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

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

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

God had truly performed a miracle right before my eyes. From that night to this day, Alonzo Kilgore has been a changed man. His entire family can witness to the fact that he has truly been born again”

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Foreword

Would you like to become a candidate for the kingdom of heaven? This invitation is extended to you. If you have a sincere desire and a willing mind to follow the guidelines and instructions in this and previous volumes of “Saved from Sin”, you can become a candidate for the kingdom of heaven.

In Elder Kilgore’s series of books entitled “Saved from Sin”, he presents the basics of God’s plan of salvation in a very simple and understandable form. His purpose as a God sent minister is to use the knowledge of the word of God to help others who desire to be saved to walk uprightly, to grow strong in the teachings of Jesus Christ and finally to be prepared for Jesus’ return for the saved.

May God bless and help you to understand and use this knowledge to become saved from sin, and thereby escape the coming destruction and eternal damnation.

INTRODUCTION

Man's Existence Is On A Similar But Lesser Order Than God's Existence:

Living in this present world can be very deceiving. When we are enjoying life it may seem like we are going to be here forever. I don't know of anybody who is over a hundred and ten years old. All of those who were born in the 1800's are gone.

Now, there are many people who are referred to as atheists. Such people do not believe that there is a God who created all things; neither do they believe that humans have souls that will continue to live after their flesh and blood bodies die. These people believe that when a human being dies, that will be the last of their existence.

You don't have to be born again to see evidence of a God. The moon, sun, wind, rain and snow don't have a mind. Such things don't have intelligence that will allow these things to make their own decisions concerning their functions and orders of existence in the universe. These things have to be controlled by a power that can think and make decisions for them.

The sun cannot decide when to move further away from the earth to allow winter to come, nor closer to the earth to allow summer. These elements of the heavens cannot decide how to maintain their existence in a cooperative order to keep from having conflict with one another; this must be done by a greater and more sophisticated power. Listen to Psalm 19:1:

Verse 1 - The heavens declare the glory of God; and the
 firmament sheweth his handiwork.

All you have to do is to read the knowledge of the scriptures and look at the heavenly bodies and your intelligence will show that the scriptures give an accurate account of the works of God. God created humans to be able to function on a similar but lesser order of intelligence than He functions on.

In the beginning, God spoke using nothing but His words to create the heavens and the earth and to place everything in proper order. A boss on the job can speak to the employees and his words will cause them to keep things in order. God created man with the ability to use words to get things done so that man would not have a problem believing that there is a God who can also use words to get things done on a much greater order. For man to deny that God does exist is to also deny his own existence.

The Fool Hath Said In His Heart, There Is No God (Psalm 14:1):

When a man denies the existence of God, he becomes a fool. Even a child would not deny the existence of their father who is providing food, clothing, a nice home, and toys to play with. To deny a God that has provided the necessary things for man's survival would place such a person in a lower intellectual class than that of a child.

The intellectual mind of a man must be under the influence and control of the Holy Spirit, otherwise his intelligence can make a fool out of him. If a man does not subject his intelligence to the Spirit of God, it will be by means of his worldly wisdom that he will not know God (I Corinthians 1:21).

Man can only know God by revelation and humility. Under these conditions, God will make himself known to man on an elementary level of intelligence just as a child learned about his father who was available to love and to provide for the child.

My Belief:

I believe the word of God. I believe that there is a God in heaven who created this universe, who has placed the sun, moon, and stars in heaven to declare His power and glory. I believe that this God is the only true God that can do anything. I believe that the Original King James Version of the Bible is His word, and a record of His works.

I preach and teach whatever I have experienced in my life, and I include this knowledge in the books that I write. It is by the results of my experiences after obeying the word of God that I am convinced that the word of God is true. I believe that the first Adam was created from the dust of the earth, and that God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and he became a living soul.

I believe the second Adam, who was Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and was brought forth without the aid of a man. I believe that Jesus became a quickening Spirit, and He is able to revive those who are dead in their sins and trespasses into a new life that is free from sin. I believe that Jesus did not beget a child, because that was not His purpose for coming into the world.

I believe that Jesus came to beget children after the Spirit of God so that you and I might be born of God, receiving the birth of a new mind, just as Jesus was conceived of the Holy Ghost in the womb of a virgin. I believe that the birth of a new mind presents us before God as those who were born again to be spiritual virgins before God no longer being defiled by sin (II Corinthians 11:2).

I believe that the birth of a new mind will entitle us to receive a new, holy body upon Jesus' second return to the earth that we may be spiritually and physically qualified to live in God's kingdom forever.

My Purpose:

I present myself on the same social level of the people that I meet on a daily basis. I don't impose my religious beliefs on my neighbors, or those that I meet unless they ask me about my religious beliefs. I don't use my religious knowledge to elevate my character, or way of presenting myself above the character of the average person. I put forth an effort to be easily entreated so that those that I meet will be comfortable in my presence.

I love the people that I see and meet, and I will do anything within my means to allow them to see Christ in my life without imposing extreme spiritual discomforts on them. It is not my purpose to allow my religious life to condemn those that I love, but to enlighten and to allow them to see Christ in a living form. I try to exempt kindness, goodness, love, peace, longsuffering, and humility as a living epistle so that others will see the word of God in living form.

An Introduction To The Plan Of Salvation:

If you want to know why God sent Jesus into the world, the purpose for Jesus' arrival was told to Joseph by the angel Gabriel in St. Matthew 1:21:

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

Gabriel further informed Joseph in verse 22 that all this would be done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying;

Verse 23 - Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

The angel Gabriel made the purpose for which Jesus came into the world very plain. His purpose was to save us from disobedience. Christ established the Spirit and power of obedience to God that you and I through Christ might be born again, and have our carnal minds replaced by the mind of Christ. After the angel Gabriel left Joseph, he went to Mary in person in the form and likeness of a man. Angels can take on the natural appearance of a man.

The things that we do are done by the power of our minds, but the things that angels do are done by the power of God. Angels have the power of God with them wherever they go. So at this time we see Gabriel standing in the presence of the virgin just after he left Joseph to whom she was espoused. Gabriel told Mary that she was highly favoured, and that the Lord was with her (Luke 1:28). This is a message that God is sending from heaven, which is the beginning of salvation for man to fulfill His plan that was spoken by the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14).

The Birth Of Jesus Was On This Wise:

The first Adam was formed from the dust of the earth, and the second Adam was conceived in the womb of a virgin by the Holy Ghost. The word 'Adam' means 'man'. The second Adam was the only begotten Son of God. Jesus was the Son of God created in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

The angel Gabriel brought the message to Mary concerning the birth of Jesus. The angel Gabriel was a stranger to Mary. She had never seen him before, but the message that Gabriel brought concerning the birth of Jesus came from God, and made contact with the faith of Mary's mind. Mary's mind was adorned, and ordained to receive the message from God by the faith that was the substance of her way of receiving information. The faith of God had come from heaven to the faith of Mary.

The message brought by Gabriel had established a covenant between Mary and God by means of Mary's faith that enabled her mind to connect with the truth. The Holy Spirit created an atmosphere that would help the message to establish itself in the mind of Mary to create a conception of holiness that could not be interrupted by any foreign, outside interferences that were not a part of the process. This resulted to the birth of the Son of God being conceived in a virgin.

Who Shall Declare His Generation? (Isaiah 53:8):

The word of God teaches us that if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and obey His instructions that we can become saints. We would then experience the second birth. Our first birth was that of the flesh, but our second birth would be that of the Holy Spirit. The birth of the flesh was of our earthly parents, but the birth of the Spirit would be of our heavenly Father.

Jesus was divine as well as human. He was begotten by the Holy Ghost, which made Him divine, and He was conceived in the body of a virgin after the flesh, which caused Him to know the touch and love of a mother. However, He was brought into the world to administer a spiritual or holy adoption of children into the family of God. Those who are born again of the Holy Spirit will declare the generation that Jesus produced to be inducted into the family of God (Isaiah 53:8).

Where Do You Stand With God?

Where do you stand with God? Can anything separate you from the love of God? When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it brings the love of God into your life. Love is one of the fruit of God's Spirit (Galatians 5:22). When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you are born again with a new mind that is conceived by the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit brings the love of God into your life, nothing in the universe has the power to separate you from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38).

So where do you stand with God? Do you think you love God? Listen to what the scriptures say about those who love God in St. John 14:15:

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

If you love the Lord, He will not allow you to not have the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the other Comforter that Christ promised those who love God. Listen to St. John 14:16:

Verse 16 - *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.*

The Holy Ghost will be an eternal comforter, assistant, counselor, guide, and new life for those who are given the Holy Ghost. It will be the very substance of

their new life forever, starting while they live in this present world. It will prepare them for a new life in the kingdom of heaven. The Holy Ghost will give all of those who are born again an eternal body that will be incorruptible, prepared to live in an incorruptible environment in God's kingdom. Listen to what the Holy Ghost is going to do for those who are saved upon Jesus' second return in I Corinthians 15:51-54:

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

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

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

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

Only Christ Can Lead You To God:

If you are going to see God, you must get to see God by following Jesus Christ. Jesus is the truth, the life, and the way to God. Jesus is the only one who can save your soul. To believe in Jesus you must believe in what He teaches. If a preacher is not preaching that Jesus can save you from sin, he is not connected with Jesus. Such a preacher is wasting his breath, and your time.

Jesus is the truth and only the truth can make you free from sin. If you are not living according to the teaching of Jesus Christ, you are not saved. The way you will learn that the gospel of Jesus Christ is right is because it will make you right, if you obey it.

We are born into the world wrong, as sinners. We must be taught how to live right, and if we are right, it is because what we have been taught was right. Everybody who is saved by obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ is a witness to the righteousness of the gospel.

Walk In The Spirit:

When you are born again you become a child of light. You will be able to live a righteous life with an understanding of the word of God. The light came into your life as you began to understand that God is against all sin, and that sin separates you from God. You will then understand that you had to be completely separated from sin in order to be saved. The word of God would then give you more knowledge and power against sinful temptations. You are now acquiring deep mysterious knowledge about God as the light of the gospel has illuminated your mind. You are now filled with the Holy Ghost. You are walking in the Spirit, and you have power over the works of the flesh. As the light gets brighter, you can see clearer where you are going. Your next stop will be the kingdom of heaven.

While you are on the earth, you will experience joy from showers of blessings from the Holy Ghost. You will also be blessed materially and financially according to your needs and desire to help others. God will not allow you to experience spiritual blessings and not give you material and financial blessings. The word of the scriptures will now give you a clearer meaning along with peace and joy under every condition of life.

Oh, What Love:

I want you to listen to this scripture in Isaiah 53:5:

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

The willingness to make this sacrifice for a people who are not worthy of the sacrifice is infinite love. There are no bounds to this love. This love was implemented by the greatest character who has ever lived in a human body consisting of nothing but flesh and blood.

Jesus had to live in a human body to defeat the extreme actions of hatred. Only love from heaven could have power to defeat hatred. This love from heaven was so powerful that it could use a weak, human body, which had no supernatural powers to go up against hatred, death, hell, and the grave, and defeat them all.

Though men of the earth put forth every effort to defeat the love that Jesus had to keep it from being effective, this love never resented their acts of cruelty. When this love was reviled, it reviled not again. When this love was threatened, it threatened not again. When this love was judged wrongfully, it took the judgment willingly. This love retreated to the one who could re-energize its strength and proceeded to accept the adversities that failed to defeat it.

This love retreated to the Father with a prayer request to give it more strength to elevate its qualities above the qualities of hatred. Listen to the prayer request in St. Luke 23:34:

Verse 34 - Then said Jesus, *Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do...*

Oh! What love!

Heaven And Earth Will Be United Upon Jesus' Second Appearance:

After Jesus' resurrection, He assembled with His followers in His new glorified body telling them that He would go to prepare a place for those who loved him; and after preparing this place, He would return, and receive them unto Himself, that where He is there they might be also (St. John 14:1-3). After giving them this assurance, He ascended into heaven and they watched Him until He disappeared (Acts 1:9).

His Spirit still abides in the hearts of those who have accepted His gospel. This is because He promised that He would not leave them comfortless, and that He would send another comforter, which would be the Holy Ghost. In addition, the Holy Ghost would abide with them forever, and prepare them for His second appearance so that they would be ready to go back with Him. At this time heaven and earth would be united with a new Jerusalem where the will of God will be done in earth as it is in heaven in answer to Jesus' prayer (St. Matthew 6:9-15).

Those of us who are born again of the Spirit of God are being prepared by the Holy Spirit to be in full accord with the culture of heaven, and God's will, will be done in us as it is in heaven. Today for those who are born again, the joy and peace that the Holy Ghost gives us is more desirable than the sinful pleasures of the world. Such born believers have their minds filled with the knowledge of the word of God, which will keep them until Jesus returns.



CHAPTER 1

***JESUS' RETURN IS NEAR:
ARE YOU READY?***

Subject: The Name Of Jesus:

The name of Jesus is a great name given by God to His only begotten Son. The name is revered by those who are born again, and feared by the devil. Through the name of Jesus, salvation came to man and defeat to the devil. The scriptures teach that there is no other name given under heaven whereby man might be saved. When you put confidence in the name, you will not be ashamed.

The name of Jesus is so great that the word of God teaches that every knee will bow in submission, humility and obedience to the name, and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord to the Glory of God the Father. Those who believed in the name of Jesus will be a part of a great ceremony that will be administered upon Jesus' return for His people. There will be those who believe the gospel and walk accordingly being filled with the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection, He will gather His people of all nations, kindreds, and tongues, and those who have believed on His name will take part in this great ceremony to crown Him Lord of all.

Subject: Grace Is Still Available To The Unsaved:

If you are born again you are classified by God as being a saint. The destruction of this present time is not coming to a saint. The saints will even be spared of seeing the sights of the destruction. This is because God is going to take them out of the reach of the destruction in good time before it happens. The saints and little children 7 years of age and younger will be caught-up to meet Jesus upon His appearance upon the earth. The saints are going to be made ready by an angel named Michael, and they will be delivered before the fire falls just as Lot and his family were delivered out of Sodom before the fire fell.

It is the will of God that His people experience a joyful, glorious, peaceful, and safe deliverance from the earth. Such people of God will be praising God while experiencing this passage from the earth by the power of the Holy Spirit to meet Jesus in mid-air. They will be gently removed from the earth in plenty of time. All of the former thoughts of discouragement about their unsaved loved ones being left will never come into their minds again. They will experience a unity with their new family and have a celebration in heaven that will last for a thousand years. All this would have been made possible for the saints because God's love allowed Him to let His only begotten Son be a sacrifice for the world.

This privilege given to the world is available now to anybody, because the mercy of God has extended this grace period for the unsaved. Procrastination is an invitation to damnation. Christ could make His appearance while some are trying to make-up their minds to accept the offer of salvation. Christ's appearance will not have any other warning, other than what the word gives. God is merciful and longsuffering to keep the doors of salvation open to the unsaved though many seem to be very indifferent towards God's love. So when the sudden destruction comes they will not have anything to complain about while they are spending eternity in a lake of fire and brimstone.

Subject: Grace And The Judgment:

If the people of the world persist in being indifferent towards the teachings of God's word, the judgment of God will come upon them when they least expect it. When the judgment of God comes upon the unsaved people of the earth and catches them unprepared, their chances of going to heaven will be permanently ended. There will be no more grace extended to the people of the earth after the judgment. Those who are unsaved during this time will go into eternity separated from God, because the judgment of God will end the grace period.

Grace and judgment will not be available at the same time. The judgment is contrary to grace. Grace gives you a chance to be exempted from damnation, and the judgment is an introduction to damnation. Grace offers you eternal life in God's kingdom, and the judgment serves eternal torment in a sea of fire and brimstone.

During Noah's day, Noah introduced 120 years of grace giving the people a chance to be saved from the flood. Noah was first given grace and he afterwards offered the people grace, which was time to repent. Listen to Genesis 6:8:

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

God waited for the people to repent during Noah's day, giving them grace while Noah was preparing the ark. Listen to I Peter 3:20:

Verse 20 - Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a-preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Subject: What Do You Think That God Is Preparing To Do?

The standard of morality has been reduced to such a low level by modern society that God will not continue to allow such a carnal world to continue to exist. When wickedness in the world has reached a level that is beyond redemption, God will make preparations to destroy this world. Listen to Genesis 6:5-6:

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.

So listen to what God decided to do after observing the level of morality that the earth had been reduced to.

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.

The world today has a much greater level of wickedness than it had during Noah's day. According to the scriptures there is no doubt that God is preparing to destroy the world again (St. Luke 17:26-27). Those who are saved will find grace in the eyes of the Lord, and God will deliver them from the earth prior to the destruction. Listen to verse 8:

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

When God sees that some desire to obey Him and be saved, He will give them instructions on what to do to be delivered from the destruction; and God will establish a covenant with those who are going to be delivered.

Verse 18 - But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

As Noah followed the instructions from God, he and his family were saved.

Verse 22 - Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Subject: The Unorthodox Preacher:

During Noah's day, the unsaved people refused to accept the warnings of Noah. They disbelieved Noah, and considered that he was simply an unorthodox preacher, not like other preachers during that time. This was because Noah was preaching righteousness that was contrary to their sinful ways of living. Listen to II Peter 2:5:

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

During Noah's day, people gave heed to false teachers who taught damnable heresies, denying Noah's teaching about God. Today many are following pernicious ways, by reason of whom the way of the truth is evil spoken of. Preachers of today are making merchandise of the people with mega-churches and their judgment lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not (II Peter 2:13).

Subject: The Lord Will Shut The Door:

According to the scriptures the people during Noah's day never ceased from having fun and enjoying sinful pleasures. They were entirely disinterested in the messages of warning that God was sending by Noah, similar to the way people are today. When the flood came, it was too late for the people to change their ways and be saved. The Lord Himself had sealed the doors of the Ark to prevent Noah from letting the sinners and hypocrites rush aboard at the last minute and sink the Ark. Listen to Genesis 7:15-16:

Verse 15 - And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

Verse 16 - And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in.

In these last days, God is going to shut the door of salvation again. God is going to shut the minds of people who have failed to repent of their sins, so that they will remain sinners upon Jesus' return. This will conclude the grace period. Listen to Revelations 22:11-12:

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

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

Subject: The Last Minute Request:

During Jesus' ministry He said to His disciples that the people would in the last days disbelieve the warnings of the final destruction of the world as they did in the days of Noah. This time there will be no flood, because God promised that the earth should never again be destroyed by water.

Today people are smarter, wiser, and well educated about science and astronomy. They also claim to know a lot about the Holy Bible; however, they deny the power of the word of God. The Lord has said through the apostle Peter that there will be scoffers in the last days simply because there will be no apparent change in nature. Scoffers will use their own conceit to contradict the word of God. They will consider that the usual course of natural things in the environment, such as the sun rising and setting at the usual time, and the seasons still coming and going are indications that the word of God is inaccurate in predicting the end of the world.

