

SAVED FROM SIN

**(FROM THE INSPIRED SERMONS OF
ALONZO F. KILGORE)**



Volume V

©
Copyright, 2012 by
Elder Alonzo F. Kilgore

All rights reserved

SAVED FROM SIN
VOLUME V

CONTENTS

***ABOUT THE AUTHOR* ----- 2**

***FOREWORD* ----- 4**

***INTRODUCTION* ----- 5**

***CHAPTER I: PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST* -----11**

God Works In The Minds Of Men ----- 12

Are You Ready? ----- 12

We Live In Two Bodies ----- 13

Your New Body ----- 14

Deliverance From The Final Destruction ----- 15

***CHAPTER II: THE BONDAGE OF SIN* -----17**

If You Are Not Saved From Sin What Are You Saved From? ----- 18

Jesus Is The Emancipator Of Sin ----- 18

God Is Not Against A Natural Sinner ----- 19

The Sweet Singer Of Israel ----- 20

Whoso Committeth Adultery With A Woman Lacketh Understanding ----- 20

Sin Affects The Mind And Body ----- 21

Your Tongue Will Reveal The Effectiveness
Of Your Religious Teaching ----- 22

It Is Better To Show Christ In Your Life
Than To Talk About Christ ----- 22

Are Your Sins Taking An Occasion With Your Religion -----	23
The Devil Is A Liar And The Father Of Liars -----	24
Don't Be A Hypocrite -----	25
The Cost Of Fornication And Adultery -----	25
Sinner Or Saint -----	26
Wherefore Be Ye Not Unwise But Understanding What The Will Of The Lord Is -----	27
A False Impression -----	28
Jesus Gives Us A New Life In Him When We Crucify The Desires Of The Flesh -----	30
He Came Not To Call The Righteous But Sinners To Repentance -----	30
There's Help For A Sinner -----	31
God Is Closer Than A Friend -----	31
Are You A Means Of Transportation For Sin? -----	32
God Only Honors The Sincerity Of A Person's Repentance -----	32
Why Jesus Ate With Sinners -----	32
Worry Will Lead You To Commit Sin -----	33
Worry Will Make You Do Terrible Things For Relief -----	33
Sin Will Cut Your Life Short -----	34
You Cannot Be Happy Unless You Are Healthy -----	34
God Doesn't Command Anybody To Commit Sin -----	35
I Have Found That I Could Not Be Made A Better Person Living In Sin -----	35
There Are Many Today Who Desire To Live A Sin-Free Life But Are Taught That They Cannot Do It By Satan-Sent Preachers -----	36

Do You Have An Agreement With God? -----	36
Are You Hiding Your Sins? -----	36

CHAPTER III: SALVATION (GENERAL TOPICS) ----- 39

The Process Of Salvation Was Initiated By Jesus' Birth -----	40
Understanding Comes With Knowledge -----	40
Christ Is The Light Of The World -----	41
The Last Gospel -----	42
Do You Know Yourself? -----	43
God's Message Is For You -----	43
Don't Waste Time Having Fun -----	44
Don't Follow A Lie -----	44
Knowledge Is Acquired Through Experience -----	44
God's Holiness -----	45
Watch Flattery -----	45
Don't Let Go -----	46
Be Sin Free When You Worship God -----	46
Let Us Keep The Passover -----	47
Follow Jesus -----	48
Be Careful That You Don't Oppose A Child Of God -----	49
Offenses Must Come -----	49
Heirs To The Kingdom Of Heaven -----	50
The Separation -----	51

Try The Spirit To See Whether It Is Of God -----	52
Life More Abundantly -----	53
You Cannot Be Innovative With God He Only Accepts Obedience -----	54
Be Careful When You Come To God Because Of A Personal Crisis In Your Life -----	54
Thy Will Be Done In Earth As It Is In Heaven -----	55
The World Cannot Receive The Spirit Of Truth -----	57
The New Birth Comes By The Word Of God -----	58
A New Mission Of The Holy Ghost -----	59
You Are Saved By Adoption -----	60
A True Witness -----	61
Let Your Heart Be Opened To Jesus -----	62
Ask God To Pay You A Visit If You Are Born Again -----	63
To Be Born Again Is To Be Conceived Hid And Brought Forth -----	64
When You Receive The Holy Ghost You Will Be A Witness For God -----	65
The Way Of The Cross -----	65
Don't Let The Test Turn You Back -----	66
Who Crucified Christ? -----	67
Who Crucified Jesus: Are You A Supporter Of Those Who Crucified Jesus? -----	68
The Fault Finders -----	69
The Most Likely Alternative To True Salvation Is Hypocrisy -----	69
A Testimony Of Jesus Christ -----	70

What Does It Mean To Deny Christ? -----	71
Let Jesus Have Your Mind And You Will Stay In The Right Spirit Under All Conditions -----	72
The Devil Is A Subtle Tempter -----	74
Temptations Result To The Way Of Death -----	74
Only By The Power Of God Can You Be Delivered From Temptation -----	75
Jesus Makes A Difference And Sin Makes A Mess -----	76
You Must Deny Yourself To Glorify God -----	76
The Peace That Jesus Offered -----	78
Peace Does Not Come By Guns -----	79
You Are Smart When You Can Help The Poor Person -----	79
Your Desires Must Be Reversed To Be Perfect -----	80
Everybody Believes In Something -----	81
God Is Not A God At Hand And Neither Is He Far Off -----	81
The Established Mind, Versus the Traditional Mind -----	83
Without Your Life Being Sin-Free Your Religion Is Vain -----	84
Living Above Sin Develops A Harmony Between Your Mind And God's Spirit -----	84
You Might As Well Get Right With God Because You Are Going To Die -----	85
One Purpose -----	85
Contradictions Must Come -----	87
Your Record Is On High -----	87
The Evidence That You Believe The Gospel Is When You Obey It -----	88

You And Your House Could Find Favor With God
If You Obey ----- 90

If You Obey God His Blessings Will Overtake You ----- 91

CHAPTER IV: SALVATION (SPECIAL TOPICS) ----- 93

Let Me Bring You Up To Speed On Unknown Tongues ----- 94

What Happened On The Day of Pentecost? ----- 95

The Atheist ----- 96

What About Wars? ----- 97

You Have To Be Prepared For Death ----- 98

Death And Suicide ----- 99

There Will Be No Peace In Hell ----- 100

The Loss Of Natural Affections ----- 101

The Purpose Of Marriage And Sex ----- 101

Abortions And Birth Control Methods ----- 102

God Will Not Prevent Your Evil Deeds ----- 104

The Importance Of Baptism By Immersion Under The Water ----- 104

God Originated Baptism ----- 105

A Preacher Who Seeks To Please The People
Cannot Please God ----- 105

CHAPTER V: THE POWER & LOVE OF GOD ----- 107

God Is Almighty ----- 108

Life Is A Gift From God ----- 108

The Love Of God -----	109
More About Divine Love -----	109
God Can Save You From Your Sins -----	110
God's Name Is Holy -----	111

**CHAPTER VI: RECOGNIZING THE TRUE MINISTERS
OF GOD ----- 113**

God Sends Prophets To Warn The People -----	114
A True Minister Of The Gospel -----	114
Your Salvation Is Extended To You By Grace Which Comes By Your Leader -----	117
You Will Know The True Religious Leader By His Fruits -----	118
A True Minister Of The Gospel Is Not An Endorser Of Evil Deeds -----	118

**CHAPTER VII: RECOGNIZING FALSE PREACHERS & FALSE
CHURCHES ----- 119**

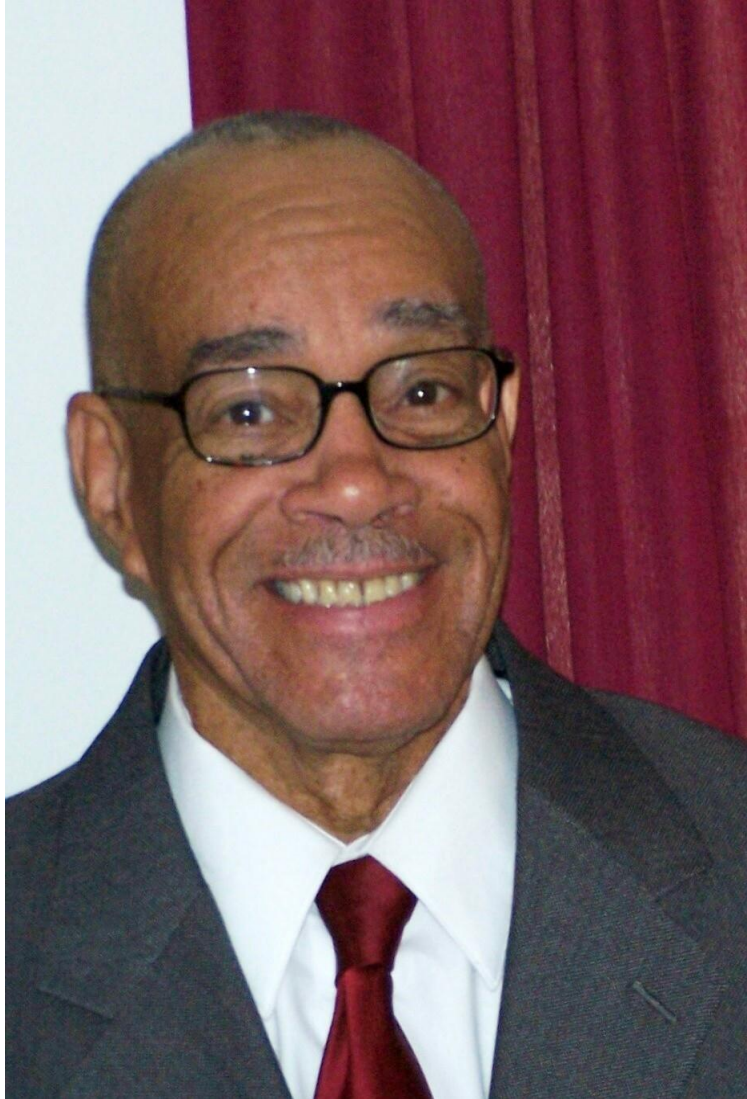
The Gates Of Hell -----	120
False Preachers Are A Sign Of The End -----	120
Who Is Worshiping God? -----	121
Has Your Church Failed You? -----	122
Believe It Or Not Most Of The Christian Society Rejects The Plan Of Salvation -----	122
Is Your Pastor A Dumb Dog? -----	124
You Need The Correct Information To Please God -----	125
Separate But Right -----	126

Why Are There Divisions Among Religious Denominations?	128
Too Many Masters	129

CHAPTER VIII: UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES ----- 131

Be Careful Of What Bible You Read	132
The Scriptures Cannot Be Broken	133
The Word of God Is Not The Words Of Man	133
Take The Sword Of The Spirit	134
God's Word Has Power	135
Watch Science When It Contends With God's Word	135
The Works Of God Versus The Works Of Men	136
God's Word Teaches Things That Appear To Be Impossible For Men	137

AFTERWORD ----- 138



ALONZO F. KILGORE

ABOUT THE AUTHOR – ALONZO F. KILGORE

Alonzo Freeman Kilgore was born on November 29, 1941 in Badin North Carolina. He was the second of three children born to Harold and Tommie Kilgore. Young Alonzo and his family moved to Baltimore Maryland in 1942. Alonzo received a grade school education in the Baltimore County Public Schools. Through the earnest efforts of his parents, Alonzo's educational training continued at the University of Maryland, where he received a degree in Education. In September 1966, Alonzo became employed as an elementary school teacher with the Baltimore City Public School system.

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

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

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

“It happened on a Thursday, the tenth day of March 1977, at about 10:45 p.m. Alonzo was watching one of Billy Graham's revival service programs on television. The sermon topic was “Is Your Name Written on the Lamb's Book of Life?” After listening to this sermon, Alonzo realized that in order for his name to be written on the Lamb's Book of Life, he would have to receive Jesus Christ into his life, and be saved from sin. When the call was made for people to come to Jesus Christ to be saved, Sporty, as Alonzo was called at the time, immediately jumped up from the bed where we were sitting, he went to the television and with outstretched arms accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into his heart. I immediately received the witness in my heart that God had saved my husband and filled him with the Holy Spirit. God had truly performed a miracle right before my eyes. From that night to this day, Alonzo Kilgore has been a changed man. His entire family can witness to the fact that he has truly been born again”

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

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

Elder Alonzo Kilgore is currently Pastor of The Church of God, Gospel of Peace Association, located at 33 Gopa Haven Drive in Brevard, North Carolina. The members of his congregation daily thank God for sending them such a pastor. Both Elder Kilgore and his wife, Annette Kilgore are dedicated to helping and serving others and ministering the word of God, that others may receive the light of Christ and be “saved from sin”.

Contact Information:

*The Church of God - Gospel of Peace Association
33 Gopa Haven Drive - Brevard, NC 28712
PO Box 1346 - Pisgah Forest, NC 28768
828-884-5323 or 828-507-1388 (cell)*

*Email: thechurchofgodgopa@hotmail.com
Website: thecoggopa.org*

Foreword

We've come to Volume V of "Saved from Sin", and Elder Kilgore continues to guide his readers through the gospel and the process of salvation, as taught in the scriptures (The Original King James Version of the Bible). In this volume, he expounds upon the principles of salvation and the scriptures in simplicity as the Spirit of God leads him, relating his personal experiences with salvation.

Elder Kilgore's earnest desire is that as you read in this volume, you will experience a spark of interest and desire to be "saved from sin". The process and guidelines for true salvation are outlined in this and previous volumes of his books.



INTRODUCTION

From Time To Eternity:

God is a reality. If your repentance is sincere, you will experience the reality of God in your life. You must give God your complete heart, soul, or mind and he will come into your life and work with you. God promises you everlasting life in his kingdom if you commit your life to being his servant while you are on the earth. You are presently living in time, when Jesus returns, time will be no more, and eternity will begin. Now make no mistake about your existence, eternity just begins for you after you die, or when Jesus returns if you are still living. Your physical flesh and blood body will only live in time; at the end of your allotted time, eternity will begin. Your soul or mind was designed by God to live in eternity in a new body.

If you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, what I am teaching may sound a little strange. The public schools of America can teach you about the events of time, but only the Holy Spirit can teach you about the things of eternity. Eternity is a spiritual existence. Only the spiritual part of your existence can live in eternity; that is why God made human beings in two parts. There is a spiritual body and a natural body. Your natural body, made up of flesh and blood, was designed by God to live in time, but your spiritual body, which is your mind (soul), is designed to live forever in eternity, whether you are saved or not saved.

If you are not saved when you die, you will be given a new body that will live in eternity to be tormented forever, living in a state of misery. If you are saved, when you die, you will be given a new body to live in heaven with God throughout eternity.

Everybody Will Live Again:

What I am preaching may not be in line with what most preachers are teaching today. Please don't worry about what I am teaching if you believe that I don't know what I am talking about. However, listen to me if you want to consider what I'm saying. Just as sure as you have begun to live, your life on earth will end by either death or when Jesus returns. Now we know about all the things that we have learned since we have been living on the earth, and sometimes this knowledge makes us conceited or over confident in ourselves. Trust me, nobody knows about death or what to expect at the end of his or her life in this present world except Jesus. Everything that you have learned since you were first born had to be taught

to you by somebody who was already here. So is it also with the existence called eternity. You can only know about it after you have been taught by somebody who has experienced living in eternity, and that is Jesus.

The knowledge of eternity was put on record in the Bible for our learning. When a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, this knowledge can be activated into their way of thinking. The word of God teaches that after this life on earth ends, our bodies will go back to the dust, and our minds or souls will live on, entering into eternity. The Lord, who gave you the life that you presently possess, has given you the promise that if you walk in his statutes and keep his commandments, though you die, you shall live again, and receive everlasting life. (St. John 3:16). Now some people don't believe this. Many think that all there is to life is to be born, to eat, to drink and to die. However, just as sure as they doubt God, they will never enjoy eternal life; however, they will live again. They will live with the damned, with those that they associate with now that doubt God.

Let's Talk About Nicodemus:

Nicodemus was a Pharisee who had the rank of a ruler of the Jews during Jesus' day. The Pharisees were among the upper most religious sects of that day. The educational background of the Pharisees was based upon the law that Moses taught. Many of the Pharisees had exploited the teachings of Moses using it completely out of context of the way that Moses had initially presented it to the nation of Israel. The Pharisees had tried to modify the teachings of Moses to accommodate their personal ambitions; this resulted to their religion being self-righteous.

None of the Jewish people of their day could challenge the Pharisees' interpretation of the Law of Moses, because they had established themselves as being experts on the teachings of the Law. It is a dangerous thing to trust a secular religious leader of today to present an accurate teaching of salvation in Jesus Christ. Every Christian today should search the scriptures in The Original King James Version of the Bible and carefully compare the knowledge of the scriptures with what their religious leaders are teaching.

Nicodemus was very sincere about being saved. Nicodemus knew that the hypocrisy and inaccuracy of the way the Jews were following the Law of Moses was not compatible, nor in line with the way that Jesus was teaching. Nicodemus knew that the Jewish leaders of his day could do very little to help the common people with their problems, so he had very carefully listened to Jesus' teaching,

and observed Jesus' works, which by far exceeded the religious works of the religious sects of that day.

Nicodemus being a very honest and sensible person thought it would be wise to inquire of Jesus about his ministry. Nicodemus' concern was about how Jesus could do such miracles for the people, and yet be the son of a carpenter, and not be affiliated with the religious sects of that day, such as the Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, Essenes, or the Zealots. Therefore, Nicodemus went to Jesus one night to inquire. When Nicodemus presented his inquiry to Jesus, he was taken on a spiritual trip into the unsearchable knowledge of God that no human had ever experienced. Nicodemus' mind was taken out of the physical world that his body lived in into the spiritual heaven of God.

Jesus presented Nicodemus with a very precise and simplified lesson about what was required to get into the kingdom of heaven. Nicodemus' knowledge of God that was based completely upon what Moses taught could only give him an understanding of physical things of this world. This left Nicodemus with very little foundation concerning spiritual things that Jesus was teaching. Therefore, Jesus simplified the knowledge concerning the kingdom of heaven using the birth of the physical person, comparing it with the birth of the new spiritual mind.

Jesus proceeded to teach Nicodemus that your physical body is born of flesh, and when you are born of the flesh, you will have the tendency to live according to the nature of the flesh, which Nicodemus understood. Nicodemus understood that the nature of the flesh was sinful, because human beings had inherited the sinful, fleshly nature from Adam, and that was why God sent Moses to teach how not to follow the fleshly, or sinful nature that humans inherited from Adam. Nicodemus understood that this could be done in part by obeying the teachings of the Law of Moses, and then provisions were made in the Law for the Jews to make sacrifices for the part that the Jews could not obey in the Law. This is what Nicodemus understood about the flesh, but the spiritual birth is what Nicodemus needed help with.

Therefore, Jesus is teaching Nicodemus that the fleshly nature is what you are born with, and it is nevertheless not good enough to get you into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus further teaches Nicodemus that what Moses has already taught is a good start, but in addition to that, I am bringing you knowledge that will give you a spiritual birth that will completely qualify you to get into the kingdom of heaven. My teaching will change the very substance of your fleshly or sinful nature into a spiritual or righteous nature, qualifying you to be a candidate for the kingdom of heaven.

How Shall We Escape If We Neglect Jesus' Offer?

No matter what you know, if you don't know the truth about your existence you are being misled through life. Only one source of information is available that teaches us the truth about our existence; and that is the Bible. All other sources of information that have been written or composed are written for gain to glamorize, or to glorify the person who wrote it. The Bible does not glorify man; it teaches us how to escape the entrapment in which we were born. To be born in sin means you exist in an entrapment and unless you follow the instructions given in the Bible, you cannot escape. Listen to Hebrews 2:3:

Verse 3 - How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

God offers salvation from the condition that we are in because of one man's disobedience, and the nature that we inherited to disobey God. If we neglect the plan that God has set up for us to be delivered, we shall not escape.

The grace of God brings salvation that is available to all men; it is available for the rich, poor, black, white, or brown. Now grace teaches us to deny ungodly ways of living, and gives us the ability to live righteously in this present world (Titus 2:11-12). We must escape from the way we were born and desire to live, and the grace of God gives us the ability to be delivered from our carnal nature. We were cursed by Satan through Adam by means of the way we desire to live.

God gives us this grace because of his love for the world, not because we deserve it. Humans that are born in sin deserve to go to hell, because that is the penalty for being a sinner. God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to pay the price for our sins. All we have to do is to believe in His teachings, and Jesus in turn will give us power to take away our desires to commit sin, giving us the Holy Spirit to keep sinful desires from coming back into our lives. God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world; the world was already condemned. However, He sent Jesus that the world might receive knowledge of what to do to be saved from eternal death, if we continued living sin.

It Takes Time To Learn To Live Holy:

There are many ungodly qualities that you must get rid of when you become saved, and you will not be able to get rid of them overnight. You will need a

knowledgeable religious leader to teach you. God's counsel is a necessity when you are trying to be saved. You must find the people of God, and be under the instructions and influence of the Holy Spirit when you start out with God, otherwise, the devil will use your besetting sin to set you back. However, don't give up if this happens. God will help you according to the intent of your heart.

As a beginner, you must read and listen to the gospel on a regular basis, and it will moderate you and help to establish, settle, and make you perfect over the faults you once had. The best way to start out being separate from sin is to be separate from sinners socially and not worship with them.

It is our job in The Church of God to try to get people to see that they can live above sin. We take them into the church on a trial status and watch over them, if they will sit in The Church of God and learn that every sin can be washed out of their lives by the power of God. We admonish them to be careful once they attempt to get out of sin, and not let the world, their unsaved relatives, former friends, and church members drive them back into sin. You can only maintain salvation by living above sin.

You Must Not Be A Part Of This Present Wicked World In A Spiritual Or Social Way If You Want To Be Saved:

God cannot let mankind continue to go on in the wicked condition it is in today. God is holy and he will not continue to support, and provide for an unholy world. There are wars and rumors of wars, and nations are against nations. America is supposed to be the Christian capitol of the world, and there is more crime and corruption in America than there is anywhere else.

The plan of God is ready to be implemented. He is going to destroy this wicked world and recreate a new heaven and new earth wherein will dwell nothing but righteousness and holiness. Any person who puts forth an effort to obey God can be a part of it, but such people must separate from the evil things of this present wicked world. You must prove that you want to be a part of God's new heaven and earth by rejecting the sinful deeds, activities, programs, and churches of this present world. To be in a dirty church is just as bad as being in a beer garden.

If you do what God commands you to do, he will take care of you. God wants to raise up a people in this present world who can be a light and guide for others to follow. You can be this example if you are willing to deny yourself, obey God, and suffer a little. You must be willing to obey God in the face of opposition and he will be with you. To follow this course of salvation is to qualify you to be a

part of the people that God is going to allow to enjoy this new paradise. Disobedience brought Adam out of the first paradise, and obedience can get you back into paradise. The new birth of Christ in you will make it possible for you to live in a new environment with nothing but holy and righteous people forever.

CHAPTER I

PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST

Subject: God Works In The Minds Of Men:

When God wants something done or said, he works in the minds of men to accomplish that which he desires to be done. If God wanted to answer a question for the world to know the answer, he would cause the question to arise in the mind of an individual prior to the time that the people would need to know the answer.

During Jesus' day, God put a question in the minds of the disciples to ask Jesus what shall be the signs of his second coming and the end of the world (St. Matthew 24:3). This was done so that those of us who would come along later would learn the answer. So the disciples asked Jesus, "What shall be the sign of thy coming"? Jesus said at that time there shall be great distress on the earth, but those who trust and obey his gospel shall be delivered (St. Matthew 24:4-14). Jesus further taught that, "*Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ*", or a preacher sent by God. Everybody will want to preach or be a religious leader.

