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

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

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

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

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

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FOREWORD

In Volume 25 of “Saved from Sin”, Elder Kilgore continues to explain the basic principles and processes necessary to be saved from sin. If you desire to go to heaven one day, the information in this book can be used as a guide to get you there. Every principle taught in this and other volumes of Elder’s books is based upon the Holy Scriptures (The Original King James Version of the Bible).

Do not gamble with your soul and think that you can go to heaven by luck. You must receive the correct knowledge and instructions from the word of God, and be taught by a Holy Ghost filled preacher or pastor. Elder Kilgore is such a preacher. He has experienced the processes of salvation as he explains in his books.

May God bless you as you read this volume.



INTRODUCTION

My Testimony:

When God saved me, I was so happy that I wanted everybody to be saved. The love of God came into my life, and it caused me to love everybody that I would meet. Today I have no ill feelings, hate or resentment in my heart for anybody. I do not love acts of evil, but I have learned that people can be separated from acts of evil when God saves them. I was a sinner and God separated me from sin, and I love Him for helping me when I could not help myself.

The blood of Jesus Christ cleansed me from all of my sins, and today I am free from sin. I get pleasure out of loving my neighbor and walking in the Spirit. I love the life of a saved person because it gives me continuous joy in the Holy Ghost. I have a continuous fellowship with God. This has not been a one-time experience for me; I have been enjoying this new life in Christ for 38 years.

The Flood During Noah's Day Was A Warning For The World Today:

There are many who believe that Christ is a minister of sin. Christ is not a minister of sin, but a minister of righteousness. If a person is a sinner, then Christ has not come into his or her life. When you commit sin, you are a servant of sin, not a servant of God. God allowed a record to be made in the Bible of what happened during the flood to show how indifferent the people were concerning the warnings of Noah about their sins.

Today, people of the world have continued to be indifferent towards the warnings of God. God in His mercy is not willing that people be caught unprepared and perish, neither is God willing that heaven be filled with sinners and hypocrites. That is why God will never give advance notice of the time of Jesus' return. If He did, many would dress up like saints to conceal their hypocrisy. Today many have been deceived by the idea that to look nice in church on Sunday is sufficient for salvation.

The truth is that if people persist in being indifferent to the warnings of God, the judgment of God will come upon them when they least expect it. When the judgment comes upon the people of the earth and catches them unprepared, their chance of going to heaven will end permanently. They will go into eternity separated from God. The Bible teaches that in the days before the flood, the

people were marrying and giving in marriage, and they were having fun the way the world has fun. Noah had warned them that a great flood was coming upon the earth, and that every living creature that was not secured in the ark would perish.

Noah was preaching a new message to the people that they had never heard before. They were not familiar with what Noah was preaching. Noah appeared to be a ridiculous old man to them who did not know what he was talking about. The people had never heard of any vessel as large as the Ark that Noah had built being able to float in water. People had never seen or heard of rainwater coming down from heaven. The earth at that time was watered by a mist that came up from the earth.

When God made the earth, the scriptures teach that He separated the waters above from the waters beneath, and caused the earth to be formed between the waters. The waters had completely surrounded the earth preventing the sun from reaching the surface of the earth, only sunlight was visible. So, the sinners and the unbelievers refused to accept the warning of Noah.

According to the scriptures, they never ceased from having fun and worldly pleasures. They were completely disinterested in the messages of warning that God gave Noah to give to them. When the flood came, it was too late. The Lord Himself had sealed the doors of the Ark to prevent Noah from letting the sinners and hypocrites from rushing aboard at the last minute, and sink the Ark.

The rain fell in torrents, and the people were soon overwhelmed and destroyed. The floods were so violent and powerful that it took one year from the time the rain started until the time the waters receded. Jesus said to His disciples that the people in the last days would not believe the warnings as they did not believe in the days of Noah. Jesus said there would be no flood, because God promised that the earth should never again be destroyed by water.

Today, people are more intelligent and educated about astronomy and science. They also claim to know a lot about the Bible, but they deny the power of God that can save them from the practice of sin. The word of God teaches that they will become scoffers simply because there is no apparent change in nature. The sun rises and sets on time every day as it has been doing since the beginning of time.

People have learned a lot about the universe, so the mere words of the Holy Bible warning them about the second coming of Christ, the melting of the elements with fervent heat, the passing away of the heavens around the earth with a great noise, and the burning up of all the works of man in the earth sounds as absurd to them as the story about the flood during Noah's day. Even those who do believe the scriptures do not want to feel that the time is near.

A Changing World:

This is a changing world that we live in. The world is not changing to be a better place to live, but a worse place to live. For those who are saved, God is going to make arrangements for us to live in another world that will far exceed the conditions of this world. Everybody is going to leave this world, the saved as well as those who are unsaved. However, for those who are saved, they will live in a world where righteousness will be the spirit of the atmosphere. For those who are not saved, they will live in a world where misery will be the spirit of the atmosphere. Those who are not saved should change their way of living while the world is changing. Every human being has the power to repent of his or her sins and change their way of living.

The Gospel:

The ministry, mission, and gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest story that has ever been known to the world. The gospel introduced an overwhelming love from God that saved us from our wicked ways of life that were leading us to destruction. God could very well have left us to perish in the condition that sin brought upon us, but God's love for us was so far reaching that He sent His Son to bring us back into fellowship with His holiness.

It was by the gospel that Jesus brought to the earth that we were saved. The gospel of Jesus Christ carried a message of love that no adversary of God could prevent from reaching and saving those who were willing to repent. It has been over 2,000 years since the gospel was introduced to the world, and it is as refreshing and powerful today as it was when it was first presented. The gospel would solve every problem on the earth, if we could get the people to receive it.

We cannot make people do right, and love one another, but if we could get them to repent and believe the gospel, and allow God to fill them with the Holy Spirit they would spread love in the world unconditionally. God would put His divine love in the hearts of the people, and it would be so powerful that they would not be able to keep it to themselves. This love would be introduced by God sent preachers who would not be ministering for money, fame or recognition.

The gospel would reveal to the people of the world that if everyone would love God with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and their neighbors as themselves, there would be no problems on the earth, and the devil would have to find another planet to start trouble on.

The plan and purpose of the gospel is the simplest that God could offer to

man. Every human on the earth deserves to die for his or her sins. However, God's love moved Him to propose and send a plan through the death of His Son whereby man might be redeemed from the debt for sin. If man accepts the gospel, then the death of Christ pays the debt for him, and he can enjoy the blessings of God without the penalty of sin hanging over him.

The Prophecy Of Isaiah:

If you follow carefully the knowledge of the word of God, you will learn that the end of the world is upon us. The system of the world, which has been built up to rule the people in the earth is coming to a close. The system of the world has been built up by laws to govern people, and to control the actions of man against his fellow man, but this system is not at the end of the road.

God sent prophets in past times to tell us what to expect during this present time. The prophet Isaiah was referred to as an eagle-eyed prophet of God, which means he gave long range prophecies of what to expect near the end of the world. Isaiah prophesied 725 years before Christ was born that a virgin should conceive and bear a child in the last days. The child would be the Son of God being sent to the world in the last days to get us ready for the end.

Isaiah's prophecy stated that the Son of God would be called Immanuel, which meant that God would be with us. God so loved the world that God Himself decided to come to the world to get us ready for the end. God sent wise men from the east to bear witness of His appearance as was foretold by the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah's prophecy was very important because it gave knowledge of God's appearance to the people during the time that God would come on the scene to be witnesses to Isaiah's prophecy.

Jesus Was Born Of A Virgin:

You have to be careful of what Bible you are reading. The Original King James Version is the only Bible that God authorized. There is quite a controversy about the prophecy of the birth of Jesus. Many translated versions contend that the greatest character that ever lived was born of a young woman. A young woman does not have to be a virgin.

Isaiah 7:14 in The Original King James Version of the Bible teaches that Jesus was born of a virgin. A young woman can be a virgin or a harlot, and if the young woman is not married then the implication is that if she has a child without being married, the child is a bastard, born of fornication. However, if a young woman is a virgin, it means that her child was conceived by a higher source than by sexual intercourse. The Holy Ghost is the only source of power that can conceive a child such as it did Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah called our attention to the fact that God was going to give us a sign. This sign would be a miraculous work done by God. It would not be much of a sign if a child was born as ordinary children are born. It is not unusual for a young woman to have a child. But if the young woman was a virgin, and had a child without the aid of a man, then that would be a sign to get our attention. Isaiah not only prophesied that this miraculous conception would come to pass, but he also said that this child would have an unusual name, which would be Immanuel. The name Immanuel being interpreted means ‘God with us’.

The devil is very clever and he knows that if he can use the translated versions of the Bible to imply that Jesus was not born of a virgin, he can also convince people that the name Immanuel means nothing. He can make the people think that the birth of Jesus is not God being with us. With the translated versions of the Bible the devil can discredit the name Immanuel.

The devil is trying to separate the sign that Isaiah prophesied of, saying a virgin will conceive, from the name Immanuel thereby making people doubt that God is with them by means of Jesus being born of a virgin. If a person really wants to believe the truth about Jesus’ birth, the same Holy Ghost that conceived Jesus in the womb of a virgin will also conceive the truth about Jesus’ birth in the person’s mind.

Obedience To God Brings The Greater Blessing:

When the devil seduced Eve to eat the fruit of the forbidden tree, and she gave the fruit to Adam to eat also while they were in the beautiful Garden of Eden, they lost their dominion over the animals and the earth. Obeying the command of God is serious business, and it is not to be taken lightly.

Eve ate the forbidden fruit because she saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desired to make one wise. Even today, people like to be smart when it comes to obeying the command of God. People love to be wise even if it means to die. The forbidden fruit was introduced to Eve as being a tree of knowledge that would make her as wise as God.

Disobedience to God does not make you wise; it makes you stupid. Adam and Eve lost their paradise, because Eve thought she could acquire a greater blessing than what God had given them in the Garden of Eden. There is no greater blessing that you can acquire when you obey God.

The Fall From Grace:

The devil gained control of man and became the ruler of this world. When man allowed the devil to acquire rulership over the world, man became a sad creature. The earth became cursed, and man soon learned that obedience to God was his only recourse for relief from the conditions of the earth. After his disobedience caused him to be cast out of the beautiful Garden of Eden, man had to earn a living for a limited life by the sweat of his brow.

After man's fall from grace, the devil began to tempt and lead man further away from God by causing him to believe that sinful practices such as being covetous, a liar, a murderer, and selfish would give him relief from the results of His fall from grace. However, it only made the conditions of life worse for man.

As time went by, man began to realize that his nature was selfish, and that it would be necessary to fight to maintain satisfactions for his selfish cravings. This later resulted to wars where many would die because of the selfish, carnal nature that man had been cursed with.

The lust of the flesh was now the ruling force that the devil had cursed man with. Man at this point found himself spiritually dead, but God had more power in His mercy and love that was far greater than the curse that the devil had placed upon man. God saw that man would experience a terrible fall from grace. God had already planned a way that man could be redeemed.

The process of redemption would be done by the blood from a sacrifice that was completely innocent, and not related to any practices of sin. The sacrifice would come from a perfectly holy source that would have more power to redeem man than the sources of evil that caused man to fall. God decided to make His word or His only Begotten Son to be the perfect sacrifice to redeem man from his fall from grace.

Jesus would be the source of an upgraded power of grace to regenerate man back into favor with God. The grace that Jesus offered was greater than the grace that man fell from. This grace would be a renewed work of the Holy Ghost that would convert and stabilize man's obedience to be established and unmoveable from God, if this was what man desired.

CHAPTER 1

ARE YOU READY FOR JESUS' RETURN AND THE JUDGMENT?

Subject: From Time To Eternity:

There are so few people who have learned that this present world is not their permanent home. Many people have not come to the realization that they are not going to be in this world much longer. The people of this world today are making plans and preparations for their lives as if they are going to be here forever. The clock, the calendar, and your birth certificate will remind you that your stay in this world is slowly, but surely coming to an end.

Your friends, relatives and associates of your former generation will also remind you that your exit from this world is certain. Eternity has more authority than time, because eternity will be implemented by God. Time is a temporary form of existence that God will allow to give us a chance to choose where we would like to spend eternity. Time permits a corruptible life, whereas eternity will permit an incorruptible or permanent life.

Subject: The Pleasure Of God Is That We Live Forever:

God brought us into the world for a purpose. God did not bring us into existence to die, and exist no more. The resurrection was planned by God for everybody to live again. God gets no pleasure out of people when they die, that is why He arranged the resurrection. Listen to St. Luke 12:32:

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

That does not sound like a God who will get pleasure out of people dying. God gets pleasure out of giving us eternal life in his kingdom; this is why He is preparing the resurrection for the saved people. Those who are not going to be a part of the first resurrection have chosen not to accept God's offer to live in His kingdom.

Adam caused us to die, but God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to save mankind, so that though we die, we can live again. When you are born again, it means that you have received the gift of eternal life to live in God's kingdom forever.

Subject: The Prophecy Of Daniel: (Daniel 12:1):

Daniel prophesied that there will be a time of trouble near the end of this world that has never been since the world existed. As we observed the conditions of the world today, we can see indications that Daniel's prophecy is coming to pass. Daniel is also prophesying that those who are saved shall be delivered right before the end. Such people will be born again having their names written in the book of life. Listen to Daniel 12:1:

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.

There are two books kept in the kingdom of heaven. One contains the names of those who are saved and their works. The other contains the names of the unsaved and their works. The book of life, which has the names of those who are saved, God revealed to Daniel that they will be delivered and given shelter from the storm when the world begins to experience the destruction.

Subject: A Prayer Request:

God sent Jesus into the world that He might bring the knowledge to man who was lost because he did not understand that only righteousness exalts a people or an individual. At the completion of Jesus' ministry on earth, He prayed to His Father using these words found in St John 17:24 in closing his prayer:

Verse 24 - *Father I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me...*

Jesus is requesting of God that He desires for those that believe in Him that God has given Him to be with Him in heaven, and that God will allow Him to come back to the earth for those who believe in Him. Jesus had fulfilled His mission and He had planned to come back one day for those who believe in Him.

Though some may be resting in the grave and others are living, Jesus is praying that God will make Him able to come back for them.

Subject: The First Resurrection:

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was a symbol of how all who have the Spirit of Christ will be resurrected in the last days when the trumpet sounds. Those who have the Spirit of Christ, and are alive will be changed and caught up together with those who will be resurrected from the grave to meet Jesus in the air (I Thessalonians 4:14-18). You have to be born again to be included in this resurrection. This will be the first resurrection.

The hope of rising in the first resurrection can only be built upon Jesus Christ and His righteousness. Those of us who are saved should adore the birth of Jesus, and truly thank God for the hope and privilege to be in the first resurrection.

Subject: The Promise Of God:

God has promised that He shall one day bring an end to this sinful world. Those who have believed in God have looked forward to Jesus' return to execute the plan of God. The promise in God's plan is found in II Peter 3:12-13:

Verse 12 - Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

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

Those who are born again will be looking for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. Those who believe the promises of God will be obeying God's word. Before the foundation of the world, God planned that He

would save every person who would repent of his or her sins, and obeys the gospel of Jesus Christ, and God has kept that promise.

Subject: A Substantial Hope:

The hope of the world is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Christian faith is built on the resurrection. If there be no resurrection of the dead, all of the teachings of Christianity are vain. To have hope to live again is the greatest hope that you can have. Nobody loves death, so the hope of the resurrection is a retreat from the terror of death. In order for your hope of the resurrection to be effective, you must be born again of the Spirit of God. This means that you are saved from sin.

When you are under the power of sin, you are also under the power and threat of death. Jesus came to give us hope that though we die, we shall live again forever. Jesus' words to His disciples before He left the earth were to "*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions*", and that He was going to prepare a place for them and that He would return and receive them again to take them to the kingdom of heaven.

The scriptures teach plainly that the Lord shall descend from heaven with the voice of an archangel and the trump of God, and those who are asleep in Christ, shall rise and meet Him in the air. He shall then change their bodies to be like unto His own body, and take them to the place called heaven. So Jesus' admonishment was to "*be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh*".

Jesus teaches that He is coming as quickly as you see lightning that cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. The secret to being ready is to not let Jesus catch you doing anything that God commanded you not to do, because Jesus will not take you if you are disobedient to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Nobody will know the day of Jesus' return, but Jesus used the event of the flood during Noah's time as an example. The people during Noah's day did not know it was their doom until the flood came and took them all away. The scriptures teach that, so shall it be also when the coming of the Lord takes place.

Subject: Jesus' Return For The Execution Of Judgment:

For those who do not get saved, they will be classified by the word of God as being wicked. During this present time, God is extending grace to the world so that those who are not saved will have a chance to change their sinful deeds to righteous deeds, which will allow them to change their classification from being wicked to righteous. They will have a chance to do this until the day of Jesus' return. Upon Jesus' return, the grace period will end.

During the day of Jesus' return, He shall descend upon the earth and every eye shall see Him. Even those who were witnesses of His crucifixion and mocked Him. Listen to Revelation 1:7:

Verse 7 - Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him, Even so, Amen.

Prior to Jesus leaving the earth, He had given commandments to His disciples, and afterwards was taken up into the clouds while they watched. The disciples stood there gazing, and the sight was so marvelous that they were lost from the world by their attention being overwhelmed at Jesus' ascension into the clouds. Listen to Acts 1:9-11:

Verse 9 - And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Verse 10 - And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Verse 11 - Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

The two in white apparel were angels sent to call the disciples' minds back to the reality of their earthly situation.

Now when Jesus returns, He is not coming back to save anybody who was not saved before He returned, but to execute judgment. Listen to Jude 1:14-15 that tells about His return:

Verse 14 - And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these sayings, Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints,

Verse 15 - To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jesus will not come this time to judge, but to execute judgment. The judgment will take place in heaven, and the execution will take place on the earth. Now is the time for the unsaved to come to the throne of grace to be saved.

Subject: The Good Seed Is The Word Of God:

Jesus came to teach the people of the world that one day the harvest is coming to the world. Jesus used the example of a harvest because it is something that everybody is familiar with. Jesus taught that the righteous are going to be gathered with God as wheat is gathered by a farmer into the garner. The tares, which are weeds, will be separated from the wheat. The tares will be an example of those who did not get saved and are considered to be unrighteous. The tares are burned by the farmer, which is an example of how God is going to burn every living thing on the earth after the righteous are taken out of the world by Jesus.

