of life, and you have an inheritance in heaven after your life on earth ends.

When you were born the first time in your sinful generation, you were at that time ordained by God to be born again at an appointed time. When the fullness of time came, God sent His Spirit into your life, and regenerated your carnal nature to a divine nature. This process of regeneration is a renewed work of the Holy Spirit that God commissioned for all who would be saved. Listen to Titus 3:5-6:

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.

Verse 6 - Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Subject: Your Salvation Was Pre-ordered By God:

You can't follow Christ your way; you must follow the way He instructs. Everything that the word of God tells us to do, it also tells us how to do it. The actual obedience of a saved person is activated by the power of God. The saved person is the workmanship of God, who is saved for God's usage, to do a good work for God.

It is not by human strength that a person can live a saved life, but by grace, which is given by the Holy Spirit. Listen to Ephesians 2:8-10:

Verse 8 - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Verse 9 - Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Verse 10 - For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Your salvation was pre-ordered by God. It did not just happen to fall upon you. It was God who set the time for you to be saved.

Subject: Your Conversation Or Behavior Is In Heaven:

God is offering the people of the earth eternal life. Your behavior in this present world must be highly regarded. Such behavior must be disciplined by the Holy Spirit in order to receive eternal life in God's kingdom. Your behavior in this present world is the most important thing in your life. God keeps a record on your behavior, because it will be the determining factor as to whether or not you get eternal life. Every evil and sinful act that a person commits is on record. Every good act and deed that a person commits is also on record.

When you are saved, your conversation or good conduct is recorded in heaven. Listen to Philippians 3:20:

Verse 20 - For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our conversation is our membership in the body of Christ. Our behavior must be the result of our obedience to the gospel of Christ. It must be as it becometh the gospel of Christ. Listen to Philippians 1:27:

Verse 27 - Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

Subject: The Saint:

A saint is a person who has been born again, and has adorned the nature of God. A holy man or woman is a saint. God has always referred to His people as saints. When God saves a person, He fills them with His Holy Spirit. When a person has the Spirit of holiness, they become a saint. God first created man holy. Adam was a holy man until he disobeyed God, and became alienated from the commonwealth of heaven.

All who were begotten of Adam came into the world as sinners, but God arranged in Christ that man who had lost the nature of God might be born again. After man receives the second birth, he is born again. Your first birth is of your parents in the flesh as a sinner, but your second birth is of God in the Spirit. It is the birth of a new mind and holy nature of God. You are saved and a new creature when you are born again, and the sins of your old life will be done away with, and your life will become totally new.

When you become a saint, you will obey what God teaches in His word, because you will have the nature of God. When you are not born again, you won't have the nature of God, and you will be at variance against His word.

CHAPTER VI

**SALVATION:
SPECIAL TOPICS**

Subject: Be Careful How You Celebrate Jesus' Birthday:

We have heard the story picturing the birth of Jesus Christ. Many people in this country celebrate Jesus' birthday in December. We call the day of celebration Christmas. People do many things to celebrate Christmas. Many fail to understand that celebrating Christmas and celebrating Jesus' birthday are different. You can celebrate Christmas by decorating Christmas trees, exchanging gifts, and getting drunk. Such celebrations are not related to Christ's ministry and purpose for coming to the world. Jesus came to the world for one primary purpose and that was to save His people from their sins (St. Matthew 1:21).

When honor is given to a person, it must be given in regard to what the person achieved. You cannot honor a person's achievements by celebrating their birthday with non-related celebrations. Jesus did not come to the earth to teach people how to get drunk. He came to teach how to live free from such worldly ways. When celebrating Jesus' birthday is done by drinking alcoholic beverages, such celebrations are making a mockery of Jesus' purpose for coming to the world.

Subject: The Wisdom Of God Versus Worldly Wisdom:

Whenever a person does something that is a benefit to mankind, it was given to him or her by God to do. Though such a person may think that they are doing a great job, after they are dead, God will perpetuate their deeds by using someone else to continue their deeds.

God is the wisdom of man when his deeds are for the benefit of mankind. The benefits and conveniences that automobiles and airplanes offer today were not put there by the men who invented them, though they were the initial inventors. Other men came along after they passed and added to their inventions.

