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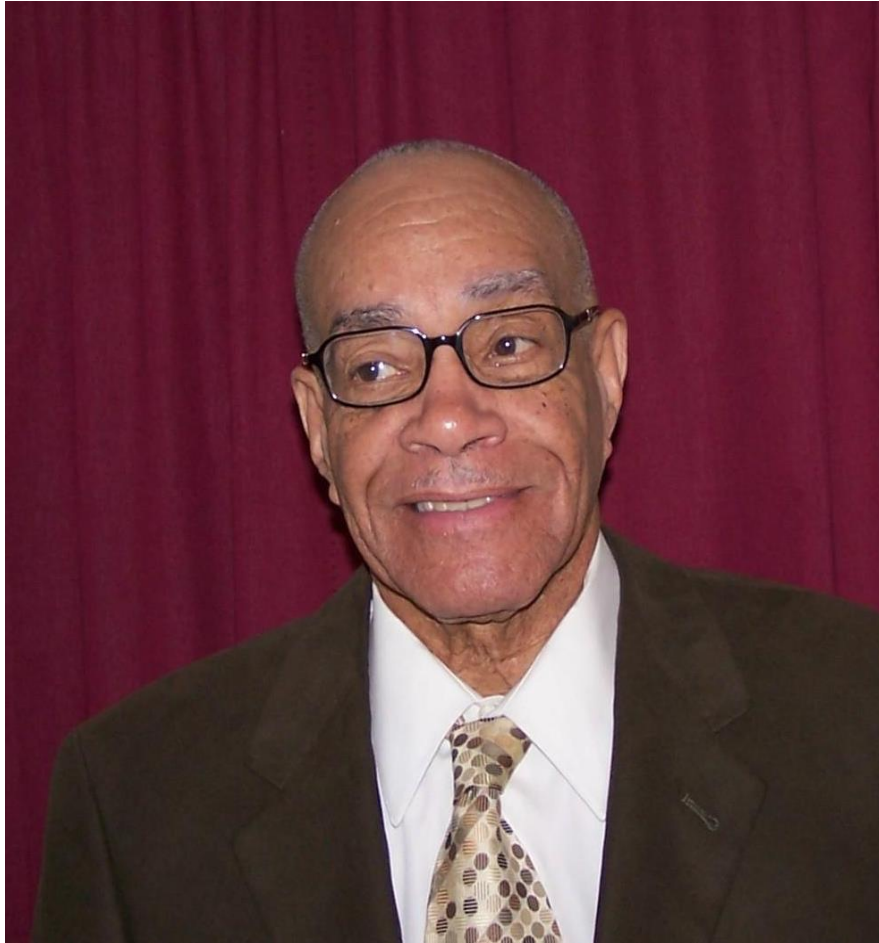
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In November 1976, Alonzo's wife, Annette, who had received Christ into her life some three years prior, began to notice a change in her husband's way of living. She noticed that he began to separate himself from his well-loved social crowd. He began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

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

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

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

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FOREWORD

In Volume 26 of “Saved from Sin”, Elder Kilgore continues to explain and expound upon the processes of salvation and what is necessary to qualify to enter the kingdom of heaven. He gives in depth information about being filled with God’s Holy Spirit, or being born again, which is necessary to acquire eternal life.

Every principle taught in this and other volumes of his books is based upon what the Bible (The Original King James Version) teaches. You must receive the correct knowledge and instructions from the word of God, and be taught by a Holy Ghost filled, God sent 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 your mind and understanding as you read this volume.



INTRODUCTION

A Calling From The Holy Spirit:

If you desire to be saved, the Holy Spirit will find you. One day the Holy Spirit found me when I was lost in sin and unworthy of the love of God. The Holy Spirit gave me the new-birth in Christ making me to understand the plan of salvation that God was offering. It taught me about life in the kingdom of heaven, and that God was offering me an invitation to live there. The Holy Spirit used the gospel of Jesus Christ to call me to the righteousness of Christ, and my life was changed from that of a sinner to the life of a saint.

My Salvation Was According To The Scriptures:

About thirty nine years ago (1977), God saved me from sin. I have never had a desire to go back to a life of sin. I am presently writing books about how God can keep you living free from sin by giving you the Holy Spirit. I had to learn that it was the Holy Spirit that God had given me to take away my desires and nature to commit sin. It was the Holy Spirit that gave me the new-birth in Jesus Christ. After learning more about my conversion, I learned that I had received salvation according to the gospel that Jesus taught.

As I studied the scriptures under the teachings of Elder Lightfoot Michaux, it gave me a clear and distinct understanding that my salvation was according to the teachings of the scriptures. I found my new life in the scriptures. The scriptures helped me to identify what had happened the night that I was saved as I was listening to the Reverend Billy Graham preach.

Jesus Christ Is The Way:

Many people today are into religious ways that are not leading them to the truth. When you can't find the truth neither will you find eternal life. The main purpose for living in this world should be to acquire eternal life at the end of your

life in this world. If you don't acquire eternal life you would have lived for nothing.

Jesus teaches that He is the way, the truth and the life. He extends the invitation by saying whosoever will can come and partake of the water of life freely. Now Jesus has made a path for us to follow in order to receive eternal life. The directions that place you on the path are found in the gospel that He preached. Jesus is able to save them to the uttermost who follow His footsteps. God has made Jesus an example to lead us to heaven.

The World Is Broken:

The world is broken. It does not offer any contentment for the problems that people are having. This will often result to people retreating to alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs. The world does not offer any joy, peace or happiness that can deliver a person from the troubles of the world. God sent the solution in Christ. When you receive the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit will accompany the gospel and lift your mind above the cares of this world, and bring your mind in the presence of God.

Today the gospel of Jesus Christ is knocking at the door of your mind to come in and give you the new-birth. You must open the door of your mind to receive the offer that God is making. This is the grace period that God has granted to the world. You must take advantage of the offer while you are living in this troubled world.

How Effective Is Your Church?

The duty of the church is to lift up a spiritual light to expose sin and show people how to escape sin. A spiritual light is a light of righteousness. The gospel of Jesus Christ has power to keep sinners from further practicing sin, and to set up a strong opposition against the works of the devil. When the gospel is preached effectively, sin will be reduced and righteousness will be exalted.

If the preaching in a church has had no effect against sin in the lives of the members, it means the teaching is incorrect and the preacher is not God sent. The Holy Spirit is not present in such a church. The Holy Spirit is not just a spirit of excitement, but it is also a spirit of righteousness that will correct the members to turn from sin to righteousness.

When the church has no influence of righteousness over its members, it will be revealed in society. The judicial system will have an overflow of divorces, and the children will be out of control. The spiritual conduct of a nation is a reflection of the effectiveness of the teachings of churches.

A Description Of The New Birth:

Listen carefully! This is the way the new-birth in Christ works. When God gives you the new-birth, it enables you to be born again to obey the teachings of Jesus Christ, and the Spirit of God will make you free from sin, which will cause you to be a servant of God. You will then have fruit unto holiness such as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. The Holy Spirit will produce this fruit in your life. The things that you do will be pure, clean, and holy, and at the conclusion of your life you will have everlasting life.

The Change:

To be born again is the results of a spiritual change, which means a new person has been created in the same physical body of the old person. The old person who previously lived as a sinner has died, and the new person has replaced the old person living a life of righteousness.

The new person will then be baptized in water to symbolize the change that has taken place. The baptism of water doesn't carry any power to bring about the change, it is simply an open testimony of what the Holy Spirit has done. The actual process of the change that has taken place was done by the power of the Holy Spirit when the person heard and received the word of God.

The change will be a complete work of grace that will be given to the person. The new life of the person who experienced the change will be a life of holiness. The person will be completely delivered from a life of sin having no more urges or desires to commit sin.

The Holy Spirit would have regenerated a new source of power in the person by means of a spiritual cleansing. This would be a washing of regeneration, completely removing the life of the person from a generation of sinners and placing the person into a holy generation.

The Student:

Nicodemus came to Jesus to learn knowledge that he didn't know existed. The knowledge of how to get onto the kingdom of heaven was completely new to Nicodemus. Initially Nicodemus did not understand what Jesus was teaching, so he asked, "How can a man be born when he is old, can he enter the second time into his mother's womb"?

Normally this question would be very provoking referring to Jesus' statement as being foolish. Jesus knew that Nicodemus had a limited knowledge of spiritual things concerning the kingdom of heaven, so Jesus chose the subject on child birth because Nicodemus was familiar with such knowledge. With this understanding Nicodemus could grasp the spiritual lesson without difficulty by listening to the simplicity of the lesson.

Jesus continued by teaching that the spiritual lesson is not a birth of your mother, but a spiritual new-birth from God. Your mother gave you your first new-birth of the flesh, but God is offering new-birth of the Spirit. Spiritual things are heavenly things that will give you a life in the kingdom of heaven, whereas a fleshly birth of your mother will only give you a life on earth. This same lesson that Jesus taught Nicodemus applies to anybody who desires to go to heaven. The knowledge of the word of God is not obsolete.