Jesus said there would be wars and rumors of wars, and that all these things must come to pass; nation shall rise against nation, and there will be pestilences and famines. Men's hearts will be failing because of fear of the things that are coming upon the earth; Jesus said that these things would be the beginning of sorrows. Jesus further taught that many false preachers shall arise and deceive many, because sin will have preeminence in the churches that they pastor, and the love of people of the earth will wax cold for one another. Jesus admonished his disciples to stand in the holy place in order for them to be safe. That means to continue in obedience to His gospel. The holy place is the righteousness of God, to stay in the righteousness of God, and not some church building.

Subject: Are You Ready?

To be ready for Jesus, you must live each day peacefully with your fellowman. Start with your spouse at home. You don't want to be caught without the Spirit of God controlling your life. The fruit of the Holy Spirit must be activated. One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is peace. Now, not everybody will be at peace with you, but you can be at peace with them.

Are you ready for Jesus? Life is serious business when you are trying to be saved. Jesus is going to take the saved people from the earth in a split second, as quickly as you can blink your eye. You won't have time to apologize and make peace if you are not already at peace. Now you have to keep your baggage packed. It will not be a pleasant sight for those who are not ready when Jesus returns.

God's warning in his word is true and accurate. He admonishes us to "be ye also ready", for you know not the day or hour when Jesus will appear.

The best way to be ready is to practice living according to God's word everyday. There are those who think it is okay to be nice when they go to church on Sunday. Some people are very kind and peaceful about Christmas time. This is not good enough. You need the Holy Spirit to help you to be good everyday. Your kindness and love for your fellowman should be a continuous spirit of love in your life. This can only be made possible by the Holy Spirit being in your life. Now remember, the Holy Spirit is going to change your body, and take you on a flight to meet Jesus. So then, it will be a good thing to let the Holy Spirit be in your life and to control it.

Subject: We Live In Two Bodies:

We exist in two bodies, a spiritual body, and a natural body. Our natural body was given to us by our mother and father, but our spiritual body was given by God. Our spiritual body comes from God of the heavens, and our natural body is of the earth. Our natural body is temporal, and it will only last for a limited life on earth, but our spiritual body is permanent and is made to last forever. When our natural body dies, it will go back to the earth from whence it came, but our spiritual body will be looking for an eternal home because it is eternal. Our spiritual body is our mind, that can think, love, hate or be compassionate.

Jesus wants to save our spiritual body while we are living on the earth, so that later we can be given a new physical body to go into eternity with our spiritual body. If you are saved, Jesus will give you a celestial body to go to heaven with your spiritual body. A celestial body is designed by God to be compatible with our minds or spiritual body to live in heaven (I Corinthians 15:40). A flesh and blood body cannot live in the kingdom of heaven because it is corruptible. However, a celestial body can live in God's kingdom forever (I Corinthians 15:50). A celestial body is physical, like Jesus had after the resurrection, but it does not live by blood. A celestial body lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Your New Body:

If you are counted worthy by God to be a child of the first resurrection, the life source that you have in your present body will be nothing like the life source that you will be given in the first resurrection. Listen to St. Luke 20:35-36:

Verse 35 - But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

Verse 36 - Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

If you are worthy to be a child of the resurrection, your body and life source will be nothing like the body that you are presently living in.

Some may wonder how the dead will be raised or the living changed upon Jesus' return. Your new body will be a body made of the substance of the heavens, just as your present body is made of the earth. Only heavenly substances will be able to live in an eternal environment such as the heavens are. A heavenly body is a celestial body. A celestial body is made to the glory of God. Your new body in heaven will be made incorruptible to glorify God throughout eternity. Celestial substances are permanent and not subject to age, fatigue, pain, or death. Under such conditions, God will be glorified by the very existence of his children throughout eternity. God will be honored by the children of the resurrection just as children today honor their parents. Listen to I Corinthians 15:42-44:

Verse 42 - So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

Verse 43 - It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

Verse 44 - It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Subject: Deliverance From The Final Destruction:

The book of life has in it the names of everybody who has been born again. When you are born again, your name is taken out of the book of the condemned, and placed in the book of life. In the last days before the world receives its final destruction, the angel Michael will stand up for those who are written in the book of life. Michael is the angel that was commissioned by God to kick Satan out of heaven. Michael is a great warrior who cannot be defeated by the forces of evil. It does not matter how fierce the forces of evil are, everybody who obeys God will experience a peaceful deliverance from the final destruction.



CHAPTER II

THE BONDAGE OF SIN

Subject: If You Are Not Saved From Sin What Are You Saved From?

Now listen to this scripture in Titus 2:11-12:

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.

The Bible teaches specifically that Christ died to save us from sin, first while we live in this present world. If you are not saved from sin while you live in this present world, you will not be saved when you leave this world.

The purpose of Christ's death would be completely defeated if those who have been saved are still in their sins. What would you be saved from? The sensible understanding of being saved means that you have to be saved from something that is harmful. Sin is the most harmful thing in all existence because sin brings death. If it were not for sin, we could live forever right here on earth, and Adam and Eve would still be living.

Subject: Jesus Is The Emancipator Of Sin:

Jesus is the emancipator of sin. Human beings that are born as natural sinners are born in human bondage. Sin is not fun and games; it is serious business. There is no help to escape the bondage of sin except in Jesus Christ, because God sent Jesus to be the emancipator of sin just as Abraham Lincoln was the emancipator of slavery. To be in bondage of something means to be helpless to set yourself free. It is very important to repent of your sin, but this is merely a message to God that you want total deliverance from sin, and this will require that Jesus give you repentance from heaven. Listen to II Timothy 2:24-26:

Verse 24 - And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

Verse 25 - In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

Verse 26 - And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Unless God grants us repentance from heaven, though we may repent of sins that we know about, we will still be captives in bondage of our sins.

Subject: God Is Not Against A Natural Sinner:

God is not against a natural sinner. We are born as natural sinners because of Adams disobedience. God wants to help natural sinners to become sin free. God has the power to make natural sinners sin free because he has more power than Adam possessed. If Adam could make us sinners, God can set us free from sin, because he made Adam, but Adam made himself a sinner.

If you don't believe that God can make you free from sin, the curse of Adam is no longer on Adam, it is on you. When you don't believe that God can make you free from sin, you are a sinner by your own choice, which means the penalty of sin is on you. When you are a sinner by your own choice, it is because you enjoy a life of sin. This kind of attitude towards sin is appalling to God, and he will not save such a person. It is foolish to take pleasure in a life of sin, because it will not last. If you are sin free, your sin free life will last forever. To be sin free gives you everlasting life. If your life ends as a sinner, you will receive everlasting torment, being separated from the joyous life that God wants to offer you.

It will be God's good pleasure to give all who want to be saved from sin a joyous life in heaven, and later an inheritance of the new earth. Many religious denominations have attempted to create organizations that will tolerate or permit sinful practices. The Scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day tried to do the same thing with Moses' Law in spite of the teaching that Jesus offered. These religious leaders wanted to continue with the practice of making sacrifices for sins, so that they could continue to enjoy the pleasures of sin. Jesus taught that God was sending a final sacrifice for sin, so that all who received him could go and sin no more. However, it was more convenient for the Scribes and Pharisees to offer sacrifices for their sins, and continue to commit sin.

Many religious leaders today believe that they can accept Christ's sacrifice for sin, and continue to commit sin, because it is an ongoing sacrifice. This is an erroneous religious principle because the sacrifice that Jesus made carries power to remove the desires to commit sin if we truly receive Christ. When we truly receive Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit comes into our lives and burns up our sinful

nature, thereby leaving us sin free. Such a person would then have been baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire (St. Matthew 3:11).

Subject: The Sweet Singer Of Israel:

You do not become saved by going to church moaning and groaning, and praying. A sinner won't get anywhere praying. A sinner's first move towards being saved is to repent, and from repentance, obey the instructions that God's word gives. God will then show you how to construct a new life comparing your old sinful life with the righteous ways of living. You will be able to see how the elimination of sin will allow righteousness to make your life so much better.

Until a man is born again, and delivered from the conditions in which he was conceived, he cannot live right. David committed an awful sin. He murdered a man and took his wife, and he thought he had hidden his sins from God. You can only make up your mind that you will never do it again, and God can see your repenting mind as well as the things you have done. If your repenting heart is sincere, God will cast your sins into a sea of forgetfulness. After which, God will not see you as a sinner, but a saint. In addition, He will give you His Spirit to help you remain sin free.

When David repented, God forgave him and restored his soul. Then he became the Sweet Singer of Israel. David used his sinful experiences to write the Book of Psalms to reveal the deep mysterious truths of God's great plan of redemption. David pleaded with God to give him a clean heart, and the right spirit, and God gave it to him. David had experienced the shame, and condemnation of being born in sin and shaped in iniquity. David later expressed his gratitude to God for saving him by dedicating the remainder of his life to serving God.

Subject: Whoso Committeth Adultery With A Woman Lacketh Understanding (Proverbs 6:32):

A man that commits adultery does it because he lacks understanding of what the act does to his personal life. Most men will try to conceal the act of adultery from their spouses, but the commandment that teaches, "Thou shalt not commit adultery", did not come from their spouses, it came from God. You can't hide your sins from God, because God sees everything. When God gave this commandment, he didn't give it for his benefit, but it is for the benefit of the

people. Adultery is a sin that you can commit and you won't always know what the results will be.

Adultery initially appears to be an adventurous sexual pleasure. When God perceives that a person is going to commit adultery, he also sees what the results will be. God can see the ending of an event before it starts. Therefore, God gives the commandment to help us in a situation that we don't know about. Now the adulterer perceives the pleasure and excitement of the so-called new love affair, but, God can see the divorce, separation, children scattered, attorney fees, loss of home, and sometimes those involved can be killed. Proverbs 6:32 teaches, "But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul".

Subject: Sin Affects The Mind And Body:

Sin is a disease that affects the mind and in turn impairs the body. If you would allow God to remove the desire to commit sin from your mind, your body would be healthier, and you would be happier. To be holy means to be free from sin, which means you would be healthier and happier. Sin destroys the nervous system, and causes many medical problems in the body. It is a sin to drink alcoholic beverages and to use tobacco products. Those who do so have more sicknesses than those who don't use such products, ask your doctor. Sin also makes you worry more than people who don't commit sin. When you commit sin, you will worry about every little problem in life for which you don't have a solution.

When you repent of your sins, you can give your problems to God, and he will solve them. God will also heal your body when you repent of your sins. Many sicknesses will leave your body after you repent simply because you would have changed your way of living from sinful habits to righteousness. The word of God that I am teaching can be like a tonic for your mind and body, if you would read it and obey it. It is necessary that you slowdown from your daily duties and take a tonic, or read the word of God. Along with your tonic, learn to sing spiritual songs, and they will bring you relief from the things that worry you and make you sick.

The success of Black Americans enduring slavery was in the songs that they sang. On many occasions, they sang songs while they worked because it brought relief. If you sing songs that are relevant to your conditions, the power of God will come down by means of the Holy Spirit and give you relief. Make sure you have repented of your sins, and get an iPod or CD and load it with spiritual music, such

as what the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir sings and the Spirit of God will come down through their music and bring you relief. The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir has been commissioned by God to bring spiritual music to the world that people might receive spiritual uplifting and encouragement by means of their music. Musicians in The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir were recruited by God for this purpose. So sing spiritual songs along with this choir and you will feel better.

Subject: Your Tongue Will Reveal The Effectiveness Of Your Religious Teaching:

The way you talk to folk is a good indication of whether or not your religious teaching is effective. When your religious teaching is not good, it won't leave you any better. A vain religious teaching is one that will not help a person to control his or her tongue. Your tongue can be an unruly evil member of your body, and only the power of God can control it. You may not know it, but only the Holy Spirit can control your tongue. Let somebody say something to you that really makes you angry, and you may say words back to the person that you never knew were in your vocabulary. Listen to these scriptures in James 3:6-8:

Verse 6 - And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

Verse 7 - For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

Verse 8 - But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Subject: It Is Better To Show Christ In Your Life Than To Talk About Christ:

It is not a good thing to do a lot of talking about God unless you can back it up with action. You can't help people to learn about God unless they can see in

your life what they hear coming out of your mouth. The scriptures teach to love your enemies, now you can quote this scripture as much as you like, but when somebody threatens you and you threaten them back, then your talk was in vain, and so is your religion. If you want to show Christ in your life rather than to talk about Christ, you would not threaten someone back, but you would pray for the person (I Peter 2:23). To show Christ, whenever you are reviled, you will revile not again.

Subject: Are Your Sins Taking An Occasion With Your Religion:

If your religious teaching is in harmony with your sinful desires, then sin is taking an occasion with your religious teaching. The most dangerous spiritual teaching that you can follow is a teaching that will approve of your sinful practices. When sin takes an occasion with your religious teaching, it will deceive you. Such a religious teaching will allow all manner of concupiscence or sinful pleasures in your life, such as, having a wife and other women at the same time. Listen to Romans 7:8-10:

Verse 8 - But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.

The knowledge of the word of God given in the law awakened the works of sin in our lives. However, if we allow sin to be in harmony with the word of God, it will kill us.

Verse 9 - For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

If you are living without the knowledge of the word of God, sin is a sleeper in your life, killing you and you don't know about it.

Verse 10 - And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

Subject: The Devil Is A Liar And The Father Of Liars:

When a preacher is preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, he must be preaching principles of righteousness to his listeners that have worked in his personal life. If the Holy Ghost has saved him from sin, and sent him to preach the gospel, then what he is preaching should be able to activate the righteousness of Christ in the lives of his listeners, if they have a mind to obey the gospel. If the listeners follow and obey a Holy Ghost sent preacher, they will acquire an understanding of what is required to be saved. A Holy Ghost sent preacher will preach the truth.

Now you must understand that the human nature is under the curse of Adam. Such a curse keeps the human race under the influence of deceitful and false information concerning human existence. We were born under the influence of a lie. Listen to Genesis 3:4-5:

Verse 4 - And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Verse 5 - For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Now that was a lie that started the human race. Such a lie brought the human race under the power and influence of the devil. Only in Jesus Christ can we be delivered from the deceitfulness of lies.

Today lies are being told in every walk of life. We use contracts, take oaths, swear on the Bible, and we break many of our covenants and agreements, because we are overpowered by what appears to be advantages that are lies. This is not totally our fault; we were brought under the power of the prince of darkness, who is the devil, by means of the first woman that he was able to deceive with a lie. Now this is why the Bible teaches that grace and truth came by Jesus Christ to deliver us from a world of deceitful lies. Listen to St. John 1:17:

Verse 17 - For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Only the true teachings of Jesus Christ can set us free from a world of sin and lies. Listen to St. John 8:32:

Verse 32 - And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Subject: Don't Be A Hypocrite:

Don't be a hypocrite. The worst spiritual condition that a person can possess is the spirit of a hypocrite. A hypocrite is a reprobate. That means such a person has been abandoned by God. Under no conditions will God save a hypocrite. A hypocrite's hope for being saved will perish. A hypocrite is a sham or pretense of a saved person. Such a religious practical is religiously artificial. A hypocrite is counterfeit or a religious fake.

It is not advisable to worship in a church with hypocrites, because their spirits are contagious. If you have a close associate that is a hypocrite, you should love them, but ignore them when they talk about religion. Anybody who has a testimony of Christ, whether he or she is a preacher, deacon, trustee or vocalist in the church, is a hypocrite if they are not saved from the practice of sin, yet testify that they are saved.

Subject: The Cost Of Fornication And Adultery:

Most people of the earth are not going to repent of all their sins and are not going to be saved. There are personal sins that people will continue to carry in their lives, and not stop committing. However, if a percentage of the people in our society would stop committing fornication and adultery, it will have a significant impact on the social condition of our society in a positive way. Such repentance of fornication and adultery will also affect the economic conditions of our society.

Having sex out of wedlock is producing a generation of young people who are born out of wedlock. When children are born out of wedlock, it is very costly to the nation's welfare system and law enforcement. Children who grow up in foster care or broken homes are not taught good social values nor are they properly disciplined. This results to crime and delinquency, which require more prisons, social, and welfare services. Such services require more tax revenues to local and federal governments. This generation of children will often not be productive citizens, helping to produce more tax revenues, but simply receiving benefits. Many will later enter society receiving more welfare benefits, that initially supported them and not producing taxes or services for the future of our society.

The moral conduct of our society is the responsibility of churches and religious leaders. If religious leaders fail to teach people against committing fornication and adultery, people will be very comfortable producing future generations of illegitimate children that will slowly be the downfall of the moral fiber of our nation. This will result in an economic and social down grade of our society.

Subject: Sinner Or Saint:

God takes sinners and makes saints out of them. God doesn't make people anything in between a saint or sinner; you will have to be one or the other as far as God is concerned. A hypocrite can be a religious sinner or a Christian sinner; nevertheless, neither is truly saved. God's desire is that every religious or non-religious person becomes a saint, that is, hot or cold (saved or unsaved). If a person is a sinner, God can deal with them if they are willing to repent. If they are lukewarm, that is, neither hot nor cold, then God will reject such a person. Revelations 3:15-16 reads as follows:

Verse 15 - *I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot : I would thou wert cold or hot.*

Verse 16 - *So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

A saint is a holy person, which means to be saved from the practice of sin. Many Christians and religious people are not saved from sin. God does not accept a person in any other religious category. Many religious people have been overtaken by the spirit of hypocrisy, which means to pretend that they are saved, but in reality, such a person is a religious sham or false. To be a hypocrite is to compromise or tolerate sin in your life, rather than to put forth an effort to correct your sins. Jesus strongly rebuked such religious persons. Jesus said that such religious persons are not only headed for damnation themselves, but are shutting up the kingdom of heaven for others. St. Matthew 23:13 reads as follows:

Verse 13 - *But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.*

If a person has repented of their sins and is trying to obey God, and for some reason or another allows a hypocrite to interfere with them, the hypocrite can stop a person who would normally enter the kingdom of heaven from making it in, if they continue in the relationship. A hypocrite is probably the most dangerous religious personnel in society. No doubt, the average person who belongs to an organized secular church is a hypocrite. Any religious experience short of true salvation leaves a person in the category of hypocrisy.

Subject: Wherefore Be Ye Not Unwise But Understanding What The Will Of The Lord Is! (Ephesians 5:17)

When you are commanded by someone not to bother a thing, it is because something is in that thing beyond your ability to manage or control. When a person disobeys what they were commanded not to do, then the results of disobedience gives them a better understanding of why they were commanded not to touch, or bother that which they were instructed not to. However, on many occasions a better understanding acquired through disobedience carries grave consequences. One might wish that he or she had never learned the results that were brought about through disobedience.

When Adam disobeyed God and ate the fruit, his understanding became keen and he realized what was good and what was evil. His conscience was quickened (revived). Adam learned about good and evil, and he understood what a serious matter it was. Prior to Adam's disobedience, he failed to understand what the will of God was. God's will was for Adam not to learn about good and evil. That is because God knew that Adam would not be able to manage evil.

When God gives us commandments such as, thou should not steal, commit adultery, murder, or bear false witness against our neighbor, and we fail to obey these commandments, the result can be more than we are able to manage or control. Because of disobedience, we understand the miserable consequences of sin; but we are stuck with the penalty. It is better to understand the will of God than to understand the results of disobedience. Men in prison today understand the results and penalties for committing crimes, but they failed to understand the will of God.

If Adam had understood the will of God, he would have obeyed God. God's message to Adam was that the penalty for disobedience is worse than not understanding the substance of disobedience. Adam would have been better off to obey God than to have learned what was involved in disobedience, and so would

many prison inmates agree to the same. In the book of Genesis 3:7, it reads as follows:

Verse 7 - And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

The opening of Adam and Eve's eyes meant that their understanding had been enlightened; before this, they were as innocent as children are. They had no realization of their nakedness. All evil things manifest themselves when you step aside from God. They awaited their usual visit with God in the cool of the evening, not knowing what they would do this time. A change had come over them, and for the first time they were ashamed to meet God face to face. They had a guilty knowledge, and the guilty cannot face God. As a result, they made aprons of fig leaves to hide their guilt. At the usual time that they would have normally met God, they were not there; as a result, God had to call for them in Genesis 3:9:

Verse 9 - And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

It is most unfortunate to be out of place when God comes. He tells us to stand in the holy place until he comes. Obedience to His word is the holy place. It is better to stay away from things that would make us ashamed to face God. Sin makes us ashamed to face God. We are presently living in the cool of the day; we can look for God at any time now.

Subject: A False Impression:

The problem with many church people today is that they try to impress their brothers and sisters that they are saved. You don't have to impress anybody to convince them that you are saved, if you obey God's word, your colleagues will be impressed. When you correct your life and obey the gospel, the righteousness of Christ in you will be a light to all who observe you. Jesus doesn't light a candle and put it under a bushel. Jesus' purpose is that others might see his light in each person that obeys his gospel. Obedience to God allows the light of Christ to shine in your life that men might see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16 reads as follows:

Verse 14 - Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Verse 15 - Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

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

The Scribes and Pharisees tried to impress their colleagues of how religious they were, and they were labeled by Jesus as being hypocrites most every time that Jesus encountered them. The Pharisees were very religious, and spent a lot of time showing off with many religious traditions taken from the Mosaic Law. Jesus condemned the spirit of their performances without criticizing the accuracy of the letter in which they used the Mosaic Law. If they did something correct in the Law of Moses, Jesus appraised the purpose and intent for which they used it. It took the sharp mind of Jesus to pin point the accuracy in which the Pharisees used the Law of Moses, and yet revealed the devilish spirit in which they were deploying the law. Listen to how Jesus dealt with them in St. Matthew 23:23:

Verse 23 - *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.*

When church people try to impress their colleagues with their religious performances, the spirit in which they are performing will leave something undone. This is because many things that are necessary to be done in righteousness are not always convenient for a show-off. Under such conditions, the person with a false impression spirit will omit doing the weightier, or most important and necessary parts of the teachings of righteousness.

Subject: Jesus Gives Us A New Life In Him When We Crucify The Desires Of The Flesh:

Jesus was crucified to be an example to us of how the old sinful desires of our hearts must be crucified when we experience salvation in Christ. When the sinful desires of the carnal nature are being crucified, we have no life style to live after, so Jesus gives us a new life style to live in him. Our new life in Christ will be free from the sins that were crucified.

Subject: He Came Not To Call The Righteous But Sinners To Repentance! (St. Luke 5:32):

Many people wanted to associate with Jesus in a religious aspect, and not necessarily repent of their sins. Some came to him for a seal of approval for the religion they had already acquired, such as the rich man in Mark 10:17. Others came to talk with Jesus at night, like Nicodemus, for further understanding of his ministry. The Scribes and Pharisees came to Jesus primarily to criticize, and discredit his ministry. Jesus made it plain that he came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. The gospel of Jesus Christ will not fit into the minds of those who already have some form of religion. The gospel is only for vessels that are empty of any form of religion and desire to repent and to be saved.

John the Baptist warned many of the Jews who came to his baptism to bring forth fruit fit for repentance; or else his ministry would be of no help to them. In the book of St. Matthew 3:7-8, it reads as follows:

Verse 7 - But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Verse 8 - Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

On one occasion, many of the Jews thought that certain Galileans that had been executed by Pilate were deserving of such an execution because they were sinners. Jesus replied that except all the Jews repent they would all likewise perish (Luke 13:1-3). Jesus' message to the world was that he was only interested in the sins of those who desired to repent. Jesus further taught the people of that time that except their righteousness exceed the religion of the Scribes and Pharisees,

that they would all be labeled as sinners (St. Matthew 5:20). The Scribes, who were supposed to have been interpreters of the Law of Moses, much like lawyers are interpreters of our Constitution today, joined in with the Pharisees to see if they could find some fault in Jesus to charge him with being a transgressor of the law (a sinner), unless there was some sacrifice offered or some restitution made.

So when the Scribes and Pharisees gathered together to see Jesus, and observed him to see if they could get something from his conversation with sinners that would be against the Law of Moses, they asked why did he eat with sinners if he was the Son of God? Jesus made it plain that his purpose was to help sinners, and that you cannot help a person unless you get to know them.