Henry Ford did not have air condition in his automobile; neither did the Wright Brothers have radar in their airplane. God is the wisdom of man for the benefit of man. The wisdom that comes from God is for the joy and pleasure of man, but the wisdom that comes from the world is for the misery and destruction of man.

Subject: America's Greatness Must Be The Results Of Humility:

America is a great country with a lot of good people living here. America welcomes other ethnic groups to be part of our nation. America must be very careful not to exalt itself above the knowledge of God's word. It is alright to be great, but we must be great with humility. When a nation is humble, God will continue to bless them. To be humble means that we must be under subjection to the teachings of the word of God. When a nation is humble, their greatness will be of God. Unless our nation continues to recognize God as being our leader, we will lose our humility and greatness. When God commanded Nineveh to repent, they accepted the words of warning given by Jonah and they were spared from destruction.

The Bible is the record of how God dealt with men and nations through the ages. It tells what happened to men who followed God's commandments. God does not change His way of doing things so that we can have an accurate assessment of what He will do in the future and present.

Subject: The Powers That Are Ordained For A Nation Are Of God:

World leaders are looking in the wrong directions for peace. They won't find peace at the United Nations' conference tables. The only hope for peace is Jesus Christ and His teaching. When nations of the earth fail to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, they will destroy their nations. There is no power in a nation to acquire peace unless the power of God is in the nation. There is no power, but of God. The powers that exist are of God. When a nation thinks of how big and great they are, they have been deceived, unless they give the glory to God. If God does not bless and exalt a nation, their own discretion will bring them down.

Subject: Money Can Make You Hang Yourself If You Are Conceited:

It is human nature to be wise in your own conceit. Everybody wants to be smart even when they are not smart. When Judas Iscariot started his ministry with Jesus, he desired to carry the moneybag, and to be treasurer for Jesus's ministry.

Judas desired to be the business manager over Jesus' ministry. You will find folk like that in churches today. Many officers and trustees in churches desire to be the brains that run the organizations.

If you want to be saved, you have to find yourself in the scriptures. The people that desire to be the smart ones to run church organizations today are in the Bible. They have the spirit of Judas. Those who have the spirit of conceit like Judas will end up like Judas. They will hang themselves, spiritually speaking, not with a rope, but with conceit.

A conceited person is carnal, and not following the Spirit of God. Such people follow the way of damnation. To be saved, you must acquire the Spirit of humility, and then you can handle the money without hanging yourself. The spirit of humility comes from the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is given to those who are born again. If you don't have the Holy Spirit, you are vulnerable to conceit.

Subject: Judas' Own Thoughts Fooled Him:

When Jesus was ministering to His disciples, He told them that He would be crucified. Some of the disciples did not believe Him. They did not want to believe that the Son of God would be crucified. Peter said, "Be it far from me Lord"; it will never happen. So often, when God sends the people a leader, they feel that some things they must hear, and other things they can let go.

When Judas saw that Jesus was going to be crucified, he told the chief priests and elders to take the money, because it was a curse to him. They told Judas that there was no place in their treasury for that kind of money. So Judas took the bag and threw it at their feet, and went out and hanged himself. Nobody fooled Judas, his own thoughts and covetous spirit along with his conceit fooled him.

CHAPTER VII

TRUE AND FALSE

PREACHERS AND TEACHINGS

TRUE PREACHERS AND TEACHINGS:

Subject: God Gets The Glory Out Of Using A Holy Man:

When God wants to do something for the people of the earth, He does it through a man. When God wants to bless, He uses a man to be the means by which He will bless the people. The man that God uses will be holy. God only uses a holy man to do His work that He might be glorified. God can use a sinner to do things, but He gets no glory out of a sinner. God claims everything that is holy. What God says to a holy man, it is for the holy man to say to the people. A holy man has a holy mouth that speaks holy words, which is God's mouth.

Subject: The Word Of God Is Not From The Mind Of A Man:

When a God sent preacher brings a message to the people, he will make it known to the people before he begins to deliver the message that he is not speaking of himself, and that the message is from God.