Such scoffers have learned a lot about the universe. Therefore, they will conclude that the mere words of the Holy Bible teaching about the end of the world, and the second coming of Jesus sound as absurd to them as the story about

the flood during Noah's day, when Noah was supposed to have warned the people of the antediluvian world.

The purpose of the knowledge given by Jesus was so that born again believers would have knowledge of God's plan, and be prepared by the Holy Spirit to meet Jesus. This knowledge would also give God-sent ministers material to use in a final and desperate drive to win souls from the devil before the doors of heaven are shut. Jesus knew that there would be a final and desperate struggle by some poor soul to get saved; such occurred while Jesus was dying on the cross. At the last minute, when Jesus should have been left to die in peace, a plaintive cry from the sincere heart of a dying thief uttered a last minute plea that Jesus could not disregard. He said "Lord when thou comest into thy kingdom remember me". This actually helped Jesus to endure the agony of His suffering. Jesus then looked at the dying soul and made death stand still for the dying thief and Himself and said, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise".

Subject: Watch Therefore For Ye Know Not What Hour Your Lord Doth Come:

When perilous times come upon the earth, God admonishes those who want to be saved to stand in the holy place. This means to stand in righteousness. We don't know what is going to happen except for what the word of God teaches. You must live so that when the trumpet of God sounds and the dead in Christ rise, you will want to be included in that number. We are presently living in the last days. The names of everybody who is born again are written in the book of life (Daniel 12:1).

God had an angel that He sent to bury Moses who was Michael. The devil met Michael and tried to stop him, but Michael prevailed and buried Moses. It was Michael who threw Satan out of heaven. In the last days prior to the first resurrection, Michael will stand up for those who are written in the book of life and make preparation for them to meet Jesus.

Nobody knows the day or hour that Jesus will return for the saved, but His word admonishes us to stand in the holy place. If a preacher tells you that he knows the day or hour, he is of the devil and a liar. God only gave us the signs of Jesus' return. The word of God teaches in St. Matthew 24:32 to learn the parable of a fig tree, when its branches are yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh.

When you see the signs of Jesus' return that are taught in the scriptures, you will know that His return is near. The scriptures teach that there will be rumors of wars, nations will be against nations, pestilences and earthquakes in divers places, and the love of many shall wax cold. At such time you should watch for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Subject: The Plan Of God:

God has a plan, which is better than any plan that man can conceive. God's plan is that He is going to create a new summit above which no germs, sicknesses, old age, hate, envy, strife, nor death will be able to enter. God has it fixed so that only those who are born again of the Spirit will be a part of this plan. Those of us who are born again are looking forward to being a part of this plan. We as ambassadors for Christ are warning others, and giving them an understanding of God's plan so that they can be ready to accept it.

If the warning that we are giving is disregarded, those who ignore and fail to accept the invitation will be in the wrong place, and will fail to go up with those who are ready. When they see that they are left behind, they will remember the warning and wish that they had taken heed, but it will be too late.

So, why take a chance? The preparations that you need to make to get ready won't do you any harm. Of course, you have to stop seeking the pleasures of sin, but that won't hurt you. You will also have to separate from some folk you are keeping company with that are sinners, but this will also be in your best interest. You will then be brought into fellowship with good people by the Holy Spirit.

The initial procedure in the warning is to repent and believe the gospel. Repentance means to stop doing everything that you know is wrong. When your repentance is sincere, the Holy Ghost will give you strength, understanding, power, and remain in your life until Christ returns to raise you up to meet Him.

Subject: The Judgment Will Follow Christ's Return:

It is important to be in the Spirit during the perilous times of these last days. When John was exiled to the Isle of Patmos, he was in the Spirit, and he wrote the book of Revelations. John was not in a church. You can be in the Spirit and not in

a church if you are born again. John had no companion or fellow worshippers except for the company of the Holy Spirit. It is better to have the Holy Spirit with you than other people. The Spirit then helped John to remember the good things that Christ had taught and all the wonderful words of Christ came back to his mind as he sat in meditation and the Spirit of God fell upon him and rejoiced him.

John then heard the voice that sounded like the rumbling of many waters, and he began to write the book of Revelations as the voice dictated to John what to write. Having been very much familiar with the Lord as a disciple, John could easily recognize the voice of the Lord. John knew that the words of Christ were tender, consoling and refreshing; and the message that was being given to him would further manifest the teachings of Christ.

John's revelation on the Isle of Patmos was a conclusion of the ministry of Jesus Christ and a prophecy of what would happen when Christ returned for the church of God. Though Christ had played a great part in shaping the destiny of those who received Him for salvation, Christ's mission is not over yet. While Christ is presently in heaven, He will be there as the chief administrator when the books are opened and the world will be judged. Those who have been faithful and true shall hear His voice welcoming them to the kingdom of God.

Subject: Is Your Name In The Book Of Life?

Prior to the destruction that God is going to send to the unsaved people of the world, an angel by the name of Michael will make preparations to deliver those who are saved. Michael will have a book with all the saved people's names written in the book. Those whose names are written in the book that Michael will have shall be delivered before the destruction comes. Those whose names are not written in the book shall be awakened to everlasting shame and contempt. Listen to Daniel 12:1-3:

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

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

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

Subject: God Is Preparing A City For Holy People:

You are not holy simply because you use the name holiness to define your religious denomination, neither are you holy because the name holy is on your church building. To be holy you must be redeemed from a life of sin, and filled with the Holy Spirit. It takes a holy source of power to make you a holy person, and the Holy Spirit is the only power that can do this.

God is preparing a holy city in heaven for a people who are made holy while they are living on the earth. You will not be made holy after you get to this city. You must be first made holy to be qualified to get there. To be holy means your life is sin-free. You cannot bring sin into this city to get rid of sin. Your sins must be left in this present world before you can get into this holy city.

Subject: God Will Get Everlasting Glory Out Of Those Who Are Saved:

God's glory will be in those who will receive eternal life. God desires that those who are saved receive eternal life more so than they desire it. God gave His only begotten Son so that those who are saved will get eternal life, and those who receive eternal life did not give anything to get it. Jesus paid the entire price for those who will receive eternal life.

Those who will live again with God in heaven will mean everything to God, and God will be glorified in them throughout eternity. When a saved person dies and lives again, their second life will be completely by the power of God's Holy Spirit living in them throughout eternity.

CHAPTER 2

THE JUDGMENT

Subject: The Harvest:

Jesus sought very carefully to give the people an understanding using parables of earthly things as examples of heavenly things. Today saved people are living in the same environment with unsaved people. God's plan was to allow those who would be saved to live, work, and do business with those who would not be saved. Listen to St. Matthew 13:30:

Verse 30 - *Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.*

All of this knowledge was written in the Bible for our understanding of what to expect at the end of the world. The harvest is a symbol of the end of the world. Listen to Revelations 14:15:

Verse 15 - *And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.*

When the harvest comes to the world, Jesus is teaching that the saved are going to be gathered by angels as wheat is gathered by a farmer into the garner, and the unsaved will be bound together as tare, or weeds and burned. The unsaved will experience the natural death of their physical bodies that will be only for a moment. Now the unsaved would be better off if there was no more to death than death of the physical body, but there is a lot more involved.

Death of the physical body is nothing, but after death of the physical body comes the judgment of God upon the unsaved. The souls or minds of the unsaved will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Your soul or mind is the eternal part of your existence that will never be eradicated, but it can endure pain and suffering. Today pains in our physical bodies receives signals from our minds or souls and causes certain parts of our bodies to feel pain.

Your soul or mind is the very core of human existence, and this is the part of your existence that God is going to judge. So then, God is going to send Jesus one day soon to harvest the world. The born again believers are classified as being saved, and they will be changed upon Jesus' appearance, and given new bodies to go back to heaven with Jesus. However, the unsaved will experience the death of

their physical bodies, and their souls will be judged by God. Listen to how it further reads in St. Matthew 13:36-37:

Verse 36 - Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

Verse 37 - He answered and said unto them, *He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;*

Jesus is saying the good seed is the word of God. When a person heareth the word of God and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in their hearts. Such people will be like tares that will be gathered to be burned. They would be listeners that heard the word without any interest in what the word is truly offering them. They would have received the word by the way side (St. Matthew 13:19-20).

Next you will have those who will hear the word, and not allow it to have any depth in their minds. The word would find no permanent place of residence in their minds (Verse 21). Then there would be those who hear the word of God and will keep it for a while, and later would allow the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word out of their minds (Verse 22).

Those that hear the word, and would be saved would be classified by God as having a good mind, and will understand that it is more profitable for him or her to be saved, and will retain and obey the word. Such people will then be filled with the Holy Spirit and the word of God will cause them to bear fruit, some hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty (Verse 23).

Subject: The Judgment Is Set:

God has a book with all the deeds of men written in it. Everything that you do is recorded by God, and kept in heaven. Listen to Job 16:19:

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

Everybody will be judged according to the record that is in heaven. Those who have done good will be resurrected in the last days to receive eternal life. Those who have done evil will be resurrected for eternal damnation. All of this will be based upon the record that has been recorded according to how they lived on earth. Listen to II Corinthians 5:10:

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

If you have done good, you will get up in the resurrection with the saved. If you have done evil, you will get up in the second resurrection with the unsaved. Listen to St. John 5:28-29:

Verse 28 - *Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice.*

Verse 29 - *And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

Subject: The Saints Shall Judge The World:

Listen to this scripture in Psalm 50:5-6:

Verse 5 - Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

Verse 6 - And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself.

The world has failed to obey God's commandments, which means they have broken the covenant. Therefore, God is calling His saints together, because He is getting ready to conclude the human life cycle for unsaved people of the world. The saints are going to be used by God to judge the world. Listen to I Corinthians 6:2-3:

Verse 2 - Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?
and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye
unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

The world will be judged by the saints according to how the saints obeyed the word of God while they lived among the people of the world who did not obey God's word.

Verse 3 - Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much
more things that pertain to this life?

It is by the holy and righteous life of a saint that God will measure the wickedness of the unsaved world. Angels who rebelled against God to follow Satan will also be judged by the righteousness of the saints.

**Subject: A Strong Delusion Will Be Given To The Unsaved
Prior To The Destruction:**

When God destroyed the earth by flood water during Noah's day, the events that brought the floods were unknown to the people of that day. The people had never seen rain prior to the days of the floods. Therefore, when the heavens were in the process of releasing the rain, the people did not know what was about to happen. Jesus taught that so will it be upon His return. Those who are not saved will be completely ignorant of what God will be doing prior to the destruction.

All the scientific knowledge that man has acquired will not enlighten the people about the destruction that will be coming upon them. Listen to St. Luke 17:26-27:

Verse 26 - *And as it was in the days of Nō'-ē, so shall it be also
in the days of the Son of Man.*

Verse 27 - *They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they
were given in marriage, until the day that Nō'-ē
entered into the ark, and the flood came, and
destroyed them all.*

The Bible teaches that the people will think that they are in peace and safety prior to the destruction of the last days. Listen to I Thessalonians 5:2-3:

Verse 2 - For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

Verse 3 - For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

God is going to send a strong delusion upon the unsaved people of the earth prior to the destruction and make them believe a lie. The unsaved will think that they are in safety and the destruction will take them by surprise. Listen to II Thessalonians 2:10-12:

Verse 10 - And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Verse 11 - And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

Verse 12 - That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Subject: Who Is Going To Hell?

Does your pastor ever preach about hell? Everybody should be informed about hell, because it is the worst place that you can go to. Hell means torment. If your pastor does not give you knowledge about how to avoid going to hell, then your church could be the gates of hell, and your pastor is giving out tickets to get there.

You have to be taught by the scriptures how to escape going to hell. Those who go to hell will be those who are living a continuous life of sin. It is a life of sin that will take you to hell. When you are saved, you are then free from sin (Romans 6:22-23). If you are not free from sin you are not saved, and listen to where you will go in St. Luke 16:22-24:

Verse 22 - *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;*

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

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.*

Hell is a place of torment where everybody who goes there will be given a body that will be able to receive torment by the flame in hell, and a worm that will torment them. Listen to St. Mark 9:43-44:

Verse 43 - *And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:*

Verse 44 - *Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.*

Listen to a description that the Bible gives of those who will go to hell, in Revelations 21:8:

Verse 8 - **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**

To experience the second death means that you did not get saved. Listen to Revelations 22:14-15:

Verse 14 - **Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**

Verse 15 - For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

The only way that you can escape hell is that you must be born again. Listen to St. John 3:5:

Verse 5 - Jesus answered, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

Tell your pastor to use these scriptures in his sermons so that you will know who is going to heaven and to hell. Listen to I Corinthians 6:9-11:

Verse 9 - Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, 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.

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.

Listen to Galatians 5:19-21:

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

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

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

Subject: What About Hell?

To be sent to hell is a reward for a life of sin that the word of God teaches about. Hell was created for disobedient and rebellious angels, and not humans. Humans were offered the privilege to repent of their disobedience to avoid going to hell. There will be no pardoning of the sins of angels, because they rebelled with first-hand knowledge of God. Humans had to be taught about the reality of God, and given a chance to obey or disobey.

Hell will be a place of endless torment. God will give all humans who go to hell a special body prepared to burn forever. Angels do not have to be given these type bodies because the bodies that they were initially created in will be prepared for everlasting torment, just as they were initially prepared for everlasting life in heaven. God has infinite power. He can do things to last for a short period of time, or an indefinite period of time. Hell was designed by God to burn forever; and those who go there will be given bodies to burn forever.



CHAPTER 3

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Subject: What Does The Bible Teach?

People should go to church to hear something that would improve the spiritual conditions of their lives. The spiritual condition of a person's life has to do with whether or not they are living righteous or unrighteous. There are many sermons that people hear today, or that could be read in the newspaper, and they make very little reference to what the word of God teaches. Such sermons don't teach anything about living above sin. The reason that God named the Bible "holy" is because it teaches how to live holy. To be holy means to be free from sin. God's way of dealing with man is very simple, and is within the range of good common sense.

Do you remember your spelling book in school? On the cover of your spelling book you saw the word "spelling" to let you know that the purpose of the book was to teach you how to spell words. On the front of your Bible you see the words "Holy Bible". If you look up the meaning of the word holy, you will find that it means to be sin-free. Just as the spelling book taught you how to spell words, the Holy Bible teaches you how to live holy or sin-free.

Subject: Only the Holy Spirit Can Help You To Read The Bible:

The Holy Spirit has to help you to read the Bible. You can study the Bible and think that you are saved, yet you could be living directly contrary to what the Bible teaches. If you can read the Bible without the assistance of the Holy Spirit, you won't believe half of what the Bible teaches. The Bible must be rightly divided, and only the Holy Spirit can do this for you; otherwise, you will be wrestling with scriptures to your own destruction (II Peter 3:16).

Subject: The Living Word Of God:

Jesus was the word of God living in a human body. The word of God is the power of God sent to save us from sin. After it saves you, it opens your understanding, teaching you how to live in this present world and not be subject to

the powers of evil in the world. The Holy Spirit will then give you a spiritual mind with power to take in the knowledge that the word of God teaches.

Everything that you initially hear from the word of God will not be immediately activated, but the Holy Spirit will bring it to your remembrance later as you will need it. When you are willing to obey God, He will ordain that the truth find its place in your mind.

It is very important that you have a willing mind to accept the truth. When you fail to acquire a willing mind and you resist the truth after you have heard it, your subconscious mind will take it in and condemn you when you are disobeying God.

Subject: God Is The Same Today As He Was Yesterday:

The Bible is a record of the acts of God and men. The Bible tells what happened when men obeyed God, and it tells what happened when men disobeyed. If you want to know what God is going to do during this present time, compare what people are doing during this present time with what they did in the past, and what God did as a result of the actions of men.

Remember the story in the Bible in the book of Genesis during Abraham and Lot's time when homosexuals were in Sodom and God destroyed the city with fire and brimstone. If you watch to see if homosexuals are out in force today, then you can be assured that God is going to do the same thing today that He did in Abraham and Lot's day.

The Bible is a book of records that gives correct information on the works of God. You won't find an error in the Bible. The voice of God speaks from the Bible by means of the prophets. If people of today would repent of their sins as the people did during Jonah's day when he warned the city of Nineveh to repent, God will have mercy on the people of today as He did during Jonah's day in the city of Nineveh.

Subject: You Have To Know The Word Of God To Follow God:

You cannot follow Christ unless you know the word of God. If you try to follow Christ without knowledge, you could be following the spirit of the devil. The Holy Spirit will educate you on how to follow God by giving you an

anointing. An anointing is added assistance to your mind that gives you understanding of the word of God.

When you receive this anointing you will have a teacher working in your mind to help you to apply the knowledge of the word of God to the way you live. This means that you will be shod with the preparation of the gospel. Under these conditions you will be able to follow the word of God (Ephesians 6:14-15).

Subject: Only The Holy Ghost Can Help You To Believe The Truth:

There are many modern writers of the newly revised versions of the Bible who argue that the Original King James Version, which states that Jesus was born of a virgin, is in error. They say that the correct translation is that Jesus was born of a young woman. The truth of Jesus' conception must be supported by the Holy Spirit; otherwise, the spirit of a lie will deceive people just as it has deceived the modern translators of the Bible.

The Original King James Version is supported by the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of truth. The truth is that Jesus was born of a virgin, as is stated in Isaiah 7:14. Jesus' birth of a virgin was a miraculous work of God, for the purpose of allowing those who believe it to experience a miraculous work of God in their personal lives by being born again, and thereby experiencing the birth of a new mind (I Peter 1:23, Ephesians 4:22-24).

The prophet Isaiah began prophesying of Jesus' birth by calling our attention to the fact that God was going to do a miracle. If Jesus was born by an ordinary woman, as ordinary people were born there would have been no miraculous work done by God, and nobody would have given any attention to His birth. This work of God was done by the Holy Ghost, and only the Holy Ghost can help a person to truly believe this miracle.

If church folk of today are not filled with the Holy Ghost, than false preachers and translators of the Bible can get church folk to believe lies. Only the Spirit of truth, which is the Holy Ghost, can lead you into the truth of God's word. Listen to St. John 15:26-27:

Verse 26 - *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send
unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth,*

which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Verse 27 - *And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.*

Listen to St. John 16:13:

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

Subject: Be Careful That You Don't Wrest With The Scriptures:

If the devil can get people to believe that Jesus was born of a woman, and not of a virgin, he knows that he can also get people to believe that Christ is not Immanuel, and that God is not with us. Christians of today can become as modernistic and smart about many things of the world as they like. However, if they try to get smart with the word of God, they will find out that God is not with them when they are wise in their own conceit, and they will wrest with the scriptures to their own destruction.