Your Mind:

Your mind is your soul; it is your life. Your mind is the permanent part of your existence that will live forever. It is the part of your being that God gives the Holy Spirit to save you. When you are born again, you would have experienced the birth of a new mind. The Spirit of God will then abide in your mind giving it power that will enable you to live righteous.

Those who are not saved may try to hide what is in their mind, but they can't hide the thoughts of their mind from God. God knows every thought that is in the minds of people. God also knows the intent of thoughts. There are some thoughts that people have no intentions of carrying out. So God can separate passing thoughts from thoughts that a person intends to carry out.

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, God will have a continuous place in your mind by means of His Spirit. Your mind will then be pure, undefiled, and free from malice, hate, envy, and ways that would be displeasing to God.

Now God will not give you the Holy Spirit if you try to hide sins in your

mind. You should never attempt to carry anything in the back of your mind that you won't desire for God to know about, because He already knows about it. So give your mind to God, and He will give you the Holy Spirit to keep your mind clean.

You Must Watch Wealth:

To know that you are lost when you approach death is a sad thing. Death is a very powerful enemy of human existence, and only Jesus can prepare you to meet death. When you acquire wealth it can take your interest off of the fact that you have to be prepared for death. Listen to St. Matthew 16:26:

Verse 26 - *For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

Your soul is your life; and it is the most precious thing that you have. Wealth has the power to distract your attention from what is more precious than wealth. Wealth comes from the world, but eternal life comes from God. God has given us knowledge that after this life there is another life.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be fourscore, yet our strength, labor, and sorrow will not retain us in this world much longer. So we must number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, and not allow the wealth of this world fool us.

Later Will Be Too Late:

What shall be the end of your journey in life? Where are you going to spend eternity? Jesus wants to save your soul today. Today is the day of salvation. Grace has been given to the world for anybody to be saved, but they must accept grace today, because tomorrow is not promised.

Will you take advantage of your stay here, or will you neglect this opportunity to be saved? There are some things that you can do late, and later have a chance to bring them up to date. However, you cannot make a decision to be saved later. When you put off salvation in Jesus for later, it will be too late.



CHAPTER 1

JESUS' RETURN: ARE YOU READY FOR ETERNITY?

**Subject: As It Was In The Days Of Noah, So Shall It Be Also
At The Coming Of The Lord:**

The return of Jesus Christ will take place when things are happening as they happened in the days of Noah. Listen to St. Matthew 24:37:

Verse 37 - *But as the days of Nō'-ē were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

The context is found in II Peter 3:3:

Verse 3 - Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

Verse 4 - And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

The word of God gives an account of the destruction of the old world just as plainly as history gives an account of World War II. The scoffers who contradict the predictions of the word of God are willingly ignorant. It was by the word of God that the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water were overflowed, and all flesh was destroyed except for Noah and his family.

When Jesus was sent to the earth, He told His apostles what should precede His second coming. This was so that they might teach what to expect upon His second coming. Upon Jesus' second coming, He is going to take those who are born again and little children out of this world prior to the destruction. The Bible teaches that preceding Jesus' coming, the people in the world will be in the same condition that they were in when God destroyed the world with a flood. Listen again to St. Matthew 24:38-39:

Verse 38 - *For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Nō'-ē entered into the ark,*

Verse 39 - *And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

The people during this time did not know how near the end was until the flood came upon them all at once and took them all away. Destruction that comes from God is not like an accident. It will be by the power of God. It will be precise, accurate, and timely according to how the word of God predicts. Every living creature was destroyed during Noah's day except for Noah and his family. Just as the word of God predicted that the floods would come and what it would do, so did it happen.

When Jesus comes back to the earth, He shall stop in mid-air, according to the scriptures, and He shall sound the trumpet that no one but the righteous will hear. Listen to how it will happen as it is stated in St. Matthew 37:40-42:

Verse 40 - *Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

Verse 41 - *Two women shall be grinding at the mill, the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

The woman who is born again will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and the other woman who is not born again will be left to be destroyed. In verse 42 it teaches:

Verse 42 - *Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*

The word further compares the coming of the Lord as a thief in the night. A thief comes when folk least expect him to come. The word is teaching that Jesus is coming when folk least expect Him to come. Only the Holy Spirit can prepare you and keep you waiting and watching for Jesus' return.

Subject: God Is A Record Keeper: How Is Your Record?

Michael is the angel in heaven who is the commander-in-chief of the angelic forces of heaven. Daniel prophesied that Michael shall stand up for the saints prior to Jesus' return (Daniel 12:1-3). Regardless to the time of trouble that shall come

upon the earth; the word of God declares that God's people shall be delivered. Everyone whose name is found written in the book of life.

God is a bookkeeper, and He keeps a record of every individual who is saved, and those who are not saved. The word of God declares that every deed of men and women is recorded and it will be revealed in the day of judgment. It will be a sad day for those who have not had their records cleared.

Before we were saved our records were stained with every sin that we committed, but after we repented, God accepted our repentance and gave us a repentance from heaven by the power of the Holy Spirit, and our old record of sin was wiped clean; now we have a new record of righteousness.

Subject: God Is Life:

You want to assure your life so that you will know that when your mortal body ceases to exist, your mind or soul will live on according to the promise of God, and receive another body in the resurrection like the body which Jesus had when He came forth from the grave.

If you keep the commandments of God while you are living, God has promised that though you die, you shall live again. God's love for the world caused Him to give His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, because his physical body dies, but that he might have eternal life. Eternal life is a wonderful blessing that cannot be explained in words.

Most people that are living today are only interested in living a short life of 70 or 80 years in this world. Many give very little concern to eternal life. God's initial purpose for creating humans on earth as well as angels in heaven was to give them eternal life. God is life and He did not create anything to die. The whole creation is suffering because of Adam's sins.

Angels in heaven have eternal life because they were not born in sin and did not follow Satan. However, humans on earth inherited sin and death from Adam, and they have to be born again to escape the penalty of sin and death. God administers life to everybody who is willing to repent of their sins and obey His word. Obedience to God gives life to those who obey.

Subject: The Second Part Of God Will Be Looking For The Third Part Of God When It Returns To The Earth:

You can't confine God to one place; God is everywhere. When you repent of your sins, you have God's attention; and you are in His presence. Lightning is an example of God's existence. Lightning can flash from the east to west. It is an expression of the power of God. Don't think that God is in your church building if you did not take Him there. You must invite God into your private life if you want Him to go to church with you.

Just as quickly as lightning flashes from the east to the west, Jesus is coming back to the earth. If you are not ready before Jesus' appearance, you won't have time to get ready. Now God wants you to know before Jesus returns that He is not in any particular place, He allows His Holy Spirit to be everywhere.

Jesus is the second part of God that is coming back to the earth; and the Holy Spirit is the third part of God that is already present on the earth. When the second part of God returns to the earth it will be looking for those who are filled with the third part, which is the Holy Spirit.

Subject: The Voice Of God:

There is a God who is just as real as a member of your family. One day soon according to the scriptures, the world is going to hear a trumpet sound and the greatest event that the people of the earth have ever experienced will take place. It is referred to in the Bible as the first resurrection. The voice of Jesus Christ will initiate this event. Listen to I Corinthians 15:51-54:

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

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

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

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

This will take place at the command of the voice of Jesus Christ. Listen to St. John 5:28-29:

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

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

Those who have done evil will not get up with those who have done good. They will come forth a thousand years after those who have done good. Today if we believe that Jesus died and rose again it means that we are born again. You cannot believe in Jesus' resurrection unless you are born again of the Spirit of God. This belief in Jesus' resurrection will entitle the believers to also be in the first resurrection. Listen to I Thessalonians 4:14-18:

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

Verse 15 - For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

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

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

Verse 18 - Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Subject: Those Who Are Saved Will Be Gently Removed From The Earth Before The Fire Falls:

We should thank God for sparing us through the past year. We should enter into this year with grateful appreciation that God has seen fit to spare us. There are many who were here last year, and did not live to see this New Year. Those who have passed on have gone to give an account in the judgment. Everybody who dies will have a record of their deeds to give an account in the judgment.

For those of us who were spared, it is therefore appropriate to enter this year with the solemn state of mind that the day of reckoning is drawing closer and closer. The question is, “are we going to be ready when Jesus returns”? The teachings of the scriptures can give very unpleasant warnings to those who will not be ready. It is better to be given an unpleasant, true warning than to be misinformed by a preacher whose messages will give you incorrect and false hope.