The words of a God sent preacher are the words of God. God sends the truth to the people. If folk don't want to hear the truth, they should not listen to a God sent preacher. The truth can be about the secret sins of a person's life, which may not sound too good. If a man is committing adultery, he may not want his pastor to preach about adultery. The truth is not always pleasant when it refers to the secret sins of a person. If a person accepts the truth, it has power to make them free from sin. The word of the Lord is not from the mind of a man.

The Bible is the written word of God. God has a plan, and whenever He speaks, even though it may be a thousand years before the things come to pass, it will be done. God said to John on the Isle of Patmos that one day He will come down to the earth in the person of His Son, and set up a kingdom on earth. When this kingdom is set up, there will be no more crying, pain, dying, sadness, or suffering, and the former things of the earth that brought so much misery shall have passed away. God who created the earth to be a paradise will start a new paradise for those who will obey Him.

Subject: Hear The Prophet And God Will Pity His People:

God always prepares a prophet, or holy man to present His warning to the people. The first time God called Jonah, Jonah tried to go another way. However, God called him the second time, because it was very important that Jonah warn Nineveh of what God would do if they failed to repent. Though Jonah tried to escape his mission, Jonah was the only man prepared by God to do the job. God will never destroy a person or nation unless He first warns them.

God will not send a sinner to warn sinners because it will be for their sins that they will be destroyed, and nobody would believe such a warning coming from another sinner. They will say that such a preacher needs to get his own house in order before he can tell us what to do. Jonah was a holy prophet prepared by God to warn the people of Nineveh that God was going to destroy them unless they repented. So God called Jonah the second time, and told Jonah to go into that city and preach what He bid him to preach.

God always tells the man that He sends what to preach. A prophet of God never preaches knowledge from His own mind; he preaches knowledge from the mind of God. Jonah entered Nineveh and warned them that in forty days Nineveh would be overthrown. The people of Nineveh proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the highest official of the city to the lowest common person.

The word of God came unto the high ranked officials, and the king just as a message would come to the president of our nation today, along with his cabinet members. The people did as the King of Nineveh did and ordered them to do. The King got up from his throne and laid aside his royal garments and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. The King proclaimed a fast and caused it to be published throughout the whole city of Nineveh. The King commanded that neither man nor beast eat anything. The King ordered that man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and that they cry mightily unto the God who sent Jonah to warn them. The King told the people of Nineveh to stop all their evil ways, and turn from the violence that was in their midst. He said who can tell if God will repent and turn away from His fierce anger that we perish not?

God looked down from heaven, and saw their humility in that they turned from their evil ways. God repented of the destruction that He said He would bring upon them and spared the city of Nineveh. If the people do as God commands, then the Lord will be jealous for people and pity His people, and will send them blessings from heaven rather than destruction.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Composes The Church Of God:

A church that God is the administrator over will be composed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will sought out a people, save them, and lead them to assemble as members of the body of Christ. A people cannot create their own church and expect God to be in it. Listen to Isaiah 62:12:

Verse 12 - And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

The Holy Spirit allows the righteousness of God to be the administrator in the Church of God. When the Holy Spirit is not the administrator in a church assembly, the church will have no light. When there is no light, the people will be walking in spiritual darkness stumbling over one another committing sin in their church just like those who are committing sin that are not in a church.

Sin will be commonly practiced among such religious practicals, and they will not be born again, because only the Holy Spirit can give the new birth. The standard of morality will be reduced so low among such worshipers that they will use their assembly as a place to indulge in pleasures of the flesh, and there will be no restraint in their lust for one another.

It is the duty of a church to lift up a light so as to expose sin, and show the people how to escape. The Holy Ghost taught gospel has power to constrain sinners, and set up strong opposition to the works of the devil, when it is preached by a Holy Ghost filled preacher. The results should be that sin is reduced and righteousness is exalted among the members. When this is not the case, it means the church has lost its light.

Subject: God Will Only Communicate To The World By Means Of A Preacher Of Righteousness:

When the influence of the church dies, the world will be at a dangerous level of existence. It is the duty of the church to be an intercessor between the world and God. The church should be an ambassador to represent the world before God. When the spiritual condition of the church is no better than the spiritual condition of the world, then the world will have no mediator to intercede to God.