When the scriptures are hard to be understood, it is because the Holy Spirit is not revealing such scriptures to you. Listen to a scripture that is for those who have failed to understand other scriptures in II Peter 3:16-17:

Verse 16 - *As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*

Verse 17 - *Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.*



CHAPTER 4

SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES:

Subject: There's Hope For The Sinner:

Now when you are born again you will take heed to the warnings of the scriptures. You will place more value on the warnings of the scriptures than anything else in life. The warnings from God will teach you of various dangers that will threaten your safety and well-being as a saint. You are safe from harm when you take heed to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will help us to not sleep as unsaved people do, but will help us to watch and be sober. This clearly indicates to us that there is some kind of danger that will threaten our safety unless we are careful. So we must on all occasions be watchful.

The Bible is the guide for the saints, and they should read the Bible daily along with this literature. The word of God should be hid in the hearts of the saints that they might not sin against God. The word can be a light and guide for the saint, but is of no use for a sinner. There is not much in the Bible that directs a sinner except for repentance. Under no conditions can a sinner rightly divide the word of God, because the sinner's mind will be under the power of darkness.

In order for a sinner to receive help from the word of God, the word has to be rightly divided, and translated by a saint to the sinner. When such efforts are being made by a saint to help the sinner, the sinner must believe and not use their former religious knowledge of some erroneous teaching to receive what the saint is giving. The sinner must empty his or her mind of all previous religious teachings that are not in line with what the saint is teaching so that the truth of the gospel can come into the sinner's mind to have free course. If a sinner is willing to receive the word of God on these conditions, the Holy Spirit will come into the sinner's mind along with the word of God, and the sinner will be born again.

Subject: God Does Not Charge Us For Being Born In Sin:

God does not charge us for being sinners because we were born in sin. However, the charges for being a sinner are placed upon us for continuing in sin after we come to the knowledge that sin is against God and does not pay. God sent Jesus to give us knowledge of a new way of life that is above the life of sin. When you receive the new way of life that Jesus brought, you will be free of condemnation and no longer follow the sinful nature.

Because you were born in sin, you don't have to continue to live in sin. You can seek to enjoy a spiritual habitation by moving out of sin and into a state of

righteousness, and live above sin. Though you were born in sin and shaped in iniquity, after being introduced to and having learned of the new-birth, wherein a man can be relieved of the sinful state of his physical birth, and enter into a spiritual state of righteousness, you will gladly accept this birth. You would have been touched by God.

Now the new-birth is not acquired by going to church speaking in unknown tongues, shouting, and falling on the floor. It was disobedience to God that caused us to be born in sin, and it is by our willingness to be obedient that will get us out of sin. Our obedience must be initiated by a repentance of our sins. Our obedience will be completed by the Holy Spirit that God will give us. So now, if you have accepted these principles for salvation, you should be ready to obey, and the Holy Spirit is on stand-by waiting to make an entry into your life to give you power to be delivered from your sinful state.

Subject: The Wages Of Sin Is Death - The Second Death:

When you are born again, you are made free from sin. This happens when you obey the teachings of Jesus Christ. You will at this point feel power in your life making you able to live without sinful desires that previously made you commit sin. You will become a servant of righteousness. Listen to Romans 6:17-18:

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

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

You are not saved unless you are made free from sin. You have to be saved from being a sinner, and not be saved as a sinner. This means before you were saved you were a servant of sin by committing sin; and you were not a servant of righteousness. Listen to Romans 6:20, 22, and 23:

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

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

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

Subject: God Does Not Change His Mind:

People can change their minds about issues of life, but God doesn't change His mind. The mind of God is revealed in the word of God. If God's word said homosexuality and adultery were sins 2,000 years ago; He is saying the same thing today. Listen to Hebrews 13:8:

Verse 8 - Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.

Listen to Malachi 3:6:

Verse 6 - For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Centuries ago God's word taught the sins that we need to be saved from, and they are the same sins that we need to be saved from today. Time has no effect upon the principles of righteousness that the word of God has taught in past times, that God will judge whoremongers and adulterers, and it teaches the same thing today (Hebrews 13:4). Homosexuals that were destroyed in Sodom are the same as Homosexuals that will be destroyed in the last days. In the eyes of God, gays in Sodom were the same as gays in any city of America today.

Subject: The Flesh:

The flesh is the ungodly desires in humans who are born in sin. The flesh makes so many demands on humans that humans cannot satisfy the flesh unless they commit sin. The only means by which a person can be delivered from the power of the flesh is by being born again of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the only means that a person can be free from bondage of the flesh (Galatians 5:17). The flesh is no match for the Spirit of God. When the Spirit of God comes into a person's life, the flesh will find a way out, because the flesh does not have power to withstand the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The flesh hates the Spirit of God, and will not under any circumstances keep company with the Spirit of God. When a person is born again and walking in the Spirit, the flesh is on the side watching. When a person is in the Spirit, all the works of the flesh will be laid-off, looking for somewhere else to find employment. Such things as hatred, fornication, adultery, strife, wrath, drunkenness, emulations, seditions, heresies, witchcraft, lasciviousness, uncleanness, envyings, murders, revellings, and such the like will be looking for a new place to work (Galatians 5:19-21).

Subject: Spirituality Versus Legality: The Strength Of Sin Could Be Legal:

Now the church can't condemn the bootlegger and the dope pusher while its members drink legal liquor to get drunk, and use medical marijuana to get high. When you are saved, you are presented before God as a living sacrifice and not to enjoy sinful pleasures of the flesh just because the government has approved it. If the government legalized prostitution, I wonder how many church members would indulge because it is legal. Everything that is legal is not godly. Spirituality is not always in harmony with legality.

When you live above the law, you must also live above the things that the law states are legal, if such thing are sin related, or will lead you to commit sin. Remember the Jewish sects after they rejected Jesus. They used the things that were written in their laws to approve of Jesus being crucified. They used their laws to approve of their sins. Their sins took an occasion with their laws. Listen to Romans 7:8, 10, and 11:

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

Paul is teaching that the law or commandment that he thought would save him brought death.

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

When sin took an occasion with the law of the commandment, it deceived him.

Verse 11 - For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

If you are not led by the Spirit of God, the strength of sin can be in the law that you are following. The Jews crucified the one that God sent to complete the law that they could be saved from the condemnation of the law. The Jews allowed the strength of sin to conceal itself in their laws thereby deceiving them. Listen to I Corinthians 15:56:

Verse 56 - The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

Subject: The Grace Of God Gives You The Ability To Live Holy:

If you are born again, you should not have any trouble with the law or law enforcement. The law was first given by God, and it was for the unrighteous person who can be unruly and must be governed. An unrighteous person is a sinner and sinners do not live above the law. When you are born again, you are under grace, and grace causes you to live above what the law forbids.

The Holy Spirit brings the grace of God into your life, and grace gives you the desire to live according to what pleases God. Your desires would then be repulsive or distasteful to what the law forbids. Grace will place you on a course to live above the law, and never direct you towards the things that the law forbids.

Under these conditions, the law would have no rule over the way you live. The grace of God gives you the ability to live holy, and what the law forbids is unholy.

Subject: Sin And Religion Is A Mockery To God:

It is sad to know that the world cannot receive the Holy Spirit, but only those who believe in God and walk uprightly. When Jesus was introduced to the world, the world did not believe in Jesus, and that is very essential to qualify for receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. The world as well as Christian churches don't believe that Jesus came to save us from our sins. The Holy Spirit will not come into a person's life who does not believe that he or she can live above sin. Neither will the Spirit come into a person's life who does believe, but will not put forth an effort to repent of their sins.

The Holy Spirit only delivers you from the sins that you are not able to stop committing. It helps your infirmities, or weaknesses. The sins that you are able to stop doing, you will be expected to stop by your own efforts if you want God to give you the Holy Spirit. You cannot play with God. You must have a heart of sincerity to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is an eternal gift from God that will take you into the kingdom of heaven and give you life forever, but it must start with your life on earth. There is no need to go to church and commit sin in your private life, and afterwards pray to ask God for forgiveness with a mind to continue in your sinful practices.

God will not give attention to such a person. God does not accept mockery as a sincere intent to be saved. When you go to church, pray and commit sin in your private life, you are making a mockery of God. Sin and religious practices are a mockery to God. You must first search your mind for all the sinful things that you are willing to stop doing, and afterward put forth an effort to turn from every sinful way. You must dismiss thoughts from your mind that corrupt and introduce evil to your mind. When you put forth a serious effort to do this, God will come into your mind by the Holy Spirit to purify your mind so that your thoughts will represent holiness. After receiving the Holy Spirit, when pressure and temptations are presented to you to sin, only the pure fruits of the Holy Spirit will come out of you because that is what will be in you.

Subject: True Happiness:

Sin gives you a condemned conscience. You cannot be happy when your conscience is condemned. You must have a conscience that is void of offense to be happy. If you try to live a happy life with sin in your life, it will be a short-term happiness, which is false happiness. When you live above sin, the joy of the Lord will be brought into your life by the Holy Spirit, and it will make you happy. Such happiness will be continuous. The Holy Spirit will lead you on a continuous path through life giving you the fruits of the Spirit, which will overwhelm your life with happiness.

Subject: Watch For Secrets:

The only free man or woman is the person who is free from sin. When you are free from sin, you don't have any secrets that you are ashamed to let people know about. The secrets of your life will be revealed in the judgment, if sins are a part of the secrets. When you have to keep secrets, you are in bondage to your secrets. Such secrets keep a part of your life restrained that you have to continue to watch for all the time. Secrets can make you lie to keep them concealed. The more people learn about you, the more comfortable you should be, if you don't have secret sins.

Subject: The Secret Sins:

Sometimes your sins are hidden from you. Many people don't understand how bad sin is until after it has ruined their lives. Sin will oftentimes hide itself behind pleasures. God who sees and knows how deeply you are involved in sin is able to save you from sin. God will save you by sending a minister to preach the gospel to you; and the gospel will reveal and point out what your sins are, and what they can do to damage your life. Sin has brought so much disorder and damage to the human race that each generation becomes spiritually weaker than the previous generation. God saw that it was necessary to raise up someone to uncover the secret sins, that some people might be saved.

The secret sins are uncovered by the gospel to warn those who might be victimized. Prophets of God were sent to reveal the secret sins before they could do damage to those who are to be saved. Listen to Jeremiah 1:5:

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

The prophet Jeremiah could prophesy about innocent children being destroyed before they were born. Listen to Jeremiah 2:34:

Verse 34 - Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.

Subject: Sin Is Not Always Preeminent:

Now sin came into the world resulting from man's disobedience, but sin was not preeminent. Sin was not the dominant power over man when it first entered into the world, and it does not have to be today. Sin became dominant as man walked away from God. After man began to separate from his fellowship with God, sin caused man to degenerate and to die at a younger age. As people of the earth began to leave God, they gradually begin to get sick and die though it appeared to them that they were doing well. Listen to Genesis 5:15-17:

Verse 15 - And Mă-hăl'-ă-leel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:

Verse 16 - And Mă-hăl'-ă-leel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

Verse 17 - And all the days of Mă-hăl'-ă-leel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

At the age that Mă-hăl'-ă-leel begat Jared, men of today are getting ready to die. It was because Mă-hăl'-ă-leel had not gotten as far away from God as men of today do that his life span was considerably longer. To be close to God means to allow the presence of the Holy Spirit to overshadow your life on a daily basis. When the Spirit of God overshadows a person, sicknesses and death cannot overtake the person until God allows such. If such a person is living for God and doing a work for God, then God will bless the person to live out the days that He promised. Listen to Psalm 90:10:

Verse 10 - The days of our years are threescore years and ten;
and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years,
yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon
cut off, and we fly away.

Subject: The Sins Of David:

David committed an awful sin that seemed to be unpardonable, but in the book of Psalms 51:1-3, it teaches how he laid his sins before God, and received pardoning. David said to God, I am not hiding my sins from you, because I know you see my heart. David realized that when you commit sin against your fellow man, it is God who issued the command, and that your sin is actually against God. David realized that when God caused his conscience to condemn him, he was not free from his sins. He then realized that God was aware of his guilt, which was awful before God.

So David pleaded with God to not hold him under condemnation, and to forgive him. He confessed to God that he was born in sin, shaped in iniquity, and that in the secrets of his heart he desired for God to show him the right way by renewing the right spirit in him. David pleaded with God to give him the Holy Spirit, and God gave it to him. David was the first person in the Bible to be born again of the Spirit of God. It was because of David's sins that the new-birth in Christ is available to everybody who comes to God and asks for it.

Subject: What Happens After You Get Saved?

God loves sinners, and He knows that they have been taken captive to be sinners against their will. God is the only one who can lead a sinner out of captivity. Sin is an independent agent of evil. Not only does sin hold humans captive, but it also holds the devil captive. Sin first entered the devil, and the devil transmitted sin to Adam. Sin is like a virus that looks for a person to be a carrier of it.

Christ is the immunity shot for sin. When Christ is in your life, sin cannot come in. Christ comes into your life by means of His gospel. The gospel is the word of God. When a person believes the word of God, the Holy Spirit will come to the person and seal the word of God into their minds, and sin will not have power to trespass the presence of the word of God.

When you are saved from sin, you are also saved from death. Your physical body will return to the dust if it dies before Jesus returns, but your mind, which has the word of God sealed in it, will enter into paradise, which is the third heaven, until Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection, and you will be given a new celestial body to live in heaven forever.



CHAPTER 5

THE NEW BIRTH IN CHRIST

Subject: Be Sure You Are Certified To Get Into The Kingdom Of Heaven (Galatians 1:11):

You are blessed if God has spared you to live to see another new year with a mind that can make the choice to accept Jesus Christ and be saved. There are many who have had loved ones and friends who were with them this time last year, but have passed on. Be not deceived by funeral services that you have heard preached for those who passed that have approved of them going to heaven. Only Jesus Christ can get you into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is the only way.

The certification that Jesus gives to get a person into the kingdom is the new birth. This certification must be given while the person is living in this present world. The new birth in Christ gives you a life and way of living that will be an acceptable life of accountability to God to be judged. Our deeds in this present world must meet the requirements for certification to enter the kingdom of heaven.

The day of reckoning for every living soul on the earth is now approaching; and we must be born again to be ready for eternity. The word of God that gives us warning is not for the purpose of frightening us, but is for the purpose of not allowing us to be deceived by false hope that many preachers seem to impress us with when we hear funerals preached. Many preachers fail to illustrate the requirements for entering the kingdom of heaven by hiding the flaws of an unqualified person and placing emphasis on the good that a person would enjoy after they leave this life.

If you are listening to a preacher who will show you the true qualifications for entering heaven, you are blessed. Such a preacher will continuously remind you of the importance of being born again while there is still time to make adjustments in your life. You should thank God for such a preacher; because he would be God sent. You are not helped by a preacher who pictures the beauty of heaven in his sermons, and he does not show you that a misshapen soul of sin within you could never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The truth is that a day of sudden destruction is coming upon the souls of those who are still living in sin, and they shall not escape. Now your pastor can use these verses of scripture to enlighten you in I Thessalonians 5:4-6:

Verse 4 - But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Verse 5 - Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

Verse 6 - Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night to catch those who are not saved by surprise. Listen to verses 2-3:

Verse 2 - For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

Verse 3 - For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

Subject: Would You Like To Have A New Life In Righteousness?

Now just because you were born in sin does not mean that you have to continue to live in sin. There is a vacancy in the Spirit of righteousness for anybody who desires to leave a life of sin, and occupy a life of righteousness. The price for such an entry into a life of righteousness has been paid on a place called Calvary. Calvary has taken the bill for everybody who wants to make this move. The offer is that though you were born in sin, there is a new birth whereas you can be relieved from the miseries and penalty of your first birth of sin.

The proposition is that you can enter into a spiritual state of living above sin with strength and power to never have to live in sin again. The Holy Spirit is on stand-by waiting to touch the lives of those who would like to make this transition. Such people will no longer have to suffer from the miseries of the misshapen creature that their first birth presented them to the world as. This new birth will give you a new life in Christ whereas you will be liberated from the sorrows of the old life.

Subject: How Do I Receive The New-Birth In Christ:

You do not receive the new-birth in Christ by praying, crying, speaking in unknown tongues, shouting or falling out on the floor in some church. You get the new-birth by repenting of everything that you know is a sin. You must be willing to lay aside every sin that would easily beset you, or cause you to continue in sin.

When you want God to save you, you must allow the knowledge of the word of God to reason with you about some sins that are difficult to repent of. Listen to Isaiah 1:18:

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

God is saying if you are sincere about your repentance that He will help with your sins by first showing you how unprofitable sin is. God will show you all the problems that you had in life because of your sins, and if you turn from your sins how much better your life will be.

Subject: Watch For A False Inspiration:

You can very clearly see that you are saved, when you are living above the sinful things that you lived in before you professed to be a follower of Christ. Your own personal discretion is your best witness to your salvation; you know yourself better than anybody. If you are no different from what you were before you professed to be saved, then you can clearly see the truth about yourself. There is no spiritual advantage in being the same old sinner going to church in new clothes.

Don't let a church membership be the only evidence of your salvation. If there is no change in your private life, then your church membership is not worth anything. If you are inspired by being a preacher, deacon, trustee, or choir member in the church, such inspiration can be a false impression of salvation unless you are saved from the practice of sin in your private life.

Subject: How Do I Get The New Birth? (St. Matthew 3:8):

You don't receive the new birth by going to church to pray, preach, testify or singing. You get the new birth by bringing forth fruit that is acceptable to God for repentance. This means you must repent of every sin that you know that you are committing.

When John came as a forerunner of Jesus Christ, he cried repent and when many came to John's baptismal service at the River of Jordan to be baptized, John also responded to the people consisting of Pharisees and Sadducees as follows in St. Matthew 3:7-8:

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

Verse 8 - Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.

John taught there cometh one after him who is mightier than he was who would baptize them with the Holy Ghost and fire. This is why John admonished them that their repentance had to be worthwhile, and that they should repent of every knowledgeable sin.

Subject: The Second Birth:

If you experience the second birth, you will not experience the second death. The second birth is a spiritual birth that will save you from the eternal torment of the second death. When you experience the second birth, you will also be in the first resurrection. The second birth is a birth of righteousness that Jesus is offering. It is a birth of the Holy Spirit. This means that you are born of God. Your first birth gave you a life of sin; but the second birth will give you a life of righteousness.

You are born again when you accept the invitation of Jesus to obey His gospel. When you obey the teachings of Jesus, you are yielding yourself to be a servant of righteousness unto eternal life with Jesus. When you were yielding

yourself to be a servant of sin, you were yielding yourself to experience the second death.