There are many church folk who enjoy false hope not accepting the fact that sin in their lives will not allow them to be ready to receive Jesus Christ upon His next appearance. It is a blessing to have someone to constantly remind you of these things while there is still time to get ready. The messages that I am continuously bringing is that sudden destruction is coming upon the souls that are found in sin, as travail upon a woman with child, and the word of God teaches that they shall not escape. Listen to I Thessalonians 5:4-6:

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

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

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

This message is directed to those who are born again; but it has a timely warning for the unsaved also. Destruction is not coming to those who are saved. The saved people are even going to be spared seeing the sights of the destruction, not because it is going to be so sudden that you won't be able to see it, but because the Lord is going to take them up from the earth first, out of reach of the destruction, just as He did Lot and His family before the fire fell on Sodom.

It is not the will of God that those who are saved be horrified by the destruction. It is His will that they have peace, happiness, and comfort. Therefore they will be gently removed from the earth before the destruction comes.

Subject: Great Joy Is In Heaven Over One Soul That Was Saved:

When something occurs on earth that is a glory to God it causes great joy in heaven among the angels. When a soul is won over from the enemy all heaven rejoices, because that is something that brings glory to God. Christ died to save sinners. The devil is struggling to keep the sinner from accepting the salvation which the death and resurrection of Christ have made available to the unsaved.

Every time the devil is the loser in this struggle, the glory goes to the Lord, and heaven rejoices, for there is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repented than over the shouting and praising of ninety and nine righteous people who do not need to repent. It is therefore the repenting or turning around of the sinner from sin to righteousness that glorifies God.

Every time a person believes that God can save them from sin and decides to repent all heaven puts on a dress parade, and there is great shouting and rejoicing on the plains of glory. To be saved from sin and to be redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ will be an honor given to the saints in heaven that will allow the victorious saints to take over in a heavenly celebration. When the crowns of glory are placed on their heads, joy in heaven will be as great as it was the night the angels sang over the plains of Judaea when Christ was born.

The Lord said blessed and holy is he that hath a part in the first resurrection, for on such the second death will have no power. Everyone who has taken a stand to walk with the Lord has given the devil's kingdom a great blow, and is qualified to walk with the redeemed of the Lord.

Now you are going to be tried by the devil, but the reward you will get if you overcome is worth any condition you will have to suffer in order to hold your seat in the congregation of the righteous. The scriptures teach that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, and it has not entered into the hearts of man the things God has prepared for those who overcome (I Corinthians 2:9).

Subject: The Redeemed Of The Lord:

God's plan for those that He saves is that they are redeemed from sin, God plans to give them a glorious body that has been fashioned like His own glorious body, and deliver them from all kinds of suffering.

God's plan is not that man should be discouraged or despondent. However, just as a child believes in its parents that love and provide for the child, this is the way that God wants you to know and understand that you are His child, and if you walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, that you will find peace in His arms whenever you are oppressed. The redemption for those who believe and trust in God must come.

God has revealed that certain signs we see coming to pass will be signs that our redemption is near. This will be total redemption taking us completely out of this world. The Holy Spirit will help us to stand in the Holy place until our redemption comes. The Holy place is obedience to God's word. Listen to St. Matthew 24:15:

Verse 15 - When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place...

Subject: Heaven Is A Joyous Habitation:

Heaven is a joyous habitation where angels celebrate on a continuous basis. There has always been joy in heaven after Satan was kicked out. If you want continuous happiness, you should obey God's instructions on how to get to heaven. Angels in heaven enjoy continuous peace and pleasures in the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is everywhere at the same time. It is on earth today administering grace to those who want to be saved, and it is in heaven administering joy to the angels in heaven. Nothing can occur in heaven or in earth that God is involved in that angels are not giving praise and glory to God for. This causes great joy in heaven among the angels. When one soul is saved on earth all heaven rejoices, because that is something that brings glory to God. Christ died to save sinners, and the devil is trying to keep sinners from accepting the salvation that the death and resurrection of Christ have made available to the unsaved.

Every time the devil loses a soul that Jesus saves, the glory belongs to the Lord, and heaven rejoices. There is more joy in heaven over one soul that is saved from sin than over a hundred souls that are already saved. Angels wait patiently

for another sinner to be saved like the people on the earth wait to see the next Super Bowl. It is the saving of a sinner to be righteous that glorifies God, and angels rejoice over such events. For every person who comes to Christ and believes that He can keep them living free from sin, all heaven puts on a dress parade, and there is great joy in heaven over such events.

Subject: Only God Can Deliver You From Sin:

Heaven is going to be a wonderful place to live in, not just for the grandeur and the blessedness of the citizens who will be there, but also because of the great joy that will be in every heart in heaven. Today in this world we celebrate Christmas and a few holidays during the year, but heaven will be a place of joy and celebration everyday, and one day could last a thousand years.

In order to go to heaven, you must first qualify to be in the first resurrection. This means you must be born again and filled with the Holy Spirit. The word of God teaches that blessed and holy is he that hath a part in the first resurrection, for on such, the second death will have no power (Revelation 20:6). To be holy means to be sin-free while you live in this present world.

Everyone who has taken a stand to walk with the Lord has given the devil's kingdom a great blow, and is qualified to walk with the redeemed of the Lord. Such people should pray and thank God continuously for strength and power to stay in the crowd that is going to heaven.

Now such saints will be tried by the devil, but the reward they get when they overcome is worth any condition they will have to suffer in order to hold their seat in the congregation of the righteous. The scriptures teach that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, and it has not entered into the imagination or heart of the person what wonderful things God has prepared for those who overcome. Such people should thank God that His Spirit moved them to accept salvation in the day they heard this voice. They should thank God for giving them boldness, for that is what it takes to break away from sin and follow after righteousness. It takes boldness that is given by the Holy Spirit to forsake sin and follow Christ.

There are many sinners and worldly people who would give anything to be able to break away from sin and follow the Lord, but they cannot because the devil is too strong for them to break away from. You cannot break away from sin unless God helps you. You must be called by God to break away from sin. A saved person is elected by God to be saved. Such people are appointed by God for salvation.

When a saved person stands up in the congregation and confesses that Jesus is the Christ, and He is able to keep them living above sin, such people are married to Christ, and from that moment on, they must live the life of Christ. They start out living the life by no longer having fellowship with sinners, and by getting rid of anything in their possession that would defile their body, such as tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, and illegal drugs. They will then build a warm acquaintance with God through prayer and meditation. They will also seek to actively engage in gospel or missionary work that would be the means of expanding the church's work to bring others to Christ.

Subject: Let's Talk About Eternity:

Eternity is an infinite existence, which means there will be no end to eternity. There will be two parts of eternity. One will be a glorious life with God in heaven, and the new earth that God is going to create. The other side of eternity will be in a state of misery in a lake of fire and brimstone.

Today God is offering a gift for a life in eternity for all who will repent of their sins and receive the new-birth. You must be born again to live on the better side of eternity. There is no other way that you can escape spending eternity in a lake of fire and brimstone unless you are born again. No other religious rituals, qualifications, or church affiliations will deliver you from the lake of fire and brimstone except receiving the new-birth in Jesus Christ as Jesus taught it to Nicodemus in St. John 3:3-4.

Eternal life in heaven can only come from God, and God has given the qualifications on how to obtain eternal life in the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you listen to the gospel of Jesus Christ and humble yourself, God will come down by means of the Holy Spirit and manifest Himself to you. The Holy Spirit brings the presence of God to those who receive the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit that will give you the new-birth and from that time you will be living in the presence of God forever. This means that you will enter eternity on the better side of God's plan to live with God and His heavenly family throughout eternity.

You will receive a powerful witness when the Holy Spirit falls upon you to give you the new-birth. When the Holy Spirit falls upon you, you will be lost for words to express yourself. These experiences will be given to you when you repent and believe the gospel. So if you want to spend eternity on the better side of God's plan and the joy of the kingdom to come just let God's will be done in you

while on the earth as it shall be done by you if you reach the kingdom of heaven where you will experience joy such as you've never experienced before.

Subject: Where You Spend Eternity Will Be Your Choice:

You must choose where you want to spend eternity. The alternatives that are available are that you can spend eternity with God, or you can spend eternity with the condemned. Now it is your soul or mind that will exist in eternity. Your physical body will only live in time for a limited period of time. Eternal life can only be obtained from God, but you must accept the terms that God has made available to receive eternal life in heaven. The basic requirement is that you must have a sin-free life while you are living in this world.

Only a righteous life is compatible or in harmony with eternal life in heaven. A life of sin will not allow a sinner to make a passage into the kingdom of heaven. In order to be delivered from a life of sin you must repent and believe the gospel and the Holy Ghost will find you, and give you the new birth in Christ.

Christ brought the program for salvation to the world, and the Holy Spirit was sent to give us power to adjust our lives to the program. You invite the Holy Ghost into your life by your obedience to the commands of God. If you obey God's word and desire to be born again, all you have to do is to humble yourself, and the Holy Spirit will make an entry into your life. It will give you the new birth, and from that day you will feel the presence of God in your life.