The death of the unsaved will only be for a moment, but after their death, God will later have a judgment for the unsaved. The harvest will be the end of this world. The angels of God will come with Jesus to secure those who are saved. The good seed that Jesus taught about in St. Matthew 13:36 is the word of God. He is further teaching that when you hear the word of God and believe it, you will be like wheat that the farmer secured in the garner.

Subject: Parables Were Familiar To The People:

Whatever occupations that the people participated in is what Jesus used as parables to teach about the kingdom of heaven. Jesus told the men who were fishermen that the kingdom of heaven is like a great net that was cast into the sea to bring in everything, but when it was brought to shore, the bad things were separated from the good things. Jesus said that the end of the world would be the same way (St. Matthew 13:47-50).

The angels of the Lord shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just. Listen to St. Matthew 13:49-50:

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

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

Jesus spoke everything to the multitudes in parables, and without a parable Jesus did not speak to them.

Subject: You Must Qualify To Enter The Gates Of Heaven:

I do not want you to believe that what I am writing will take you to heaven, and then God will reject you at the gates of heaven. It is deceiving for a preacher to make you think that you are going to heaven just to get your contributions for his ministry, and you are not qualified to get there. Jesus paid the price for us to get to heaven, but we must meet the qualifications to be admitted.

The qualifications are that we must be sin-free to enter the gates of heaven. Jesus died so that power would be available to us to get into heaven. Jesus opened the gates of heaven for us by His obedience. Just as Jesus obeyed God down to the death of the cross, we must obey Jesus' gospel until our old life of sin dies. Jesus' obedience to God empowers our obedience to His gospel.

Subject: The New Earth:

God's plan is to establish a new earth after the same spirit that is in the kingdom of heaven. God wants to establish a people to inherit the new earth that will be under the rulership of God in their hearts. The Holy Spirit would have established the righteousness of God in the hearts of people. Such people must be proven that they want to be a part of this kingdom while they are living in this present world. The grace of God is available to help those who want to be a part of God's plan. Listen to Psalm 37:9 and 11:

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

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

Subject: Are You Ready To Make The Flight?

We are among the last generations of the earth. Pretty soon, this old world will close its chapter concerning man's existence in a world of sin. There will be a happier day in store for those who are born again. When you are born again, you are born of God, and God has blessings for His children that have not entered their imagination.

Jesus said that those who are pure in heart shall see God. To be pure in heart means to be cleansed from your sins. This means the Holy Spirit has come into your life purging you of your sinful nature. When you are pure in heart, no bitterness, hatred, malice, envy, strife, adultery, fornication, variance or emulations will be in your heart nor the way that you conduct yourself.

The Holy Spirit would have given you peace, love, joy, faith, goodness, longsuffering, meekness, and temperance, and these qualities are more powerful than evil qualities. The fruit of the Holy Spirit will give you power to meet Jesus in the air when He returns for the born again saints. When these qualities are in your heart, it means that God is prominent in your mind.

Subject: Are You Familiar With Eternity?

Eternity starts after time ends. Time will end upon Jesus' second appearance. Everybody is going to live again in eternity. Eternity means timeless or never ending. There are two choices for living in eternity; one choice can be eternal life with God in heaven, and the other choice can be eternal misery in a lake of fire and brimstone where the devil will spend eternity.

Now your soul or mind is the part of your existence that will live in eternity. Your body will go back to the dust if you die before Jesus returns. If you are saved and living when Jesus returns, your body will be changed to a celestial body prepared to spend eternity in heaven.

The truth about your existence has more power than you can imagine about your existence. You had nothing to do with being born, but you will have everything to do with where you will spend eternity. Your life in time was allowed by God for you to decide where you will spend eternity. You are living in time on a trial status.

Now the first man Adam caused humans to be born for one purpose and that is to die. Christ was sent to give us victory over that purpose that we might live again. In Adam, we all die, but in Christ we can all live again. Whether you die in Adam or live again in Christ, your mind or soul will continue to live according to the promise of God. If you give your mind to Christ, you will be given a new body to live in heaven with Christ forever. You will receive another body in the resurrection that Christ will administer upon His return for those who are saved.

The Lord who gave you the life you now possess has given you the promise that if you walk in His statutes and keep His commandments that though you die, you shall live again. There is more to life than what most people think. Life is more than eating, drinking and enjoying pleasures of the flesh.

To neglect what God is offering while you live can bring serious consequences. God has arranged a plan for man to live again in heaven, because God had never planned for man to die. Adam chose death for all men, but man can choose to live again in Christ.

Subject: Jesus Will Save To The Uttermost Those Who Come Unto God:

Jesus will save you if you will approach Him and ask for help. He will then give you the Holy Spirit, which will be strength to resist the temptations to commit

sin. Jesus will not send you to some church to be entertained; He will teach you how to live righteously, and you will demonstrate your new righteous life everywhere you go. You will be separate from the way that sinners live. Though you may work beside sinners, your mind will not be on worldly ways and pleasures of sin. Your new life will be after the example that Christ lived while He was on the earth. Listen to Hebrews 7:26:

Verse 26 - For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens.

If your life is not separate from sinners, the ministry of Christ would not be related to you.

Subject: A Spiritual Birth Will Qualify You To Live In A Spiritual Habitation:

Man was allowed to be born into the world to do the will of God. If we have not accepted this reason for our existence, we have no hope for the future of our existence. We must first realize that each person is a part of the plan of God if they do God's will, and they will have the privilege to be redeemed from death. Though every person will live again, those who fail to be a part of God's plan will live in a state of eternal misery.

In order to be a part of God's plan you must be born again of the Spirit of God (St. John 3:6-7). A conversation was held between Jesus and a ruler of the Jews named Nicodemus about the birth of the flesh. Jesus proceeded to teach Nicodemus that a fleshly birth is not acceptable to be a part of God's plan because the finality of God's plan would be in the kingdom of heaven, and that heaven is a habitation that can only accommodate those who have experienced a spiritual birth.

Heaven is an everlasting habitation for those who are delivered from a life given by flesh and blood, and will be living completely by the Spirit of God. Jesus is further teaching that in order to enter the kingdom of heaven you must be born again of the Spirit of God while you are living on the earth.

Your spiritual life that will allow you to live in heaven must begin while you are living on the earth. Your spiritual life on the earth will begin with the new birth of a spiritual mind, and it will be completed upon Jesus' return with a new spiritual body that will completely qualify you to live in the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: The Preparation Process:

God is building a new city in heaven for the new arrivals. Just as those who are saved are being prepared to live in the kingdom by the Holy Spirit while they are on the earth, God is also making preparation for them in heaven. The Spirit of God is making ready a people prepared for God. Listen to how the preparation process started in St. Luke 1:17:

Verse 17 - And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Now you will need the Holy Spirit while you are living on the earth in order for it to prepare you to enter the kingdom of heaven. The Spirit of God will not prepare you to live in heaven after you get there. Listen to Psalms the 15th division, verses 1-5 that teaches who will be able to enter the kingdom of heaven:

Verse 1 - Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

Verse 2 - He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart,

Verse 3 - He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

Verse 4 - In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

Verse 5 - He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Subject: The New Arrivals In Heaven:

When you are born again of the Spirit of God, You will live a spiritual life. A spiritual life is a holy life that is free from sin. When you are living a spiritual life there will be no more death. Death to the born again person is not death to threaten the person. Such death will have a completely new meaning. Though such a death will mean to be separate from the life that the person lived in this world, it will be just like a pleasant dream where-as the person will experience a transfer from life in this world to a peaceful rest in paradise where all the saints through the ages are presently resting and Abraham is the overseer.

When Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection, those who are resting in paradise will get up at the command of the voice of Jesus to meet Jesus in the air. Those who are saved and still living will be resurrected after those who were resting in paradise (I Thessalonians 4:14-18). They will be given new celestial bodies like the body that Jesus received in His resurrection. They will then be taken to heaven to meet God, and given a new mansion to live in. All of such blessings in heaven will be eternal. Angels in heaven will be there to serve and assist the new arrivals. The new arrivals will have a long celebration in heaven glorifying God and Jesus who made their citizenship in heaven a reality.

Subject: The Separation Will Be On The Day Of Harvest:

Jesus sought very carefully to give the people an understanding of what was required to enter the kingdom of heaven by using parables relating to things in their environment that they were familiar with. 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.*

Jesus is using an example of how wheat and tare grow. Wheat is good for food, but tare is like weeds that grow right along with the wheat. Jesus is teaching that if you pull out tare to separate it from the wheat, you will also interfere with the wheat. The wheat is an example of saved people, and the tares is an example of unsaved people. God is not going to completely separate saved people from the

unsaved while they are living in this world until He gets ready to destroy this world.

Saved people must be religiously and socially separated when the unsaved are involved with sinful religious and social practices. Under these conditions they will still live in the same environment until the day of harvest. When the day of harvest comes, the unsaved and saved will be permanently separated, just as the farmer will separate the wheat from the tare. The farmer will then burn the tare and secure the wheat into his barn.

Subject: Blessed And Holy Are Those Who Will Be In The First Resurrection:

It will not be wise to get too involved and overcharged with the things of this world, because the day is coming when everything in the world shall be burned up. The whole creation came from the earth, and when it is burned to ashes, it will go back to the earth. There will be people living on the earth when God gets ready to burn the earth. Those who are saved will be gone to heaven, but those who are left on the earth will be classified by the word of God as being wicked. The Bible teaches the following in Malachi 4:1:

Verse 1 - For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

After the wicked have been burned, they will nevertheless live again in new bodies. The evil spirits of the wicked that were in their old bodies will be placed in new bodies. The new bodies of the wicked will be spiritual bodies that will never die. Those who were saved and taken to heaven before God burned the earth were filled with the Holy Spirit and upon Jesus' return, they were given new bodies to live in heaven. However, the wicked that were left behind, and burned will be given new bodies designed for eternal miseries. They will experience the first and second death.

The first death of the wicked will take place when God burns the earth and their flesh and blood bodies will be burned to stubble. The second death will be after God gives them a new body to be burned continuously in a lake of fire and

brimstone. This will be the second death. When a person was not born again, their names will not be found written in the book of life, which will cause them to experience the second death. Listen to Revelations 20:15, 14, 10 and 6:

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

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

All who were deceived by the devil and did not get saved will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone.

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

The only way that you can avoid the second death is to be in the first resurrection.

Verse 6 - Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

This will be a thousand year celebration in the kingdom of heaven for those who are saved.

Subject: The Second Death:

Death is a continuous nightmare when you die without the Lord. You want to be sure that you have been born again when you die. Death without Christ will allow you to spend eternity in misery. The second death is eternal death that will not be a one-time experience. It will be a never-ending experience of torment, which was initially prepared for the angels that rebelled against God. This death will take place in a lake of fire and brimstone that will burn throughout eternity.

Those who die unsaved will be cast into this lake of fire and brimstone with the devil that deceived them. Listen to Revelations 20:10:

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

You want to accept Jesus Christ into your life while living in this present world so that you can be in the first resurrection.

Verse 6 - Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

The second death will have no power against those who will be saved by Jesus Christ and they will reign with Christ to enjoy everlasting life in the kingdom of heaven and the new earth. Death will be eradicated then from the new heaven and earth that God will establish. God is going to cast death, hell and all those who did not get saved into the lake of fire and brimstone. Listen to Revelations 20:13-15:

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

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

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

CHAPTER 2

THE HOLY BIBLE - THE WORD OF GOD:

Subject: The Map:

The Bible is a map that gives you directions on how to travel from this life to eternal life. If you are trying to reach the city whose builder and maker is God, the Bible will show you how to get on the right course to get there. The word of God is the only knowledge that is available to teach us how to reach God. The Bible first gives you instructions on how to be born again. 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 first have to meet the qualifications, and follow the instructions that the Bible gives to make the journey. As long as you keep God's word in your life, and use it as a map, you cannot go wrong. However, if you put it out of your mind, you will get lost.

Subject: The Bible:

If you are going to be saved, you will have to respect every principle of righteousness that the Bible teaches. The Bible is not a book given by the will of men, but by the will of God. God inspired men to write the Bible. The Bible was given to holy men who were inspired to write by the Holy Spirit. Every word in the Bible was given by inspiration of God for the purpose of correction and reproof that man might have a doctrine to live by that would give instructions in righteousness.

When men fail to accept the reproof or corrections that the Bible gives, the Bible will condemn man and bring him into the judgment of God. When the Bible judges a person to condemnation, there is no way that the person will be able to escape the judgment.

Subject: The Seed:

The scriptures teach that the seed is the word of God. Listen to St. Luke 8:11:

Verse 11 - *Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.*

Whenever a seed is planted, it germinates as a result of receiving nutrients from the soil. When the soil is rich, it means the seed has been planted on good ground. In the parable that Jesus taught, good ground is considered as a good mind that is hungry and thirsting after righteousness. Listen to St. Matthew 5:6:

Verse 6 - *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

When you hunger and thirst after righteousness, and you hear the word of God preached it means the word of God will take root in your mind, and bring forth fruit just like the seed that the farmer sowed on good ground. Listen to St. Luke 8:8:

Verse 8 - *And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

Subject: The Sword Of The Spirit Can Defeat The Devil:

We are born into a world of evil warfare. It is a war between good and evil. Our only defense against the evil tactics of the devil is having knowledge of the word of God. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit that can cut the devices of the devil back. It is the means by which the devil can be defeated.

You must be shod with the preparations of the gospel, which means you must know the word of God. After you learn the word of God, you must do what the word says to do. Listen to Ephesians 6:14-17:

Verse 14 - Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Verse 15 - And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Verse 16 - Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Verse 17 - And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Subject: Spiritual Knowledge:

You cannot understand what the Bible teaches simply because you can read and pronounce the words in the Bible. In order to understand what the Bible teaches God must give power to your spiritual eyes. Your spiritual eyes are the eyes of your understanding that give you the ability to perceive.

The Bible is not a book that can be literally interpreted; it must be spiritually revealed. Spiritual knowledge has to be given to you. Human intelligence cannot learn spiritual knowledge. You must have the Holy Spirit in your mind to be an intercessor, giving you an anointing to understand spiritual knowledge in the Bible.

God does not give everybody spiritual eyes. You must be under the teachings of a God sent, Holy Ghost filled leader to receive an understanding of what the Bible teaches.

Subject: Knowledge From God Must Be A Gift:

When knowledge has to be revealed to you, it means it is hidden from you until it is made known to you. A revelation is knowledge that has to be given to you. Knowledge from the scriptures cannot be comprehended by human intelligence; it must be a gift from God. You cannot know what the word is teaching except it is revealed to you by the Holy Spirit.

Unless you have established a relationship with God by means of the Holy Spirit giving you the new-birth, God will not communicate with you. You cannot understand messages from God unless the Holy Spirit makes it plain to you through the person that God has sent. Such a person has been anointed by the Holy Spirit to be a messenger from God.

Subject: Living Bread:

If you eat living bread, you will never experience the death of your soul. Living bread is the gospel that Jesus taught. Your soul is the spiritual part of your existence and living bread can give eternal life to your soul. Your soul is your mind or spiritual heart. Listen to St. John 6:47-51:

Verse 47 - *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.*

Verse 48 - *I am that bread of life.*

Verse 49 - *Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.*

Verse 50 - *This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.*

Living bread will perpetuate your life from this present world into eternity.

Verse 51 - *I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.*

Death of the soul is not elimination of the soul, but eternal misery.



CHAPTER 3

WHAT IS SIN?

Subject: Sin Is A Killer:

Sin makes you sick and can kill you before you live out the time that God has allotted you. The word of God promises three score and ten years, and by reason of strength four score years. However, most people do not live this long, and it is because of their sins. Listen to Romans 6:12:

Verse 12 - Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

The scriptures teach that after sin came into the world when Adam disobeyed God, men gradually walked away from God. Their bodies began to degenerate, and they began to die at a younger age. As people leave God, it allows sin to cut their life spans short, the wages of sin is death.

The closer you are to God, the less effect sin will have on you, and the longer your life will be. Sinners who do not live according to the word of God do not live to be old. Their sins will kill them. Longevity depends upon how you live. You live by two things, which are wheat from the farm, and the bread of life, which is the word of God.

Subject: What About Fornication?

Fornication means to have sex with someone that you are not married to. Adultery is classified as fornication. A marriage between those of the same sex is also fornication. Fornication is a sin against your body, which God gave to humans for His Holy Spirit to occupy. Your body is given to you to be the temple of God. God does not occupy buildings made of wood, bricks and stone; He occupies humans.

When you commit fornication, you have defiled the temple of God, which is a sin against God. Fornication is the lust of the flesh in operation, and the lust of the flesh is the cause of most of the trouble we are having. The devil works very hard to get church folk to commit fornication. In every social or religious group, the devil tries to get men and women together in an ungodly way so that he can have people singing, preaching, shouting and committing fornication in their private lives.

The institution of marriage was ordained by God. God provided no other acceptable way for people to have sexual relations. God joined the first couple

together in holy wedlock as an example for subsequent marriages. Since the marriage of Adam and Eve, the Spirit of God has joined all other couples who stand together before God to acknowledge that they take each other in holy matrimony. God said what therefore he has joined together, let no man put asunder.

Not only did God approve of the marriage relationship, His Son Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, also in approval of marriage. Later the apostle Paul came along speaking for both God and Christ putting the matter in simple language for all to read and understand in Hebrews 13:4 as follows:

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

When you are married, the bed is undefiled. This will result to the offspring of the couple being legitimate in the eyes of God. The bed refers to the privacy that is common to the relationship of man and wife.

Subject: There Are Different Ways To Sin, But The Reward Is The Same:

There are different ways to sin. Some people sin by lying and others sin by committing adultery or stealing. There are some who have only one sin; however, that does not help, because if you offend in one sin, you are guilty of all. People have different ways of doing things and sin is included. However, the reward for unrighteousness whether you started today or last year is the same. The reward is also the same for righteousness, which is eternal life. The reward for unrighteousness is eternal damnation.

Subject: Beware Of Idolatry:

Abraham was willing to forsake his kindred that he might obey the God of heaven. Abraham knew his parents were not worshipers of God, because they

were worshipers of idols. Whenever people put anything before God, such things are their idols.

