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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”

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## **Foreword**

Welcome to Volume 20 of Saved from Sin. As a new year begins, the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ draws nearer than ever before. Though we do not know the day or hour that Christ will come, all of the signs are in place. The media helps us to see that the word of God is coming to pass. Therefore, we must be ready to meet the Lord, and to be on the better side of the judgment of God.

Elder Kilgore's books will help us to be ready for Christ's return. He teaches what sins are, how to get sin out of your life, and the processes of salvation that one must experience, according to the scriptures, to be a candidate for the kingdom of heaven. Please read Volume 20 and learn how to be "Saved from Sin".





## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Have You Heard The Weather Forecast?**

Have you heard the weather forecast? Another storm is coming, and it has been forecasted in the word of God. The scriptures are forecasting a storm that will be of flashing lightening, fire and brimstone. This may be difficult for most people to believe, because there has never been a weather forecast like this before.

If you are saved before this storm comes, you won't be here when it arrives. Born again believers would have been taken to heaven before the storm arrives. God has prepared a place in heaven for those who are saved to escape the storm. Saved people would have been a part of an event referred to as the first resurrection. Jesus will be the administrator of this event. In order for Jesus to deliver you from this storm, you must allow Him to be the administrator of your life before the storm comes.

Jesus administers grace to those who want to escape the storm. Grace from God is more powerful than the storm. Grace is a shelter from things that are a terror to humans. Jesus is a temple for the souls of men and women who will obey Him. While living in the temple that Jesus provides, you will be safe from the storm.

### **Summer Is Ending:**

When you are born in sin and shaped in iniquity, God reverses the process of your conception when He saves you. Salvation of a person is by the power of God. The devil cursed man to be born in sin, and God has power to do anything that is necessary to deliver us from the power of Satan's curse.

God will only give us the gift of salvation during this period of grace while we are living in this present world. This grace period is referred to as "the summer". To be saved is referred to as "the harvest". If we let the summer end and the harvest past, and fail to receive the new-birth, we will have no other chance to enter the kingdom of heaven (Jeremiah 8:20).

## *Immeasurable Love: Divine Love:*

The love of God cannot be measured by human love that we are familiar with. There is nothing in our material possessions or emotional feelings that can measure the love of God. The love of God is infinite, boundless and more profound than anything in human knowledge. There are no words in the languages of humans to define what the love of God has done for us, and will do for those who will accept His love.

Those who love God and are called according to His purpose have been promised blessings that will exceed our imagination (I Corinthians 2:9). For those who are saved today a few of the things that God will do for them have been revealed and enjoyed that they might have a taste of what God has in store for them.

God's love is divine, which means it is holy with righteous qualities that are not subject to partiality or deterred by hate. Divine love has power that is superior to all the forces of evil that can be presented against it. It is not subject to defeat and can excel under any adverse conditions that opposes it. This love was clearly demonstrated at the cross.

Satan's purpose when he crucified Jesus was not just to destroy his body, but to defeat Jesus' love for the world. Jesus' love was so powerful that the more they did against Him caused more power in His love to be manifested with the Spirit of forgiveness. This love did not come from the earth, and it defeated all the forces of evil that the world brought against it.

Divine love is not selfish neither does it have limitations. It can find a sinner and save the sinner from every sinful way and make the sinner holy. When the sinner becomes holy it means that God is living in the sinner. God will make the sinner as righteous as He is. God does not limit His love. He shares His love completely with the unsaved.

Divine love is interested in the person that it is administering to. It has no concern about itself or being rejected. It will do all that is necessary to install its qualities of mercy into the life of the person that it is serving. When you are a beneficiary of divine love you will do good to those who despise you. Divine love has qualities which do not change just because people change. A person with divine love would not stop loving a neighbor just because the neighbor stopped loving them.

Divine love gives your heart continuous happiness because it does not have jealousy, envy or emulations and any carnal emotions that would corrupt it. It is pure, clean, holy, and it receives its power from the Holy Spirit. This is the way a person will be who has divine love. Such a person would never use divine love to abuse, mistreat, or to offend another person, but to help a person to be saved and

blessed. Divine love makes you understand that those who do not love you are ignorant and void of understanding the benefits that the grace of God offers. They will fail to realize that their attitude in defiance of divine love will destroy them, and will have no adverse effect upon the one that they mistreat.

God takes care of the person that possesses His love. Divine love keeps a person who possesses it from doing anything that would not be in accord to divine love. Divine love protects the person who has it from ways of life that would bring harm to them. Any way of life that is contrary to divine love is self-destructive.

### **The Gospel And The Love Of God:**

When Jesus came to the people of His day, He penetrated their way of thinking and living. Jesus brought a new teaching called the gospel. It was good news from the kingdom of heaven. Incorporated in the gospel was a completely new way of conduct that was energized by the love of God. Those who received the gospel that Jesus taught became beneficiaries of God's love. The love of God had so much power that it could heal the bodies of the sick, give sight to the blind, and feed the poor. It could bind up broken hearts, and give the people a hope beyond this present world.

Many were amazed at the source of power that Jesus' teaching carried. This was because He had come from such a lowly background that was not affiliated with the more prominent religious sects of that day. They thought it was insane to believe that one of such lowly social character could be the Son of God, and a true representative from the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, they eventually rejected the notion that Jesus was the Messiah from God in spite of the unusual works that Jesus could do that no other religious leader had done.

Jesus openly claimed God as His Father and gave full credit to God for His works, but His testimony did not change the opinions of many concerning His claim to be the Messiah. The higher class Jews eventually categorized Jesus' claim as blasphemy or being disrespectful to God. This class of Jews thought that the Messiah of God had to be a great religious and military leader who would deliver the nation of Israel from the Romans. So they ignored Jesus' ability to heal their bodies and take care of the personal problems of the poor, and they made preparations to have Jesus crucified.

Jesus was crucified because the love of God that He brought to earth was far greater and more powerful than any forces of evil that opposed His teaching. In spite of Jesus' rejection and crucifixion, the love of God brought salvation to the world.

### **The Plan Of Salvation:**

When Jesus came down to the earth, He came in a human body and declared Himself to be the Son of God. Jesus represented the kingdom of heaven as the word of God made flesh. In Jesus' appearance as a human being, He walked in the midst of the people of the earth so that they could see that He was not above the natural man. Jesus did the works of God, demonstrating that the powers of heaven were supporting Him because of His obedience and righteous conduct on the earth. Jesus' purpose in being this example was to inspire those who believed His teaching that the powers of heaven would be with them also if they would obey the gospel that He taught.

After that Jesus had demonstrated and confirmed the words of the prophets concerning His advent, He then stood before the world and said that He would give His life to redeem them from the curse of sin and death. God then through Jesus made known to the world that the plan of salvation, as prophesied by the prophets, had come to a climax, and that "whosoever will" could drink of the water of life freely and be saved.

### **Salvation Means To Be Delivered From Sin That Causes The Second Death:**

When you are convinced that the life you lived in sin did not profit you anything, you will have a good chance of being saved. You will get God's attention, and the Holy Spirit will be available to give you the new-birth. You will then learn from the knowledge of the word of God that you will not have to experience the second death. Salvation is to be delivered from sin, which brings the second death.

The first death is the death of your natural body, which will separate you from your friends and family members, but the second death will separate you from God. The second death will not come upon the unsaved until after the second resurrection. Everyone will live again, the saved and the unsaved. When you are saved from sin, you are saved from the second death. The grace of God offers salvation from the second death, because we are not responsible for being born as sinners. The nature of sin was passed down to us from Adam. God sent Jesus into the world to redeem us from the curse that Adam brought upon us that we might have the privilege as individuals to live a righteous life so that we might live with God eternally.

### **You Are A Servant To Whom You Obey:**

Obedience to the teachings of Jesus Christ causes you to live a righteous life. The power for your salvation is given to you in accordance to whom you obey. Listen to Romans 6:16:

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

The thing that causes people to be sinners is because they obey desires to commit sin. Though you were born in sin and shaped in iniquity, when you obey from the heart the gospel of salvation, you become a new creature. The power in the gospel is generated by the Holy Spirit that will make you a new creature.

The teachings that Jesus taught cause you not to live in sin, but in righteousness. This power will make you free from sin, and you will become a servant of righteousness.

### **The Conception Of A New Life:**

When the Spirit of God conceives a new life in a person, their new life will be pure, holy and undefiled. Unlike their first life, which was one of sin, their new life will be of righteousness. They will receive this new life because of their willingness to be born again by their acceptance of the invitation of Jesus to come unto Him and obey His teachings. When you obey the teachings of Jesus Christ, you are living a righteous life.

The choice to receive this invitation from Jesus will be your choice, but the power to activate this new life will be by the power of God. When this happens, your life will be empowered by the Spirit and the word of God to guide you day by day to live free from sin for the remaining time of your life on earth.

***There Is No Room For The Truth Of Jesus' Ministry In The Lives Of Many People:***

Jesus was not a popular person during His ministry on earth. His popularity today is pretty much in the spirit of hypocrisy. The truth of Jesus' character and ministry was not accepted by the mass majority in His day neither in this day. There are many Christians and religious leaders today that have changed the spirit of Jesus's true character and ministry to make it popular in the spirit of hypocrisy.

The world has never really wanted Jesus according to the truth of His teaching. God could see the false spirit of acceptance of Jesus, and He planned salvation to be given to the world in the spirit of rejection of Jesus. Salvation was given to the world in the crucifixion. We are saved today by the reproach that Jesus endured. There was no room for Jesus in the religious sects of His day, and most religious sects of today only honor Jesus in a false way.

Those who have truly accepted Jesus are suffering persecutions and rejections by the mainstream Christian society today. The truth of Jesus' gospel was not compatible with, nor accepted by the most influential and popular religious sects and leaders today. Many have changed and misinterpreted Jesus' gospel to be suitable for the mega-church attendance. They believe that Jesus did not come to save them from sin, but to forgive them of their sins. There is no room for the true teaching and purpose of Jesus' ministry in the lives of most people today.

***God's Will Is Being Done In Earth As It Was In Heaven:***

When God created spiritual beings in heaven, God called the son of the morning Lucifer who later was called the devil. The devil was the first created son of heaven just as Adam was the first created son of the earth. The devil was initially given dominion over heaven like Adam was given dominion over the earth.

You can learn things about heaven by observing the things of the earth. The same confusion, division and wars that are presently here on the earth took place at one time in heaven, because it was the works of the devil before he was cast out of heaven.

Today there is unity and peace in heaven, and very soon there will be the same unity and peace on the earth, because the works of the devil will be removed from the earth as it was removed from heaven. Jesus prayed a prayer that the will of God be done in earth as it is in heaven.

**Endurance Will Be Rewarded To Those Who Are Saved:**

After you start out with the teachings of Jesus Christ, it is important that you endure until the end. Listen to Matthew 24:13:

Verse 13 - *But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*

Though this world will end, Jesus will build another one according to His prayer to God. Jesus taught His disciples to preach the gospel of the kingdom to come, so that those who will be saved will learn how to be governed and guided so that they will be fit to live in it. It would not be of any profit for God to give us another kingdom or world to live in if men are going to live as they live in this one.

Jesus' purpose was to make it so that those who want to be saved are taught the gospel of the new kingdom to come that they might be qualified, willing and ready to do God's will. That will result to peace, joy and happiness for all who will be in the new kingdom. For those who are willing to obey God, He will give them the Holy Spirit. This will install peace and joy in their hearts that no forces of evil will be able to remove.





# ***CHAPTER 1***

***THE LORD'S RETURN IS NEAR  
BE READY!***

## **Subject: Are You Ready?**

It is wonderful to know that Jesus is coming soon, but it is more wonderful to know that you are ready to go back to heaven with Him. Are you ready? The Bible teaches to be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not (St. Luke 12:40). In I Corinthians 15:52 it teaches:

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

All of this will be done as quickly as you can blink your eyes. Only the Holy Spirit can help you to be ready to receive Jesus. You must have a sin-free life to receive Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is the power of God that will help you to be sin-free. The Holy Spirit will also regulate your interests. It will keep your mind on Jesus' return, and other things in life that are necessary. It will help you to watch and pray.

The Holy Spirit will cause Jesus' return to be a sweet and glorious event for those who are ready. However, for those who are not ready it will be the worst day of their lives. Jesus' return is going to be a big surprise for millions of people who are not ready. Many are going to be indulging in sinful habits such as liquor drinking, adultery and homosexual relations, and they will not have time to repent.

Today anybody who wants to be ready can be ready. All they have to do is to repent and believe the gospel, and the Holy Spirit will find them and give them the new-birth. The Holy Spirit is presently moving upon the earth extending grace to a repenting sinner.

## **Subject: Where Are You Going When You Leave Here?**

We had nothing to do with coming into this world, and we will have nothing to do with leaving. However, we can have something to do with where we go when we leave. God is so full of love and mercy that He gives each individual that is born into the world a chance to choose where they would like to spend eternity when they leave here.

Many people are not taking advantage of this opportunity because so few know the Lord. It is a mistake to think that you can go to a church and meet the Lord. God does not dwell in temples made with hands. Listen to Acts 17:24:

Verse 24 - God that made the world and all things therein,  
seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth  
not in temples made with hands.

God does not dwell in buildings made of stone; He dwells in people that are born again. Many people think that when they go to church, they are going to be in the presence of God. If you are not in the presence of God when you go to work, neither are you in His presence when you go to a church. You must worship God everywhere you go in order to worship Him in your church. You cannot be a gambler at the casino and a liquor drinker at a night club and be with God in church on Sunday morning. God is not a part-time God; He is a 24/7 God. If God cannot have all of your life, He does not want any of it.

When you are born again, everywhere that you go will become a holy place if you have holy conduct. God's people are those who have God in their hearts. If God cannot occupy your heart or mind, He will not be a part of the actions of your body members. When God is in your heart, He also controls your body members.

Any building can be a place of worship just as any building can be a gambling house. The thing that makes a building a gambling house are the people that gamble there. The thing that makes a building a dwelling place of the Spirit of God are those who go there to worship that are filled with the Spirit of God. You cannot dedicate or give God a building. You can give it to the people who go there. Everything on the earth belongs to God. Listen to Psalm 24:1:

Verse 1 - The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;  
the world, and they that dwell therein.

You cannot honor God by building an assembly hall and putting His name on it. You can only honor God by obeying His commandments.

### **Subject: Sowing Good Seeds:**

Your life is very precious. It is your soul or mind. When the life leaves your body, your body will have no control center to think for it, and to tell it what to do. Your

soul is the immortal part of your existence. Your soul can never be eradicated, but it can be separated from your body. You do not want your soul to be separated from God, because the gift of God is eternal life when He gives you a new body for your soul to live in.

It is God's plan that man lives eternally, and God has made arrangements for man to do so. It is up to man to make the choice of where he wants to spend eternity. You make the choice by sowing good seeds while you live in this life. Sowing good seeds means to obey God. When you obey God, you are sowing to the Spirit. When you disobey you are sowing to the flesh. Listen to Galatians 6:8:

Verse 8 - For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Sowing means that you are planting spiritual seeds. When you sow to the Spirit, you are doing that which is right, and it will yield you a spiritual return of eternal life. If you sow to the flesh, it means that you are committing sin and sowing evil seeds, which will give you a return of corruption or eternal damnation.

### **Subject: You Must Have A Good Record In Heaven To Get In:**

You have to do more than talk about heaven to get there. Talking about heaven is good when your conduct is heavenly. If everybody went to heaven that talked about it, then heaven would be just like some of the churches on earth. There is a lot of talk in churches about heaven, but very little heavenly conduct is coming out of some churches. The sinful and criminal acts that we see in society are the result of the conduct that church folk produce.

Most everybody who goes to prison belongs to some church denomination. God will not have the same kind of people on earth that cause trouble to enter the kingdom of heaven. In order to qualify to go to heaven, you must prove your qualifications while you are living on the earth. God will then keep a record of your good conduct in heaven that will permit you to enter heaven. Listen to Job 16:19:

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

## **Subject: Only The Pure In Heart Will Get Eternal Life:**

You have to be absolutely true to God to receive eternal life. In the beginning, God put the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden to test man's fidelity. If you are saved, God will suffer you to be tested. God desires for man to live forever, but He will allow man to prove himself to be worthy of eternal life by means of a test. It must be man's will to be true to God.

It is the devil who will work on man's fidelity. When the devil was in the secret council with God when God agreed to create man, he set out to lead man wrong to bring man into condemnation and thereby interfere with God's plan to give man eternal life. The devil presently rules the earth as prince of the air, and he is continuously fooling the people of the earth through sinful pleasures, causing them not to get eternal life.

## **Subject: You Must Be Holy To Be A Part Of The First Resurrection:**

God does not force anybody to be holy if they do not want to be holy. However, if you hope to get up in the first resurrection, you must live a holy life while you are in this present world. The Bible teaches that only those who are holy will have part in the first resurrection. Listen to Revelations 20:6:

Verse 6 - Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: ...

The scriptures declare that Jesus shall return to the earth "with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first". This means those who were saved and have passed on and are presently resting in Christ shall get up to meet Christ first, and those who are saved and are alive shall be caught up afterward to meet with Christ to be taken together to see God (I Thessalonians 4:13-17).

Though the saved people who died in Christ experienced the first death, it was not a death of terror, but a peaceful rest in paradise. Such people will not experience the second death as the unsaved will experience. Now you have to be born again and joined to God by the Holy Spirit while you live in this present world to escape the second death. The second death is serious business; it means

that you will be eternally separated from God to experience eternal torment in a lake of fire.

When you are born again, you are born of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is what gives you a holy life to live in this present world. To live a holy life means to live free from sinful practices, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, liquor drinking, lying, stealing, hating, envying, being malicious, and using words of profanity and strife. Such ways of living are unholy. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you will produce the fruit of the Spirit in your life, such as love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faith, longsuffering, temperance, meekness and forbearance. This will qualify you to be a part of the first resurrection.

### **Subject: In Christ You Do Not Die:**

God has always had interest in His creation. Prior to Adam's fall, God came down and talked to Adam in the Garden of Eden on a daily basis. After Adam's fall, God put angels at the gate of the Garden of Eden to keep Adam from the tree of life, so he could not eat of that tree and live forever in sin, because when a man is in sin, he grows worse. Unless there is some redeeming power to deliver man from sin, he will continue to get worse and eventually die.

After a period of time as God observed the sad condition that sin had brought upon man, God's love moved Him to work out a plan for man to be redeemed from sin. Today, if a man or woman accepts Jesus Christ, and is saved, he or she doesn't die; he or she simply falls asleep in Christ. The scripture declares that those who are saved shall live again with Christ in I Thessalonians 4:16:

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

If you serve God properly, the Lord will bless you to live again in spite of Adam's sin.

## **Subject: What Will The Saved Person Experience When Jesus Returns?**

If you are going to be saved according to the word of God, you will have to experience the second birth, which means you will have to live two lives. The second life that you live should be a life of righteousness to confirm that you have experienced the second birth.

Now for the unsaved there will be two deaths. This will be the death of the physical body and the death of the soul. For those who are saved, they will be exempted from the second death, which is the death of the soul. If the saved person is living when Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection, the saved person will never die. This means the saved person will not experience the death of their body or soul. They will simply experience a change in their body from a terrestrial body which is earthly to a celestial body, which is heavenly.

The celestial body will enable the saved person to live in a heavenly environment after Jesus takes them to heaven. Listen to I Corinthians 15:51 and 40:

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

Verse 40 - There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial:  
but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of  
the terrestrial is another.

The resurrection for the saved people whether, they are dead or living will be life in a new, celestial body, which will be incorruptible, prepared to live in an incorruptible environment of the kingdom of heaven.

## **Subject: The Earth Will Be Restored:**

When man failed to obey God, he became a sinner; when angels failed to obey God, they became devils. When man fails to repent of his sins, his punishment is death, but God has provided a way for man to escape the punishment of death in Jesus Christ. As for angels, there will be no way of

escaping the punishment of hell, because they willingly stepped down from grace. Man could only learn about grace from the gospel that Jesus taught.

When angels sinned they were immediately cut off in heaven and cast down to hell, receiving no grace from God for a second chance to be saved. The day will come when disobedient angels as well as humans who failed to obey are going to be cast into a pit. The earth will be refined and restored like heaven as an everlasting place of peace and joy in the Holy Ghost for the holy angels and holy humans to enjoy forever.

### **Subject: Those Who Are Saved Should Thank God Everyday:**

We should thank God for Jesus every day. Jesus payed a great debt for us. Those of us who are saved will very soon be living in a far better place than where we are presently living. There will be peace and love where the citizens will bless one another on a continuous basis. Everybody will be happy. We will be able to enjoy the company of fellow saints who have suffered as Christ suffered to prove that they truly wanted to live in this holy environment.