When the Holy Spirit comes into your life, you will have joy unspeakable. Your ambitions in life will then be according to God's will. The Holy Spirit gives you a binding relationship with God to live for God's purpose. You will then be walking in the Spirit of God everyday of your life to please God. This will be a continuous part of your way of living. You are now qualified to enter the kingdom of heaven to spend eternity with God.

Subject: What Will Happen After Eternity Starts?

Just as surely as you began life in your physical body, it will come to an end, but your soul will continue to live. We had nothing to do with this great big world that we were born into, but we will have everything to do with where we go when we leave here. Eternity will start for us when our physical bodies die. God has

given us the privilege to choose where we would like to spend eternity when our physical bodies die. The privilege to make this choice is grace that God has granted to us.

Since we have been in this world, we have learned about God and His offer to us. We have also learned that we will have a little trouble while living here. Now the word of God is teaching that your soul or mind will live on after your life in this world ends. Now if you have received the instructions given in the word of God while you are living in this present world, then God will give you the new-birth that will qualify you to be in the first resurrection when Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection.

If you are alive when Jesus returns, you will never die. Your physical body of flesh and blood will be changed to an incorruptible body, and you will be received by Jesus and taken to heaven in your new body. If you die after you are born again, but before Jesus returns, you will be resurrected from the grave and your soul will be given a new body with those who are living, and you will be taken to heaven with Jesus along with those who were saved and living.

Subject: Judgment And Grace:

If you make room for Jesus in your life, you will be blessed. It was for this purpose that God loved the world so much that He sent Jesus. Blessings from God cannot be defeated. Such blessings will reach those who will make room for Jesus in their hearts. Since God gave His Son, and His Son gave His life, it is up to you and me to receive Jesus.

Most people do not take time to consider Jesus until sickness or trouble comes. So God has arranged that in our time of distress we might have a present help in the time of trouble. So then, most people will not seek Jesus unless they need Him. As long as most people are doing pretty good in the world, they will not want Jesus. However, when failure and heartaches come, and their souls are broken, they will begin to talk about Jesus and seek Him for relief.

The scriptures teach that we must seek the Lord while He may be found. Jesus is available during this present time, because this is the period of grace that God is offering to the world, but very soon this grace period will end, and there will be no more grace from God. The next event for those who failed to accept Jesus will be the judgment of God. Judgment and grace will not be available at the same time. Judgment and grace are contrary.

Subject: A New Home:

There is a better home for those who know and love the Lord. It will be a building not made with hands, but one that is eternal in heaven (II Corinthians 5:1). This promise is a reality for those who are born again. Such born again believers know that these earthly houses shall be dissolved in the fullness of time, because their construction is temporary and the materials cannot last long. Therefore, it would be wise to seek another building to live in which Christ has gone to prepare for us. This will be a mansion in heaven and will last throughout eternity.

With this understanding, we cannot be content with these earthly homes. It is expected that we are restless in the homes which have been provided by the Lord for our temporary comfort. When Christ is the head of your present earthly home, there will be peace, love, joy, and there shall be an altar where the family might gather for prayer and meditation. Under these conditions, though Christ may be unseen, He is a permanent guest.

Subject: A Prepared City (Revelations 21:2-5):

God has prepared a city for a prepared people to live in. This city is in the kingdom of heaven. Heaven is a planet that has cities in it that are being made ready for a people prepared for the Lord. This beautiful city, which will be the new Jerusalem was seen by the apostle John while on the Isle of Patmos, coming down from God out of Heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Jesus made reference to this city while speaking to His apostles just before leaving them. Jesus said, if you believe in God, believe also in me; for in my Father's house are many mansions. The word house means a place of dwelling. You will not find many mansions in one house. So the word house means a city that God is preparing many mansions to be in. On the planet of heaven, there are many cities, and in the cities are many mansions.

The inhabitants of heaven are called angels who are created spirit beings that cannot die. Therefore, no death is in heaven, nor vacancies in the mansions that are occupied by angels. So Jesus is making reference to the apostles about what He is going to prepare in heaven for them, and after this is done, He will come again to receive them. After Jesus went to heaven to make these preparations for those who will be going to heaven, God spoke to John who was on the Isle of Patmos, and John said that he heard a voice like the roaring of many waters.

John said when he turned to see who had spoken, he saw one whose eyes looked like flames of fire, and that His head looked like wool, and He had on a garment down to his feet girded about with a golden girdle, and that His feet looked like they had been burned in the furnace. John said he fell on his face, and that He laid his hand on me and said, John get up; it is I, I was dead, but I am alive forever more. So He said to John, I want you to write in a book, and send it to the seven churches of Asia. John said he looked and saw a holy city, coming down out of heaven adorned like a bride for her husband.

John was introducing the knowledge of a city which Jesus has gone to prepare that we might go to be with the Lord. The city, according to the word of God, is going to be lowered out of heaven, and is going to be set on the very spot where the old Jerusalem sat when David ruled and was King. The walls of the city that John saw were jasper. John said that each gate was made out of one pearl, and the city had four equal sides, twelve thousand furlongs. The length, breadth, height, and the depth of it are equal. He said the streets are paved with gold, and the gold is like transparent glass.

Those who are saved by grace will have the privilege of entering the city. Life in this new city is beyond human conception. The joy that will be given to those who enter will be unimaginable. John is simply giving us a preview of what God is preparing for those who are saved.

Subject: Only A Holy Mind Will Be Able To Live In A Holy City:

Heaven is the dwelling place of God, and no darkness can come in the presence of God. The scriptures teach in Revelations 21:25) that there is no night in the beautiful city called the new Jerusalem, which is to be the metropolis of the new world, and is now being built in heaven. There will be no night there because the presence of God will light the city.

The word of God gives instructions on how to get into this city. You will first need the Holy Spirit; it is the only means by which you can have access to this beautiful city. The Spirit of God will prepare you to get into this city while you are living on the earth today. This will not be a last minute preparation process upon Jesus' return.

The Spirit of God will prepare your mind first, and upon Jesus' return it will give you a new celestial body that will enable you to live in this city. When the

Spirit of God prepares your mind it will give you a sin-free mind. This will be a mind that will not desire to commit sin. This will be a holy mind that desires to obey and to please God. Such a mind will have a zeal to live in a holy city like God is preparing in heaven.

Subject: Death Cannot Praise God:

God is not glorified at a funeral; death cannot celebrate God, nor can the grave praise Him. It is the will of God that man be redeemed from death. Jesus disarmed the power of death when He died and rose again. Death has no power against those who die living a righteous life.

When Jesus died and rose again, He became the Saviour from death. Everybody who dies believing in Jesus will be resurrected to live again forever with Jesus. When you die with the righteousness of Christ in your life, you will be permanently delivered from death. Those who die in Christ will be separated from the unsaved; they will be living in the kingdom of heaven where nothing dies.

Subject: You Will Live Again Whether You Are Saved Or Not Saved:

Just as you have begun to live, your life will come to an end. Now, most people have accepted this, but they do not understand what will happen after they die. When this physical body ceases to exist, your mind or soul will live on according to the promise of God, and receive a body in the resurrection like the body which Jesus had when He came forth from the grave, if you are saved.

The Lord who gave you the life which 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. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish because he dies, but that he might have everlasting life.

Now some people do not believe this, and they don't accept what God is offering. There are others who think that all there is to life is to be born, to eat, drink and die. They don't argue against dying, but they think there is nothing more to life after you die. Those who doubt the offer of God will never enjoy eternal life, yet they will live again. They will live with the damned in hell. They will

spend eternity in a lake of fire and brimstone with the devil and all the evil men though the ages, such as Hitler, Mussolini, and the Boston Strangler.

Subject: What Happens To A Person Who Dies And Is Not Saved?

When the unsaved person dies, his or her body returns to the dust from which it was made, but their life, soul or mind goes to be with the devil, and will remain with the devil until the second resurrection. When the unsaved person rises from the dead, the devil will be there to claim the unsaved person. The resurrection of the unsaved will not take place until after the saints have been caught up, and are taken with the Lord to heaven.

The sinner and the devil will eventually go to hell after the judgment. A period of one thousand years will elapse, and then will come the second death when the devil and all sinners will be permanently separated from God after the judgment. The scriptures teach that a man does not go straight to heaven when he is saved after he dies. Saved people will enter into a peaceful rest in paradise where Abraham is the overseer. This is referred to as the third heaven, but not the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus did not go to heaven when he died. Jesus remained on the earth for 40 days after His resurrection. When He was crucified, He remained in the grave three days, and rose from the dead, yet He had not been to heaven. If Jesus did not go to heaven after his resurrection, neither will any of the saved people who have died go to heaven before Jesus administers the first resurrection.

After listening to false religious teachings, many Christian worshipers are under the impression that as soon as a saved person dies, his or her soul enters the kingdom of heaven where God is. Just as saved people will not go to heaven after death, neither will the unsaved go to hell until after the judgment. If everybody went to heaven at death, heaven would be filled with sinners and saints. On the other hand, if saved people went to heaven, and the unsaved to hell at death, why would it be necessary for a judgment day? The saved would be receiving their reward, and the unsaved would be receiving their punishment.