It is not wise to go to a church where worshipers worship idols. You must do as Abraham did and come out from among those who are unbelievers. When God spoke to Abraham, he obeyed God's command. What applied to Abraham in his day still applies to church folk today. Listen to I Corinthians 10:14 and 19:

Verse 14 - Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

Verse 19 - What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?

Subject: Only Christ Can Annul The Penalty For Sin:

God put the debt that man owes for his sins on Christ. When we allow our minds to envision Christ, the Son of the living God, hanging on the cross, suffering physical pain from the nails in His hands, and feeling the anguish resulting from the abuse of sinners whom He was dying to save, you can surely see that God will not allow sin to be a part of His plan for those who are willing to repent. You can see that God went through awful extremes to do something about sin.

You can also see that God really loved sinners to execute such a plan to deliver sinners from their sins. Sin carries a penalty that can only be annulled in Christ; and the annulment process can only go to work for a repenting sinner. When we understand this, we can surely show our appreciation and thankfulness by believing and obeying the gospel.

CHAPTER 4

***YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN
TO GET INTO HEAVEN***

Subject: God Is Life:

After being born of the carnal nature, the end of our way of life will be death unless we are born again of the Spirit of God. When you are born again the end of the way that God has given us by the Holy Spirit is life everlasting.

Sin is a line of demarcation between man and God, and is an eternal separation between man and God. God gives us knowledge of the importance of obeying Him so that we can continue to enjoy life.

Those who die saved, and those who are alive upon Jesus' second appearance will never see the second death. They will receive a continuous life from the life that they lived in this world into a life in heaven that will never end.

Obedience to the word of God is life more abundantly. Life that God offers is an unmeasurable blessing. God is life and those who obey God will enter into the life of God to receive continuous joy in the Holy Ghost.

Subject: Your Life Must Be Sin-Free To Honor God:

You have to honor God if you want God to bless you. You honor God by obeying Him and meeting often to invoke the blessings of God to you. An acceptable church assembly is for the purpose of honoring God if the members are sin-free. You cannot honor God living a life of sin. Sin is dishonor and disrespect to God. When you attend worship services to honor God with a sin-free life, God keeps a record of your worship services. Listen to Malachi 3:16:

Verse 16 - Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

Subject: A Calling:

You have to be called by God to be saved. A calling from God leads you to repent. Salvation in Jesus Christ is an act of God. When God calls you, He calls

you out of a life of sin. God does not call you to be a continuous unclean sinner. He calls you to be holy. To be holy means to be cleansed from your sins. Listen to I Peter 1:15-16:

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

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

A calling from God carries power to save and sanctify you. The power of the Holy Spirit will sanctify you in holiness as a saint of God. Listen to I Thessalonians 4:3-4:

Verse 3 - For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

Verse 4 - That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour.

Subject: Good Intentions Will Bring Grace From God:

The moment you say from your heart that you believe you can be saved from your sins to live a life free from sin, and you are willing to start to do so, God will justify you. God is looking for a sincere heart that desires to live free from sin. No matter how vile a sinner you may have been, God counts your faith in Him for righteousness. You become a righteous person when you believe that God can keep you living free from sin after you decide to repent of your sins.

The thing that will attract God's attention is your faith in God. Your faith must have confidence that God will keep you living above sin after you have put forth a sincere effort to turn from your sins. The actual power to keep you from sin will be grace that God has given you by the Holy Spirit. Grace will honor and assist your intent of heart to believe that you do not have to sin. If you make a mistake in turning from your sins, God will not charge you for a mistake; He will simply help you to correct your mistake.

Subject: The Mind Of Christ:

A true fellowship with Christ can only be made possible when Christ has taken away your sins. When you are born again of the Spirit of God, your mind becomes united and a part of Christ's mind and the two minds become mutual. If one mind is sinful and the other holy, they would be at variance against each other. They could not maintain unity in the Holy Spirit.

When you have the mind of Christ, you will also live according to the will of God and Christ. Under these conditions, whatever becomes the will of Christ will be your will. Your unity with Christ will be supported by the word of God. Listen to Philippians 2:5-6:

Verse 5 - Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Verse 6 - Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.

The people of the world have taken on the nature to be above and greater than their fellow citizens are. However, when God extends His love to man, He allows man to be equal with Him.

Subject: Your Salvation Should Be A Personal Experience:

You can go to church and listen to songs, testimonies, and the preacher preach, but unless you are born again, the harvest will pass summer will end, and you will not be saved. Your salvation does not come to a church assembly; it comes within you. When you are truly saved, you can be encouraged and be inspired by church services. However, unless the Holy Spirit has put that joy within you, you are not saved. Christ must be living within your heart in order for your salvation to be true.

No church programs can adequately describe true salvation to you unless the Holy Spirit is the intercessor transmitting the knowledge and inspiration to your heart. There must be an inward operation going on in your life that results from a spiritual change that you have experienced by the power of the Holy Spirit. You should have experienced the death of the old sinful life, and experienced the resurrection of a new creature like a newborn baby to live the life of Christ.

Subject: There Is No Condemnation In Christ:

Have you experienced a crucifixion in your life? If you are saved, you should have experienced a crucifixion with Christ so that your old life of sin would have been destroyed, and that you are no longer serving sin. Listen to Romans 6:6:

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

If you are seeking to be justified by Christ's crucifixion and you are still in your sins, is Christ a minister of sin? (Galatians 2:17.) Now religious excitement in a church will not save you; only the teachings of the Bible can authenticate your salvation.

There is no justification for those who claim to be saved and are yet sinners. When you are saved from sin, you will no longer have a desire to sin. You cannot justify sin because sin condemns your conscience. When your conscience condemns you, your religion will be in vain. When Christ is in your life, there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

Subject: A Spiritual Life Versus A Physical Life (St. John 3:1-2):

When Jesus taught the people, He always taught using parables because His teachings were foreign to the understanding of the people during that time. Jesus was introducing a spiritual teaching from heaven to an earthly civilization. Spiritual knowledge is different from earthy knowledge because it makes reference to the spiritual destinies of man. There are two alternatives for a man's spiritual destinies; one is to live in heaven forever, and the other is to live in hell forever.

So, when Jesus was teaching the people, He used parables to illustrate the spiritual options that were available to man. It would be easy to understand Jesus' parables because they would be on a subject that the people would be familiar with. When Jesus began to teach about being born again, God sent a ruler of the Jews to Him named Nicodemus to be His student.

God has to ordain a person to learn about spiritual things. A person cannot comprehend spiritual knowledge unless God sends them to learn spiritual

knowledge. Nicodemus was sent by God one night to learn a lesson about being born again, which was a spiritual lesson. Nicodemus wanted to know how a man could be born when he is old, and if he could enter the second time into his mother's womb. Jesus knew that the only understanding that Nicodemus had about birth was a physical birth.

Physical things are different from spiritual things. Spiritual things of God give a life that far exceeds a physical life. A spiritual life is life more abundantly. A physical life is a short-termed life that will end within a 70-year period or so. A spiritual life is life everlasting that will be produced by the Holy Ghost.

When you acquire a spiritual life in Christ, you are then born of the Spirit of God. Your physical life was given to you by your parents, which gave you the nature to commit sin, but when you are born again of the Spirit of God, it will give you the nature to live free from sin, giving you an inheritance in the kingdom of heaven to live forever.

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

If you are walking in darkness, you do not have fellowship with God. When you have fellowship with God, you will be walking in the light as He is in the light. When you are not walking in the light of God's counsel, you are walking in a treacherous way. When you obey God, the light of God will go with you so that you can see where you are going. When you walk in darkness, you cannot see the way, and your movements will get you in trouble.

When you are in the light, the way that you are going is clear and you will be walking in the Spirit not fulfilling the lust of the flesh. Jesus is the light that gives you a clear vision and will keep you from walking after the flesh or sinful pleasures, and keep your feet on good ground. Listen to I John 1: 5-6-7:

Verse 5 - This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

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

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

Subject: God's People Are Called By His Name, Which Is Holy:

The Lord sent His Son into the world for the purpose of redeeming a people. The first man Adam fell from grace when he sinned. Adam's transgression caused all men to be born condemned by his sin. Jesus was sent to offer a plan from God to restore man back to grace. This would allow man to be redeemed from sin and death. Those who are redeemed would be called a 'holy people'.

When you are called holy, you are called in God's name. God is a holy God. His name is holy. Today, when a person is born again of the Spirit of God, they are redeemed from sin and adopted into the family of God to be a holy member of the family. When you are born of God, you do not commit sin, because sin makes you unholy. To be holy means to be free from sin. You will be able to identify the people of God because they do not sin.

Subject: The Children Of God:

Adam was the created son of God; and angels are also the created sons of God, but there are many people today who believe that when they die they will become angels and go to heaven. There are no scriptures that support this principle. Angels are created spirit beings that are referred to as ministering spirits to do God's work in the creation in heaven and in earth.

The scriptures teach that God gives His angels charge over them that fear Him to deliver them in the time of temptation. Daniel had an angel to look after him when he was in the lion's den. The three Hebrew boys had an angel to look after them while they were in the fiery furnace. After Jesus had been in the wilderness for forty days and Satan tempted Him, at His weakest hour, God sent angels to minister unto Jesus.

Adam was a created son of God and angels are created sons of God, but Jesus is the begotten Son being pre-eminent over all the children of God. Those of us who are saved are adopted sons of God, which includes females also. When you are an adopted son of God, you walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. Listen to Romans 8:14-15:

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

This means that we are no longer under the bondage of sin, but we have received the Spirit of adoption. The Holy Spirit will bear witness with our spirit that we are the children of God; and if we are children of God, we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, and if we suffer with Christ we may also be glorified together.

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

Subject: Jesus Is The Only Begotten Son Of God:

God has many sons such as angels and those who are saved; but Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. This means Jesus is a begotten Son that is a part of God's Trinity. Jesus is the second part of God; Jesus is God. You cannot believe every spirit that teaches about Jesus, because there are many false teachers giving incorrect knowledge about Jesus. There are new revised versions of the Bible that teach that Jesus is the only Son of God, which is not true. Jesus is the only begotten Son of God.

There are many false prophets that are out into the world teaching an incorrect knowledge of Jesus. Listen to I John 4:1-3:

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

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

Verse 3 - And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of añ'-ti-christ, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Now we have overcome the spirit of anti-christ if we believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. This means that we have been born of

God; and greater is God in us than the spirit of anti-christ that is in the world.
Listen to verses 4-6 and 9:

- Verse 4 - Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
- Verse 5 - They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.
- Verse 6 - We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us: he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
- Verse 9 - In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Many revised versions of the Bible have taken the word begotten out of the passages of scriptures that makes reference to Jesus as being the Son of God.

Subject: If You Are A Child Of God, You Are Also An Heir Of God:

Though you are a full grown adult, if you are born again, you are considered by God as a child. Those who have more wealth and are in administrative positions having authority over you are considered by God as servants. When you are saved while living in this present world, you are an heir of God. Listen to Galatians 4:1-2:

- Verse 1 - Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
- Verse 2 - But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

The earth and the entire creation are the Lord's, and it does not belong to any man or woman who seems to have possession of the wealth of the world at this time. We are small in the estimation of those who make themselves gods of the world by controlling the wealth of the world. After being born again of the Spirit of God, we who were once under bondage learn and know our positions. We realize that the possessions of man can only be retained while he lives. So in the book of Psalms, chapter 37, verses 7-11 it teaches us to be patient:

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

Subject: There Are Two Works Of Grace:

When you are born again you receive power from God to live free from sin. The power is given by the Holy Spirit. The power that God gives you is a miraculous work of grace. When God saves you, He deals with you personally. He will educate you on the knowledge of His reality, and His plan for man. The Holy Spirit will be like a tutor leading and teaching you about God, and how to apply the principles of righteousness to your everyday life.

The Bible will be your source of information, and the Holy Spirit will help you to understand what the Bible teaches. The Bible will teach you that there are

two works of grace. Grace means favor. You will learn that you don't have to sin because a new source of power will change your desires to commit sin to a desire to obey God. You will learn that sin includes everything that is contrary to the will of God. One of the works of grace is forgiveness of sin, and the other is power given to you which makes it so that you won't have to sin anymore after you are forgiven. The only evidence that you have been forgiven of sin is when you have received power not to sin anymore.

Along with being baptized with water, you will also receive a baptism of the Holy Spirit. This means to be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is not necessary to be baptized with water, but very necessary to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. The baptism of water is a symbol of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but the baptism of the Holy Spirit gives you the new birth. When you are baptized with water it is a symbol that you are being buried in sin, and raised in righteousness. Jesus' death was a sacrifice of a pure, righteous and holy body for our sins to be buried, and Jesus' resurrection allowed us to be able to live as a new creature in Christ.

Subject: The New Kingdoms:

God is going to give the new kingdoms to the saints, or those who are saved from sin. The future government and rulership of the new world shall be given to children of God. Those who are filled with the Holy Spirit are being taught how to rule themselves, after which God has promised that the saints shall come into full possession of that which God created in the beginning for the upright and holy man and woman (Psalm 37:7-11).

God created the world to be a paradise and to be inhabited by His son Adam in joy, peace, and happiness, but by transgression he fell from grace. Jesus was sent to the earth to bring the gospel from heaven, which is the government of heaven. Heaven is governed by love.

Today, the gospel is available to anybody to teach us how to rule ourselves, so that when we are given the new kingdom, the love of God in our hearts will be the power that will be ruling the new kingdoms. All things in the creation will be given to the saints, and the time will come when God will allow us to come into possession.

God's plan is to establish righteousness in the new creation so that those who inherit it may be under the government and rulership of God in their hearts. The presence of God will be with those who will be in the new kingdom forever,

and His goodness will give them eternal blessings throughout eternity. If those who are saved keep His commandments while they live in this present world, the promises in God's word will be permanently established in the new kingdoms for the saints. Evidence that you are a child of God is that you must be led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14).

Subject: Ambassadors Of The Kingdom Of Heaven:

Jesus came into the world to reconcile man to God. Man had become alienated from God through ignorance. While on the earth, Jesus brought many to the knowledge of the truth of a country whose builder and maker is God. He then went back to heaven and left behind Him on the earth disciples who represented what Jesus taught concerning the kingdom of heaven.

An ambassador is a representative of a foreign country. They reside in another country and serves his or her country as an agent to try to bring about reconciliation between the inhabitants of both countries.

Today, those who are God sent ministers of the gospel are ambassadors of the kingdom of heaven, and their purpose is to reconcile the people of the earth to acquire citizenship in the kingdom of heaven. Such people must be born again to become new creatures in Christ to acquire citizenship in the kingdom of heaven. The ambassadors will show them how to meet the qualifications (II Corinthians 5:17-20).

Subject: The Family Name Of God's Family Is Holy:

The Spirit of God spoke through Isaiah the prophet making reference to the kind of people that would be saved. Listen to Isaiah 62:12:

Verse 12 - And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord ...

Jesus presented a prayer to God prior to leaving the earth for God to keep the disciples in His name, and God's name is 'Holy' (St. John 17:11). Isaiah prophesied that those who would be redeemed would be named after God the Father, and God's name is 'Holy'. So then, the people that Isaiah prophesied of

and that Jesus prayed for would be a holy people. To be holy means to be free from sin.

Today the name holy still applies to those who are saved. Those who worship God in Spirit and in truth should be called by His name. When you are in a family, you are kept as a member of the family by the family's name. You are born into your earthly family and given your family name. When you are born again, you are born into God's family, and God's family name is holy. You are identified with a family by the family name.

Subject: If You Are Dead With Christ, You Can Live With Him:

The word of God teaches that you will know God's people because they will not commit sin. It teaches that whosoever is born of God does not sin (I John 3:9). When people do not sin, they are a holy people who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. God lives in people who do not sin. Such people walk with the Lord by means of the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. When God dwells in a people, the body of sin is dead and the Spirit of God gives them a new life in Christ. Under such conditions, God will forbid sin to be in their lives. Listen to Romans 6:1-2:

Verse 1 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Verse 2 - God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

God is more powerful than sin, and when God comes into a person's life, sin cannot trespass the presence of God. The old person that committed sin is buried with Christ's life that was crucified on Calvary. When Christ comes into your life, your old life of sin is killed. Listen to Romans 6:4-7:

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

At this point in your life, the old, sinful person was crucified with Christ that the body, which at one time committed sin, might be destroyed.

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

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

When the old person who committed sin is dead, you are then freed from sin.

Verse 7 - For he that is dead is freed from sin.

When you are dead with Christ, you can also live with Christ.

Verse 8 - Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

Subject: The Good Seed:

Jesus was sent to the earth to sow the word of God into our hearts (minds) which is a good seed that can save us. The good seed will produce children to live in the kingdom of heaven. The devil who is the enemy of man and God began to fill the hearts of people with a bad seed, which is unprofitable religious teachings to mix with the good seed.

The bad seeds are seeds of wickedness and evil. When people allow wickedness to get into their religious beliefs along with some good principles, wickedness will adulterate the good seeds. This will cause people not to be saved.

While people are being deceived and distracted from receiving salvation that the good seed offers, the bad seed would have distracted their attention from the good seed. This will prevent them from being saved, and the harvest that the good seed would have produced that is good fruit will pass, and people will not be saved. Listen to Jeremiah 8:20:

Verse 20 - The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

Subject: The Message To Joseph Is Also A Witness Of The New-Birth In Those Who Are Saved:

You have not been born again unless Jesus' purpose for coming to the earth has been fulfilled in your life. Listen to Jesus' purpose for coming 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.

A confirmation of the new-birth in your life must be witnessed by the word of God. God sent a message by the angel Gabriel that was not just for Joseph, but for everybody who would be born again.

God sent a message from heaven by Gabriel, which is an introduction to the beginning of salvation for man, fulfilling His plan for man to be saved. Gabriel's message further expounded upon the prophecy of Isaiah, which stated that, "a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

Subject: Your Devotion To God Must Be Proven:

If you are saved, your life does not belong to you, because you were bought with a price. Your salvation may have been a gift to you, but Jesus had to pay for it. Jesus became a sacrifice for our sins so that we could be accepted by God as living sacrifices. This means we must dedicate our services to God by paying our tithes and offerings.

Unless Jesus has come into our lives, then our sacrifices and services in a church are not accepted by God. God will allow you to go through a test to prove that your services are sincere, but He will provide what you need for your sacrifices and services.

When Abraham was being tried to prove his devotion to God, he thought that he would have to sacrifice his son Isaac. However, after God saw that Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son, God provided a lamb for Abraham to put on the altar.