There were churches and religious leaders during the time of Noah, but Noah was the only righteous preacher, and God communicated to Noah that he might inform the world of what to expect. Listen to II Peter 2:5:

Verse 5 - And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.

Noah being a preacher of righteousness was informed by God on what God had planned. Unless the churches of today are led by preachers of righteousness, they will get no information from God to give to the people. God only works by means of a preacher of righteousness. Listen to Genesis 6:13:

Verse 13 - And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Subject: Prophets Of The Past Will Bear Witness To Prophets Of The Present:

Prophets of the past will bear witness and testify of prophets of the present. The prophet Isaiah prophesied of John the Baptist who was sent by God as a forerunner of Jesus to introduce Jesus' ministry. You will be able to tell of a present day prophet because a description of his ministry will be given by a prophet of the past.

Isaiah prophesied that there would come one in the last days saying prepare you the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. He would be a voice in the wilderness, telling people to go straight. When John came, he stayed in the wilderness of Judea, waiting to conduct the baptism of water for those who repented of their sins. John forecasted the ministry of Jesus who would later come along and baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire.

FALSE PREACHERS AND TEACHINGS

Subject: You Can Only Know God By Knowledge Of His Word:

You can only know God by knowing His word. When you don't have knowledge of what the word of God teaches, you can be exploited by a false preacher. False preachers keep their followers ignorant of what the Bible teaches concerning salvation. False preachers will give very little information from the scriptures.

They may talk a lot about politics and every day events, but they will fail to teach that when you are born again you will not commit sin as the scriptures teach in I John 3:9. The purpose of a false preacher is to acquire a large following that will produce lucrative returns from those who are ignorant of what the scriptures teach about salvation. You can only know God of a truth by knowledge of His word. God backs His word and you can depend on it.

A God sent preacher is anointed by God to present messages from God to the people. His knowledge was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows the needs and minds of the people, so it prepares knowledge for the God sent preacher by means of revelations to give to the people.

The knowledge from a God sent preacher is not given to him from a college, or a religious seminary, it is given by the anointing from God. God reveals the secrets of His word to a God sent preacher by the Spirit of God, which is a great teacher who knows the meaning of the word of God.

Subject: If You Are Saved You Should Be Saved From Sin:

When God saves you, He saves you from sin. When you are saved from sin, you will receive power to stop doing wrong. Anybody who is doing wrong and thinks they are saved has a false religion. Now a false religion can make you feel good in a church singing, shouting, dancing and speaking in tongues, but it won't make you good. You will enjoy all of your religious rituals and remain a sinner, doing wrong.

When you have a false religious teaching, you will have the same problems that folk have who have no religious teaching. A false religious teaching makes religious fools out of people. The true teaching of Jesus Christ takes away your sins, and gives you blessings from God to make your life better.

Subject: Watch For False Religious Teachings:

You have got to believe in somebody, even if it is a fortune-teller. If you haven't been saved according to the teachings of Jesus Christ, you are vulnerable to believe any false way that is presented to you. You have to trust something or somebody. False religious teachings are everywhere. A false religious teaching only influences your way of thinking, it offers no power to assist you with problems of life. When a crisis confronts you in life, a false religious teaching will have no ability to deliver you. False religious teachings only talk to you. They are full of talk and no performance.



CHAPTER VIII

ARE YOU HEAVEN-BOUND?

Subject: Holy Requirements To Be A Citizen Of Heaven:

Heaven will be a holy society. If you have heard of some social clubs where rich folk socialize together, such clubs won't let ordinary working class people join. They very carefully screen the educational, social, and financial background of those who attempt to apply for membership. If any of the itemized listings of the social requirements are not according to their standards, they will reject such applicants.

Getting into the kingdom of heaven is similar. The difference is that you must meet the qualifications to get into the kingdom of heaven while you are on the earth. Even after you meet the qualifications that God requires, God requires that you be tested. Now God has an itemized listing of requirements that you must meet to get into the kingdom of heaven, they are holy requirements because heaven will be a holy society.

In order to meet God's standard of holy requirements, you must first get rid of all carnal or fleshly ways. You must become a righteous person to qualify for the society of heaven. I Corinthians 6:9-10 and Galatians 5:17-21 will give an itemized listing of the requirements to be a part of the holy society in heaven.