Now, the Bible teaches that Jesus is coming back to administer the first resurrection to take saved people to heaven. What would be the purpose for the first resurrection if saved people are already in heaven? The scriptures teach that the dead in Christ shall rise first, and those that are saved and living will be caught up to meet them in the air. The devil himself is not in hell yet, but he will be

going. The devil is presently in churches and the homes of those who lack knowledge of his works.

Subject: Let Me Tell You About Death While You Are Living:

There are many people that don't want to talk about death, neither do they want to know about death. It is not a wise thing to enter into the shadows of death and not know where you are going. Death will be the last enemy of God and man, but today it is the worst enemy. Jesus is the only one who can go with you through the valley of the shadow of death, and save you from the terror of the second death.

If you are not saved before your physical body dies, you will experience the first and second death. The first death is the death of your physical body, which will only be for a moment, but the second death is the death of your soul or mind, which will be eternal misery in a lake of fire and brimstone with the devil and all of those who did not get saved.

Death takes you into the eternal part of your existence. The life that you are presently living is the temporary part of your existence. God sent Jesus to the earth to bring us knowledge while we are living in the temporary part of our existence on how we can qualify to enter a safe haven in the permanent part of our existence.

Subject: God Is Going To Take Care Of Death:

There are many famous people that history tells us about that have acquired fame while they live in this world, but as time went by, their fame was forgotten. The scriptures teach that Jesus has ascended from the earth into the kingdom of heaven where He sits on the right hand of God the Father, and His fame is as fresh today in the minds of those who are saved as it was nineteen hundred years ago.

Jesus' death on Calvary made His fame spread to every generation that came along. Jesus was a plague to death. Listen to Hosea 13:14:

Verse 14 - I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction; repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

Nobody can take away the power of death but God. God is the only one that can remove man from under the shadow of death. God is going to be a plague against death to make death unhappy just as death has been a plague to God's creation. Listen to where death is going to end up in Revelations 20:14-15:

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

The second death is going to be cast into a lake of fire, because it is the death that separates man from God. Those who are not saved and found written in the book of life will go with the second death.

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

Subject: What About The Judgment?

The scriptures teach that a man does not go straight to heaven or hell when he dies; and neither will he go to purgatory. Jesus is the example of where those who are saved will go, and the order by which they will go there.

Jesus remained in the earth 40 days after His resurrection before He went to heaven. Jesus died; remained in the grave for three days, and rose from the dead, and yet had not been to heaven. If He didn't go until after His resurrection, how do those who are saved expect to go before the first resurrection that Jesus will administer?

Now after listening to false religious teachings, many church folk are under the impression that as soon as a person dies, the soul enters into the kingdom of heaven. However, the scriptures teach that the righteous will not enter heaven neither will the wicked go to hell until after the judgment. If everyone went to heaven at death, heaven would be filled up with sinners and saints.

Now if the saved went to heaven and the unsaved went to hell at death, what need would there be for a judgment day? The good or saved would be receiving their reward, and the unsaved would be receiving their punishment. So why would there be a judgment day?

What good would it be for Jesus to return and administer the first resurrection if the dead in Christ are already in heaven? The dead in Christ are in Paradise; it is the bosom of Abraham and place of rest for the saved. Those who

died unsaved are with the devil and not yet in hell.

Subject: Rebellious Angels And Humans Who Fail To Repent Will Go To Hell After The Judgment:

When I read about how God has treated angels that disobeyed Him, I wonder how people who live in sin expect to go to heaven to enjoy the blessings of God like angels who have been obedient. Obedient angels live a life of continuous blessings in heaven, and will enjoy these privileges forever. If God put disobedient angels out of heaven for their sins, He would be an unjust God if He let humans who are sinners and were not saved by the blood enter heaven.

Angels are the sons of God called the morning stars created by God to do the works of God. God created countless millions of angels who presently move about heaven, and earth as servants, and representatives of God. They were created in the likeness of God in form and nature, and were called sons of God. Today those who are born again are considered as sons of God. When Jesus died on the cross, and redeemed us from the curse of sin, as many as believed on Him, He gave power to become the sons of God.

Angels became ministering spirits to do God's commandments in heaven as those who are saved do on the earth. When men of the earth failed to obey God, they became sinners. When angels failed to obey God, they became devils. When man fails to obey, his punishment is death. However, God has provided a way for man to be restored if he desires to be. This is because man was born under the power of sin, whereas angels that are devils were created under grace and chose to disobey God.

The punishment for rebellious angels is hell with no chance of redemption. Man can experience the first death, and be saved from the second death if he repents before the first death. The activities of angels who rebelled against God were cut off in heaven, and they were cast down to hell, with no provision to be saved. Such angels are being held in reserve for the Day of Judgment for everlasting punishment in a lake of fire and brimstone.

Sinners who fail to repent of their sins and accept the grace of God that Jesus offers will experience the first and second death to receive eternal punishment with rebellious angels. Dead sinners as well as rebellious angels are not in hell yet; the Bible does not teach this. Humans who died as sinners as well as rebellious angels are waiting for the Day of Judgment to be cast into hell.

CHAPTER 2

THE BIBLE: GOD'S HOLY WORD

Subject: The Bible:

The Bible is the only book that tells the truth. The truth gives the correct information about man's destiny if he goes a certain way in life. The Bible does not glorify or glamorize the men that wrote it, it simply tells you how your life will end if you are a continuous sinner, or how it will end if you repent of your sins and obey the principles of righteousness that it teaches.

The Bible teaches strictly against the carnal nature and gives instructions on how to acquire the spiritual nature of God. The Bible teaches that Jesus will share His character, nature, and spirit of holiness with those who are willing to accept the principles of righteousness that the Bible presents. God offers salvation from the conditions that an unsaved person is in today, and the instructions on how to acquire salvation are in the Bible. The Bible is the only book that cannot be eradicated or done away with, because God has established it and stabilized its availability. If at any time a person desires to be saved, a Bible will be available to direct the person into the plan of salvation.

Subject: The Natural Mind Cannot Correctly Study The Bible:

You can only know God by revelation. God reveals Himself to those who believe in Him. You can study the Bible, and be as far from the knowledge of God as you are from the moon. Only the Holy Spirit can help you study the Bible and learn about God correctly. The Bible will confuse those who try to read it without the assistance of the Holy Spirit. The Bible is a book of righteousness and the truth. You have to be prepared to receive the truth, because the human nature is under the influence of lies and false information from the world.

Subject: The Voice And The Word Of God:

The gospel that we are now presenting is the last gospel that you will hear before the return of Jesus Christ. Jesus is God's only begotten Son who is the second person of God's Trinity. He was sent to the earth in a flesh and blood body for the purpose of helping us to be ready for the day that is coming in which no man will be able to stand unless they accept the grace that Jesus is offering.

When Jesus returns, there will be a two part ultimatum. The first part will be for those who believed the gospel and are saved. The second part will be destruction for those who did not receive the gospel. Of all the prophets that came before Jesus, Jesus was the greatest. The word of God teaches that never a man spoke like Jesus. Jesus' enemies as well as His friends said that they had never seen or heard of a man doing the works that Jesus did. They visually witnessed that the wind and the waves obeyed Him, and that He could call men from the grave, and they would respond to His voice.

Jesus was the word and voice of God made flesh. In the book of Hebrews, Chapter 1, Verse 1, it teaches that, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets". At various times and in different ways, God spoke to the people who desired to obey Him through the prophets before Jesus came into the world. However, in these last days God has spoken to us by His Son Jesus whom He hath appointed heir of all things. Jesus who is the brightness of God's glory and the express image of His person is upholding all things by the power of His word.

Subject: The Word Was Full Of Grace And Truth:

After God made His word flesh to dwell among the people, the power of the word was filled with favor and the truth. The word offered benefits to the people that they could not get from the earth. The word made people to know their condition and their need for help. Jesus then extended His hand to every person, and said, 'Come unto me, and learn of me. Take my yoke upon you and I will be your burden-bearer, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light'.

Today Jesus is still inviting you to yoke up with Him regardless of the sin that the devil has placed upon you. Jesus is able to remove your sins, and your burden will be lighter.

Subject: The Word Of God:

There are three in the God-head; they are called the Trinity. They consist of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit, which is the Comforter. These three are one. Each has a different office, yet they all work together in one Spirit under the influence of the word of God. Whenever a person hears and believes the

word of God, the Spirit of God will bring the Trinity into their mind, and they will be born again.

The word of God carries unlimited power; it is God unlimited. God allowed two parts of His Trinity to come to the earth to give us salvation, which were His word and His Spirit. Today if you are born again, two parts of God live in you. God was made known to the world by means of His Word. The world was created by the power that is found in the word of God. When God wanted the people of the earth to know Him, He put His word in a flesh and blood body and named it Jesus to introduce God to the world.