Subject: Emmanuel Is A Covenant Between Man And God:

If you are born again, God is with you everyday of your life. The name Emmanuel was given to the people of the earth that received Jesus Christ as a covenant between man and God. God is with those who are saved by means of His Holy Spirit. When you have Emmanuel with you, you are safe. Emmanuel is greater than death. Nothing can separate you from the goodness and blessings of God when Emmanuel is with you.

The scriptures declare that when Jesus shall descend from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, the dead in Christ shall rise first, and all who God is with that are living shall be changed. These will be born again believers from the earth who will go back with Emmanuel.

You want to be sure that you are born again. This means that you will have clean hands, a pure heart, and have not lifted up your soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully. You will then receive blessings from the Lord upon His return and righteousness from the God of your salvation. This will be the generation of those who will be received by Emmanuel.

Subject: Are You About Your Father's Business?

When Jesus was twelve years old, his parents were traveling with the family and had gone a distance from Jerusalem before they missed Him. They had thought that Jesus was in the caravan with other members of the family; they finally discovered that He did not hang around family and relatives.

So, returning back to Jerusalem where they had previously gone in celebration of an established Jewish custom, they found the child (Jesus) in the temple among the wise men answering and asking questions concerning the law. Today, when you get saved, you will not spend a lot of time with kin folk. You will be about your Father's business as Jesus was.

Subject: The Saint:

There are only two classes of people with God; they are saints and sinners. You are a saint if you are born again, and a sinner if you are not born again.

Throughout the Bible, the people of God are referred to as saints when God speaks of them. In Psalm 50:5, the Lord said, “Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice”.

Notice, He did not say gather Christians together. Names are important; the name ‘Saint’ means a person who is perfect in holiness. The name Christian can be divided into many different secular denominations. You will have to be a follower of Christ being led by the Holy Spirit to be a saint.

Saints are people who are sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit, and they are strictly obedient to God. They consider that their bodies are the temples of God, and they must be kept holy and clean for God to continuously dwell in them. God will not dwell in an unclean person. Human bodies are designed to be the temples of God. Saints will not indulge in lustful appetites of the flesh. They do not drink liquor, smoke tobacco products, or seek pleasures in unrighteousness, because they are sanctified. This means that they have been cleansed through the word of God and set apart by God for a useful purpose.

God will use the saints from time to time as an example, or on missions of mercy, or for the purpose of spreading the gospel. They are reinforced by the Holy Spirit so that the tough problems of life will not be able to deter them. The Holy Spirit will also give them power and authority to use the forces of heaven to accomplish any undertaking to the glory of God.

The Holy Spirit will increase their capacity, clarify their vision, and renew their strength to enable them to stand any test, overcome any temptation, and perform any service that God may call upon them to do. This is not the privilege of Christians. If saints suffer as a result of their duties for the Lord, they will not be ashamed. They will rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is their reward in heaven.

Subject: God Is Everywhere:

Though God’s habitation is in heaven, His Spirit is everywhere. God’s Spirit is the third part of God that fills heaven and the earth. If you are looking for God, you can find Him at home, on your job, or in the grocery store. When you get to know God, you must know Him in your everyday life. If you fail to know Him in your everyday life, neither will you know Him when He comes in the sky to administer the first resurrection. Now, you cannot confine God to a church building. Listen to Acts 7:48:

Verse 48 - Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet.

You cannot limit God in one place, because He fills space everywhere. God is only in a church assembly when He is in people who have Him in their private lives. God dwells in the temples of the bodies of those who are born again. You cannot build a church building for God. He made His temple with His own hands, which is your body, and when you go to an assembly, God goes with you. Those who are born again realize that God goes with them everywhere they go.

Subject: The Mercy Of God Is Found In Christ:

When you are saved, the Holy Spirit gives you a righteous life. The Spirit and the word will teach you how to live a righteous life. If you are not taught righteousness, you will never know the way of righteousness. If you go to a church and the pastor does not teach righteousness, you will never be born of God, because you can only be born again of the word and the Spirit.

You are born again by hearing the word of God. You cannot be saved by any other means. God is not touched by feelings of infirmities, neither is He sympathetic to the sad conditions of your life. God is just, and He is only moved by obedience to His word. When we hear the word of God with a mind to obey, we get God's favor. If we disobey, we get His disfavor.

God's mercy is found in Christ who acts as a mediator between God and man to intercede for us when we need the pity of a kind, heavenly Father. Christ was made flesh for the purpose of dwelling among men to suffer in the flesh that He might be truly qualified from this standpoint to intercede for us. Though we suffer in the flesh, Christ was victorious over the flesh.

As Christ became our mediator, God assured Him that whatever we would ask in His name, God would grant for Jesus' sake. Christ, knowing all about our weaknesses, temptations, difficulties, and being a loving, understanding and sympathetic Savior, eagerly intercedes for us when the Father would be unsympathetic and merciless. So then, we invoke the mercy of the Father when we ask for what we need in Jesus' name.

CHAPTER 5

THE MISSION, FUNCTIONS AND WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Subject: God Knows Who Wants To Be Saved And He Will Help Them:

God knows when you do not want to commit sin. If you are trying to obey God, he will help you. As God helps you, each victory that you acquire by not yielding to temptations will make you stronger as you go along, and help you to acquire victory over the next temptation. You will find that as you go along through the years, your job of living above sin will be easier. This help will be given to you by the Holy Spirit.

The Bible is the only true knowledge for salvation, and God will teach you the scriptures using a Holy Ghost sent preacher. The Holy Ghost will use the preacher to teach you according to your level of being able to understand the scriptures. The Spirit of God will help you to measure your spiritual growth by the rules that the word of God gives you. Though the word of God is against your prior life of sin, it is nevertheless for you and not against you. So, never contend against what the word of God teaches, because such knowledge will lead you to salvation.

Subject: Are You Saved?

In order to get a response from God, you must obey Him. When you are not saved from sin, you are not on God's program to receive grace. I am not producing this principle, I am simply repeating it. Listen to St. Matthew 1:21:

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

You are not one of God's people until you are saved from sin. Sinners are of the devil. When sinners die, the devil takes their souls and will keep them until the judgment day, and after they have been judged by God, the devil and all sinners will go to hell. When God saves you, He makes you a saint.

The Holy Spirit sanctifies you and separates your life unto the gospel of Christ. You will then live according to the directions of the Spirit and the word of God. The moment you believe the word of God, the Spirit goes to work and you are certified to be a candidate for the kingdom of heaven. Heaven's doors are open for those that the Spirit of God certifies to enter.

Subject: The Birth Of The Spirit:

When you are born again of the Spirit of God, you will become spiritual. This means that you will become righteous or holy, because the Spirit of God is holy. Listen to St. John 3:6:

Verse 6 - ... *that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

To be born of the Spirit of God means that your life will consist of the substance of the Holy Spirit. This will be the fruit of the Holy Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith meekness and temperance (Galatians 5:22-23).

When the Spirit of God gives the new-birth, sin will be completely removed from the person's life. The person will experience a liberation from sin. The power of the Holy Spirit will cause the person to be able to yield the members of their body to be servants of righteousness. To be free from sin means that you are free from the power of the carnal nature that held you in the bondage of sin. You would now become a servant of God, and you would have your fruit unto holiness, and at the end everlasting life.

Subject: When You Are Saved You Will Be Like God:

To be born again is to believe the word of God, and when you believe the word of God, you will receive the Spirit of God. When you receive the Spirit of God, you will be like God, because the third part of God will be living in you.

When you are born again the Spirit and the word will work together to purge your mind of desires that degrade you before God. You will be upgraded to a level of holiness that will be acceptable to God. You will experience a washing of regeneration by the Holy Ghost. The fruit of the Spirit will then be the substance of your new character, and you will be able to walk in the Spirit on a continuous basis.

Subject: You Can Only Be Saved By The Righteousness Of God:

The reason that we are having so much trouble in the world today is because people have not allowed the righteousness of God to be a part of their culture. The righteousness of God should be Christ in us the hope of glory. Christ brings the nature of God into those who receive His gospel, and the nature of God is holy.

Churches today have not been able to get people to know the Lord and understand the principles of salvation in Jesus Christ. Churches have become blinded by the gods of this world, which cause people to be spiritually blind. When people are ignorant of the righteousness of God, they will despise wisdom and hate understanding.

Satan is the god of this world, and he has kept those who are spiritually blind following foolishness. They like illegal drugs, and alcoholic beverages that will eventually lead them to destruction. Churches are putting on shows and entertainment for the world, and very few people learn what is required to be born again. Many are ignorant of the works of the Holy Spirit, which is the only means by which they can be born again and get into the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: Can You Live Above Sin?

When you meet a fellow Christian they might get you into a conversation about the Bible and their church work. Such Christians may be devout and dedicated to their church work. Regardless of all of the discussion that they might give you concerning their knowledge of the Bible, and their church affiliation, the most important question and concern should be, do they believe that they have to live above sin in this present world to be saved? There are many Christians who believe that you cannot live above sin and their response to such a question will be 'no'.

There are two things that must be done in order for a Christian's response to be 'yes'. The first thing is that they must be taught that they can live above sin by a Holy Ghost filled, God sent preacher. The second thing is that after they believe the God sent preacher, God must give them the power of the Holy Ghost to make them able to live above sin. Otherwise, their response to such a question will be the results of their lack of knowledge and ability to live above sin.

Subject: The Choice To Obey Or Disobey God Is Yours:

Evidence of your belief in the reality of God is when you obey Him. To obey God is to cease from sin. The question may come to your mind as to how you can cease from sinning? God has given every human being that is born into the world the ability to choose whether they would want to commit sin or not commit sin. Nothing can make you physically commit sin. Even though you have sin in your nature, you have the power to sin or not to sin. Man has the free will of choice to obey God or to disobey God.

If you can choose to do evil, you can also choose to do good; the choice is yours. When you choose to do right, the Holy Spirit is on standby waiting to assist when temptations are confronting you. At such time, God is on standby ready to help you to not enter temptations. If you can identify the temptation, you can ask God to help you not to yield, and He will surely deliver you. You would then have made your escape from sin.

Each victory will help you to win another victory. You will then learn as you go along through the years your efforts to live free from sin will become easier. You will then learn that God has helped you to live a sin-free life by filling you with the Holy Spirit.

Subject: The Reality Of God:

God will make Himself known to a person who desires to have clean hands and a pure heart. If you desire to live free from sin by walking uprightly, and speaking the truth, you can get God's attention. God does not give attention to people who are intentionally committing sin. God is against sin. As long as a person commits sin, there is a great distance between the person and God, which will keep the person from reaching God.

When a person repents of his or her sins, their temple (body) will become clean, and God will be pleased to dwell with the person. When God dwells with you, He will make Himself known to you by revelations. You cannot learn about God by your educational accomplishments and your intelligence. Such intellectual assets will cause you to become further away from God. These qualities are earthly or sensual and absent from the Spirit of God.

You can only learn about God when you acquire the spirit of humility. God will then reveal Himself to you. Learning about God is a gift from God. You

cannot acquire knowledge by any human efforts. The knowledge of God is mysterious knowledge that only the Holy Spirit can bring to you. When God reveals Himself to you, the Holy Spirit will be the messenger that will bring knowledge from God to you.

The Spirit will reveal the plan of God for man to enrich your understanding of the word of God. Many questions of ignorance that you previously had about God will become brightly illuminated. You will then become keenly aware of the presence of God, who though is invisible to the natural eye, will be so real when you need comfort or deliverance.

Subject: A Description Of The Holy Spirit:

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, your life will be under the administration of the Trinity of God. God will be your Father, Jesus will be your counselor administering grace, and the Holy Spirit will be the power of God giving you guidance. At this point in your salvation, you will become a beneficiary of the fruit of the Spirit. Such things as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance will be your new description of character.

You will be amazed at your new transition from your old character to your new character. The powers of heaven would have paid you a visit on earth, making you a new citizen of the kingdom of heaven. You are now qualified to be in the first resurrection when Jesus returns.

Subject: The Birth Of The Spirit:

Jesus taught that except a person be born of the water and of the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. Being born of the water is being baptized by being submerged under the water. This is an open testimony that the person has been baptized by the Holy Spirit. When you are baptized by the Holy Spirit it is not physically visible, so being baptized in water is an open testimony that you have been baptized by the Spirit. Under these conditions, you would have been born again of the water and of the Spirit. 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.*

Jesus further teaches that when you are born the first time of your mother and father, you are born of the flesh. When you are born of the flesh you are born with a nature to be a sinner. Being born of the flesh means that the works of the flesh will be in your nature, which alienated you from God. The works of the flesh separate your life from God, and are contrary to the Spirit of God. The birth of the flesh causes you not to qualify to enter the kingdom of heaven. Listen to what Jesus teaches in St. John 3:6:

Verse 6 - *That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

When you are born of the flesh, your life will produce the sinful works of the flesh which are listed in 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.

When you are born of the Spirit of God, your life will produce the works of the Spirit, or the fruit of the Spirit that are listed in Galatians 5:22-23:

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

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

When you are born again the Spirit of God will crucify the works of the

flesh without doing physical harm or being painful. The Spirit will crucify the works of the flesh by removing your desire to commit sin, which at one time pleased your sinful desires. Listen to verse 24:

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

When you have experienced the second birth of the Spirit, you will be able to live the remaining of your life in the Spirit or by the power of the Holy Spirit. Listen to verse 25:

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

Subject: Self Rulership:

When you have respect for God, you will honor him by obeying the word of God. Obeying the word of God causes your worship services to be accepted by God. When you realize that you are dependent on God, you are wise, and your obedience will be sincere. It is a mistake to think that you can make it in this world without God's help. To think otherwise is to imagine vain things, and this is why there is so much confusion and evil in the world. Listen to Psalm 2:1:

Verse 1 - Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

The nations of the world today are in derision, because leaders and governments are trying to rule the people without first submitting to the government of heaven. They have failed to realize that the rulership of a nation will not endure unless they are subject to the King of Kings, the Son of God. People must learn to rule themselves before they can rule others.

Jesus will have a kingdom where-as there will be no end because He demonstrated on Calvary that He could rule Himself. Listen to St. Luke 1:31-33:

Verse 31 - And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

Verse 32 - He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David.

Verse 33 - And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Jesus will be given an everlasting kingdom of rulership because He learned to rule Himself. Under the most adverse conditions Jesus stood before a mocking crowd, and in spite of all that was done against Him, He was able to endure the adversity without showing that He was incapable of ruling Himself. Listen to I Peter 2:21-23:

Verse 21 - For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

Verse 22 - Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

Verse 23 - Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Can Control Your Life:

The Holy Spirit will bring the presence of God with you, if you obey and keep His commandments, and His goodness will go before you wherever you go. When you are led by the Spirit of God, you are a child of God (Romans 8:14). God has promised eternal life and an inheritance of the earth to every child who has been adopted into His family by the Spirit of God.

The day will come when God will fulfill His purpose within us. When we live according to the will of God, the Spirit of God will have full control over our lives, and nobody can make us do anything other than the will of God. The devil is trying to keep people of the world out of the will of God. If people are not controlled by the Spirit of God, they will find that the devil is ruling them.

People with the devil's spirit will contend against those who are saved trying to fill them with envy, hatred and strife. However, if they have the Spirit of God, the devil will not be successful against them.

Subject: The Spirit And The Word Of God Is A Self-Governing Power:

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it will be a self-governing power giving you the ability to govern yourself. Under these conditions, those who are born again of the Spirit of God will not need any law enforcement to govern them. The Holy Spirit will install within the nature of such people the power of divine love. This divine love is greater than all the forces of evil that are causing people today to commit acts of sin that are in violation of the rights of their fellow citizens.

The Holy Spirit is the third part of God that will give eternal life to all of those who have accepted the teachings of Jesus Christ. You cannot receive this gift of the Holy Spirit unless you have accepted the teaching of Jesus Christ. God is life that extends to the people of the earth by means of His word and His Spirit. Christ is God's word, and His Spirit is the power of God that will make it possible for those who receive His word to receive life that the power of the Holy Spirit gives according to His word.

Subject: The Other Comforter:

Listen to St. John 14:16-17:

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

Verse 17 - *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

The other Comforter is the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of truth. Jesus prayed to the Father that He would give us the other Comforter to be in us forever.

The Holy Spirit will be with those of us who are filled with it today throughout eternity. Jesus told the disciples that they would not be left alone. Today those of us who have received the teachings of Jesus' gospel are not left alone, because the other Comforter is with us. The Holy Ghost is the invisible power of God that is more realistic than the sun that you see in the sky.

The Holy Ghost gives you the new-birth in Christ. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, the third part of God lives in you. When you have the Holy Ghost, you should not be troubled because you will have a comforter that will always be present with you. Whatever your problems are, the Holy Ghost can give you a solution.

When Jesus went back to His Father He petitioned Him to send another Comforter to abide with everybody who has received Him. Today you receive Jesus by accepting and believing what the scriptures teach about Him. The other Comforter will cause the words that Jesus taught to be activated in your life. It will cause you to have comfort, joy, peace, and faith in what Jesus taught.

When you have the other Comforter, you will know that Jesus is with you and is in you. You will understand that because Jesus lives, you will have eternal life also. Listen to St. John 14:19-20:

Verse 19 - *Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.*

Verse 20 - *At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.*

Subject: The Spirit Of The Word:

Before Jesus left His disciples, He promised that He would send them the promise of the Father, which was the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost would be the Spirit of the word that He taught them so that they would have power to guide them into the paths of the truth. The Spirit of God gives you continuous power to follow and obey the truth of the word.

The Spirit of God helps you from being diverted from the truth of God's word by other false religious teachings. Without the guidance of the Holy Spirit,

you can easily be deceived by false religious teachings. When you believe the word of God, the Spirit of God connects your understanding to the truth of the word, and it undermines false religious teachings so that you will give no regard to the false. Without the Spirit of God, your mind is vulnerable to any false wind of doctrine that the devil has put in many churches.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Will Give You A Fellowship With God:

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it will bear witness that something has happened to you. Your mind will experience a conversion that will take your way of thinking completely out of this world into a spiritual existence that you will not have words to explain.

The Holy Spirit will bring about a connection between you and God that will manifest the presence of God in your life. Such a presence with God will be more realistic than the relationship that you have with a friend or family member. You will then have a continuing unmoveable fellowship with God. God will be your friend and you will know it.