The second birth gives you power to yield yourself to be a servant of righteousness on a continuous basis (Romans 6:16-23). When you obey from the heart the gospel of Jesus Christ, you will receive eternal life. Obeying the gospel is a confirmation that you have experienced the second birth.

Subject: You Must Cast Out Your Old Religious Teaching To Receive The New Gospel Of Jesus Christ:

If you want to be saved, you should come to God with an open mind. You should cast all previous religious teachings out of your mind, and come to God with an open mind to receive an understanding from the word of God to receive help by the Holy Spirit. If your mind has been influenced by some previous religious teaching that did not save you, the Holy Spirit will not come into your mind.

The Holy Spirit will not fellowship with and adulterate the knowledge of the word of God with a religious teaching that you want to retain. God will not attach a new garment to an old garment, nor will He put new wine in an old bottle. Listen to St. Luke 5:36 and 37:

Verse 36 - *And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.*

Your old religious teaching will not agree with the new teaching that the Holy Spirit will offer.

Verse 37 - *And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.*

Subject: The Process Of Being Born Again:

The word of God spearheads the new-birth into your mind followed by the Spirit of God, which completes the process. You must first hear the word of God, which will be deployed to your presence by the Holy Spirit of God. This will only be done by a Holy Ghost filled preacher. Such a preacher will be educated and commissioned by the Holy Ghost to carry out such a process for salvation.

It will be through the word of God that you will be born again by the Spirit of God. The word is the seed, and the Holy Spirit is the power that causes the word to create a new mind for the person who receives the word with a good mind. The Holy Spirit can evaluate the intent of the person's mind before it initiates this process.

It will find the person and direct the word of God by means of the God sent preacher to the location of the person. After the person hears the word of God, it will by the power of the Holy Spirit begin to do a miraculous work in the person's mind. The person would then be born again of an incorruptible seed by the word of God, receiving eternal life that will be continuous in the Kingdom of Heaven.

This process of being born will be permanent, and no forces in existence will be able to prevent nor annul this process. Such a person who experiences this process of being born again would have been given a permanent adoption process into the family of God by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God will then make a permanent residence in the person's life to be with them forever.

Subject: Your Spiritual Heart Is Your Mind:

Your heart is your mind. It is your soul or spiritual part of your existence. Your physical heart pumps blood, but your spiritual heart pumps thoughts and emotions. Your mind can give you peace or confusion. The state of mind that you have affects your entire life. When your mind has sinful thoughts, you will go wrong. If your mind is right, you will go right. Your heart or mind is what God saves. God gives you a new mind when He saves you, which will result to you having a new life.

The Holy Spirit will then come into your mind and set up a new program in your life that will get you into the kingdom of heaven. When the Holy Spirit does this, your heart will be right with God. Your heart will be cleansed by the blood of Jesus, made humble, holy and right in the sight of God.

When your mind is right with God it means that you have been born again experiencing the birth of a new mind. This was done by the Holy Spirit implanting the word of God in your mind. This process gives you a new birth of a righteous life. There will at such time be power in your life to reject all sinful temptations, and to follow the teachings of the word of God. A new mind makes you a new creature in Christ.

Subject: The Spiritual Birth:

God has planned two resurrections. The first resurrection will be for those who are born again, and the second resurrection will be for those who did not get saved. The righteous and the unsaved will not rise together to meet Jesus. The righteous have to tolerate the unsaved while they live in this present world, but when the first resurrection takes place, the saved people will be separated permanently from the unsaved.

The first resurrection will be a glorious and joyful day for born again believers, but it will be a sad day for those who did not get saved. You must receive the second birth to be in the first resurrection. The second birth is a sin-free birth. It presents you to the world with a spiritual life conceived with a nature that does not desire to commit sin, whereas your first birth presented you to the world with the nature and desires to be a sinner. The second birth is the birth that Jesus taught Nicodemus about, which is not a birth of the flesh, but a birth of the Spirit.

Spiritual things are more powerful than physical things, and are able to control physical functions causing the physical functions to be righteous. When a spiritual birth is given to a person, it is given so that the person will be able to live a spiritual, holy or righteous life. Such a birth is the qualification to get into the kingdom of heaven, because heaven is a holy habitation that only those who are born of the Spirit will be able to enter.

Subject: Put On The New Man Or Woman:

The people of the world are different in many aspects of their lives until they are filled with the Holy Spirit. When people are filled with the Holy Spirit, they will acquire a holy character, which will be a common character description. They

will all take on the fruits of the Holy Spirit, which are as follows in Galatians 5:22-23:

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

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

Under these conditions, they will walk in the Spirit or live according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

When you live in the Spirit, you will become a product of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings Christ into your life giving you power to live according to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Christ will then be living in you by the power of the Spirit. Your old life that was a life of sin will be dead.

When the Holy Spirit comes in, it crucifies your old life of sin, installing a new life of righteousness. Though your old life is dead, you will still be living in a physical flesh and blood body while on the earth. However, your flesh and blood body will be mortified, or controlled by the Holy Spirit. Your same flesh and blood body will be under the authority of the Holy Spirit receiving orders that will direct you to live a sin-free life. You will then be able to discipline your body members to be restricted within the bounds of the righteousness of God. Listen to Colossians 3:3, 5 and 6-10:

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

Verse 5 - Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Verse 6 - For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Verse 7 - In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them,

Verse 8 - But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Verse 9 - Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Verse 10 - And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.

Subject: A New Heart:

You must have experienced a change of heart to be saved. Your heart is your mind or soul. Your heart is the permanent part of your existence that will never die. It is permanent; your heart is the real you. Many of your physical actions can be short-term, but your heart is designed by God to live in time and in eternity. Your body of flesh and blood will only be around for a while, but your heart is looking for a permanent place to dwell in after your body dies.

If your heart is not right with God before your body dies, this means your heart will go into eternity separated from God. It will go to hell to be tormented forever, placed in a new body made for such. When God saves you, He gives you a new heart along with the Holy Spirit so that your heart will be right when your body dies. Listen to the prophet Ezekiel who prophesied that God would do this for those who are willing to obey Him, Ezekiel 36:25-27:

Verse 25 - Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Verse 26 - A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Verse 27 - And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

The witness to your heart being right with God is that your body will perform righteous deeds that are sin-free.

Subject: More About The New Birth:

Sin is a demarcation line between man and God. When you commit sin, you have trespassed and violated the holiness of God. God set in the Garden of Eden a tree which was no different from any other tree, but it served as a boundary of trespass against the holiness of God. Obedience to God keeps you within the bounds of acceptance of God. Man cannot control sin; therefore, God gives him warning on how to avoid sin. The only means of escaping the wages of sin is to be born again.

Adam was the first man who brought all men under the curse of sin. The same Adam who disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden is you and I until we are born again. When we are born again, the old Adam dies and the second Adam who is Jesus Christ will become alive in our lives. The word Adam means man. The first man brought us death, but the second man who was Jesus brought us life. God only acknowledges two men, the first Adam and Jesus Christ. Jesus gives us the new birth, which replaces the spirit of the first birth that we received from Adam.

The new birth that Jesus offers is a spiritual birth. It is not the birth of a new body, but a new mind. The mind is changed by the word of God. The word of God is an incorruptible seed that has power to give an incorruptible life to things that are corruptible. Listen to I Peter 1:23:

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

You can receive this birth of a new mind by hearing and believing the word of God. The word of God is given by the Spirit of God, which moves the word of God into the mind that believes the word. The Spirit of God causes the word of God to give new spiritual life to the person who believes the word. You would then have experienced the new-birth in Christ conceived by the Spirit of God, which plants the word of God in your mind. You will then think differently from the way you previously thought. You will notice that your new mind has brought new desires to your way of thinking that are sin-free desires.

Subject: Righteousness Makes You Equal In The Family Of God:

No social, cultural, or spiritual qualities can be above righteousness. Righteousness is holiness. When you are righteous, others can only be equal with you and not above you. They must be righteous as you are righteous to be equal with you. God invites everybody to be equal with Him in righteousness.

If your life is above sin, clean, and pure, you have power with God just as Jesus had when He was on the earth. When you are born again, you become righteous as Christ is righteous. Listen to I John 2:29:

Verse 29 - If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that everyone that doeth righteousness is born of him.

Righteousness makes you equal in the family of God. It is your obedience to God that makes you righteous.

To acquire the righteousness of God, you must be filled with the Spirit of God, which is given when you receive what His word teaches. When you acquire the righteousness of God, you don't have to worry about anything. God will take care of those who have His righteousness.

Subject: Is Your Name In The Book Of Life?

It is difficult to convince large groups of people that they have sinned against God. Moses tried to get God to forgive a crowd of people who had sinned against God, but he was unsuccessful. Moses knew that the people deserved what God had threatened to do, but he tried to implore God to have mercy on them, and to let them have another chance.

So, Moses put himself in condemnation for the people who had sinned against God, much like Jesus would do later. Moses knew that his righteous life had value in God's sight that was sufficient for the whole nation of sinners to receive mercy from God. So Moses said to God, "If you will forgive their sins, and let them go unpunished, then they will know that you are full of mercy and grace, but if not, you can just punish me with them, for I will be better off dead, than to be a leader who has failed the people".

God keeps a record of those who walk uprightly, and their record is in the book of life. When a person sins and God gets ready to punish the person for his or her sins, He blots their name out of the book of life. This is because everybody was born with his or her name in the book of life. Sin is not charged to those who are born innocent until they are old enough to know right from wrong; this is at the approximate age of seven years old. After that the individual's name is blotted out of the book of life, they will face the first and second death.

Moses was fully acquainted with God's disposition toward sinners, and he knew that the children of Israel were worthy of death. However, he believed the enemies of God had boasted against Israel, and to avoid the ridicule of their enemies, that God would give them the land of Canaan and forgive their sins, but the Lord answered Moses' request and said, you don't have to tell me whose name to blot out Moses, I know what I am doing. Whosoever commits sin will I blot out. You haven't sinned, so I won't blot your name out, but for your sake I will allow you to see that my way is right.

So God instructed Moses to continue to lead the children of Israel, but God said that they would never get to the Promised Land because of their rebellious attitudes against God and Moses. Rebellious people can't be helped by man nor God. Nevertheless, they have the privilege to turn from their sins and be obedient and God will deliver them. So God answered Moses and said, you don't have to tell me whose name to blot out. You have not sinned so I won't blot your name out. Today your name is placed in the book of life after you have been born again, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

It is important that your name is written in the book of life, and that it remains there, because only those who are written in the book of life will go to heaven. The Promised Land that God had promised the children of Israel was a symbol of all who would go to heaven if their names were in the book of life. Just as God promised the children of Israel the Promised Land for obedience, He also promises us today life in the kingdom of heaven for our obedience.

Moses did not realize what he was asking when he requested that his name be blotted out from the book of life, but God knew. Therefore, God refused to honor Moses' request when no sins had been charged against Moses. Such a request to be a sacrifice for the sins of the people would be in Jesus Christ.

Subject: Life More Abundantly:

Life is a gift from God. Life is a gift from God that brought us into existence. When you are alive with a sound mind, you are blessed because you

have a chance to repent of your sins. If your repentance is sincere, God will add life more abundantly, which is eternal life to your temporary life. Jesus was sent to the earth to offer life more abundantly. Listen to St. John 10:10:

Verse 10 - *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

There is no better state of existence that you can acquire that is better than life offered by God. Life more abundantly will start while you are living in this present world, and it will be perpetuated onto eternity after your life on earth in this physical body ends.

If you have been born again, eternal life has already started for you. The expiration of your physical body cannot prevent you from receiving eternal life. Death cannot prevent those who are given eternal life, because life in Christ is more powerful than death. When Jesus defeated death, He was given power to give everybody who received His gospel life above the power of death. When you are delivered from a life of sin, you are also given power by the Holy Spirit to live above sin and death. When sin is not a part of life neither is death a deterrent to your destiny. Listen to Romans 6:22-23:

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

When you are made free from sin, you are eligible for the gift of God, which is everlasting life.

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

Subject: Has The Church Lost Its Power?

Those who are born again should have the Spirit to lift others up to the life of holiness that they are living. The Holy Spirit causes those who are filled with it

not to be selfish, but to desire to lead others to salvation. If those who think that they are saved don't have a mind to lift the sinner from a life of sin, they could very well have the spirit of error.

Born again believers would have a strong zeal to lift the fallen up to a spiritual level of safety, so that they can enjoy the same atmosphere of holiness being delivered from eternal torment, and placed on a rock of salvation to walk, talk, and fellowship with those who are already saved. The attitude of a truly saved person is a witness to the truth of their salvation. Listen to I John 1:7:

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

A witness of the truth of our salvation is a desire to have fellowship one with another. When we fail to show love for our brothers or sisters, it means that we are yet in darkness. Listen to I John 2:9-10:

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

Verse 10 - He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

Subject: We Are Not Content In Our Earthly Bodies Nor Our Earthly Homes:

If you are born again, you are waiting for a better home. This will be a home that is eternal in the heavens, not made with hands or material from the earth (II Corinthians 5:1). This hope is a reality for those who love and know the Lord. We understand that these earthly houses shall be dissolved in the fullness of time because their construction is temporary, and the materials used cannot last long. Therefore, we are waiting for another home to live in, which Christ has gone to prepare for us.

Our new homes will be mansions in heaven and will last throughout eternity. With this knowledge, we are not complacent, nor content with this earthly tabernacle. It pleases God that we are concerned to the extent that we remain restless in this body until we are delivered. God has promised to give us a new

body and a new home to live in (St. John 14:1-3) (II Corinthians 5:1). In II Corinthians 5:1, it teaches us about a new body that God is going to give us; and in St. John 14:1-3, it teaches us about a new mansion that Jesus is preparing for us to live in. Listen to II Corinthians 5:1-2:

Verse 1 - For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Verse 2 - For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven.

God also promises us a new mansion to live in. St. John 14:1-4:

Verse 1 - *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*

Verse 2 - *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

Verse 3 - *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

Verse 4 - *And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.*

Though we may be restless living under our present conditions in our material homes and physical bodies, we are nevertheless waiting for the promises of our eternal homes and new bodies in heaven.

Subject: A Spiritual Mind:

For those who are going to be saved, God through Christ has planned that we might be born again receiving a new mind. This will not be a mind that desires

to satisfy sinful pleasures of the flesh, but a mind conceived by the Spirit of God, which will be a spiritual mind. A spiritual mind produces godly thoughts and desires to obey God.

With a spiritual mind you will be able to approach the throne of grace to ask for help and blessings from God at a time of need. You must first desire a spiritual mind before approaching the throne of grace. Grace is extended to honor your desire to please God. When this is what you want, God will give you grace and answer your prayers.

Subject: Beulah Land:

After you have found Jesus, He will give you the new-birth to retain your membership in the body of Christ. You would then have entered “Beulah Land”, which means you are married to Christ. Your life will then begin to experience peace, joy and happiness. You are now filled with the Holy Spirit, which will occasionally give you spiritual blessings from heaven. This will be showers of blessings, which will cause you to praise God for His goodness and love that He has bestowed upon you. You are now a certified child of God waiting for the return of Jesus Christ. As you live on a daily basis, you will not be afraid of anything because God will be with you. Death will be no threat to you because the Spirit of God would have lifted your confidence in Christ above the terror of death. You will now be able to walk in the Spirit.



CHAPTER 6

THE WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Subject: A True Conversion Will Be Honored By A Filling Of The Holy Spirit:

When you repent of your sins, God does not remember what you did when you were a sinner. The day that you repent, God classifies you as being a righteous person. You must repent with the mind to go and sin no more, otherwise, God will not recognize your repentance. If you desire to separate from the social life of other sinners, God will recognize your conversion and give you the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will stabilize you in righteousness. It will be a mistake to remain under the influence of the unsaved world before you receive the Holy Spirit. You will have no strength to refrain from sinning when you are under the social influence of other sinners.

When you are converted, you must be taught the way of righteousness by other saved people, and quickly pray to God for a filling of the Holy Spirit. To be converted is to be convinced that the gospel leads to salvation and sin leads to eternal death. When you are convinced and accept your conviction, then you are converted. Next will come the Holy Spirit, and you would be born again. The Holy Spirit gives you the new-birth. The Holy Spirit will conceive the word of God in your mind, just as it conceived the word of God in Mary the mother of Jesus. Jesus is the word of God. Under these conditions, your life and deeds will be like Christ's. Now be careful; you want to stay close to those who are truly born of God and filled with the Holy Spirit. Otherwise, you will find that though you have been converted, you will go back to a life of sin.

Now all of this is predicated upon the fact that you are attending a Holy Ghost influenced church. The Holy Ghost must be the administrator of your assembly, using a Holy Ghost sent pastor. If the Holy Ghost is converting your life, and the church that you are in is not under the leadership and administration of the Holy Ghost, it will lead you to separate from such a church. The influence of a church can only help you to be saved when it is under the influence of the Holy Ghost. When the Holy Ghost is the administrator of a church, the pastor and church officers will be sin-free. The primary teachings of the church will be to live free from sin. There should be no adulterers, fornicators, liars, liquor drinkers, cigarette smokers, homosexuals, malicious persons, envious persons, or idolaters that are a part of the leadership of the church.

Those who say that they are born again should manifest the fruits of the Holy Spirit in their lives, which are love, peace, joy, faith, patience, meekness, longsuffering, goodness, and temperance. These qualities should be manifested in the spirit of the pastor and church officers. If these qualities are not in the lives of the pastor and administrators of the church, you are not in a Holy Ghost

administered church assembly. Under such conditions, nobody in the church will be saved, and you should leave the church.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Is Seeking People To Worship God In Spirit And In Truth:

The Holy Ghost is the only thing that can keep you saved from sin. It is an anti-sin power that is greater than the forces of evil. The Holy Ghost patrols the earth looking for those who desire to be saved from sin. It is the only source of power that can help you to hold on to righteousness. The Holy Ghost is primarily against three categories of evil in the world, which are the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. When folk of the world follow after such lusts, they are enemies of the Holy Ghost. Such lusts will lead you away from righteousness, causing you not to receive a filling of the Holy Ghost, though you may be actively involved in a church.

The lust of the world will separate you from God and diminish your energy to live right. Many Christians who follow such lust will justify sinful pleasures as being acceptable along with salvation in Jesus Christ. You can be in the world, but you don't have to be of the world. You can work and do business with sinners, but you don't have to participate in sinful pleasures.

After you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you will have no more use for pleasures of the world. You will have such power over pleasures of the world that they will lose all of their attraction and become repulsive to you. Under these conditions, the Holy Ghost will be at complete control of your life, and you should praise and thank God. The Holy Ghost will continue to be your teacher, counselor, and guide through life for the remaining of your life on earth.