The main purpose of the word being sent to the earth was to keep sin out of the lives of the people. Sin is against the people of the earth and the word of God was the solution. Jesus taught that the things He did were of God and that if people obeyed the word of God, they could receive deliverance from the problems that sin was producing.

Subject: The Bible Is The Only Map That Directs You To God:

The Lord tells everybody who walks in His statutes, and obeys His word that He is ready to hear their prayers, and keep every promise that He has made to them, but they must be obedient continuously. The Lord teaches in St. John 14:14-15 that if ye love me, keep my commandments, and if ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. When your request to God follows your obedience, then your request will be granted.

God speaks very plainly. The Bible is a book of instructions given by God that men might know what they should do that is right and to cease from doing wrong. You cannot go according to the imagination of your mind that has been inspired by some false religious teaching. You must have rules to guide you in the right direction to be acceptable to God. The Bible is the only map that points you to the way to God.

Subject: The Word Of God Is A Reliable Source Of Deliverance:

The word of God is the source of reliable information in the world today. We must hold the word of God to be so important that we will rely upon it for guidance and strength in the present physical life, and for hope of deliverance in the life to come. When you believe in the word of God you will go regularly to a Throne of grace in prayer and confidently make your request known to God. If your body is afflicted, you will ask for healing. If you want deliverance, God has angels encamped around about you to assist you.

Subject: Your Belief In The Word Will Bring To Pass What It Says:

When Mary believed the word of God that the angel Gabriel brought to her, the greatest miracle that had ever taken place took place in Mary's womb. She had a child conceived as a virgin. When you believe the word of God, there are no limitations to what it can do.

Your belief in the word will cause the word to do what it says it will do. God sends His plan for an event in the message that the word of God presents, and those who believe it will see it happen.



CHAPTER 3

SIN AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

Subject: The Tree That Brought Us Into Transgression:

God instructed Adam in Genesis 2:16-17 as follows:

Verse 16 - And the Lord God commanded the man, saying,
Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Verse 17 - But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,
thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest
thereof thou shalt surely die.

God set in the garden a tree, which was no different from any other tree, but it served as a line of demarcation between God and man. The tree of knowledge of good and evil carried no more evil than any other tree, but it was to be an indication to Adam when evil was entering his life by means of disobedience to the commandment of God. The violation of God's command carried sin and the tree would be a sign to Adam that he would be entering into transgression.

When a person enters into transgression, sin has an open door to come in at will, and it will eventually bring forth death. Obedience to God brings life continuously, and it keeps death from coming upon those who obey. Sin is not just being a murderer, an adulterer, a thief, or a fornicator. Sin is doing or failing to do what God commands us to do or not to do.

Today all humans are born in transgression of Adam's sin, and the only way that we can escape the penalty of the transgression is to receive another birth that will give us the nature to be above the transgression that our first birth gave us. The nature of Adam still lives in those who are born in sin, and only Christ can deliver us from the curse of Adam's sin. When we receive the new-birth in Christ, the old Adam dies and Christ replaces Adam to deliver us from the transgression that we were born in.

Subject: Disobedience Brings Death:

God is life. God's word offers life. Obedience to God gives life to those who obey. Disobedience to God is death. There is only one means by which a person can acquire continuous life, and it is by obeying God's word. God did not bring death upon man. Man learned about death after he disobeyed. God does not

inform us on the consequences resulting from disobedience. If we disobey, we will learn the consequences.

We don't know the miseries of our existence after we die, but if we die being disobedient to God, we will learn about the miseries of death. It was the disobedience of one man that brought death into this present world. The human family suffers death because of disobedience. It is essential that we learn the will of God, and after learning it we must do what we learn.

Subject: Jesus Presents An Appeal To God For Sinners:

No matter how good we think we are because of our church affiliation, Jesus has presented an appeal for us to God to deliver us from sin. We can look good when we dress up to go to church on Sunday, but if we have not been born again of the Spirit of God, we need a spiritual touch.

Having a lot of churches in the country does not necessarily bring us to God. God is not in a church; He desires to be in people. God looks at the hearts or minds of people, and He can perceive their spiritual needs. You cannot hide your heart or mind from God. If your heart is not pure, you won't make it with God.

To be saved you must put away the evil of your doings, and what you are not able to stop doing, the Holy Spirit will do for you. Now you can't bargain with God; you must initiate the proposition for salvation by repenting of every sin that you know of, and God will see the sincerity of your efforts and save you.

Subject: The Works Of The Devil:

When you live as a sinner you are living wickedly; this means you are living the life of the devil. The spirit of the devil will be living in you controlling your life. The devil will do this by means of sinful desires that will be the substance of your nature. The devil will then direct your thoughts and your actions and dominate your life.

While you are living, though you may seem to be enjoying your sinful pleasures, your life will later experience misery, because the devil does not bring joy, and the pleasures of sin are deceitful. You may experience fun and thrills for a while, but afterwards there will be woes and sadness. When you are a sinner of the devil, your soul belongs to the devil. Listen to I John 3:8:

Verse 8 - He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning...

When a sinner dies, his flesh and blood body returns to the dust from which it was made, but his life or soul which is his mind goes to be with the devil. His soul will be held captive by the devil. His soul will remain with the devil until the resurrection for the unsaved. This will be the second resurrection.

When the sinner rises from the dead the devil will be there to maintain control over the sinner. The sinner will then be turned into hell along with the devil and all other sinners. The resurrection of the sinner will not take place until after the saved people have been caught up, and are taken with Jesus to heaven. A period of one thousand years will elapse, and the sinners and the devil will experience the second death to be permanently separated from God.

Subject: What Happens To Those Who Die Unsaved?

If you are not living a saved life free from sin, you are living the life of the devil. This means the spirit of the devil is living in you. There are no neutral spirits between the Spirit of God, and the spirit of the devil. If you don't have the Holy Spirit you have the devil's spirit. People who have the devil's spirit allow the devil to direct their thoughts, their actions, and dominate their lives. Though they may seem to enjoy life, they are in reality very miserable, because the devil does not give joy. They may experience fun and thrills for a while, but afterwards such thrills will be like a hangover, because they won't last. They will later experience woes and sadness.

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

The second resurrection for the sinner will not take place until after the saints have been caught up and are taken to heaven to be with the Lord. A period of one thousand years will elapse, and sinners along with the devil will experience the second death. Sinners and the devil will be permanently separated from God, and later will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone after the judgment.

Subject: A Transgressor Of God's Holiness Is Not Saved:

Sinners are transgressors of the law and holiness of God. This is why God sent Jesus, to take away our sins so that we could be delivered out of transgression into God's holiness. If it was acceptable to God for us to remain in sin, He would not have sent Jesus to save us from sin.

Jesus was not sent just to forgive us of our sins, but to deliver us from the state of transgression. You cannot be forgiven for a transgression if you are still in the transgression. Sinners cannot have fellowship with God, because God is holy and sinners are unholy. To be unholy means to be spiritually unclean or desecrated.

You can only enter into the holiness of God after you have been spiritually washed. This means your mind and your desires must be cleansed from the nature and desires to commit sin. You are only saved from sin when you no longer have desires to commit sin.

Subject: The Incorruptible Seed:

The Lord has nothing against a natural born sinner. The entire plan of salvation was set-up for the natural born sinner to be saved. Jesus made it very plain to the Pharisees that He did not come to call the righteous to repentance, but the sinners (St. Matthew 9:10). The Pharisees called Jesus' disciples into question when they saw Jesus eating with sinners. The scribes and Pharisees were those who got together to find fault with Jesus. The scribes were interpreters of the scriptures, similar to lawyers of today.

In the day of Christ's ministry on earth, the law of the land was based upon the law that God gave Moses to rule Israel. In actuality all the laws of today are based upon the Ten Commandments, and no laws have ever been given to a nation of people that is greater than the commandments that God gave to Moses. The law that God gave Moses was perfect. Today men are endeavoring to create statues with the purpose of making plain the statues that God gave to Moses; but such laws cannot be improved, they can only be followed.

Now the scribes were the interpreters of the scriptures of the law; they with the Pharisees got together to see if they could find some fault in Jesus to charge Him with being a transgressor of the law. This was because the law stated that when one was in violation of the law, the penalty was death, unless there was some sacrifice offered or some restitution made.

So when the scribes and Pharisees gathered together to see Jesus, and watch Him to listen and see if they could get something from His teachings with the sinners that would be against the law, they asked Jesus' disciples, "Why does your master eat with sinners if He is the Son of God"? But Jesus made it plain that He was eating with them that they might know what He is offering them. His offer was to save them from their sins.