Subject: Heirs Of God:

The saved people on the earth today are like children who are heirs of a wealthy person's estate. While they are like children, they are under the authority of the servants of the wealthy person, until the time appointed of their father for them to inherit their positions of wealth (Galatians 4:1-7). Until such time the child will be under tutors and governors.

Spiritually speaking those who are saved and full grown have been adopted into the family of God as children of God to be heirs with Jesus Christ. We are waiting for the time of our appointment to receive our inheritance in the kingdom of God with Christ. Meantime while we live on the earth waiting for our appointment, we are under the authority of those who have possession of the wealth of the earth. We are at this time nothing more or less than servants of the rich and well to do, but the earth is the Lord's; it doesn't belong to those who seem to hold the possessions of it today. It belongs to God our Father. We are at this time unimportant to those who have made themselves gods of this world, and we can do no more than what they allow. They are like servants in a great house having authority over the children who will one day inherit the wealth of their Father. God is teaching us in His word in Psalm 37:7-11:

- Verse 7 - Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
- Verse 8 - Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
- Verse 9 - For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.
- Verse 10 - For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.
- Verse 11 - But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Subject: You Must Have The Mind Of Christ To Follow The Gospel Of Christ:

There is no need to go to a church if you can't stop committing sin. The purpose of a church should be for your salvation. You can go to a ballroom for entertainment. A church assembly where the Holy Spirit is administering will improve your spiritual life. When your spiritual life is improving, you will become more righteous. When you become more righteous, you will acquire a spiritual understanding of what the gospel is teaching you.

The standard that God has set for your salvation is high. God is not going to allow any liquor drinkers, fornicators, or adulterers in heaven. Some may think that Jesus will save them from such practices when He returns. Those who are not saved upon Jesus' return will not return to heaven with Him. You can't reason with God by compromising with your sinful desires. God reasons with you when you repent of your sins. When God sees that you are willing to repent, He will give you a new mind that will further cause you to strive for perfection. Without the mind of Christ, you cannot follow the gospel of Christ.

Subject: The Children Of The Kingdom:

If we are saved, then we are heirs of God. Though we may be working today in the service of wealthy people, we are the rightful heirs of God. We shall one day according to God's word come into possession of all that God has created. The kingdom of God in heaven and on the earth shall be given to the saints. 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.*

St. Matthew 13:38 reads as follows:

Verse 38 - *The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one.*

The government and rulership of this world shall be given to the children of the kingdom. God is now teaching His children how to rule themselves, after which He has promised to give us the possessions of that which He created in the beginning for the holy man and woman.

God created the earth to be a paradise, and to be inhabited by His son Adam. By transgression, Adam fell, but today those of us who are the seed of Adam who have learned to rule ourselves God is going to give us our inheritance. God's purpose is to establish righteousness in His new kingdom on earth as well as in heaven that His children may be under the government and rulership of God in their hearts.

Subject: The Curse Of The Law Will Keep You Out Of Heaven:

In order to get into the kingdom of heaven, you must have knowledge of what is required to get in. If you have not been saved by grace, the law that God gave Moses will keep you out of the kingdom of heaven. The Law of Moses applies to unsaved people. It is never obsolete. Only grace from God through Jesus Christ can remove the condemnation of the law from you. The law is for sinners and unrighteous people. When you are saved, the law does not apply to you, because a saved person is a righteous person (I Timothy 1:8-9).

The law came by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ, who was sent to deliver us from the curse of the law. Adam broke the initial law by eating of the forbidden fruit, and the curse of the law fell on all men (Romans 5:12). The Lord ordained that if one man had broken the law, and brought the sentence of death upon all men, He would raise up a man who would deliver all men from sin and the sentence of death.