Subject: True Happiness:

Everybody is seeking some kind of happiness. Many people are willing to do most anything to be happy. Happiness that the world has to offer is not true happiness, because it doesn't last very long. The world offers happiness that pleases the flesh, or sinful desires. Happiness that pleases the flesh results to disappointments.

Only the Holy Spirit can give you true happiness. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it introduces you to true happiness while you are living in this present world, and it will continue throughout eternity. The Holy Spirit has infinite power to make you happy. The happiness that the Holy Spirit gives you is free from sinful pleasures. The Holy Spirit will first take out of your life everything that has made you unhappy, and then it becomes a permanent abode in your life. You will then become a part of God, because the Holy Spirit is the third part of God.

The Holy Spirit will then establish a new life in you. It will instruct and direct this new life into the holiness of God according to the teachings of Jesus Christ, which will make you happy. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is a wonderful blessing. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, your life will follow the same way that Jesus demonstrated. Jesus' life in the flesh and blood body started on the earth and it eventually took Him to the kingdom of heaven. This is the same course that a person's life will go after they are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Where Did The Holy Spirit Come From And What Does It Do?

The Holy Spirit comes from God. It is the greatest power in the universe. It is Holy, which means it works according to the righteousness of God. It operates according to the gospel that Jesus taught. If you want to know if you have the Holy Spirit, examine your life to see if you are living according to the gospel that Jesus taught.

The Holy Spirit is a teacher that never teaches about itself; it only teaches what Jesus taught. The Holy Spirit has perfect knowledge of the human nature, and has been commissioned by God to give humans who believe the gospel that Jesus taught the new-birth. It has the ability to convert the sinful, carnal nature of humans into the divine, or holy nature of God.

This is done by a process of regeneration. This means that the Holy Spirit takes you out of the nature, desires, and human make-up that you inherited from the generation that you were born in of your parents, and places you into a holy generation. It replaces your nature and desires that you inherited from your parents, and gives you the divine nature of God. This is a washing of regeneration, and a renewed work of the Holy Spirit that God sent to the earth after Jesus left.

When this process of regeneration has been completed in your life, you are then born again.

Subject: A Holy Union With God:

The Holy Spirit gives you the power to enter into the righteousness of God. The righteousness of God is the holiness of God. Once you enter into the righteousness of God, nothing can separate you from the love of God. God will then live in you forever. This fellowship and union between you and God must start while you are living in this present world.

This union with God means that you are born again. You will be then counted worthy of the inheritance of the saints, and you will be ready to meet Jesus upon His return. You are now a true worshipper of God, and a follower of Christ living in full obedience to the teaching of the gospel. In your day of adversity and trouble, you can fall on your knees and pray, and God will hear your prayer and respond. You can then tell God what your condition is and ask for deliverance.

Subject: God Keeps His Word To Every Generation:

The word of God is presented to us as it is written in the scriptures, and not as it would be in agreeance for modern day society. The God sent preacher will preach under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and he will not be influenced by what he thinks the listeners will accept. What the Spirit of God taught 2,000 years ago, it teaches the same principles today. Pure religion is undefiled, unspotted, and is not subject to change to be accepted by people.

The Holy Spirit will help you to make adjustments to what the word of God teaches by means of an anointing. The anointing is a preparation process that makes your mind compatible with what the word of God teaches. God is not a man that he would change His opinion to be acceptable to the mass majority. God keeps His word to every generation. God tells you that if you have a mind to obey His word, the anointing will help you and you will be saved.

Subject: The Spirit Of God Must Reconcile You To God:

There are some people today who claim that they have talked directly to God. You have to qualify to talk directly to God. A conversation, or message from a person does not go directly to God. It must be carried to God by an intercessor; the intercessor is the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit can take messages to God. The Holy Spirit carries messages to God from those who are filled with the Holy Spirit.

In order to get a message to God, the Holy Spirit must teach you to live a holy life. This means you must be led by the Spirit and living a righteous life on a daily basis. God does not accept prayer requests nor will He hear prayers of a person who is not filled with 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.

The Spirit of God intercedes for the saved person according to what it knows God will hear and respond to. The Spirit of God will not present a prayer request to God that it knows God will not answer or grant. When you are born again, you will walk in the Spirit. This means the Spirit of God has constructed a new life pattern or way of living for you.

The Spirit will then be your guide, counselor, and teacher establishing a relationship between you and God. It will make prayer requests for you according to your needs. The Spirit will establish a reconciliation between you and God, giving you access to the powers of heaven, making your life on earth acceptable to God. You will then be able to communicate with God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Walk In The Spirit Of God:

The secrets in your mind are hid from everybody except God. If you love the Lord, He knows it, though you may not tell it to everybody else that you meet.

When God dwells in your mind, you will live according to what His word teaches. You will think about the goodness of God everyday of your life. You will sing songs of praises along with good deeds to express the love of God that is in your mind.

Those who know you will see the love of God in your life by the things that you do. Your life will manifest actions of love that will far exceed words that express love. Whenever you use words of love, such words will be supported by your actions. Folk who are pure in heart and sincere will love you. They will think that they love you but in actuality they will be loving God in you. They will not be able to differentiate your love from God's love, because your love will be one with God. Under these conditions, you will be walking in the Spirit of God everyday of your life.

Subject: The Spirit Gives You Life:

When your mind is in the presence of God, earth will have no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. The Holy Spirit causes your mind to be in the presence of God. The Holy Spirit keeps your mind in a heavenly place in Christ Jesus. When the Holy Spirit is keeping your mind, it sets up a blockade against sinful pleasures, preventing them from entering your mind. The Holy Spirit will keep your mind on the Lord in perfect peace.

The Holy Spirit will establish a fellowship between you and God that will make you a living epistle so that your life will show that the word of God is written in your heart. Everybody who sees you will be able to read the word of God by the way you live. Your life will be an epistle of commendation. You will be an epistle of Jesus Christ written with the Spirit of the living God.



CHAPTER 7

***SALVATION:
GENERAL TOPICS***

Subject: God's Offer:

God wants to reason with you about your life of sin. Listen to Isaiah 1:18:

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

Now notice that God did not say come let us go to church together to shout, sing and pray, but He said come let us reason together. God is making an offer to you to show you what He can do about the sins in your life. God is offering to show you how unprofitable sin is, and how much better your life will be when you are free from sin.

Sin has broken homes, destroyed families, caused children to be born out of wedlock, caused wars, and destroyed nations. Sin has been a terror to mankind, and God is saying come, let us reason together, and that He has a solution for your sins. There are great religious revivals being conducted throughout this nation, and folk are still having the same problems with sin.

There is only one solution for sin and John the Baptist brought the solution, which is to "repent". You don't solve the problems of sin by going to great revivals enjoying the excitement of entertainment. There is no profit in going to church on Sunday, and going forth on Monday participating in the same evil activities that a life of sin offers. God will not acknowledge such religious revivals. God is offering a solution in Isaiah 1:19-20:

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

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

Subject: The Light Of The Gospel:

Darkness means ignorance. It means to be uninformed. It means to be religiously out of reach of the knowledge of salvation. Knowledge of salvation comes from God. When a person is in spiritual darkness, they are not in touch with

God. It does not matter how many degrees a person may have from universities, when they are in spiritual darkness, they are not acquainted with God's word.

The knowledge of the word of God cannot be acquired by natural intelligence and education from universities; such knowledge must be given by revelations from God. It is the Spirit of God that gives revelations of God's word. Understanding of God's word is a mystery. Such knowledge is hidden from the natural minds of humans, and is revealed to those who are born again.

The gospel was preached to natural minds giving them understanding to repent of their sins. If the natural mind repents with a sincere heart, afterwards the Holy Spirit will gradually make known the mysteries of the gospel to help the person with their repentance. When we believe the word along with turning from a life of sin, the word of God will then come into our minds with the power of the Holy Spirit to lift us out of darkness, and give us light or understanding of what is required to be saved.

Subject: The Importance Of Spiritual Eyes:

You have spiritual eyes as well as physical eyes. Spiritual eyes are the eyes of your understanding. Spiritual eyes help you to perceive rather than to identify physical objects. When you have spiritual sight, your understanding gives you the ability to evaluate situations that you are confronted with

When a person has good spiritual sight concerning adultery, they will be able to understand that adultery can destroy their marriage and cause many problems in life. They will be able to see the attractiveness of the opposite sex with their physical eyes, but they will also be able to perceive the damage that adultery can do to their life with their spiritual eyes. The word of God helps to awaken and to improve your spiritual sight while eyeglasses will help to improve your physical sight. Without knowledge from the word of God, your spiritual sight will be very dull.

It is very important to have the Holy Spirit to help to improve your spiritual sight when you are reading the word of God. When the Holy Spirit helps you to read the word of God with your spiritual eyes, God gives power to the spiritual eye to understand what the word of God means.

When a person first starts out to be saved, they won't have good spiritual eyes; they will be spiritually blind to an extent, and will need someone with good, spiritual eyes to lead them. However, if they believe and obey what the experienced person is teaching, they can eventually develop good spiritual eyes.

Until they acquire effective spiritual sight, they can follow the teachings of the word of God by faith without good spiritual sight.

Subject: Follow The Lord:

If you learn what pleases God, and hold on to what you learn, you will be walking in a path that shines brighter and brighter until it leads you to heaven. When you obey what you have learned about God, He won't be out of your reach. God will then share His wisdom and knowledge and give you guidance that will guide you in a path of righteousness until the day of the Lord's return. You will not fail if you trust and obey God's guidance. There will be no substitute in life that can be as effective as God's guidance.

There may be many people who think that they can be successful without God. Success that the world offers is limited when God is not a part of it. The Spirit of God can give you continuous motivation and stimulate your life beyond your expectations if you obey God's word and follow His leadership.

Subject: God's Plan Exceeds The Plans Of The World:

God had a back-up plan when Adam fell. God had made arrangements for Jesus to redeem those that Adam caused to be born under the penalty of his transgression. God planned that those who were not yet born could have the privilege to be holy and without blame before Him, because the penalty that Adam passed down to us was not our fault. God will give the Holy Spirit to those who desire to accept the plan to be saved. The Holy Spirit is power to stay in the plan. It will be better for those who learn about the plan of God to accept it with the intent to stay in it, because the plans that the world has to offer have been unsuccessful.

God planned before the foundation of the world, after seeing all the problems that the plans of the world would have. God was able to establish a plan above the weaknesses of worldly plans so that we could be holy in spite of the problems of the world. So God predestinated us unto the adoption of children, so that we might be brought into the family of God by Jesus Christ to Himself

according to the good pleasure of His will. This was done that we might praise God, and glorify God for His goodness.

Subject: Do We Live In An Accidental Creation?

There are many people who believe that humans came into existence by a process of evolution, and that God had nothing to do with it, because God does not exist. They believe that our present existence fell into order by accident. There are some who doubt that hell exists as a place for sinners to be punished.

I have seen the sun burning since I've been in the world, and I have seen no source of fuel to keep it burning. I have seen accidents resulting from poor discretion that have been corrected. I have seen my life improve a hundred-fold since I have corrected my life from sinful practices to obey the word of God.

Just as the word of God taught me about how God created the earth, moon, stars and the sun, it also taught me that if I corrected my life of sin that my life would get better. No accidents caused my life to improve, but belief and obedience to the word improved my life. This did not happen by accident, but by obedience to the word of God.

Subject: The Choice Is Yours:

Humans did not come into existence by some so-called process of evolution. Humans were created by God. God created the first man from the dust, and the physical bodies of all humans will return to the dust. The word of God teaches us about our origin, and it also gives knowledge of the choices we have to determine what our end will be.

After forming man from the dust of the earth, God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. We live physically by the breath that God gave us. Our physical life came from God, but God also wants to give us a spiritual life, which will be eternal life. A spiritual life is a holy life that will qualify us to live in heaven with God. Our first physical life was an earthly life that was not eternal, and it only qualified us to live a limited life on earth.

The spiritual life that God offers saves your soul. Your soul is a gift from God, which makes you able to think, feel, and act; it is your mind. When your soul

is saved, you are qualified to live forever in God's kingdom. In addition to saving your soul, God will give you another body. Your first body is going back to the dust, and your breath is going back to God, but your mind or soul is a gift from God. You must make the choice to obey God in order for your soul to be saved.

Subject: An Unrighteous Person Cannot Enter The Kingdom Of Heaven:

The truth will manifest righteousness. When you get the correct information on where you are going, you can there. A lie will make you think you are getting somewhere, but a lie will deceive, and mislead you. A lie is darkness and the truth is light. In order to get into the kingdom of heaven, you must be taught the truth about how to get there. An unrighteous person cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.

For an unrighteous person to believe that they can get into the kingdom is to believe a lie. Listen to I Corinthians 6:9:

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.

If a preacher tells you that you can go to heaven as an unrighteous person, he is telling a lie. You must become a righteous person while you live in this present world to enter the kingdom of heaven. You must learn to deny ungodliness and worldly lust while you live in this present world. Listen to Titus 2:11-14:

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

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

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

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

Subject: Be Careful Of Your Imagination:

You should be careful not to let your imagination be at variance against the word of God. When your imagination is the substance of your religion, it will lead you into a spirit of deceit. The devil causes the imagination of many people to be exalted against the power of God.

Your imagination will lead you to a dead end when it is playing a part in your religion. When your imagination leads you to a dead end, it will abandon you. The word of God gives you sound knowledge that will establish you in safety. Your understanding of your condition will be a secure reality both physically and spiritually.

Subject: The Wise Men And The Star In The East:

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, there were many who believed He was their promised Messiah. These believers were among the lower social class of Jews. There were also wise men who came from the east to Jerusalem looking for the new king. They had searched the Holy-writ and found that when the child who was to be the promised Messiah was born, a certain strange star had appeared as a sign. Being men of science, they had studied the elements, and knew all about many stars in heaven. Therefore, when this unusual star appeared in the location where the prophet had said it would, they came to the conclusion that this was His star. So, they set their hearts to go and find the young child to worship Him.

After following the star that led them to Jerusalem to King Herod, they inquired of him if he had heard any news concerning the birth of this child, who could possibly be a replacement for King Herod. Herod then became troubled and called for his counsellors and demanded of them where the child would be born. They said unto him in Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it was written by the prophet.

It was King Herod's plan to find the young child and kill him, because he did not intend to let any other king have his throne. Therefore, Herod told the wise men that he had not received news concerning the birth of the child, but that they should go and search diligently for Him, come back, and let him know that he might also come and worship the new king with them.

As the wise men left the king's palace, they noticed that this particular star began to move again, so they followed it. This time the star stopped directly over a stable. The wise men concluded that this must be the place where the young child will be. There in a stable lying in a manger with Joseph and Mary, they saw the baby that would be the Messiah, the Christ, and the Savior of the world. Therefore, the wise men humbled themselves, fell on their knees, worshipped and presented the Son of the Living God with precious gifts.

Subject: The Babe That Brought Us Deliverance:

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, King Herod was the ruler. King Herod was a deceiver. As the wise men considered returning to Herod to tell him about Jesus being born, God sent an angel to warn them not to return to Herod. The devil tried to use Herod to destroy Christ while He was a child. Today the devil distorts, adulterates, profanes and perverts the teachings of Jesus Christ before it can reach the minds of the people to save them.

The devil keeps the gospel of Jesus Christ from coming into the minds of the people by filling their minds with false religious teachings. Christ is the answer to every question, and the solution to every problem. Christ is the only hope for deliverance from the terrors of this world.

An unusual thing was done in Bethlehem of Judea! A Baby was born wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. The Baby was a miraculous work of God sent to be superior to all the forces of evil that had plagued the world. The Baby was God Himself in the second part of His Trinity. God had come to be with us and help us to be delivered from a life of sin that brought us death. God presented Himself to us to be saved by a very simple procedure and that was to believe what He was teaching us.

God's word was so powerful that when we believe it, power would be manifested in our lives that was greater than the power that made us sin. It would be by the power in God's word that would carry us into eternity to live in a heavenly place forever. Those privileges were made available to us by means of a Baby that was born in Bethlehem.

Subject: He Came Not To Condemn But To Save:

As a minister of the gospel, it is my desire that those who read my literature will acquire an understanding of God's word so that they will be able to live in the light of the gospel. To live in the light of the gospel is to live free from sin. Sin is darkness that will lead you to an uncertain destiny. The gospel of Jesus Christ is light that will lead to eternal safety.

If you walk in the light as Christ is in the light, you will fellowship with Him, and the blood of Jesus that was shed on Calvary will cleanse you from all sin. The blood of Jesus Christ that was shed for you and me was the life given by Jesus for the world to be saved. Jesus gave His life that you and I by the power of the Holy Spirit might be saved from sin.

Jesus' sacrifice was a sin removing sacrifice. It has power to eradicate all the sins in the world if people would believe His gospel by obeying it. Jesus was the word of God that was wrapped up in a human body and sent down to the earth to dwell among the people. He came not to condemn, but to enlighten. He came not to destroy, but to save. God's plan for saving us was in the knowledge that Jesus taught. Knowledge from God is light that will show us the way to safety and salvation.

Subject: Jesus Is A Minister Of Righteousness:

If you want to know if Jesus is in your life, observe your way of living to see if you are living righteously, because Jesus is a minister of righteousness. If you have sin in your life, it means that Jesus is not in your life, because Jesus is not a minister of unrighteousness. Listen to I John 5:17:

Verse 17 - All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

When Jesus saves you, He cleanses you from all unrighteousness (I John 1:9).

God is not willing to allow heaven to be filled with sinners and hypocrites, this is why He will not give advanced notice of the day that Jesus will return to the earth. If God would give advance notice of Jesus' return, we would have more hypocrites going to church than those who are truly saved. Everybody would probably like to go to heaven, but everybody is not fit to go. Have you ever heard a preacher preach a funeral about someone who didn't go to heaven?

Just as some preachers preach false sermons about who went to heaven, so do church folk live false, hypocritical lives. Going to heaven is serious business; it is not like taking a vacation to a summer resort. A preacher can give false impressions of who went to heaven, but such false impressions won't get anybody into heaven. You have to be born again to get into the kingdom of heaven, and when you are born again, you don't commit sin. Listen to I John 3:9:

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

You have to be sin-free to get into the kingdom of heaven. Listen to Romans 6:20-23:

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

Verse 21 - What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

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

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

Subject: God's Will Is Being Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven:

God established a program after He created the heavens and the earth, because He knew before time what Satan and Adam would do. The program was for the salvation of all who were affected by the sins of Satan and Adam. God carefully planned salvation for man before the foundation of the world. For those who were born after the transgression of Adam and Satan, God would send from heaven one made after the flesh, but not after the nature of angels, because

transgression was initiated by an angel. Jesus took not on the nature of angels, but on the seed of Abraham, so that He might suffer, be tried and proven to be faithful to God's purpose for sending Him.