Subject: There's Help For A Sinner:

There is nothing that you can do to help a church hypocrite to get saved. The hypocrite's hope shall perish. There is hope for a backslider and a sinner because God constructed the plan of salvation to meet their needs. When you are born in sin you are a natural sinner, but the plan of God is constructed to help you get out of sin. If a natural sinner listens to the word of God with the intent to get help, the word of God can change his mind, if he believes what he hears. There is no help for those who don't believe the gospel. It is by faith that you are saved, and that is not of yourself, it is by the grace of God. To be born again is to believe the teaching of Christ, who didn't come to condemn sinners, but to save them by a life that they could see was perfect and holy.

Subject: God Is Closer Than A Friend:

If you will crucify the affections of the flesh (sinful desires) and walk after the Spirit of God, you will live out the days that God has promised you on earth, along with a little trouble. Trouble is experience, experience is knowledge, and knowledge is power. If you profit by what you learn while you're having trouble, you will learn who all of your friends are. Trouble will also help you to learn who your enemies are. On the other hand, if you are true to the teachings of Christ, you will learn that God is a friend that sticks closer to you than a brother. God is more understanding and tolerant of you than your mother. His mercy and grace far exceed that which any human could offer you.

Subject: Are You A Means Of Transportation For Sin?

God does not destroy man, but sin does the job. When the world was destroyed by a flood during Noah's time, it was God destroying sin. Man was destroyed because he chose to stay in the firing zone. God warns man that if he separates from sin, he will avoid destruction. Sin is a disease. The only way to get rid of it, if a person rejects God's plan of salvation, is by destroying the carriers of sin. Sin can't do anything without a person to carry it. Therefore, the only way to get rid of sin is to destroy its means of transportation.

When man learns that the wrong things he does destroy him, he will become wise when he avoids those things. If a man chooses to drink liquor, God will not have killed him, but the liquor will do the job because of his habit. God gave Moses the law. It was later completed through Christ and his apostles, telling man of all the things to avoid to keep from destroying himself. When man violates the law of God, he seeks his own destruction.

Subject: God Only Honors The Sincerity Of A Person's Repentance:

You have not been forgiven of your sins until you receive the power to stop practicing sin. A continuous desire to practice sin is evidence that Jesus has not removed your sins. Under such conditions, your intent to repent was not received by God as being sincere enough for his grace to go to work for you. The grace of God goes to work for a person who repents of their sins with the mind to apologize to God for the sins that they have practiced.

If the apology is not given in the spirit of sincerity, to the extent that God discerns that the person never intends to go back to the practice of sin, such a person will not receive grace to remove their desire to practice sin. You must be sincere in dealing with God or else you will not get his attention.

Subject: Why Jesus Ate With Sinners:

Jesus sat and ate with sinners that he might get to know them. It is not possible to help people come to God unless you get to know them. Jesus wanted people to know that he didn't come to save the righteous, but sinners. Though Jesus ate with sinners, he was separate from their practices. When you try to help

sinners, you must be very careful that you do not get involved with their social practices, nor their churches that allow them to be sinners. You cannot teach sinners the way of righteousness when you condone their ways of transgression.

Because Jesus ate with sinners, the Scribes and Pharisees got together to find fault with Jesus. The Scribes who were interpreters of the scriptures tried to use the law that Moses gave to find fault in Jesus' ministry. In the days of Christ, the law of the land was based upon the law that Moses gave.

The Scribes and Pharisees got together to see if they could find fault in Jesus to charge him with being a transgressor of the law. This was because the law stated that when a Jew broke the law he was worthy of death, unless there was some sacrifice offered or some restitution made. So when the Scribes and Pharisees gathered together to see Jesus and watch him, to listen to see if they could get something from his talk with the sinners that would be against the law, they asked the question "Why does your Master eat with sinners if he is the Son of God"? Jesus explained that he was eating with them that he might know them and that they might know him.

Subject: Worry Will Lead You To Commit Sin:

When you are not holy, you will be contaminated with the disease of sin. To have sin in your body allows you to be vulnerable to many sicknesses and nervous conditions. When you get sin out of your life, half of your ills will leave your body. After you start to live right, the devil wants you to worry about things. Worry will make you sin if you don't watch worry.

It is not a sin to worry, but worry can lead you to commit sin if you are not careful. When you worry about things, it can motivate you to use a dishonest means to solve problems. This will result in you lying, stealing, cheating, or being unfair in the way that you do things. You will do such things when you worry. You must learn to commit your problems to Jesus because he is able to solve them. When you truly believe this, you will stop worrying and obey God's words.

Subject: Worry Will Make You Do Terrible Things For Relief:

Worry will make you do most anything to bring relief. People drink liquor and take illegal drugs because they worry. Worry leads you to find escape mechanisms to remove the stress, which makes you worse off. If you give your

life to God and believe that with deliverance of the soul God will also deliver you from the problem that worries you, you will find that you can live free of worry.

Worry is a symptom that the devil uses to get you to commit sin. You must allow God to remove this symptom of sin by giving your life to Jesus. If you forsake your sins and have faith in God, he will heal you, and you won't have to go back to sin, neither will you be sick from worry. The burden of anything is the worry about the thing.

Subject: Sin Will Cut Your Life Short:

If you learn to live above sin, you can live a long, healthy, and happy life. Sin makes you sick and cuts your life short. Sin causes your nerves to be out of order, allowing many afflictions to come upon you. As men walked from God, they possessed good attributes. However, they eventually degenerated because of the sins that they took on. Stay close to God and he will keep you happy, healthy, and alive for the length of time that he promised man. If he sees fit, he will give you more time.

A few thousand years ago, men lived in the presence of God with strong perfect bodies. However, when they began to leave God, sin contaminated them and gradually caused them to sustain so much corruption that their life span became shorter and shorter. The nearer you are to God in this life, the longer your life will be. You get close to God by walking in his precepts or obeying his gospel. If you don't walk according to the word of God, you won't live a long time. Your sins will attack your nervous system and kill you.

Subject: You Cannot Be Happy Unless You Are Healthy:

Sin kills you. Sin destroys that which would sustain life. Long life depends on how you live. We live by the word of God, which is the bread of life, and by wheat from the farm, which is the staff of life. Very few people realize and understand that sin is a disease. Sin is a disease that affects the mind and the mind in turn affects the body, causing it to die before its allotted time.

Having Christ is health and happiness. You are not blessed when your sins are killing you, though you may have plenty of money and great wealth. You have to be holy to be happy and healthy. When you are not healthy, you are not happy.

When you are not happy, it is because you are not holy, and when you are not holy, it means you are not free from sin.

Subject: God Doesn't Command Anybody To Commit Sin:

It is God who gives you power to live above sin. When you believe it's possible to live above sin, the moment the devil presents you with a temptation to sin, the power of God comes upon you and causes you to reject the sin. When you have been born of God this power is yours, and will always remain at your service.

When you commit sin, you are not obeying God. You are only obeying God when you do what he commands you to do, and God doesn't command anybody to commit sin. So whom are you obeying when you commit sin? You are a servant of whomever you obey. When you commit sin, you are obeying the devil. Therefore, when you commit sin you are a servant of the devil. You cannot be a servant of God and the devil at the same time, because their commandments are contrary to one another. God commands you not to commit adultery, but the devil tells you to commit adultery and go to church on Sunday. Therefore, you do it and think that you are saved.

Subject: I Have Found That I Could Not Be Made A Better Person Living In Sin:

God commands you to live above the practice of sin. Therefore, when you sin, you are disobeying God. When you obey God, it brings peace, happiness, and contentment. When you commit sin, it brings conflict, confusion, and unhappiness. Sin results in divorces, broken homes, and children going astray. No matter how much you justify sin, it will destroy your life and make you unhappy. When you justify sin, you are approving of your spouse committing adultery.

I use to be a member of a church where folk thought that committing sin was okay. When I decided that I wanted to be saved, I left that church because I knew that I couldn't be made any better in my sins. Since I have learned what God requires to be saved, I am living a life above sin and I don't have the problems I use to have. My life, home and church are sweet and peaceful, under the influence and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Subject: There Are Many Today Who Desire To Live A Sin-Free Life But Are Taught That They Cannot Do It By Satan-Sent Preachers:

I found nothing in my former church that could help me to be a child of God. I found that the members of the church were committing sin in the church, like sinners on the street who didn't go to a church. I didn't desire to be in a church that couldn't make me a better person. These conditions of sin practicing church folk are in many churches today, because the teachings of most sin-tolerated churches are the same.

Many people today desire to live a sinless life, but they are taught that you cannot live above sin. These principles of deception are implanted in the minds of people today because of weak, foolish, Satan-sent preachers. A devilish preacher can break down your resistance to sin. Under such conditions, you will commit sin without putting forth an effort not to do it.

Subject: Do You Have An Agreement With God?

You are only free when you are free from sin. Sin is the only thing that can keep you in bondage. When you are in sin, you are a slave for the devil. You are working for the devil and he is not paying you anything. The wages of sin is death. When you are in sin, you are not free to talk to God. Your conversation about God is unto condemnation when you live in sin. If your life doesn't backup your talk about God, your conscience will weaken your confidence in what you are saying. It is a waste of time to talk about God and not be able to live up to what he commands.

You cannot have an agreement with God in talk only. You must live a life according to God's word to have an agreement with him. The agreement you talk about must be validated by the righteous life that you live.

Subject: Are You Hiding Your Sins?

The more sin you get into, the more you will try to cover it. Adam and Eve made fig leaves to cover their sins; today people use excuses. Sin leaves you with a guilty knowledge before God, and your conscience is never comfortable. You will not be able to face God with a guilty knowledge of sin. You will have a

difficult time facing people that you know are living above sin. This happens because sin leaves you condemned, ashamed and reproached before God. No matter what you say or do, you cannot remove these affects unless you repent of your sins. You can try to deal with sin another way if you want to, but the more you try to cover your sin, the worse you feel.

Nobody has to tell you that sin condemns; your conscience will tell you. When Jesus returns for the saved, the unsaved will be hiding because they will feel naked before Jesus in their sins. Adam and Eve hid when God paid them the usual visit in the cool of the day. We are now approaching the cool of the day. Are you ready to receive Jesus, or will you be running and hiding when he comes because of your sins?



CHAPTER III

SALVATION

GENERAL TOPICS

Subject: The Process Of Salvation Was Initiated By Jesus' Birth:

Physical things that are conceived from a corruptible source will die. Corruption means to eventually go bad and die. Spiritual things do not die whether they are of a good or bad spirit. Satan and his angels are bad spirits that were created by God to live forever; they will experience everlasting torment, but will not die. The word of God can produce human beings, working in line with the Holy Spirit, to be good spiritual beings.

The word of God cannot die; therefore, nothing that it produces will die. If the Holy Spirit brings the word of God into your mind, then though your body dies, your mind will live forever with God in heaven, and you will be given a new body. God planned that man might be born again, not in a flesh and blood body, but of his Spirit, and that Spirit is found in his word. The word and the Spirit of God are one in the way that they administer salvation to human beings.

When you are born again of the word of God, it is by the power of the Spirit of God. This process was introduced to the world by Jesus' birth. The Angel Gabriel brought the message to Mary, which was the word of God. After Mary believed it, the word was activated in her mind and body by the Spirit of God and in nine months, Jesus was born. This same process is the way in which a person gets saved. When a person hears the words that Jesus taught and the person believes it, the power of the Holy Spirit causes the word that they believed to be activated in their minds and lives. The word and Spirit will reverse the course of nature in them, causing them to lose their desire to commit sin, just as it reversed the course of nature for Jesus' conception to take place without the help of a man.

All human beings were born in sin, shaped in iniquity, and came forth in life with desires to live according to the nature that they were born with. When Jesus was born, God reversed this process of conception in Jesus' birth, giving Jesus the power in his gospel, by the same Holy Spirit that conceived him, to reverse the course of nature in everybody who hears and believes his Gospel.

Subject: Understanding Comes With Knowledge:

Your initial introduction to the teaching of salvation could be a little confusing, but more understanding will come as you are given more knowledge. The witness to Jesus' birth came by the angel Gabriel. Gabriel was sent to introduce the birth of Christ to Mary, who was appointed by God to be the mother of Jesus Christ. This angel, who had come down from heaven, told Mary how

blessed she was and that God had found favor with her. When God finds favor with you, it does not matter how the other people of the earth feel about you.

When Mary saw Gabriel looking like a natural man, she was troubled concerning his message, wondering what he was talking about. Mary began to wonder what in the world this man was talking about. At such time, she did not see Gabriel as an angel, but an ordinary man. God can do extraordinary things by ordinary means. Gabriel perceiving her confused state of mind began to give her words of comfort to relax her mind. Gabriel told her not to be afraid, because she had found favor with God, and that she was going to have a son who would be called Jesus.

The power of this message coming directly from God relaxed Mary and calmed her way of thinking. Therefore, the Holy Spirit skillfully brought the message into her mind and she believed it. The second that Mary believed, things began to happen in her body as well as in her mind. Mary was concerned about the process that would bring about such a conception in her body. Gabriel patiently explained that the Holy Ghost would overshadow her and bring about this conception. After this message had been established in Mary's mind, she later went to visit her cousin Elisabeth, and presented a testimony that the world cannot duplicate (St. Luke 1:46-55).

Subject: Christ Is The Light Of The World:

In order for your spiritual eyes to be able to see, there must be spiritual light. We have spiritual eyes and physical eyes. Physical eyes can see when you turn on the light in the room, but spiritual eyes give you understanding when spiritual light is available. Spiritual light comes from the knowledge of the word of God. Jesus brought spiritual light to the world for the world to see the way to go to acquire salvation. Listen to St. John 1:4-5:

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

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

Now the only way that you can comprehend the light of Christ, is that the light

must light up your mind, or give you understanding of the gospel and what it offers the world. Listen to St. John 1:8-9:

Verse 8 - He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

Verse 9 - That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Subject: The Last Gospel:

The knowledge of God's word that I am writing about is the last gospel. It is the last information that the people of the earth will receive from God concerning salvation. The next communication that the earth receives from God will be the judgment of God to the unsaved. This present time that God is allowing the people of the earth to hear the gospel is known as the "grace age". This means that God is granting favor to the people of the earth that they might be saved.

Prophets through the ages have warned people of the earth of the chance they have to be saved, but most people have rejected the warnings. John the Baptist initiated the last gospel, preaching that the people of his time should repent. John's gospel introduced the offer that God was making to man to bring him back into fellowship with God. Later Christ started preaching and teaching, telling the people to repent. The opportunity to enter the kingdom of heaven was being offered. The door of salvation was being opened for men and women to be saved.

After Christ came, all of his apostles preached repentance. This was the message that would reconcile man to God. In the centuries that followed, many thousands have accepted Christ as their Savior. However, the preaching of repentance is the last gospel because it is the only way to God. This is the last gospel because the signs of the times reveal that the end is near. The opportunity to accept the last gospel is now closing to the sinner. The devil is busier now than ever before, applying the pressures of sin to the lives of the people, making them believe that they can't live without committing sin. When people believe such, there is no need for repentance.

Repentance means to turn from your life of sin. If the devil can make the people believe that they can't live without committing sin, then such beliefs will cause the last gospel, which teaches repentance, to be of non-effect.

Subject: Do You Know Yourself?

You don't know yourself like you should until the word of God teaches you about yourself. Most people only see themselves in a very positive way. Some of your perception of yourself could be accurate, but unless the word of God teaches you about yourself, you will be ignorant of many things about yourself. The word of God is like a mirror that has the power to show you your natural face.

If a woman wears a lot of make-up when folk see her they won't see her natural face; they will only see what she is made up to look like. In order to see the woman's natural face, you will have to see her in the morning before she puts on the make-up. After a woman puts on the make-up, she sees another face different from the one that she saw when she first woke up. She goes the remainder of the day looking at her face with make-up to check to see if everything is still looking good. Others see her as she sees herself throughout the day. However, the real face is behind the make-up, to which she may not give too much regard. She has learned not to acknowledge that face without the make-up, because the make-up improves her appearance, but the appearance without the make-up is the true appearance. Therefore, the woman goes on day by day throughout her life hiding her true appearance behind the make-up.

Sometimes we do our true character like that, especially when we are not saved. You can put make-up on for your character just as a woman uses make-up for her face, because this is the way you would like others to see you. If you do this for an extended period, you can forget yourself, or you will not be familiar with your true character. The only way to learn about your true character is to listen to the word of God being preached. The word of God is like a mirror, in that you can see your true character no matter how much you are trying to conceal it.

Subject: God's Message Is For You:

When the gospel is being preached, it is for you and not someone else. Whenever you can see where the gospel should be applied to another person's life and not your own, the devil has fooled you. It may very well be that it can be applied to someone's life also, but he or she must hear it for him or herself. You cannot hear the gospel for someone else as you would receive a message on the telephone for another person. God does not make mistakes nor does he miscalculate who should have heard his message. If you have read or heard the gospel, it means that God has spoken to you. You must examine your life

according to the message that you received. You will be sure to find that God's message is fitting if you give yourself a careful examination.

Subject: Don't Waste Time Having Fun:

You should not try to have too much fun in this life, because it is uncertain. Your life could be cut short and your fun would be over. You should be concerned about where you will spend eternity. God gives you this opportunity to make a choice; don't waste this precious time having fun in the world. If you choose to follow Christ, your choice will show you where your end will be. If you choose to have fun, you won't know what your end will be. A man that is born of a woman has but a few days to live.

Subject: Don't Follow A Lie:

It is the will of God that the people of the earth understand his plan for the destiny of man. God reveals the truth to man that he might follow the path that leads to eternal life. Now the truth gives light and makes known to us the way that we are going. The adversary of man and God, known as the devil, presents lies to the world to deceive and mislead.

When people follow lies, they end up in situations wherein they are not happy. A lie can cause you to live contrary to the knowledge of God. A lie can exalt your imagination against the power of God, resulting to you not receiving benefits from the truth. If you follow a lie, you will be reproached and later abased. If you follow the truth, you will be exalted in righteousness.

Subject: Knowledge Is Acquired Through Experience:

Knowledge is acquired through experience. You can study about most any subject at an institution of higher learning, but the person who will learn the most is the one who has acquired experience on the subject matter. Theologians and Doctors of Divinity can do research and study about the history of Jesus' origin, but the one who will accurately learn about Christ is the one who has been born again of the Holy Spirit.

Unless you are brought into contact with someone who has experienced salvation in Jesus Christ, you will not get an accurate report about Jesus. You can only acquire true knowledge from experience. When you receive Jesus Christ into your life by the power of the Holy Spirit, the process of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection goes to work in your life. You then become a true partaker of Jesus' experiences by what you will experience. Under these conditions, you will be found to be a true witness for Christ, based upon your true experience of salvation.

Subject: God's Holiness:

God will not impose his holiness on a person to save the person. There are not too many people on the earth for God to save the entire population. The problem is that most people don't want to receive God's holiness. God's holiness is his character. God's holiness is the substance of his Spirit. It consists of love, primarily universal love, unconditional love, love for your enemies. God's holiness consists of kindness, peace, longsuffering, impartiality, charity, goodness, (being good to everybody), patience, and unselfishness.

In order for a person to be saved and to receive God's holiness, they must be willing to take on these qualities. The average person does not want to be like this. Most people want to be saved after they have lived a life on earth as they desire to live, which is contrary to God's holiness. God, who sees the intent of a person's heart, only prepares salvation for those who are willing to receive his holiness.

Subject: Watch Flattery (Genesis 3:1):

People are deceived by their minds, because their minds can make them think that they are more than what they are. Satan convinced the first lady, Eve, that she could be more than what God had created her to be, using her mind to deceive her. Satan told her that she could be as wise as God is, if she ate the forbidden fruit.

People love to be more than what they are. The devil seeks to flatter you and to exalt you in order to impress you with the thought that you are somebody. If your pastor loves to preach in a way that flatters you, then the devil is using your pastor to deceive you. The Spirit of God does not flatter you; it teaches you what is required to be saved.

When you get to the place that you realize you are only what God made you to be, you would have become wise. When you get the mind to obey God's word, such a mind will escape deceit; this mind will cause your way of thinking to be on the level with reality. Obedience to God's word delivers you from a deceitful way of thinking.

Subject: Don't Let Go:

You cannot serve God without an understanding. You must know God to serve him. When you are truly saved, God gives you a new name in heaven. God writes your new name in the "book of life". When God perceives that you are not going to separate from his company, he saves you and gives you a new name.

When Jacob met the angel and wrestled with him from night until morning, the angel perceived that Jacob was not going to release him, so he asked, "What is your name"? Jacob answered and said, "My name is Jacob". The angel said, "Your name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel". When you refuse to let God go, you are holding his attention. You hold God's attention by struggling to keep his commandments when the devil is applying pressure to get you to disobey. If you can continue to obey, God will bless and establish you in righteousness. Your wrestling with God is to wrestle with his commandments; when God sees your persistence, devotion, and faith, he will receive you.

Subject: Be Sin Free When You Worship God:

You cannot worship God by singing, preaching, and praising God unless you first learn to obey his word. When you obey the gospel of Jesus Christ, God will hear your worship services. God will not be in worship services where folk disobey him. God has the ability to listen to every assembly of church folk on the earth if they obey him. God has a recording operation going on in heaven. God is able to record every prayer, testimony, and song that is given. When those who love and obey God assemble and praise him, he records it. Such services give honor to God and he keeps a record of such. When you honor God, he will do most anything for you. Your attempt to honor God must be coupled with your obedience to God; otherwise, such honor without obedience is a mockery to God. You cannot play with God, trying to praise him in some sloppy, careless ways with

sin in your life. God accepts these attempts to honor him as disrespectful and appalling.

Job was a man who worshiped God by himself in fear that others who might worship with him would not be sincere, and might have secret sins in their lives. Therefore, Job honored God every morning, making sacrifices for his friends and relatives, in fear that they might be disrespecting God. It is a dangerous thing to go to church with folk who are secretly sinning against God. In such worship services, God will not acknowledge any of the members. Listen to this scripture in the Book of Job 1:5:

Verse 5 - And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

You should be very careful of who you worship with. It could be that they are sinning against God in their hearts or secret lives, if so, such worship services are making a mockery of God. When such people experience a dangerous crisis in their lives, they will not get help from God. Listen to Job 1:18-19:

Verse 18 - While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

Verse 19 - And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

Only Job received deliverance from his crisis.

Subject: Let Us Keep The Passover:

Every truly saved person should take Communion in his or her worship services. Communion should be taken in honor of the Passover that God granted the Israelites when they were being delivered from bondage of the Egyptians

during Moses' day. During the Passover, the children of Israel were exempted from the destruction that God sent to the firstborn of the Egyptians. After Jesus came, he continued to honor the Passover of Moses' day, because it represented the Passover in the last days when Jesus would return to the earth to deliver his people.

Just as the children of Israel were delivered from the Egyptians of Moses' day, those who are saved upon Jesus' second appearance will be delivered from the destruction of the last days, because Christ will be our Passover. Listen to I Corinthians 5:7:

Verse 7 - Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Paul is teaching that you should not take communion in the spirit that Moses instructed when they were in Egypt. This is because the blood from the lamb that they killed and put on their doorposts was a sacrifice for their sins, so that God would pass over them and not destroy them for their sins. Therefore, Paul is teaching that such a sacrifice was for the old leaven or sins.

Today Christ is our Passover or sacrifice for our sins. So Paul is teaching, don't commit sin and kill a lamb as a sacrifice, as the Israelites did, thinking that God will pass over you during the destruction of the last days. This is because such sacrifice of a lamb during Moses' day was a symbol of the sacrifice that God would offer in the last days that would take away our sins.

So then, Christ is our Passover so that we can keep the feast that Moses started, not with the old leaven (sins) neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. This means that we can keep the Passover of Moses' day with a sin free leaven or life with Jesus as our Passover. Listen to I Corinthians 5:8:

Verse 8 - Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Subject: Follow Jesus:

When you are trying to follow Jesus, you must follow the way that he leads. You must follow in the spirit of humility. The Spirit of God is what helps you to follow Jesus. The Spirit of God will help you to overcome your enemies who will

try to prevent you from following God. The Spirit of God will lift up a standard when you are following Jesus. The standard of righteousness will be so powerful that the enemy will not be able to prevent your stand for God.