When the curse of the law is removed from you, you can obey God, and this will give you access to the kingdom of heaven. Now, don't be misled or confused; you are not going into heaven just because you die. You can only go into heaven when the curse of the law has been removed, allowing your life to be sin-free. If you are still a sinner, the curse of the law is still against you, and this will keep you out of the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: The Final Separation And Judgment Of God Against The Unsaved:

If you are saved, it means that you are living a righteous life. Those that you know who are not saved are living an unrighteous life. When Jesus returns and administers the first resurrection, He will separate the righteous people from the unrighteous who are not saved. This separation process will be permanent. A saved person will never see nor be united with unsaved people, friends or relatives again. After the first resurrection, eternity will begin. The saved people will be taken to heaven, and the unsaved will be left on the earth for another thousand years. The unsaved that are left on the earth will be in a state of continuous misery for this thousand-year period. During this period, there will be no other chance for the unsaved to get saved and be delivered from the state of misery that they were left on the earth to live in. The next event for the unsaved at the end of this thousand-year period will be the judgment of God.

The judgment of God for the unsaved will take place in heaven. God will then send Jesus back to the earth again to execute the judgment for the unsaved. The unsaved will have no chance to exonerate themselves from the judgment that will be served against them. The final punishment for the unsaved will be to suffer forever in a lake of fire and brimstone with the devil and the rebellious angels that followed him (Revelations 20:10-15).

Subject: Endless Peace And Joy Are For The Saved People:

When you are born again you don't have to worry about anything, because all power in heaven and earth is given unto Jesus Christ. When you have Christ in your life, the powers of heaven and earth are behind you. If we live in harmony and peace with each other here, we may establish our right to citizenship in the kingdom of heaven hereafter, but if we live in envy, strife, hate, and spitefully using one another, we are not worthy to be heirs in the kingdom of heaven.

It was because of Christ's willingness to die for our sins that we shall live again. We can live again in heaven if we obey His gospel, or we can live again in hell if we disobey. Though everybody will live again, the saved as well as the unsaved, there will nevertheless be a separation between the saved and the unsaved. This is because God will not allow the righteous to suffer with the wicked after this world ends.

Life in this present world will be the last time the saved will see or have any affiliation with the unsaved. The first resurrection will permanently separate the saved from the unsaved. The saved will be taken to heaven in the first resurrection, and given a total new body and mind. They will experience no more sadness, sorrow, pain, or bad emotions because of the separation from those that they loved who did not get saved. The former sorrows and woes of this present world will never enter their minds, nor be a part of their emotions again.

As the saved people are taken into the kingdom of heaven by Jesus, they will experience the full force of the Holy Spirit giving an abundance of peace and joy unspeakable. This emotional state for the saved people will be everlasting state of mind. The Holy Spirit will upgrade their emotions to a level of endless, joy that will never be disrupted.

Subject: Heirs Of The Kingdom Of Heaven:

To become an heir of the kingdom of heaven your spirit must be in harmony with the constitution of heaven as it was given in the sermons on the mount by Jesus. Jesus gave a clear description of what an heir of the kingdom of heaven should be like (St. Matthew 5th chapter). He started off by teaching that one must be poor in spirit. This means that no proud, boastful spirit will qualify. You must acquire a humble spirit that is willing to be under subjection to the teachings of the word of God.

You won't find any big folk in the kingdom of heaven. There won't be any folk in the kingdom of heaven trying to rule over one another. Folk won't think

that they are better than the other citizens of heaven are because they have more, or know more. Heaven will consist of a habitation of commonwealth. He that is least in the kingdom of heaven will be greater than John the Baptist. Citizens of heaven will be servants of one another, and they must acquire this spirit while they are living in this present world.

The knowledge and experiences that a person acquires in this life must be used that they may be of assistance to those who have less. Saved people in this present world are united in Christ in a single bond of fellowship for the common good of all. When we as saints of God see a brother or sister heavy burdened because of difficult conditions of this life, we must seek to comfort them, and God will see that one day when we have burdens, we will be comforted.

Subject: Are You Ready To Receive Jesus?

Your heart (mind) and manners should be prepared to meet Jesus when He returns. The Holy Spirit will be the means by which you are made ready. It will anoint your spiritual aspects of life that you will be holy and acceptable to God. The Holy Spirit will disrupt your previous conformity to the world and adjust your life to the spiritual qualities that God requires for you to be introduced to God in heaven.

While you are waiting for Jesus, the Holy Spirit will give you personal, professional, and social duties that will not be displeasing to God. Those who are not filled with the Holy Spirit are not born again, and they will be ashamed in presence of the Lord when He returns. Only the Holy Spirit can prepare your conscience by removing the guilt of sin so that you will be glad upon Jesus' appearance. Without this necessary preparation by the Holy Spirit to receive Jesus, many will be rejected upon His return.