Jesus' purpose, which God established in Him was to show you and I that though we were born in sin, because of the fall of the first angel that transgressed, and had fallen from grace, that we could be reinstated and become a member of the family of heaven. In addition, we could bow our knees to God in thanksgiving, and say our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth just as it is in heaven. It was by means of Jesus' obedience, and sacrifice that those of us who are saved can be witnesses that the will of God can be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Subject: There Is Only Oneness In The Lord:

When God created the heavens and the earth, the angels who were referred to as morning stars sang together, and shouted for joy over the works of God. God created the angels as a unit that was the family of God. Everything that the angels did was done as a unit. The angels were one in the family of God. Today if the people of the earth are a part of the family of God, they should be one. To be one means to be following the same teaching of the gospel being led by one spirit, which is the Holy Spirit. Listen to I Corinthians 1:10:

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

God's plan for those who are saved on the earth is that the family on the earth be one as the family in heaven is one. God's family on the earth is made up of those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. They are called a holy people. Listen to Isaiah 62:12:

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

The family of God in heaven is known as holy angels, and the family of God on earth is known as holy people. Today if you are saved, you should bow down on your knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. If a people have not been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, they will not want to bear the name holy. The name holy is not a secular, denominational religious name. Holy is a spiritual name of identification that was given from God for those who have been born again.

If a person has not been born again, they will not want the name holy. When you are born again, you are born into the family of God, which is a spiritual birth. The birth of your parents was a physical birth, which entitled you to be identified by your father's family name. However, the birth that God gives is a spiritual birth that entitles you to be identified by God's family name, which is holy.

Subject: A Heavenly Place (Ephesians 1:3):

When you are born again, you are filled with the Holy Spirit and everywhere that you go the Spirit of God will be in your presence. Your life will then be in a heavenly place in Christ Jesus. It doesn't matter where you are, you will feel the presence of God. Sin may try to enter your presence, but it will not be successful. Those who are not born again into the family of God will not want to stay in your company for any considerable period of time.

The sinner cannot stay around the saint (Psalm 1:5). Just as Satan could not stay in heaven, neither can an unsaved person stay around saved people on earth. Saved people on the earth will receive spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. This means that they will receive showers of blessings from the Holy Spirit that will give them joy, and a pleasant atmosphere to worship and to live in.

When you are living in a heavenly place, God's Spirit is sufficient, His power is with His Spirit, and if you believe that He can keep you, He will do it. When the Holy Spirit gives you spiritual blessings, it carries your mind into a heavenly setting, and you will shout with joy. You will have continuous joy as long as your mind stays on God.

Subject: Shouts Of Joy:

When you are born again you can't be quiet on the Lord. The Spirit of God in you won't allow you to be quiet when you are born again. You cannot suppress the inward joy that the Holy Spirit has in you. The Spirit of God brings the presence of God around you, and when God is in your presence, you will let others know it. Holiness in the heart of a person rejoices the heart and the person's mouth won't be able to hold in what's in the heart. The mouth will then put out expressions of shouts and joy. When Jesus approached the Holy city where the multitudes were, the chief priest tried to make the people be quiet with the excuse that their shouts of praises desecrated the Holy City.

Shouts of holiness that are produced by the Holy Spirit are different from shouts at a ball game. Shouts of holiness to honor God are produced from heaven, but shouts of a ball game are produced from the earth. Shouts of holiness are acknowledged by God, but shouts of a ball game are acknowledged by the person who hit the home run. When a baseball player strikes out the people will be quiet, but when shouts of joy are coming from heaven, nothing can make the people be quiet.

Subject: Jesus Can Destroy The Works Of The Devil:

Jesus demonstrated the power of God to the world without using great armies or military forces. Jesus showed the world that love was the power above all the forces of evil that the devil had put into the world. Jesus was sent by God and He was equipped with nothing but love to destroy the works of the devil. If Jesus is in your life, the devil has nothing in you.

Jesus divided Satan's kingdom in the lives of all who received His gospel. Listen to St. Matthew 12:28:

Verse 28 - *But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.*

When Jesus saves you, He gives you the Spirit of God, which will cast the devil and his wicked works out of your life. The Spirit of God will establish you in righteousness, and the devil will not be able to come back into your mind. Listen to I John 3:8:

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

Subject: Jesus Loves His Friends:

You will not be able to find a friend on earth or in heaven like Jesus. Jesus is God. He is the second part of God who has more power to help you than you can imagine. If you have a mind to obey Jesus' gospel, He will find you and save you, and be your friend. Your best earthly friends and relatives can go with you to the grave, but Jesus can go with you into eternity, and not allow the grave to retain you. You don't have to pay Jesus anything to be your friend, because He paid the price to be your friend on Calvary.

Jesus had a friend in the Bible named Lazarus who died. When Lazarus' family and friends stood at his grave weeping in sorrow for the loss of their loved one, Jesus' love had power to go beyond Lazarus' grave. Jesus' love was so powerful that it got the attention of His Father in heaven. A response from heaven to Jesus' love caused a reaction on the earth, and the death that His friend Lazarus experienced had to step aside and release Lazarus. Jesus then called His friend Lazarus by his name, and death heard Jesus calling Lazarus and death had to let go of Jesus' friend, because Jesus' love for His friend was more powerful than death.

If you allow Jesus to be your friend, death nor hell will be able to interfere with your friendship with Jesus, because Jesus has unlimited power in His love and no forces of evil in the universe can disrupt Jesus' love for His friends.

Subject: The Correct Way To Salvation:

You cannot establish yourself in righteousness unless it is according to the way God has established. There may be many religious ways that seem righteous, but the end of such ways are death unless they are according to the righteousness of God. Any religious way that is contrary to the directions and instructions that are given by God are the ways of death.

The counsel of heaven was detailed and ordained for a significant purpose, which is lost or ineffectual unless it is observed, and followed according to directions. When it is properly followed, it will lead to salvation, and if it is ignored, it will lead to damnation. If you want to be sure that you are going the right way, you must follow a God-sent preacher carefully as he teaches the scriptures. There is only one way to follow God's plan for salvation and that is to follow it the way that it is given.

There are many false preachers who have come along to start a following to draw away the people from the truth. Therefore, they have started many religious ways designed to answer to the convenience of the people. When you are not fully informed and correctly taught the right way, you can very easily be deceived.

Subject: Obedience Is The Strait Way To Heaven:

The human family suffers death because of disobedience to God who is the giver of life. God is the only means by which humans can acquire eternal life. The proposition that God offers for eternal life is obedience to His command. For those who desire eternal life, it is essential that they learn the will of God. It is for this purpose that Jesus brought the gospel to the earth. It was so that the people of the earth could learn what God required for salvation.

It is not your church affiliation that brings salvation, but your obedience to God's word. God has fixed the plan of salvation so that your obedience to His word places you on the course to be saved. It is impossible to be saved if you disobey God's word, because disobedience to the instructions that the word of God gives takes you off the course to obtain salvation.

Obedience to the word of God leads you from earth to glory. Obedience is more than a song, poem, or testimony. It is an expression of your sincerity towards pleasing God. Obedience is an expression of your love for God. Obedience to God is a strait way into the kingdom of heaven. Listen to St. Matthew 7:13-14:

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

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

Subject: God Is Greater Than Your Heart:

If you are saved, you should have a conscience that does not condemn you. A new mind in Christ means that you will have peace with your conscience. If your conscience condemns the way you live, though you go to church you are not saved. God allows your conscience to be a witness to your salvation.

Your conscience can cause your mind to condemn you if you are not saved. When God saves you, you will know that you are of the truth because your heart assures your salvation. When God saves you He will come into your heart by means of His Spirit, and your heart or conscience cannot condemn God, because God is greater than your heart. Listen to I John 3:19-21:

Verse 19 - And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

Verse 20 - For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

Verse 21 - Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

Subject: The Commandment From God Can Save Us From A Corruptible Life:

If you are never taught righteousness, you will never know righteousness. You cannot learn righteousness with your own natural mind, no more than you could learn arithmetic without being taught by a teacher who already had knowledge of arithmetic. If a preacher is not taught by the Holy Spirit how to teach you to live right, you won't be able to know how to live right. Some knowledge in life is natural, but other things must be taught to you.

The knowledge of how to be saved does not come naturally; it is spiritual knowledge that must be taught by a spiritual source. The spiritual source must come from a God sent preacher. Natural things come from the earth just like the first man Adam, but spiritual things come from heaven. Adam's natural body came from the earth, but the commandment that God gave Adam was a spiritual

commandment that came from heaven.

Life from the earth comes with flesh and blood bodies, which is a limited life. Life from heaven is eternal that comes from the commandment of God. Life from the earth is corruptible life; but the commandment of God, which comes from heaven gives those who obey an incorruptible life. Had Adam obeyed the commandment of God, he would still be alive today. Listen to I Corinthians 15:45:

Verse 45 - And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

The last Adam is Jesus who will revive us from the death that the first Adam brought upon us by disobedience to the command of God. If we obey the commandments that Jesus taught, it will save us from the corruptible life that we received from Adam, and give us an incorruptible life to live in heaven. Listen to I Corinthians 15:52-54:

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

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

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

Subject: The Persuasion Of The Hypocrite:

All of the works of the Scribes and Pharisees were to condemn Jesus. They were educated by Satan to be hypocrites to oppose Jesus' teachings, and to eventually have Jesus crucified. The Scribes and Pharisees were able to persuade those who were blessed by Jesus to support Jesus' crucifixion.

It takes fools to receive blessings from God through the works of Jesus and afterward allow a hypocrite to persuade them not to continue to follow Jesus. It is easy for the devil to persuade people not to follow Jesus, because the devil was a fool himself when he rebelled against God. So then it is understandable how he could persuade the foolish people of the earth not to follow Christ, after Christ had been a blessing to them.

Subject: The Importance Of Prayer:

Prayer is a privilege granted to the people of the earth inclusive with what the grace of God offers. There are qualifications that are required in order for prayers to be received by God. The first and most important qualification is a sin-free life. This qualification must be followed by a filling of the Holy Spirit, which will assist and further teach you how to pray.

Prayer is very important, because it is not only a means of making requests to God, but is also an expression of honor, acknowledging and worshiping God. Through prayer, you are acknowledging the reality of God and honoring His discretion over what is acceptable for you to have or to do. Prayer means that you are giving more preference to God to provide for you and to have authority over your life. You are then allowing God to be the administrator over your life, giving heed to God's decisions for what you need.

The devil does not want prayer to be used in the schools or government, because he would like to be able to exercise authority to make a complete mess of government operations and our schools. We can very clearly see what has happened in the schools and government since the Supreme Court made the decision to separate church and state and to not allow prayers to be used in the schools of America.

Subject: Prayer Was Instituted By The Lord:

The laws of our nation cannot be above the laws of God. Prayer is not an institution of the mind of man to God, but it is a privilege given to man by God. Prayer is like the air that we breathe and food that we eat, which are provided by God. Prayer was instituted by the Lord at the request of His disciples. Listen to St. Luke 11:1:

Verse 1 - And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

The institution of prayer came from the Lord, and no laws on earth have the authority to prevent prayer from being exercised in any branch of government or place in God's creation. The earth and all the creation belong to God, and prayer was instituted by God. If any nation or governments of nations try to exercise authority over God's authority, they can rest assured that such a decision will take them to hell.

Subject: The Qualifications To Pray:

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you are qualified to pray. Your heart will then be pure, your life will be clean, and God will hear your prayers. God does not hear prayers under conditions that are not acceptable to God. A person who is qualified to pray is very valuable to the nation. Friends and associates will ask for prayer from those that they know are living a sin-free life. They will have confidence in such people, because of the way that they see them living.

Holy Ghost filled saints will pray for anybody. They will pray for their enemies, their friends, and those who don't approve of their religious beliefs. All who live godly will love everybody and suffer persecutions that will not prevent them from loving those who oppose them.

Subject: Don't Ask Amiss:

Live right, and seek to know the will of God. When you learn the will of God, pray and ask according to the will of God. When you live right, your prayers will be above sin also. It is necessary that your prayers be as righteous as your life. This means there should be no covetousness, selfishness, emulation, and envy in your prayers. God will then grant you whatever you ask for that is according to His will.

If you are keeping God's commandments, you are not asking contrary to His will. If you are not keeping God's commandment and are praying, you are asking amiss. This means you are not going to get what you ask for. Listen to James 4:3:

Verse 3 - Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

Subject: Meet God In The Morning:

If you are sincere about being saved, allow God to be in your daily life. You should meet God in the morning. When you wake-up in the morning get on your knees and pray asking God to go with you through the day. After you pray, let your mind be on God. When you drive to work, play gospel music that gives praises to God. Play music by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. When you have a lunch break, read a scripture and meditate on the Lord. When your efforts to be with God through the day are sincere, God will give you the Holy Spirit to help you.

The Holy Spirit will connect you with God to be in continuous fellowship with God. The Holy Spirit will lift your mind up to a level of meditation that you will be able to do your job, and have God on your mind at the same time. You will then be able to keep your mind on the Lord throughout the day.

Every time that you get a chance during the day pray. You should fall on your knees and pray and God will hear your prayers. Be sure that you are not doing anything contrary to what God's word teaches.

Subject: God Is Reciprocal:

The greatest hope that you can have is hope for eternal life. You won't be afraid to die if you have been born again, because the hope for eternal life will be greater than the intimidation of death. Death is no threat to a born again child of God because God will be with His children under all conditions. When the scriptures give you confidence that God is with you, it is true realistic confidence. The word of God is realistic power for the saved person. Listen to Psalms 23:4:

Verse 4 - Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow

of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

God is reciprocal. When your faith is sincere, God will add faith from heaven to your faith by means of the Holy Spirit. Listen to Romans 1:17:

Verse 17 - For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Listen to where God's faith comes with in Galatians 5:22:

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

Subject: Your Faith:

When you commit your life to God, He promises you eternal life. Life in the physical body is wonderful, especially when you are filled with the Spirit, but eternal life will be beyond our ability to imagine. When you are born again, you will know that you are going to receive eternal life because faith is among the fruits of the Holy Spirit that gave you the new-birth.

The fruits of the Holy Spirit will be so strong in your life that you will have confidence in every promise of God. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth that will cause the truth of God's word to be a permanent part of your hope. Doubt will find no place among the fruits of the Spirit that would have established your confidence in the promises of God. Your faith in the promises of God will produce the very substance of the things that you hope for.

Subject: The Substance Of Your Salvation Should Be In Your Faith:

If you are saved, the substance of your salvation should be constructed upon a foundation known as faith. Faith is the very substance of the things that you are

hoping for. If you don't have faith in what the word of God promises, your religion is vain. Faith gives you confidence and confidence is strength. Faith comes from the Holy Spirit, which is a gift from God. When you believe the word of God, faith from the Holy Spirit will be given to establish your faith. Your faith is from the earth and faith from the Holy Spirit is from heaven.

The faith of God establishes your faith on the earth to the extent that you cannot be separated from God. When God gives you faith from heaven, it means that your faith on the earth is sincere. Along with the faith of God, He gives you a name that you can have confidence in and God establishes this name with your faith by putting power behind it. This is the name of Jesus. Jesus was established by His deeds. God got behind Jesus' deeds and manifested Jesus as His word. Listen to Philippians 2:10-11:

Verse 10 - That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Verse 11 - And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Subject: Walk In The Spirit And The Blessings Of God Will Be Upon You:

When Daniel was cast into the lion's den, the world around Daniel knew it was only by the power of God which activated Daniel's faith in God that locked the jaws of the lions that night. Daniel's faith in God allowed the world to see the power of God in living form, and God was glorified by Daniel's faith.

It is our faith in God that will allow the world to see the reality of God working in our life. We don't have to be thrown in the lion's den, but when we live by faith and obedience to God, the blessings of God will be upon us, and the world will see it, and wonder how we were blessed. We can then tell them that we repented of our sins, and believed that God would allow the presence of the Holy Spirit to be upon us, and bless us as we learned to walk in the Spirit. To walk in the Spirit means to live according to the teachings of the word of God.

Subject: Keep The Faith:

God put on record in the Bible through Daniel and the Hebrew boys that He is able to deliver His children regardless to what the conditions are. It doesn't matter how severe a test may be that the enemy has brought on a child of God, the record reveals that God can deliver His children. The record shows that God will not allow the devil to bring such severe tests upon us today that it will disrupt our faith in God.

Though the test may sometimes make us feel that it is more severe than that of Daniel and the Hebrew boys that was left on record, we will experience deliverance if we keep the faith. When our faith is determined, a test from the devil cannot overpower our faith. If you watch how you live by continuously obeying God, and put your trust in God, you will have no need to fear.

Obedience is love for God, and love for God casteth out fear. When you love God, you will feel the power of God carrying you through a test by your faith in God. The Holy Ghost will give you additional faith from God to energize your faith; at such time, you will see and feel the power of God carrying you through your ordeal. You will learn that God is a realistic companion during the time that you need Him most, and nothing will be able to separate you from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.

Subject: Temptations:

After you get saved the devil is going to present you with a package of temptations. Though temptations will not be a pleasant experience, they will be good for you. The temptations will be a confirmation of your salvation. You can't really know that you are saved unless your righteous ways of living have been tried. Temptations do not come from God, but God will allow such so that you will know where you stand with God. Temptations will perfect you and qualify you to live a spiritual life in heaven. Each temptation that you overcome will make you stronger for the next temptation.

Satan is the instigator of temptations. He carefully plans and prepares temptations for those who are truly saved. Satan is only interested in trying saved people, or those who are righteous before God, because Satan only tries your righteousness.

Remember the story about Job how he was perfect and upright. Satan did

not bother any of Job's family members or friends. God said Job was perfect, upright and eschewed evil; and Satan tried to make Job curse God. Satan knows that temptations are very damaging to those who do-not overcome, so he dishes them out with the chance that we might not overcome. Now Satan will present temptations to work on the weaknesses of the individual who is being tempted. You cannot be tempted to do something that you have no desire to do.

Satan will perceive a spark of a desire that you might have to enjoy some former sinful activity that you enjoyed before you got saved, and he will try to ignite a new fire in your new life with an old spark. Now the temptations that Satan presents will be sinful or something that will lead you to commit sin. It will be something that God's word instructs against or something the Holy Spirit advises against. It will be something you know you cannot do and maintain your standing with God.

The temptations that usually beset the saved person are inducements that lead to satisfying the flesh. Remember when you are saved, you will still be vulnerable to the desires of the flesh returning if you give into such desires. The purpose of the temptation is to stimulate and nourish those old sinful desires to awaken them again.