Subject: The Anointing Of The Holy Spirit Can Help You To Understand God:

In the fleshly state of mind you cannot acquire any realistic, functional, or workable knowledge of God unless you are being taught by a God sent, Holy Ghost filled teacher to teach you the knowledge of God by relating things that you are familiar with to the spiritual knowledge of God.

In order for the knowledge of God to be realistic, and functional in your life, you must eventually be filled with the Holy Spirit. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you are born again of the Spirit of God, which will give you an anointing to help to comprehend the knowledge of God.

An anointing is an upgrading preparation process that makes your mind able to understand the spiritual knowledge of God. The anointing upgrades your mind from a carnal state, which causes you to be ignorant of the knowledge of God to a spiritual state that will make you able to understand the knowledge of God.

Though you may be taught by a God sent preacher, your understanding of the spiritual knowledge of God that the preacher is giving you will not be of much help to you unless you have received an anointing by being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Your New Administrator: The Holy Spirit:

You are not born again until you are filled with the Holy Spirit. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, the fruit of the Holy Spirit will be manifested in your life. Such fruit will be love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Galatians 5:22-23).

Speaking in unknown tongues is not evidence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit causes the word of God, which is the seed of God to give you the new-birth. The Holy Spirit will then accompany you for the remaining of your life on earth, and prepare you to live in the kingdom of heaven, and it will abide with you forever. The Holy Spirit will cause God to be a permanent part of your life forever, beginning while you are living on the earth.

The Spirit will adopt you into the family of God as a child of God. You will receive joy from the Holy Spirit that will come from the kingdom of heaven that will far exceed any earthly joy or pleasures that the world offers. The Holy Spirit will then be the administrator over your life while you are living on the earth, administering to you the things that you need. At this point in your life, heaven will be your sponsor as the Holy Spirit takes care of the things you need by moving on the things of the earth to be available to you.

Subject: Spiritual Sight:

Spiritual sight is unlike physical sight. With physical sight, you can see physical things with your eyes, but with spiritual sight, you can perceive or understand. With spiritual sight, you understand with your mind. The Holy Spirit gives power to the mind to help you to understand the word of God. Knowledge from the word of God is spiritual knowledge that can only be understood by spiritual assistance that only the Holy Spirit gives.

The Holy Spirit broadens the capacity of your mind to help you to understand the word of God. God is very particular about who He sends messages to. Therefore, He uses the Holy Spirit to reveal messages to those that He desires

to reveal messages to. The Holy Spirit can teach and simplify a message from God to a level of understanding for the person of choice to be able to receive the message. God must choose you to understand the knowledge of His word. Such knowledge will be the power of God to give salvation to those whom God saves, but foolishness to those who are not saved. Listen to I Corinthians 1:18 and 21:

Verse 18 - For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

When the word of God is not revealed to a person, it is because God has made it foolishness to them, and it will be by their own wisdom that they will reject the word of God.

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

Subject: The Intercessor:

When God has ordained a person to be saved, when the person hears the word of God, it will make the person a new creature in Christ. The person will be saved in the midst of the people of his or her generation. Such a person would have experienced the power of God to save them from sin. The Holy Spirit would have given the person the mind to absorb the word of God, causing a conversion from the life of a sinner to the life of a saint.

Others who have heard the same preaching of the word of God will reject it if the Holy Spirit did not make intercessions for them to receive the word of God and be converted. God has ordained that the truth find its place in the minds of those who are saved. If others have not been given consideration from God, they will not allow the word of God to enter their minds, and their hearts will be set against the word of God.

The Holy Spirit can perceive such people and will not make intercessions for them. Those that the Holy Spirit makes intercessions for to accept the word of God will be brought by the power of God to the standard of righteousness that is acceptable in true holiness.

Subject: The Last Chance To Be Saved:

The last gospel to be preached on earth will gather together every pure heart to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Such believers will be called together as a nation consisting of people from every tribe, tongue (language) and kindred who are worthy to be received in the presence of God.

The Spirit will be empowered by God to get all sin out of the hearts of the believers, because no sin can enter the kingdom of heaven. As the believers hear God's voice, they will come in to receive the new-birth. Such people that God has called will worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Subject: Death Is No Match For The Holy Spirit:

Death is serious business. There are many who give so little consideration to death. Death is sure to come, and it is wise to be prepared for death at all times, because it sets its time and terms for coming to take your life. You cannot negotiate with death and ask for grace. Only God can give you grace and prolong your life. You cannot give death any flattering talk and expect it to leave and come back another day.

Death is no match for those who are filled with the Holy Spirit. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, death cannot trespass the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has unlimited power that can protect you from death and all of the forces of evil. The Holy Spirit disarms the sting or terror of death and converts the power of death into a sweet, pleasant, peaceful rest. The Holy Spirit will escort your soul or mind into paradise or the third heaven where Abraham is the overseer.



CHAPTER 6

***SALVATION:
GENERAL TOPICS***

Subject: God's Offer To The World:

In St. John 14:16-17, it teaches you about God's work with His people.

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

Verse 17 - *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

These were the words of Jesus to His apostles before He went back to His Father in heaven. Jesus saw that their hearts were troubled, because He was telling them that He would soon make His departure by way of Calvary. Jesus had brought the disciples wonderful joy and peace, and they did not desire to be left alone after experiencing the love that Jesus brought to the world.

The gospel that Jesus brought to the world was the most consoling and comforting thing that God had ever given to man. The gospel gives promises to man without respect to persons. The gospel is impartial and it offers salvation to everybody. In order to reap benefits from God's offer, you must be upright and pure. If you have these qualities, you will be able to build a life of righteousness. God will give you the other Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, to help you.

Jesus wanted His apostles to realize and understand by His words that they should not be troubled, though He was leaving them that He would not leave them comfortless, and that He would pray to the Father to send them another Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost.

What Jesus promised His disciples is a promise to everybody who desires to be saved. God has given power to Jesus' promises that they have no limitations. Jesus has promised that though we die in obedience to God, we shall live again. The proof and evidence that this shall happen was in His resurrection. When we obey Jesus' gospel, the power of His resurrection will take place in our lives, causing us to live the life of Christ.

Subject: God Keeps His Promises:

If you hear the gospel preached by a Holy Ghost sent preacher, it has power to convince you that Jesus died for you, and that He has no respect to persons. Anybody can be saved, regardless of their race. Salvation is presented to the world without partiality. Out of one blood God made all nations. Therefore, there is no difference in blood, nor is there any difference in the love that God extends to the world. God is the same to everybody.

God gives the world knowledge of His way of presenting salvation to the world, and He backs up His knowledge. All you need is an ear to hear God and the Holy Spirit will give you an understanding. An understanding of God's offer will convince you to accept the offer of salvation.

I teach these principles under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The word of God is presented as it is written in the scriptures, not as it would be best suited for a modern day society. If you want to know God, know His word. God keeps the promises made in His word.

Subject: The Greatest Character That Ever Lived:

Jesus is the greatest character that has ever lived. Jesus is the Saviour of the world. The Bible gives us an illustration of the life, mission, and purposes of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is presently moving upon the earth to help the people of the earth to be better acquainted with Jesus. It will be good to know and love Jesus, because He is the only means by which we can go into eternity on the better side of God's plan.

God established His plan in Jesus' life and ministry so that we could be saved from the miseries that our sins would bring upon us. Jesus is the secret to acquiring eternal life that was revealed to the world. When we accept Jesus' offer, we will be safe eternally.

Subject: The Birth Of The Messiah:

The reason that the world is having so much trouble is because the world has failed to take into their lives the lesson that God sent His Son to teach, and that is how to love one another. Love is the solution to all the problems that the world is

having today. The command from God is that you love one another. When you learn to love, you have learned the will of God. Love worketh no ill to its neighbor. The love of God was demonstrated on Calvary when Jesus gave His life for His enemies rather than to go to war against them. The principles of the kingdom of heaven are found in St. Matthew 5th chapter, teaching us about the love of God.

Jesus was sent into the world to save us from hate and wars that we might deny ungodliness and live soberly and godly in this present world. We must learn to live so that we will cause someone else to know what God has taught us. Jesus came according to the promise of God, who through the angel Gabriel, sent the message of His coming into the world to Joseph to whom the Virgin Mary was espoused, that he might not put her away because she was found with child before they married. Joseph thought that his virgin had been untrue, but it was the plan of God that He would bring a Son into the world, not by the aid of a man, but by the help of His Holy Spirit.

When Joseph found his espoused virgin with child, and knowing the law which said, if a woman has been untrue to her promise, she is to be stoned; he didn't want her stoned because Joseph loved Mary. However, he did not desire to be the husband of an untrue woman. Therefore, he sought to put her away without it being known why he did it. The scriptures teach in St. Matthew 1:20 that while Joseph thought on these things, an angel from heaven came to him after he fell asleep. Listen to verse 20:

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

The angel is explaining to Joseph that the child which is conceived in Mary is not the results of cohabitation with another man, but that the power of the Holy Spirit has conceived this child in her.

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.

The angel is explaining further to Joseph that Mary is carrying the Messiah in her womb. This is the promise of God being presented to the world by the Holy Spirit. God is going to fulfill His promise and deliver His people from their sins. The

Messiah will be a deliverer to save the people from sin rather than the rulership of the Roman Empire.

The manner in which the Messiah will be conceived and born into the world by the Holy Spirit will be the same manner in which those who are saved will be delivered from sin. Just as the Holy Spirit conceived the Messiah in the womb of the Virgin Mary, it will also conceive a new mind in those who will receive His gospel. They would have been born again of the Holy Spirit just as Jesus was born of a virgin by the Holy Spirit.

Subject: An Heir To The Kingdom Of Heaven:

If you become converted and take on the spirit of a little child, God will make you an heir to the kingdom of heaven. Little children are free from hypocrisy and are genuine in their attitudes. Children have the simplicity of humility. When Pilate examined Jesus, a common sense perception of what Jesus was accused of made no sense to Pilate, and by no means did the accusations of the Jews against Jesus justify Jesus' execution. The intelligence of a little child could easily see Jesus' innocence, and surely, Pilate could see it. Pilate could easily see that Jesus' ministry was no threat to the Roman Empire.

Jesus came out of Nazareth, which was of a very low social class. Jesus was born of a very humble birth, in the family of a carpenter. He was not associated with any higher class Jews. Pilate could see that Jesus had no influence among the Jews to establish or regiment an army to go to war against the Romans. So Pilate concluded his examination of Jesus by saying that he found no fault in Jesus.

Pilate did not perceive that Jesus' teaching was any threat to the Roman Empire, but the rulers of the Jews became angry and they took counsel against Jesus because of what He was teaching. They rejected Jesus as their Messiah, and refused to recognize His authority to teach or do missionary work among the Jews. They remembered that Jesus was born in a stable.

The Jews wanted a king who would be like Pilate or Herod who would be able to bring the nation of Israel out of bondage of the Roman Empire. Although Jesus worked great miracles in the midst of the people to heal their sick, raise their dead, and give sight to the blind, they were still unwilling to give God the glory, and to recognize the fact that only one sent from God could do such things.

Though the rulers of the Jews criticized and rejected Jesus, they were actually ignorant of the source by which Jesus received power to do such great works. The Jews were afraid that Jesus' great influence with the people would

cause them to lose control over the people. So, rather than the Jewish leaders receiving benefits from Jesus' ministry, they thought it would be best to have Him crucified. What foolish people they were.

Subject: The Light:

God will make himself known to you by means of His light. Christ is the light of God. Light means to understand the will of God. Prior to Christ bringing the gospel, the world was in darkness. Darkness is a symbol of evil. The devil is the minister of darkness. Darkness keeps the world ignorant and deceived.

The gospel of Jesus Christ brings you out of darkness into light to show you how to acquire salvation. God allows darkness to give us difficult experiences so that we will accept the light when it has been presented to us.

When you do not have light, your own heart or mind will deceive you. When you come to the light, you will learn that God's way is better than your way, and your experiences of failures and difficulties will help you to accept the light.

Subject: The Stone That The Builders Rejected:

In building the temple of Jerusalem, the stones were cut and shaped in the quarry. The lumber was also cut in the forest according to the actual size needed in the construction of the temple. Every piece of stone was numbered and sent up to Jerusalem so that the builders only had to fit them all in place. This resulted to no hammers or chisels being heard in Jerusalem during the construction of the temple. There were 70,000 men working on the temple and 3,300 overseers.

While building the temple, they noticed among the stones one that was odd and peculiar in shape and size. It seemed to be a misfit, so they discarded it, and it was thrown in the rubbish heap. Finally, as the building neared completion and the stones were fitted in place, it was discovered that this peculiar stone which had been rejected was needed to fit in an important opening at the top of the building.

Therefore, they searched for the odd shaped stone and finally someone remembered that an odd shaped stone had been thrown among the rubbish. After searching among the rubbish, they found it. Then a cry was made that, "*The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner*" (St. Mark 12:10).

God does things in a mysterious and unnoticeable way. God planned for this to happen for a specific purpose, which was revealed centuries later. God had planned to send Jesus to the earth to be different from the traditions of the existing religious sects. Jesus' appearing did not fit in with the Jewish worshipers who at the time were following the Law of Moses completely out of context of the way it had been initially given to the nation of Israel.

Therefore, when Jesus appeared on the scene in the family of lower class Jews with a teaching that was above what the Jews were following, they threw Jesus on the rubbish pile at a place called Calvary. Today if a person is sincere about being saved, Jesus' teaching will be the head of the corner for them. He will be the stone that the builders rejected that will give those who find His teaching salvation.

Subject: Jesus Is The Way To God:

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and if anybody wants to get to God, they must come by Jesus. Jesus died to save us from our sins, and today He is able to save anybody who repents and believes His gospel. Now there may be many religious ways in the world today, but Jesus is the only way to God.

When Jesus leads you to God, He leads you from a life of sin. If folk are talking about God and have not been delivered from sin, then they are not in the way that Jesus leads.

Subject: The Resurrection:

If your hope is on rising in the first resurrection to be received by Jesus Christ, it is necessary for your life to meet the qualifications to be in this resurrection. Your hope should be based upon the righteousness of Christ being the foundation of your salvation. If the Holy Spirit has not established the righteousness of Christ in your life, then your hope is vain.

Without a true hope to be a part of the first resurrection, you are living for nothing. While He was on the earth, Jesus demonstrated that He could establish eternal life for those who believed His gospel. The proof of this was in the resurrection of Jesus after He had been crucified. Jesus' resurrection confirmed the

authenticity of what He was teaching. Included in His teaching was that He was the resurrection and the life for those who would believe and obey His teaching.

Jesus showed Himself by many infallible proofs that He was the one who once walked and talked in the midst of friends and enemies with nothing but a spirit of love. God is love and being love, He could not beget a son who did not partake of His nature. Jesus was begotten by God's Holy Spirit, which caused Him to be nothing but love. Jesus could not hate nor retaliate against His enemies, because He was the expression of His Father toward man.

Those of us who will be given the privilege to be in the first resurrection should adore the birth of Jesus and truly thank God for Jesus' resurrection. When the world fails to accept Jesus Christ, the mystery of godliness will be hidden from them. The mystery, the plan of salvation is beyond the conception of the human mind. It must be revealed as a gift from God. All of the plan of godliness was done without the counsel of man. The day Jesus was crucified was the darkest day the world has ever known. Listen to St. Luke 23:45-46:

Verse 45 - And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

It was said that the sun was veiled in sackcloth, the moon put on a shroud of blood, the stars refused to shine and every bird stopped singing. In addition, the flowers dropped their blooms, and the buds on the trees fell to the ground. The beasts of the forest wept and every brook ceased to babble. The grass withered, and the flowers thereof died. Jesus then gave up the breath of life. Some who were a part of His crucifixion said, "Truly this was the Son of God" (St. Matthew 27:54). This was a dark day, and the hope of the world seemed to have been shattered, because Jesus had spoken the truth in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

Jesus had made the world to know that though God had promised death to those who were disobedient to Him, God's love had sent Him to change the program by His death being for those who were condemned to die. So the message that Jesus brought was hope, not for just one man, but for every man, because Jesus died for all men, and His resurrection will be for the benefit of all who receive Him.

Subject: Blood Is Life:

The life of Jesus Christ was made available to the world that those who receive Jesus might have eternal life from His blood. Jesus' blood carries the

power of eternal life. Jesus' blood carries cleansing power as well as keeping power to deliver us from sin. When you are a recipient of the blood of Jesus Christ, it cleanses you from a life of sin and it keeps sin from coming back into your life.

When Jesus came to the earth, He dwelt among the people to demonstrate how the power in His blood could save them after His death. Jesus wanted the people to know that obedience to His teaching could give them life after they die by means of the power in His blood.

Subject: Your Belief In God Is Your Pathway To Salvation:

Your belief in what the word of God teaches is your pathway to salvation in Jesus Christ. There is nothing that you can actually do to be saved other than to believe that God can save you from sin. Those who think that there is something they must do to be saved, such as speaking in unknown tongues, have an incorrect belief. God will count you as a righteous person because you believe in His power to keep you living a righteous life.

Having faith in what the word of God teaches does not initiate salvation, because your faith comes from you. It is God who responds to your faith and saves you according to your faith. Evidence of your belief in God is that you will put forth an effort to obey God. God will then add the Holy Spirit to help you to continue to obey.

Subject: Seek For A Spiritual Awakening:

When your ears and eyes are open to receive knowledge from God, He will give you spiritual ears and eyes. Spiritual eyes and ears are an anointing from the Holy Spirit that will make you able to understand knowledge from God. You are blessed when your ears and eyes are open unto the Lord, because He can reveal Himself to you then warn you of things in life that are dangerous.

You cannot see the goodness of the Lord unless your spiritual eyes are opened. You could read the Bible and get nothing out of it. You could hear a preacher preach the truth, but it would have no effect upon you. You would see others rejoicing in the Lord, but you would be unmoved and untouched. You

would be physically alive, but spiritually dead. The beauty of salvation would be hid from your eyes. Though you would be around other saved people, you would not be a part of the body of Christ.

Under these conditions, you would not have an inheritance with the redeemed of the Lord. You could pray to God, but the Spirit that makes intercessions for prayer would not be at your assistance. My advice would be to go back to the throne of grace with a sincere repentance, and with a mind to receive spiritual eyes and ears from God, so that the Holy Spirit will help you to see, perceive, hear, and understand.