We will be able to meet and visit angels who kicked Satan out of heaven, who locked the jaws of lions when Daniel was thrown in the lion's den, who visited the Virgin Mary to bring her good tidings about the birth of Christ, and many other angels that helped us personally in situations that we didn't know about.

We will be able to see God, and talk with Him forever, any time we get ready. God through Christ will be our life. The Holy Spirit will give us continuous joy to praise God for the marvelous love that lifted us from the penalty of sin, and made us heirs with Christ to eternal happiness.



## **CHAPTER 2**

# **BEWARE THE JUDGMENT OF GOD**

## **Subject: The Last Days:**

We know that these are the last days because of the conditions the Bible teaches that the world will be in. II Timothy 3:1-2 teaches that in the last days, perilous times shall come. Listen to what Verse 2 teaches will happen in the last days:

Verse 2 - For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents unthankful, unholy.

A blind person can see these conditions in the world. The gays are completely out of the closet.

The knowledge of the word of God will manifest its truth by means of the conditions that we see in the world today. You can read II Timothy, Chapter 3 and clearly see that what was written a few thousand years ago is taking place in the world today. Such prophecies of the scriptures will show us that we are living in the last days.

## **Subject: God Is The Same Today As He Was During The Days Of Noah:**

If you want to know how God feels about the conditions of the world, you must listen to the teaching of the scriptures. The mind of God is made known to the world by the Holy Spirit using a preacher to bring a message from God to the people. When the conditions of the world are the same as the conditions of past times, God's consideration for the world will be the same. Listen to Genesis 6:5-7:

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

Verse 6 - And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Verse 7 - And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and

beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

If God was sorry that He made man during the time of Noah because of man's wickedness, He is also sorry today when the wickedness of man is as it was in past times, and He is making plans to destroy the world.

### **Subject: What Is The Present State Of The Unsaved That Have Died?**

There are some who believe that the unsaved are in hell that have died. They are under the impression that after they died unsaved, they went to hell with the devil to begin their torment. The Bible does not teach this. The Bible teaches that no one will be sent to hell until the Day of Judgment, neither will saved people go to heaven until the first resurrection.

Saved people are resting in paradise, of which Abraham is in charge. The unsaved are in a state of misery, being reserved until the Day of Judgment just like the angels that rebelled against God were cast down to hell, and are not yet in hell. Listen to II Peter 2:4:

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

Unsaved humans as well as rebellious angels are being reserved at the gates of hell until the Day of Judgment that will soon prevail against them after they have been judged.

### **Subject: Angels And Humans Beings:**

Angels are spiritual beings and the people of the earth are human beings. Angels were created by God, and humans are procreated by males and females of the earth. Spiritual beings are not subject to death, sickness and old age; they live in bodies that are incorruptible. When Jesus returns, all of the saved people of the

earth will be given bodies like angels have that will be compatible with an incorruptible habitation such as the kingdom of heaven is.

You cannot enter the kingdom of heaven unless you have an incorruptible body. The angels that rebelled against God and followed Satan will spend eternity in an incorruptible place of torment, which will be a lake of fire and brimstone. Humans who fail to get saved will also spend eternity in the same place of torment, because they will be given bodies that are designed for such punishment.

God does not punish disobedient angels or humans. He leaves the choice up to them, showing them their alternatives. It is hard to believe that the angels who lived in a beautiful habitation such as heaven left their first estate and are presently reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment day. Such angels are in this condition by their own choice. Satan had promised them a better place of habitation on the north side of heaven. Any promise that is contrary to the promise of God is damnable and of the devil.

The angels that followed Satan sinned against God. Today if a preacher teaches you that you can go to heaven as a sinner, he is deceiving you just as the devil deceived the angels that are presently in chains waiting for the judgment. If God spared not the angels that sinned, why would He take humans into heaven that continue to be sinners? The angels were cast out of heaven because of their sins. It would be unethical for God to take humans into heaven because of their sins. Listen to II Peter 2:4:

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

If God cast angels out of heaven because of their sins, He certainly will not allow sinners into heaven.

## **Subject: What Will Happen When Jesus Returns?**

Those who get up in the first resurrection will be those who have obeyed the teachings of Jesus during their life span in this present world. After they are born again, they will be raised up into the kingdom of God to live with God and Jesus the Son throughout eternity.

The second resurrection is for the purpose of the unsaved being judged according to the deeds done while they lived in this world. The second

resurrection was prepared by God for the unsaved because God will not allow the wicked to get up with the righteous. Listen to Revelations 20:5:

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

The righteous will get up first, and the wicked will get up a thousand years later.

The unsaved that are alive when Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection will be given new bodies that will be designed by God to endure an environment of misery for the thousand-year period that the righteous will be in heaven with God. There are going to be two deaths and two resurrections. The first resurrection is for the saved who will not experience the second death. The second resurrection is for the unsaved to be judged and to experience the second death. Listen to Revelations 20:11-15 and 10:

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

This will happen a thousand years after the first resurrection. This will be God setting the judgment for the unsaved.

Verse 12 - And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened:

No matter how great unsaved men will have gotten to be, they will stand before God to be judged.

Verse 12 continues:

and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

There will be two books. One has in it the deeds of the unsaved, and the other carries the names of those who were born again who heard the word of God and were born of the Spirit of God. They lived righteously without sin until their death. They changed their ways of living from sinful ways to righteous ways. God promised that they would receive eternal life.

God has a record of sinners according to what they have done while they were living in sin, and they were not born again. All of the sinful deeds of the

unsaved stays on a record in heaven. If the unsaved are born again, then their record will be erased or blotted out and their names will be placed in the book of life (Colossians 2:13-14).

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

The reference is still being made to the judgment for the unsaved. Death and the grave for the unsaved are going to be destroyed in a lake of fire and brimstone. This is the second death for the unsaved.

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.

If your name is not found written in the book of life, you will be cast into the lake of fire. This will be the second death. Those who are cast into a lake of fire will experience everlasting torment, day and night.

Verse 10 - And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

## **Subject: The Judgment:**

The judgment of God will take place a thousand years after the first resurrection of the saved. The judgment will be for the unsaved. After the first resurrection for the saved people, the unsaved will be given new bodies to live on the earth for this thousand year period in a world of misery. This will be for the unsaved that were living when Jesus returned to take the saved people to heaven.

After this thousand year period, the judgment of God will take place and those who died unsaved before the first resurrection will be resurrected to be judged with those who are living and unsaved. Listen to Revelations 20:11-15:

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

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

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

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

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

### **Subject: More About The Judgment (I Corinthians 6:2):**

At the end of one thousand years following the first resurrection for the saved people, there will be a second resurrection for the unsaved. The second resurrection will be for the judgment of the unsaved. God Himself will set the judgment. The saved who will be living in heaven with God and Jesus will be called to judge the unsaved (I Corinthians 6:2). Listen to Revelations 20:12:

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

A record for the unsaved is kept in heaven of the things that they did while on the earth living the life of sinners. God records every evil act that a sinner does. Every thought, every word, and every deed is on record in heaven and will be presented in the judgment against the unsaved.

Today, God is offering the unsaved a chance to escape this judgment, and to be saved. God created man with his own free will of choice, which means he has to choose to accept God's offer. The gospel of Jesus Christ was given to the world to save those who choose to accept God's grace, and to warn those who reject God's grace of the consequences.



## ***CHAPTER 3***

# ***THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: THE WORD OF GOD***

## **Subject: Who Wrote The Bible?**

There are some people who believe that the Bible is the word of men, because men wrote it. If you read the Bible carefully, you will find that it is not the word of man, because it is not in accord with the spirit of men. A man would never compose a book that would instruct other men to turn the other cheek when they are slapped. Such a book would be unpopular, and would cause the author to be unpopular.

Men of the world like popularity, wealth, and fame, and the things that they endeavor to do would be for these purposes. The Bible is the word of God written by men, but inspired by the Holy Ghost.

## **Subject: The Bible Is The Authority On What Is Right And Wrong:**

The Bible is a book of instructions given by God that men might know right from wrong. You will have trouble if you live according to your imagination; you must have profound rules to follow. The Bible is like a road map that will direct you through life to keep you from getting lost. The Bible is a map that points you to God.

God never instructed a sinner to pray; He instructs a sinner to repent. You cannot be saved by praying, you can only be saved by obeying God. Obeying God makes you a righteous person, and God will hear a righteous person when they pray.

The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord, and to depart from evil is understanding. Failure to hear God's instruction leaves you as a sinner. People have the Bible in their homes everywhere, but they have no idea of what it teaches. Preachers have it on the pulpit, and they will use very few scriptures from it.

## **Subject: The Word Of The Lord:**

When a God sent preacher brings messages to the people, he makes it known that the messages are not coming from his mind, but from God. Listen to Jeremiah 2:1-2:

Verse 1 - Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

Verse 2 - Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that that was not sown.

The prophet is making it known that the words that he is giving are the words of God. Whenever you hear a preacher preaching the word of God, you are hearing the truth. The truth is the only means by which you can be saved, because it directs you to freedom from sin. The word of God as the Bible gives is not the mind of a man. Words that come from the mind of a man will be the product of human nature, and oftentimes carnal. However, words that are the product of God will be spiritual, directing the listeners on how to be holy.

The Bible is the written word of God, and it is not the mind of a man. When God speaks from the Bible, it may be a thousand years before things come to pass, but they will happen.

### **Subject: There Must First Be A Willing Mind:**

The scriptures give you an understanding and cause you to know the will of God. You cannot understand God unless you hear His word. When you reject the spirit of conceit, and acquire the spirit of humility the Holy Spirit will help you to understand the word of God. When you understand the word of God, you will learn what pleases God.

You will never be deceived by hearing the word of God, because His word is the truth. God is not hard to be understood, it is a conceited mind that makes it hard to accept what the word of God teaches. When a person feels that they don't understand the word of God, it is because they want to go contrary to the way the word of God instructs. You cannot understand anything that you are not willing to accept. When a person does not want to do something, no matter how simple the instructions are, they will say that they don't understand the instructions. When a person acquires the willingness of mind to obey God, they will understand why it is necessary to obey God in order to be saved.

## **Subject: The Word Of God:**

If you receive the word of God you also receive the Spirit of God. Your reception of the Spirit of God causes you to be born again of the Spirit of God. The word of God introduces and makes an offer to you to be born again. When you accept the offer that the word of God is offering, the word and the Spirit will make an entry into your mind to renew you in the spirit of your mind.

The word and the Spirit agree in one, and when you agree with the word and the Spirit they will make you one with them. God is known through His word. When you know what the word teaches, you will know God. The world was created by power that is found in the word of God. When God wanted the people of the earth to know Him; He made His word flesh and placed it into a human body, and named it Jesus.

God sent His word to the earth to dwell among men so that they might see Him and know Him. When you obey the word of God it can keep sin out of your life. The word of God is the truth. The truth gives you accurate information about your life and the conditions of the world that we live in.

## **Subject: It Is Important To Learn What The Scriptures Teach:**

You must know the Holy Scriptures. When you fail to know the Holy Scriptures, you will err, because you will not know about the power of God. When you have knowledge of the power of God, you will fear God and respect His discretion. You will then have knowledge of what God has done, what He is doing, and what He's going to do. Knowledge of the scriptures will teach you how not to interfere with the works of God. St. Matthew 22:29 teaches as follows:

Verse 29 - *Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*

If you don't know the scriptures, you can think that you are going to heaven when you die, but you could be wrong. Listen to St. John 5:39:

Verse 39 - *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*

You don't know whether or not you have eternal life unless the scriptures confirm it for you. The Holy Scriptures are informative and will keep you from being deceived. The reason that many preachers do not use the scriptures to confirm whether or not the members of their congregations are truly going to heaven is because they know that most people are ignorant of what the scriptures teach. Such preachers will then preach sermons to excite and to stimulate false joy in people. They will fail to give people the true knowledge of whether or not they are going to heaven based upon what the scriptures teach.

### **Subject: The Scriptures Are Of No Private Interpretation:**

All of the scriptures are given by the inspiration of God and are profitable for doctrine. The scriptures have knowledge and power to govern your life. In order to be governed properly, you must allow the scriptures to reprove, correct and instruct you on how to live a life of righteousness. The scriptures will thoroughly furnish you unto all good works that you may be approved by God.

The scriptures are of no private interpretation; they mean what they say. You will understand the scriptures because the knowledge will be according to the social and spiritual conditions of your life. When a Holy Ghost inspired preacher is teaching the scriptures, your life will be an example to you of what the scriptures are teaching. If the scriptures teach in I Corinthians 6:9 that you should not commit fornication, and you are having sex and you are not married, you will not need a preacher to interpret what I Corinthians 6:9 means; your life will interpret the scripture for you. The scriptures are of no private interpretation. They teach the same thing to everybody.

### **Subject: The Effects Of The Word Of God On The Human Nature:**

If you listen to the word of God very carefully, you can grasp the spiritual lesson, because the Holy Spirit will help you. The Holy Spirit will find a sincere listener of the word of God to assist their understanding. The word of God is spiritual, and not to be taken literally. Spiritual things must be revealed and not

interpreted. Spiritual knowledge is mysterious, and is only given by God to those who desire to be receptive, and are not conceited or argumentative.

There is only one chance to be saved and that is by the word of God. There is no other knowledge that can save you other than the power found in the word of God. When you receive the word of God, you must be careful not to adulterate it by mixing it with some previous religious knowledge. Your mind must be emptied of all previous religious teachings that you are familiar with in order to receive help from the word of God. With this frame of mind, you can receive the word of God without difficulty.

The word of God knows what you need to be saved. Its purpose is to give you the second birth, which is spiritual. Spiritual things have more power than physical things. When the spiritual power of the word of God comes into your mind, evidence of its entry will be the change of desires in your physical body. To be saved means that you will experience a change and deliverance of your sinful desire. You will lose your appetite for sinful pleasures, such as liquor drinking, cigarette smoking, adultery, fornication, using profanity, and homosexual desires.

You will immediately notice that such desires are gone from your life. Later as you go along you will notice that things such as envy, strife, malice, and hatred are gone. At this point, you are experiencing a regeneration process by a renewing of the Holy Ghost. This means the Holy Ghost is making you a new creature by renewing your mind and nature. Salvation means to be delivered from a sinful nature. It is a sinful nature that produces sinful desires.

While the process of regeneration is taking place in your nature, you are leaving the fleshly state and you are entering a spiritual state of existence. You will still be living in a flesh and blood body, but your body will be under the authority of the Spirit of God. In addition, you are being directed through life according to the knowledge of the word of God. You should rejoice, praise and thank God, because you would have found favor with God.

### **Subject: The Word Of God Has The Same Effect Upon Everybody Who Receives It:**

To know and to understand about God, you have to believe the word of God. There is no other source of knowledge in the world that can be compared with the knowledge of the word of God. The knowledge in the Bible never becomes obsolete; it is always up to date for every generation. Divisions and confusion come about concerning religious teachings when people are ignorant.

True knowledge from the word of God works the same for everybody who is properly taught. When the truth of God's word is accepted, it will make everybody who accepts it a righteous person. It does not make some people righteous and leave others unrighteous. The wisdom that is from above is not partial. Listen to James 3:17:

Verse 17 - But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

### **Subject: Belief In The Word Of God Gives You A Sin Free Life:**

The word of God can keep you living free-from sin. Jesus was conceived of a virgin according to the message that the Angel Gabriel gave to Mary. God sent His word by Gabriel to Mary who believed it; the word of God entered Mary's mind and changed the course of nature. The entire process from the message that Gabriel brought, and the reception of the message by Mary was sin-free.

Today when a person believes the word of God as Mary believed it, the word of God has continuous power to give the person a sin-free life.

### **Subject: The Sword Of The Spirit:**

The Bible reveals and exposes every deceitful trick of the devil. The devil is a deceiver, and he cannot make you do wrong, he has to deceive you into doing wrong by making you believe that sin is the best way to do things. If you study the Bible it will reveal the devil's tactics of deceit, because he uses the same tricks on people of different generations. The same deceitful tricks that the devil used on the nation of Israel centuries ago, he will use on America today.

Deceitful devices are ineffective when you have knowledge of how they are implemented. When you have knowledge of what the word of God teaches, you can defeat the devil. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit that can defeat Satan (Ephesians 6:17).

## **Subject: Search The Scriptures:**

If you search the scriptures, you will be surprised at what is written in the Bible that you never heard a preacher give you a sermon about. Failure to search the scriptures leaves you ignorant of what God has put in the scriptures that you might be saved.

Prayer is one of the most important things that you can do to acquire a relationship with God. Unless you learn what is required for your prayers to reach God, your prayers will not reach God. One of the first and most important qualifications for prayer is to be sin-free. Listen to St. John 9:31:

Verse 31 - Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

If you have not been taught this knowledge, it means your prayers are not reaching God. God only listens to a righteous person's prayers. The Pharisees tried to accuse Jesus of being a sinner, but the blind man that Jesus healed after He prayed to God, spoke and said that God heareth not sinners pray. The blind man had this knowledge because he knew the scriptures.

When folk don't know the scriptures, false religious leaders can make them believe the wrong thing about Jesus. If the blind man had not known the scriptures, the Pharisees would have made him believe that Jesus was a sinner. Though the blind man could not see, he had been taught the scriptures by a reliable teacher of the scriptures.

## **Subject: The Word Of God Is A Safety Net:**

The word of God is God. When you know what the word of God teaches, you also know God. You can only learn the reality of God from His word. Whatever the word of God teaches that God will do, you can be sure that it will be done. God presented Himself to the world by means of His word becoming a human being. The word of God tells the truth concerning the future of the world. The word teaches that sin is the cause of the problems that are in the world. It also teaches how to be delivered from sin.



If you follow the instructions that the word of God gives, it will lead you to safety. The Bible is the written word of God that is available for instructions in righteousness. When the instructions are properly followed, it will lead you to salvation in Jesus Christ, and eventually to the kingdom of heaven.

### **Subject: The Word Of God Is The Truth:**

The word of God is Jesus. You can only get to know God by means of His word. So in order to know God, you must learn what Jesus taught. God is everything that His word teaches that He is. God's word is exact, and correct concerning everything that it teaches. When you receive the word of God, you will also be receiving the Spirit of God. The Spirit and the word work together to accomplish what the word teaches.

The world was created by the power that is found in the word. The power of the word is manifested in the truth of the word. Man could only know God through His word. Therefore, God put His word in a human body, and sent it to the earth to demonstrate the power that is in the word. Jesus was the living word of God. Today if you obey the word of God, whatever it teaches will come to pass for your benefit will come to pass. The word will never fail to honor what it promises you, because it is the truth.

### **Subject: If You Obey The Word Of God It Will Manifest Power In Your Life:**

You can't accomplish anything today without some form of communication to make folk understand you. Without proper communication, operations of the world would be ineffective. God made Himself known to the world by His word. Had it not been for the word of God being given to the world, we would never have known about God. God is known through His word. If you obey the word of God you will get to know God. You will learn that obedience to the word causes reactions from heaven that will be at your assistance.

Obedience to the word of God ignites power to control situations in life that will be to your advantage. God is everything that His word teaches that He is. He never comes short of keeping promises that His word gives. Politicians sometimes

come short of keeping the promises of their words. However, God's word has unlimited power, and whatever He says He will do, will be done no matter how impossible it seems to be.

The word was invisible when God first gave it to the world, and man wanted to see God as well as hear His word. So that men might see God and know Him, God made His word flesh by putting it in a human body, and named His word Jesus. As Jesus spoke the word of God to the people, He demonstrated the power that was in the word by performing miracles, and deeds of assistance to those who were in need.

## ***CHAPTER 4***

# ***SIN – DEATH – HELL AND THE DEVIL***

## **Subject: It Is Sin That Kills People And Not God:**

It is not God who destroys man, but man's sins. Proof of this is that everybody who repents of their sins and is saved will not be destroyed. When God saves a repenting sinner, he or she will be delivered from sin and destruction. Every sinful act carries death. The word of God teaches us how to escape sin and death.

If you drink liquor and smoke cigarettes, they will kill you. Some preachers may say that God took you because He loved you best. However, the truth is that the liquor and cigarettes took you because you loved sin best.

## **Subject: God Has Exposed Sin:**

God created man with the freedom of his will. Man has the privilege to choose to obey God, or to disobey God. God will tell man beforehand if he does certain things what to expect as a consequence. If man does what God forbids him to do, what God said will happen will surely come to pass. Incorporated in God's commandments is wisdom, and the result of it is eternal life.

Anybody can escape the second death if they turn from sin. God makes that promise very plain. God exposed sin because it was deceitful. With the wisdom and knowledge of God's word, sin is out in the open where everybody can see it. If a man dies as a result of his sins, it is strictly his choice for death, and not God's.