Subject: Be Careful That You Don't Oppose A Child Of God:

When Moses was sent to the land of Egypt to tell the Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go, as the Lord had commanded, the Pharaoh got stubborn. When the devil is in a person that opposes the commandment of God, the devil will make the person stubborn. When the devil makes a person stubborn, the devil will not continue to support the person when their stubborn attitude reaches a point of no retreat because of their pride. When pride supports a stubborn spirit, the person is reaching the point of destruction, or they are getting ready to fall. Listen to Proverbs 16:18:

Verse 18 - Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Now the Pharaoh of Egypt was being supported by the devil when he opposed the request of Moses to let the children of Israel go. The devil is smart enough to know that he can't defeat God, so he chooses a fool to take a dive for him, and after that, he is finished using the fool.

The devil had the Pharaoh to use every weak means that he had to oppose Moses, knowing that none of the Pharaoh's opposition would amount to any meaningful opposition. The Pharaoh's opposition resulted to him being embarrassed, and eventually losing his firstborn son. It takes a fool to oppose a child of God.

Subject: Offenses Must Come:

Many things that people do to offend one another are against the law, not just against the law of the land, but also against the law of God. Jesus said offenses must come, but woe unto the ones that bring them; these people intentionally try to offend others. There are unsaved people who will be offended by saved people because they are living righteously. If a righteous person lives a righteous life in holiness, obeying the word of God, they will offend some unsaved

because their life will be like a powerful search light, which will expose the deeds of some unsaved people. Oftentimes this will cause the unsaved to persecute the saved person. In such situations, the saved person must be sure that they are not deliberately doing things to offend the unsaved.

Now God has promised to protect, and to deliver the saved person after they have suffered awhile, and God can use the means by which the wicked person persecutes the saved person to bring down him or herself. The ways that the unsaved person uses to persecute the saved person will be the means by which God will execute judgment against the unsaved. Sometimes the judgment can be unto death for the unsaved, if it is necessary to deliver the saved person. Under these conditions, the unsaved person's death will be by their own wicked devices. The sword of the wicked can become the judgment of the wicked. Whatever way the unsaved person lives that is offensive to others can be the determining factor of the way that they will die. God does not kill the wicked; their own ways kill them. Listen to St. Matthew 26:52

Verse 52 - Then said Jesus unto him, *Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.*

Subject: Heirs To The Kingdom Of Heaven:

The gospel of the kingdom of heaven is what you need. In many churches today, the members are being taught a gospel of this world. A religious teaching that is worldly will leave you ignorant of what is required to get into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus and his disciples went about preaching the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. Today a God sent preacher will preach the same theme, so that the people of the world will learn that only righteous principles of heaven is the correct gospel to be saved by.

To be saved you must live by the gospel of the kingdom of heaven while being a resident of the earth. There are two kingdoms that exist, one is the kingdom of heaven, controlled and administered by the love of God, and the other is the kingdom of this world, controlled and administer by Satan. God implemented the Law of Moses to keep restraints on the kingdoms of this world, that the people of the earth might receive grace to be saved. The Law of the Land, which originated from the Law of Moses, puts limitations on Satan's kingdom, giving those who desire to be saved a chance to repent and come to God.

Satan's kingdom is ruled by law and God's kingdom is ruled by love. When you are saved, you are ruled by love, and you will live above the law, which governs the kingdoms of this world. This means that your conduct here on earth is not motivated by your fear of breaking the law, but by your love and respect for God who has given you his Spirit. When you live above the law, it means that the law is not made to govern you because the law forbids certain acts, which you don't do. So then, the law does not cover your conduct or actions, therefore the law has no power or authority over you. The law teaches, "Thou shalt not steal", and since you do not steal, that law does not exist as far as you are concerned. The law teaches to remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. Since you keep every day holy, this law does not refer to you.

When you are born again, you can live without a law to force you to do right, because you are moved by love for God to do right. Your love for God makes you decline to sin, so that you will please God. Therefore, God gives you power that takes away your appetite to sin or break the law, which makes it easy for you to live above the law. When you are saved, you become an heir to the kingdom of heaven, you accept the teachings of Christ, and you become a citizen of heaven, though you live a normal life like anyone else, only you obey God in all that you do.

Subject: The Separation:

I have learned that I can't lose anything in this present world as citizen of the kingdom of heaven, for a citizen of the kingdom of heaven has all to gain both here and hereafter. I am more concerned about my gain hereafter. The gains in the kingdom of this world will all perish, and all who anchor their hope in them will perish with them. However, when the things of this world are used to build hope in the kingdom of heaven, they will have served a good purpose, and maybe multiplied without corrupting you.

When Christ preached the kingdom of heaven, he let us know that if we live in harmony and peace with each other here, we may establish our right to citizenship in the kingdom of heaven hereafter. However, if we live in envy, hate, spitefully use one another, and seek to destroy each other, we are not worthy to be heirs of the kingdom of heaven. Make no mistake; there will be no opportunities for repentance after you die. Whatever conduct you die with in this life will be your description of conduct in the next life.

In the next life, there will be a permanent separation between the righteous and the wicked, because God will not allow the righteous to suffer with the wicked

in the next life. If you are a sinner, you will be classified as being wicked. While we live in this world, the righteous people who are saved will have to suffer persecutions from the unsaved or wicked, because they have to work together and deal with them in many ways, but when the separation comes, the wicked will not be able to get to the citizens and heirs of the kingdom of heaven. There will be a great gulf between them and neither will be able to cross over to the other. Listen to St. Luke 16:26:

Verse 26 - And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

Subject: Try The Spirit To See Whether It Is Of God:

It is not a good thing to trust your mind all the time, because it can trick you. Listen to Jeremiah 17:9, which teaches:

Verse 9 - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Now we are talking about your spiritual heart, which is your mind. Everything that you possess physically you also possess spiritually. The spiritual part of your existence is eternal, but the physical part of your existence is temporary (II Corinthians 5:1). You may not be aware of it, but we have two kinds of eyes. We have physical eyes that can help us to see where we are going, but we also have spiritual eyes that help us to understand things. You can understand many things without seeing them physically.

Now your spiritual heart is invisible, because it is your mind. Satan works very hard to confuse and to deceive our minds. When your mind has been deceived, it will cause your body members to do things that will be to your disadvantage. This is why you should not always trust the way you are thinking. However, you should use the knowledge of the word of God to evaluate your thoughts before acting on thoughts that you are not sure of.

You try the spirit that is bringing thoughts to your mind to see whether it is of God or not. It could be in pretense of a good thought, but the devil could have sent it. Listen to I John 4:1

Verse 1 - Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

You can evaluate any spirit, thought, or religious teaching by the word of God. If such a spirit is not in line with the teachings of the word of God, it means the devil is in it.

Subject: Life More Abundantly (St. John 10:10):

Death is a curse that was brought on us by Adam. Jesus was sent into the world to redeem us from death. When Adam ate of the forbidden fruit, he broke the covenant or agreement between man and God. The agreement was that as long as man obeyed God, he could live forever. When Adam broke the agreement, the curse of the broken law fell on all men; the curse was death. God did not create man to suffer pain, sickness, sorrow, and finally death. Man can only live by obeying God's commandment, because life can only come from God. No other source in existence can give and sustain life except obedience to God's word.

Life came from God and only God can perpetuate life. When Jesus came to the earth, he brought a second chance for men and women to have life and to have it more abundantly, which means to have life of a high quality without pain, sickness, sadness, and sorrow (St. John 10:10). Jesus taught that the people of the earth could be beneficiaries of this new offer from God if they would accept the terms by which God offered it. The terms were that we go in peace and sin no more. If people accepted these terms, then the new life that Christ was offering would be manifested in the words of this invitation. All that is necessary is to believe the words of Jesus Christ, and the life, which he is offering, will be produced by belief in his word. Listen to St. John 1:12:

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

You receive Jesus by believing in his teaching. Evidence that you believe his words is when you obey his teaching.

Subject: You Cannot Be Innovative With God He Only Accepts Obedience:

God sent John to baptize. This ordinance for salvation was not just something that John invented or composed from his own mind. Baptism was given to John by God. This was not merely a religious ritual that was put together, as many religious leaders have done since John's time with no knowledge, understanding, or authority as a basis for what they are doing. You can do nothing for God unless he gives you the instructions and procedures for how it should be done.

You cannot be innovative with God. God only accepts obedience. Obedience is better than your self-composed rituals, church works, sacrifices, and innovations. Would you like God to bow to your plan of salvation? Who is a man that thou art mindful of him? God is God of the universe, who made himself known to man through the faithfulness and spirit of Abraham. He was the God of Abraham, manifested to Abraham that all men might know him through the spirit and sacrifices that Abraham was willing to make.

Abraham's obedience established his fellowship with God as a pattern by which all men can have fellowship with God. It was because of Abraham's willingness to obey God that God gave him credit for being perfect. When your obedience is coupled with faith according to the instructions given by God, such as Abraham taking Isaac to Mt. Moriah to be a sacrifice, your obedience will be imputed unto you as righteousness and perfection.

God commanded Abraham to be perfect. His obedience to God's instructions made him perfect. Whenever you do what God tells you to do, you are perfect. None of this could have been made available for Abraham if God had not given him the instructions and proper procedures to carry them out. All of the righteousness and standard of perfection that Abraham accomplished were as a result of him following the instructions given by God. Abraham did not compose any self-made religious rituals to acquire perfection.

Subject: Be Careful When You Come To God Because Of A Personal Crisis In Your Life:

If you come to God because of personal problems, such as, marital problems, financial crisis, or sickness, it could very well be that when you think your problems are solved, you might leave God. The problem with this way of thinking is that it is difficult to tell when problems are really solved. It could be

that your problems have been delayed, and Satan is waiting for a chance to cause them to erupt again after you leave God. Once you get comfortably away from God then the devil will slowly bring your troubles back; afterwards he makes you ashamed to go back to the saints and church for prayer. Under these conditions, Satan has many opportunities to use your troubles to destroy you. Never play with God or try to use him to get what you want in life, remember God knows your intentions when you first come to him, and he will remove your troubles just enough for you to see how sincere you were in coming to him.

If you are losing your husband, wife, or money or house this could be the best thing for you, after all, this was what caused you to go to God in the beginning. Your repossession of the things that you appear to be losing could be causing you to leave God. What does it profit to gain the things of this life that you desire and lose your soul. Keep in mind that God knows your needs, and whatever you lose for his sake you will gain again, only with more spiritual control.

The problem with many people who are separating from God is that they have too much in their lives to keep them from God. God will not come into your life through the idols that you worship. You must be willing to lose those things that interfere with your salvation to win Christ; in Philippians 3:8 it reads as follows:

Verse 8 - Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them dung, that I may win Christ,

**Subject: Thy Will Be Done In Earth As It Is In Heaven
(St. Matthew 6:10):**

To serve God and not have everything done in your life the way you desire for it to be done is to accept the will of God. If you can continue to serve and obey God under these conditions, then his will is being done in your life on earth as it is in heaven. This is what you prayed for when you said the Lord's Prayer. St. Matthew 6:10 reads as follows:

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

Jesus demonstrated that when the will of God is being done in your life, it is not always what you want. St. Luke 22:41-42 reads as follows:

Verse 41 - And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed.

Verse 42 - Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will but thine, be done.

God did not save you for everything in life to be the way you want it to be. This was your problem before you were saved; you tried to have everything in life to go your way, but you always had trouble. Too many people come to God wanting God to do everything for them the way that they want it done. Many want God to think as they think, and God's way to be according to their desires. Isaiah 55:8-9 reads as follows:

Verse 8 - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

Verse 9 - For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

When you get the right desires, then God will give you the desires of your heart. However, you must delight yourself in God's way of doing things, and he will establish the right way in your heart, and bring to pass the thing that you desire. Psalm 37:4-5 read as follows:

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

When you have forsaken your ways, then the Holy Spirit will reveal to your mind God's way. As you pray and commit this way to God, he will bring to pass the thing that you desire.

Verse 5 - Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

The Holy Spirit reveals to those who have denied themselves of their ways, the things that are acceptable to God and leads them to pray for such a petition. A man

does not know the things of God, only the Spirit of God knows the mystery of God's thoughts. I Corinthians 2:11-12 read as follows:

Verse 11 - For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

Verse 12 - Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Subject: The World Cannot Receive The Spirit Of Truth:

The world cannot be saved; only some people in the world can be saved. In order for the world to be saved, it must receive the Spirit of God. However, the world cannot receive the Spirit of God because the world is a system built on lies. Lies cannot have fellowship or communion with the truth. Lies are darkness and the truth is light. When light is turned on, it exposes everything that was in darkness, so that darkness cannot endure. The world is built upon false information and deceiving practices to mislead and exploit the people of the world.

The world has a price for people to survive in it, but the things of the Spirit of God are freely given to us. Have you ever noticed a commercial advertisement on television? Such commercials always put emphasis on what the consumer can gain, and never on what the producer of the products will gain. The world tries to hide the truth; for this reason, the world cannot receive the Spirit of God and the world cannot be saved. If you are going to be saved, you must separate from the ways of the world, though you can continue to live in the world. You should not love the world; if you love the world, the love of God is not in you (I John 2:15).

When men are conducting affairs of the world they are required to give bonds, take oaths, have sureties, and obtain guarantors that the business may be transacted with an appearance of safety, integrity, and equity. However, where the Spirit of truth is, there is no need for a bondsman, because the Spirit of truth is faithful to the truth and will shine in darkness. To expose lies and unfairness, the Spirit of truth will speak the truth and do that which is right. Jesus said the world cannot receive this Spirit, but only those who live by the teachings of Christ, who are in the world, but not of the world.

If your religious teaching is of the Spirit of truth, you will be rejected by the world, because your teachings will condemn the world. This is because the devil, who is the prince of this world, is a liar, and the father of all liars and the spirit that opposes the Spirit of God is the spirit of the devil.

Subject: The New Birth Comes By The Word Of God:

After the sins of Adam, God sent Holy men through the ages to give man a chance to restore his broken relationship with God. Unless God orders a man's life for a special purpose as he did John the Baptist, Jeremiah, and Jesus, he is born in sin and shaped in iniquity. It doesn't matter who you are, it is natural for you to commit sin. It is not natural for you to be righteous or to be born sin free. However, God has arranged and planned that though man was born in sin, he might be born again.

Now when man has been born again, it is not another flesh and blood, physical birth, but it is a spiritual birth. Spiritual things pertain to right and wrong, righteousness or unrighteousness. To be born of the flesh and blood body is to be born with the nature to do wrong, or to be unrighteous. Disobedience to God causes a man to take on the nature of unrighteousness, and to produce children that are unrighteous. The first man Adam put this condition in the life cycle of mankind.

We are not born sinners by our choice, but by Adam's choice. If God gives us an invitation to be saved and we refuse to accept the invitation, then we remain sinners by our personal choice. If you maintain a life of sin by your personal choice, such a choice will cause the punishment for sin to be your portion. When you are born again, your new life and nature will be produced by the Spirit of God. This spiritual birth will give you the ability to live a sin free life. I John 3:9 teaches, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God". Though you were born the first time with a sinful nature, the second birth corrects your sinful nature to be a righteous nature. During the second birth, the word of God, which is the seed of God that is implanted in your mind, causes a new nature of righteousness to be developed in you.

Your father's seed caused you to be born the first time in sin. However, God's word is an incorruptible seed that can never go bad neither produce a sinful nature in a person. God's word gives you a righteous nature with righteous desires to obey God. Jesus was sent to the earth teaching the word of God, which

produced the seed of righteousness, and anybody who hears and believes Jesus' word can receive a new birth from God to inherit eternal life.

Subject: A New Mission Of The Holy Ghost:

Before Mary and Joseph came together in marriage, Mary was found with child of the Holy Ghost. The conception of the child was announced five hundred years before Mary and Joseph were born. The announcement of Mary's conception was made through the Prophet Isaiah by the Holy Ghost. The conception also took place by the Holy Ghost. Whenever the Holy Ghost makes an announcement, you can be sure that it will come to pass. Listen to St. Matthew 1:18:

Verse 18 - Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise:
When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph,
before they came together, she was found with child
of the Holy Ghost.

To be espoused means that Joseph and Mary were engaged to each other. A future husband and wife may be engaged many months before they come together as husband and wife. It was during the period of engagement before Mary and Joseph came together as husband and wife that Mary was found with child. God very carefully chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus because the description of her life, and character were within the bounds of holiness. Inclusive also was her virginity. A woman who is holy from her childhood will maintain her virginity until she is married. God gives his attention to such women, and can use them for divine purposes.

God sent Jesus into the world born of a virgin for one purpose, that is, to save us from our sinful birth that we inherited from Adam. In order for us to be saved from our sinful birth, our salvation had to be generated from a sin free source, and the birth of Jesus from the Virgin Mary initiated this process. So now, we see that Mary's holiness and virginity were very important because it would serve as a foundation for all who would be saved afterward to receive salvation by a renewing of the Holy Ghost. Now being born in sin is to be born from a corruptible seed or source of life. Such a conception leads all who are partaker to a corruptible death.

Because sin was not a part of Mary's life, or Jesus' conception, God through the Holy Ghost, produced life from an incorruptible seed, which was his word, which was brought to Mary by the Angel Gabriel. When Mary believed Gabriel's

message sent from God, the process of salvation went into effect. Listen to I Peter 1:23:

Verse 23 - Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

This new birth in Christ was originated through Mary's virginity.

Subject: You Are Saved By Adoption (Romans 8:9-17):

When you don't have the Spirit of God, you are not saved. God saves you by adopting you into his family by the Holy Spirit. When you are saved, you are filled with the Holy Spirit that gives you the new birth in Christ. You are then born again of the Spirit of God. Under these conditions, you would have become God's child with the same rights that Jesus possesses. You would then be qualified to live as an heir to God's kingdom forever. All this takes place after the Holy Spirit adopts you.

When the Holy Spirit adopts you into God's family, you will no longer be under the influence of your flesh and blood family. You will not live any more according to the ways of the flesh, but you will be directed by the Spirit of God for the remainder of your life on earth. Listen to Romans 8:9:

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

When you are filled with the Spirit, it kills sin in your nature, and your body is dead to sin. This means that there is no more power in sinful desires to make you practice sin. When you were in the flesh or sinful nature, you were that way because of the power of the flesh that worked through your sinful desires making you commit sin. When the Spirit of God comes into your life, it brings holy fire that burns up your sinful nature, making you free from your former desires to commit sin. Sin then becomes distasteful to you; under such conditions, your body is dead to sin. Listen to Romans 8:10:

Verse 10 - And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Your life of sin is dead and you will have a new life of righteousness by the Holy Spirit of God. Under these conditions, you will be led through life by the Spirit of God. Listen to Romans 8:14-17:

Verse 14 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

You would then not be under bondage to sin anymore, because you would have received the Spirit of adoption.

Verse 15 - For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Verse 16 - The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Verse 17 - And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Subject: A True Witness:

The apostles of Jesus Christ were witnesses of the Lord, and they were true witnesses. They were witnesses that the Holy Spirit had filled them and sent them out to preach the gospel. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you will be a true witness of the Lord. If you attempt to be merely a verbal witness without being filled with the Holy Spirit, you will be a false witness. You can only testify that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Ghost (I Corinthians 12:3). A false witness will say that Jesus cannot save a person from the practice of sin. It takes the power of God to help a person live above the practice of sin. If you say that you are saved, and still practice sin, what do you need God for? All you need is a church building to go to, and meet with other people who practice sin as you do. You can't save yourself from the practice of sin, but you can go to a church building, be part of a church service, and practice sin at the same time. You must be born again of the Spirit of God to be delivered from sin, and then you can be a true witness of the Lord.

You can be a member of a church body and not be a true member of the body of Christ. Christians of today must be aware of false religious leaders, and deceitful workers of the devil that have come along, who are saying that you can't help from sinning. These religious workers of Satan can be very influential and deceiving, but they do not have power over your conscience. When you hear the true gospel, your conscience will acquire knowledge to reject false ways, if you really want to do right and to be saved. If you want to be saved, your conscience will condemn your sins in spite of what a false teacher is preaching. When your conscience condemns your sins, you can be persuaded, at such time, by the truth to repent of your sins. Such repentance will relieve your conscience of condemnation, leaving you at peace with God.

Subject: Let Your Heart Be Opened To Jesus:

The moral aspects of your life should be an open book; Jesus wants to occupy that part of your life. You should want everybody to be able to see where Jesus is in your life. When Jesus has established the morals of your life, you should have no secret sins to hide from your fellow man. What at one time was the dark, secret part of your life should be changed to the light of righteousness for everybody to see. Listen to St. Matthew 5:16:

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

When God saves you, he saves you to be a light for the unsaved world to see. God does not save you for you to conceal secret sins, and go to church on Sunday to put on an impression of being saved. God saves you for your life to be a display of righteousness everyday of your life. You should have no secret or private part of your life that is sin related that you don't want people to know about. Listen to verse 15:

Verse 15 - Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

It is better to let Jesus come into your life and set up a new life of righteousness than to conceal your secret sins. This is because there will be a day when God is going to judge the secrets of men's hearts according to Jesus' teaching. However if you let Jesus change your heart now, and get rid of your secret sins, there will be no need for Jesus to judge your secret life later. In the Day of Judgment, God will reveal the secret, sinful works of your heart according to Jesus' gospel. Listen to Romans 2:15-16:

Verse 15 - Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;

Verse 16 - In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Subject: Ask God To Pay You A Visit If You Are Born Again:

Have you ever experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit? The presence of the Holy Spirit gives you joy unspeakable and you are compelled to praise God. When the Holy Spirit moves upon you, you can't keep your mouth shut. Those who are near you that are not familiar with the Holy Spirit will think you are crazy. When the Holy Spirit falls upon you, you are lost for words to express yourself. You must be born again in order for the Holy Spirit to come directly to you, otherwise you may only get a taste of what somebody who is born again is getting a full serving of.

When the Holy Spirit falls upon you directly, you will experience the breath of the Son of God upon you. If you desire this experience from God, all you have to do is repent of your sins, clean your life up or stop all of your bad habits, such as smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, stay with your own wife or husband, and then ask God to let the breath of the Holy Spirit breathe on you and something will happen. Ask God to pay you a visit. When God visits you, your room will be filled with praise.

Now it is difficult to understand the language I am using if you have not been born again. After you have been born again, the Spirit of God will be with you for the remainder of your life on earth. It will give you an occasional shower of joy to encourage and to strengthen you. The Spirit will do everything a born again saint needs in life; it will be your spiritual guardian. Inclusive with showers

of joy, the Holy Spirit will help you in your business, on your job, financially, and bless your health. So if you are born again, and are down in the dumps a little, ask God to revive you, and God will pay you a visit.

Now when you pray, remember you are asking God for a spiritual blessing that you need, after you get the spiritual blessing, watch your personal business carefully, because God will also give you a material or financial blessing. He may bless you with another job that pays more. The material blessing, on many occasions, will follow the spiritual blessing. Be sure that you are obeying the word of God to the best of your knowledge. Listen to St. Matthew 6:33:

Verse 33 - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

I only teach the principles of the gospel that I have experienced.

Subject: To Be Born Again Is To Be Conceived Hid And Brought Forth (St. John 6: 63):

Words are spirits that can be used to conceive, hide, and then bring forth the birth of something new, whether it is good or evil. If a young man listens to the words of an experienced bank robber as the bank robber speaks to influence him to become a bank robber, then the young man can be born again of the spirit of the experienced bank robber, simply listening to his words.

Jesus teaches that words are spirits. Good words produce the Spirit of God, and evil words produce the spirit of the devil. The experienced bank robber, through using his words, can implant the seed of a bank robber into the mind of a young man. If the young man believes the words of the experienced bank robber with the intent to later go out and rob a bank, then a new bank robber would have been born again from the spirit of the old bank robber.