Subject: Jesus' Return Will Be Quick:

When Jesus returns, He will catch the unsaved doing every sinful act that they are accustomed to doing prior to His return. The way you live on a daily basis will be the state of conduct that you will be in when Jesus returns. You will not be able to change your way of living upon Jesus' return. The only way that you can prepare to be qualified to receive Jesus is by practicing a life of righteousness on a daily basis with the help of the Holy Spirit; otherwise, you will be caught

unprepared upon His appearance. Jesus' appearance will take place too quickly for a sin practicing person to change their way and be accepted by Jesus. Listen to Revelation 22:7 and 12:

Verse 7 - *Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophesy of this book.*

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

Listen to Revelation 16:15:

Verse 15 - *Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*

Listen to Revelation 22:11:

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.

Subject: If You Are Born Again Your Name Should Be On Record In Heaven:

Your name may be on a church roll that you attend as a member on Sunday, but the roll that you want your name on is in the Lamb's book of life. When you are born again, God has your name written in the book of life, which means it is on record in heaven. When your name is on your local church roll down here, it simply means your name is on record in your church.

Your name can be on record in your local church and not necessarily be on record in heaven. When your name is not on record in heaven it means that you are alienated from the commonwealth of heaven, and are not acknowledged as a citizen of heaven. When God gives you the new birth in Christ, you become his workmanship on the earth, you are made a citizen of heaven, and your name will be recorded in the "book of life". You are then created in Jesus Christ unto good

works, which God has ordained before you were born, but now in Christ Jesus you who are saved are made near unto God by the blood of Christ, and your name is on record in heaven.

Subject: You Cannot Imagine The Joy That Heaven Will Offer:

You cannot imagine the joy and peace that will be in the kingdom of heaven. Heaven will extend spiritual joy to its citizens by the power of the Holy Spirit. It will be a process of continuous joy with peace far beyond human ability to imagine. You will only be able to get into the kingdom of heaven by means of the first resurrection, which will be administered by Jesus Christ. The word of God says blessed and holy is he that hath a part in the first resurrection, for on such, the second death will have no power (Revelation 20:6).

Everybody who has been saved from sin is qualified now to walk with the redeemed of the Lord, and are going to be tried by the devil, but the reward they will get will be worth any conditions they will have to suffer in order to maintain their salvation. The scriptures teach that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, and it has not entered into the imagination of a person what wonderful things God has prepared for those who overcome (I Corinthians 2:9).

Subject: Joy In The Lord Is A Coming Attraction Of The Kingdom Of Heaven:

America is a nation established by God. It is God's chosen land. Just as God established Israel a few thousand years ago, He also has established America for people to be saved in these last days. God established America for every race of people. If a person in a foreign country desires to be saved, God will make a way for the person to come to America. Nobody can keep a person out of America if God sends them here. We as citizens of America may have many purposes, but God established America primarily for one purpose, and that is for people to be saved.

The gospel of Jesus is taught in America because God commissioned the Holy Spirit to send it forth to those who desire to be saved. Along with salvation available for those who desire to be saved, America also has an abundance of natural resources. Many people in America are more interested in prospering

materially than they are in acquiring salvation. No matter who you are in America you can prosper materially, but it is not of much profit to gain the whole world and lose your soul.

Wealth of a nation will not do you much good when your soul goes to hell. Wealth is good when it is controlled by God. If you acquire wealth without God, wealth will motivate you to enjoy sinful pleasures. Today in America, almost everybody is thinking about pleasures that please the flesh or sinful desires. The pleasures of the world are sinful and contrary to God.