## **Subject: The Soul That Sinneth Shall Die:**

The knowledge of the word of God is given primarily to save your soul. The soul that continues to commit sin will die. God will not allow anyone else to be responsible for your sin. A preacher's responsibility is to inform the listeners about what is required to be saved. If the listeners fail to obey the information given by the preacher, then the responsibility for their sins will not be on the preacher, but on the listeners who failed to obey.

The death of the soul means that you will be eternally separated from God. The death of your physical body will separate you from your loved ones. The soul will live on, but the body will die and go back to the dust from whence it came. If

you obey the statutes of God, your soul will live on with God forever, and you will be given a new body. When you do that which is lawful and right, your soul will live and not die. All of your previous transgressions that you have committed will not be mentioned against you no matter how many sins you have previously committed (Ezekiel 18:20-22).

### **Subject: God Does Not Fellowship With Sinners:**

When Jesus was ministering He passed through the city of Samaria, and met a woman at a well getting water. In those days the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. Jews and Samaritans were separate in their social and religious affairs. The Israelites felt that they were a little above the Samaritans because of the history of their relationship with God.

So when Jesus was passing through Samaria, He came to a well and stopped and sat down at the well. There came a woman to the well to draw water, and as she drew near, Jesus spoke to her very politely. The woman was very surprised, because at once she discerned that He was a Jew, or had appeared to be so. Jesus asked her, "Would you give me a drink of water"? The woman replied, "Why, you being a Jew ask me for water"? The Jews, she said have no fellowship with the Samaritans. Jesus ignored her remarks concerning the relationship between the Jews and Samaritans because He had a message to get over to her.

The message was from God concerning the woman's life of adultery. God does not socialize, nor fellowship with a person when they have sins in their life. God first deals with the spiritual conditions of a person's life of sin. After the sins are removed, then God will take on a spiritual fellowship with the person.

### **Subject: Fornication:**

Fornication is probably the most important sin that church folk need to be taught about. A God sent preacher should fully inform the members of his congregation about the seriousness of fornication; and how that such a sin has separated many Christian worshipers from God. It is a complete waste of time to go to church and commit fornication.

If worshipers fail to repent of fornication, their worshiping God would be

making a mockery of God. Fornication is having sexual relations outside of the institution of marriage. Fornication includes acts of adultery and homosexual relations. Marriage between homosexuals is considered by God as fornication.

When a person commits fornication, they would have sinned against their body, which were created after the image of God for God to dwell in by means of His Holy Spirit. God will never under any condition dwell in the life or body of a fornicator unless they repent of such a sinful practice.

### **Subject: More About Fornication:**

God is not against a man and woman coming together for sexual relations as long as they are married. It is the will of God that men and women enjoy their life of sex along with other pleasures that are not sinful when they are married. God created the woman for the enjoyment of the man. God has caused an abundance of women to be born since the days of Eve so that a man might find an acceptable mate. A man has the privilege to pick the wife that he desires according to his good pleasure.

It is the devil who has caused man to ignore the institution of marriage and choose to have a sexual relationship outside of the unity of marriage. The devil has used the lust of the eye to have priority over sexual relationships, causing man to ignore marriage. The devil even uses such lustful desires among those who are worshiping in churches. Along with singing, preaching, testifying and shouting in a worship service, the devil also includes the lust of the eye followed by acts of fornication or adultery.

The devil knows that if he can get people together in the flesh, there is no way that the Spirit of God would be present. The flesh and the Spirit are contrary one to the other. Under no conditions can a person be saved in a worship service where the flesh is in action by means of the lust of the eye to commit fornication.

### **Subject: No Fornicator Will Go To Heaven:**

Many are committing fornication and going to church to worship God. It is a waste of time to live in fornication and go to church. God does not recognize fornicators as being candidates for the kingdom. Fornication means to have sex

and not be married to the person that you are having sex with. If a church does not teach against fornication, such a church is deceiving the people. Listen to Ephesians 5:3-5:

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

Verse 4 - Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Verse 5 - For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Marriage is the only acceptable condition by which God approves of a male and a female having sex. Listen to Hebrews 13:4:

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

## **Subject: Sin And Death:**

You may have heard many preachers who will preach a funeral saying that God took the deceased because He loved the deceased. It is true that God does love everybody, but He has nothing to do with the person dying. When God first created man, God imparted His immortality to man by breathing into his nostrils the breath of life. God would not give us the breath of life and afterward take it away and let us die.

God created us not to die, and because He planned that we live and never die, He is going to abolish death. It is sin that causes death, and the plan of salvation was given in the gospel of Jesus Christ to teach us not to sin. Those who choose to obey the gospel will live forever. Those who choose not to obey will die, because sin is disobedience that allows death to enter.

## **Subject: More About Death:**

The Bible gives a record of only two men that have escaped the appointment of death; they are Enoch and Elijah. Death separates us from friends and loved ones, but cannot separate us from God if we have been born again. You cannot be born again after you die. God has provided no means of escaping death after you die. When you are born again you will not experience the second death. If you are saved and alive when Jesus returns, you will escape the first and second deaths.

During the resurrection of Jesus Christ, He defeated death. When Jesus is in your life, death is helpless against you. Though your physical body may die, it will simply be a peaceful rest in Christ. If Jesus is not in your life when you die, you will experience the terror or sting of death as your soul separates from your body. Death is horrifying to those who are not saved. The terror of death will start for them as their life separates from their body, and continue to torment and terrorize them into eternity. The unsaved person will receive no relief from the terror of death as they continue to exist in their eternal state.

Death is not something to take lightly. It is serious business, and Jesus is the only remedy for it. The main enemy that Jesus defeated on Calvary was not the devil, but death. The devil will also experience the second death in a lake of fire and brimstone.

## **Subject: Christ Was The Only Solution For Death:**

When you are born in sin, you are born to die. Sin is a killer of man. Many people may not pay much attention to the sins that they commit, but their sins are what will eventually kill them. God cannot lie; what He said to Adam, He is saying to everybody. God informed Adam that the day he ate of the tree in the middle of the Garden that he would die. To disobey a commandment of God is to commit sin, and it will eventually kill you. Today we don't see Adam, neither do we see anybody that was born as a sinner in 1850.

After Adam disobeyed God, sin came into the world, and death came with it. Sin and death are partners that work together. You cannot have one without the other. Sin first makes you sick and it slowly or quickly degenerates your life, and death will finish the job that sin started. When men obeyed God and lived above sin they lived longer, but sin was in the world and it gradually caused them to die.



Today those who live free from sin will live longer than those who live in sin.  
Listen to Genesis 5:15-17:

Verse 15 - And Ma-ha'-la-le-el lived sixty and five years,  
and begat Ja'-red:

Verse 16 - And Ma-ha'-la-le-el lived after he begat Ja'-red  
eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons  
and daughters:

Verse 17 - And all the days of Ma-ha'-la-le-el were eight  
hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

At the age that Ma-ha'-la-le-el begat Jared, we are getting ready to die. He was just starting to live and raise a family.

Ma-ha'-la-le-el's life span was considerably longer than men of today because of his obedience to God. As men walked away from God, their life spans were cut shorter through the years, and today we are down to 70, 80 and 90 years for some, depending on their living habits. In spite of Ma-ha'-la-le-el's long life, Adam brought death upon him. Once death entered the world there was only one solution for death and that was in Jesus Christ.

## **Subject: Your Soul (Mind) Is The Control Center For Your Senses:**

The main enemy of mankind is death. Death is sure to come whether it comes as a result of sickness, old age, war or disease. Death is a bitter enemy dreaded by most everybody. Those who commit suicide are deceived by death thinking that they will receive relief from the conditions of this life. Such people have not been informed that there are two deaths.

There is a death of the physical body, and death of the soul. Your soul is your mind that carries your senses. The pains that you feel in your physical body are receiving signals from your mind or soul. Your soul is the control center for your body. After your body dies, your soul or mind will live on. Your soul cannot be eradicated.

As your soul lives on, it will continue to carry your feelings. If Jesus does not save your soul while you are living in this present world, your soul will go into a state of eternal existence to be tormented similar to the way that it sent pains to your physical body while you lived in this world.

### **Subject: The Wicked Shall Wax Worse:**

The people who will not be saved will be lost contrary to God's will. God desires that everybody who is born into the world be saved. God has accommodations in heaven for everybody. God has created unlimited blessings and resources for everybody to enjoy in the kingdom of heaven. It is for this reason that God's love has caused Him to wait so long for everybody to repent.

God is not willing that anybody should perish. In different generations God will send a prophet to present the knowledge of the truth to those who are willing to obey and be saved. If the people of the earth continue to harden their hearts against God's warning, they will suddenly be destroyed, and that is without remedy.

This is not because God wants to destroy them, but because people's deeds lead to destruction. If God does not destroy the world, the deeds of people will get worse in every generation that comes on the scene. The wicked shall wax worse. Sin does not get better; it becomes progressively worse in every generation.

### **Subject: The Devil:**

There are many who do not believe that the devil exists, and there are some who believe that the devil is in hell. The devil is not in hell; he is in the earth. If you are not born again, he is in your life. The devil was in the earth when he came to meet with God concerning Job. God said Job was a perfect man who eschewed evil. When a person turns from evil, the devil is very much concerned about the person.

The devil's purpose is to keep everybody he can from being saved. The devil once lived in heaven, and he knows about the glorious life that heaven offers. The devil also knows that God cannot lie. He knows that God has promised to send him and his angels to a lake of fire and brimstone to be tormented forever. So the devil's purpose is to get as many souls as possible to go with him.

The devil will attempt one more time to go up against God, because he knows that God loves the souls that he has deceived to join in with him. So, though the devil knows his end will come, his only satisfaction is to deceive as many souls as possible to experience everlasting torment with him.

### **Subject: Hell Is Torment:**

The word hell means torment. Torment can be in the body or mind. Listen to St. Luke 16:24:

Verse 24 - *And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue: for I am tormented in this flame.*

Now listen to Verse 23 that tells where he is being tormented:

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

If you go to hell, you are going to be tormented forever. There is no knowledge in the Bible that teaches God is going to deliver souls from hell after they go to hell. I have been studying the Original King James Version of the Bible for thirty-eight years, and I have found nothing in the scriptures that teach a person can be saved after they go to hell.

The spirit of a hellish environment starts in this present world. It can be in a church if the conduct of the members is hellish. Confusion, division, envy, strife, and arguments are hellish ways that will eventually take folk to hell if such ways are in their churches or social aspects of their lives.

### **Subject: Nineveh Was An Example Of God's Mercy:**

God is full of mercy and grace towards a nation that is willing to repent. God sent the prophet Jonah to the city of Nineveh to warn the people that the city would be destroyed in forty days unless they repented of their sins. The king of Nineveh repented and commanded the people to repent, and the city was saved.

God had a record made of how Nineveh repented and was saved for the benefit of future generations. If nations of today follow the spirit and attitude of the people of Nineveh, God will save such a nation or city today.

Repentance is an apology to God for the sins of an individual or a nation. God can perceive when a person or nation intends to repent with a sincere heart, and He will give grace and forgiveness to a person or a nation who does so. Events of past times that were recorded in the Bible were for the benefit of those who have similar experiences during their time. When the conditions of the people are the same, God does not consider the period of time that the people are living in, He deals with people the same way regardless of the era.

If people today are practicing homosexuality as the people did during Abraham and Lot's day, God will make plans to destroy the people who practice such during this present day just as He did during Abraham and Lot's day. When a nation is going contrary to the will of God, God will have a remnant in that nation who by the power of the Holy Spirit will command the people of the nation to repent. If they repent, according to the record in the Bible of those who repented in past times, they will be saved.

The Bible is the word of God that has records of the goodness and mercy of God, and the judgment of God. The story of Jonah shows that God will never destroy an individual or a nation unless He first warns them. When God called Jonah the second time, He commanded Jonah to go into Nineveh to preach what God had given him to preach. Jonah warned Nineveh that the city would be overthrown in forty days unless they repented.

The people of Nineveh proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth. The king of Nineveh honored Jonah's warning, and the people did as the king commanded and put on sackcloth, sat in ashes, and fasted in hope that God would turn from His wrath and spare Nineveh. While fasting, the people turned from their evil ways, and from the violence that was being committed. God saw their repentance and humility, and that they had turned from their evil ways. Therefore, God repented of the evil that He said He would do to them, and Nineveh was saved.

## **Subject: The Backslider:**

If you were a backslider, you were most likely not filled with the Holy Spirit. Though you may have attempted to live a saved life, if you were not filled with the Holy Spirit you were not born again, which means you were not saved. God will save a backslider if they are sincere about being saved. The backslider

must renew his or her commitment to God, and wait on God to fill them with the Holy Spirit.

The reason a person went back to a life of sin was because they had a limited repentance. This means the person repented of some sins for a while, but they did not continue to repent of their besetting sins. Besetting sins can be sins that they enjoy, and will justify as not being necessary to repent of.

If they want to return to God, they must bring fruit fit for repentance. They must repent of sins that they valued and enjoyed. When this is accomplished, there is a good chance that God will give the person the Holy Ghost. Only the Holy Ghost can help a person to continue with God.

### **Subject: Hypocrisy Is Not A Good Example Of Righteousness To The World:**

God loves a sinner; but He rejects a hypocrite. It is detestable to God if a person claims to be saved, and practices sin at the same time. God categorizes such a person as a hypocrite. Though they may profess to be a Christian, they are totally rejected by God. God knows that we are born sinners, and He has made arrangements so that we can be born again. To be a hypocrite is to be disrespectful to God. You don't have to serve God, but you have to respect Him.

If you correct your life of sin, God will help you and reveal to you that the way you were going was leading you to destruction. God chose America to be a light for the world. When America tries to correct another nation, we must be sure our house is in order. To correct problems for other nations of the world and fail to correct the problems of our nation is hypocrisy.

### **Subject: There Is No Forgiveness For Speaking Against The Holy Ghost:**

God is interested in saving man from damnation, and He gives the procedure in the scriptures by which you can obtain salvation. Listen to Acts 2:38:

Verse 38 - Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized

every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

These words were spoken by Peter the apostle to the group which had gathered against Jesus and crucified Him. This same procedure for being saved is effective today.

Peter is teaching that even those who crucified Christ could receive forgiveness from God if they would repent. All that was done to Jesus could not keep a person from being saved if they would repent. However, Jesus taught that after they rejected Him the Holy Ghost would come to give them the new-birth, but if at any time they would even speak a word against the Holy Ghost, there would be no forgiveness in this world neither in the world to come. Listen to St. Matthew 12:32:

Verse 32 - *And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.*

## ***CHAPTER 5***

# ***THE SECOND BIRTH: A SPIRITUAL BIRTH***

## **Subject: Are You Qualified To Go To Heaven?**

Most people think that they are going to heaven when they leave this world. Heaven is the dwelling place of God where no sin nor sinners will be able to enter. There will be no night in heaven, because the presence of God will light up that new habitation by the glory of God.

You cannot get into the New Jerusalem unless you are qualified, and you must qualify while living on the earth. You will need the Holy Spirit to get into the kingdom of heaven. The Holy Spirit is the preparation process for getting into heaven. The Holy Spirit is the only means that will give you access to the beautiful city called heaven. God will not feel sorry for you while you are dying and give you the Holy Spirit so that you can get into heaven.

You impress God that you want the Holy Spirit to get into heaven while you are living and doing well. You must first repent of your sins with the intent of not going back to a life of sin. If your repentance is sincere, God will take you through a test, and give you the Holy Spirit to help you so that you will know that you are sincere. When you pass your test that will be evidence that you have the Holy Spirit, and then you are qualified to go to heaven.

## **Subject: The Blood Of Jesus Was Used To Save Sinners From Their Human Bloodline:**

The gospel that Jesus preached had two purposes. One purpose was to save those who were willing to repent. However, He spoke boldly to the Jews in the synagogues, condemning them for their corruption, their sins and their disobedience to God. He often rebuked those who were teachers and rulers of the Jews because of their unrighteousness and misunderstanding of the laws of Moses.

Jesus tried to show them the correct way to help restore their lost relationship with God. Jesus tried to show them that because they were of the seed of Abraham they were not necessarily children of promise unless they obeyed the furtherance of the gospel.

Many of the Jews thought that because they were of the bloodline of Abraham they were saved. Jesus taught that unless they had received another Comforter, which would be the Holy Ghost, they would not be recognized by God as being His children. Jesus made it plain that the bloodline of Abraham would stop at a place called Calvary, and only those who would receive the Holy Ghost could continue to be children of God.



The blood of Jesus that would be spilled on Calvary would be energized by the Holy Spirit with power to wash everybody from their sins. This would allow them to be regenerated from the human bloodline, and born again to be a member of the body of Christ, which would be the family of God.

### **Subject: Is Your Name In The Book Of Life?**

In order to get your name in the book of life you must be born again. The new-birth must be given to you before the first resurrection. When your name is placed in the book of life it is taken out of the book of the condemned. All of your transgressions that were committed before you were born again will be blotted out of the book of the condemned. Listen to Colossians 2:13-14:

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

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

When you are born again, your record of sin is erased, and your name is put in the book of life. For those whose names are not found in the book of life, they will be cast into a lake of fire, experiencing the second death (Revelations 20:15).

### **Subject: A Certified Passage Into The Kingdom Of Heaven:**

God sent Jesus Christ into the world that you and I might be born again. No matter how nice of a person you are, your first birth is not acceptable to God, and will not allow you to have an entry into the kingdom of heaven.

When you are born again your second birth will be a conception of Christ being born in your mind. This conception will take place by the power of the Holy Spirit conceiving Christ in you. Only Christ can get you into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is the only one who can give you the new-birth.

Jesus was presented to the world as an incorruptible seed. He was the incorruptible word of God who had power to install in the minds of humans this seed that would give humans the birth of a new mind. This seed would cause their minds to have power to control the physical actions of humans to be sin-free. This would then qualify humans to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Humans would then be born again of the word and the Spirit of God, and be redeemed from death. They would have a certified passage from a condemned life of sin resulting from their first birth to a life in the kingdom of heaven resulting from their second birth.

### **Subject: A Surgical Operation Versus A Spiritual:**

The first surgical operation that was ever performed on man was performed by God on Adam (Genesis 2:21-24). Today God continues to perform operations on man, however, they are not surgical, but spiritual. When God performs a spiritual operation, He removes the old nature of sin from man, and gives him a new nature of righteousness.

If God could take a woman from the rib of a man, He can surely take sin out of the nature of a man. God did not replace man's rib when He removed it, because He gave a man a woman to be a more effective replacement for one less rib. Today man does not miss his rib, but he will surely miss his wife if she is removed from his life.

When God takes sin out of the nature of a man, He replaces it with His divine nature. God's divine nature makes it possible to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. 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: A Holy State Of Existence:**

All the angels in heaven were created holy. Heaven was created as a holy civilization before the earth was created. The first human on the earth named Adam was created holy also. Disobedience and rebellion against God causes

spiritual beings such as angels, and human beings to step down from their holy state to experience death. Listen to Jude 1:6:

Verse 6 - And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

When humans are born from unholy parents, they will inherit the unholy state, or nature of their parents. The only way that humans can be saved from their unholy state is by being born again of a holy conception. This process of the new-birth is called regeneration, because the generation that humans were born in presented them to the world in an unholy state of existence.

God who saw the sad condition that humans inherited, worked out a plan in Christ for humans to be born again. The second birth is not of the flesh, but of the Spirit of God. The first state of existence was an existence of sin, because human beings were born in sin. Therefore, humans had to be upgraded to be saved, and disobedient angels had to be downgraded to be judged by God.

### **Subject: Worldly Knowledge Will Not Profit You Much:**

Of all the education and knowledge that you have acquired in this present world, none of your knowledge is more important than the knowledge of being born again. God sent Jesus into the world that we might be born again, because we were born the first time in trouble. To be born in sin is to be born in trouble.

When Jesus gives us the new-birth, we are free from sin, which makes us free from trouble. Our first birth was of the flesh, and a fleshly birth has power to make us sin. Jesus is offering us a birth of the Spirit of God, which is more powerful than the birth of the flesh. The Spirit of God gives us a righteous birth, which will mortify or control the deeds of the flesh making us able to live sin-free.

When we are saved from the deeds of the flesh, we are also saved from the second death that we might live forever with God. The second birth gives us life beyond the grave. If we only experience our first birth, it will give us a second death, which will separate us from God eternally.

## **Subject: If You Believe The Gospel You Can Receive Eternal Life:**

When you believe the gospel of Jesus Christ, it means that you have received Him. As many as received Him, He will give them power to become the sons of God. This means that you will be born again, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God (St. John 1:12-13).

It is the will of God that causes you to be born again. The word of God, which was Jesus, came down from heaven to present the will of God to the people of the earth offering the new-birth. Jesus was full of grace and truth giving an invitation for the world to receive eternal life. Jesus will return a second time to receive all who have accepted His invitation to fulfil all things that He promised to give man, which is eternal life.