So is it also with a person who hears the word of God and believes it with the intent to go out and live accordingly. Such words would have been conceived in the mind, hidden and later manifested in the actions of the person. The difference is that the bank robber would have been born again of a corruptible seed, which will later bring death, and the person who heard the word of God would have been born of an incorruptible seed, which will later bring forth eternal life. I Peter 1:23 reads as follows:

Verse 23 - Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

In obeying the word of God, you escape the corruption that obeying the words of the world would bring. II Peter 1:4 reads as follows:

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

Subject: When You Receive The Holy Ghost You Will Be A Witness For God:

Had any been present on The Day of Pentecost to hear the disciples testify in their own native tongue, which was familiar with their language, they would have realized that those disciples, though unlearned, had received a gift from God. Those who understood this and desired to be saved also asked what they could do to be saved. The apostles told them to repent, and be baptized, every one of you, for the remission of sin, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost; and they would receive the same power that the others had received so that they could be witnesses in Judea, Jerusalem, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. You become a witness when the Holy Ghost comes into your life, not a Jehovah's Witness, but a witness for God in Christ who was the Savior for your sins.

Subject: The Way Of The Cross (Philippians 2:8-9):

If you go down with God and maintain a spirit of obedience while you are down, God will exalt you. Jesus was our example, because he obeyed God even down to death. Now you won't have to die while you are down, but your old life of sinful practices must die. While you are down you will also have to suffer persecutions and bear the meanness and hatefulness of folks who mistreat you and do you wrong without a cause. If you are willing to go this way, you will be saved and blessed while you live in this present world. Now if you develop hate in your heart for those who mistreat you, you will be a failure.

In order to acquire victory in Christ, you must go the way of the cross. You can be a faithful worker in your church and carry hate in your heart at the same time. If this is so, you have a form of godliness, but you deny the power of God (II Timothy 3:5). Whenever you carry sins such as hate, covetousness, malice, envy, strife, and selfishness in your life along with your church work, you are denying the power of God, and your religion is taking an occasion with your sins (Romans 7:11).

You don't want a religious teaching or to belong to a church that tolerates your sins, but you need a religious teaching that will eliminate your sins. A religious teaching that eliminates your sins will also take from you the sting of death, which is the fear, agony, and terror death. You will know when your religious teaching is effective, because you will not be intimidated by death. Though you may experience the death of your physical body, death will have no terror. When your sins are taking an occasion with your religion, you will be afraid of death. Death is only a pleasant dream to a child of God. When death is coming upon the frame of a child of God, it doesn't excite nor threaten them. In peace, a child of God will realize that they are about to lay down the cross and go home to receive a crown, which is the crown of life.

Subject: Don't Let The Test Turn You Back:

A test is a confirmation of our salvation. After you start to walk with God, there are many material things that you may have asked God for, but one of the most important things that you need to ask for is a test of your faith. Now God will not try you, but he will lead you to do something that will allow you to be vulnerable for the devil to try you.

God commanded Abraham to offer Isaac, his son as a sacrifice, which opened the door for the devil to try Abraham's faith. Abraham's test was for him to see whether he would obey God or not, even when it was against the promise that God gave him. The only way that you can know that you are a child of God is when your obedience to God continues when the devil tries to use the ambitions and desires of your personal life to disobey God. If your love for God has not been established by the Holy Spirit, when pressure is applied by Satan to disrupt the prosperous and pleasant conditions of your life, then you may look back and wish that you had not started with God.

Subject: Who Crucified Christ?

It was not the street sinner who crucified Christ. If we had to identify the people who were responsible for Christ being crucified during his time, by comparing their spirits and character to the people of our present time, we could accurately describe the people who crucified Christ as being church Christians of this day. The high priest of that day took the lead to have Christ crucified. The higher you are up in your church and Christian rank, the more effective a vessel of usage you can be as a representative of those who had Christ crucified.

It is the Christian leaders of today who are crucifying Christ afresh. The Christian leaders of today are responsible for the majority of the people's hearts of today being as far from God in sin as they are. God is not introduced to people by sin supporting Christian leaders. Such religious leaders are blind and this results to the blind leading the blind, and they are all falling in ditches. How can a preacher bring people to Christ and be a representative of one who had Christ crucified? When a preacher does not believe that his people can live above sin, he is a supporter of the very thing that Christ died to save us from. The sins that Christ wants to destroy in our lives are what most Christian leaders are helping to keep alive in the minds of the people.

So then, who crucified Christ? Who continues to crucify him? Men today who are seeking religious careers are going to colleges and seminaries learning how to crucify Christ. They are learning how to preach the gospel just as students go to learn to be physicians, lawyers, and teachers. You cannot get the ability to preach the gospel of Christ by going to school. You must be born again and filled with the Holy Ghost to preach the gospel of Christ or otherwise, you will be a properly educated false prophet prepared by Satan to continue teaching people how to stay in their sins.

Today the pulpits are filled up with high-powered preachers, but they do not have the power from on high to get people saved from sin. If people are not taught righteousness, they will never know righteousness. If preachers don't preach righteousness, then the people will never be born of God because you are born again of the word of God. You are not born again by singing, praying, shouting, and speaking in unknown tongues, you are born again, by hearing the true gospel and obeying it. God gives the Holy Ghost to them that obey him. You cannot obey God unless there is a God sent preacher to introduce God to you.

God cannot be reached through your emotions, crying, and feelings of infirmities that carry no substance of repentance towards a sin free life. God simply ignores such church folk. God is not sympathetic to a sinful life no matter how much you cry and shout in your church, nor how bad your life's conditions are. God is just and there is no shadow of variableness in him to change from his

principles if you retain sin in your life. No matter how much you go to church, you will die in your sins, unless you repent, and you will not repent of your sins if your preacher is not condemning your sins. God is only moved by your obedience to his teachings. When you obey, you get his favor; if you disobey, you will perish. Yet the quality of mercy is found in Christ who acts as a mediator between God and man to intercede and help us to learn the will of God, that we may obtain mercy in the time of need. However, we must come to the throne of grace to do so, and there is no throne of grace found in a sin practicing church.

Christ was made flesh for the purpose of dwelling among men to suffer in the flesh that he might be truly qualified from this standpoint to intercede for us. As we suffer so did He suffer every temptation growing out of the desires of the flesh, yet He did no sin. If Christ is in our lives, we will stop doing sins. As Christ was victorious over the sinful nature of the flesh and became our mediator, God assured him that whatever we asked in his name, God would grant for Jesus' sake. Jesus knowing all about our weaknesses, temptations, difficulties, and afflictions, being a loving, understanding, and a sympathetic Savior, eagerly intercedes when the Father loves the Son, and will honor His request on our behalf, so that we invoke the mercy of God upon us when we ask for help in Jesus' name. Had there not been Jesus the Son of God, there would be no help for us from God.

Subject: Who Crucified Jesus: Are You A Supporter Of Those Who Crucified Jesus?

The church folk of Jesus' time were responsible for his crucifixion. The High Priest of Jesus' time took the lead in having him crucified. It is the same way today among Christians of America. It is the religious leaders of today who are crucifying Jesus openly. When religious leaders teach that sin is permissible among Christians, they are condoning the very thing that Jesus died to save men from.

When a person suffers for a purpose, and you accept their suffering, and reject their purpose for suffering, it is then through you, and your testimony that an approval on their suffering was given for no reason. Which means you would be in support of Jesus being crucified, because to you the crucifixion was a good thing, but the purpose of the crucifixion, which made it good in the eyes of God, was rejected by you. This means you were only in support of the agony, pain and beating that Jesus took. In other words without accepting Jesus' crucifixion as being a sacrifice to remove your sins, and to accept it otherwise would be an approval of the agonizing part of the crucifixion only. Under these conditions

though you did not have a hand in Jesus being crucified, you supported it, not to be saved from your sins, but for Jesus to receive pain for no wrong that he did, but for the wrong that you are still doing.

If you fail to get saved from your sins, this means that Jesus was punished for the sins that you are still practicing. If Jesus died for our sins, and no sins that he committed, and we are yet in our sins, this means his crucifixion has made no difference to us, since there is no difference in our sinful ways of living. To live for Christ with a testimony of him having died for your sins means that you must live as Christ lived, which was free from sin.

Subject: The Fault Finders:

When the Scribes and Pharisees gathered to observe and listen to Jesus that they might hear or see if they could discover something from his talk with sinners that would be against the Law of Moses, they would ask Jesus questions, such as, why does the so-called son of God eat with sinners? “How can the Son of God be so holy and yet have dealings with sinners”? Jesus’ answers were selected so skillfully and carefully that they might be of some benefit to those who were seeking help, and at the same time confound the Scribes and Pharisees. When Jesus ministered to sinners, his purpose was to help them. The religious hypocrites would only seek to criticize the fault of the unsaved and Jesus also.

Subject: The Most Likely Alternative To True Salvation Is Hypocrisy:

When you have been exposed to the teachings of the word of God, and don’t have a mind to accept it, your only other likely recourse will be the spirit of hypocrisy. Hypocrisy is the closest spirit to true salvation for a person who does not become truly saved after learning the knowledge of the truth. Such a person will not have much of a choice if they try to retain religion. You can be very religious without being truly saved, but religion is none other than a show to the world that you have acquired some knowledge of God, but you inner-man still lacks what is required to be partakers of true salvation.

Salvation is a process and not just a show of knowledge. The process of salvation is regeneration, which means to receive a new source of power to lift the

weakness of your nature above the desires to commit sin that you might be able to live according to the standard of holiness that the gospel of Jesus Christ teaches.

Subject: A Testimony Of Jesus Christ:

Whenever you have a testimony of salvation that reflects the life of Christ operating in you, it is upon your testimony of salvation that Christ will build his church, or save other people, and not build a material building. Christ doesn't build material buildings, carpenters and bricklayers do that. Christ calls people in out of the world of sin, and teaches them how to live above their sins, and they then become a part of his church, or a member of his body. The Church of God is built upon your testimony of Jesus Christ. St Matthew 16:16 and 18 reads as follows:

Verse 16 - And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Verse 18 - *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

It is by the word of your testimony of what Jesus has done in your life that the unlearned person will have a chance to hear and believe that Jesus can do the same things for him. It is by the word of your testimony that they will overcome Satan and the temptations to commit sin. Revelation 12:11 reads as follows:

Verse 11 - And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

When the unlearned hear your testimony, they will be convinced of all that God has helped you of a truth. A prophesy is the testimony of Jesus Christ. All the prophets until the coming of John the Baptist prophesied of the coming of Christ. I Corinthians 14:24-25 read as follows:

Verse 24 - But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:

A testimony of what Christ has done for others, will reveal to the unlearned that God can also solve the secret problems of his life.

Verse 25 - And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face, he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

Subject: What Does It Mean To Deny Christ? (St. Matthew 10:33):

Verse 33 - But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

You deny Christ by ignoring, not believing, disobeying, and not accepting any parts of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation if it applies to your life. Jesus is what he taught. He was the word of God made alive in human form that he might teach the government of the kingdom of heaven to a condemned world, that some might be saved. To reject any parts of his teachings is to reject Jesus. So then, to deny Christ is to deny his teachings. If you live too close to sinful ways, and go to church at the same time, you have a good chance to be tempted to deny Jesus. You will deny his teachings when it condemns your sinful pleasures that you don't want to give up.

To be a true follower and believer of the teachings of Jesus Christ, you must be willing to forsake all to be made complete in him. Satan helps us to develop sinful attachments through the years that make it difficult to deny after we meet Jesus; but with a little willingness to suffer, Jesus is able to help us to overcome all things. Revelations 21:7 reads as follows:

Verse 7 - He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

When you have a desire to overcome the things in your life that are contrary to salvation, Jesus will help you to overcome such things. Jesus gives assistance to them that have no might. Isaiah 40:28-31 reads as follows:

Verse 28 - Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the

ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?
there is no searching of his understanding.

Verse 29 - He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have
no might he increaseth strength.

Verse 30 - Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the
young men shall utterly fall:

Verse 31 - But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their
strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk,
and not faint.

**Subject: Let Jesus Have Your Mind And You Will Stay In The
Right Spirit Under All Conditions:**

A child of God has no business going around with a hung down head and a sad countenance. If the devil gets your head down, God is able to lift it up. The moment you find yourself worrying, you should lift your head up and sing until the power of the Lord comes down. If you are living above sin, and having a problem, you should sing hymns and spiritual songs, and the Holy Spirit will come down to encourage you, and lift your burdens. The Holy Spirit will give you joy, and the joy of the Lord is your strength. When you are weak, then Jesus is strong; Jesus' strength is made perfect in your weakness.

It will be a good thing for you to store songs and hymns up in your memory so that when a problem develops in your life, you will be able to sing a song relative to your problem, and God will grant relief to a person who has been obedient to his word. Black folk endured slavery by singing songs that helped to lift their burdens. The Spirit of God would revive their strength and help them endure the cruelty of their taskmasters, and they endured slavery without becoming evil and mean to those slave masters that mistreated them. Their songs gave them visions and a hope beyond their immediate conditions.

When your mind is carried beyond the miseries of your present conditions, the conditions do not have as much effect upon you. The early slaves of America learned this from Jesus. When their burdens had reached an unbearable point, they did as Jesus did when he hung on the cross. Hebrews 12:2 teaches that Jesus endured the cross and despised the shame, because his mind was on the joy that

was set before him, that he would later experience in God's Kingdom. The early black slaves of America would sing; "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" coming forth to carry them to heaven. They really believed in what they were singing, and when you believe something that God promises you for your obedience, it will take your mind off of the miseries of your present situation, and your mind will be caught up to heaven.

When John was sent to the Isle of Patmos to starve and die, his mind was caught up in the Spirit of God so strongly that he was able to write the book of Revelations. If you are unhappy and discouraged because of burdens, it is because your mind is held under bondage. Though your conditions may truly be burdensome, if your way of thinking is under the influence of the Holy Spirit, it will keep your attitude good when your conditions are difficult. Now you must understand that John was on the Isle of Patmos with no food or provisions; he was sent there to die, but listen to where his mind was; Revelation 1:9-10 read as follows:

Verse 9 - I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Verse 10 - I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.

In the spirit, God gave John a demonstration of the rapture, and a demonstration of how saved people would be called up to meet Jesus upon his return. Listen to Revelation 4:1-2:

Verse 1 - After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither (come up here), and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

Verse 2 - And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

John was so faithful that the Holy Spirit carried his mind on up to the kingdom of heaven just as it did Jesus and the Apostle Paul. When the Apostle Paul was taken up to heaven, the Spirit of God was so powerful with him that he couldn't tell if it

had taken his body and his mind. All of this happened to Paul during a time when he was under great persecutions. II Corinthians 12:2-4 gives us an account of Paul's experiences:

Verse 2 - I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

Verse 3 - And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

Verse 4 - How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Subject: The Devil Is A Subtle Tempter:

You know what is in your conscious mind. If there is one speck of a desire to commit sin, you need Jesus. It only takes one spark to start a major forest fire. Just one careless burning cigarette butt can set on fire the course of nature. You must seek the Lord and ask him to clean up your heart; otherwise, it will eventually influence your actions. Out of the hearts of men proceed all of the evil things you see happening in the world today.

If God doesn't enlighten your way, you will look directly at a temptation being presented to you, and not know what it is. When you are blind or not knowledgeable of the dangers of temptations in your heart (mind), the devil will overtake you whenever he gets ready. The devil is a subtle tempter who won't allow you to see what he is presenting you with until it has taken you as a prisoner. You won't be able to see the damage that is coming upon you until it has over taken you.

Subject: Temptations Result To The Way Of Death:

You can see many people going along in life, who don't know what a temptation is until it has done maximum damage in their lives. Without knowledge of Satan's tricks, you are in bad shape. You can't tell what things in

life will tempt you until it comes to your attention that something wrong is pulling you away from your normal life's pattern.

If you give in to the temptation, sin would have conceived and when sin is finished with you, it will kill you. Temptations entice you to leave a good way of doing something to follow an evil way. It will oftentimes do this, giving you the impression that the evil way will give you more happiness and pleasure, but it will be the way of death.

Subject: Only By The Power Of God Can You Be Delivered From Temptation:

Nobody with mere human strength can overcome when he or she is being tempted. A large percent of people who are tempted without the assistance of Jesus Christ are compelled to yield to temptations. It is more common for people to yield to temptations than to resist temptations. People of the world, including the majority of our Christian society, are caught in traps when they yield to temptations and are not able to free themselves. The more they struggle against sin and its entrapments, the tighter the snares become. There is only one source of help for those who are overcome by temptations, and that is God. Though God may choose to use a friend or relatives to help such a person, nevertheless God is helping them.

Temptations come to all, the saved and the unsaved, but only the saved do not yield. A saved person is one who believes that he or she can live above sin, and on the strength of that belief, relies upon God to keep them living a sinless life. Yielding to temptation is giving into the urge by doing the act. The temptation is presented to the mind by means of the senses, and yielding comes when the mind accepts the presentation. When the mind accepts the temptations it suspends all resistance, and the urge is pacified. At this point the damage would be done, even if the act were not physically executed. For instance, the sixth commandment teaches, "thou shalt not kill." If the temptation to hate a person who had done you a grievous wrong were not rejected by your mind, then you would become a murderer and would have accordingly broken the sixth commandment, though you never actually killed the person. God judges your mind as well as your actions.

Subject: Jesus Makes A Difference And Sin Makes A Mess:

When God is arranging for your obedience to be tried, he will not try you, but he will set the stage for the devil to try you. God will give you a little job to do as he did Abraham, when Abraham offered Isaac upon the altar to be a sacrifice.

The only way that you can know if you are a child of God is when you can endure temptations and see a change and a difference in your life. You want to be able to see that Jesus is working in your life, helping you to overcome, and to accomplish things that you knew you at one time could not overcome, nor accomplish. Jesus makes a difference in your life, when he is in action. You simply made a mess when you were in sin.

Subject: You Must Deny Yourself To Glorify God:

God cannot be glorified in your life by what you have accomplished by your own means and effort. If a person has accomplished a pretty good position and career in life by his or her own means, then he or she must be willing to forsake their accomplishments that God might be glorified.

Your personality and reputation are identified by others in accordance to the position and level of success that you have obtained in life. If a man is a successful lawyer, others will refer to him as attorney Jones, or some other name. If you are a successful businessman, then you would most likely be identified as George the grocer or some other business title. So then, in order for Jesus to come into your life you must lose your identity that Jesus might establish his identity in your life.

The big man in society who is wise in his own conceit, must establish himself and appear to be great, such man's whole aim and object is to present himself, and not Christ. When Christ came he didn't present himself, he presented the Father. When Christ was taken from the earth, the Holy Ghost came and during the administration of the Holy Spirit, he did not present himself, but Christ. The Holy Ghost brings everything that Christ taught to the remembrance of those who follow Christ. He doesn't add anything, neither does he take anything away, he just reminds you of what Christ taught. St. John 14:26 reads as follows:

Verse 26 - *But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

The Holy Ghost does not speak of itself but of Christ, any spirit in your mind that speaks of you is to glorify you and is not the Holy Ghost. When you get the Holy Ghost, you will not speak of yourself, but of Christ. St. John 16:13 reads as follows:

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 man or woman that speaks of himself or herself, is seeking his or her own glory and does not glorify God; St. John 7:18 reads as follows:

Verse 18 - *He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.*

Now if you see a great religious leader who is not willing to count all that he knows and is doing to be nothing unless Christ is doing it, then he is contributing his great knowledge and power unto himself and not unto the Lord. The example we have is in the Apostle Paul, who was educated at the feet of Gamaliel, a wise man in the wisdom of the world. However, Paul never knew how small he was until Christ blinded him and he fell to the ground on his way to Damascus to persecute some of the saints. He found that he was helpless, as Christ told him that he couldn't kick against the pricks (Acts 9:3-5).

Jesus made Paul to know that it was he whom Paul was persecuting and not that little crowd of unlearned people as he supposed, whom he thought were starting a new sect, which was against the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees. Christ told him that he was kicking against something he couldn't overcome. Then at once Paul became humble in heart, and with all his learning, right away he wanted to know what Jesus wanted him to do. He was wise and smart enough to know when he had met his match. Paul (then called Saul) found out that he had met more than his match.

Therefore, Paul humbled himself and asked Christ what he would have him to do. Jesus wasn't going to tell him what he should do, but sent him on to the place for which he had started (Damascus) and told Paul that he would find Ananias there, the man who Paul was going to persecute, and that Ananias would tell him what he should do. The Lord doesn't change his plan no matter how big you are, or how great you might seem to be; he is going to send you to somebody

very humble who respects and honors him. If you hear God through a humble person, you will be made wise.

Subject: The Peace That Jesus Offered:

Peace is what the world wants. It is the hope of every little government on the face of the earth that their nation acquires peace. When the people of the earth are unthankful, they will reject the peace that God has to offer them. The cruel, unthankful spirit of the people, to whom God sent Jesus to bless, destroyed the blessings that Jesus could have given them. Jerusalem rejected Jesus when he would have brought peace, comfort, and happiness to a people who thought they were looking for a Messiah or Deliverer.

In order to identify a person who is bringing you spiritual blessings, you must pray to God that he will open your spiritual eyes so that you can identify spiritual blessings. Peace from God is a spiritual blessing. Spiritual things are morals that pertain to right and wrong in the lives of individuals as well as nations. If a person or nation is set on doing wrong, thinking that wrong will help them to acquire peace, then when the principle of doing right is presented to them they will reject it.

Jesus brought to the earth a teaching of righteousness that exceeded the teaching that the Jews were presently following, and they had perverted the Law of Moses to be used for their own personal gain and advantage. Therefore, Jesus taught the common people that except your righteousness go beyond or exceed the righteousness of your religious leaders, you cannot be saved, nor will you have peace. Listen to St. Matthew 5:20:

Verse 20 - *For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

If the religious leaders of today are not teaching how to live above sin, then the people will not have peace. This means the righteousness of the people must exceed the righteousness of their religious leaders. A limited religious teaching that does not offer the righteousness of Christ will only give a limited peace. This is peace as the world gives; Jesus is teaching that this is not his peace. Listen to St. John 14:27:

Verse 27 - *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

The Jews of Jesus' day rose up and fought against the peace that he was offering, because the religious leaders were in fear of losing their influence with the people. They are without peace even until this day.

Subject: Peace Does Not Come By Guns:

Now the troubles in the world that we see happening today, which should come to the earth just before the end of this present world, were spoken of by Daniel the prophet. The word "world" means a system built up by man, and the earth is a planet created by God. Now the reason that we are having so many problems on earth today is because the government of God has not been taught to the people of the earth. Man is a very difficult creature to teach about God. The only way a man can learn about God is that he must see the things happening in his environment that the word of God has predicted, and oftentimes when this happens, it is too late for man to be saved from the prediction.

Kaiser, Hitler, Napoleon, Alexander the Great, and Mussolini tried to rule the world with a sword (guns), and they failed. If a man fights with a sword, he shall perish by the sword (St. Matthew 26:52). People are doing everything in nations all over the world trying to bring peace with the sword, and they are failing. The world is getting worse.

Subject: You Are Smart When You Can Help The Poor Person:

God sees no need to replenish the resources of the earth to help improve the economic conditions for the people of the earth. There is no need to build another kingdom or another world if men are going to live as they live in this one. The only way a new kingdom can be successful is that the people must learn a new way to govern themselves. God wants the people of the world to be taught the gospel of Jesus Christ, so that greed, wars, and selfishness will not destroy them in another kingdom.

Nobody will be able to enter the kingdom of heaven, nor live in the new earth unless he or she is willing to be governed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. The

problem with the conditions of the earth today is not the economy, but greed or covetousness. People of the earth have failed to learn to obey God, and to treat their fellowman right. If we love our brother as God loves us, and see his desperate conditions, we should pray, and assist those in need. We should pray for those who don't recognize God.

We may be smart and intelligent in many things, but when we fail to recognize our fellowman, we are heading for a downfall. The world cannot continue to exist with the larger percentage of the people being without, and the smaller percentage being wealthy. Today if a rich man wants to enjoy his wealth, he had better figure out a way to help the poor man; otherwise, the poverty and depression of the poor man will destroy the entire system.