The Spirit of God does not force you to do right after you are born again. It will not work contrary to your desires to do right. The Spirit of God helps your infirmities or weaknesses when you are trying to do right. The temptations of the devil will be for the purpose of making you want to commit sin so that you will not receive assistance from the Spirit of God. The temptations of the devil are no match against the Spirit of God, but the Spirit only works for those who desire to obey God.

Subject: The Way Of The Cross Leads Home:

Jesus' obedience to God carried Him to the death of the cross. When obedience causes you to go down with Jesus as your example, you will also be resurrected with Jesus. Along with Jesus' resurrection, God gave Jesus the power and authority to take those of us who obey His gospel into the kingdom of heaven.

The way of the cross leads home. We must bear our personal crosses. The cross is an emblem of suffering that is the gateway to the kingdom. You can't get to heaven unless you allow the way of the cross to lead you.

Subject: Yield Not To Temptation:

Temptations are not sins. Christ was tempted in all points, but He did not yield. Yielding to temptations is sin. You need help when you are presented with temptations, and you will get help if you don't yield. The alternative to yielding is to pray for help from God. Ask the Saviour to help you, and you will receive strength not to yield and the ability to resist the temptation.

When you are being tempted to sin you should yield to God and not to the temptations. You are yielding to God when you obey the word of God that will be contrary to the temptations. Once you make up your mind to obey, you will experience extra power that will give you victory over the temptations. So yield not to temptations, but yield to God.

Subject: Who Can Be Perfect?

Today church-folk have become so comfortable and complacent in their sins and faults by justifying their weaknesses as being an acceptable part of human nature that Christ died to pardon them of that they reject the commandment of God that teaches to be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect (St. Matthew 5:48). They are quick to quote other scriptures out of context to justify their view on perfection. They have used self-righteousness to fix their understanding that nobody can be perfect.

It is true that we were all born in sin and shaped in iniquity, but it does not mean that we cannot be saved and acquire a life that is sin-free. Though man was born with the nature of sin, and is helpless to deliver himself from his sinful conception, God has power to help him to overcome his sinful nature. The grace of God has extended His goodness to the people of the earth as a reflection of God's holiness. Through grace, God imparts His holy, divine nature to those who desire to be sin-free. This gentle reflection of God's holiness can illuminate a person's life with power to deliver the person from sin.

The Holy Spirit will energize a person's life by a process of regeneration that will wash them of their desires to commit sin. The person would then be able to stay out of the shadows of sin, because the Spirit of God will keep the light of God shining in their life with the power of God's love.

Subject: The Spirit Of God Causes Your Talk To Be Like Your Walk:

If you live so that when you talk to people you don't offend them with the words you use, God will classify you as being perfect. Being perfect according to God's standard of perfection is not like what the average person thinks being perfect is. Listen to the book of James 3:2:

Verse 2 - For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

When you learn to speak to others without using words that offend, everything else that you do will be under the control of the righteous words you use. When you are filled with the Spirit, it gives you power to speak without offending others, and causes your actions to be in line with the words you use. Now you can't do this without the Holy Spirit helping you.

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

The Spirit of God will back-up your words so that you won't be using words of no profit. When you have the Spirit of God in your life, the words you use are of God, and the love of God is perfected in you. Listen to 1 John 2:5:

Verse 5 - But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

When your talk is like your walk, it means the love of God, which is the fruit of the Spirit of God abideth in you.

Verse 6 - He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Subject: Perfect Love Casteth Out Fear:

When the word of God condemns your life, it is correcting you. What good is it for the word to correct you after you are dead? God does not threaten us, but He chastens us. God wants us to respond to His chastisement as a child responds to the correction given by its parents.

Chastisement from God is an expression of God's love. If you tremble at the name of Jesus, it means you have the devil in you, and you don't want to separate from the devil. God does not want you to have this kind of fear of Him. God wants you to respect His discretion so that you can be a beneficiary of His love. The love of God will cast out your fears if you receive His chastisement. God has perfect love and perfect love casteth out fear. Listen to I John 4:18:

Verse 18 - There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not perfect in love.

Subject: The Lifeline Between Man And God:

When Satan was driven out of heaven, he came to the earth and imposed himself on the people of the earth by deception. Satan established an entry for sin and death by the same means in which he was kicked out of heaven, and that was by disobedience. Life in God's creation can only be maintained by obedience to God's word. God's word offers life in His creation when His word is obeyed. God's word is life. It was by means of God's word that life was given. Listen to St. John 1:1:

Verse 1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The word is Jesus Christ; only in Christ can we receive life. You are in Christ when you are obeying the word of God.

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

When Satan got Adam to disobey the word of God, his disobedience caused him to lose the life that God's word offered. Today when a person obeys the word

of God, there is nothing that can take away the life that God's word offers. Obedience to God's word establishes a lifeline between man and God that nothing can abolish.

Subject: The Blessings of God (I Corinthians 2:9):

Those who love God and obey Him cannot imagine the blessings that God is preparing for them. When a person turns from a life of sin, God will start blessing the person while they are living in this present world, but the blessings in this present world will not compare with what God has in store for them in heaven. The word of God teaches that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of those who love God, what God has in store for them.

What God does for those who are saved today has been revealed, and enjoyed, that they might have a taste of what is yet to come. When God blesses a person, the Holy Spirit will prepare the person's heart to enjoy the blessings. God keeps His Holy Spirit in the presence of the person who has His love; and the Spirit of God gives grace to the person to supply their every need. The Spirit of God gives you joy of heart, and causes material blessings to come to you.

Subject: Do The Will Of God And He Will Bless You According To His Will:

You can only understand the language of the kingdom of heaven when you have been born again. When you have not been born again, the language of the kingdom of heaven will sound strange to you. Heavenly things are different from earthly things. You must seek to know God so that He will give you the Holy Spirit that will prepare your mind to be able to understand heavenly things.

When you receive the Spirit of God, it opens the eyes of your understanding, allowing heavenly things to be compatible with your way of thinking. When you receive a heavenly mind, you will also receive spiritual blessings from heaven. Spiritual blessings are showers of blessings that bring joy to your heart from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit must first prepare you with a spiritual mind to receive spiritual blessings.

Spiritual blessing cause you to be filled with joy from heaven that will cause you to praise God. Such blessings can be brought to you by means of the Holy Spirit using songs, scriptures, or meditation on what God has done for you. You can pray and ask God for spiritual blessings, and He will give them to you. When God gives you spiritual blessings, He will also give you material blessings.

When you live according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it will lead you into the way that blessings will be prepared for you. God prepares blessings that are spiritual and material for those who are filled with the Holy Spirit. When you do the will of God, you can ask what you will, and He will grant it according to His will that you are doing.

Subject: Spiritual Blessings Give You Continuous Joy:

It is the pleasure of God that humans live in His kingdom forever. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to save mankind. Even after we die, the plan of God has power to give us life in God's kingdom after death. A person who has been born again of the Spirit of God has a testimony of praises for this privilege that God is offering.

When you receive a gift that rejoices your heart, you will praise God for such a spiritual blessing. Spiritual blessings are everlasting blessings. When you have been the beneficiary of spiritual blessings from God, it rejoices your heart continuously. The Holy Spirit will overshadow your life causing you to rejoice over your spiritual blessing.

Subject: Set Your Affections On Things Above:

If you are born again, God will be with you for the remaining of your life on earth, and later throughout eternity in His kingdom. While you are living on the earth, God will reward and bless you with peace and joy throughout the day. Occasionally, the Holy Spirit will give you spiritual blessings with showers of joy. Such blessings will carry your mind into a heavenly setting, causing you to give praises to God for the things that He has done for you.

Your strongest praises of appreciation will be for your salvation. The Holy Spirit will give you the ability to place more value on heavenly things than earthly

things. Though you will still be living on the earth, your affections will be set on things of the kingdom of heaven.

Life in the kingdom of heaven will be such a strong reality to you that you will lose all of your interest for the things of this world. The Spirit of God will cause you to develop a strong attraction for the things of God with overwhelming realistic joy.

Subject: God Can Use Others To Help You:

When you obey God, He will manifest His power and reality to you by means of the people who serve and assist you. Such people don't have to be saved for God to use them for your benefit. If you are saved, God will cause them to be at your service.

God will use your doctor, lawyer, mechanic, or an associate to help you with the things that you need. Prior to you asking for the services of such people, you should pray to God first, then God will help them to help you.

After that they have granted assistance to you, you should be very careful to thank God, because it was really God working with and through them in answer to your prayer.

Subject: The Sleep Of A Righteous Person Is Sweet:

You must obey God to have confidence in Him. When you obey God the Holy Spirit will establish your confidence in God. When you have confidence in God, the things that are going on in the world won't frighten you. You will then have light and understanding that the way of the Lord is safe.

You will learn that everything will be alright for those who put their trust in the Lord, and as long as you keep your hands clean and your heart pure, you will be safe (Psalms 4:8). Nothing can harm you when you are a follower of that which is good (I Peter 3:12-13). The only hope for man is in the Lord. No matter what comes or goes, those who put their trust in the Lord and obey His commandments can lay down and sleep peacefully.

Subject: If You Are Truly Saved You Will Continue With The Lord:

Now if you start out serving the Lord and then stop, the scriptures teach in (St. Luke 9:62) you are not fit to enter the kingdom of God and receive everlasting life. Now there may be some people who think that they would have had more if they had not started living the life of a saved person. There are no possessions in this life that are more precious, and can be compared with true fellowship with God. When you start out with the Lord, you must acquire an understanding to know why you are trying to follow the Lord.

When you learn the truth about what salvation in Jesus Christ is offering, you will not let anything make you regret that you started with the Lord. You will learn that the sufferings of this present world are not worthy to be compared with the glory that will be revealed in you (Romans 8:18).

When you are truly saved, the Holy Spirit will bear witness to you that you have chosen the way of true holiness, because your life will be on a different course than what it used to be. Now at this point in your salvation you will not fret because of evil doers who are working against you and who don't appreciate you. However, remember they did not appreciate Jesus, so follow in Jesus' footsteps and they will eventually lead you to God.



CHAPTER 8

SALVATION:

SPECIAL TOPICS

Subject: America:

Though America is the youngest nation on earth, we are also the richest. But, like other nations that were wealthy, their wealth turned their heads away from God. Instead of loving God, such nations loved pleasures and sports. Remember Rome and the events in their Arena. Today in America, you will find more people at the Super Bowl than in church on Sunday. Many people today don't get joy out of going to church, but they get excitement at sports events. The Spirit of God gives you joy when you worship God, but the spirit of the world gives excitement at sports events.

We are now living during perilous times and if we don't have God to help us, we will be overcome by evil and not be aware of it until it is too late. Everybody is thinking about pleasures and entertainment. Pleasures in the world are deceitful. The Spirit of God will give you joy when you obey God that is far greater than the pleasures of the world.

Subject: Spiritual Integration:

God is looking for a good heart regardless of the race, or natural origin of the person. We cannot advance in Christian character when we segregate the social and religious aspects of our lives. Such ways of worshiping God are not accepted by God. Out of one blood, God made all nations that dwell upon the face of the earth and hath set the bounds of their habitations. These differences of habitations provide the distinction that make it possible to identify the people of different nations, but they do not represent differences in blood.

If a people of a given nation are one in righteousness, though they may live in a different nation, there would be no difference to God from those of other nations that are one in righteousness, because righteousness makes all people alike in the eyes of God. When people of the earth become one in righteousness, they are also one with God, and the Spirit of God will dwell with them to eventually prepare them to live in heaven with God.

You cannot spiritually segregate while living on the earth, and enter the kingdom of heaven to be integrated. The righteousness of God causes people to be spiritually integrated by the Spirit of God. To be religiously and socially segregated in churches or from other nations is the absence of the Spirit of God.

Such segregation is sensual, or earthy and is not connected to heaven by the love of God.

Only the love of God, which the Spirit of God brings among the people of the earth can spiritually integrate the people of the earth to make them holy and acceptable to God. When people make the right choice, the Holy Spirit will assist them to be established in the right choice.

Subject: Spiritual Integration Must Be The Choice Of The People:

Only the Holy Spirit can truly cause people to integrate in righteousness. You can integrate socially, but be segregated in your religious beliefs. Such integration is not acceptable to God, because God has only given one faith to the people of the earth, with one Spirit and one baptism.

Spiritual integration can no more be forced upon a people than social or religious segregation. People must desire to be spiritually integrated. They must desire to be one in their religious beliefs and spirit of worship, though they don't live in the same nation or community. Oneness among worshipers must come from one Spirit that the people are willing to accept. This one Spirit will come to the people by means of one gospel given to the world by Jesus Christ.

You cannot force a people to be segregated if they want to be integrated. Neither can you force them to integrate their religious ambitions. Such religious integration must be accomplished by a willing mind and the choice of the people. God will not take away the free will of choice from people. They will always have the privilege to choose the way that God offers or to reject it.

Subject: Let Us Thank God For Our White Brothers And Sisters That Have Been Spiritually Integrated:

America is the greatest nation on the earth. The greatness in America was established by God because of the principles of righteousness followed by the Pilgrim Fathers who were white. Today the people of America are departing from those principles. Make no mistake, though Negroes were slaves, they were freed

because God inspired northern white men to stick with the principles of righteousness that the Pilgrim Fathers followed.

Black folk were delivered from slavery because northern white folk saw that slavery was a disgrace, and contrary to the principles by which this nation was established. The white brothers, who were made out of the same blood as black brothers, delivered the black brothers, and many white brothers of today are doing missionary work in Africa to help the black brothers.

So let us thank God for our white brothers who have been spiritually, socially, and mercifully chosen to help the black brothers of this nation. Therefore, white brothers and sisters have been spiritually integrated who are a part of this missionary work to help black brothers.

Subject: Salvation Will Be For Those Of All Nations:

God does not look at ethnic groups, or the color of the skin to decide who He wants to save. All that God wants to see in a person is a good heart (Acts 17:26). The Bible plainly teaches that out of one blood God made all nations of men to dwell upon the face of the earth and sets the bounds of their habitation. This means that God chose the part of the earth that different races should live in.

God later established America as a nation where any race could come to hear the gospel and be saved. America is a melting pot for the people of God from different races to come to and receive salvation. Listen to what the Bible teaches that the kingdom will consist of in Revelations 7:9-10:

Verse 9 - After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Verse 10 - And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Subject: What About Nature?

If you fail to obey God, nature will become your enemy. Nature is controlled by God. God can cause nature to be a blessing to you or a curse. God can reverse nature to be destructive and unruly if the people are unruly. Nature responds to the ways of the people, and their relationship to God. If the people are godly, then nature will be a blessing by giving the rain and sunshine at the proper season for their crops and livestock to be a blessing to them.

God handles nature as a person handles an automobile. If you put an automobile in neutral, it will be still. God will put nature in reverse when we want to go forward if we fail to obey God. God can also put nature in neutral causing it not to do anything for us if we are disobedient. When nature is in neutral it can cause droughts and forest fires because of the lack of rain.

So if people want nature to be for their best interest, they should stop drinking liquor, lying, using profanity and committing adultery and fornication. It is the sins of the people that cause nature to be unruly. Remember, when the people during Noah's day were evil continually and the rain came for forty days and destroyed them all except Noah and his family who were perfect before God (Genesis 6:1-10).

Subject: Reproducing After A Civilized Standard Is By The Institution Of Marriage:

God introduced the institution of marriage to man to keep men and women from reproducing like dogs and cats. Dogs, cats, and other animals mate indiscriminately. They are not selective with whom they mate with when they are in heat. God ordained the institution of marriage so that humans would be lifted above the social level of animals. Animals don't marry and they don't know the difference between one mate from the other. When humans have sex and are not married, they are allowing their sexual practices to be on the same level as dogs and cats.

Humans acquire a description of being civilized when they follow the standard of reproducing according to the standard set by God, which is the institution of marriage between male and female. When humans fail to live by a civilized standard set by God, they will not be adopted into the family of God (Genesis 2:18 and 24).

Subject: You Can Know The Devil By His Works:

You can know the devil by his works. There is one thing that the devil likes to do more so than all of the other evil things that he does, and that is to break up the marriage between a man and a woman. God set up the institution of marriage, and the devil's purpose is to break it up. Since his first attempt to get Adam and Eve to disobey God, the devil has been working on men and women to conduct their affairs of life contrary to the command of God.

Along with adultery, the devil has included homosexual marriages, which are for the purpose of desecrating the institution of marriage. The devil works very hard to get males and females to commit adultery, and eventually to divorce, and he helps homosexuals to stay together.

Happiness in a marriage between male and female is what the devil hates. When he finds a happy marriage, he starts to work on them until he finds one member of the family that is weak, and will give into his temptations, causing the person to break up the peace in the marriage. The devil doesn't use the forbidden fruit, he uses deceit, and it seems to work very effectively.

Subject: A Woman's Ambition Can Cause Her Not To Be A Part Of God's Eternal Plan:

The wisdom of God is so infinite that His purposes for doing things can only be identified by revelations of His plan. God could have made a woman in the same manner that He made the man. He could have formed a woman from the dust of the earth also, and breathed into her nostrils the breath of life. However, he chose to take her out of a man, to be subject to him, and to recognize his responsibility to rule over her. Today women have acquired the ambition to be just the opposite, that is, they prefer to rule over the man. Unless the human nature has been brought under subjection to the Holy Spirit, it is difficult for humans to be in accord with God's plan and purpose.

The Holy Spirit gives extra power and assistance for humans to follow the plan of God. The Holy Spirit intrudes upon personal ambitions, desires, and conceited minds, and it installs humility into the nature of humans causing them to adjust the human nature to God's plan. The fact that the woman was made to be a help meet for the man signifies that she would be associated with him as an assistant and that he would be superior to her.

A woman in the natural state, not being under the influence of the Holy Spirit, will in many cases object to such. She would very clearly see that her intelligence and natural abilities have as much to offer as the man's. When the first woman was alone in the Garden of Eden, the devil used the serpent to awaken the woman's ambition to be superior, not just above her husband, but God also. The woman during that day as well as women of today failed to see that gifts to the human nature along with intelligence are not related to her success in God's plan. God's plan is so exact and well calculated that only obedience to God can allow a man or woman to be a part of it.

Subject: Jesus Can Find A Good Wife For You:

When you have Jesus, you have everything. When Jesus is your companion, anything He has you can get, and He has everything. Jesus loves you, and He has promised that anything you ask for in His name will be granted. All that a man needs in life is a good wife and Jesus, and he won't need anything else. To get a good wife, you must look for a woman who has Jesus. When you obey God, He will find a good wife and present her to you.

Subject: A Help Meet:

Everything that God has done is good. God created a woman to be the best means of help for a man. There is no other man that can be a better source of help for a man than a woman. Listen to Genesis 2:20:

Verse 20 - And Adam gave names to all cattle and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

Notice, God did not make another man to help Adam, but He made a woman. A man should continue in what God started for him. A man shouldn't love a dog, horse, neither another man more than a wife, and the wife should be a woman and not another man.