Subject: The Holiness Of God:

Jesus did not owe us anything when He died on the cross for us. God redeemed us when we were lost. It was by Jesus' death that we received grace. We were bought with a price. Jesus paid the price to buy us from the bondage of sin. We were in slavery to sin, which caused our reward to be eternal death. Jesus' death brought us into favor with God, and God changed the penalty of eternal death to eternal life.

It was the holiness of God that allowed us to be saved from sin and death. The holiness of God is a part of God's plan that will allow a people to be saved from sin and adopted into God's family by means of a perfect sacrifice, and Jesus was the sacrifice.

Subject: The Righteousness Of Faith By God:

God introduced Himself to Abraham as the Almighty God. This introduction was recorded in the Bible as a command to everybody. Listen to what followed the introduction in Genesis 17:1, "...Walk before me, and be thou perfect". When God gives a command that is not within human ability to obey, it is also in God's plan to help those who receive the command to obey.

The only thing in men and women that is acceptable to God is when we allow God to be in us. When we accept the command of God, then the righteousness of God will come into our lives to help us to obey the command. When we are saved, it is God who saves us by occupying our lives. Listen to Philippians 2:13:

Verse 12 - For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

If we have a form of righteousness before Christ comes into our lives, Christ will then come in to save us from our sins and our righteousness. This is so that we can be found in Him not having our own righteousness, but the righteousness which is of faith. Listen to Philippians 3:9:

Verse 9 - And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.

Subject: The Power Of Deception:

We were born into a world under the power of deception. When Adam sinned, Satan installed the power of deception into the human nature. The sin of Adam allowed the devil to have access to, and be the influence over the human nature. As human's developed mentally in life, such developmental stages are under an acceptable influence of deceitful ways of thinking. Human's cannot help for being vulnerable to such influence because their entry into the world was not assisted nor initiated by God, but they were born into a life cycle of deceit controlled by the devil. When Adam sinned, he allowed the devil to deceive the entire world. Listen to Revelations 12:9:

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

God saw the sadness of the condition of the world and set up a plan for grace and truth to be brought to the world in Jesus Christ. God first sent the law by Moses, which made known the tactics of the devil that had deceived the world. Listen to St. John 1:17:

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

Satan's kingdom was established in the hearts and minds of people, making them believe that sin is an acceptable way of life. Jesus was sent to save us from our sins, and in doing so, He is able to divide and destroy Satan's kingdom by means of uncovering his deceitful tactics of sin. Listen to St. Matthew 12:25-28:

Verse 25 - *And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:*

Verse 26 - *And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?*

Verse 27 - *And if I by Bē-ěl'-zě-bűb cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore, they shall be your judges.*

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

When Jesus gives you the new-birth, He brings you out of the darkness of Satan's deceit and gives you light from God. Listen to St. John 1:4-5:

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

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

Darkness has no power to deceive those who are given light from Jesus.

Subject: Nature Can Reveal The Way God Feels About The People:

During Moses' day, the children of Israel became arrogant, because they thought that God should talk directly to them, and not send messages by Moses. God knew their hearts, so He had Moses to make arrangements for them to meet with Him in person. When a people have rebellious and arrogant hearts, God will

allow nature to introduce His presence. Nature will reveal to the people how God feels about them.

When the people came out to meet God, the heavens were darkened, thunder began to roar and lightning began to flash. It was a terrible storm such as the people had never seen before. The people began to wonder why a storm was rising on a day that they were going to meet God. Their attitudes towards receiving messages from God by Moses had provoked God to anger, because they had failed to hear God by the one that He had sent. If you do not hear the one that God sends, you will not hear God.

God sent the prophets out to tell every creature that, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”. If you will not hear the prophets, you will not hear God. When the lightning began to flash and the thunder began to roar, the whole mountain became dark. The children of Israel learned that talking to God sometimes requires conversing with him in the midst of a storm. After they saw all this happening, they called for Moses and told him that they would be satisfied with him as their mediator.

Subject: God Will Send You A Teacher If You Have The Right Mind:

When you have a mind to receive God’s word, He will send someone to teach it to you. The Eunuch who was trying to read the word of God and understand the word of God had traveled many miles to the land of Israel where he believed he would find someone who could explain it to him. God sent Phillip to meet him. The Eunuch’s mind was so open to receive help that as soon as Phillip explained it, the Eunuch believed and was saved immediately.

The Holy Spirit in the form of an angel directed Phillip to go where he found the Eunuch. When a person desires to learn about God, God will make provisions for the person to receive the knowledge. God will send help to anyone who desires to learn the correct knowledge of salvation. When you have a desire to know more about the Lord, things that seem confusing and difficult to understand God will reveal to you.

Subject: The Law:

As a result of being born in sin, we were born under the beggarly elements of the world. This meant that we came into the world being governed under the law. Under these conditions, we were servants of the law. However, now after we are born again, God has set us free through faith in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Under these conditions, we are no longer under the law, because the new-birth in Christ gives us power by the Holy Spirit to live above what the law forbids.

Those who have not been born again are nevertheless still under the law. For those who are not saved, the law of God that was initially given to Moses will have something in it that will condemn a sinner or a person who has not been born again. Only the new-birth in Christ can set you free from the condemnation of the law. For those who are not saved, the law will be presented against them in the judgment causing them to receive the first and second death.

The purpose of God's plan that was presented in the gospel of Jesus Christ was to offer grace to the world to deliver the world from the condemnation of the law. The law was given to condemn physical actions of sin, but grace was given to establish righteousness in the hearts of man to discipline their physical actions to be above sin. Grace causes the presence of God to be with you by the power of the Holy Spirit, making you able to obey God and keep His commandments.

When you are under grace, the goodness of God will go before you in life directing you on a path of righteousness. You are then led by the Spirit of God as a child of God for the remaining of your life. Under these conditions, every person who is born again will have full control over themselves. Nobody will be able to make them do anything other than the will of God.

Subject: Grace And Truth Delivered The World From The Curse Of A Lie:

Grace and the truth came by Jesus Christ who came to deliver us from the curse of the law that brought the sentence of death upon all men. When Adam broke the first law that God gave him, which was not to eat of the forbidden tree, all men were brought under the curse of the law, and it was by one man's disobedience that sin entered into the world, and death came by sin (Romans 5:12).

Therefore, God knowing that one man would sin and break the law to bring the sentence of death upon all, ordained to send another man who would deliver all

men from sin and death. This man who was Jesus brought salvation to the world by means of grace and the truth.

Death entered into the world because Satan told Eve a lie that she would not surely die if she and Adam ate the forbidden fruit, but Jesus came to bring the truth along with grace to redeem man from the curse of death that entered the world by means of a lie (Genesis 3:4).

Subject: Christ Was Able To Do What The Law Could Not Do:

God initially sent the law by Moses to the nation of Israel to discipline the works of the flesh or sinful nature; and as the centuries went by, the people of Israel severed through the law obeying only those commandments that were convenient and to their best interest. For what the law could not do, in that it was too weak to have any effect on the flesh, God made arrangements to send His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

Today those who have received Jesus Christ, there is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made us free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:1-3).

Jesus was tempted as we are yet He never sinned. That is the way He condemned sin in the flesh because He lived in the flesh and blood body. So then when a person says that they can't help from sinning it means that they don't have Jesus in their life. When you are born again, you then become the works of the Holy Spirit being delivered from the works of the flesh.

When your life is renewed by the works of the Spirit no law can condemn you, because the law only condemns the works of the flesh which are listed in (Galatians 5:19-21). The works of the flesh are listed as follows, which are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, hatred, witchcraft, variance, emulations, strife, seditions and heresies.

The law has no power over the works of the Holy Spirit, which are listed in Galatians 5:22-23. The works of the Holy Spirit are listed as follows: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Against such there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23).

Subject: Is Your Heart Right With God?

Your heart is your mind; it is your soul. The heart, mind and soul have the same meaning. It is the spiritual part of your existence that gives life to the physical body. Your mind gives orders to your body members. Your mind is also the carrier of your emotions. Peace begins in your mind. The condition of your mind affects your entire life. If your mind is wrong, you are wrong, but if your mind is right, you are right. The important thing is that you want your heart or mind to be right with God.

Sin causes your mind to be under condemnation, which can make your life very uncomfortable. If your mind is under condemnation of sin in your life, you will be unhappy. We were born into the world under condemnation, but God has arranged that we can be delivered from this state of existence. God has provided a plan of salvation whereby we can be lifted from the condemned state and given a clear mind. When we hear and believe the word of God, the Spirit of God will find us and renew us in the spirit of our minds, causing us to be free from the condemned state of mind that sin gave us.

Subject: The Alternatives:

The alternatives that God offers is that you have to be a saint or a sinner. Only saints are going to heaven. There are no neutral grounds in God's plan of salvation. Sinners will go to a place called hell. This may not sound so nice, but it is the only alternative if you are not saved from sin. God does not send sinners to hell. Those who go to hell go with the love of God. They go because it is their choice to go.

God is love and He gave His only begotten Son that sinners might be redeemed and given the privilege to go to heaven. When a sinner is born again, the sinner becomes a saint. Saints are holy people of God that live free from sin. God gives the Holy Spirit to a sinner who repents of his or her sins, and the Holy Spirit gives the sinner the new-birth causing the sinner to be a saint.

The Bible gives no other description of a person that is saved. If a person is willing to repent of his or her sins, God can make the person a saint, regardless of the condition that sin had the person in. You cannot be made a saint after you die. You can only be a corpse after you die. You have to be living to be a saint, because saints live free from sin. God is not God of the dead, but God of the living.

When you are born again, God lives in you, and God will not live in a person who is a sinner. God is holy and righteous; when He gives you His Holy Spirit, you will be holy and righteous.

Subject: The Fear Of God Should Be Respect For God:

God does not want us to fear Him because of terror that He will bring upon us. God wants our fear to be respect for Him like a child has respect for its parents. The fear that we have for God should be fear of the dangers that the devil will bring upon us when we fail to obey God. Obedience to God is protection from the enemy of God and man who is the devil.

God is not an enemy of man. The fear of an enemy is not the kind of fear that God wants us to have of Him, because God is our friend. We should fear God because His commandments are an expression of His love for us. 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 made perfect in love.

When you are afraid of God, you are not a partaker of His love. Your fear for God should be respect for God. There is no terror in love; perfect love casteth out fear. We must learn the benefits of God's love. We must understand that His love is expressed when He chastens and corrects us when we are wrong. We should not be afraid of God's chastening. However, we should be afraid of doing wrong, which makes us vulnerable to the devil's devices that can be harmful to us.

Subject: Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit (St. Matthew 5:3):

God expressed His love to the world in Jesus Christ who was presented to the world in a very lowly and humble way. God allowed Jesus to be born in a stable wrapped in swaddling clothes, which put His birth under the most humble circumstances to extend salvation to the lower social classes of the world. This was an example to the world of how God would further extend grace for the poor in spirit to be saved.

Unless those of the higher social and economic classes of the world learn to humble themselves to the lower social classes, by which the plan of salvation is presented, they will not be saved. Not hardly will high-minded, proud people be saved. The plan of salvation is designed by God to not save such people in high social classes. Listen to I Corinthians 1:19 and 26-28:

Verse 19 - For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

Verse 26 - For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

God has put salvation in a way that appears to be foolish to high class, prudent, and noble people.

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

The things that high class folk of the world despise in those of lower classes of life is where God put salvation. This is to purposely confound those who are high-minded.

Verse 28 - And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

Subject: Self Denial:

Self-denial is necessary before you can be a servant of God. The carnal nature is selfish and desires to please itself. Listen to St. Matthew 16:24-25:

Verse 24 - Then said Jesus unto his disciples, *if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

Verse 25 - *For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*

Subject: Who Hath Believed Our Report?

Isaiah prophesied of Jesus' trial and crucifixion hundreds of years before Christ was born. The Jewish leaders that were present at Jesus' trial did not believe the report that Isaiah gave hundreds of years before the event, though the report was on record in the Chronicles of the Jews. The things that Isaiah prophesied concerning the advent of Jesus were done during Jesus' ministry as a witness to those who saw Jesus' works and had read Isaiah's report in the Old Testament.

The Scribes, chief priest, Pharisees, and Pilate were present at Jesus' trial and they had knowledge of Isaiah's prophecy concerning Jesus' trial, yet they did not use the witness of Isaiah to exonerate Jesus. Had they accepted the prophecies of Isaiah as a witness to exonerate Jesus, they would have also been compelled to accept the fact that Jesus was the Son of God and the promised messiah.

Isaiah's report was telling the accusers that Jesus would be brutally and cruelly treated for no just reason, that all of Jesus' works were for the benefit of the people, that Jesus had a good defense, and that He was innocent of any wrong, but the experience was ordained of God.

Those of us who have accepted Jesus Christ into our lives believe Isaiah's report because the events that came to pass centuries later were in every detail agreeable with the report. Christ was very careful during His trial not to challenge His accusers or demand a right to be heard, because the scriptures, which had to be fulfilled in every phase of His life, said, "Yet He opened not His mouth". Christ was more concerned about being in accord with the scriptures than to use a defense contrary to the scriptures to exonerate Himself.

Subject: The Word Was Made Flesh:

When Jesus came to the earth, the word of God was made flesh. Prior to Jesus' appearance on the earth, He lived as the word of God in heaven being the second part of God's Trinity. When God saw that the world needed help to acquire

salvation, the word was made flesh, and it was sent down to the earth in the person of Jesus Christ.

When the word was sent to the earth, He told them the truth about their limited existence in this present world. Many people of the world had been deceived by the powers of darkness (Satan), but the word revealed the truth about what would happen if they continued to live a life of sin. Jesus began to introduce a plan to the world that they might be saved. Jesus said, come unto me and I will die for you that you might receive life more abundantly.

Jesus made it known that He was an alternative for the destruction that sin would bring upon the world. Jesus reinforced what He was teaching by raising the dead, giving sight to the blind, and healing the lame. Such demonstrations of the power of heaven were to reassure the people that His word was true, and was offering grace to deliver them.

Subject: The Dying Thief Rejoiced To See That Fountain:

There were two thieves that were crucified with Jesus. Just before one thief died, he acquired faith in Jesus, and his faith moved him to confess to his companion who was the other thief, that the man they call Jesus is not the Son of a human, He must be the Son of God.

After confessing and rebuking the thief who reproached Jesus, and doubted that Jesus was the Son of God because the mob was crucifying Jesus, the repenting thief on the right side of Jesus had watched Jesus as He had climbed Calvary and he saw an expression upon Jesus' face that he had never seen upon the face of a human being. Through all the mocking, ridicule and abuse that Jesus was experiencing as He struggled with the cross on Calvary, He never said a mumbling word or showed a harsh look of resentment to those who were persecuting Him.

So the thief on the right rebuked his partner who had mocked Jesus, and turned to Jesus hanging on the cross and said, Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. The scriptures teach us that Jesus stopped dying, and said, "Verily, I say unto thee, today, thou shalt be with me in Paradise".

Now the thief never had a chance to go down to the Jordan River to be baptized. However, right at that moment of confession the Holy Spirit overshadowed him, and though he had been a criminal for many years, all the condemnation left him, and his faith justified him in the sight of God.

Subject: The Power In Jesus' Death: The Death Of A Malefactor:

Because Jesus obeyed God down to the death of the cross, God made His death the greatest event that has ever taken place. Jesus was holy, righteous, pure, and full of love, but He died the lowest form of death during that time. Jesus' death was inclusive with absolute and perfect humility.

Because of Jesus' death, God empowered His death of humility and obedience to defeat and conquer the sting of death. The sting of death is the terror of death that is inclusive with sin. Jesus' death was inclusive with righteousness being free from sin, which gave death more power than the death with sin. When those who are saved die, Jesus' death causes their death to be a sweet pleasant rest in paradise where Abraham is the overseer.

Jesus died the death of a malefactor, which was given to thieves and robbers. It was the lowest form of death, but God incorporated love, holiness, and humility in Jesus' death, and caused His death to have greater power than anything evil could compete against. Evil was defeated at the cross. When Jesus died at the cross, it was complete defeat against satan, and the forces of evil. When God gave Jesus power to defeat death at the cross, it was a deathblow to satan and sin.

Subject: Cursed Is Everyone That Hangeth On A Tree (Galatians 3:13):

God gave the first part of His law to a mediator who was Moses; later He gave the second part of His law to the Messiah who was Jesus. Jesus' life, teachings, and ministry were the fulfillment of the law. The Jews were introduced to the first part of the law by Moses; but unless they receive the fulfillment of the law in Christ, they will not be saved.

The Jews having the law without Christ left them hanging on a tree, and only by faith in Jesus' gospel could they be set free. Though many of the Jews were faithful and obedient to the law that Moses brought, nevertheless they were not saved.

After Jesus was crucified while in the earth, He preached the gospel to the Jews who had obeyed the law and had died, that they might receive the Holy Spirit also. Listen to I Peter 4:5-6:

Verse 5 - Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

Verse 6 - For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

Christ also died to redeem those who obeyed the law, but were still under the curse of the law. Such people were not justified by the law, but they had to be justified by faith in Jesus Christ. For as many who were under the works of the law, though they obeyed the law, they were still under the curse of the law.
Galatians 3:10-13:

Verse 10 - For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Verse 11 - But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Verse 12 - And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

Verse 13 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

Subject: The Foundation Of The Church:

When you obey the word of God, you are righteous. God is His word and when you obey the word of God, you become righteous just as God is righteous. Listen to I John 3:7:

Verse 7 - Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous even as he is righteous.

If you obey God and folk want to see God, they will see God in your obedience. Now you can go to church to preach, pray, sing, and testify, but unless you serve God by obedience to His word as a light to your fellowman by your deeds and actions, then your religion is vain. The foundation of the church that Jesus established was built upon the righteousness of God.

Subject: Rebellious People Cannot Be Helped By God:

God's great plan is based upon the actions of men. When the unsaved learn that they are to blame for their own sorrows, and because of their disobedience, they are having troubles, they can look to God and learn what great favor God is granting by revealing His plan to the world. Man can then repent and take advantage of the privilege God is offering. God's plan offers a second chance for man to receive favor from God.

Jesus implemented the better part of God's plan by putting Himself in condemnation being sinless. Jesus made Himself guilty in order to take the punishment intended for us that we might receive a pardoning. 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 reward him for his sins, God blots his name out of the book of life and that individual faces eternal punishment.