Subject: Your Desires Must Be Reversed To Be Perfect:

God raised up a perfect man not just to save us from our sins, but also to be our example and to teach us how to be perfect. Many people, knowing how weak and faulty human nature is and how easily humans go wrong, reject the doctrine of perfection and they contend that nobody can be perfect. They are quick to quote scriptures to support their view, and for that reason, they are firm with their stand that nobody can be perfect. One of their favorite scriptures is found in the book of Ecclesiastes 7:20:

Verse 20 - For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

Such passages of scripture mean that man has a nature to sin that he of himself cannot get rid of, but God has power to help him overcome his sinful nature. This meaning is a reflection of God's goodness upon man. God can save man from the nature of sin if man believes that he can.

It is not impossible for a man to be perfect, but he must first have to desire to be perfect. When you are born as a natural sinner, such a birth also comes with the desires and pleasures of sin. Most everything that a man does that he gets pleasure out of; he will protect and justify the desires of such pleasures. You cannot convince a man that adultery is wrong when he loves the pleasures of adultery. You would be wasting your time trying to convince a gambler that gambling is wrong when he gets pleasure out of gambling.

To be a righteous person according to God's standard of righteousness is against human desires. To be holy is directly contrary to most every sinful

pleasure that a human desires and enjoys. This is why when God saves a person he reverses the course of nature in the person. When you are saved, you must be saved from the desires of your nature; otherwise, your nature will overpower you by means of your desire to live contrary to the teaching of the word of God.

Subject: Everybody Believes In Something:

Everybody has to believe in something, if no more than a witch doctor. If you don't learn to believe in God, you will be deceived into believing foolish things, such as good and bad luck or a chance to win the lottery. These things are foolish avenues of faith that many have been deceived into believing, allowing themselves to live with a foolish hope. Without having faith in Jesus, life is not worth living. Such false things to hope for will leave you with disappointments and despairs of life. Without faith in Christ, you are in the world alone, though you may think that you have many friends and associates. It is a good thing to have confidence in God, because he will not fail you during a time of trouble like many people will.

Subject: God Is Not A God At Hand And Neither Is He Far Off:

When you do something wrong, God will not be there to immediately reprimand you. Whenever Adam sinned, God was not there to respond immediately, he later came to Adam in the cool of the day. Just because God does not respond to the evil deeds of man does not mean that he can't see what is happening.

God is not like a mother who runs to correct her child as soon as it gets into mischief. In many cases when a person practices evil, their evil deeds will bring so much heartache that they will want to correct themselves; under such conditions, God will help a person to correct their wrong. It is not necessary to wait to see what God will do when you've done wrong, just observe others who have done the same wrong that you are doing, and your end will be like theirs. The results of evil is the same for everybody; the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). God doesn't hasten your death just because you've done wrong; death is appointed unto you because of your wrong deeds that are not corrected. Death is appointed by your wrong deeds not by God.

Every evil deed brings forth its own fruit. God does not respond to evil, it responds to itself. Evil actions create their own evil reactions. Hebrews 9:27 teaches, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment". In I Corinthians 11:31 it teaches, "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged". We judge ourselves by correcting our evil deeds while we live in this life. Under such conditions, God will help us by chastening us. This is not necessarily immediate, but whenever we decide to correct ourselves, God will give us assistance when he sees that it is necessary.

Verse 32 - But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord,
that we should not be condemned with the world.

Therefore, when you know you've done wrong, you don't have to wait for God to come down and reprove you, just correct yourself and God will help you if it's necessary. Many people cry out for God to help them when trouble or destruction is coming upon them. The best time to cry for God to help you is when you are trying to correct yourself of your evil deeds and you are not successful. To wait for destruction or trouble to come and then ask God for help won't be worth much. God might laugh at you if you have ignored his previous instructions. Proverbs 1:24-32 read as follows:

Verse 24 - Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

Verse 25 - But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

Verse 26 - I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

Verse 27 - When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

Verse 28 - Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

Verse 29 - For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord:

Verse 30 - They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

Verse 31 - Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

Verse 32 - For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

Subject: The Established Mind Versus the Traditional Mind:

The mind is the central headquarters by which signals are given for every conscious operation of an individual. You can be taught to do things by habit or tradition, which you might not always be conscious of doing. This means that your mind may not be established or set in doing such things. If your mind is not established in doing things that you were taught to do by tradition or habit, it means you can be easily moved from doing such things by persuasion. So then, if you are following a religious teaching that your mind is not established in, because you are simply following it by habit or tradition, even though it is the true teaching of the word of God, you can be persuaded not to continue to follow it.

When an outside influence or different belief intrudes into your mind, you can be hindered not to continue to obey the truth. Galatians 5:7-9 and 13 read as follows:

Verse 7 - Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

Verse 8 - This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.

A little bit of outside influence can turn your mind from following Christ, if you are not established in the teaching.

Verse 9 - A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

When you are called to follow the teachings of salvation, you are not forced to follow it; you are called unto liberty. However, if you use this liberty as an occasion to please your flesh, you can be persuaded to turn from him that called you.

Verse 13 - For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty,
only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh,
but by love serve one another.

**Subject: Without Your Life Being Sin-Free Your Religion
Is Vain:**

If God is in your church, he would be teaching you how to live above sin. Living above sin is the only thing that your religion would be emphasizing if God is in your religious teaching. The spirit to live above sin causes you to examine your heart on a regular basis. It causes you to think about whether you hate anybody, and if so, it leads you to seek help from God to remove such hatred.

When you have a mind to live above sin, the Spirit of God will establish a fellowship with your mind causing you to be at peace with God. You will then be able to live with yourself without being at war against the better part of your conscience.

**Subject: Living Above Sin Develops A Harmony Between Your
Mind And God's Spirit:**

When you are living above sin, you will be able to commune with your own heart without condemnation disrupting the validity of your fellowship with God. When your fellowship is not true, condemnation will find you by means of your conscience and interfere with the harmony of the fellowship between you and God. Your spirit, mind, and thoughts will not unite nor blend with the teachings or Spirit of God's word. You will not be united with God by means of one spirit, but you will be vulnerable to the instigation of the devil whenever you attempt to worship God. When you don't live above sin, your religion is a sham, constructed around the deceitful works of the devil. The substance of your salvation will be false, leaving you closer to the spirit of a hypocrite rather than a saint.

Subject: You Might As Well Get Right With God Because You Are Going To Die:

You can try to squeeze all of the fun and pleasure you can get out of life today, but tomorrow you could die. It would be a good thing for you to prepare for where you would like to spend eternity. If you die obeying the plan of salvation that God offers man you could live again with far more joy and happiness than you can get out of a few days in this life. Even while you live in this life obeying God, he gives you the good, necessary things of life that you might enjoy them while you live here, with a little trouble sometimes. Ecclesiastes 2:24 reads as follows:

Verse 24 - There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hands of God.

Everything is going to die sooner or later; it is better to understand where you are with God. Ecclesiastes 8:5 reads as follows:

Verse 5 - Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

Subject: One Purpose:

Jesus came to earth for one purpose and St. Matthew 1:21 teaches what this purpose was and still is:

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,

It will be made known whether you are a child of God or not when you are saved from your sins, I John 3:9-10 read as follows:

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

Verse 10 - In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Christ was sent only for one purpose and that is to save us from our sins. If you want to know whether you are truly saved or not, examine your life to see if your sins are diminishing. You may have at one time thought that you were in Christ, but if you are still practicing sin, then you are not abiding in him. I John 3:6 reads as follows:

Verse 6 - Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

If a person says that they live above sin and does not speak according to the word of God, then they are still of the devil. Christ is the word of God made flesh sent to the earth to discipline sin in the fleshly bodies of men and women. If our words are contrary to His gospel, then it means His word is not in us. It doesn't matter how happy you get in church or how well you can preach, sing, or testify, if you live above sin, and don't speak according to the word of God, you are not saved and have probably been deceived. If you are living above sin, you will speak according to the word of God.

St. John 6:63 teaches that words are spirits; the wrong words coming out of your mouth mean that you may have the wrong spirit, though you may appear to be living above sin. A fountain cannot put forth bitter and sweet water at the same time. Your words are an indication of what spirit you have. In the book of James 3:8-11, it teaches us that only the Spirit of God can control or tame your tongue. If you say you are saved and your tongue is full of unruly evil, then you have been deceived.

Verse 8 - But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Verse 9 - Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

Verse 10 - Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and

cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Verse 11 - Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

Whatever comes out of your mouth is a witness of what spirit is in you.

Subject: Contradictions Must Come:

When you start with the Lord and testify that God has made your life sinless, the world and its religious sects will contradict you. Such contradictions must come because they contradicted Jesus, but they cannot stop you. You must look to Jesus, who withstood such contradictions, yet there was no sin or guile ever found in his mouth. Today Jesus sits on the right hand of God, and is able to help all who are willing to obey his gospel. Every opposer of a child of God will be Jesus' footstool. For the things that Jesus suffered, you must suffer also, but on a lesser scale. If you die in Christ, you will live again.

Subject: Your Record Is On High (Job 16:19):

God is keeping a record of everything that is said and done in his name; and he is keeping a record of all that is said and done in sin. God is an excellent record keeper, and though you may have forgotten many things you have said or done in sin, God does not forget. Unless you repent of your sins and receive the Holy Spirit of God to correct and change the course of your life of sin, your record will be reviewed on the Day of Judgment and used against you unto eternal damnation. A bad record before God will cause you to spend eternity with the damned.

Today you can choose the people that you would like to be in your company, but if you spend eternity with the damned, you will be forced to be in the company of Adolph Hitler, the Boston Strangler, Jack the Ripper, and every evil person that history has ever recorded. A bad record in this life will bring worse results in the next life that you will not be able to deal with. God only wants people who are pure in heart to spend eternity in his kingdom. You must prove that you are pure in heart by living a life according to the teachings of God's word in this world. The grace of God will help you to be able to do this if you repent with the intention to live a life free from sin. Titus 2:11-14 read as follows:

- 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.

When you repent with a mind to obey God, he blots out the record of your transgressions that would have been held against you. Colossians 2:13-14 reads as follows:

- Verse 13 - And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision (uncleanness) of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;
- Verse 14 - Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Subject: The Evidence That You Believe The Gospel Is When You Obey It: (St. John 1:12)

When a person believes the gospel, Jesus gives them the power to obey the gospel. So then, the only way you can know that you believe the gospel is when you receive the ability to obey. The power of the Holy Spirit gives you the ability to obey the gospel. In the book of St. John 1:12 it reads like this:

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

Believing is obeying. Your belief in the gospel must be confirmed by your obedience to the gospel, or else your believing will be a false testimony of Jesus' true existence.

Many people observed the works of Jesus, and they knew that no man had ever done such notable miracles, yet when Jesus told them that he was the Son of God, and it was God's power doing the work, many did not believe that he was the Son God. In the book of St. John 14:11 it reads:

Verse 11 - Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very work's sake.

To believe that a work or miracle is not by the person who did it, yet you saw the work, is to deny that the miracle or work has been done. To reject the means, by which the work has been done, means that you have accepted the work that you see as being a lie or false work. You cannot truthfully accept something that has been done as being a reality unless you accept the means by which it was done. It is the means by which it was done that brought it into reality, or made its existence true.

A house is not a house just because you see it as being a house; what you see could be a picture or billboard. However, the only way you can accept the house as being a true house is to accept the fact that a man had to build the house. Houses only come into existence by someone building them. If the man who builds the house has been denied as being the builder of the house, then though you see the house you have to accept the fact that the house does not exist; one cannot be true without the other being true. If the construction of the house is made false, then the existence of the house is also false. The house is no more real than the construction of it. The house did not come into existence by you looking at it, but by the man who constructed it. You seeing the house did not make it exist, but the construction of it did. The construction of the house makes it a greater reality than did you seeing the house.

So then to deny that the man who constructed the house did the work, is to make the existence of the house false, though the house truly exist, but the person who testified that the man who built it, did not build it, has a false testimony of a true house. No real estate company can sell a house without a deed giving the true testimony that it exist, though the house does actually exist. Along with the existence of something, there must be a true testimony of its existence, or else its

true existence is not accepted. Such a house cannot be bought or sold, because without a deed testifying of the existence, its existence is of non-effect, then it has no more meaning than if it did not exist at all.

To say that you believe the gospel of Jesus Christ, and not obey it does not make Jesus non-existent, but it gives you a false testimony of a true Jesus. To have a false testimony of something or somebody who actually exist, presents a false picture of their existence to others. Though the person actually exist, but if nobody accepts the fact that the person does exist, then the person's true existence is of non-effect, and this is just like not existing at all.

Jesus is a reality, but not to those who have a false testimony of Christ, simply because they fail to obey. Failure to obey the gospel makes you a false witness for a true and living Saviour. Though Jesus exists, his existence is not substantiated through those who have false testimonies by their disobedience to his gospel.

**Subject: You And Your House Could Find Favor With God
If You Obey:**

If you would repent and put forth an effort to obey God, your entire family could be saved because of your faithfulness. God saves family members as a reward to the first person of the family who gives their heart to God. Noah found grace in the eyes of God because he was perfect in obedience. Because of Noah's desire to be perfect before God, God saved his family also. Genesis 6:8-10 read as follows:

Verse 8 - But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

To find grace in the eyes of God is not just enough to be a church Christian, but you must be perfect in obedience to God.

Verse 9 - These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Verse 10 - And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

It doesn't matter what the world is doing around you, if you have a mind to obey God he knows how to deliver the righteous out of temptation. II Peter 2:5 and 9 read as follows:

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;

Verse 9 - The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

So then, when you have a mind to obey God, he prepares a plan to save your family also. Genesis 7:1 reads as follows:

Verse 1 - And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Noah's family was saved not because of their righteousness, but because of Noah's righteousness. Genesis 7:13 reads as follows:

Verse 13 - In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

Subject: If You Obey God His Blessings Will Overtake You:

God doesn't bother all the people of the earth. If most people don't want to be saved, they won't have to worry about God disturbing their sinful life styles. God is only interested in the person who wants to be saved. The plan of salvation is for the man or woman who is willing to forsake a life of sin and obey God's instructions. God sets a course for such a person to go on. When the person does the thing that is right, the course is fixed, and the person who obeys can't get out of the channels of blessings.

Blessings will be all along the way that God has prepared for the person who does right. When such a person obeys God, they won't have to worry about the

economy, or who will be the next president; such conditions of the country cannot deter their blessings. God knows how to arrange blessings for his people to be made available above the adverse conditions of the country. Such will be blessed according to their obedience and individual abilities.

An unsaved person's blessings will be according to their conduct. If they are good in some things, they will be blessed in that which they are good in. If they are wicked in some things, their blessings will be cut off according to their wickedness. Now the secret to your prosperity is concealed in your obedience to God's word, and such prosperity cannot be seen oftentimes until the person has obeyed, following the course that God has prepared for them. They must follow by faith, and as they go along, their blessings will come up from behind them and overtake them. They will not see their blessings when they first start out, it must be their faith that will carry them on this course until the blessings are revealed. Listen to Deuteronomy 28:2:

Verse 2 - And all these blessings shall come on thee, and
 overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice
 of the Lord thy God.

CHAPTER IV

**SALVATION:
SPECIAL TOPICS**

Subject: Let Me Bring You Up To Speed On Unknown Tongues:

According to the teachings of The Original King James Version of the Bible, unknown tongues is a sign of a religious, secular organization of people who are not saved, because of their unbelief in the truth of God's word. Listen to I Corinthians 14:22:

Verse 22 - Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not; but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

Those who believe in salvation by unknown tongues find it much easier to claim that they have the Holy Spirit after they have spoken in unknown tongues, rather than to put forth an effort to repent of their sins.

Such religious practicals who speak in unknown tongues can continue to enjoy the carnal life of many sinful practices, because they would have justified themselves to be saved after they have spoken in unknown tongues. Under these religious beliefs, such people would not have put forth any effort to stop committing sins, such as, fornication, adultery, homosexual practices, lying, stealing, being envious, drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking cigarettes or any other carnal pleasures.

The Apostle Paul taught in I Corinthians 14:9 that he who speaketh in unknown tongues speaks to the air. If those in the assembly know not the meaning of what they are saying, they are like barbarians to one another. Such worshipers would be exercising uncivilized rituals of worship. These religious sects have substituted the word "unknown" for "other", or they have replaced the word "other" with the word "unknown". Other tongues refer to other languages. The word unknown refers to ignorance or without knowledge concerning a matter.

When the Holy Ghost is given, it reveals the knowledge of the plan of salvation to the people in a known language. It is not possible for people to learn what is required to be saved if they are trying to communicate in an unknown way. The true works of the Holy Spirit give gifts to edify, or to build up the unlearned person with knowledge about how to be saved.

Those who speak in unknown tongues in their assemblies are heathens to one another. Heathens are those who are ignorant of the knowledge of God, and are given unto idolatry. You do not have to pray for the Holy Ghost or do vain babblings to receive it; all that is necessary is for you to repent of your sins, and God will give you the Holy Ghost to help you to continue living free from sin. The Holy Ghost administers extra power from God to help people to live right. It is not

a spirit that causes people to show off in a church assembly that they have special gifts to speak in unknown tongues, or fall out, foaming at the mouth. The Holy Ghost is a spirit of intelligence, causing a person to be refined and of good behavior. It does not cause a person to act uncivilized, but holy in all manner of conversation and conduct. You cannot beat the devil out of a person. They must repent of their sins and the devil will leave.

Subject: What Happened On The Day of Pentecost?

On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost was given, those who were there began to speak with other tongues, not unknown tongues. God doesn't do anything for man in an unknown way, or else how would man know what is being done. Everybody who was gathered together with one accord spoke in his or her own tongue. If you are doing or saying something for God that is unknown, you are doing it in ignorance. At that time, their tongues were their languages.

God chose to perform miracles and wonders on the day of Pentecost, because there were devout men out of every nation gathered there in Jerusalem for the feast of the Pentecost. Religious people from all parts of the world gathered there for the celebration, just as people gather at different places today to celebrate Christmas or religious holidays. The apostles were instructed by God on that day to go to Jerusalem and tarry there until they received power from on high, which was the Holy Ghost. Today the only evidence that a person has truly received the Holy Ghost is when they have received power to live above, or free from the sins that they could not at one time help from practicing. It pleased God to send the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost so that the gospel of his Son's resurrection and his power might be known throughout the earth.

On that day, certain devout Christians or believers had been in hiding prior to the day of Pentecost, because they did not possess the boldness to testify for Christ, due to their fear of the persecutions that were being given to the believers in Jesus' teaching. However, when they received power from on high they could no longer deny Christ as Peter had done prior to Jesus' crucifixion. So after that the Holy Ghost had come, it was with great boldness that the true disciples and believers in the teachings of Christ went out preaching and testifying of the things that they had seen and heard concerning Jesus' death and resurrection. Today if you have the Holy Ghost you will not deny Christ, but with great boldness will the Holy Ghost cause you to be a swift and living witness to the power of God in your life. You will testify of the power you received to live above sin. If you speak in unknown tongues, it means the devil has fooled you, and your salvation is false.

Subject: The Atheist:

There are people who don't believe that there is a God. They are referred to as being atheists. Such people are materialists, or those who believe in only the physical aspects of existence. These people don't believe that they have a soul. They believe that when they die, that will be the last of their existence. If a mother can speak to her child and the power of her words can make the child move, such power of words from the mother is a reflection of the power of God. God allows his power to operate on a lower level so that humans will be able to understand the reality of his supreme power. All nature tells us how God does things to substantiate his existence. We cannot believe heavenly things about God's existence unless we see a reflection of God's power in earthly things.

In the beginning, God's word spoke to the creation to bring things into existence. An architect can design and build a bridge by giving his word to a contractor whose company will do the labor. Words carry a lot of power in our present world. God's voice can speak to any person, animal, or object and make it move. This should not be that difficult for man to believe, because he can exercise similar power and authority to get things done.

When a person believes that they don't have a soul, it is because they don't know what a soul is. Such a person would have become wise through ignorance. Such wisdom is worldly and false. It is by false, worldly wisdom that such people do not know God. Listen to I Corinthians 1:21:

Verse 21 - For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

You can only know God by revelation. God reveals himself to people that believe in him. Now you can study the Bible and be the biggest fool that ever lived, unless God reveals the knowledge of the Bible to you. You cannot learn that the Bible is correct by worldly wisdom; you must acquire the spirit of humility given by the Holy Spirit to learn that the Bible is correct. The witness to the accuracy of the scriptures can be manifested in your everyday life. The Spirit of God will show you how to compare natural things in your environment to spiritual things that the Bible teaches, and you will receive your witness. When you are an atheist, God will use things you are familiar with to confuse you. God does not honor worldly wisdom. Listen to I Corinthians 1:27:

Verse 27 - But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

Subject: What About Wars?

Oftentimes when we think of heaven, we think of a place where God dwells, that consist of happiness, joy, and peace. That's how heaven is now, but it was not always like that. You can believe it or not, but the first war started in heaven. Listen to Revelation 12:7-12:

Verse 7 - And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Verse 8 - And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

Verse 9 - And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Verse 10 - And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Verse 11 - And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Verse 12 - Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you,

having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

The countries of the so-called free world or NATO can have conferences among themselves to try to establish peace on earth, but as long as that dragon and his angels are on the earth, we will have wars on earth. The devil started war in heaven where God and Jesus reside, and he will surely continue with the war business on earth, where he can maintain conflict without any noticeable opposition.

In heaven, Satan had to deal with Michael, the angel that God created as a special operations warrior against the forces of evil, and Satan lost. Satan has to fight; he can't help himself. Once Satan allowed sin and rebellion to come into his heart, God programmed him to continue in wickedness by the power of the scriptures. The scriptures prophesy about Satan's rebellion, and tell how it will end. Satan cannot escape the prophecy of God's word, even if he wanted to repent. Satan will eventually be cast into a lake of fire and brimstone according to the word of God, and this is without remedy.

Subject: You Have To Be Prepared For Death:

It would be a good thing to make friends with Jesus, because he is the only one who can go with us through the valley of the shadow of death. We may feel that we are going to live in this world enjoying the pleasures of the world indefinitely, but one day we will meet the enemy of life, and that is death. You can spend time with lots of friends in this world, but they won't profit you much when it's time to die. Death is deceitful in its way of presenting itself, because it won't send an email telling you when it's coming. It won't always give an announcement notice to your doctor. Death is clever, and won't always operate in line with medical knowledge; it can surprise even the doctors. Our stay in this life is very uncertain, but our go is a sure appointment. If you aren't saved before you leave here, you will have another appointment that you will have to keep; "this is called the judgment". Listen to Hebrews 9:27:

Verse 27 - And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

You have to be prepared for death; otherwise, death will take you into eternity to deal with conditions that you are not knowledgeable of. Jesus is the

only one who can prepare you for death. Jesus knows how to deal with death, because he defeated death. Believe it or not, it is not God's plan for us to die; death was brought into human existence by Adam. Adam chose death for us. God is concerned about life, not death. It was for this reason that God gave his Son. Death is God's enemy, because God is the giver of life; death takes your life. Listen to Romans 6:23:

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

Now sin brings death; that is why I have entitled my books, "Saved from Sin", because when you are saved from sin, you are saved from the second death. Most people are going to experience the first death, which is death of the flesh and blood body. However, if you become saved while you live in this flesh and blood body, you will not have to experience the second death. The second death is death of your soul or mind, which is continuous, everlasting torment in a lake of fire and brimstone. Now most preachers won't give you this knowledge, but I have been commissioned by God to give this information so that people will know what to expect. It is important that you be saved, and have your name written in the book of life, so that you can escape the second death. Listen to Revelation 20:14-15:

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

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

Subject: Death And Suicide:

Make no mistake though you die, you will live again. God created you to live forever, whether you live with the damned and wicked in hell or with the righteous in heaven.