## **Subject: Nicodemus Had Good Common Sense:**

Flattery will get you nowhere. When Nicodemus came to Jesus by night, he introduced himself by trying to flatter Jesus. His words of flattery were very accurate and correct, but his spirit of flattery was not necessary. Jesus already knew what was in Nicodemus' heart before he arrived, and He was very much qualified and ready to respond to Nicodemus' problem. Nicodemus wanted to know what was required to get into the kingdom of heaven.

After observing Jesus' works, He was convinced that Jesus' works were of God. Nicodemus had considered that his first religious teaching that consisted of the Law of Moses was not sufficient, and not up to the standard of Jesus' ministry. Nicodemus could clearly see the inadequacies of the Law of Moses. He had come to the conclusion that it alone could not get him into the kingdom of heaven. Nicodemus had more common sense than most of the Pharisees of his day.

## **Subject: God Will Help A Humble Mind:**

To be saved a person must be wise enough to know that they are not saved. Most folk today will consider that a limited amount of religious knowledge is enough for salvation. A limited amount of religious knowledge can be like an

immunity shot. It can be just enough to make you reject the true knowledge of salvation.

Nicodemus made it known to Jesus that he came to inquire about salvation when he asked, “How can a man be born when he is old”? A conceited mind will cause a person to be repulsive to the truth. It takes a humble mind to accept the fact that you have insufficient knowledge of what is required to be saved. God will help a humble mind, but He will confound a conceited mind.

### **Subject: The Mysterious New-Birth:**

*“The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit”* (St. John 3:8). If you are born again, you have experienced a miraculous and mysterious work of God. Nobody can tell where the new-birth comes from; they can only bear witness after that they have experienced it. The new-birth does not come from the earth, but it comes from heaven. It comes just as mysterious as the wind blows. Nobody can forecast its origin, nor the direction by which it will move. Its target is a potential child of God. Its purpose is to make a potential child of God a new creature.

There is not a power nor source of energy in the universe that can prevent the Holy Spirit from finding a child of God to give the person the new-birth. When this event happens to a child of God on the earth, all the angels in heaven will rejoice. Though such an event may not mean much to the people of the earth, it is a spectacular event in heaven. It means that another citizen of the earth has been adopted into the family of heaven.

### **Subject: You Can Only Learn The Truth About God By Means Of The Holy Ghost:**

You cannot learn about God in institutions that teach courses about religion. Only the Holy Ghost can give the correct knowledge of God. Listen to St. John 14:25-26:

Verse 25 - *These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.*

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.*

God commissioned the Holy Ghost to be sent to the earth to teach us the correct knowledge of God, because there was no other means on earth by which we could learn the correct knowledge of God.

There are many false religious teachings about God, but the Holy Ghost is reliable, and teaches the truth because it is the Spirit of truth. The Holy Ghost only teaches the gospel that God sent to the earth by Jesus Christ. It doesn't teach anything about itself. The Holy Ghost is a form of communication between man and God that is more reliable than any means of communication in the world.

The Holy Ghost gives you the unadulterated word of God. It doesn't mix the knowledge of God with opinions of men. The word of God is the truth. When we believe the word of God, the Holy Spirit causes us to receive power to live according to the teachings of the word of God. When Jesus went to the cross to die, the word of God could not die. Jesus' body died, but the word and the Spirit retained life in Jesus' soul and resurrected His soul into a new body. When you believe the word of God, whatever the word says, it will do. The word will then abide with you forever.

### **Subject: Salvation Is A Two-Part Process:**

Being saved is a two-part preparation process. In the first part, God must plant a mind in you when you are born, and in the second part of the process, God must plant His word in your mind (St. Luke 1:17). God would then have planted two seeds for a person to be born again. The first seed would be the person or the person's mind, and the second seed would be the word of God. If God does not prepare the first seed to receive the second seed, then the person would not be saved. Listen to St. Matthew 13:24:

Verse 24 - Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, *The*

*kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field.*

The good seed makes reference to a person with a mind that is prepared by God to receive the word of God. God is the one who is planting the first good seed, which is the person with a mind to receive the word of God. Listen to St. Matthew 13:3-4:

Verse 3 - *And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;*

Verse 4 - *And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up.*

In this parable the reference is being made to God sowing another seed, which is His word. So now, a good mind must be prepared by God to receive a good seed, which is the word of God. The good mind is considered as good ground to receive a good seed, which is the word of God. Listen to St. Matthew 13:8:

Verse 8 - *But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.*

Salvation for a person must be a two part process. The first part must be prepared by God upon the birth of a person with a mind that will receive the second part, which will be the word of God.

### **Subject: If You Are Born Again You Are Bought With A Price:**

After you are born again, you no longer belong to yourself. You could not be born again by your own means. A price was paid for your salvation that you could not pay. When Jesus paid the price for your salvation, He also bought your life. Prior to you being saved, you were destined to die. Jesus died for you and acquired possession of your entire life. The life that you now live after being born again is not the same life that you had before you were born again. Christ is now your new life, and He has complete authority over your life if you desire to stay saved.

Only Christ will go to the kingdom of heaven, and only those who are not saved will go to hell. When you are saved, it will be Christ in you that will go to the kingdom of heaven. Listen to Colossians 3:3-4:

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

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

When you are born again, your old life of sin is dead and Christ is your new life, because He paid the price for you. Listen to I Corinthians 6:19-20:

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: Born Again Believers Are A Reflection of The Light Of Christ:**

If you are born again, you are the light of the world. Jesus was the light when He was in the world. Today, saved people are a reflection of the light of Christ to the world. Jesus gives instructions to born again believers on how to exemplify the principles of righteousness so that they can be the light of the world as He had been. Those who follow Christ are required to be true examples of all that Christ stood for.

Born again believers are the members of the body of Christ that were called out of the world to walk with Christ through faith. Only by means of the work that born again believers do will other souls be saved. Jesus is not coming back to the earth again for salvation, but for deliverance of the saved people, and to execute judgment to the unsaved. If the world doesn't receive the light of born again believers, they will have no other chance to be saved.



## **Subject: Christ Lives In Those Who Obey His Gospel:**

When you believe the word of God, you will obey it, and whatever it promises will come to pass. Your belief in the word of God is authenticated by what it promised being fulfilled in your life. The power of the word of God is the truth of the word being manifested in the lives of those who believe and obey the word. Whatever the word of God says will happen will come to pass for those who obey it.

When you believe the word of God, it establishes a new life in you who is Christ. Whatever you ask in Jesus' name, the Father will grant. You can ask in Jesus' name when Jesus is living in you, and God will honor Jesus who is living in you. When you obey the gospel that Jesus taught, it means that Jesus is living in you.

## **Subject: A New Heart:**

The heart is the mind or soul; it is the permanent part of human existence. This is the spiritual heart that is the carrier of morals, emotions, senses and thoughts. Your biological heart is the carrier of blood for your physical body. Your spiritual heart is the part of your existence that God has prepared for you to live in eternity. When you are born again you would have received the birth of a new spiritual heart though your physical heart would remain the same. You would be renewed in the spirit of your mind by the power of the Holy Spirit. This would cause you to have a new way of thinking and living that would be free from sin.

Now your new mind would perform the same way that your old mind performed before you were born again, only it would produce actions in a life of righteousness. The new mind or heart would produce peace by eliminating confusion. The conditions of your new mind will affect your entire life. As long as your mind is right, producing holy thoughts and actions, your life will be right.

Your heart would then be right with God, which means it would be cleansed and made holy, humble, lowly and right in the sight of God. All these blessings would be given to you by the power of the Holy Spirit. Your life would have been delivered from the state that you previously lived in under condemnation of your old life of sin. The grace of God would have reached you making you a new creature in Christ. You are now able to live or walk in the Spirit of God.

## **Subject: If You Have Been Born Again Your New Life Should Be Christ Living In You:**

When you are born again, you will experience the conception of a new inner man or woman. Evidence of this conception will not be seen physically, but you will experience a new mind replacing your old mind. You will think differently. You will be amazed at this experience more so than other people who know you.

The old inner person will be dead and the new person will come forth like a newborn baby that has never existed in your life before. The new person will be Christ living in your old body. Christ will be your new life that would have caused you to put off your old way of living. Such things as fornication, adultery, anger, malice, and filthy communications would be gone from you. These things would have left with the old person that Christ replaced.

You would then have put on a new person, which will be renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that replaced the old person. As the elect of God, you would have put on kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering, forgiving others that may have opposed you, just as Christ forgave you.

## **Subject: If You Are Born Again Your Mind Can Make An Occasional Visit To Heaven:**

If you are born again, your mind will be in heaven as well as on the earth. Your mind will be able to take an occasional visit to heaven though your body will be on the earth. Occasional visits of your mind going to heaven will allow you to keep in personal touch with God. Such visits to heaven will strengthen your hope of the day when you will receive a new body to dwell with God permanently in mind and body.

## **Subject: The Truth Can Purify Your Life:**

Whenever you see your life measuring up to the word of God, it means that you are in accord with the word of God. Your soul then becomes purified by obeying the truth through the Spirit with the love of God working in you. You will

then love one another with a pure heart fervently, being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever (I Peter 1:22-23). When your soul is purified, your life is purified.

### **Subject: Angels Are Presently Ministering Spirits To Those Who Are Saved:**

If you are born again, God has assigned angels to assist and watch over you until the first resurrection. Angels are ministering spirits that are assigned to protect saved people from the invisible forces of evil that are administered by Satan. Those who are not saved are vulnerable to any evil action that the forces of evil may decide to bring upon them.

God has appointed angels to be ministers to those who are heirs unto salvation. Such people are born again of the Spirit of God, and they are children of God to be heirs of eternal life. Listen to Hebrews 1:13-14:

Verse 13 - But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Verse 14 - Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Saved people are ruled by God by angels who oversee them. Saved people are not really under the authority of rulers of the earth, because they live above the laws of the earth. Those who are not saved are under the rulership of the rulers and law enforcement of the earth. Listen to Romans 13:3-4:

Verse 3 - For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

Verse 4 - For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

## **Subject: Jesus' Prayer To God:**

If you are born again, you will lose your carnal nature and you will receive the divine nature of God. God will give you His nature, because He wants to live in you to protect you from the deceit of Satan. After you receive the nature of God, though you die, God will preserve your soul, and give it another body like He gave Jesus after the resurrection from Calvary.

Jesus prayed a prayer to God while on the earth that this would be done for those who received Him. Listen to St. John 17:24:

Verse 24 - *Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.*

Jesus is asking the Father if He would allow those that He had given Him while on the earth to be with Him in heaven that they might behold His glory.

## **Subject: Jesus Is All That You Need:**

When you are born again, you will have a continuous relationship with Jesus whether you live or die. Death does not separate a saved person from Jesus. When Jesus is your friend, nothing can separate you from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus. When Jesus is your friend, you will not have to worry about the friends that you lose in this present world. Jesus will take care of all of your needs when He is your friend. Jesus never forsakes a person who is obedient to God.

All that you have to do when Jesus is your friend is to put your trust in Him. Jesus will go with you through the shadow of death, and then take you to a place where death and its shadow cannot come. Jesus is all that you need. Anything that Jesus has you can get if you keep His commandments. Jesus has promised that anything you ask for in His name will be granted.

## **Subject: Praise The Lord:**

If you are born again, you will praise God. If you are not born again, God does not want your praises. The praises of an unsaved person are a mockery to God. You have to be true to give God acceptable praises. Psalm 33:1 teaches that “praise is comely for the upright” in heart.

God demands praises from everything that He has created. The sun, moon, and stars, mountains, rivers, and streams were all created by God unto His praises. All eternity will be filled with nothing but praises for God.



## ***CHAPTER 6***

# ***THE WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE***

## **Subject: Spirits Of The World:**

The most powerful forces in the world today are spirits. The world is controlled by spirits. Spirits are more powerful and intelligent than humans. Spirits are stronger than the flesh, which means they can tell the flesh what to do. A spirit can cause a person to do the most degrading acts that they will later be sorry that they did. There is only one good spirit that was sent to the earth to help humans and that is the Holy Spirit. All other spirits are the works of the devil.

Spirits can work through words or human desires. You can receive a spirit from words to make you do evil, or from natural desires to do evil. Desires are produced through spirits by means of lusts. Lusts are ungodly desires that are followed by deceiving results. A spirit can give a person a lustful desire to commit adultery. This will result in a divorce that the person did not expect nor have prepared themselves for.

The spirit of lust comes from the devil. It can work with so much power in the life of a person that it can tear down every moral, legal, intellectual, and social standard of decency that exists in a person's life.

## **Subject: God Will Use His Spirit To Guide You To The Truth:**

If you have a chance to hear the truth of God's word, you should listen with the intentions of being informed. You should be listening for knowledge that you do not have or to be corrected of what you were taught that was incorrect. You might ask how can I know what is correct or incorrect? The things that are incorrect will cause your way of living to be incorrect and create problems for you.

An incorrect religious teaching will allow your life to encounter as much trouble as those who have no religious teaching. The correct religious teaching should improve the conditions of your life and eliminate many problems.

You will know when you are listening to the true gospel, because the Holy Spirit will assist you. It will give you the mind to receive the true gospel. The Holy Spirit will open your mind, and give you an understanding, thereby making you able to apply it to the conditions of your life.

When you have a mind to receive the word of God, it is the will of God to guide your mind to the truth. Just as God used a star to guide the wise men to give gifts to Jesus, He also uses the Holy Spirit to guide us to the correct teaching of salvation.



## **Subject: The Holy Ghost:**

John the Baptist came reproving the world of sin, but he did not fail to tell the people who repented and were baptized that there cometh one who shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire. When you receive the Holy Ghost, it is not a demonstration that appeals to the emotions of the crowd. The Spirit of God is not given to a person for them to be a church show-off. It is given to change their way of living from unrighteousness to righteousness.

The Spirit of God converts the carnal nature of a person to a holy nature. You can only see evidence of the Holy Ghost by the way a person lives a righteous life and not by some performance of ignorance such as falling out, and speaking in unknown tongues. Such performances in church desecrates and undermines the work of the Holy Spirit.

Those who receive the Holy Spirit are humble and submissive to the teachings of Jesus Christ. This will be seen by the way that they live and not by show-off performances in a church assembly. Such people will have good conduct in their everyday life. They will not be partaker of sinful practices, because the Holy Ghost removes a desire to commit sin, and gives the person a desire to live righteously. Those who are filled with the Holy Ghost will never exalt themselves; they will exalt Christ by obeying His teaching.

When the Holy Spirit was sent to the earth, it came to bear witness of Jesus, just as Jesus came to bear witness of God. Those who are filled with the Holy Ghost will also bear witness of Jesus. The Holy Ghost makes you a light in the community as well as the church by the services that you render.

## **Subject: The Spirit Of God Does A Complete Work Of Grace For Those Who Receive It:**

There are three in the Trinity of God; each has a different office, but they all work together in one Spirit under the influence of the word of God. You are saved by receiving the word of God. When you receive the word of God, you also receive the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God carries power to energize the word of God to give the new birth to those who receive the word.

The Spirit of God does a complete work of salvation in your life when you receive the word of God. It will replace the carnal nature with the divine nature of God. When you are born again, you are born of the word and the Spirit. The word

and the Spirit are so coordinated that there will never be any conflict between the two after they enter your life.

The instructions that the word of God gives you will be the way the Spirit of God is guiding you. If you think that you are filled with the Holy Spirit and your ways are contrary to what the word teaches; you do not have the Holy Spirit; you have the spirit of error.

### **Subject: The Holy Spirit Gives You The New-Birth:**

The Holy Spirit is a strange name to many people. Those who have heard of the Holy Spirit know very little about it. This is the same way that it was in the days of the apostles. Listen to Acts 19:1-2:

Verse 1 - And it came to pass, that, while A-pöl'-lōs was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Eph'-e-sus: and finding certain disciples,

Verse 2 - He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

God has to prepare a minister to teach you about the Holy Ghost. God must also prepare the minds of those to whom the minister is sent to receive the knowledge about the purpose of the Holy Ghost. You cannot enter the kingdom of heaven without being filled with the Holy Ghost. Speaking in unknown tongues is a false sign of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost is the third member of the Trinity that gives you the new-birth in Christ. When you are born again the Holy Ghost has given you the birth of a new mind, and inclusive with your new mind will be a new nature, When the Holy Ghost renews you in the spirit of your mind and nature it will give you power to live above sin. Under these conditions, you will be against and contrary to any temptation to commit sin.

Your life will then produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit. You will see a manifestation of love, peace, joy, patience, meekness, faith, temperance, longsuffering, goodness and gentleness; these will become a part of your character

(Galatians 5:22). The Holy Spirit will make its initial entry into your life by you hearing and receiving the word of God. The word of God will precede the entry of the Holy Spirit. When the word of God is received with a sincere heart, the Holy Spirit will find the person and complete the process of being born again.

### **Subject: The Knowledge Of God's Word:**

You cannot figure out what the word of God means with human intelligence; it must be revealed to you by the Spirit of God. When it is revealed to you, knowledge will be given to you in regard to your spiritual needs. God only reveals His word to the humble person. If you are prudent or intellectually cautious, the important knowledge of the word will be hidden from you.

When God makes things known to you, you will understand plainly, because it will be revealed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is an intercessor for man to help him with his weaknesses or inabilities. All men are weak when it comes to the knowledge of God. So, God sends the Holy Spirit to be a teacher for man. The Holy Spirit gives man an anointing, which serves as a relay processor for the knowledge of God's word to be filtered into the mind of the person that it is teaching. Without the assistance of the Holy Spirit, man would be helpless in trying to understand the knowledge from God.

### **Subject: Do You Believe The Word Of God?**

In St. Luke 1:26-35, it teaches how the word of God was made flesh. The angel Gabriel was sent from heaven to introduce the appearance of Jesus in human form. The angel gave all the characteristics of Jesus before He was conceived. The angel told Mary that Jesus would be great, and shalt be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord shall give unto him the throne of his father David, and that He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there would be no end.

Mary did not understand how this could happen, because no man had ever touched her. Gabriel proceeded to tell Mary that the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee: therefore also that holy thing which shalt be born of thee shall be called the

Son of God. When God sends a message to a person, the Holy Spirit makes preparations for the person to receive the message, even when it is difficult to believe.

After Mary received the message, she was found with child by the power of the Holy Spirit that helped her to believe the message. Belief in the message from God is an invitation for salvation to come into a person's life, just as Mary's belief in the message from Gabriel brought salvation to the world in Jesus Christ.

### **Subject: You Must Wait On God To Give You The Holy Spirit After You Repent:**

When you start out with the Lord, you must wait on the gift of the Holy Spirit. After you repent, you can pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit. There were many who turned back from following the Lord after having started with a fervent spirit, because after they repented, they did not wait on the Lord and pray that He would give them the Holy Spirit.

God does not give a person the Holy Spirit immediately after they repent in all situations, but He gives a person time to make a decision after having repented, to decide whether or not they want to accept the new way of living, or if they would prefer their old life of sin again. Many backsliders will make the choice to go back to their old life of sin rather than to live a new life free from sin.

When a person does not have knowledge of how a new life free from sin will be, they will oftentimes not take a chance on completely leaving an old life of sin. The old life of sin has many attractions and pleasures that a sinner is familiar with, and the thought of such former attractions can entice and overwhelm a person who is not yet filled with the Holy Spirit to return to enjoy such pleasures.

### **Subject: God's Spirit:**

The Holy Ghost is God's Spirit. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, it means that God is living in you. You then become The Church of God. You will be the temple of God. God only occupies humans; He does not occupy buildings that they call churches. The Holy Ghost will then be your teacher, counselor and guide to direct you through life. It will teach you how to follow and to apply the

knowledge of the word of God to your life. You are safe and secured when you are filled with the Holy Ghost.

It is the most powerful force in all existence, and nothing will be able to harm you as long as you follow its guidance. Your movements and purposes in life will be superior to all forces of evil that the devil has in the world. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost it means you are baptized by the Holy Ghost.

The baptism of water is an open public testimony that you were baptized with the Holy Ghost. When you are baptized with water you are showing people what has happened to you spiritually that was not visible. As others further observe your life they will see spiritual changes that are taking place in your life from a life of sin to a life of righteousness.

### **Subject: The Fire Of The Holy Ghost:**

The Holy Ghost carries fire with it. The fire of the Holy Ghost is power that burns up every desire to commit sin. It is not a fire that brings pain but relief from sin and the miseries that sin brings (St. Matthew 3:11).

The Holy Ghost will then give you power to resist sin, because the part of your desires that was compatible with sin will be consumed by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Therefore sin will have nothing in you to attract it. The law of the Spirit of life would have replaced the law of sin and death.

This means that you would be free from the old person that committed sin, and you will be a new creature that is free from sin. You will then follow the way of righteousness, and there is no law against righteousness.