Jesus was teaching that just because you were born in sin does not mean you have to continue to live in sin. There are many today who are sinners, but the scriptures teach that we can be born again by hearing the words that Jesus taught. Jesus' words are incorruptible seeds that can give us a new-birth that will make us free from sin. Listen to I Peter 1:23:

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

Subject: To Avoid Fornication Or Adultery The Marriage Must Be Sanctified:

According to the 6th chapter of I Corinthians, it teaches that fornication is when a man and woman live together, have sexual relations, and are not married. Though such a couple may be members of a church, they are separated from God. When people have a relationship in fornication, God classifies such people as being joined to a harlot, and they are in sin.

The great sins that separate men and women from God are fornication and adultery. When a couple is married and are not sanctified by the Holy Spirit, they are subject to the sin of adultery. The Holy Spirit sanctifies those who are married to have sexual desires only for their spouse. When sexual desires are sanctified, the marriage relationship will be completely limited to the husband and wife.

Subject: The Secret Sins:

It is difficult for people to see how bad sin is until it has ruined their lives. God knows how deeply people are involved in sin, so He prepares and sends a preacher to preach the gospel to uncover sins by giving a detailed description of

how it can ruin the lives of people. Sin has brought so many miseries and disorders upon the human family that each generation will come forth weaker than the previous generation.

God saw that it was necessary to raise up someone to uncover the secret sins. The secret sins are uncovered by the gospel to warn and to reveal the damage that sin can do. The gospel pulls back the curtain to enable you to see the path ahead that sin prepared, and how to avoid the deep pitfall.

Subject: The Tricks Of The Devil:

Whenever the word of God is teaching against sin it is not teaching against those who are victims of sin, it is teaching against the devil. The word of God reveals the works of the devil that is deceiving people by means of sinful pleasures. The devil can only destroy a person's life by means of deceitful devices. The word of God does not fight against flesh and blood, but against wicked spirits. God is a spirit; and God is a supreme power for righteousness.

The devil is a wicked spiritual being, and is a power for wrong. The devil will capture everybody that he can by means of deceit to bring them under subjection to his will, but if you don't surrender to sinful enticements you can escape the devices of the devil.

The Bible gives a listing of every sinful act that the devil can use against humans. Such sinful acts are listed in the following chapters of the Bible: St. Mark 7th chapter, Romans 1st chapter, I Corinthians 6th chapter, Galatians 5th chapter, and Revelations the 20th chapter.

Subject: Don't Sin Willfully:

The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit. Only those who believe in God and walk uprightly can receive the Holy Spirit. Many did not get saved when Jesus was on the earth, because they did not believe His teaching. It is very necessary to believe the gospel that Jesus taught in order to receive the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will not come into a person's life who does not believe that he or she can live above sin. Jesus' purpose for coming to the earth was to save us from sin. It is necessary that a person put forth every effort to give up sin first before they can receive the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness of sin is only granted when

the person rejects sin. The grace of God can overpower sin in your life, but it will not make you reject sin.

The rejection of sin must be your choice, and by your efforts. This is called repentance. God will forgive you of all manner of sin, but you must be sincere with God. You cannot go to church every Sunday and ask God to forgive you of sins that you are willfully committing. If you sin willfully, there are no sacrifices for such sins

Subject: Thou Art The Man:

The word of God is true, marvelous, and flexible. God has no desire that we feel condemned because we were born in sin. However, He does desire that we turn from our sins when we learn that sin does not pay. Your condemnation doesn't really come until you learn that sin doesn't pay, and yet you continue in a life of sin.

Sin has brought so much trouble in the world today, and the hearts of many have failed because of sins. The reason that people have not turned from their sins is because they have failed to see that sin destroys life, and the word of God gives life. They cannot see that the end of disobedience to God brings sorrow and suffering. Listen to II Samuel 12:7:

Verse 7 - And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul.

David, who was king over Israel, committed an awful sin before God, and God sent the prophet Nathan to deal with David concerning his sin. Before David truly was converted to obey God and be saved, He was like you and I were before we got saved. He was a sinner. Though David was brought up in a godly nation, and had been blessed and protected by God, He had a limited knowledge of God. Without the knowledge of God, it is easy to go contrary to his will.

David, who later wrote that he was born in sin, found God after a real corrupt act that brought shame to him as a king over Israel. David one day was on the roof and looked through the window of a home, and saw a very beautiful woman bathing herself. He wondered who she was. He later found out that she

was the wife of Uriah. So David sent word to her to come over, because he wanted to meet her. So the Bible teaches that David eventually committed adultery with Uriah's wife. After a period of time that Uriah had been away at war, Bathsheba told David that she was with child. So, David begin to figure out a plan to cover up his sin by ordering Uriah to go to the hottest part of the battle that he was in. Uriah was killed, and David was then free to marry Bathsheba who became a widow with child.

So later, God sent the prophet Nathan to tell David that what he had done was not hid from God. God revealed to Nathan what had been done. So Nathan used a parable to show David what God wanted David to know. Nathan told David the parable about a very rich man who had a flock of beautiful sheep, and that there was another man who had only one little sheep, which he had raised and loved. But, the other man of whom he was a servant one day had a visitor, so instead of taking one of his flock, he sent down to this poor servant's house and took his sheep and fed it to the stranger. So Nathan asked David, what should be done to such a man? David responded by saying, "he should die". Nathan said, "Thou art the man". King David fell back and confessed to Nathan what he had done. God knows the secret sin of everybody's life. It is best to confess as David did and ask God for the Holy Spirit to save you from sin.

Later when David wrote the book of Psalms, he asked God to take not His Holy Spirit from him, and to renew the right spirit in him, and that he would teach transgressors God's way (Psalm 51:10-13). Today David is still teaching transgressors the word of God by means of the book of Psalms.

Subject: God Will Help You To Repent If Your Intentions Are Sincere:

There is no profit in going to church as a hypocrite or as one who pretends to be saved. Hypocrites hide behind the weakness of sinful desires, and they use their attendance in a church to cover their sins. They believe that churches are for confessions of sinful desires and pleasures that they have no intentions of repenting of. When there is no intention of a sinner to repent, they will not get God's attention and will not attract the Holy Spirit.

God will help us to repent when He sees an effort and the intent of heart to repent. Nobody can live free from sin without God helping them, but they must initiate the first effort with an intent of heart not to continue in sin.

Subject: God Can Change Your Life:

Now when you come to Christ something will be done for you. The Spirit of God will sanctify you. It will set you apart socially, religiously and spiritually from everything that is worldly, carnal or sin related. 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.

God wants to sanctify your body and your ways of living. God wants your body separated from the things that will make it spiritually unclean. This is the will of God.

Fornication is having sex out-side of the bonds of marriage between male and female. This means such people would be walking after the flesh, being separated from the Spirit of God. Your body was prepared by God to be the temple of God so that the Spirit of God can dwell in you. When you commit fornication you will be turning away the Spirit of God.

When you repent of your sins and come to Christ, and tell Him of your weaknesses and sins, God by the power of His word and Spirit will give you strength, and take from you that which causes you to sin. God is the only one who can change your life to this extent. He does it by the power of His word and Spirit. His word is Christ and His Spirit is the Holy Ghost. These two parts of God's Trinity will come into your life and give you the new-birth, which will be a new-life with power to live above sin.

CHAPTER 4

***YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN
TO ENTER
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN***

Subject: An Apostle's Conversion:

Paul was on his way to Damascus to persecute a little group of saints who were assembled to worship Christ when a light from heaven fell upon him and blinded him, and the world was shut off from his vision. Whenever a person attempts to persecute the people of God, they are blind just as Paul was blind. Paul's spiritual blindness caused him to lose his ability to see physical things. When Paul had a mind to persecute the saints of God, he lost his physical sight.

Paul could no longer see the great person that he was with the degrees of learning that he had, and the position of authority that he held. However, after the voice of the Lord spoke and said "Saul, Saul, why persecutes thou me"?, Paul did at last see himself as a very confused and pathetic sinner, misguided by his false confidence in the law, and deceived by his conception of righteousness.

When the Lord said, "It is hard Saul for you to kick against the pricks". He could see how stupid he had been to think that he could be right without the righteousness of Christ, and how foolish he had been to try to stamp out holiness. He learned that the Spirit of Christ was not destroyed at Golgotha, nor could it be destroyed by his violence against the Holy people who were filled with it. Paul learned that the Spirit of Christ was not destroyed because his hostile activities were not against the people whom he had seized and persecuted, but rather against the Spirit of Christ which inspired them, and which was stronger than any power a mere man could assemble to confront it. Therefore, Paul yielded! Then the Spirit of the wicked one left him and he became a vessel that the Lord could use.

After the servant of the Lord prayed for Paul, his name was changed from Saul to Paul, and his eyes were opened. Now, Paul could see spiritually and physically. Physical sight is not much good without spiritual sight. The light of Christ that blinded Paul had renewed his vision. Paul could see that salvation was not in the Law of Moses that the Jews were taught, but in Jesus Christ.

After Paul's physical sight was restored, he never saw the world again through the eyes of a sinner. He only saw Jesus Christ, the risen Lord and the great gospel work that was waiting to be assigned to him.