If you are unhappy with this life, and you think suicide will end your troubles, you will discover that after you commit suicide your miseries, torments, and unhappiness will just begin. To commit suicide is to be a murderer; you would be destroying a human body that does not belong to you. Whether you are saved

or not your body belongs to God, though the life you live may belong to the world of sin. I Corinthians 3:16-17 read as follows:

Verse 16 - Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Verse 17 - If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Your body was created by God to carry his Spirit when you decide to repent of your sins, and obey God. But whether you repent or not your body is still God's property. So then, if you commit suicide you are going to be judged by God as a murderer and one who destroyed God's property. You were bought with a price, and you do not belong to yourself. I Corinthians 6:19- 20 read as follows:

Verse 19 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Verse 20 - For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Subject: There Will Be No Peace In Hell:

Now you will find primarily two kinds of people in this life. You will find those that treat you nice, and those who are not so nice. Those who are nice, you will make them your friends, and you will separate yourself from those who are not so nice. You will be able to do this because the world offers social space for you to separate yourself from people that you don't like. However, listen to what I am trying to teach. If you don't get saved while you are living in this life, you will go to a place called "hell".

Now hell was prepared by God for the devil and his angels that rebelled against God while in heaven. Hell was not prepared for humans on the earth; if humans go to hell, it will be their own personal choice to go there. Now as we said previously, you can choose the company that you desire to be in your life while

living in this present world, but in hell, this social privilege will not be available to the citizens of hell. You will not be able to separate yourself socially from those that you don't like.

The unsaved people in hell will be socially miserable forever, due to the kind of people that will be there. There will be nowhere to go to isolate yourself from the miserable people that will be in hell. Now most everybody was glad when Hitler, Mussolini, the Boston strangler and the Son of Sam died, but when you go to hell, you will see them again, and you will not be able to separate yourself from their company.

Subject: The Loss Of Natural Affections:

When women lose their natural affections, they will do things that are unnatural. They might desire to nurse a dog or a cat rather than to mother a child. A woman who desires a child has natural affections, and instead of dreading the ordeal, or wishing to prevent childbirth such a woman will appreciate the honor of bearing children. Women that don't want to have children don't love their husbands. To have children is to reproduce the image of your husband, and under such conditions, the children will favor their fathers as well as their mothers.

A child's life is shaped by the disposition and habits of the parents while it is developing. If a mother has two children and one is sweet, kind, and loving, and the other is hateful and mean, it is because the mother was sweet and kind during her pregnancy with one child, and hateful and mean during her pregnancy with the other. A wise mother would be alert to how important her work is in shaping the destiny of her offspring, and she would be more careful in subduing her wayward inclinations, thereby allowing a sweet spirit to rule at least during pregnancy.

Subject: The Purpose Of Marriage And Sex:

You can be pro-life, pro-choice, or a pro-ball player, but if you play any part in destroying a child before it is born, God is going to judge you as a murderer. Women have many reasons for desiring to prevent child conception. Probably the main reason is that they along with many men are ignorant of the purpose of marriage. Marriage and sex have one main purpose and that is for men and women to be fruitful and replenish the earth. The principal purpose of child bearing is to produce one generation to replace another. We would be in a bad way if

everybody decided to have abortions. We would soon have a society of nothing but senior citizens. Another probable reason for women desiring to prevent conception is that children are considered as a burden to modern women of today.

Today women are given unto careers or professional endeavors rather than motherhood. Children have a tendency to interfere with these purposes. Regardless of a woman's disadvantages and purpose, God will, under no conditions tolerate abortion or use of birth control methods to prevent childbirth or conception. Many people feel that too many children lead to poverty, and have pretty much taken the matter of child conception in their own hands, ignoring or disregarding the divine purpose of marriage. In addition, they misunderstand the privilege of bearing children. However, childbirth is the only means by which God has provided for humans to come into existence.

When a woman or man interferes with this process, they thwart God's plan and thereby fall under condemnation. God's plan is not for himself, but for man. When man interferes with God's plan, he interferes with his own welfare. We don't know how many children, who have been aborted, that may have been given the gift and knowledge from God to discover a cure for cancer, heart disease, or arthritis. We don't know which child may have had a solution for wars, and establishing world peace. Discoveries, cures, and inventions are gifts from God that can only be implemented by people to whom God gives the gifts. The only person that will be able to discover a cure for cancer is the one to whom God gives the gift of the knowledge for such.

Subject: Abortions And Birth Control Methods (Jeremiah 1:4-5):

God knows every child that would be born before they enter into their mother's womb, and he names them before they are conceived. The name that you have was put into your parents or guardians mind by God. Jeremiah 1:4-5 reads as follows:

Verse 4 - Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

Verse 5 - Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

God knows everybody that would be born before the seed is conceived. Therefore, when a person destroys or interferes with the conception of the seed,

before or after it has been conceived to prevent the seed from developing into a fetus, such a person would be preventing or destroying a child that God already knows of, and for which he has prepared a name. In the judgment of the last days, God is going to charge such a person as a murderer of the child for whom he has prepared the name. Many parents will not know their children's names in the judgment. If you repent, God will destroy your record and forgive you.

Men and women maybe the instruments by which other human beings come into existence, but God is the actual giver of life. I Corinthians 3:6-7 reads as follows:

Verse 6 - I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

Verse 7 - So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Man plans and makes preparations for events of life that he sees sure evidence of coming to pass, but God plans and judges life's events according to his foreknowledge. Before the human seed of life is planted, God takes note of it, which means God knew you before your mother and father knew each other. Your mother and father, most likely, made plans for you when your mother was pregnant, but God made plans for you before they met each other.

If your mother and father worked with God by properly caring for you, then God's plan for you would be fulfilled. Probably ninety percent of the plans that God has for children are not fulfilled because of the failure of parents to cooperate and obey God. Moses' mother and father did not honor the decree of the Pharaoh, and God got in their faith, causing their child Moses to be the great deliverer of Israel. Hannah worked faithfully with her child Samuel, and God made him a great prophet. If a parent or parents work with God, he will make the plans for your child known to you and help you to develop and care for your child.

When God makes his plans known to the parents, they will think that they are making the plans. This is because God works in the minds of men and women giving them a desire to do the things that he wants to be fulfilled. If parents don't work with God, then God will let his own plans for their child be defeated, and your child will be a failure in life.

Subject: God Will Not Prevent Your Evil Deeds:

Although men and women are the instruments by which other human beings come into existence, God is the actual giver of life. Before the human seed of life is planted, God takes note of it and arranges for its existence and career. God even names each child by putting the names in the minds of the parents. With this understanding, we can see how deplorable it is for man to propose to do something that is contrary to God's plan. When a woman uses birth control methods, she kills the child that God has already named.

After God has made arrangements for a child, and the child is later killed, such actions will be then found to be at variance against God. God does not prevent everything that men and women do at the time that they are attempting to do it. God keeps a record of such deeds until the time appointed for the deeds to be judged.

Subject: The Importance Of Baptism By Immersion Under The Water:

There are so many different denominations and faiths today because the religious leaders of our time along with lay persons have interpreted the word of God to suit their own tastes, purposes, and religious ambitions. They have tried to establish themselves in righteousness without receiving authority or help from God. Such religious ambitions will always result in self-righteousness, personal, and carnal interpretations of the scriptures. This is not God's way. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12). No religious way is right unless it is covered according to the directions and instructions given by God. There is only one way into the kingdom of heaven, and Jesus outlined that way. Any other way is the way of the transgressor, whether it is a church transgressor, or a street transgressor. Baptism was introduced as an essential ordinance of the way that God outlined for man to follow to obtain salvation.

Today you will find many religious denominations administering baptism contrary to the way that God has set it up. In the council of heaven, baptism was detailed and ordained for a significant purpose that many church oriented worshipers have failed to come to the knowledge of. The purpose of baptism is lost or ineffectual unless observed according to the directions given by God. You can have a mind to make a pound cake, but without the correct recipe, you will

make some other kind of cake. Though you may call it a pound cake, the substance of the cake would make the name you are using inaccurate.

Many who perform baptismal services have sought many ways to baptize that the job might be convenient and easy to administer for them and the candidates who desire to be baptized. Some baptize by pouring a little water on the head of the candidate, while others sprinkle the candidate. There are other methods being used aside from what was outlined in the scriptures. The scriptures must be observed to the letter if we who desire to be saved seek to carry out the command of God.

Subject: God Originated Baptism:

God originated baptism, not John the Baptist nor Jesus. When a person refuses to be baptized according to the plan of God, such a person rejects the counsel of God, and God will refuse to honor or recognize the person as having completed his instructions for salvation. A true minister of the gospel would desire for those who want to be right with God, according to the ordinances given for salvation, to do all things proper and in order with the instructions given by God.

For there is only one way to do a work that will be pleasing to God; that is to do it the way that God has instructed it to be done. Through the centuries, men have come along to draw people away from the spirit and letter of the teachings that God gave his original apostles. They have established many systems of religious rituals, by the influence of Satan, which are designed to answer to the convenience of people. This has thereby led many to stray away from the spirit of obedience to the ordinances given by God.

Subject: A Preacher Who Seeks To Please The People Cannot Please God:

Today there are deceitful workers of Satan who are going around baptizing in Jesus' name only. Jesus himself taught that baptizing should be done in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. When you leave God and the Holy Ghost out of your baptism, God leaves the Holy Ghost out of your life. When you cut out God and the Holy Ghost, God also cuts you out of the plan of salvation.

John the Baptist did not institute baptism; he simply followed the plan of God. John did as God commanded him to do, and not as the people desired for him to do. The people tried to make John confess that he was the Christ. If you listen to people, they can make a religious fool out of you. People can only be blessed through a religious leader who doesn't seek to please them. When a preacher seeks to please the people, he cannot please God.

CHAPTER V

THE POWER & LOVE OF GOD

Subject: God Is Almighty:

Now the devil is an imitator. He loves to imitate the power of God. Make no mistake; the devil is great in his work, and all the manpower of the earth is no match for Satan. Satan is wonderful in the eyes of those that he can deceive. Satan's main tactic is deception. Satan can fool people using artificial tricks or authentic powers of evil. All of Satan's objectives are to deceive and to destroy. The devil is mighty in his works, but God is almighty. Only the power of God can expose and defeat Satan's works. Now the devil has great power, but it must be brought under subjection of the power of God.

The Lord wanted Israel to realize that no matter what those magicians of Egypt did, he could bring them out of bondage of the Pharaoh. Moses went to Pharaoh and told him that God had sent him. The Pharaoh wondered who God was. The Pharaoh did not know anything about the God of the Israelites. It is easy for the devil to use a person who is ignorant of the knowledge of God. So after all of the miracles that Moses did before the Pharaoh, the Pharaoh's heart got harder and harder, and he paid no attention to what Moses requested.

The more a person opposes God, the stronger God's plan goes to work against them. The children of Israel were delivered based upon the Pharaoh's opposition. God can use whatever action a person uses to oppose his people, as the means to deliver his people. God is almighty; nothing can be done to defeat God's purpose. The Pharaoh had the greatest army on the earth, and Moses simply had a rod. By the power of God in Moses' rod, the children of Israel were delivered, and the Pharaoh was defeated.

Subject: Life Is A Gift From God:

Life is the sweetest and the most pleasant gift that man can have. God is the giver of life. There is nothing more valuable than the privilege to live. Life in the natural body is short termed, but God is offering man continuous life with joy in the Holy ghost that will be everlasting. You cannot imagine the joy and pleasure of everlasting life; it is beyond human understanding.

The Holy Ghost is the infinite power of God that can do anything. In the kingdom of heaven, God will create joy and pleasures for his people that will be unimaginable to our minds in this present state of existence. Listen to I Corinthians 2:9:

Verse 9 - But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

The goodness of God has no bounds; it is as good as the punishment of God is severe. Listen to Romans 11:22:

Verse 22 - Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

Subject: The Love Of God:

The love of God is immeasurable; it is boundless. You cannot determine how to weigh or compute the substance of God's love. Your tongue cannot produce words from your vocabulary to describe God's love. We can measure and define the character of the love that we have for our close friends and relatives. We have different kinds of love for different people, such as, husbands, wives, friends, children, mothers, and fathers. God's love for mankind cannot be measured by any human means of measuring love. A few of the things that God will do for those he loves have been revealed and enjoyed by mankind that we might have a taste of what is yet to come. If you have tasted of the love of God, you will agree that his love is more than we can describe in words.

Subject: More About Divine Love:

Human love is natural and is usually limited to specific people. Divine love is of God; it is unselfish and unlimited. It is love that creates happiness both for the person who has it and for the person upon whom it is bestowed. Divine love will bless a sinner as well as a saint, because it is interested in the soul and not the flesh. Divine love will do good even when it is despised and rejected, because it knows only the devil would cause one to spurn such love.

When you have been made partaker of divine love, you will not care what people may say about you or how they may treat you. You will love them even if they are your enemies. Divine love has a quality, which doesn't change just because people change. When you have divine love, you will not stop loving a

person just because they stop loving you. Divine love gives you continuous happiness because it is pure and from heaven.

Earthly love is limited and can be seasonal, because it can be mixed with jealousy, envy, and emulations. However, divine love is clean and holy, and it keeps the person who has it that way. You would never use divine love to mistreat, offend, abuse or discredit another person. You would use divine love to upgrade, help, bless, encourage, and strengthen another person. Divine love is used to help another to find Christ to be saved.

Divine love helps you to understand that those who do not love you are ignorant, and void of understanding. You will feel sorry for them, knowing that their attitude of defiance toward divine love will destroy them. Divine love gives you grace to bear whatever comes upon you, and God will suffer the ungrateful person who abuses your love to be judged according to his or her conduct. God will suffer the ways of the ungrateful person to bring retribution to overtake them in their arrogance against the person who has God's love.

When you have divine love in your heart, nobody can harm you, therefore, this will make it possible for you to bless those who curse you and pray for those that spitefully use you and persecute you. Under these circumstances, it is not you that they hate, but Christ in you.

Subject: God Can Save You From Your Sins (I John 4:7-8):

It may be difficult to believe that God is going to destroy the world because God loves the world. God loves his enemies, but he is going to destroy them if they fail to repent of their sins. God's love is expressed to the world by his grace. The world has received about two thousand years of grace since Jesus brought grace to the people. The purpose of grace from God is to give the people of the earth a chance to repent.

God ordained and sent a special preacher to the world to preach nothing but repentance, and had his sermons recorded in the Bible so that the world would have a chance to repent of their sins. This is the love of God being extended to the world. God will have to destroy the world because the world gets pleasure out of sinful practices, and sin is against God's holiness. God did not put sin into the world; it was initiated by Satan through Adam. Though sin is an awful curse, God has the power to save men from sin so that man will not be destroyed with the world.

Subject: God's Name Is Holy:

The Holy Spirit keeps you in God's name that you might be one with God. When you are one with God, you live according to his discretion. God's discretion is his judgment. The Spirit of God helps you to submit yourself to his will. God's will is his way of doing things. Before Jesus left the earth, he prayed to God that the apostles would be kept together as one in God's name. Those who are truly saved, and are one with God and Jesus are also kept together as one in the teachings of Christ. This can be done by the Holy Spirit.

Now when Jesus prayed to the Father, he referred to the Father as being a "Holy Father". All who are one with God will also bear his name, which is holy. Whenever a people are redeemed from sin, they are called a holy people (Isaiah 62:12). If you are saved today and worshiping God in spirit and truth, you should be called by God's name, and his name is Holy. If you use some other denominational name in place of holy, then it is by your own testimony that you are not one of God's people, because God's people will go under his name.

When you are born of your mother and father's family, you go under their family name. However, when you are born again in God's family, though you will keep your earthly family name for official identification, you will also take on a heavenly family name for spiritual identification having a new name placed in the book of life. This new name in the book of life will allow you to be inclusive in the first resurrection when Jesus returns for the saved people.



CHAPTER VI

**RECOGNIZING THE TRUE
MINISTERS OF GOD**

Subject: God Sends Prophets To Warn The People:

The word of the Lord is given to the people of the earth by prophets so that they will know what will come to pass (Genesis 18:16-17). The Lord will not send a major event upon the earth unless he first warns the people by means of his prophet (Amos 3:7). It doesn't matter how many high tech systems of communication the world is using, such as web sites and email, God will only warn the people of the earth by means of a prophet. God will not send extra prophets; hardly ever will God use more than one prophet at a time.

It is God's purpose and plan to make man understand what the future will bring, therefore, the prophets of old were used by him to warn and make people know that if they went a certain way, the end of that way would be death. Now, humans are born with a way of thinking that makes their way of life seem right to them. When many find out that they are not right, they will create false pretenses of what is right. Many will do this in their religious teachings.

God's purpose is to make man understand; therefore, prophets are established in the earth. God gives his Spirit to the prophets, not by measure, but by the fullness of his power whenever he wants messages to be delivered to the people. On many occasions, the prophets will speak of things that they will not understand how it would be possible. God always reveals the things that will happen in the latter days during the earlier days. Now, people can go along and think the things that God has said aren't going to happen, but they will surely come to pass.

God warned Israel of the things that would happen to them in the last days if they continued in their disobedience. Israel is suffering today because they have forsaken God. They rejected Jesus Christ. When Israel returns to God, his love for her is so great that he will restore Israel.

Subject: A True Minister Of The Gospel:

A true minister of the gospel that is sent by God is not just a preacher, but also a minister. A preacher can be just an orator or one who merely speaks to a congregation, but a minister is one who performs duties; such duties could be domestic everyday chores. On many occasions, my wife and I have found ourselves helping senior citizens, babysitting, helping to clean homes, as well as ministering to and taking care of the sick. I have worked on farms, doing such chores as hauling manure, firewood, and raising vegetable gardens. During the

earlier years of my ministry, I did more work in a pick-up truck than I did in the pulpit.

If a man says that God called him to be a minister of the gospel, and he simply preaches and does nothing to serve the needs of those in the community, then such a man is a false prophet. The Apostle Paul said on many occasions, he worked with his hands. When God calls a man to be a minister of the gospel, then his preaching should be based upon the services that he has rendered to his congregation and community. A true minister's congregation should be developed resulting from his labor and services to the people. A true minister of God will never be sent by God into an already established church body. A true minister will be blessed by God to establish his own organization and body. When a church hires a minister, it means that minister is a hireling, or false prophet, who is sent by Satan to steal the knowledge of salvation from the people. St. John 10:12 reads as follows:

Verse 12 - *But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.*

The word hireling comes from the root word "hire", which means a person is paid to do a job by another. When a preacher is hired by another group, he is false. A true minister must start his own work and develop his own congregation, and not try to carry another man's work on. Today we have many floating preachers in our society; that is, they don't have a church work, but they float around looking for other churches to preach in, as an assistant or an associate minister, or just a visiting member. When God calls a minister, he gives him a work as a servant first and then a preacher. A true minister of God does not have time to go to other churches to preach. Many preachers do it for money, fame, recognition, and to impress others that they have special wisdom from God. Such preachers are foolish and are contrary to the word of God. I Timothy 3:3 teaches that a minister should never serve the people for money; it reads as follows:

Verse 3 - Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

A true minister of the gospel will serve for the love of God, and the people. When money is a motivating factor then the minister becomes a false prophet. Many preachers today are using churches as playgrounds; that is, a place to go and play with words for a few minutes, and to entertain people who have itching ears.

A true minister will make full proof of the ministry, trying to serve the people in some way or another, rather than just preaching scriptures of no profit. In II Timothy 3:13, Paul teaches Timothy that evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. In II Timothy 4:3, Paul taught that the time will come when church folk will not endure sound doctrine; (most have never been taught sound doctrine), but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. That is, many churches will be seeking to hire preachers to preach what they want to hear.

When God sends a true minister to start a work or ministry, after the true leader dies, then his work is finished; which means God is finished using his organization. If the remaining members try to hire a new minister to continue the work of the true minister, then the people themselves make the minister they hire a false prophet, simply by offering him money and benefits to be their preacher in a dead God forsaken organization. Money kills the spirit of a preacher, and profanes the sacredness of his ministry. A true minister must minister by faith, trusting that God will pay him. His reward will be given to him by God according to the worth of the work that he establishes; he cannot and should not be paid by a congregation for his services; whatever is right God will pay him. When a congregation pays a minister his salary, then he is beholding to the congregation to preach what they want him to preach.

A true minister of the gospel should never have time to go around visiting other churches trying to preach. He should be busy trying to establish his own work so that he will not be a busy body in another minister's work. God does not have any surplus preachers; they all should be busy starting their own work. If they are too weak to start a work themselves, then God did not call them; they should stop going in the name of a preacher, and try to be saved. Most preachers, who are floating around in this spirit, are probably not saved themselves.

When John the Baptist was presenting his ministry of the baptism of water, on one occasion he looked up and saw many of the Scribes and Pharisees coming who were supposed to be ministers themselves, and he said unto them, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet (fit) for repentance". Today many religious leaders are running to church services everywhere, and they need to repent themselves.

Subject: Your Salvation Is Extended To You By Grace Which Comes By Your Leader:

The mystery of your salvation comes to you by grace through your leader. The faithfulness of your leader will determine whether you will receive grace from God or not. God does not work directly to you for your salvation; but he works through your leader. When you dishonor your leader, you have killed your chances for being saved. No matter how much you repent and give your heart to Christ, this is all necessary, but it takes a God sent leader to bring salvation to you. Your leader has to receive help from God. God will not honor you without a leader being your ambassador. Your leader is equipped with the knowledge, patience, strength, and longsuffering to work you into the channels of salvation. Galatians 4:19 reads as follows:

Verse 19 - My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

II Corinthians 11:1-2 read as follows:

Verse 1 - Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.

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

I Corinthians 4:14-15 read as follows:

Verse 14 - I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.

Verse 15 - For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

Subject: You Will Know The True Religious Leader By His Fruits:

Take heed that you don't allow any preacher to deceive you, for many religious leaders will come in the last days (we are presently living in the last days) saying that God sent them, and they will deceive many people. No doubt, most of the religious people of today have been deceived and are following the wrong leaders. You will know the true religious leader by his fruit, not just the fruit of the Holy Spirit in his life, but also the fruit in your life also.

If your religious leader is false, you will be false also. Never lie to yourself and say that you are saved when your life is producing sinful fruit. A true religious leader will manifest the fruit of the Holy Spirit in his life, as well as in your life. You will always be able to tell a true leader by the good works that he is doing in your life. If you are a liar, thief, liquor drinker, adulterer or fornicator and you belong to a church, this means that your religious leader is producing bad fruit.

You can know your religious leader by his fruit in you. You don't have to know the secrets of his life to know what he is; you only need to know the secret sins of your own heart. If you have malice, hatred, jealousy, strife, emulations, greed and a desire for vengeance in your own heart, this is what your religious leader has produced in your life. He is a failure and so are you.

Subject: A True Minister Of The Gospel Is Not An Endorser Of Evil Deeds:

A true minister of God is not an endorser of the evil deeds of those whom he may be trying to teach the way of righteousness. Some may think that they can get to heaven some way other than by the teachings of righteousness. However, the true minister will not approve of such a religious attempt. He will show his flock that the way of the transgressor is the hard way, and that the way of the cross leads home, when it is coupled with obedience to the gospel.

CHAPTER VII

**RECOGNIZING
FALSE PREACHERS &
FALSE CHURCHES**

Subject: The Gates Of Hell (St. Matthew 16:18):

If arguments, confusion, strife, malice, envy, and emulations are in your church, it means that Jesus didn't build it. All such things will send people to hell. If these sinful aspects are in your church, then the gates of hell have prevailed against your church. The word "hell" means torment. Confusion belongs to those who are tormented. If you listen to Christians talk about their churches, you will learn that very inappropriate conduct is taking place in their churches consisting of confusion and strife. Such churches are not churches that Christ built.

Christ teaches that he would build his church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. With this knowledge in mind, you can consider which church is right. It is certain that the gates of hell will prevail against churches where confusion, strife, and divisions are; those ways you will find among people in hell, and those that are going to hell. In order for a church to be right, the members must be right. The members must carry righteousness into the assembly. The leaders must be the example and pattern of righteousness for the other members to follow. When the leaders are not right, the subordinate members will be under the spirit of unrighteousness. God must send and establish righteous leaders in order for a church to be right. The Holy Spirit is present in a church where there is righteous leadership; such is a church that Christ built. When other people attend such a church, they can be saved by the spirit of the leaders that will engraft them into the family of God.