There is a pleasure that you can get from the Spirit of God, which is holy and acceptable to God. It is called joy. Joy from the Holy Spirit makes you rejoice in the Lord, and not in sinful pleasures that wealth can provide. Joy in the Lord is different from excitement at a sports event. Joy in the Lord is ignited by the Spirit of God, and the peace of God that will give your mind a coming attraction of the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: A City Called Holy:

A city or country is named after the people that inhabit it. America is called America because Americans inhabit it. There are sections of cities in America where mostly Germans live, and they call it “Germantown”. There are other sections in cities of America where Italians live and they call it “Little Italy”. God is preparing a city that will be called “Holy”, because holy people are going to live there. Holy people are people who live sin-free. Nobody will be able to enter this city that God is preparing unless their lives are sin-free. Some immigrants can get into America illegally without a Visa or approval by the immigration authorities, but nobody will be able to get into this city called holy without God’s approval. They must receive God’s approval while they live in this present world.

The first part of the process of approval will be repentance. They must repent of their sins, and the second part of the process is to be born again. After God approves of the repentance, He will then give the applicant the Holy Spirit, which administers the new birth. The third part of the approval is to be tested and tried to confirm the certification of the applicant who desires to live in this city called holy.

Subject: Stand In The Holy Place:

It is God's plan to redeem repenting sinners. God's plan is to give salvation to sinners, and make them saints. Jesus is coming to redeem man from the curse of sin, and when he would have been redeemed, God plans to give man a glorious body that has been fashioned like His own glorious body, and deliver man from all kinds of suffering. The word of God teaches when you receive this glorious body to look up, because your redemption is drawing near to you to take you to heaven.

If you are born again, you should not be discouraged by things that are happening in the world. You should be like a child whose confidence cannot be shaken in its father or mother who makes promises to the child when the child obeys them. When parents give the children what they promised, the children will think that they are the greatest people on earth.

When you are saved, God's promises to you will surely come to pass if you obey Him. God wants His children to know and understand what He is going to do for them when they obey Him. The redemption of those who obey and trust in God must come. When we see a time of trouble such as the earth is experiencing now, we should understand that this is a sign that our redemption from all sorrow, sadness, and suffering is drawing near. The abomination of desolation, as was prophesied by Daniel is happening now. Listen to St. Matthew 24:15:

Verse 15 - *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*

Listen to St. Luke 21:28:

Verse 28 - *And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*

Subject: You Can't Imagine The Life That God Has Prepared For Those Who Obey Him:

Humans on earth cannot imagine the joy, happiness, peace, and blessedness that the kingdom of heaven will have for those who love God. You don't love God unless you keep His commandments. You have to be given a new mind and body

to receive the joy that the kingdom of heaven will give. The forces of goodness given by the Holy Spirit in heaven will be greater than all of your best dreams.

There are no limitations to what God can do. When God prepares blessings for His children in heaven, there will be no cut-off points in the happiness that He will give his children. One day with the Lord is like a thousand years. A day of celebration and spiritual rejoicing in heaven could last a thousand years. The scriptures teach that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has it entered the heart of man what God has in store for those who love, honor, respect and obey Him.

Subject: Daniel's Prophecy:

Daniel prophesied concerning the fall of Jerusalem when it was the religious capital of the world. Daniel spoke before Jerusalem was established, and said to the people that one day the old sacrifices should be taken away. He also said that in the last days this same city should be compassed about with armies. Later, he began to say that when this time should come, there should be a distress of nations, a time that will be perilous, such as there never was before since there was a nation.

The word of God in the book of Daniel 12:1-3 says:

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.

Subject: The Judgment For The Saved And The Unsaved:

When you are born again, you should be a devout servant of the Lord. Goodness and faithfulness should be the qualities in your life that will bring “well done” from Christ in the days that you will receive your reward. Such a person will be an excellent, and trust worthy servant of the Lord who gives top priority to services for God.

There will be a time for the judgment for the saved, and the unsaved. The saved person will be judged according to their duties while in this present world. Their judgment will be while they presently live and serve God. The unsaved will have a day of judgment after the second resurrection. The unsaved will be judged according to their disobedience, and their rejection of the grace of God that was offered to all men and women while living in this present world.

Afterword

We hope that you have been enlightened by the knowledge and information in this volume of “Saved from Sin”. Jesus is coming soon for people who have repented, living sin-free, and have been born again of the Spirit of God. Will you be ready for Jesus’ return? Is your name written in the Lamb’s fair book of life? The path to salvation has been laid out in this and other volumes of Saved from Sin. It is hoped that you will put forth every effort to follow this path.