### **Subject: Joy In The Holy Ghost Is The Greatest Joy:**

Life is a precious gift from God. Life is God's breath in humans. People rejoice because of life, and they love to see a child that has been born. Death is not related to God. Death disrupted life as a result of sin, and both death and sin are God's enemies. Anything that is the enemy of human existence is also God's enemy, because God brought humans into existence.

God did not create man to die, but to live forever. After death entered the life cycle of humans, God sent Christ to redeem humans from death. Jesus was the

Savior of the world. A saved person's pleasure should be in praising God for Jesus. The Holy Spirit will help you to praise God.

A lot of people go to church to sing, shout, and afterward go to the world for pleasures. They go to bars, dance halls, and parties to drink alcoholic beverages. They fail to understand that the greatest joy is in the Spirit of God. The Holy Ghost gives us hope for the joy that will be in eternal life. The joy that you get at a ball game can't compare with the joy that eternal life will give you.

### **Subject: The Voice And The Spirit Of God:**

The presence of God will be made known to you by feelings, because you can't see God with your natural eyes. You can feel the presence of God when you can't hear His voice. The presence of God is made known to you when the Holy Spirit falls upon you, giving feelings of joy and causing you to praise God for the things that He has done for you.

After you are alone and in meditation, you will hear the voice of God. God gently speaks in a small, still whisper. God does not speak to you and overshadow you with joy at the same time, because the joy that His Spirit gives would distract you from what He is saying to you.

Now when you are receiving joy from the Lord that causes you to praise Him, be sure that you love your brothers or sisters. If there is no love in your heart when you think that you are receiving joy from God, it means that your joy and good feelings are coming from the devil. The joy of the Lord must always be witnessed by a righteous, sin-free life with love in your heart for everybody.

### **Subject: The Spirit Will Make Intercessions For Us To God:**

God loves everybody, but those who are not saved don't know about the reality of God. God is ready to reveal Himself to the unsaved if they would accept His procedures to be saved. Such people must be willing to forsake their sins. Sin separates the unsaved from the reality of God. God will not allow a sinner to learn about His reality unless the sinner is willing to repent or turn from a life of sin.

As long as a sinner wants to continue to commit sin, there is a great gulf between the sinner and God. When a sinner decides to put away his or her sins,

God is pleased to dwell with the person. When God begins to dwell with you, He reveals Himself in many wonderful ways. God uncovers many deep mysteries concerning His plan by enriching your understanding of His word.

Many things about your life that you did not understand will become clear to you also. Though God is invisible, you will become keenly aware of His presence when you need comfort or assistance. You will learn that God will be a better friend and companion to you than any of your friends and associates. God will give you the Holy Spirit which will entitle you to be His child. God will teach you how to reach Him in an emergency.

You will learn that you cannot please your heavenly Father if you feel self-supported. You will then conduct your business and affairs in such a manner to be completely dependent upon God. So then, if you must be dependent upon God, you must be also able to reach Him when you need Him. Prayer would be the means by which you will reach God. You must be knowledgeable of how to pray to reach God. You must be certain that when you strike up a conversation with God in prayer that He sees your humble heart, and hears the message that you wish to convey.

You must be sure that you have maintained obedience and integrity to the extent that when He hears you, He is ready to dispatch an angel to bring you the answer or grant you your request. You must learn to pray like Jesus taught. You must pray with fasting, faith, dependence and humility. Your prayer should be for some spiritual blessings to come to others that you are concerned about. Your prayers will sometimes lack the knowledge of what you and others truly need to reach the throne of God unless you receive adequate help from the Holy Spirit. Listen to Romans 8:26-27:

Verse 26 - Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Verse 27 - And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Our heavenly Father is so understanding and considerate of our inability to pray that He allows the Holy Spirit to help us.

When we are saved, we are filled with the Holy Spirit, which means our new, saved life is by the power of God that the Holy Spirit gives to us. So is it also when the Holy Spirit helps us to pray. Our prayers will also be by the power of

God. When the Spirit makes intercession for us to God, it sometimes discards our words completely. It presents groanings and utterances in the language of heaven that are clearly acceptable to God. The Spirit reveals the true conditions of our lives. God will then take appropriate action that is in line with His plan, and our prayers will be answered according to the will of God.

### **Subject: If You Walk In The Spirit, You Don't Have To Worry:**

When your heart is right, there is no condemnation. Under these conditions, you can live in fellowship with God. When God does not condemn you, though others may criticize and accuse you, it will have no effect upon you. When your hands are clean and your heart is pure God who rules the universe is with you, and you do not have to worry about anything. You are now walking in the Spirit, which will exempt you from the trouble that the world is in.

God teaches all of His children who walk in His statutes to call on Him when they have troubles and He promises to deliver them. God hears the righteous person pray. When your life is right your fellowship with God will allow you to pray for other friends or relatives asking God's blessings upon them, and God will send His Spirit to assist and bless them. It does not matter where they are or what their conditions are, the Spirit of God will find them and bless them.

### **Subject: The Things Of God Are Eternal:**

Don't gamble with your soul. Your soul is the most precious part of human existence. You don't want to take a chance on your soul being lost, because it will be an eternal lost. Your soul is your life. What would you profit trying to acquire all the things of the world and lose your soul? Your soul is your mind that will never die. Your soul is what God saves, and gives eternal life for you to live in heaven in another body. Your soul was designed by God to live in two different bodies.

The first body is the one that you are presently living in consisting of flesh and blood, and the second body will be a celestial body, or a body designed to live in heaven consisting of eternal substances given by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives you a new mind while you are living in this present world, but it will



prepare and give you a new celestial body made of the substances of heaven to live eternally in heaven.

This new body will be like that which angels presently possess that will never die. The things of God are eternal. When you are born again your new mind will be eternal, and later given a new body upon Jesus' return that will be eternal like your mind. Afterward you will be taken to an eternal home in God's kingdom.

### **Subject: The Holy Spirit Can Take Your Mind Into The Presence Of God:**

The secrets in your mind are revealed by the things you do. If you love God, and he dwells in your mind, you will live a righteous life and sing songs that will glorify His name. Your mind is very powerful. It is your soul, and the life of your physical body. When your mind is on things that are pleasant and joyful, your songs will be songs of joy and praises of thanksgiving.

When you have the Holy Spirit, it will carry your mind above things that would burden those who don't have the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings your mind into the presence of God so that the earth will have no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.



***CHAPTER 7***

***SALVATION:  
GENERAL TOPICS***

## **Subject: The Way, The Truth, And The Life:**

Nobody will ever be able to see God unless they follow Jesus, because His teachings will lead you to God. If you are in a religious way that does not teach the truth, then you will not find the way to God, neither will you receive eternal life. The gospel of Jesus Christ points the way to God when it is taught correctly. The directions that Jesus gives are free.

Jesus is saying whosoever will, let him come and partake of the water of life freely. Hebrews 7:25 teaches that Jesus is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him. The way you get to God by Jesus is by following His example on how to live. Jesus was sent from God to be our example. God sent Jesus so that we could know the way. Jesus is the truth and the way that offer us life.

## **Subject: We Need Help From God:**

We are born into a world that we need help to survive in. The only one that can help us is God. If the help and assistance that is given to us by other men is not divinely inspired it won't be worth much. Man has a nature that is primarily selfish, and he is not willing to be of much help to his fellow man, unless God is in him. Jesus came to the earth and gave everything for His fellow man that he might receive help.

God has made available the gospel of Jesus Christ that has instructions for man to obey that will result in man being blessed, and to bring to pass the desires of his heart if he obeys the gospel.

## **Subject: Are You On The Right Road To Heaven?**

The Holy Bible is a book of instructions given by God that man might know what to do to acquire salvation. You cannot be saved by guessing what the right way to go is, or by your imagination. You must have instructions from God to show you the right way to go.

Being saved is like using a road map to get to a destination. You can't guess how to get to another city; you must follow the instructions that the road map gives. The map will show you when you are going the wrong way, and how to go

the correct way to get where you are going. In the book of I Corinthians 6:9-10, it teaches you when you are on the wrong road to get to the kingdom of heaven:

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

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

When folk are committing any of these sins, it means that they are on the wrong road to heaven. After that the Holy Spirit has washed and sanctified you from the above listed sins, it means that you are on the correct road to heaven. Now listen to I Corinthians 6:11:

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

## **Subject: The Offer:**

God gave His Son Jesus as a sacrifice to the world to redeem us from death. This sacrifice offered a life beyond the grave, for those who received it, to live forever in God's kingdom. The reception of the gospel that Jesus taught causes us to receive power from God by the Holy Spirit to be saved from our sins (St. John 1:12-13). There are no limitations on the amount of people that can be saved after receiving the gospel of Jesus Christ. When you receive the gospel, your mind is set to obey the gospel.

You will then receive this power to become the sons and daughters of God. You would be born again not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. It is the will of God that is offering this privilege to the world. God sent His word down from heaven in the form of a human body that the world might see and behold His glory as the only begotten Son of God, filled with grace teaching us that we could be born again, and be saved from the condemned state of our first birth and live again with God eternally in heaven.

## **Subject: Our Way Of Thinking Can Deceive Us:**

There are many people who may think that they can make it in this world by their own means and ability. They may think that they know what they need to make it. What they really need to make it through life, they may not want.

When God saw the condition of the world, He could see what we needed, and He gave no regard to what we thought we needed. God saw that we needed an acceptable sacrifice for our sins, and He made preparations to provide such a sacrifice for the world.

We have to be brought to the knowledge of what we need because our way of thinking can deceive us. This knowledge can only be given to us by God. Unless Christ becomes our wisdom, it doesn't matter what we think we know, we will be deceived by our own way of thinking.

## **Subject: The Wisdom Of Man Will Lead Him To Destruction:**

Only the wisdom of God can lead you to safety. The wisdom of man will lead him to his end. The wisdom of God is the fear of God, not being afraid of Him as you would be afraid of a tyrant, but fear that you would offend Him, or do something to disrespect and displease Him.

The love of God causes Him to be longsuffering, and not willing that anybody should perish. However, after that man has learned of God, He wants man to accept the knowledge of the truth. God will then prepare a messenger to bring man knowledge with instructions on how to be saved.

If after man has received the message from God, and he continues to harden his heart, man's own wisdom will lead him to destruction. It would not be God destroying the person, but their deeds will lead them to destruction.

## **Subject: The Wisdom Of God:**

We may know a lot about the things of the world, but we did not know what we needed for salvation. Unless Christ becomes our wisdom, it does not matter how many degrees and scholarships we may receive, we will remain without the wisdom of God. Only the wisdom of God can save us.

Believe it or not, the smarter you are with worldly knowledge, the further away you can be from the wisdom of God and salvation. The world is in the condition that it is in today because man lives and operates by his own knowledge, and not the wisdom of God.

### **Subject: Salvation Is Deliverance From The Curse Of The Human Nature:**

People are inclined to go wrong in life because they were born wrong. To be born in sin is not in line with the holiness of God. The only way a sinner's life can be corrected is that the sinner must be born again by the power of the Spirit of God. When you are born again, you will live above your sinful conception, and the Spirit of God will direct you through life. Directions given by the Spirit of God will come from your nature into your mind, causing you to avoid sinful inclinations.

The Spirit of God will empower your desires to love everybody, and love will work no ill towards others that you will have dealings with. You will have no evil thoughts, imaginations, nor condemnation. When the Spirit of God gives you the new-birth, it saves you from yourself. The human nature was cursed by sin to the extent that its own tendencies lead humans to destruction.

### **Subject: Are You Kicking Against The Pricks?**

To be at variance against the teaching of the scriptures as it is given in the Original King James Version of the Bible means that you are in the same spirit that the apostle Paul was in when he persecuted the followers of Christ. To kick against the pricks means to oppose God's word and His people.

Paul could not see how deceived he was to think that he could be right without the righteousness of Christ. Paul acquired the spirit of self-righteousness from his knowledge of the law. He tried to stamp out true holiness with the limited religious knowledge that the Jews had been given in the Law of Moses.

Paul's initial religious teaching of the law was blameless, but he could not see how his knowledge of the law was supposed to lead him to the completion of the law, which was brought to the world by Jesus Christ. So when Paul kicked

against the pricks, it blinded him. When Christians of today are not given the correct religious teaching, it means that they are spiritually blind.

To be spiritually blind means that the devil can use your limited religious knowledge to oppose the correct knowledge that could save you. When Paul realized that he was blinded by his limited knowledge of God, he yielded to the greater knowledge and God gave him the Holy Spirit, and the spirit that caused him to kick against the pricks left him.

### **Subject: Life Is An Independent Agent Of Humans:**

You cannot acquire mastery or victory over your life if you are not saved. An unsaved life is deceitful and clever. What you think is working for you in life can be working against you. It does not matter how smart, intelligent, and educated you are, life can set your destiny and make the last appointment for you if Christ is not in your life.

The way your life will conclude does not have to be according to the way you planned it. The life of an unsaved person is independent of the person's power to control it. Life is motivated by desires, and humans can't choose their desires; they can only satisfy their desires. Desires of the human nature can lead a person to do things that can make their life miserable, and in some cases end their life. Only Christ can secure your life and bring it to a favorable destiny.

### **Subject: The Deceitfulness Of The Flesh:**

Only Jesus can bring wonderful joy and peace to your life. If you are getting what seems to be joy and peace without Jesus, it will not last. They are trying to legalize marijuana because they think it will make people happy. Marijuana only makes the flesh happy. Anything that makes the sinful nature happy, such as illegal drugs, could make a person die in a car accident, just as alcoholic beverages do.

You cannot please sinful cravings and be successful. Such happiness is deceitful and leads to destruction. You can only be happy according to the teaching of the word of God. If you allow God to save you, He will give you good common sense to be able to discern the things that please the flesh, and the things that give lasting joy.



## **Subject: Where Is Jesus?**

Jesus now sits at the right hand of God in heaven, and will be there until every enemy is subdued. When death is destroyed, the last enemy of God will be conquered. Death is the enemy of God and man. When this happens, Jesus is going to ransom all who are saved from the power of the grave. Such people will get up first in the resurrection for the righteous, and Jesus will return to receive them. Those who are alive and saved will meet them also (Hosea 13:14).

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. The first resurrection will be a witness to God's love for the world. It is extended to everybody, but only those who receive God's love will be in the first resurrection.

When folk don't accept God's love, it will not be forced upon them. When folk don't accept God's love, they are not of God. When you accept God's love, it will cause you to love one another. Everybody who accepts God's love is born of God, and knoweth God. Listen to I John 4:7-8:

Verse 7 - Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

Verse 8 - He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

## **Subject: Would You Know Jesus If You Saw Him?**

Nothing can satisfy you but the new-birth in Christ. The new-birth in Christ gives you a clean conscience. If you are living under condemnation, you are unhappy. We came into this world under condemnation, but God has arranged that we do not have to remain in that state. He has provided a plan of salvation whereby we are lifted from the condemned state and given a clear mind.

It was by means of the word of God that we were born again, and received the Spirit of God. We were born again of an incorruptible seed, which is the word of God. Now you do not get the new-birth by praying. Churches are full of folk that are praying, and they are still the same old creatures that are committing sin. Such people are far from God.

When John the Baptist came preaching to repent, Jesus also came to be

baptized by John. Christ was introduced by God, who said, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased”. Those who saw Christ did not know Him. It is the same way today with many Christians. They are so far from God that they would not be able to recognize Christ in the life of a truly saved person. Christ is known by His character and the way that He lives. The deeds of a person that are a reflection of the deeds of Christ will testify of Christ being in a person's life.

### **Subject: A Holy Family:**

When heaven and the earth were created, angels were created to be in heaven. Angels were created to be a part of God’s heavenly family. The heavenly family at that time consisted of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and angels. The scriptures teach that the angels or morning stars sang together, and shouted with joy when God created the heavens.

God later created a family on earth consisting of one man and one woman, and they fell from grace separating themselves from the family of God in heaven. God later arranged a plan whereas the family on earth could be united with the family in heaven. The two family units would then become one family having one name. That one name of the family unit in heaven and in the earth would be called ‘Holy’.

God Himself had to seek out a people on earth to be a part of His heavenly family, because not everybody on the earth wanted to be in the heavenly family under the name ‘Holy’. Listen to Isaiah 62:12:

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

Those who are a part of God’s family on earth today are known as a holy people, just as angels in heaven are known as holy angels. Those who are a part of God’s holy family should bow their knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, and give God thanks and praises, just as the angels in heaven did when God created the heavens and the family of angels in heaven.

## **Subject: His Name Is Holy:**

When Jesus prayed to His Father before leaving the earth; He called His Father “Holy Father” so that those who heard His prayer could know the kind of Father that God is. Jesus asked His Father to keep those who had been given to Him in His Father's name. God's name is Holy. The only way that we can be kept in God's name is that we must be Holy. To be Holy makes us one with God. When we are one with God, He becomes a part of us.

Jesus made a great request to God that is still effective and is being granted by God up to this present day. To be Holy means that we have been redeemed from the sentence of death. God sent Jesus into the world for the purpose of redeeming a people. It is very important that those who are saved are called Holy, because we are kept in God's family by His name.

While we are living on the earth we are identified by the name given to us from our parents at birth. This is our earthly name. When we are born again of the Holy Spirit we are given a heavenly name, which is Holy to identify us with our heavenly family.

## **Subject: God Keeps His Word:**

Without the knowledge of God, it will be impossible to escape eternal damnation. Whatever God does is forever. If God saves you, it will be for everlasting life. If God does not save you, it will be for everlasting damnation. You cannot learn about God in just any church; you must go to a church that the Holy Spirit is ministering in.

When the Holy Spirit is ministering, the preacher will not preach according to his own mind, but the Holy Spirit will convey knowledge from God to the preacher's mind, and the word of God will give you knowledge according to the scriptures. So then, you will get to know God by learning His word. God is His word. If you obey God's word, you will find that God will keep His word by means of the promises that His word gives you. God is not a man that He should lie. He keeps His word, and you will be able to depend upon it.

## **Subject: God Wants To Live In Us:**

This is God's world and all the people that dwell here were put here by God. God gives man everything. The life, breath and food that we eat were provided by God. The word of God teaches that God has made every nation on earth out of one blood, and designated a place where the people should live.

God has given each person the privilege to be His temple. In order for God to occupy us as His temple, we must live a holy life. This means we must live sin-free. When we desire to do this, God will give us the Holy Spirit to help us. The Holy Spirit will be God living in us. God will live in us forever if we are willing to be holy.

When the Spirit of God dwells in you it will make you like God. Those who see you will be able to see God in you. Such qualities as love, peace, meekness, joy, patience, goodness, faith and temperance will be the qualities of your character. These qualities of character will be a manifestation of God in you.

## **Subject: It Is God Who Works In Man To Will And To Do Of His Good Pleasure:**

Whatever we do that is profitable for our survival is done by God's intelligence that He works through us. The things that are a blessing to man are the result of God working in the minds of man. If man fails to surrender his mind to God, then sin will work in him causing him to do things that will not be profitable for his survival. When God is working in a man, the Holy Spirit will control the movements of man that he might go in the right direction to do the things that will be profitable for his survival.

## **Subject: The Holy Place:**

Obedience to God's commandments keeps you in the Holy Place. The Holy Place is the presence of God. If you are in the Holy Place, the adversary of God would like to get you out of the Holy Place. When God placed Adam and Eve in

the Holy Place the devil persuaded Eve to leave the Holy Place. Listen to Genesis 3:5:

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.

When you get out of God's presence, then you will be in the shadow of evil. There are no neutral grounds between good and evil. The presence of God is good, and everything that is not a part of God's goodness is evil. God's goodness is with you when you obey His commandments. His commandments are not grievous and will lead you into the path of righteousness.

The presence of God burns in the heart of an individual with zeal rather than pain, and sets his or her heart aflame with a determination that God must be honored, respected, and given reverence above all else. When a person fails to honor God properly, Satan can lure the person into evil. Man cannot manage evil. You cannot know evil unless you do evil. Only the Holy Place can keep you from being enslaved by evil.

### **Subject: If You Keep His Commandments He Will Give You What You Ask For:**

If you keep God's commandments, you can ask anything in Jesus' name and He will do it (St. John 14:14). When you keep the commandments it is an expression of your love for Jesus. There are no other indications that you love Jesus unless you keep His commandments. It is your love for Jesus that will cause Him to give you what you ask for, or to do what you ask Him to do for you.

When you keep Jesus' commandments the Trinity will be at your assistance. This means the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit will abide with you. You will be filled with the Holy Spirit; God will be your Father, and Jesus will be your counselor. These three in the God-head are one. Though each has a different office, they all work together in one Spirit under the direction, influence, and instructions of the word of God. The word of God teaches that if you keep His commandments, He will give you what you ask for.