Subject: False Preachers Are A Sign Of The End:

Jesus taught that one of the signs of the end of the world is that many false preachers will arise, and shall deceive many (St. Matthew 24:4-14). Satan has established institutions of deception in the Christian churches of America. Satan has trained and sent many young preachers into churches to preach doctrines of deception. Today the churches of America are so ineffective that they are not able to solve any of our problems. You don't hear anything from the religious leaders of today giving a solution concerning our nation's problems, yet there are churches and preachers everywhere.

A false preacher will not teach the members not to commit adultery, drink liquor, nor commit fornication, homosexual acts, lie, steal, or smoke cigarettes. False preachers will preach a doctrine to excite the congregation rather than to teach against sinful practices. False teachers will not teach about the judgment of the last days, and how that God will judge the unsaved according to their sinful

practices. False preachers will not teach in depth knowledge about the scriptures. They will not teach in I Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:5-6, Romans 1:26-32, St. Mark 7:20-23, I Peter 3:12, Revelation 21:7-8 and Revelation 22:14-15. The more important scriptures that are relevant to salvation a false preacher will not teach concerning such information.

Subject: Who Is Worshiping God? (St. John 4:23):

When Jesus was speaking to the Samaritan woman, she was very much concerned about where she should worship, as many people are today. A lot of folk don't understand where to worship God, and it is due primarily to the confusion that man has produced by establishing beautiful buildings as places to worship. Those without knowledge are oftentimes misled into thinking that in beautiful, expensive buildings is where you can find God on Sunday mornings. The church is the light of the world; meaning it is a place where righteous people assemble; light means righteousness. The Church of God is not a building, but human beings who obey the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Confusion comes when the light or righteousness of the church has gone out. Folk will then get confused and think that in a beautiful building is where God dwells. God does not dwell in temples made with hands; he dwells in human beings that obey him. The only way God will enter a building is that human beings will have to carry him into the building by means of his Spirit. If the Spirit of God is not in the people who sit in the pews of a church, then every evil spirit can be found in that church. All of the corrupt practices of the world are taken into churches of today, such as politics, greed, entertainment, and commercialization along with fornication and adultery.

A church cannot have God in it when the members don't have God in their lives. When you are born again, you become a saint. Saints are holy people who dedicate their lives to serving God. They are not merely church going people, but they obey and serve God in all that they do. Now there are two kinds of ministers. One can be a minister of God, if he is filled with the Spirit of God and is sent by God to teach salvation in Jesus Christ. Salvation means deliverance from sin. The other can be a minister of the people, if he allows the people to come to the assembly and retain sins in their personal lives after they leave the assembly.

When a minister allows the people in the assembly to do to suit themselves, he is not a minister of God; he is a minister of the people who hired him. Christ builds his church in the hearts of those for whom he died to save. While talking to

the woman at the well, Jesus taught that the true worshipers of God must worship God in spirit and in truth (St. John 4:23-24), and not in some church building, such as the Jews were doing in the synagogues. God does not want people to go to an assemble hall to worship him unless they worship him in the correct spirit of what they are singing and preaching about.

Subject: Has Your Church Failed You?

Christ teaches that if he overcame the world you can also, if you obey his teachings. You must understand that when Christ is teaching you to overcome the world, he sets you apart from the pleasures, activities, and churches of the world. A worldly, sin practicing church is worse than a nightclub crowd is.

What are you going to church for, to sing and testify, and still practice sin? If your church is not helping you to live above sin, then what is it doing for you that your lodge, fraternity, sorority or social club can't do? Don't let your church fool you. If power from heaven is not extended to you by means of what your church is teaching, you are wasting your time going there. If your religion is failing to keep you out of sin, it means your church has failed you.

Subject: Believe It Or Not Most Of The Christian Society Rejects The Plan Of Salvation:

The plan of salvation instituted by the Lord is so simple that a wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err in it. However, most Christians have chosen to follow a complicated version of the plan of salvation, which is not really the true plan. This same spirit of deviation from the true gospel to some sophisticated form of worship came into the early churches during the Apostle Paul's ministry. Galatians 1:6-7 read as follows:

Verse 6 - I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Verse 7 - Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

The gospel was given to man in simplicity so that even a foolish man could follow it if he desired to do so. Today many religious organizations have beguiled the members so that their minds have been corrupted from the simplicity of the gospel. II Corinthians 11:3 and 13-15 read as follows:

Verse 3 - But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

So religious leaders and teachers are:

Verse 13 - For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

Verse 14 - And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Verse 15 - Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

It is through the deception of the secular church society that most Christians are deceived into rejecting the plan of salvation. Most secular organizations offer false religious leadership that deceives those who are supporters. God sent Jesus Christ into the world and no man ever spoke or taught as he taught. Those who heard him had to bear witness that this man was from no college here on earth; he must have received his knowledge from a source higher than any source that this world can offer, and yet most did not believe him. Today this same spirit of unbelief is just as prevalent in our Christian society among all sects who believe that you cannot live a life above sin after Jesus saves you.

The Bible teaches plainly that there are two works of grace. Grace means favor that a person did not earn, and does not deserve. God sent a forerunner (John the Baptist) testifying that Jesus would be sent from God and would save man from his sins; that is save him and deliver him from every sin. You don't have to sin. Sin includes everything that is contrary to the will of God and love includes all that is in accord with God's will. There are two works of grace which most Christian and secular churches have failed to preach. One is forgiveness of sin and the other is the power given to man which makes it so that he does not have to sin anymore after having been forgiven of his sins.

Most people know about the baptism of water; but few know about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which keeps you from going back to a life of sin. The baptism of water is only a sign given to the world by those of you who have accepted the teachings of Jesus Christ that God offered through the forerunner (John the Baptist). You don't have to be baptized in water to get to heaven, but you must be baptized with the Holy Ghost to get there. Baptism is a symbol of the death and the resurrection of Jesus. We are buried in sin but raised in righteousness. Romans 6:3-6 read as follows:

Verse 3 - Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

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

Verse 5 - For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Verse 6 - Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Subject: Is Your Pastor A Dumb Dog?

The scriptures declare that when a man is a preacher or prophet of God, and he refuses to bark when he sees sin in the church, it is because he has become a dumb dog. A good watch dog will bark when danger approaches the home of its master. Today many preachers have less sense than a good dog because they will look the other way and remain quiet when church members are being overtaken by sin. Sin is the enemy of man today and people need to be warned about the entrapments of sin.

Many preachers today are in the form of a true religious leader or prophet, very much like a dummy in a store window displaying clothing. The dummy is in the form of a person, but without life. These preachers have a form of life, but no power, no spiritual life and no substance of righteousness is in them. Women who

go to churches of preachers of this type are silly women. Such women accept the flattery of the lifeless preacher and he uses the silly women to work for him, almost like a pimp or mack on the street. Like pimps on the street, these preachers use women in their churches. The mack on the street has street smarts and the preachers in these type churches have church smarts. Such preachers get silly women to bring money to support their churches, and the preacher will stand in the pulpit and talk about what a faithful sister Mrs. Sara Doe is. However, the preacher will fail to bark and warn Mrs. Sara Doe about her sins because the preacher has church smarts and Mrs. Sara Doe is a silly woman. Silly women can be exploited by flattery.

The preacher is supposed to be a watchman, placed in the church to watch over and protect the flock from sin. If the preacher sees sin creeping in to overcome a young girl or a mother, or something that will lead them astray, he is supposed to bark and warn them. The preacher is supposed to give personal counsel to young girls teaching them to watch for men or boys in the world that are trying to trick and use them. If young girls ignore the preacher, he is supposed to get in the pulpit and bark and tell the members publicly of the dangers and penalties of such seducing sins, and that men of the world desire to entice them. Young girls must be taught how to avoid such men of the world.

Today preachers have lost their vision. Many preachers today are like men of the world seducing and using young women in their churches rather than warning them. The eyes of preachers of today have become full of good-looking women and they can't see Jesus nor understand his word. They preach stories, fables, and sing songs to get their members excited as if they are in a rock concert. In churches today, emphasis is put on emotions, music, excitement, and good spiritual feelings rather than watching for sins. This results from preachers being dumb dogs who fail to bark.

Subject: You Need The Correct Information To Please God:

When you are not fully informed, you are easily misled. It may be that in your heart you want to do according to what is required to please God, but your pastor is not giving you the right information to live up to the standard of righteousness that God requires. It is by knowing and obeying God's standard of holiness that you are certified to please God. You can only acquire this certification by means of a God-sent preacher who gives you the knowledge to acquire this certification.

When the truth is not given to you the way God ordains, you will be ill informed and misled. Good intent of heart is a good start towards pleasing God, but you need the correct knowledge to prove your intent of heart, otherwise you will suffer from an incomplete adjustment to the acquisition of salvation.

Subject: Separate But Right:

Today all of our secular denominations claim to be right, but they are separate, which means they are divided and not saved according to the Bible. Jesus prayed to the Father that he would make the disciples one, that they might be spiritually fit to receive the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew that if they were divided, the Holy Ghost would not come upon them. Not only was Jesus praying for the disciples at that time to be one, but also for those of us who would come along later to be one. St. John 17:20-21 read as follows:

Verse 20 - Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

Verse 21 - That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Oneness means to have the same mind agreeing with one doctrine or teaching, following the same discretion, with no divided religious opinions or judgments. To be truly saved and one, does not mean that you are on one accord with each other in your church; it could be that your church is following the wrong doctrine. To be established in true oneness means that you must be with one accord. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one accord. Being on one accord with the members of your church can be a danger for you spiritually, if they are not all with one accord. To be with one accord is to be with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; they are true one accord, which means they are three, but one in administration.

One accord from heaven is never divided or separate on any issue. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did not come down until all of those who were to be partakers were with one accord, which meant they had to be totally in agreement with the teachings of Jesus Christ, without any divisions or disagreements. In the book of Acts 2:1, it reads as follows:

Verse 1- And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

To be in one spirit means that every member of the body is following one teaching with one mind, all speaking the same thing. This should be the teachings of one accord. If this is not established in a group then it means their church is divided. A divided spirit means that the Holy Spirit is not present, and nobody is saved in that church. In I Corinthians 1:10 the Apostle Paul teaches concerning this problem:

Verse 10 - Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

There may be many different churches, denominations and religious teachings, but there is only one teaching of Jesus Christ, one faith, one baptism, and one Spirit. The Bible helps us to know when we are one with this teaching, faith, and Spirit. If our church is functioning contrary to the teachings of the word of God, then it means we are not one with God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit. Our religious teaching should be functioning according to the teachings of the word of God. When we are one with the principles and teachings of Jesus Christ then we are a part of that one body, and we are with one accord. Ephesians 4:4-6 read as follows:

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,

Verse 6 - One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Subject: Why Are There Divisions Among Religious Denominations?

First, there should be no religious denominations. God never started any denominations among religious people. The very fact that there are denominations means that religions are divided; and that the Spirit of God is not a part of their churches or organizations. If you belong to a religious denomination, you are not saved. God is not a part of anything that is divided. God is one faith (teaching or belief) one body, one spirit, one Lord (Jesus) one baptism, and he is one God, the Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all if you are a part of his one faith (Ephesians 4:3-6). Under such oneness, the unity of the Spirit is established.

God has one church, which is the Church of God. If you obey His doctrine in the spirit of oneness as it is stated above, then you are a member of His church. If you think that you can obey the teachings of Christ going to a denominational church, you have been deceived. If you go under a religious name or denomination, it automatically separates you from God's church. The wrong name kills you. The fact that different groups wanted to be different from the name that God established in the early church created divisions among sect groups. God will not change the name of his church just because a group of people wanted to be something different. I Corinthians 1:11-13 reads as follows:

Verse 11 - For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

Verse 12 - Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

Verse 13 - Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

Divisions break down the unity of the Holy Spirit, and curtail the works of God in the midst of so-called saved people. God will not work or save anybody where a group of people is divided, even though they may know the right teaching. It is necessary that they maintain oneness that the Spirit of God might save the repenting sinner, and keep those saved who have already repented. You must be kept by the power of God, which is the Holy Spirit. I Peter 1:5 reads as follows:

Verse 5 - Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Acts 2:1 reads as follows:

Verse 1 - And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Being divided in different places with different beliefs will not allow the Spirit of God to come down and work in the midst of the people of God. Jesus prayed to the Father that he would make his disciples one, that the comforter (Holy Ghost) might come and establish them in the faith that he taught.

St. John 17: 20-21 read as follows:

Verse 20 - *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*

Verse 21 - *That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*

Subject: Too Many Masters:

You won't likely be saved in an organized secular church such as Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, or Holiness denominations. Most every member of an organized secular church of today wants to be the boss of the church. Most have no respect for their pastor or church leaders and they support their churches simply because they want to be in an organization to be a part of the controlling force. This kind of attitude in local churches is repulsive to God. I wouldn't be caught dead in such a church. Under such spiritual conditions, the bosses or those seeking to be in authority will receive a greater condemnation than those in the world who don't belong to any church. James 3:1 reads as follows:

Verse 1 - My brethren, (sisters too) be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

To be a Lord over God's heritage is a greater condemnation, than to be an adulterer, liquor drinker or some other unsaved person. A truly saved member of the body of Christ, whether he is a leader or ordinary member, will not seek to be a church boss, but he will seek to be an example among the flock. In I Peter 5:2-4, it teaches how a leader or experienced saint should maintain the proper spiritual attitude as a member of the body of Christ.

Verse 2 - Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

Verse 3 - Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

Verse 4 - And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

When many people fail to acquire prominent high rank positions in the world, they will oftentimes look for a church to run. The authority to lead the people of God is delegated by the Holy Spirit, and not by false brothers and sisters who creep in among the people of God to satisfy their lust or personal ambitions. Such persons are guilty of turning the grace of God into an organization to satisfy their social and lustful desires like some big business corporation. Jude 1:4 reads as follows:

Verse 4 - For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

You can always tell such a spirit, because they will desire to control the money and properties of the church organization; putting salvation on the back burner. I would rather meet in a home with a few sincere saints, than to be a part of this kind of church group, in which most of the churches are under influence of today. Among the people of God, good conduct dictated and directed by the scriptures, taught by a Holy Ghost filled, God sent minister is the only acceptable condition for God to be a part of. God will not enter any other kind of assembly.

CHAPTER VIII

**UNDERSTANDING THE
SCRIPTURES**

Subject: Be Careful Of What Bible You Read:

There is only one Bible to use for salvation in Jesus Christ, and that is The Original King James Version of the Bible. If a person or religious organization attempts to use any other revised or translated version of the Bible, they will not be saved. Listen to Revelation 22:18-19:

Verse 18 - For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plaques that are written in this book:

Verse 19 - And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

The Bible is not a book of some man's private interpretation, but of a spiritual revelation given by the Holy Spirit. Listen to II Peter 1:20-21:

Verse 20 - Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

Verse 21 - For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

In some of the New Revised Standard Versions of the Bible, two very important words were left out, which are the words "begotten" and "virgin". They have substituted, and use the words "young woman" in place of "virgin". Now in The Original King James Version, the word "virgin" is found in Isaiah 7:14, and the word "begotten" is found in St. John 3:16.

Now the New Revised Standard Version reads like this, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son"; the word "begotten" has been left out. This statement alone contradicts other passages of scripture found in the revised standard versions. In Job 1:16, Job 38:1-7, St. Luke 3:38, and in Romans 8:14-15 reference is also made to God's sons, contradicting St. John 3:16, which states "God's only begotten son". When books contradict themselves, they are not worth the paper that they are written on.

Subject: The Scriptures Cannot Be Broken (St. John 10:35):

You cannot receive, nor comprehend the reality of Jesus' birth except the Holy Spirit anoints your mind to receive this knowledge. If you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, the knowledge of Jesus' birth is just another story to you. The Holy Spirit is an intercessor that causes the reality of the stories in the Bible to become realistic knowledge in human minds. When you have not been born again of the Spirit of God, your way of thinking will not give you the ability to process the word of God into reality for you. In other words, the knowledge of God's word will be in storybook form. A human mind that has not received the new birth in Christ cannot comprehend, nor accept the knowledge of Christ's birth of a virgin.

Jesus was born of a virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit. You can only truly accept this information if the same Holy Spirit has given you power in your mind to accept it. The virgin birth of Jesus Christ is not in line with the things that humans believe. To accept the story of Jesus' birth and conception of a truth, we must be a part of the process by which Jesus was conceived. The only way we can be part of such is that the Spirit that conceived Jesus must cause us to believe in Jesus. We believe in Jesus when we believe in the purpose of his birth. Listen to St. Matthew 1:21:

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.

You cannot believe that Jesus was born of a virgin and reject the reason for which he was born. The scriptures cannot be broken (St. John 10:35). If you reject one part of the scriptures, you will be judged by God as rejecting all of the scriptures.

Subject: The Word of God Is Not The Words Of Man:

Some people believe that the Bible is the word of men because men wrote it. If you read the Bible carefully, you can see that it is not the word of men, for it is not in accord with the spirit of men. It is not the spirit of a man to turn the other cheek after he has been slapped. The Bible is the word of God written by men, but inspired by the Spirit of God. The Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit to use men who were filled with the Holy Spirit to write it. Such men were moved by the

Holy Ghost to write the Bible, expounding upon righteous principles that are against the nature of ordinary men.

Holy men are not ordinary men, and they don't live according to the desires of the carnal nature. In the book of Hosea 13:14 it teaches that God will ransom them from the power of the grave, "I will redeem them from death". Now an ordinary man who desires to write a book will not include principles such as Hosea is teaching, because a book written with such principles will not sell on the market. When ordinary men write books, they write about things that people love to hear. They won't write a book teaching that you should not commit adultery or have sex before you are married. Such principles are not in accord with the human way of life.

Many preachers of today will preach sermons that are accepted by carnal minds, just as books are written and are to be accepted by carnal minds. In order to receive the principles written in the Bible, a person must first be given a spiritual mind. Only spiritual things can be compatible with spiritual knowledge. A carnal mind is a sinful, worldly mind that will only accept worldly principles, which approve of the way a carnal mind thinks.

Subject: Take The Sword Of The Spirit (Ephesians 6:17):

Now the devil is at war against human beings of the earth. If you are having a lot of fun in life, and don't know about the spiritual war that is going on, the devil has deceived you. A spiritual war is a war between good and evil. The devil's purpose is to get everybody that he can to do evil. The only thing that you can fight evil with is the word of God. The Bible is the only weapon that can be used against evil because it gives instructions on how to defeat evil.

The Bible is called the sword of the Spirit. You cannot attack Satan unless you are fully equipped; otherwise, you will lose the battle. You must be shod with the preparation of the gospel, which means you must know the word of God. If your church does not teach you the unadulterated knowledge of God's word, you will lose this war. If you have a pastor who does not teach you how to live above sin, and show you scriptures about how to be sanctified, and to endure testing and trials, you will lose this war against Satan. You must carry the sword of the Spirit in your hand and your heart and the helmet of salvation on your head. When you are properly equipped, you can fight Satan.

Subject: God's Word Has Power (Genesis 1:3):

When God speaks, power comes out of his words. God's word and his Spirit work together. When you believe God's word, the power of his Spirit activates the word, and whatever God speaks will come to pass. The spoken word of God along with the power of his Spirit created the world. In St. John 1:14 it teaches that God took his word, made a body out of the word, and called the word Jesus. Jesus was the word of God made to live in a flesh and blood body, but defied the sinful desires of the flesh.

God's word, as Jesus, lived on the earth in a human flesh and blood body, but did not allow the sinful cravings of the flesh to be activated in his body. Jesus was able to keep greed, selfishness, hate, malice, envy, strife, adultery, fornication, and all manner of sin from being a part of his life. When Jesus comes into our lives, we should be able to do the same thing. God took his word and made it flesh, but it did not give into the works of the flesh. 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.

Jesus taught that if we forsake sinful practices and obey the word of God, God would not charge us with sins that were committed in the past. Today if men and women follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, the new birth by means of the Holy Spirit will follow. Jesus lived on the earth for thirty-three years, and willingly followed the Holy Spirit that conceived him. The same Holy Spirit that conceived and led Jesus through his ministry also resurrected him after his crucifixion.

Subject: Watch Science When It Contends With God's Word:

Now with the help of God, I am going to attempt to set you straight on something. Without knowledge from God, there are many things proclaimed in the world that are erroneous. So many people, scientists in particular, claim that man came from the ancestry of the ape. Now you have to watch science when it is in contention with the word of God. Scientists can teach many good principles about our existence, but when it comes to teaching you about God, you had better watch them. Scientists are very smart, but those who died teaching contrary to God's word cannot teach their way out of hell.

There are those who believe that because the scriptures give an account only of the creation of one man and one woman, Cain, the first son of Adam and Eve married an ape or monkey. However, others who have a more sincere regard for God simply wonder, with honest doubt, what or who was Cain's wife. Since the Bible simply says Cain went to the land of Nod and knew his wife, some get the impression that she must have been already there in the form of some animal rather than some high intellectual being as the woman. If Cain's wife had been some type of lower animal, then man of today would be some kind of freak. In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, God blessed the creatures of the earth and gave them the ability to be fruitful and multiply, producing other creatures after their kind (Genesis 1:21-25).

Subject: The Works Of God Versus The Works Of Men:

Unless you have a good understanding and keen knowledge of God's word and his ways, it will be difficult for you to discern the works of God from the works of the man that God is using. God establishes himself and works so closely with the man that he sends until it is very difficult to identify when God is using the man. Many people believe that the Bible is the words of men because it appeared that men wrote it. It is true that men wrote the Bible, but they were holy men with whom God personally dealt. The men who wrote the Bible were like an artist to whom God gave the knowledge of his word, to draw pictures using God's word, that others might understand God's will and his ways. Such illustrations were done through the holy men of God by the Holy Spirit of God.

If you read the Bible carefully, and receive some understanding, you will be able to see that it is not the words of men, neither is it in accord with the spirit of men. If a man follows the teachings of the Bible, they will cause him to become unpopular, rejected and persecuted by many, as Jesus was. This is not compatible with the nature of ordinary men. The nature of a man is to write books that will cause people to accept and establish him as a famous writer to receive lucrative returns for his works. The men that God used to write the Bible did not get anything for their works except to be cast into prison, persecuted and some were killed. An intelligent, ordinary man would not do a work that would cause such things to come upon him. Only the Spirit of God moving upon the man to work by the inspiration of God would cause him to write a work that he knows will provoke rejections and persecutions by most of the people.

Subject: God's Word Teaches Things That Appear To Be Impossible For Men:

It is not the spirit, nor nature of a man to be kind to those that are evil to him. The Spirit of a man does not lead him to love his enemies. When this spirit and attitude are displayed in a man, such a man is under the influence of the Spirit of God. The nature and spirit of a man causes him to hate his enemies and to seek revenge. The Bible teaches that whosoever shall smite thee on thy cheek turn to him the other cheek. Does this sound like the way of a man? The Bible is the word of God, written by men who were inspired by the Spirit of God, men to whom God revealed his truth.

Whenever there is something in the Bible that appears impossible to obey, this is because it is a book of impossibilities for man because the principles of the Bible did not come from men. No man would write a book teaching that you can be perfect, because the knowledge of perfection does not come from men, but God teaches in the Bible to, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect". The nature of a man would not lead him to write a book with this principle in it, simply because it is not within his ability to be perfect, nor in his understanding to accept the fact that it is possible.

Afterword

In conclusion, it is hoped that you have been enlightened, encouraged, and further educated with regard to the urgency of obtaining true salvation in Jesus Christ, and the requirements to do so. Today the Spirit of God is moving upon the earth to give you the new birth. This is the grace of God being extended to the people of the earth.

During this grace period, God is ready to answer the prayer of a repenting heart. God does not want the people of the earth to experience fear and torment. God wants to deliver all who will repent of their sins. The choice is yours!