Moses was fully acquainted with God's disposition toward sinners. He knew the children of Israel were destroyed in the wilderness for their disobedience and he was not able to take them into the land of Canaan after God had boasted of Israel, and thereby avoid the taunts of the enemies, so Moses desired to die with the children of Israel.

However, the Lord answered and said to Moses, "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 have not sinned, so I won't blot your name out. But for your sake, I'll let you see that my way is right. Go ahead and lead them. You will never get them into the Promised Land". Rebellious people cannot be helped even by God. Nevertheless, if they turn their hearts to God and be obedient, then the Lord will deliver them.

Subject: You Must Reap What You Have Sown:

The apostle Paul was on his way to Damascus when he was converted. He had planned to arrest a follower of Christ named Ananias, but God stopped him and turned his life around. After Paul began to preach the gospel of Christ, he was bound, beaten, and arrested. Paul then looked back over his life prior to being converted and remembered how he had persecuted the followers of Christ.

All who are saved and have lived a previous life of sin should remember that they are going to reap for the things that they did prior to their conversion. The good part about suffering after you are saved is that you will learn how to rejoice in the day of trouble and you will understand that God will make you perfect through suffering.

Everybody reaps what they have sown. You may not remember what you have sown, but it will come back to you later in life to remind you. The process of reaping and sowing is done by giving you more when you reap than what you have sown. When David took Uriah's wife his own son took his wife.

Subject: The Love Of God:

When God saved me, He gave me a new heart (mind) that makes it easy for me to love everybody. Down in the bottom of the heart of a person who has God's Spirit, there is love, joy, and peace that the Spirit of God has put there and no forces of evil can remove these virtues. The fruit of the Holy Spirit are greater than all the forces of evil.

I love everybody, and it is easy for me to possess such feelings because I have been born again of the Spirit of God. I treat everybody right. I have no hatred in my heart against anyone. This mind is a gift from God.

Subject: Love Is God's Gift To The World:

Love is the beginning and the end of the laws that God gave to the world. Any laws that are composed by lawmakers of a nation that are not a reflection of or related to the love of God are not connected with the laws from heaven. Today, people are being encouraged by men in leadership positions to hate. Hatred is an

ugly monster. It was hatred that caused six million Jews to be killed by Hitler's regime in Germany.

Messages from heaven present love and peace to the world. Any group that speaks to stir up strife and hatred will never see the kingdom of heaven after their lives on earth ends unless they repent of such ways. When God sent a heavenly host of angels to the earth to honor the birth of Jesus, the angels sang glory to God in the highest. The presentation of Jesus to the world was a gift of love to the world from heaven. Heaven is a habitation of love, and God sent Jesus to share this gift with the world that the people of the earth might be united with heaven.

Subject: Without Love For Your Fellow Man You Will Be Judged By God:

If you want to keep a man in a ditch, you have to get in the ditch with him. To undermine a person's character is a common mistake of those who are running for political office. When you are holding another person down, you are also down with the person. The faults of another person cannot upgrade the quality of your character. Good qualities of character are up-graded when you get behind another person to support and lift the person up. People can see Jesus in the good that you do, and they can see the devil in the evil that you do or say against another person. You are not right with God until you are right with one another.

When church folk fight one another, it is a bad example for the world to see. The devil was an adversary in heaven when he rebelled against God, and he has a position among church folk who fight against one another. You only have victory over the devil when you have love and peace with your fellow man.

When the Spirit of God is in the midst of a group of people, it causes them to love one another. The judgment of God will be sent against the enemies of God. When folk don't have love in their hearts for one another, they will be considered as the enemies of God, and will be judged accordingly.

Subject: Are You In Love?

What do you like to talk about? People usually talk about who they love. When you are in love, it is encouraging to think about the one you love. Such

thoughts about the person will make you feel good. I love the Lord and His love is in me, and it causes me to love everybody. Love makes you feel happy. When you don't love people you are unhappy.

When you love the Lord you will obey His commandments, and His commandments are not grievous. You can then talk about God with a pure heart. When you love God you can bring your problems to God, and He will help you solve them. There is no problem that you can bring to God that is too hard for Him to solve.

Subject: The Reality Of God Will Be Manifested In The Love Of God:

Jesus came to the earth to represent God the Father. The people of the earth had not seen God, so God ordained that He would make an appearance to the earth in a flesh and blood body by means of the second person in His Trinity who would be Jesus Christ. When a person receives the gospel that Jesus taught, the reality of God will be perfected in the person by means of God's love.

God's love was manifested to the world when He died on the cross. When you keep God's commandments, God will manifest Himself to you. Jesus taught that if a man loves Him, he will keep Jesus' words, and God will love him, and that they would come unto him, and make their abode with him. Jesus taught that those who loveth Him not and fail to keep His commandments would not be saved.

Subject: The Power Of God's Love:

Man is so valuable to God that He is not willing that one person should perish. God does not look at the physical make-up of man, but He looks at the heart. God loves the soul or mind of a person, and if the person is not saved, God can see the intents of the person's heart. God will save the person when He perceives that the person is willing to accept the new-birth.

God loves man so much that He sent His Son to beautify man with righteousness, and to restore him to the state of perfection and loveliness that he was first created in. Today man is still precious in the sight of God to the end that He does not desire for any person to be lost. No matter how man feels about having a relationship with God, God desires to save his life.

God did not create this beautiful world for man to perish in. Love desires the best for those who are loved. God intended for man to live forever. Even after sin and death entered to disrupt the life cycle of man, God provided a way for man to be saved. This is love. God having immortality in Himself decided to share His immortality with man who believes and obeys the gospel. Therefore, though we die, the power of God's love will give us life again.

God has so fixed it that though man dies, He is not really dead if he believes in God. He is merely asleep waiting to be awakened by the voice of God. He is like a man asleep in bed whose wife plans to awaken at an appointed time. When the time arrives, she will call and he will get up. No matter how deep a sleep the man may be in, when the voice of his wife sounds in his ears, he will wake up. So will it be with everyone who is asleep in Jesus.

Though they may be asleep in the bottom of the sea, or in the grave, when the angel of the Lord sounds the trumpet, they will hear and get up. Such people will awake to see Jesus as He is, because He planned that the grave should not destroy nor retain His people. So that none of His precious people might perish, God prolongs His return and keeps the door of opportunity open that whosoever will might come to God. Time can be prolonged, but eternity cannot, because eternity is endless. When you finish your life in time, you will enter eternity. Therefore, you will be wise not to reject the mercy of God.

Subject: God Loves Those That He Chastens:

When Adam disobeyed God, humans inherited the nature of Adam. It is the nature of man to do what he is told not to do. When a child is told by its mother to do that which it doesn't wish to do, it will get angry. Such anger of the child reveals the nature to rebel and disobey that all humans inherited from the first man's disobedience. Under such conditions, the mother should discipline the child to spare the child's soul.

God chastens His children also. Chastisement is an expression of love. Sometimes the more a person is chastened the more stubborn they get, but proper chastisement is more powerful than a stubborn spirit. God's chastening is not after His own pleasure as that of earthly parents. Earthly parents chasten a child that they might have peace in the home, and that the child might not bring them to shame by their disobedience and sin. However with God, we are corrected for His pleasure and our happiness that we might be partakers of His holiness.

The day is coming when everyone who endureth chastening shall be adopted on high and live forever. That is why we are precious and God is able to take care

of us. Now God is very much concerned about man, because lately man has gotten to the place that he feels important and he gets smart on God, saying that he will serve God when he gets ready. Humility should be more desired of man than smartness. Smartness is conceit that will separate man from God.

The day that we hear God's voice, we should harden not our hearts. This attitude is important, because the moment you least expect, death steps on the scene. When man is overcome by death, with the spirit of smartness and a conceited mind, he will not be saved. Such an attitude will cause him to go into eternity separated from God.

When death is involved, it is serious business. Yet there are those who spend nearly their entire life without God and enter old age without being saved. This is the time that we really need God for comfort and security. It is foolish to wait for old age to become acquainted with God. We should meet God and give Him the best part of our lives, and after we get old we can gently lean upon God and be safe. But whether we are old or young, our life is precious to God.

Subject: Obedience Will Reveal The Mysteries Of God:

God deals in a mysterious way. You can only learn the secrets of God by obeying Him. Obedience to God causes the Holy Spirit to reveal the mysterious ways of God. If you fear God you will show respect for Him by obeying Him. This kind of fear is manifested by your love for God. Your fear or respect for God will be demonstrated by the way you treat your fellow man or woman. You must not allow anybody to cause a root of bitterness to spring up in you. Keep your hands clean, your heart pure and God will do whatever else is needed to be done for you.

You must obey the word of God, and not your religious imagination, because your imagination is under the influence of the devil who can fill your mind with thoughts that are far from God. When the Lord is prominent in your mind, you can be happy with Jesus alone. The word of God will purge you of all bitterness, envy, strife, and hatred. When you are confronted with those who oppose you, you will be like Christ, "Praying that God will forgive them for they know not what they do".

Subject: Obedience Must Be Inclusive With Suffering:

The plan of salvation is presented to you predicated upon your obedience. Your obedience to the word of God will produce a life of righteousness. Obedience causes a reaction of righteousness in the way that you live. Obedience leads you to a goal of perfection. Christ learned obedience by the things that He suffered, and you will only learn that your obedience is acknowledged by God when you suffer.

Subject: The Righteous Judge:

The word of God teaches that the Lord judges not by the seeing of the eyes, or the hearing of the ear, but He judges righteously. He does not judge you by what you say, He judges you by the secrets of your heart. Your heart can be deceitful not allowing you to know many things about your intentions, but God knows the intents of your heart.

You can only learn many things about the intent of your heart by watching your actions after you have done something. Charity is love from God. It is universal love that causes you to do good regardless to what is in your heart. Charity overwhelms your actions to be good even when your mind has not planned to do good.

The heart can be desperately wicked unless you are filled with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost implements charity. Evil things can hide themselves in your heart unless you have the Holy Ghost that will cause charity to remove and overpower such wicked ways. Charity is love that is produced from God, and is spread abroad by the Holy Ghost. Listen to I Corinthians 13:3:

Verse 3 - And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,
 and though I give my body to be burned, and have not
 charity, it profiteth me nothing.

When you become a child of God, the love of God goes deeper into your heart than evil intentions, and it exposes evil intents, giving you the choice to disregard them. The scriptures teach that Jesus laid down His life for us allowing the love of God to abide in us to the extent that we would be willing to suffer than to do evil to another person.

Subject: It Is Good To Have God As Your Friend:

When God made the creation, He spoke to nature. When God speaks, nature has to listen. The power in God's words compels nature to listen and to respond accordingly. Nature is under God's control. God can at any time reverse the way nature normally does things.

When Jesus was born of a virgin, nature was operating in reverse. God handles nature as you handle your automobile. You can put it in drive, and it will go forward, or you can put it in reverse, and it will go backward. Just as we handle automobiles, God handles the weather, sun, moon, stars, and tides of the oceans. Everything in the creation is under God's control because God is the master of all existence.

When Joshua needed more time and daylight to finish a battle, God made the sun stand still for Joshua. When you obey God, he causes nature to work in your favor. It is good to have God as your friend, because He can make nature work for you.

Subject: The Way Of The Cross Is A Symbol Of Suffering:

The way of the cross will lead you to the kingdom of heaven to God. Jesus was not the only one to carry a cross. Those who are saved must have a cross also, though it will not be as extreme as Jesus' cross was on Calvary. The cross is a symbol of suffering. Those who want to be saved must suffer in the flesh. This means to deny themselves of the sinful pleasures of the flesh.

When you cease from sin you are suffering in the flesh. The flesh is the sinful nature that gives you pleasure in sinful practices. Listen to I Peter 4:1-4:

Verse 1 - Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

When you have ceased from sin, you will no longer live the rest of your life enjoying sinful pleasures.

Verse 2 - That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

Your prior life of sin caused you to enjoy worldly pleasures.

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

After you deny yourself of your former sinful pleasures, your former associates will think that you are strange, and they might speak evil of you.

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

Subject: You Don't Want To Be A House Guest Of The Devil:

Hell will be the devil's home, but he's not there yet. The devil is busy trying to get as many guests as he can to live with him in hell. The devil goes to and fro in the earth for the purpose of seeking to devour souls that they may be his house guests in hell. To yield to temptations to commit sin means that you have accepted the invitation to be the devil's guest. The devil devours souls by inducing the person to sin resulting to the person separating from God who gives eternal life.

The scriptures represent God, and when the devil seeks to devour a soul, the scriptures give instructions on how to escape the snares of the devil. God has designed and prepared the scriptures so that when a person obeys the instructions, the devil will have no power against their obedience to the scriptures.

It is important that man should not take the word of God lightly, but should hide it in his heart for his defense against the temptations of the devil. When the temptations of the devil are intense, it is recommended by the scriptures that you should fast and pray. When you fast you are preparing your body for a vigorous resistance against carnal desires that lead to lust and sin, which the devil will tempt you to satisfy. Fasting will give you the strength to resist the temptations; and along with prayer you will have strength to drive the devil away. Fasting and prayer will prepare you so that when the devil approaches you, he will not be successful in tempting you to commit sin.

Subject: Deliverance From The Works Of The Devil:

When we go down on our knees to pray it is an expression of humility that will allow God to enter our hearts to reinforce our strength, because the devil will go down with us to confuse and deceive us. God can see the devil, and when God speaks to him, he cannot lie to God; he must tell the truth and come forth at the command of God, and depart from us. God will ask Satan the same question when He finds him in the vicinity of a saint which He asked in the days of Job.

God's plan is salvation from the works of the devil, or deliverance from the works of the devil. God's plan covers every soul, and it was for this purpose that He sent Jesus to suffer and die that we might be delivered from the works of the devil. When a person is delivered God puts a zeal in the person to work to deliver another person; and the plan of salvation increases.

Prior to this deliverance, the individual is used of the devil to seek the destruction of a soul, and many are led away from God. God sent Jesus to find lost souls, and many have been delivered from the power of the devil.

Satan challenged God when the question of Job's fidelity was raised. Satan is known as the accuser of the brethren before the Lord. He had tried Job, but had not succeeded in getting Job to disobey God; therefore, he had nothing in Job, and could not present true accusations about Job to God.

Satan had given Job attention previously, but Job was fully surrounded by the angels of the Lord. Satan gives careful attention today to those who are truly born again. So the devil told God that Job wasn't serving Him for nothing, and that he would be able to make Job curse God if God would call His angels off, and leave Job exposed.

Satan asked God "doth Job fear God for naught"? Fear of God is manifested in love for God. Satan told God that Job only loves you because you have blessed him in every way. The proposition of Satan was that if you let me take away Job's prosperity I can make Job curse you to your face. Satan's trying of Job's faith in God did not prove that Job did not love God, it only proved that Satan was the liar that he had always been.

Subject: The Way Of The Cross:

The way of the cross is the way to God. Jesus demonstrated that it is by means of suffering that you can get into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus suffered the

death of the cross and He is presently in heaven. You won't have to worry about those who oppose you if you bear your cross, because their own sins will kill them.

God has highly exalted Jesus and given Him a name above every name. He has given instructions whereby you and I might live a life above sin, which can deliver you from the sting of death that sin could give you. If we die before Jesus returns, death will have no terror to us.

When you have the Spirit of God, you can go through any test and allow the Spirit to lead you the right way through life. I personally have victory in Christ, and I am trying to tell others how to get victory. The way of the cross is the way to victory.

Subject: Your Life Should Support Your Talk:

When you talk about the Lord, your life should support your talk. Salvation is not just a verbal testimony, but a performance of a righteous life. If you talk about the Lord, and don't live right your talk is a disgrace before God.

Satan observes everybody who talks about being saved, and he monitors all of their ways of living. Satan watched and listened to Job's entire life even though Job was righteous. When Satan couldn't find any accusations against the way Job was living, he accused Job of serving God because of the way God had blessed Job. So Satan is surely watching people who don't live what they say about God. Listen to Job 1:10:

Verse 10 - Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Satan keeps everybody under observation and has a checklist on how they live.

Subject: Sanctification:

You are sanctified through the truth. This means your mind is purified and set apart from sin. This is similar to the way you wash dishes. You will set the clean dishes apart from those that have not been washed. When God saves you, He

fills you with the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies you by cleansing you of your desires to commit sin and it gives you desires to live free from sin.

This cleansing process will cause you to separate from those who are sinners whether they are in a church or a social club. You are then separated unto the gospel of Jesus Christ. God cannot use you if you are not separated from those who practice sin. Make no mistake, you are not saved if you are not sanctified.

Now if you are in a church where the members drink liquor, commit adultery, and fornication, you are not sanctified with such worshipers. Those who worship and practice such sins are hypocrites who are making a mockery of God. You have to be sanctified in order for your honor and praises to God are to be accepted by God. God does not use or accept anything that is not sanctified no more than you would eat out of dirty dishes. Listen to I Thessalonians 5:22-23:

Verse 23 - Abstain from all appearance of evil, and the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray your body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You cannot be spiritually any better than the company that you keep. Listen to I Corinthians 1:2:

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

When you are not sanctified, you are considered by God as being an unrighteous person. 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.

The word of God is teaching that you are not saved until you are sanctified, and when you are sanctified, you are justified.

Subject: Make Your Request To God:

Those who are subject to the will of God shall inherit the earth. When you walk before God according to His word, you can make a request to God and the power of heaven will respond to your request.

When your heart is right with God, He will give you the desires of your heart. When you have a pure heart, you won't ask amiss; you will ask according to God's will. It is the will of God that you obey Him, and you can then ask according to the will of God. The blessings of God will give you peace and joy along with the material things that you need.

Subject: The Spirit Of God Will Help Us Pray:

There are many questions that people desire to be answered about God. Many would like to know where God came from, and why He remains out of sight, and why He allows the devil to harm the human soul, and torment the body. Since there is so much unhappiness, and sin in the world, and hypocrisy among people who represent themselves as Christians, they would like to know when Christ is going to return to take the saved people to heaven. Those things about God and His relationship with man, which are alright to know, God will reveal. However, things that are not given for you to know at this time, God will withhold.

Since God cannot be seen, or be reached by natural means, as you would reach a neighbor, doctor, or pastor of your church, and conditions often arise making it necessary to reach Him, you should be seriously concerned as to how to reach your heavenly Father in the event of an emergency.