**Subject: Regardless Of Who Helps You, Give God  
The Thanks:**

God is a helper during the time of need. God will often help you through other people. God can work through your doctor, lawyer, or plumber when you need help. Before you go to your doctor or lawyer, you should get on your knees and pray and ask God for the help that you need. You should pray that God will help those who are assisting you to help you. That is the way that God will become your helper.

After you have prayed and God answers by helping the doctor or lawyer to help you, you should thank God rather than the doctor or lawyer. What they did that was beneficial to you was really God working with and through them in answer to your prayer. Therefore, you should thank God and glorify God for the help that you received from the doctor, lawyer, or plumber.

**Subject: You Have To Be Careful Of Wealth And Prosperity:**

God gave Israel a land of plenty, referred to as the land of milk and honey. It was called the land of Canaan. The chief business of the people in the land of Canaan was cattle raising. The cattle multiplied and grew so fast that hundreds of thousands of cows wandered about the valley of Canaan.

When God blesses you, you will have more than you can handle. The blessings of God overtakes those who are obedient. If Israel had continued to obey God, they would be the wealthiest nation on earth. Their blessings in the land of Canaan were an example of how God will bless His people. God will bless Gentiles the same way if they obey God.

Obedience to God automatically draws blessings and prosperity from God. Your blessings are produced from your obedience. It is impossible to obey God and not be blessed. America was established by a people who obeyed God, and today it is the wealthiest nation on earth.

Now after that God blesses a nation, they have to be careful because wealth can turn your head from God. A nation can become so wealthy that their wealth will cause them to desire pleasures and entertainment. Instead of loving God they will love pleasures and fun. In America today you can find more people at a baseball game on Sunday than in a church. Pleasures and entertainment can make people forget the source of their blessings.

It is necessary to have seasons of fasting and prayer to maintain a faithful relationship with God. Fasting causes you to deny the things that you enjoy for a period of time while you honor God.

We are now living in the last days, and if we do not have God to help us, we will be deceived by our wealth and overtaken by the enemy of God and man, who is the devil. Almost every young person is thinking only of pleasures. Pleasures of the world are sinful and deceitful. If you are born again, you can get pleasure from God's Spirit which is holy, pure and edifying. You can enjoy these pleasures and continue to be holy and acceptable to God. This kind of pleasure is not sinful or related to the pleasures of the world that please the carnal nature of humans.

### **Subject: You Have To Watch Prosperity:**

You have to watch prosperity; because it can make you forget about God. When people need help they will think about God, but when they are prosperous, they will often times forget about God. Wealth can turn your head from God and instead of loving God, you will love pleasures that wealth provides.

Those who go to sports events are pretty well off because it is expensive to attend professional sports events. Such people will on many occasions attend sports events on Sundays rather than to go to church. They do this because their interest is in sports events rather than God.

You must be inspired by the Holy Spirit to be motivated to worship God. The spirit of the world inspires you to enjoy a baseball game, but the Spirit of God inspires you to get joy out of worshiping God. When you enter the courts of God, you should do so with joy. Wherever the Spirit of God is there is liberty and joy.

### **Subject: God Is A Reality To Those Who Obey Him:**

You should believe that when you go to God for assistance that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. When you go to God, you must go with confidence in what the scriptures teach. The scriptures is the word of God, and when you go according to the scriptures, you are going to God the Father, being counselled by the Son of God; Jesus is the word of God.

The scriptures is God. When we obey and believe the scriptures, the reality of God will be manifested to us. God will be revealed to us by means of what He does for us. When we see God giving us what we ask for and we know that nobody else had knowledge of what we asked for, there will be no doubt in our minds that the God who created all things has responded to our request.

### **Subject: Righteousness Makes You One With God:**

When God finds a person who desires to be righteous and pure, He saves the person, and makes the person one with Him. Prominence, wealth and prestige do not make you an equal member of the family of God. Righteousness makes you an equal member in the family of God. Your righteousness is measured by your obedience to the word of God. To become a member of the family of God your righteousness must be like Jesus' righteousness. It takes a filling of the Holy Spirit to make you righteous like Jesus.

### **Subject: There Is Equality With God:**

The gospel of the kingdom of heaven is commonly called and known as glad tidings and good news. The gospel gives the promises of God without respect of persons. Partiality towards one person over another is due largely to the advantage that one has over the other. When a person has been educated, cultured and advanced economically it is often due to the fact that the person has had the opportunity through education and association with those who have learned prior.

God gives everybody an equal chance to acquire salvation. It is given to the wealthy as well as the poor. In order for the plan of God to make contact with you, you must be upright, honest, and pure with good intent of heart. God does not waste time with those who show no indications of receiving the gospel.

When you have a heart that shows potential for salvation, God will teach you. You will be taught by revelation, or through a God sent teacher. After you begin to learn of God, your experiences in life will build upon and improve your knowledge. Bad experiences will be just as profitable as good experiences.



## **Subject: A Heavenly Place:**

When we were alienated from the commonwealth of heaven, and knew not the Lord, it was His mercy that brought us into a covenant, or an agreement with Him, which God will never fail to keep. We may break our part of the agreement, but God will never do it, because He is rich in mercy. God loved us even when we were in a life of sin doing whatever we were big enough to do contrary to His will.

Now that we have accepted His grace, and have become followers of Jesus Christ, we are quickened and brought together by faith in Christ. We understand that it was not of works that we were saved, but by grace. God has by His Holy Spirit given everyone who believes in the teachings of Jesus Christ the same mind and Spirit. God gives it to those who are white, black, brown, rich, poor, young and old.

This brings us to the understanding that if we have God's Spirit, we will love one another. As we meet one another, we will see faithfulness, honesty, integrity, and love. When you have the Spirit of God, you will recognize God's Spirit in another person when you meet the person. When you get together and begin to talk about God, it becomes a heavenly place in Christ Jesus.

## **Subject: Another Home:**

Even the smallest insect is seeking a better home and that is why we find them in our homes. Those of us who are saved are seeking for a home that is eternal in heaven. We know that these earthly homes will one day dissolve. Therefore we are seeking another home to live in, which Christ has gone to prepare for us. This will be a mansion in heaven that will last throughout eternity. With this hope it pleases God that we remain restless in this body until Jesus returns for us.

Even in these earthly homes of those who are not saved, if Jesus is not there in spirit it would be cold, lonely and without joy. When Christ is in a home there is also love, sympathy and understanding. Perfect peace and harmony will be there along with other fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of Christ will keep such a home in peace until Jesus comes to take those who live there to heaven.

## **Subject: Love And Peace:**

People are being encouraged to hate all over the world, even religious groups are hating and killing others that don't believe as they do. Love is more powerful than hate but it must be received, and most people don't want love to be the controlling force in their lives, neither their religions.

A religious teaching without the Holy Spirit causing love to be a part of it is not worth anything. The Holy Spirit brings love from God; this is divine love. Those who are truly saved today are saved because God loved His enemies. God so loved the world that He gave the best He had that the world might be saved. I am very glad that God has allowed me to use this literature to encourage people in the Lord to love one another. Anybody who knows me personally, knows that I love them.

People are being encouraged to hate by men of all walks of life. Offenses that bring hatred and suffering will come because of the works of the devil. The word of God teaches that woe unto them by whom such offenses will come. When you have love in your heart you are safe. When hate is in a person's heart it will lead them to destruction resulting from their own actions. Those who desire to be saved in the day of the Lord should be sure to allow Christ to work in their lives by means of love (St. John 14:25-27).

It is the Holy Ghost that gives you love, and implements love to the extent that it will produce peace and good will to others. Christ came to bring peace. Peace and love are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. You cannot have peace unless you have love. When love and peace are a part of a person's life, it will keep their heart and mind through Jesus Christ. You can have peace in the middle of confusion under these conditions. Trouble will not be able to disrupt your peace. This is peace from God. This is the peace we need. Life without peace from God is not worth living. The peace of God comes only to those who are born again.

Peace is one of the greatest blessings that comes from heaven. The Holy Spirit brings this peace. This gift is only given to those who are filled with the Holy Spirit following the teachings of Christ. Blessings from heaven are given only to those who are eligible to become citizens of heaven. They would have repented of their sins and denied ungodliness and worldly lust. They would live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world. Their heart will be steadfast in obedience to God. They will follow peace and love with all people regardless of their race, religion or ethnic origin. The eyes of the Lord will always be watching over such a person, and the Spirit of God will be continuously in their presence.

## **Subject: Love Is A Gift From God:**

Love is a gift from God. Love is not from the world; it comes from God. When God gives you the new-birth, inclusive with the new-birth is love. It is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. You receive this divine love from God by believing the word of God. When the Holy Spirit brings the love of God into your life, it humbles you. This love is not implemented by you loving some people that you are favored towards and not loving others.

This love controls you. You cannot control this love by loving some people and not loving others. The love of God has more power than human emotions. It is not a part of the human make-up. It allows the human nature to be a beneficiary of its power. You cannot use this love to do what you like to do. It uses you for its purposes.

This love overpowers your ability to be partial. It is not within the limits of human purposes to love. It has complete authority, using the person that is a recipient of it to love others without dissimulation. It is not compatible with lust or satisfying sinful desires. It will be manifested in the form of kindness, hospitality, impartiality, longsuffering, and being easily entreated. It is universal love, or charity that is implemented by the Holy Spirit.

## **Subject: Love Versus The Law:**

Laws are given as a rule of actions. They are for the purpose of controlling the actions of men. The first person who died on the earth was murdered by his brother. Laws are written as a threat to those who might be unlawful towards their fellow man. When people obey laws, it is not because they love the laws, but because they are afraid of the penalty for breaking the law.

When God saves you, He gives you the nature that will empower you to live above the law. You will have the nature of love. Love is more powerful than the threat of law, because it installs a desire in a person to want to please God that is stronger than the temptation to break the law. Along with the law that is given to society are also prisons. Along with the love of God that is given to man is the kingdom of heaven.

**Subject: The Saved Person Will Be Used By God To Show Those Who Failed To Repent That Salvation Is Not What They Want:**

When God saves a sinner and makes the sinner a saint, God will then use the saint as an example to show those who failed to repent of their sins that being saved is not what they want. The life of a truly saved person is very undesirable to those who do not want to be saved. The life of a truly saved person will appear to be boring, dull, and without social excitement that a life of sin offers.

The unsaved will think that it is strange that a person who once enjoyed a life of sinful pleasures is no longer enjoying such pleasures, and they will speak evil of the saved person. Listen to I Peter 4:3-4:

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

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

So the life of a saved person can serve two purposes; it can show those who desire to be saved the way to acquire salvation, and it can also show those who do not desire to be saved that this is the way not to go.

**Subject: If You Hear God, He Will Hear You:**

It is common politeness for one to listen to you if you listen to them, or to do something for you if you do something for them. It would be very impolite to make a request of an individual after you have refused to grant his or her request on several occasions. Your request would be unethical, but if you have been doing what they have asked you to do, then you could ask a favor without hesitation.

God teaches in St. John 14:15 and 13 as follows:

Verse 15 - *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

Verse 13 - *And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that I will do, that the Father may be gloried in the Son.*

God is very fair and He speaks plainly. Obedience to God causes His promises to be fulfilled. The Bible is a book of instructions that gives rules for man to go by that he might be guided in the right way to get help from God. The Bible teaches against sin, and it gives a detailed description of the acts of sin so that man might know what to avoid to get help from God.

### **Subject: Peace Is What You Want:**

When God sent Jesus into the world to teach the world righteousness, angels ushered Him in and presented Him to the shepherds upon the hills of the plains of Judea. They sang peace on earth and good will toward men. Peace is what Jesus came to bring. Today if we hear and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ we will have peace. We can hide our minds in the promises of God, and the problems of the world won't disturb us. Faith in the promises of God will secure your hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are presently living during the days spoken of by Daniel the prophet, which should come upon the earth just before the end of this present world. Men have built up systems of rulership in this world that are surely going to fall, because such worldly systems are contrary to the ways of God. The government of God is contrary in every way to the governments of this world. God's ways of rulership are not implemented by guns and swords, but by love. All such world leaders who tried to rule by armed forces have failed.

### **Subject: Is There Any Good Thing That Came Out Of Nazareth?**

Nicodemus was a Pharisee who was a ruler of the Jews. He was among the most educated Jewish sects of that day. The unusual thing about Nicodemus was that he came to Jesus to learn about the works of God. Jesus was from the lower social class of Jews from Nazareth, which was considered to be a lower social class

of poor and uneducated Jews. Nicodemus was ashamed to admit to Jesus in his introductory statement that he actually came to Jesus because he was ignorant of how Jesus could do such great works being a low class Nazarene. Jesus, perceiving Nicodemus' purpose for coming to Him, immediately began to teach Nicodemus what was required to get into the kingdom of heaven.

Nicodemus concluded in his way of thinking prior to coming to Jesus that if Jesus had God supporting Him to do the miraculous works that Jesus was doing and teaching about the kingdom of heaven, then Jesus must have been given knowledge from God on how to get into the kingdom of heaven that the Jews did not know about. Therefore, Nicodemus came to Jesus with this question in his mind. Jesus further eliminated any doubt of the power of God working in Him by responding to what was in Nicodemus' mind rather than to Nicodemus' statements of flattery.

When Jesus began to teach about how to get into the kingdom of heaven without Nicodemus revealing that this was a question in his mind, Jesus further increased Nicodemus' confidence in the fact that God was with Jesus. Therefore, this gave Nicodemus complete confidence that Jesus' teachings concerning how to get into the kingdom were as authentic as the miracles that Nicodemus had seen Jesus perform.

### **Subject: Is There Any Good Thing Come Out Of Nazareth? Come And See:**

During Jesus' day, the Jews were waiting patiently for their Messiah. The history of the Jews' relationship with God was that God had always sent them a deliverer during their time of trouble, such as Samson, Gideon, and David. The Jews had set the standard for their deliverer to be a great military leader that would regiment the manpower and resources of Israel to conquer the Roman armies and drive them out of the land, and set up Israel as a powerful kingdom that all the world would respect.

The Jews expected their Messiah to be of the higher class Jews of that time, being more prominent and reputable from such sects as the Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes or the Herodians. The Jews by no means would have considered their Messiah to come out of Nazareth from the family of a carpenter and a maid. Prior to Jesus' birth, as far as the Jews were concerned, nothing good had come out of Nazareth. Listen to St. John 1:45-46:

Verse 45 - Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

Verse 46 - And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

God did not need the Jews to help decide what the Messiah should be like. God himself was the Messiah who came as the second person of His Trinity. God's ways are different from the ways of man. Men of the world will give more esteem to prominence and fame. Listen to St. Luke 16:15:

Verse 15 - And he said unto them, *Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.*

The things that men place a lot of value on are detestable to God.

### **Subject: Jesus Was Sent To Deliver The Jews From Spiritual Bondage:**

When you are born again though you may be a full grown adult, you will take on the humility, simplicity of character, and integrity of a little child. You will be as trusting and free of hypocrisy as a child. After Pilate examined Jesus, he perceived the holy qualities of Jesus' character and came to the conclusion that Jesus had done nothing detrimental against the rulership of the Roman Empire that would establish Him as a dangerous element and justify His execution.

Jesus' spirit and attitude towards Pilate was that of a little child, presenting no threat at all to the Roman governor. Pilate therefore felt that Jesus should have been released. But the Jews at that time who had to rely entirely upon the police powers of the Romans to execute punishment against the offenders of their religious laws objected to Jesus' release on the grounds that Christ had offended grievously by breaking a sacred law which constituted blasphemy.

The issue between Jesus and the Jews was strictly religious, which had no effect upon Roman authority over the Jews at all. The Jews were offended by Christ's claim that He was the Messiah of the Jews sent by God to deliver them from bondage of the Roman Empire. Jesus was sent as a deliverer for the Jews, but it was to deliver them from bondage of their carnal nature and of sin.

The reason the Jews were in bondage of the Romans was because of their disobedience to God. Jesus taught the Jews that their problem was not with Roman rulership, but out of their hearts proceeded their problems (St. Mark 7:21). Jesus was not sent to be a military deliverer, but a spiritual deliverer. Jesus taught that out of the hearts of men proceed such things as fornication, adultery, malice, envy, strife, an evil, eye, hatred, etc. Jesus said that it was not any outside forces that defileth a man, but that which proceed out of their hearts that defileth the man.

### **Subject: Jesus' Services To The People Were Free:**

After the rulers of the Jews heard Jesus' presentation of the gospel from heaven, they became angry, and took counsel against Him. They rejected Him as their Messiah, and refused to recognize His authority to teach or do missionary work among the Jews. They considered Jesus as being of a lower class of Jews with no authority in Israel. They would only acknowledge one who was of a higher class such as Pilate or Herod.

Although Jesus worked great miracles in the midst of the people to bless their souls and heal their bodies that no other higher class religious leaders of the Jews could do, they were still unwilling to give Him credit for being the Son of God and the Messiah sent by God. They preferred to believe that He did those miracles by the power of the devil. Envy and hatred in the hearts of people can make them very stupid.

Of course, there were many people, especially among the common folks or lower class who had faith in Jesus, and deep respect for His works among the Jews. They were glad to hear Him preach, and followed Him faithfully. They believed that He was from God, because whatever blessings He had for them were free. The higher class of religious leaders would charge the people for their religious services. They required offerings and contributions for religious rituals and no actual healings or anything that would deliver the people from their sicknesses and personal problems.

The common people knew that Jesus' work for them was pure and beneficial, and not tainted with evil like that which was done by the sorcerers and



wizards of the higher rank and order Jewish sects of that day. Jesus said, “Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”. Jesus invited them to come without money, without price, and the only requirement was that they go in peace and sin no more.

### **Subject: The Rulers Of The Jews Were Confused About Jesus’ Ministry:**

Now the rulers of the Jews who were amazed and confused at Jesus’ accomplishments were totally ignorant as to the source by which Jesus was receiving power. They very carefully analyzed Jesus’ works, and saw that they were true and genuine, but they became fearful of Jesus’ great influence with the people. They realized that if His influence with the people were not checked, they would soon lose their influence over the people.

Along with Jesus’ influence over the people, His teaching had exposed their hypocrisy and incorrect interpretation of the scriptures, the Sabbath and the Law of Moses. Jesus’ new teaching of the gospel had shown how obsolete and erroneous their religious formalities of worship were. So, they branded Jesus and tried to discredit Him as a devil.

In the opinion of the rulers of the Jews, Jesus did not have any qualifications to be their Messiah. In their opinion, the Messiah would not come teaching contrary to what they understood the Law of Moses to require. Moses never taught anything about repenting of your sins; he only taught to offer sacrifices for sins. So they did not believe that Christ came from God, and by no means could He be the Son of God.

### **Subject: His Works Were Of The Father:**

When God sent Jesus to the earth in a human body, His body was no more superior to human abilities than the average person. All of the miraculous works that Jesus was able to do was done because He had access to God by means of His faith and obedience. God sent Jesus in a human body consisting of flesh and blood, because He wanted Jesus to be an example to the world of how the people of the earth could live a sin-free life.

If the people of the world would believe Jesus' teaching, they would learn that the word of God made flesh could keep other humans living in a flesh and blood body living above sin. God put Jesus in a body like all humans have to defy sin in the flesh, and to show that obedience to God is more powerful than temptations to commit sin.

The things that Jesus did actually represented the Father who performed the works. Jesus told His followers to believe Him for the work's sake, even if they doubted His words, because the works were of the Father.

### **Subject: Grace And Truth Came By Jesus Christ:**

It is the will of God that you receive the truth. The truth makes known the reality of man's destiny as a result of the spiritual conditions of his life. The truth teaches that if a man remains as a sinner, hell will be his final destiny. The truth teaches that if a man is saved from his sins, the kingdom of heaven will be his destiny.

God sent the truth to the earth in Jesus Christ that it might manifest the destiny of man. Along with the truth, God sent grace to save man from a damnable destiny if he decided to accept the truth. When man accepts the truth, he will also receive light to show him how to follow the truth. Light means understanding the truth.

### **Subject: Opposition Did Not Prevent Jesus' Mission:**

Though Jesus' teaching received much opposition from the religious leaders of that day, there were always examples among the people that Jesus could use to substantiate that His teaching was from God. There was an encouraging tone in the voice of Jesus, which met with the spirit of those who needed His aid, and they were willing to obey His command.

After receiving aid from Jesus, they would go about testifying that a man named Jesus had touched them and prayed to God that they might be healed. When the church folk heard of Jesus' works among the people, they began to come up with reasons to criticize Jesus rather than go to Him for assistance.

Church folk were probably the most ignorant people of Jesus' time. They were grossly deceived by their stupidity. They would ask those who were healed of many afflictions if Jesus had done such a miraculous work on the Sabbath.

They accused Jesus as being a sinner rather than to go to Him for help. The Pharisees used the Law of Moses to condemn Jesus as being a sinner.