What God started in the beginning with Adam should work well if the woman is obedient to the command of God. Trouble came to the man when he followed the woman into disobedience. Though the man followed the woman into disobedience, the charge for disobedience came upon the man. Sin and death entered the world because of man's disobedience.

Subject: Gifts Come From God:

God has amazing power, and His knowledge is infinite. The Holy Spirit can analyze the present and future, and allows God to see everything that is happening and will happen. God has informed the people of the earth by means of His prophets that before a child is born into the world, or conceived in the womb, that God knows the child's name and character. Every child before he or she is born is named by God, not by their parents. The name that the parents select is put in the parents' minds by God.

God gave Adam the privilege to name every beast, bird and cattle, but God put the names in Adam's mind. The name of a child is recorded in heaven before the child is born, and after the child is born, the name is given by God to the parents. Upon the child's conception his or her name is written in the Book of Life. God gives gifts to the child when He names the child, though the gifts are undeveloped at the time that God names the child. If the child is allowed to be born by responsible parents, the gift will be presented to the world to be a blessing for the people of the world. The gift could be a cure for cancer, heart disease, or knowledge on how to prevent famine, and starvation for poorer nations of the world.

If the child is not allowed to be born, or is born under the custody of irresponsible parents, then the gift that could have been a blessing to the world will not be presented to the world. Make no mistake; no means of supplementing for the gift to solve the problems of the world will be able to come by scientific research, nor will other accomplishments of man be able to improvise for the gift that God would have given the child.

Subject: God Gave John The Baptist The Procedures For Baptism:

Salvation in Jesus Christ is not given to work in harmony with the carnal nature of humans. Many religious denominations of today are presented to people to suit their carnal nature, because such originators of these religious denominations have interpreted the word of God to satisfy carnal desires. This may be a way that seems right to those who are a part of such religions, but the end of such ways will be death and eternal separation from God.

If a person or group of people want to be sure that they are saved, they should very carefully follow a Holy Ghost sent leader as he teaches the scriptures. The teachings of the scriptures are not to be taken lightly. There is only one way to be saved and that is to follow the scriptures as God gave them.

There are many religious leaders that have established many ways of worshipping designed to answer to the convenience of the people. When people are not properly informed, they will be easily misled. When the truth is not taught to people the way God ordained, they will be deceived by false preachers.

Incorrect religious teachings will lead you away from God rather than to salvation in Jesus Christ. God sent John to baptize; John did not just pick up this procedure from his own mind with no knowledge or authority. John had instructions and authority on the procedure for baptism from God; and John carefully followed those instructions.

Today men are baptizing in Jesus' name only and contrary to what St. Matthew 28:19 teaches. Jesus taught that baptizing should be in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. So many religions have cut God and the Holy Ghost out and all who follow such procedures for baptism will be cut out of the plan of salvation.

Subject: An Apostle Of Jesus Christ:

Paul was on his way to Damascus when he was converted. Jesus paid Paul a personal visit from heaven to stop him and to convert him to the righteousness of God. Paul followed the teachings of the Law of Moses in a perfect way without blame or hypocrisy, but such a religious background nevertheless allowed Paul to come short of salvation in Jesus Christ. So Christ stopped Paul and reversed his knowledge and his nature to the divine nature of God, giving Paul the Holy Ghost

to do the works of God.

At the time of Paul's conversion, he had planned to arrest a faithful saint, and follower of Christ named Ananias. However, God stopped Paul and caused him to subject himself to Ananias, allowing Ananias to pray for him that he might receive the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost did a complete work of righteousness on Paul. This caused Paul later to be one of the most instrumental preachers and apostles of Jesus Christ, by writing and helping to present the New Testament to the world. This was so that the knowledge of the word of God might be available for many generations to follow for others to acquire salvation in Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 9

TRUE RELIGIOUS LEADERS & THE TRUE CHURCH OF GOD

Subject: You Must Be Able To Recognize God In His Minister Of The Gospel:

In order to be saved, a person must acquire basic knowledge of the scriptures so that they can identify the God sent preacher. When folk don't have basic knowledge of the scriptures, they will not be able to identify when God is in a God sent minister. God introduces Himself through the minister that He sends.

When God introduced Jesus to the world, He spoke to the people by saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (St. Matthew 3:17).

God is identified in His ministers by the description of God's character in the God sent minister. God's character is identified by the fruits of His Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). God gives His character to His ministers. You can only learn the character of God by studying the scriptures. When God saves you and fills you with the Holy Spirit, the fruits of the Spirit will be manifesting God in you. Listen to Galatians 5:22-23:

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

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

Subject: Is Your Pastor The Enemy Of Your Soul?

Today men and women are going to colleges and religious seminaries to learn to preach. To be a preacher of God you cannot go to institutions of learning and acquire the ability to preach like doctors, lawyers and teachers. You must be born again receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit from God, and the Holy Spirit will teach you how to preach, if that is what God called you for. The Holy Spirit actually does the preaching; it simply uses your voice. The Holy Spirit causes you to fulfill God's purpose in your life.

A preacher must be taught to live righteous by the Holy Spirit in order to be able to preach righteousness. A loud voice with eloquent speech patterns are not necessarily the works of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will first establish a righteous way of living in the private life as well as the public life of the preacher; and afterwards lead him to preach according to the life that he has learned to live

which is a Holy life.

A preacher sent by God is a Holy man who lives everyday of his life free from sin. If a preacher is a sinner, the Holy Spirit did not send him to preach. Such a preacher would be pursuing a career for his own personal ambition and desire to be seen and heard by a large following. This type preacher would be a false prophet leading people away from God. He would be the enemy of the souls of all who follow him.

Subject: The God Sent Preacher:

The God sent preacher does not get his knowledge from a carnal mind. He is given a spiritual mind. Such a mind is a gift from God to be a blessing to the people. The God sent preacher does not minister for a lucrative life style, acquiring benefits and comforts from a large following. A minister that desires a large following is more interested in what the people want to hear rather than what they need to hear to be saved.

The God sent preacher does not learn how to preach from a college or religious seminary. The Lord reveals the secrets of His word to the God sent preacher. He is taught by the Spirit of God. Only the Spirit of God knows the meaning of the scriptures. The anointing of the God sent preacher is for the benefit of the people, when they accept the word of God. As the Lord blesses the preacher, He will use the preacher to bless the people. A God sent preacher is sent to the people that God has found favor with. If God has sent a preacher to the people, they will be truly blessed.

Subject: Bind The Strong Man:

Jeremiah was a prophet of God sent by God to use God's word to root out, pull down, and to destroy everything that was ungodly, and afterwards to build and to plant righteousness. Jeremiah had the gift to fulfill this mission. God gives gifts for different purposes today.

For those who work in the channels for which they are given gifts to work in, their success in life is inevitable. When God gives you a gift to do certain things, no one can do the job like you can. Those who try to work in the field that

they were not given gifts will be misfits when they try to do the job. When God gives the gift of how a preacher should preach, no other preachers can preach like the God sent preacher. The success of the people is in the gifts that they are given. If they fail to exercise their gifts, they will be failures in life.

The prophet Jeremiah had the gift to tear down unrighteousness (Jeremiah 1:9-10). Unrighteousness is instigated and motivated by the devil, and it is very difficult to prevent. It takes a special gift from God to expose and to undermine unrighteousness. No ordinary preacher can tear down unrighteousness. When a preacher begins to preach, and expose sins in the lives of the people, all the forces of hell will go out against such a preacher. You must be able to bind the strong man to be successful.

When people are being religiously led the wrong way, and another preacher comes along to show them the correct way, such a preacher must be able to bind the strong man who is leading the people wrong. Listen to St. Matthew 12:29:

Verse 29 - *Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.*

Subject: The Body Of Christ Is The Church Of God:

It will be a good thing for those who want to be saved to know what church is right. Christ is the builder of the right church. Christ builds His church with people rather than bricks and lumber. Christ saves people and brings them together as members of His body, which is His church. Listen to I Corinthians 12:12-13, and 27:

Verse 12 - For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

It is by one Spirit, which is the Holy Spirit that those who are saved are baptized into one body. You are baptized into the body of Christ when you are born again of the Spirit of God, and this gives you a membership in the Body of Christ, which is His church.

Verse 13 - For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

So then the church that Christ built consists of those who are saved by His blood.

Verse 27 - Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Those who are members of the body of Christ are cleansed and made sin-free, which is the basic requirement for being a member. If a person is a sinner and professes to be a member of the body of Christ, God will destroy such a person. Listen to I Corinthians 3:16-17:

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

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

To be holy is to be sin-free. If people say that they are members of the body of Christ and they commit fornication, adultery, or homosexual practices, such people will be guilty of defiling the temple of God. Any unclean habits such as drinking alcoholic beverages, or using tobacco products would be defiling or making their bodies unclean. These are considered as sinning against the body of Christ. Listen to I Corinthians 6:15-20:

Verse 15 - Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

Verse 16 - What? Know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

Whatever you are a part of, whether it be in righteousness or in sin, you then become one with such an involvement. If you commit fornication, you are one with the person that you committed fornication with. You cannot be separate from

a fornicator because you go to church. If you are saved and in Christ, you are one with Christ being a member of His body, which means you are holy or sin-free.

Verse 17 - But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Verse 18 - Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

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: You Shall Know The Truth Because The Truth Shall Make You Free From Sin:

When Jesus was speaking to the Samaritan woman, she was very much concerned about where to worship. Jesus taught her that you must worship God in truth and in spirit. The way that you will know that you are worshipping in the correct spirit is that the teachings of the truth will make you free from sin. Jesus illustrated this example of the truth to the Samaritan woman by telling her the truth about her life of adultery.

The truth uncovers your private life of sin, and when you repent of your sins, the truth would make you free. The way that you will know the truth is because the truth will make you free. Listen to St. John 8:32:

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

Whatever means by which you learn the truth about yourself will be the place to worship.

Subject: Are The People The Same Today As They Were During The Days Of Noah And Lot?

God's word gives instructions on how to escape the dangers that will be coming upon the world. The Lord never allows anything to come upon the people, or a nation without first warning them. When the prophet of God speaks, his preaching is not orthodox, or like the average preacher that you hear. Everything that the God sent preacher teaches is built around what the scriptures teach.

The primary message of the God sent preacher is to repent of your sins, and if you fail to repent, the wrath of God will be upon you. In giving warning, the man of God must be able to use past events that the scriptures have taught to compare with present conditions. For example, when God destroyed the world by flood waters during Noah's day, the people of that day were similar to people of today. Listen to Genesis 6:5:

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

Jesus taught that when God destroys the earth in the last days, people would be like they were during the time of Noah, and during the time of Abraham and Lot when Sodom was destroyed. The God sent preacher should be able to use the scriptures to articulate the conditions of past times when God destroyed the world, by comparing the wickedness of the people in past times with the wickedness of the people during this present day. Listen to St. Luke 17:26-30:

Verse 26 - *And as it was in the days of Nō'-ē, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.*

Verse 27 - *They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Nō'-ē entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.*

Verse 28 - *Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;*

Verse 29 - *But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.*

Verse 30 - *Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.*

CHAPTER 10

FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Subject: The Most Dangerous Enemy Of Human Existence:

Of all the people that you think are a threat to you, there is no one that can be more dangerous to you than a preacher or pastor that God did not send. The Bible refers to such preachers as false prophets that are like wolves dressed up in sheep's clothing. A false preacher is the enemy of your soul. He is like an undercover agent that leads you to damnation when you think he is leading you to heaven.

Your soul is the eternal part of your existence that you must be taught how to acquire eternal safety for while you are living in this present world. You can only be taught this by a God sent preacher. You must have knowledge that will show you how to reject false preachers, and how to identify the true preacher. Jesus gave the instructions in St. Matthew 7:15.

One of the main deceiving principles that a false preacher teaches is that you can be saved and be a sinner at the same time. A false preacher will never use this scripture in I John 3:9 that reads as follows:

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

A false preacher will never teach you what sins are, and that those who commit sin will not go to heaven. Listen to I Corinthians 6:9-11:

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

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

The false preacher will not tell you that you must experience a washing of regeneration to be cleansed from these sins. Titus 3:5 teaches as follows:

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

Now go back 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: Church Folk: Be Careful:

You have to be very careful when you join a church to be a church-member. This does not mean that you are saved or that you have become a member of the body of Christ. During Jesus' ministry there were a lot of church folk, and most of them did not get saved, nor did they follow Jesus' gospel. It was the church folk who became the biggest enemies of Jesus. It was the church-folk that had Jesus crucified. The church folk used their religious teaching out of context, or improperly to have Jesus crucified. The devil uses the same deceitful tricks on church-folk today.

If God sent a minister into many of the churches to teach the same gospel that Jesus taught, the church folk would put the minister out. Listen to what Jesus taught against the church folk of his day, and compare it with what you think church folk of today would be willing to accept. Listen to Jesus teachings in St. Mark 7:14-16, and 21-23:

Verse 14 - And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, *Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand:*

Verse 15 - *There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.*

Verse 16 - *If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.*

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

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

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

Now listen to how church-folk decided to reject Jesus' teaching in St. Luke 23:20-23:

Verse 20 - Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.

Verse 21 - But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

These are church-folk responding to Pilate who is the governor of Rome, trying to make a decision on what to do about Jesus. So Pilate is asking the Jewish church-folk what he should do about their leader that God sent to be their Messiah, and that they have accused of disrespecting God. Listen to Pilate again:

Verse 22 - And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go.

Listen further to the Jewish church folk:

Verse 23 - And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

The chief priests were the religious leaders of the Jewish church folk.

Verse 24 - And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.

It was church folk who had Jesus crucified.

Subject: The Scriptures Are A Double Edged Sword:

The scriptures were given by the inspiration of God. Instructions from God come from the scriptures and not from the mind of a man. A man of God is inspired by the Holy Spirit to follow and teach the scriptures. If a preacher's teaching is opinionated, it means he is teaching a false doctrine. The scriptures are not the will of a man, but the will of God.

There is power in the scriptures to save if they have not been adulterated by the opinions of men. Holy men of God were moved by the Holy Ghost to write the scriptures. If a preacher is not holy, he won't teach the scriptures, because they will condemn him. Those who hear him preach and know about his personal life will see that what he is preaching is condemning the way he lives, if he preaches the scriptures. However, most unsaved preachers will not preach the in-depth knowledge of the scriptures. Such preachers will use the scriptures very loosely.

Subject: Ask Your Pastor Why He Doesn't Preach About Fornication:

Fornication is having sex with a person who is not your husband or wife. Adultery and homosexual acts come under the classification of fornication. Fornication and adultery is the cause of many problems that we have in the world today. Fornication causes children to be born out of wedlock, and to have to be raised in foster care and broken homes. Adultery is the major cause of divorce. As many preachers as I have heard preach, I have never heard them preach about fornication. This seems very unusual being that fornication is a serious problem in the lives of people today.

When a preacher fails to bring the attention of the people to the things that the devil is using to make their lives miserable, then the devil will build-up an unnoticeable strong-hold on the people and destroy their lives at will. The people would be suffering from the effects of fornication, because they would be ignorant of the devil's devices. When the cause of a problem is brought to a person's attention, they can solve the problems by removing the cause.

Fornication is a sin that permits the pleasures of unmarried person's sexual desires to be satisfied, but the results of fornication can bring to the attention of those who desire to participate that it is not worth the pleasures of fornication. Whatever devices the devil uses to get people to come together in an ungodly way

is for the purpose of bringing unnoticeable miseries to the lives of those involved. Fornication is the works of Satan. When you learn the works of the devil and don't indulge in such things, the devil will have nothing in you to make your life miserable.

When a preacher doesn't preach and bring to the attention of the people the devices of the devil, then such a preacher is a minister of the devil working for the devil. When the devil has nothing in you, he will have no means of making your life miserable. The devil's devices are referred to in the Bible as the works of the flesh, and fornication is at the top of the list. Listen to Galatians 5:19-21:

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

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

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

Satan cannot cause you to suffer from the effects of fornication or adultery if you don't do such things. When Satan doesn't have any sinful ways in your life, he cannot develop miseries in your life. I don't suffer from the effects of fornication or adultery because these sins are not in my life. I have allowed the Holy Spirit to crucify the sinful desires in my life, which makes it possible for me to live in the Spirit. Listen to Galatians 5:24-25:

Verse 24 - And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Verse 25 - If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Subject: Does Your Church Have A Light Of Righteousness?

If you want to make a person angry, tell them to do something that is right that you are not doing right. It is a complete waste of time to teach children not to indulge in illegal drugs when parents drink liquor, wine, and beer to get high. Nobody respects a hypocrite's advice. Today unsaved people resent church folk because church folk practice the same sins that non-church folk practice. A preacher who commits adultery will have a congregation full of members whose marriages are being destroyed because of adultery.

People can only know about God and His power to save by examples that they see. Such people will go to church looking for good examples. When church leaders have become blinded by sinful pleasures of the world, they cannot lead those who are looking for help to find help. The church cannot give out a reflection of God to the unsaved when there is no true light of Christ in the church.

The unsaved world has no knowledge of God. They don't come into the world knowing what is required to be saved. They must be taught what is required to be saved. They look for this knowledge in the church. When churches are deceiving people, teaching incorrect knowledge of salvation, the people have nowhere else to go to learn what is correct. They cannot get a second opinion by changing churches, when all churches are teaching the same principles that are incorrect. So then, the church that has no true light of righteousness to lead people to Christ has become the silent enemy of the people.

Subject: Are You Going To A Stage Show This Week-end?

The world today has presented the spirit of entertainment to people to make them forget about their problems while they are being entertained. Folk who are in the process of getting a divorce will go to theaters and sports events to take their minds off of their problems resulting to no solutions for their problems.

Many churches are offering entertainment also, and those who attend such churches are receiving no solutions to their personal problems. Churches of today have become a show just like the theaters and sports events. Congregations that attend churches to be entertained have no more understanding about God than a person who is drinking beer at a ball game.

Preachers of today are using churches as a stage-show to show off and acquire fame just like halfbacks at a football game. Such preachers could care less about the personal problems that sin has brought to the lives of the people; they

simply want to be in the spotlight. Such preachers are false prophets sent by Satan to seduce ignorant and unlearned followers.

Afterword

In closing, we hope you have been further enlightened and educated regarding God's plan of salvation, and the requirements to be saved from sin. God is merciful to keep the doors of salvation open to the unsaved.

Elder Kilgore, as an ambassador of heaven, is informing the unsaved of the opportunity presently available to put away their sins and become heirs of the kingdom of heaven. The invitation is being extended to you; the opportunity is now available, "Today is the day of salvation". Tomorrow may be too late!