In order to please your heavenly Father, you must conduct your affairs of life, material and spiritual in such a manner as to be completely dependent upon God. You cannot please God if you are self-reliant because you have a good job and are able to pay for everything you need. You should not feel self-sufficient, because you are living free from sin. When you feel self-righteous to the extent that you feel superior to those who are sinners, you cannot please God.

When you have true and complete dependency upon God, you must be able to reach Him when you need Him. Prayer is the means of reaching God. You must be certain that when you present your prayers to God, that He sees your humble heart, and hears the message you wish to convey. You must be sure that you have maintained your integrity to the extent that when He hears you, He is ready to dispatch an angel to bring the answer.

Since you cannot send God a letter or E-mail or call Him on the phone; then how must you reach Him? You can only reach God through effectual fervent prayer. Jesus said men ought to always pray and not faint. Jesus prayed to the Father often. Jesus prayed with great faith, dependence and humility. He prayed when He needed courage to face severe opposition of the Scribes, Pharisees, and Chief Priest. He prayed when He needed strength to bear the burden of the saints or sinners. Jesus' prayer was always to the end that some spiritual blessing might come to the person that He was praying for.

Although when we pray, we sometimes use loud words to describe our condition to God, and we sometimes use words that are dressed up beautifully. However, our prayers lack the quality necessary to actually reach the throne of grace, unless we get adequate help from the Spirit. In Romans 8:26-27 it teaches:

Verse 26 - Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for 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.

This scripture clearly reveals that it isn't the English or language we use that God accepts; neither the volume of the tone that causes God to receive the message of prayer. It is our inability to pray that is so obvious to God that the scriptures refer to as our infirmities. Our heavenly Father is so moved by our inability to pray that He allows the third part of Himself, which is the Holy Spirit to help us pray; because we can dress up our prayers to exaggerate the condition, or make the situation seem urgent, and play upon the sympathy of God. We want God to solve our problems immediately to keep us satisfied, and happy for the entire time that we are living on the earth.

So what is it that helps our prayers to reach God? If we are saved by the power of the Holy Spirit, then our prayers should be like our lives. When our lives are above sin, so should our prayers be above sin, by the same power of the Holy

Spirit that causes us to live above sin. Our prayers should not be tainted with selfishness, greed, or revenge against those who oppose us. Emulations or envy should not be in our prayers. These things can creep in unnoticed.

However, when the Spirit of God makes intercessions for us, it sometimes discards our words altogether with groanings in the language of heaven that is clearly understandable and acceptable to God. The Spirit reveals the true condition of our needs. God will then take appropriate action that is in line with His plan, and our prayer will be answered according to the will of God.

Subject: The Humility Of Jesus Christ:

Jesus was the greatest character that has ever lived. Listen to how the scriptures describe the humility of Jesus Christ in Philippians 2:8-9:

Verse 8 - And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Verse 9 - Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.

Jesus is our example that we must follow if we expect to be saved. The spirit of humility that Jesus demonstrated must also be in our lives if we want to be accepted by God. Jesus is the pattern because He obeyed God down to the death of the cross. God raised Him above every living creature in heaven, earth and under the earth. If a person expects to get into the kingdom, he or she will have to trace Jesus' footsteps.

Subject: Humility Is The Best Response To God:

The devil put so much pressure on Job that he wondered why a good man had to suffer. So Job questioned God concerning his suffering. It was God who said that Job was perfect and upright, so Job saw no reason for such suffering to come upon him. Listen to how God responded to Job in chapter 40:1-2:

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

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

Job failed to understand that he was nothing but clay. Job was clay with life that had been created by God. The clay doesn't argue with the potter whether it is living clay or lifeless clay. The clay is in the hands of the potter, and what he sees fit to do with the clay is in His power to do, and the clay cannot complain. If God sees fit to get clay from His earth and put His breath of life in the clay, the clay has no authority to contend with its creator.

When you are going through a test, God does not upbraid you if you ask Him questions. Be sure that you are living a righteous life and be quiet. After a period of time or so, God will answer your questions, but don't contend with God. He said if you lack wisdom, come to Him and humble yourself, and He will give you an answer. So Job replied with a sensible response. Listen to Job 40: 3-4:

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

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

So when a righteous person finds that he is over-stepping his bounds and God answers them, they will at once humble themselves; but a wicked person is boastful.

Subject: Peace On Earth In Not A Reality Because The World Has Rejected The Prince Of Peace:

Isaiah gave a full and complete description of the character, disposition and mission of Jesus Christ hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Isaiah expounded upon the qualities of Jesus' ministry that produced peace, which were so different from earthy characteristics of peace. Listen to Isaiah 53:2-8:

Verse 2 - For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there

is no beauty that we should desire him.

- Verse 3 - He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- Verse 4 - Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- 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.
- Verse 6 - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- Verse 7 - He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.
- Verse 8 - He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

This description of Christ's mission provoked many because Christ's gospel was too strong and inflexible for the leaders of the Jews to accept as being from God. But the character of Jesus Christ was gentle, kind, forgiving, and understanding. Christ consistently went about doing good for the people by healing their sick, raising their dead, and feeding their hungry in spite of the rejection and persecution that he received from the leaders of the Jews.

As Christ corrected their wrong, He would also assure them that if they accepted His correction he would take responsibility for their wrong and suffer the consequences. This part of Christ's character won the respect, love, and confidence of many of the common people, though it also aroused the bitter

resentment of the leaders of the Jews. Christ taught them that love was the greatest force on earth, and if they would let it come into their hearts, it would conquer their enemies and give them great power from God. Christ taught that they should love their enemies, and then have great confidence that God would bring vengeance for them upon any foe that would cause them to suffer.

Christ further taught that they should love God, and that love would make them perfect even as God is perfect. His doctrine that taught men to love their enemies would certainly not destroy peace, but would rather promote peace. Prior to Christ coming, man would never consider that kind of approach to an enemy. He would consider what means he had to destroy his enemies, and he would use every possible means to bring about the destruction of his enemies. To this day, that is the common practice of the world. That is the reason why peace on earth is not a reality.

Subject: Those Who Use Words Of Strife And Hatred Are Of The Devil:

A minister of God will encourage you to live peaceably. Over nineteen hundred years ago, Jesus Christ came into the world to bring peace on earth and good will from God who had been estranged from man by the sin of Adam. Anyone who speaks to stir up strife or hatred among people is not connected with Jesus Christ; they are the enemies of God.

The devil is the minister of offenses that bring hatred and suffering, but the word of God said woe unto them by whom such offenses will come. Those who want to be saved in the day of the Lord should be sure to allow the Holy Spirit to use them to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to administer peace on earth and good will toward men. Listen to what Jesus taught in St. John 14:25-27:

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

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

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

Subject: Your Help Comes From The God:

God becomes your helper by helping those who help you. Before you go to a doctor, lawyer, or a mechanic, you should first get on your knees and pray that God will help them to assist with your needs. After they have finished servicing your needs, you should thank God first and afterwards thank them. What they did that was beneficial to you was really God working with and through them in answer to your prayer.

If you obey God, He will be with you wherever you go in life, and reward you for your obedience. Your obedience is honor and respect extended to God, but you will receive the benefits from it.

Subject: Blessings From Heaven:

Blessings will come from heaven when your conduct is from heaven. The word of God teaches us how to conduct ourselves, and when we follow the instructions, blessings from heaven will follow.

The powers of heaven will move upon the resources of the earth to be available for those who obey the word of God. The powers of heaven are more powerful than the resources of the earth, and heaven can cause the resources of the earth to do according to God's will.

Subject: A Heavenly Place:

When your heart is right, there is no condemnation. Though others may accuse and abuse you, if God does not condemn you, you are free and safe. It is God who rules the heavens and the earth, and when His statutes are obeyed, it

keeps you free from sin. Sin is the only thing that can bring you under condemnation.

When your heart is right with God, you don't have to worry about anything. When you obey God, you can live by the word of God, and it will give you a blessed life. Words are spirits and when you are inspired by the word of God, they will lift your mind up to a heavenly place in Christ Jesus. You can then let your mind be bound closer to the promises of God and in the very darkest hour, there will be no fear.

When you believe and obey the word of God, it has power to activate the promises of God. God's word carries life that can upgrade your life to the level of holiness that will provide the blessings of God to you.

CHAPTER 7

SALVATION: SPECIAL TOPICS

Subject: There Is Only One True God:

If we as a nation obey God according to the teachings of the original King James Version of the Bible, our defense against foreign aggressions and terrorists will be in the Lord. In this nation we are blessed because we have the opportunity to turn our minds to God. Nations in the mid-east are under pressure because they have not been taught the basics of a christian faith.

Many countries in the mid-east are in great distress, turmoil, and internal unrest because of their religious beliefs. There is only one true and living God and that is the God of Abraham. When nations believe in false Gods, they will not receive deliverance during a time of trouble.

The God of Abraham will manifest Himself to deliver His people during a time of trouble if they obey and trust Him. You can only get help from the true God when you turn from sin. The people must first believe in the power of God to deliver them from sin, and God will also deliver them from their enemies. Sin includes all the things that make war clouds for nations of the world. Sin causes the people to be afraid of their enemies.

When you live free from sin you will have confidence in the presence of God. Sin includes dishonest relations with other nations that breaks down a nation's confidence in God. You cannot trust God to help you when you are dishonest. When folk are sinful, it causes their worship services to include hypocrisy and infidelity in their relationship with God. God will not help such a nation during the time of trouble.

Subject: A Chosen Generation:

America is a chosen people of God, and our nation was established by God. If we fail to seek God for safety and deliverance during a time of trouble, then the terrors of this age will consume us. We are the chosen nation of the Gentiles just as Israel was the chosen nation of the Jews.

If we don't turn to God, our judgment will become distorted, and we will become so greedy for filthy lucre that we will fall in shame. There is a hope for those who will hold on to the teachings of the gospel. God will never allow His people who love and trust Him during an evil time to go down with the wicked. God will always make a way for the righteous to be delivered.

Subject: Obey God And He Will Be Our Defense:

Our decisions and purposes must be under the direction of the righteousness of God. Except the righteousness of God is influencing our actions and means by which we are defending our nation, then all that we do for our defense will be in vain. Listen to Psalms 127:1:

Verse 1 - Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain
that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watch-
man waketh but in vain.

Unless the Lord watches our nation, the forces that we have watching won't be informed as to the power and ability of the enemy until after the enemy has attacked. The word of God teaches that we watch in vain unless we let the Lord be our defense. Obeying the teachings of the word of God causes God to be with us, and God will defeat the enemy by giving them bad judgment.

Subject: The Lord's Passover:

The Easter season of the year has a very important meaning to those who honor the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Lenten season is the forty day period before our Lord and Savior was crucified. Lent represents the forty days of fasting that Jesus went through in the wilderness while being tempted of the devil after He was baptized.

The scriptures teach that when Jesus was led to be tempted that the tempter came to him and said, if thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread, but Jesus answered and said, It is written man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeded out of the mouth of God (St. Matthew 4:3-4).

The only means of help that Jesus had available was to rely on what the word of God said. Today our life and hope depends upon what the word of God teaches. If we obey the word when we are being tempted as Jesus was, it will deliver us during a time of temptations.

Jesus' obedience to what the scriptures had taught allowed Him to be a benefactor of the sacrifice that was made hundreds of years ago by the blood that was put on the door posts of the Israelites when God passed over them to deliver

them from the bondage of the Pharaoh of Egypt. Listen to Exodus 12:13:

Verse 13 - And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

The blood of the lamb during Moses day was a symbol of how Jesus would obey God to the death of the cross allowing His blood to be a passover for all who received Jesus. This could only be made possible by Jesus obeying God to the extent that it would lead Him to the death of the cross.

While Jesus was being tempted of the devil in the wilderness, He followed all the instructions that the word of God had given Him. Today those of us who follow the teachings of Jesus Christ will be saved from the destruction that God is going to send to the earth in the last days. Our deliverance from destruction was made possible because of Jesus' obedience that led Him to be crucified.

CHAPTER 8

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Subject: The Preacher:

The preacher sent by God imparts knowledge to the listeners by means of an anointing of the Lord. The Holy Spirit first saves the preacher from sin, and teaches him knowledge from God by means of revelations. The secrets of God's knowledge will be given to the preacher to give to the listeners. The preacher will be taught by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is a great teacher that knows the meaning of the word of God.

Knowledge from the word of God cannot be acquired or comprehended by human efforts. Such knowledge is a gift from God that is given by revelations rather than by comprehension. When the Holy Spirit anoints a preacher to give messages to the listeners, it will also anoint the minds of those who are willing to receive the messages. This gives the listeners the ability to obey the messages.

You cannot obey the word of God unless you are assisted by the Holy Spirit. Your repentance must be followed through by the Holy Spirit in order for your reception and obedience to the word of God to be continuous. It is a great blessing to be anointed by the Lord. The God sent preacher is a gift to the people from God. He is the means by which the people will have access to God to obtain salvation. Without a God sent preacher, the people cannot be saved.

Subject: You Must Hear God By Means Of The One He Sends:

It is better to believe the reality of God by having faith in what His word teaches about His reality. Listen to what Hebrews 12:18 teaches about how terrible it was when God came down in person upon Mount Sinai to let the people know that He was more than a man:

Verse 18 - For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest.

When God had Moses to act as a mediator between God and the people, the children of Israel got to the place where they wanted to talk directly and personally with God. People today would like to talk personally or directly to God. So the Lord told Moses to tell the children of Israel to clean themselves up, and He would set a day that they could talk to Him.

The people believed that if they did not voice their opinions directly to God, they would not get anywhere receiving messages from God through Moses. So, when the day came for them to talk to God, they were ready. Arrangements had been made for the people to go out to meet God when they heard the sound of the trumpet. So they went out to the Mount to meet God.

Now, what the people did not understand about God was that God knows the hearts of arrogant people, and He deals with them accordingly. When God came down, the heavens were darkened, the thunder began to roar, and lightning began to flash. The people began to wonder why a storm was rising. They did not realize that they had provoked God to anger because they failed to hear Him from the one He had sent to give them messages.

If you do not hear the one that God sends, you will not hear God. God has sent prophets in different generations to tell people how to be saved, but if the people do not hear the prophets, they will not hear God.

Subject: The Gateway To Heaven Or Hell:

If your pastor is under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and is teaching about salvation in Jesus Christ, then the church is the gateway to heaven. Now, you are not on your way to heaven just because you join the church. You must obey the teachings of your pastor, and your obedience will place you on the path to heaven. If you obey the gospel of Christ you are safe. If you fail to obey, you are nevertheless in the gateway to hell.

It will be your choice to choose the way that you want to go. Now be careful when you have a feeling that you are saved because you are in a church that teaches the truth. You can sit in a righteous, Holy Ghost led church and feel good and wonderful, but this is not evidence that you are saved. You must give careful attention to your life to see if you are progressively becoming free from sin after obeying the teachings of your church.

If your life does not bear witness to the good feelings that you have, it means that you are being deceived by your emotions. The effects of a Holy Ghost

established church can give you good feelings while you are among the congregation of the righteous, but such feelings do not have to be salvation. Salvation means to be delivered from sin in your private life, as well as when you attend church.

FALSE PREACHERS AND TEACHINGS:

Subject: The Dummy:

If your pastor has been preaching to you, and you have not received the new-birth nor have been filled with the Holy Spirit, it means that such a pastor has no spiritual life in his sermons. When he stands before the people in the pulpit, he is demonstrating a form of minister like a dummy in a store window advertising clothing. The dummy looks like a person, but it only has a form of life for the purpose of getting people to buy the clothing.

Many preachers today are the same way. They demonstrate a form of a minister, but their ministry has no spiritual power or no substance of power from the Holy Spirit to save the listeners from their sins. Such preachers will use words of flattery to entice the listeners to be interested in what they are preaching, but the listeners will not be born again. They will only be impressed that the minister is a good preacher. In such churches, the preachers will have no vision of salvation and the churches will be cold, sensual, and without the presence of the Holy Spirit to give the listeners the new-birth.

Subject: Evil Religious Ways Can Cause Church Folk To Reject The Teachings Of The Scriptures:

If you want to make a man angry, tell him to obey a law that you are not obeying. Tell him that he should not commit adultery and let him discover that you are committing adultery. If a preacher preaches against adultery and the members find out that he is committing adultery, they will be angry with him, and eventually leave the church that he is pastoring. When this happens in churches, the world will resent the churches.

Churches are supposed to bring people to God. When churches cannot show a reflection of God, it means that the church leaders have been blinded by the god of this world who is the devil. Churches will then have no knowledge of God because the beginning of knowledge is the fear of God. Such leaders of churches will get to the place where they will resent the teachings of the scriptures, they will

despise wisdom, and hate understanding. When evil ways are a part of church folk, it will cause them to reject the teachings of the scriptures.

Subject: Beware Of Damnable Heresies:

It would be a complete misconception to think that you are going to heaven when you have not met the qualifications. It would be misleading and deceiving for an incorrect religious teaching to make you think that you are going to heaven when you are not qualified.

If everybody is taught the incorrect religious teaching, it would not be too much trouble for God to allow their incorrect religious teachings to allow everybody to be destroyed with the world. Genesis 9:1-3 teaches that God allowed only Noah, his three sons and their wives to be saved from the flood. Everybody else was destroyed because they had unrighteous preachers. Noah's family was spared because he was the only preacher of righteousness. 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;

Any religious teaching that is not based upon what the gospel of Jesus Christ teaches will cause those who are a part of such to be destroyed with the world. The Bible refers to such religious teachings as damnable heresies. Listen to II Peter 2:1-3:

Verse 1 - But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Verse 2 - And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

Verse 3 - And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

AFTERWORD

As we close Volume 25 of “Saved from Sin”, the hope is that you have been enlightened and further educated regarding God’s plan of salvation. During this ‘Grace Age’, Jesus keeps the door of opportunity open that whosoever will might come to God and be saved from sin.

Jesus is the temple of God. God is inviting everybody on earth to come into the temple that He has provided for your soul and hide in Jesus. You will be safe while you live on the earth until He returns for those who are saved.

All you have to do to receive the blessing of salvation in Jesus Christ is to repent and believe the gospel with a sincere mind, as you have read about in this volume, and the promises of God will be fulfilled in your life. Please do not throw this opportunity away. Now is the time for anyone who is unsaved to come to the throne of grace to be saved. Today is the day of salvation!