**Subject: Your Confidence In God Is The Product Of Your Obedience And Simple Faith:**

If you want to follow God, you have to follow God by faith. You have to trust God to follow Him. If you don't have faith in God, you are not in the way that He leads. You can learn how to follow God by watching the way a little child follows his or her parents. A child will trust its parents and will depend on the parents to give it everything it wants. Children will ask their parents for what they want. Children have the belief that their parent will do what they promised. Children will absolutely depend upon their parents. This is the way your faith in God should be. Now a child knows that they won't get what they ask for if they have not been obedient to their parents.

In order to get what you want from God, you must live a progressively holy life. To be holy means to be sin-free. When you are sin-free, you have the privilege to have confidence that your faith will get you what you want from God. You will never worry about provisions for life. You will depend trustingly with complete confidence that God will provide for you. Your confidence will be the product of your obedience and simple faith.

**Subject: Faith Is The Evidence Of Things Not Seen:**

A sin-free life gives you the privilege to go to God in prayer. When you go to God in prayer, you are going having faith in the strength of what His word promises. The word of God teaches that the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are opened to their cry or prayers. When you go to God under these conditions, you have to believe that you are talking to your heavenly Father who is in hearing distance. You must believe that God hears you. God is going to grant you what you are asking for in His own time and way according to the faith that you have.

When your life is sin-free, the Holy Spirit will install faith in your request, and along with carrying your request to God, Your request will be inclusive with

your faith. You will know that you have faith because you will believe that you are going to get what you ask for before you see evidence that you are going to get it. You will consider that you have it before you get it. Your faith will be evidence that you have your request. True faith will give you the evidence and the reality of your request before you actually get it. True faith is the evidence of things not seen.

**Subject: If You Are A Child Of God You Can Receive An Advance On Your Inheritance Today:**

I know that God is willing to do what is necessary to relieve us of difficult conditions if we obey Him, and call upon Him in faith. If we believe the word of God, God will do what He promised. If we are sick, and we believe that God will heal us as a result of our belief, we can pray and ask God for healing. The fact that we pray or ask for prayer shows that we have a degree of faith. When we ask for healing, we should have a strong, conclusive and convinced conviction that the healing is immediately taking effect. There must be in us a feeling of certainty, expecting results from our prayers immediately.

We should not feel for one moment that God can be burdened by our request, or that we are in such bad condition that it will be too costly or too much trouble for God to grant us our request. We can't come to God in weakness expecting to get what we ask for. Though our condition may be weak, our faith must be strong. Our faith must be inclusive with sincerity and reverence to God, which will give us a substantial claim for what we are asking.

As a child of God, we are adopted into the family of God, which entitles us to an inheritance. Though such an inheritance will not go into complete effect until we enter the kingdom of heaven, God has also given us the privilege to receive an advance on our inheritance while we are living in this present world.

**Subject: Your Faith Can Lead You To God:**

There is a source of contentment that can deliver your mind from the troubles of this world. This source of contentment is given by the grace of God that can carry your mind above the things of this world into the heavenly

atmosphere of God. Jesus is presently making this offer to everybody. He is knocking at the door of your mind. You must answer the door to receive help.

Jesus wants to show you where you can spend eternity and to be happy forever. If you are not knowledgeable of where your journey in this life will end; Jesus will inform you. Jesus will show you that since you were born in this world, you were born in the midst of trouble, and that His offer for your eternal destiny will be trouble free.

Jesus will use your previous experiences of troubles to show you how strong you are spiritually, and use your experiences to help you to understand that without faith in God you won't make it. Your faith in God will be like a hand that is extended to help you feel the power of God assisting you. Though the assistance you receive by faith will be an invisible hand, it will nevertheless be evidence that your faith has been acknowledged by God. This faith will lift you out of the troubles of this life, and place your feet on a firm road that will lead you to the kingdom of heaven.

## **Subject: How To Communicate With God:**

You have to be educated on how to pray. You have to be taught how to keep the commandments of God in order for your prayers to reach God. Listen to St. John 14: 14-15, 25-26:

Verse 14 - *If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.*

Verse 15 - *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

It is the Holy Ghost that teaches you how to pray.

Verse 25 - *These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.*

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 is the third person in the Trinity of God that has to intercede for you when you pray. Human ways of communicating are not acceptable to God, because they lack holy qualities. God only accepts prayers that are presented in the Spirit of holiness, and the Holy Spirit is the means by which this can be properly done. The Holy Ghost was sent to the earth to assist us on how to effectively and properly communicate with God.

### **Subject: God Does Not Hear Sinners Pray:**

On Sunday mornings you will find Christians praying in churches everywhere. Prayer is a very important part of worshiping God, but you can't worship in prayer only. There is a preparation process for prayer that must be inclusive with prayer in order for God to receive or hear prayers. If the worshipers are praying and committing sins, their sins will keep their prayers from reaching God. In order for prayers to reach God, their lives must be sin-free. Listen to St. John 9:31:

Verse 31 - Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

You can talk to God in prayer; but God has already spoken to us in His word concerning our prayers. It is important to have knowledge of the scriptures to learn what is required to communicate with God. Worshiping God without knowledge of the scriptures can be a waste of time. There are many prayers being offered and yet many are not answered. God does not give attention to a sinner unless the sinner repents. "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry" (Psalm 34:15).

The Lord watches over a righteous person, and He listens when they pray, but He doesn't hear a sinner pray. Sin is a wall of partition between God and man. When Jesus comes into your life, He removes the wall of partition by removing your sins giving you access to God. No matter how much you think that God is with you, you can only know God by His word.

## **Subject: Go To God In Prayer And Leave The Devil In The World:**

If you are not born again, the conditions of the world will give you a miserable state of mind. You will on many occasions be ill at ease, fearful, disturbed, and uncomfortable with your state of mind. There is no relief in sight for those who don't know the Lord. Such people will not be able to work out their problems and reduce their tensions. The hope for deliverance from the problems of the world is to turn to God in faith, and pray for deliverance.

God is merciful and will be moved by an act of repentance. God often heard Israel's prayers of repentance, and delivered them from their enemies, and restored them to His favor. God will always hear a penitent heart of prayer, and grant forgiveness and deliverance for such people. However, if such people do not trust God, or call on God and fail to repent, their miseries will be continuous.

When you repent and call on God for deliverance you have to get away from those whom you at one time associated with who don't want to repent. You have to sanctify yourself and follow the way that God instructs where the unsaved will not come. Be careful that you don't argue with the unsaved, because this will destroy your peace of mind that you would like to go to God with.

God is a peaceful God and He will not receive your prayer request when your mind is in the spirit of contention. When you go to God in prayer, you must go according to His terms. If your mind is in contention with someone when you pray, it means you are going to God with the devil in your mind. So take your burdens to the Lord in prayer, and leave every ungodly person in the world.

## **Subject: Stay In Touch With God:**

If you want to be ready for the events of the future, stay in touch with God. God knows everything that is going to take place, and He can prepare you for it, if you obey Him and keep a line of communication to God by means of the Holy Spirit. God has all the information on the unborn generation before they come on the scene.

God gave the whole record of John the Baptist's life to his father Zacharias before John was born. God told Zacharias that John would be filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. He also told him about John's habits and his relationship with God before John was born. God told Zacharias that John would

be a forerunner of Jesus Christ, commissioned by God for a special work, and that John therefore was endowed by the Holy Spirit before he was born.

God named John before he was born. Zacharias knew all about his son before he was born because Zacharias had been in touch with God through prayer. When you are in touch with God through prayer, God will reveal everything to you that you need to know about the future (St. Luke 1:13-17).

## **Subject: The Pharisees:**

The Pharisees were the strictest religious sect of Jesus' day. It so happened that when Jesus performed a miracle on the Sabbath day, the Pharisees gave very little attention concerning where the power came from to perform the miracles. They were more concerned about Jesus doing the miracle on the Sabbath, which was against the Law of Moses. So the Pharisees would ask how Jesus did such on the Sabbath, and by breaking such a sacred law that Jesus was a sinner.

The blind man that Jesus had healed by giving him the ability to see spoke up and said, I don't know whether He is a sinner or not, but there is one thing that I do know, and that is, "I was blind, but now I see". So the Pharisees questioned the man who was blind as to whether or not he believed that Jesus was of God. The blind man said, "listen"; you know as well as I that according to the teachings of the Law of Moses as was given in the commandment of God, that God heareth not sinners pray, but if any man be a worshiper and doeth His will, him will God hear.

The Pharisees were labeled by Jesus as being hypocrite worshipers of God, because they had not followed the teachings of the law properly. Though the Pharisees were a strict religious sect, they had included many improper ways of worshiping, but it was common knowledge to the Pharisees as well as other worshipers that God did not hear sinners pray. You might notice that when the blind man brought to the attention of the Pharisees that God heareth not sinners that they did not contend with the blind man. Worshiping God as a sinner was not approved of by hypocrite worshipers as the Pharisees were.



## **Subject: Prayers Of Humility Will Reach God:**

When you kneel down to pray, it takes the spirit of humility to kneel, and that is the spirit that God honors. Your humble spirit causes you to present your request to God with sincerity of heart. Your mind will then be above the things that are around you that would distract your interest from your prayers. Your prayers would then be brought into the presence of God by the Spirit of God. You would then be praying in the spirit of peace, confidence, and faith.

While your mind is in the presence of God, you will not give any regard to the things that would burden, and distract you. When your mind is on God, your burdens will not have the power to be on your mind. The Spirit of God will remove all unnecessary distractions, allowing you to have an open line of communication with God. God will then answer your petition according to your faith.

## **Subject: It Is The Will Of God That You Keep His Commandments:**

It will not be in your best interest to turn away from God looking for help from another means. Disobedience to God's word means that you are turning away from God. When you are having problems, God can see your problems and He waits to see if you are going to resort to some evil way to get relief from your problem. Your problems are your test to see if you are going to continue in your obedience. You must have faith that God is able to deliver the godly person.

After you start to live right you must watch and pray that you don't enter into temptations. You must have faith that God will take you to safety and success. If you are living right, trust that your righteous living has secured your situation with God. The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations.

If you believe in God, you must believe to the uttermost, or during a crisis. Ask for help and God will give it to you. When you keep God's commandments and you ask for help it means that you are asking according to God's will, because it is God's will that you keep His commandments.

## **Subject: Ask According To The Will Of God:**

Seek to know the will of God, and pray to ask according to His will. Whatever you learn that is according to the will of God, the Holy Spirit will reveal it to you. When you keep God's commandments, that is the will of God and under these conditions you can ask according to His will.

If we fail to keep God's commandments and we ask for something, we will be asking amiss. This means we will ask for it and miss it. This would be asking for something to consume for our own lust. If there be no lust or selfish purposes for asking, God has promised to supply according to our needs. All you have to do is live right and God's grace is sufficient for all your needs.

## **Subject: Be Careful That Your Request To God Is Not A False Alarm:**

God knows what you are going to ask for before you ask. God does not have to analyze your request; He looks to see if your faith will precede your request. It is your faith that opens the door for your request to be received by God. Faith must always precede your request. The absence of faith with your request takes the sincerity out of your request. Your request becomes a false alarm to God without faith. Such a request is not genuine and does not qualify to be accepted at the throne of grace. God does not respond to false alarms.

A prayer without faith is an unjustified prayer, God will immediately recognize it, and will classify such prayers as foolish and unnecessary. Whenever you go to God for anything, you must consider that He sees your heart, and knows the intent, and to what extent you believe that you are going to get what you ask for. God's assurance that He will do anything you ask if you keep His commandments is quite comforting to all who trust Him and are identified as His children.

## **Subject: God Will Do What You Ask If You Keep His Commandments:**

Now you have to serve God to be blessed; God does not bless you for doing nothing. You serve God by means of what you do for other people. You must consider that when God approaches you with some duty lined up for you to perform, you should assume your duties as you would before your boss on the job. You cannot be slothful as a servant of God, because He will see it, and withhold whatever consideration He might have reserved for you.

I personally believe that God will do anything I ask, and for this reason, I keep His commandments. I stand ready to exercise my rights as His child whenever a situation occurs that would make it necessary for me to ask. God has been good to me and I am careful to always maintain my integrity as His child. This privilege is available to anybody who obeys God.

We should be careful to protect our interest since we need the Lord so much while living a holy life. So remember, whatever you ask God for, He will do it for you, if you keep His commandments.

## **Subject: Ask In Jesus' Name:**

Those who ask God for a blessing in accord with the word of God will receive what they ask for. If you ask for selfish purposes, God will not grant such a request. God honors a benevolent spirit when we pray for one another. It is necessary to ask in Jesus' name, which means you will ask by obeying Jesus' gospel.

The Lord will not withhold a blessing from you if you ask in Jesus' name. When your concern is for your brothers or sisters of the faith, God will hear your prayer. The Holy Spirit will lead you to present a proper and acceptable prayer to God if you are filled with the Spirit. When you are filled with the Spirit, it teaches you how to pray. In order for your prayer to reach God, you have to be led to pray by the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit is a counselor, guide, and negotiator for you by making intercessions to God for you. The Holy Ghost presents your prayers to God according to what it knows God will accept. It will put the prayer request or utterances in you, which God will interpret, receive and grant, because it knows the mind of God.

## **Subject: God Only Hears The Prayers Of A Righteous Person:**

It is difficult for many Christians to accept the fact that God heareth not sinners pray. Some will say that they asked God for a new house, car, and financial help, and that they received it. The scriptures are very specific in giving a description of man's relationship with God. Listen to St. John 9:31:

Verse 31 - Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

You cannot worship God and be a sinner. A sinner's life desecrates or profanes whatever religious rituals a person is practicing. God only accepts holy sacrifices from those who don't practice sin. If sinners go to church to worship God, their worship services are a mockery to God.

Sin is disrespect to God. God sent Jesus to save us from our sins so that our worship services would be acceptable to God. You can offer many prayers to God, and God will not answer unless you repent of your sins. You must be a righteous person in order for God to answer your prayers. Listen to Psalm 34:15:

Verse 15 - The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The Lord watches over a righteous person, and He listens when they pray. Churches are filled with sinners that are praying, but they are wasting their time.

## **Subject: Trouble Is Deceiving:**

There are many people who feel safe by their own means of survival. They don't realize that they need help in this world. Everybody needs help though they may not see trouble. Trouble is deceiving; it is like a storm that has not yet arrived. The weather bureau will forecast a storm before it arrives; and the Bible will forecast trouble before it arrives. You cannot see the immediate danger for trouble or a storm, but you are given the forecast so that you can be ready when it arrives. When you obey the word of God it will keep you safe when trouble comes.

## **Subject: You Must Reap What You Sow:**

The things that come to you in life are yours. You are the owner of things that you sow. Your return will come back to you and nobody will be able to take them from you. God's ways are perfect, and He will not let you reap what you have not sown. Our ways seem right to us because we are never wrong in our own eyes, but the wisdom of God is much greater than ours. God has so fixed human existence that what we put out we will also receive.

God's ways are not always revealed through blessings and prosperity, but through adverse conditions also. Hardships and difficulties will come to try your faith. They do not come from God, but as a result of what His word teaches.

## **Subject: You Will Have Your Share Of Suffering:**

It does not matter how godly you are, you will have your share of suffering in this present world. As long as your hands are clean and your heart is pure, it doesn't matter what comes upon you; you will come out all right in the end when your trust is in the Lord. In Psalm 4:8 it teaches you just what to do each evening before you lay down to rest:

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

The only hope for man is in the Lord. No matter what comes or goes, he can lay down and sleep peacefully. When you are born again, your life is hid with Christ in God.

Now after you start with the Lord, don't allow anything to make you regret that you made the commitment. While you are going through a test, you should allow the Lord to search your heart, and try the reins of your mind, and you can at such time observe how you act during your trying moments. When God allows you to be tried, He will give you a little job to do as he did Abraham. When the test can't break your steadfastness, it means you have been approved of by God.

## **Subject: The Works Of The Devil:**

Many people do not know the works of the devil. The works of the devil are in the lives of those who do not know about him. The devil goes to and fro in the earth looking for unsaved people to establish his works in. The devil seeks to destroy the souls of unsaved people by inducing them to sin, and thereby they will be separated from God who giveth life.

The scriptures represent God. When the devil approaches a saved person, their obedience to the scriptures will protect them from inducements to commit sin. When you hear the word of God, you should not take it lightly, but hide it in your heart for assistance when the devil is tempting you. When God sees that you are sincere, He will give you the Holy Spirit to help you. The word of God is a shelter for your soul, just as an umbrella shelters your body in the rain. When the word of God is your shelter, the Holy Spirit will give you power to resist the devil.

## **Subject: Wait On Your Change To Come:**

When you get to know God, you will not fear pains, troubles, or difficulties of life. Your faith in God will lift your mind above the intimidations of such things that would make most people uncomfortable. You will learn as Job did to wait on the Lord until your change comes.

If your obedience is sincere, and your faith is sure, God will surely see that a change will come in your life. God can change the conditions of your life as easily as He can change the direction that the wind is blowing in.

## **Subject: Opposition To A Child Of God Brings Defeat To The Opposer:**

You don't have to worry about those who oppose you when you are following the teachings of the word of God. Opposition to the teachings of Jesus Christ brings destruction to the opposer. God will repay all adversaries of a saved person. Everyone who opposes the righteousness of a child of God will by their own means of opposition be avenged.

When the Pharaoh of Egypt opposed Moses, everything that he did against Moses brought his defeat. Listen to Romans 12:19:

Verse 19 - Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

### **Subject: The Course Is Only For The Righteous Person:**

God has unlimited power and knowledge. He knows everything about everybody on the earth, but His plan is only for the person who is willing to obey Him. God does not bother with all the people in the world. God has set a course for a person to follow who obeys Him. The course will not be opened for those who are not willing to obey God. It will only receive those who do the things that are right.

The course is fixed for the person who does the things that are right, and the person who does right can't get out of the channels. His obedience will keep him on the course. Blessings will be all along the course for the righteous person. Whatever the righteous person needs God will put on the course.

God sets a standard on the course that will teach the person His statutes and commandments, and God will provide for such a person. The course is fixed and if a person is on the right path they will receive blessings. Now God knows who is obedient and has qualified to be on the course.

God has a recording operation going on in heaven. God is able to record every prayer and every word. So for those who obey God, He records it. God will do most anything for those who meet often to praise Him and give Him honor. All that God requires of an obedient person is that they honor Him, and the blessings of God will be on the course as they go through life. The word of God teaches that those who serve God shall be His children. Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has it entered the heart of man what God has in store for those who honor, respect, and obey Him.

## **Subject: Grace Brings Blessings From God:**

There are many who complain about the unpleasant conditions of the world, and they take pleasure in sinful practices. The unfavorable conditions of the world today have come about as a result of sin. Sin is the cause of all sorrow, sadness and conditions that bring regret and suffering. Only God can bless the world to be happy and prosperous.

When sin is in the world, it causes God to withdraw His blessings from the world. Without God's goodness being extended, the world has no protection against the devil who will do every evil thing to make the world miserable. The presence of God restrains the works of the devil and allows the world to experience peace and prosperity.

When you are living above sin, you are living above what the law teaches is a violation. Sin is a transgression of the law. When you are not in transgression of the law, you are under grace to receive blessings from the Lord. Those who live in the world under grace are not suffering from the conditions of the world that are making others unhappy who are living in sin.

God will not bless those who live in violation of the law. He will only bless those who are saved and are under grace. To be saved by grace means to be receiving favor from God as well as salvation. When you live above sin, you are above the law and thereby available to receive blessings from God.

## **Subject: Obedience Causes You To Be Blessed:**

God is a record keeper. He is a powerful God, and He keeps a record of everything that is done in the earth. If you are saved, and you are obeying God's word, He has a record of your obedience. If you are not saved and you failed to obey God, He has a record of your disobedience. The records that God keeps will be for the Day of Judgment. Everybody will be judged according to their obedience or disobedience.

God has a plan for the obedient person. It will be a plan of blessings. When an obedient person does the things that are right, he or she is placed on a course by God. The course is so fixed that a person's obedience will keep the person on the course. Blessings will be all along the way that God has prepared for the person who has obeyed God. There will be so many blessings, but the person will not get all of the blessings, but as the person continues on the course whatever he or she needs God would have it prepared for the person.



***CHAPTER 8***

***SALVATION:***

***SPECIAL TOPICS***

## **Subject: God Blesses A Nation By Means Of A Good Leader:**

It may seem like God has nothing to do with the governments of the nations of this world, but there will be a day of accountability when all government leaders of this world will have to give an account of the way that they conducted the affairs of nations. It would be good for a ruler of a nation to recognize God as being above his or her authority of rulership. This can be done by the ruler conducting the affairs of the nation according to the word of God that will be for the best interest of the people of the nation.

The people will be the determining factor of the kind of ruler that God gives to their nation. If the nation has an evil ruler making things difficult for the people of the nation, it is because the people have been displeasing to God. So then, when the judgment of God falls upon the leader it will also fall upon the people. God blesses a nation by means of a good leader. If the people want favor from God, they must live to please God, and God in return will give them a leader that will be a blessing to them.

## **Subject: A Rejection By God:**

Heads of state and those who are in political leadership positions should be commended to the people when their decisions are according to the scriptures. They should be commended to the people by the ministers of the gospel. If at any time their decisions are contrary to the scriptures, they should be condemned by the ministers of the gospel before the people. This is so that the people will have a chance to choose not to follow such decisions.

Though God raised up such heads of state at the request of the people, the leader will be rejected by God. Such a rejection will be made known to the people by the minister of the gospel who condemned the leader for his decision that was contrary to the scriptures.

## **Subject: All Scriptures Are Given For Man's Instructions:**

There are many who believe that the governments of the nations of this present world are entirely under the authority of government officials and world leaders. They believe that God has nothing to do with the governments of the

world. There are two governments, one is the government of the kingdom of heaven, and the other is the government of the world.

Prior to Jesus leaving the earth, He prayed a prayer to God that is going to be answered. Listen to St. Matthew 6:10:

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

No world leaders and government officials will be able to prevent Jesus' prayer from being answered. Simply because rulers of the earth's nations do not recognize God will not prevent Jesus' petition from being answered. This is now man's time to rule on the earth. However, unless man is wise enough to recognize the interest of God in His own creation, and rule and govern in accord with the teachings of the scriptures, God has a day in which He will judge all men in righteousness and hold them responsible for their misconduct.

If man does not consider the word of God while in positions of authority, they will bring themselves under condemnation to be judged by God. Everything that is written in the scriptures is instructions given to man in every aspect of life and authority in this present world. Man is given instructions in righteousness that he might be taught how to do things that will please God.

### **Subject: Paul's Testimony Before Agrippa:**

King Agrippa was the ruler in the days of Christian trials and tribulations; he represented the Roman Empire that the Jews were under the authority of. King Agrippa did not know the God of Abraham, and was considered to be a heathen. The apostle Paul went before King Agrippa and presented his testimony concerning Jesus of Nazareth, and how he was converted by Jesus on the road to Damascus. Paul had been imprisoned, and he had appealed his case until his appeal reached King Agrippa, who being totally ignorant of the teachings of Jesus Christ, said to Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian". Listen to Acts 26:27-28:

Verse 27 - King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

Verse 28 - Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

God has no respect to persons. Just as He would save a common man, He would deal with a king or ruler over a nation. God does not give preference or special consideration to men in authority any more than He would give to men of a lower class to be saved. All men are equal in the eyes of God, regardless of their race or special background. In the kingdom of heaven, the least person will be greater than John the Baptist.

### **Subject: Rulers Of Nations Are Set Up By God:**

Rulers over nations are set up by God. If the nation has a good ruler who rules in the best interest of the people it is because the people are good. If a nation has an evil or corrupt ruler, it is because the people are corrupt and evil. A man does not have to be born of a royal family for God to choose him to be a ruler over a nation. The first man that God set up over Israel as king was the son of Kish of the tribe of Benjamin, who was king Saul.

Saul came from one of the humblest families and from one of the smallest tribes in Israel. The Bible gives examples of how God does things today based upon how He did things in past times. Listen to Romans 15:4:

Verse 4 - For whatever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

### **Subject: A Ruler Over A Nation Must Be Interested In The Welfare Of The People:**

After being king over Israel, when Saul got to the place that he did not want to obey the counsel of the prophet Samuel, he became so conceited in his own way of thinking that he thought his way was best, and that the counsel of God did not have to be obeyed to the letter. The results of Saul's rulership showed that he was defiant of God's counsel. When a ruler is obedient to God's counsel, this will

result to his rulership being positive and prosperous in the best interest of the people and himself. After Saul rejected the counsel of God, God also rejected Saul and prepared to set up David to be king over Israel.

Out of the sons of Jesse, God chose David to rule over Israel. God seeks and finds whom He desires to make a ruler over a nation. The people of a nation today may think that when they go to the polls to vote that they are electing the next president, but it is the Spirit of God that causes their minds to vote for the leader that God desires.

All who fail to adhere to the words that God commands will come down from a position of rulership, and they will be replaced. God is interested in the welfare of the people. Those who are set up by God to rule must have the same interest.

## **Subject: What Makes A Civilized Society?**

The institution of marriage must be honored and conducted as it was set up by God so that the civilized social order of a nation might be maintained. If man fails to maintain the institution of marriage as it is given by God, then the social order of society will be downgraded to the level of animals. When animals have sex, they don't have to honor anything but their instinctive nature or desires to have sex.

In the beginning, God created a foundation for civilization which was constructed around marriage between male and female. We as humans cannot make ourselves maintain a civilized social order, we must follow the instructions that God gives to do so. The instructions for a civilized society to maintain its civilized status was incorporated in marriage. If the institution of marriage is not properly honored in this present world, those who dishonor marriage will not be honored in the marriage between Christ and the church in the first resurrection.

Christ is the bridegroom for the Church of God. When Christ returns for the church, all who have disrespected and dishonored the institution of marriage by committing fornication, adultery, and homosexuality will not be included in the marriage during the first resurrection to go to heaven with Christ. You cannot submit yourself to the Lord when you have dishonored the marriage institution. Listen to Ephesians 5:22-23:

Verse 22 - Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands,  
as unto the Lord.

Verse 23 - For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Saved people are the members of Christ's body. When they properly honor and obey the instructions given in the word of God for the husband and wife, they are then acceptable members of Christ's body to be received in the first resurrection by Christ.

### **Subject: Marriage:**

When you are married the bed is undefiled. If the woman becomes pregnant, the child will be legitimate in the eyes of God. When the man and woman are married, their private life is not defiled. They are respected by their neighbors, the community, and the church. They will be respected when they are together in public and in private. If they are not married, God will categorize them as fornicators, whoremongers, or adulterers.

The foundation of our civilization is ordained by divine order through the marriage relationship. Marriage is a creation of an institution consisting of the husband and wife (male and female), and later the children. This develops a family. The people need rules on how to conduct themselves so God sets instructions in the scriptures for the husband, wife and children. I Corinthians 11:3 reads as follows:

Verse 3 - But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Unless a family is governed by the Holy Bible, they will have trouble staying together as a family. The scriptures teach that the devil wants to spoil marriages by means of adultery.

## **Subject: The Institution Of Marriage Is For Man:**

Animals in the zoo are animals of a lower order that were created by God. God gave such animals the privilege to mate with any female of their lower order. They can mate with whatever animal is available. When God created man, He created man to be in a higher order than the animals in the zoo. Therefore, God established the institution of marriage, and He commanded that the man and the woman should remain united in this relationship during their life, and that there be no promiscuous mating as it is among the animals of a lower order.

The animals of a lower order do not recognize any difference in females of their species. They don't marry, they simply mate with whatever females are available. When a man begins to mate with whatever females are available, God will then categorize the man who does so in the same order of the animals that do so. Such men will reproduce children of an uncivilized generation that will get no more attention or concern from God than the animals of a lesser order.

## **Subject: The Institution Of Marriage Cannot Be Changed:**

Marriage is an institution set up by God. Men and women of the earth cannot add nor take away anything from the institution of marriage. To make changes in the marriage institution, such as approving or legalizing homosexuals to be married would be adulterating the work of God.

The institution of marriage was put in the Bible for men and women to follow and not change to satisfy their ungodly desires. Listen to St. Matthew 19:4-6:

Verse 4 - *And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,*

Verse 5 - *And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?*

Verse 6 - *Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

If a person adds anything to the marriage institution or takes anything away, God will see to it that their name is deleted from the book of life. The institution of marriage is a part of the word of God, and it is not to be tampered with or changed in any way. Listen to Revelations 22:18-20:

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 plagues 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.

Verse 20 - He which testifieth these things saith, *Surely I come quickly.* Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

### **Subject: Marriage Is Only Honorable When It Is Done As God Instituted It To Be Done:**

The institution of marriage was ordained by God. The procedures and people who are acceptable to be joined together in holy matrimony must be arranged and approved of by God. No human beings on the earth have the authority to add to the procedures for marriage nor take away from the procedures.

Any state or government that approves of marriage between those of the same sex is desecrating the institution of marriage. Such a state or nation could very well end up like Sodom and Gomorrah. Marriage is only honorable and acceptable to God when it is conducted as God arranged for it to be conducted.



## **Subject: Instructions For Marriage Are Only For Born Again Believers:**

When Jesus was sent to the earth by God, He brought instructions from God in a teaching called the gospel, for men and women to be saved. Inclusive in the gospel were instructions for marriage between male and female. There are no instructions in the teachings of Jesus for same-sex marriages, but there were instructions for divorces, and when a divorce would be permitted. There was a group from religious sects called the scribes and Pharisees who sought to confound the teachings of Jesus. They asked Jesus if it was lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause. When God ordained the institution of marriage to become a foundation for civilization, God commanded that what He joined together that no man should put asunder, or separate. So, the scribes and Pharisees asked, "Shall a man put away his wife for every cause"?

There are no reasons that God allows a man to get a divorce. If a man or a woman commits adultery then the marriage is destroyed by the act of adultery, and they can get a divorce and marry again. If they are not saved, they can do whatever they desire, because the teachings of Jesus Christ do not apply to those who commit adultery. It only applies to those who are saved. When a husband and wife are born again, they will not commit adultery and neither will they get a divorce. Those who commit adultery are not saved. Listen to St. Matthew 19:8-9 and 11:

Verse 8 - He saith unto them, *Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.*

Verse 9 - *And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.*

The teachings concerning marriage are only for the born again person. Those who are not saved cannot receive these instructions for marriage.

Verse 11 - But he said unto them, *All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.*

It is only given to those that God saves.

## **Subject: Born Again Parents Can Only Produce Holy Children:**

When the husband and wife are born again, they can only produce holy children. Such children will be born filled with the same Holy Spirit that their mother and father have. Under such conditions, the children would not need to be born again, because their first birth was of the Spirit of God that they inherited from their parents who had the Spirit of God (I Corinthians 7:14).

An apple seed can only produce apples. Two holy people cannot produce unholy or unsaved children. If adults produce children by means of fornication or adultery, their seed or children will be unholy. If they are married and are not born again, their children will be unholy. Only the Holy Spirit in both parents can produce children that are holy.

## **Subject: Children Are A Gift From God:**

When a child is born in sin, something must be done to correct its condition. To be born as a sinner is an introduction to many problems as the child goes through life. Sin leads a person from one problem to another. The Bible is the only source of knowledge that gives a solution to the problems that sin gives.

A child is a gift to the world. Every good thing that God does for the world is done by means of a gift that God gives a child. When the devil sees that gifts are given to the world by means of a child, he uses sin to create so many problems for the child to prevent the gift from being given to the world. Every child is born into the world for a purpose. God planned a child's birth as a gift to the parents. A child's future is planned by God before the child is born.

Parents of the child can allow God's purpose for the child to be defeated by not working with God. Many children are unsuccessful in life because parents have not properly worked with them to develop their gift. Unsuccessful parents will have unsuccessful children. If parents would obey God and work with God, the purpose for which their child was born will be fulfilled. Listen to Psalm 127:3:

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

God plans to reward you by giving a gift to your child. If parents direct a child in the way of their gift after observing the inclination of the child, they will find the purpose for which God gave them the child. The parents will discover that God's purpose for the child cannot be defeated.



## ***CHAPTER 9***

# ***THE TRUE VS THE FALSE: PREACHERS AND RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS***

## **True Preachers And Religious Teachings:**

### **Subject: We Speak The Wisdom Of God In A Mystery:**

Only the Spirit of God knows the meaning of the scriptures. The carnal mind cannot understand the scriptures. Colleges and religious seminaries cannot teach the meaning of the scriptures. You can only learn the scriptures from a preacher who has received an anointing from the Holy Spirit.

Man can only learn the things that originate and are conceived by man, but the Holy Spirit knows the things of God. Listen to I Corinthians 2:10-11:

Verse 10 - But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:  
for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep  
things of God.

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

Without the Spirit of God assisting a preacher, the wisdom of God would be hidden from him. Listen to Verse 7:

Verse 7 - But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery,  
even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained  
before the world unto our glory.

### **Subject: Knowledge Comes From God By Reason Of An Anointing:**

The knowledge that I am imparting to my readers is what I have learned by reason of the anointing of the Lord. The Lord reveals the secrets of the mysteries of salvation as it is necessary to present the messages to the readers of this literature. I am being taught by the Spirit of God; only the Spirit of God is a teacher that knows the meanings of the scriptures. When God blesses a preacher with the knowledge of the scriptures, it is for the purpose of giving that knowledge to others that they might be saved.

After God has given you the new-birth and you begin to obey the teachings that the Holy Spirit has given you, you then become a servant of God. The same Holy Spirit that is teaching you will dwell with you for the remaining of your life on earth. It will give you the new-birth while you are on the earth, and a new life in the kingdom of heaven after you leave the earth with Jesus when He returns.

### **Subject: The Holy Ghost Preacher:**

When a church organization is connected with God, such an organization will be established and administered continuously by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will initiate and administrate the group of people by means of a Holy Spirit sent preacher. A minister cannot choose to do a work that is administered by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit must choose the minister to teach, and influence such a minister to do a work for God.

The God sent preacher's life would be ordained and directed by God prior to him being saved. All of such a minister's experiences and educational background would be directed by God. The minister's position of leadership by the Holy Spirit would not be the result of his career choice, or personal ambition for himself, but a calling and election by God. The minister will be placed on a course by God to fulfil God's purpose for the remaining time of his life.

### **Subject: God Uses A Man To Work His Plan:**

All of God's plans are worked through a man. It will be done in accord with the gift that God gives a man. Though Moses was educated and brought up by Egyptians who were heathens that did not know God, at the age of forty years, Moses committed an act that caused him to have to leave Egypt and no longer be able to enjoy the wealth of being a prince in Egypt.

Moses left Egypt and went down to the land of Midian where shepherds lived. He was trained to be a shepherd by a man named Jethro who later became Moses' father-in-law. The shepherds in the land of Midian were of a very low social class then the Egyptians. God allowed Moses to be exiled from Egypt, because He had a plan that He wanted Moses to be a part of.

While Moses was watching over his flock one day, he saw a bush burning. Moses turned to see the bush, and wondered what it could mean, because the bush was burning, but not consumed. As Moses got closer a voice spoke and said “Moses, the ground that you are standing on is holy ground; put off your shoes.” Finally Moses realized it was the voice of God, and he fell on his face and God gave him instructions to go back to Egypt from whence he had come. His mission was to use the power that God had placed in a rod to deliver Israel from the bondage of Egypt. This was all God’s plan in answer to the prayers of the children of Israel. God’s plan was fulfilled by using a man to accomplish His purpose.

### **Subject: True Religion Will Save You From Sin:**

When Jesus was speaking to the Samaritan woman, she was very much concerned about where she should worship. There are many today who are concerned about where to worship, because there are so many different religious denominations and teachings. The confusion concerning the correct teaching of salvation has been brought about because different religious organizations have established their churches, and have failed to recognize God.

The teaching of salvation is what Christ brought to the world, and it is a teaching where people can find the truth. Evidence that you have found the truth will be that the truth will make you free from sin. The teachings of salvation that Christ taught has only one purpose and that is to make you free from sin.

The confusion concerning the correct church is brought about because churches do not have the correct teaching of salvation to save the people. True salvation in Jesus Christ gives those who are partakers of it satisfaction. If every church worshiper was satisfied with being saved, there would be no confusion. Your own spiritual condition can help you to know if your religious teaching is correct. The teaching that is right will make you right if you obey it.

When there is no effective light of righteousness in a church, neither will there be any righteousness in the members. There should be only one Spirit in a church that has the light to offer salvation, and that should be the Holy Spirit. In churches today, there are many different spirits, and none of these spirits can bring the people to Christ. A church cannot have the right spirit when the members don’t have the right spirit. If the members are committing fornication, then the members are not born again children of God; they are fornicators.



## **False Preachers And Religious Teachings:**

### **Subject: The Holy Ghost Must Prepare A Preacher Of The Gospel:**

If you had to compare the people who crucified Christ with the people of today, you could very well use Christians of today. During Jesus' day, the High Priest, who was at that time the most prominent religious leader, took the lead. When religious leaders today fail to honor the teachings of Jesus Christ, they are crucifying Jesus. Jesus died so that His gospel would be available to save the people of the world. When His gospel is not honored, this means that as far as they are concerned Jesus died for nothing.

When folk don't honor the correct teachings of Jesus Christ, they are dishonoring Christ's purpose for coming to the world. There are many in the Christian world who don't believe that Jesus came to save us from sin. They believe that Jesus came to save us to continue to be sinners (Matthew 1:21). These erroneous religious principles are being taught in colleges and seminaries. Men are going to colleges and religious seminaries to learn how to preach the gospel like students go to colleges to learn to be physicians, teachers and lawyers.

You cannot learn how to preach by going to religious seminaries and institutions of learning. The gospel of Jesus Christ has to be revealed to you by the Holy Ghost. Only the Holy Ghost can prepare you to be a preacher of the gospel. You can only be introduced to God by His Spirit. Today pulpits may be filled with high powered preachers, but unless they are getting their power to preach from the Holy Ghost, then they are false preachers.

### **Subject: Are The Preachers Of Today Like Dumb Dogs?**

The people of the earth don't know what will happen in the future. God has a plan for those who are saved and for those who are unsaved. The saved people as well as the unsaved must be informed about God's plan concerning the future. God gives the people of the earth a warning concerning His plans by means of a preacher or prophet. Prophets who fails to warn the people about God's plan are

referred to in the scriptures as dumb dogs who will not bark when a stranger is approaching. Listen to Isaiah 56:9-12:

- Verse 9 - All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest.
- Verse 10 - His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.
- Verse 11 - Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.
- Verse 12 - Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to-morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

This is a description that the scriptures give of a preacher who fails to warn the people about sins and the destruction that God will send for those who are practicing sin. A preacher is a watchman who is supposed to watch over the flock. If he sees sin creeping in to overcome a young woman that will lead her astray, he is supposed to bark and warn her. When a preacher's eyes become full of good-looking women, he will not be much good for warning the members about sin.

### **Subject: An Unfit Preacher:**

If a beautiful woman approached me for some kind of business dealings, I would try to respond to her approach in the most respectful way that I could. I would under no conditions interject flirtation into the business whether she approached me to assist me or for me to assist her in a matter.

I think that the most disrespectful thing that a minister of the gospel can do is to take advantage of a woman who is seeking assistance for a chance to have some male and female affair whether the minister is married or single.

## **Subject: False Performances:**

Have you ever been to a theater to see a drama? You can watch one actor perform by killing another actor who will pretend that he is dead. You can become very excited about the performance and at the same time, you will know that it was not a true performance. You will know that nobody was really killed, and that it was just a show.

You can go to a church where people are doing the same thing. They can demonstrate false performances if they are not living above sin in their personal lives. Many people may enjoy church performances in such assemblies, but if the personal lives of those who are giving the performances are not sin-free, then God is not glorified by such performances, neither does He acknowledge such. Such church performances will be like a drama in the theater where people enjoy it, and know that it is not true.

## **Subject: Are You Religiously Impressive To Yourself?**

During Jesus' day the shepherds were very humble and unimportant to the secular classes of people during that time. The shepherds did not know that God was about to work out His plan to introduce Jesus to the world using them as witnesses. God chose the environment of the shepherds to do a miracle in (St. Luke 2: 8-14). The announcement of God's plan to the shepherds was made by angels, that a child would be born in Bethlehem, and that the shepherds were invited to be present because this would be the first appearance of their Messiah.

When God chooses a witness to His plan, He uses humble people that the world will not give much regard (St. Matthew 2:7-8). God did not use impressive church figures to be a witness to His plan. Such church people during Jesus' day opposed the plan of God.

When it is the purpose of those who try to be impressive church folk such as the Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees and Herodians, the devil will use such people to work against the plan of God. King Herod was of the Herodian religious sect, and he was impressive to himself, that is why he did not let the wise men know what he had really planned to do. He did not plan to worship the child (Jesus) but to kill Him (St. Matthew 2:7-13). When a person is impressive to themselves, their spirit will be the enemy of the plan of God.

## ***Afterword***

As we close out another volume of *Saved from Sin*, the hope is that you have been enlightened and further educated regarding God's plan of salvation available to mankind. The invitation for the unsaved to live in the kingdom of heaven is extended at this time to the unsaved. However, the choice is yours to make. This is your chance and opportunity to repent of your sins and change from a sinful life to a righteous life.

Today anyone who truly desires to be ready can be ready for the return of Jesus. All they have to do is to repent and believe the gospel, and the Holy Spirit will find them and give them the new-birth. The Holy Spirit is presently moving upon the earth extending grace to a repenting sinner. Today is the day of salvation.