Subject: Man Can Return To God If He Desires To Do So.

The word of God teaches that man was born of a woman, is shaped in iniquity in his mother's womb, and thereby estranged from God. When a person listens to the gospel being preached by a Holy Ghost sent preacher, the Spirit will

begin to show and plead with the person, and warn the person against the results of a life of sin. The Holy Ghost will show the person that their debt for sin has been paid in full, and that they can walk away from a life of sin if they make the choice to do so.

God sent Jesus into the world for this purpose, instructing man on how to be saved from his natural conception of sin. Jesus came to bring to man the knowledge of the new way involving the new birth of righteousness, which can lift his mind giving him the ability to live free from sin. The Holy Ghost will bring man to the understanding that the program for salvation has been completed, and that he can be made free to walk, or live after the Spirit of God no longer having to live in sin. The new birth will keep him from being condemned from the law of sin and death that came into the world by Adam's transgression.

Subject: A Spiritual Habitation:

Nicodemus was the first person to learn what was required to enter the kingdom of heaven. Nicodemus was a ruler of Jews who had been properly educated according to the Law of Moses. Jesus was from the lower social class of Jews, but Nicodemus decided it would be good to humble himself to Jesus because of the works that he had observed Jesus doing that convinced him that Jesus had greater knowledge to offer than what he had previously received from the Law of Moses.

Nicodemus' inquiry was the results of his desire to enter the kingdom after his life on earth. His desires were made known by what Jesus taught him. Jesus did not teach Nicodemus based upon his initial introductory statements of flattery, but according to the secret desires of his heart.

Today when God deals with a person who wants to be saved, God will deal with the person according to the desires of the person's heart. When Jesus said "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God", Nicodemus did not contend nor dispute with Jesus, he immediately responded by asking, "How can a man be born when he is old, can he enter the second time in his mother's womb"?

So Jesus continued His lesson by saying that He did not mean to be born the second time of his mother, but the second birth would be of God; it would be a spiritual birth given by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus taught that the first birth of your mother was of the flesh, and is not acceptable to get you into the kingdom of God.

The kingdom is a spiritual habitation and only those who are born again of the Spirit of God will be qualified to live in heaven. A spiritual habitation is a sin-free environment, and you have to be sin-free before you can enter such an environment. Those who are born of the flesh have to receive another birth of the Spirit to enter an eternal spiritual environment such as heaven consist of.

Subject: How Should My Approach To The Throne Of Grace Be?

Now when you come to God, your approach to the throne of grace must be supported by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God must move you to accept salvation in the day that you heard the gospel. The Spirit of God must give you boldness to break away from sin, and follow and accept the offer that the word of God is offering.

There are many unsaved people who will not be able to come to the throne of grace, because the Spirit will not choose to give them boldness to do so. Without the assistance of the Holy Spirit giving a person boldness to come to God, the power of evil will be too strong for them to break away from a life of sin. Unless God helps a person to forsake their sins, they will die without hope. They will never be able to break away unless the Holy Spirit helps them.

Now when you come to God and confess that Jesus is the Christ you are marrying Christ, and being saved from your sins will present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. You will be a spiritual virgin that is sin free, and from that day on you will live the life of Christ. You will then refuse to fellowship any longer with sinners by getting rid of anything you have in your possession that would defile your body and induce you to sin. As you continue to live without sin, you can go to an assembly where others have been saved from sin and testify about how Christ has kept you living free from sin.

Subject: The New Birth:

You cannot truly have knowledge of God until you are born again. You can go to church and hear testimonies and spiritual songs, but unless you are born again the harvest will pass, and summer will end, and you will not be saved. The summer season is a symbol of the period of grace that God allows for the people of

the earth to repent and be saved. The most enjoyable thing that you can have is the Holy Spirit in your heart giving you joy unspeakable that will be everlasting.

To be born again is to be conceived, and that means a new-birth is taking place that is not visible. You are then brought forth as a new person, not physically, but spiritually. Your new spiritual or righteous life will be evidence of your new birth. You will be presented to the world as a holy person with the nature to live free from sin; because the new birth will be the results of a spiritual change of your nature and mind. You would be presented to the world as one who has died to sin, and quickened to live a righteous life.

Subject: The Second Birth:

If you are born again, you must clearly be able to see two lives that you have lived. You must be able to see your former life of sin, and your present life should be a life of righteousness. Your second life should be a second birth of righteousness. Your second birth should not be a birth of the flesh, but of the Spirit of God. You would have received the second birth of righteousness because of your willingness to accept the invitation of Jesus to come unto him and obey his teaching.

The word of God makes it very plain to you so that you might know you have received the second birth. In the book of Romans 6:16, it teaches that you will know that you have received the second birth based upon who you are yielding your members to serve.

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

You cannot be a servant of righteousness unless you have experienced a righteous birth.

Subject: Faith Is A Gift From God:

When you are born again, your second birth is of the word of God. Words are spirits; when you receive the word of God with the intent to obey it you will also receive the Spirit of God. If you listen to the gospel of Jesus Christ and believe the gospel which condemns sin, you can be born again; but if you don't believe the gospel you will remain in your sinful state.

In order to be delivered from your sinful state, your belief must be in harmony with the word of God. It is by faith that you are saved, and that faith does not come from you alone. You must receive grace, which brings faith from heaven; your faith is not enough to save you, it must be united with faith from God to elevate your faith to a level of righteousness that it will allow the grace of God to give you the new birth.

If you believe that God can keep you living each day above sin, it will be by your faith that you will receive grace, and grace will upgrade your faith to a level of righteousness that you will receive salvation.

Subject: Your Calling:

There are only two classes of people in the eyes of God; they are saints and sinners. There are no positions of neutrality with God, neither any middle classes. God only classifies people spiritually as either righteous or unrighteous. God does not consider social, intellectual, or economic classes of people. If you are wealthy, educated and not born again, God classifies you as a sinner. If you are poor and not highly educated, and are born again, then God classifies you as a saint. When you are a saint you are born again, filled with the Holy Ghost, and living a righteous life that is sin-free. This means you are holy as God is holy. To be unholy means you are unlike God, and you are a sinner.

When you are a sinner it means the devil has control over your life. When you are a saint, it means that God is controlling your life. To be a saint means that you are God's workmanship, called by God for good works. This means you are saved by grace that made you a new creature in Christ. It was for you that the death and resurrection of Christ took place. Your salvation was not coincidental, but ordained by God from the foundation of the world.

God planned your salvation to take place at an appointed time to be a witness to the generation that you were born in. Your life will pattern after the life

of Christ to be a witness for those who will also be called by God to be saved, and a witness against those who reject the plan of salvation.

Subject: The Spirit Of Adoption:

The Bible plainly teaches when you are saved. It teaches that when you are saved you are adopted into the family of God by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God causes you to be born of God. Listen to I John 4:4:

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.

When you are of God, you are not of the devil, because the devil uses your sins to possess you. When you are of God, Jesus saves you from your sins. Listen to I John 3:8:

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

When the Spirit of God adopts you into the family of God, you then become God's child. Listen to Romans 8:15:

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

Subject: Do You Have A Relationship With God?

The commandments are made known to the world that the people might obey. Failure to obey the commandments of God makes you a violator of the commandments. You can be a violator of the commandments by failing to obey, or by doing contrary to the commandments. If you obey the commandments of God you can pray and God will answer your prayers. Listen to St. John 14:15 and 13:

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

Verse 13 - *And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do...*

If you do what God has asked you to do; you can ask a favor of God without reluctance. God speaks very plainly. The Bible is a book of instructions given by God that men might know what to do to have a relationship with God. You cannot imagine that you have a relationship with God; you must follow the instructions that the Bible gives to have contact with God.

Now some might ask how can a sinner get to God and be saved if God heareth not sinners pray. The Bible does not instruct a sinner to pray; it instructs a sinner to repent; when you repent, you are turning from your sins. After you repent you don't have to pray, because God already knows what you need. God will then grant you an additional repentance from heaven to reinforce your efforts to repent giving you an effective conversion from your old life of sin.

At such time the Holy Spirit will be on stand-by waiting to make an entry into your life. The entry of the Holy Spirit will give you the new birth. After you are born again the Holy Spirit will be an intercessor for you presenting your prayers to God. It will give some prayers to present to God using your vocabulary, and it will present other prayers that you won't know about until you receive the benefits of the prayers presented to God by the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Have You Experienced The Correct Procedure To Be Born Again?

Listen to this scripture in St. John 9:31, The Original King James Version of the Bible:

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

Has your pastor ever used this scripture to teach you about prayer? You would be surprised to know that many church folk have never heard this scripture. Listen to this scripture in Psalms 34:15:

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

You have to live a righteous life in order for God to hear your prayers. To live a righteous life means to live free from sin. The Lord watches over a righteous person, and He listens when they pray, but He does not listen to a sinner pray.

There are many who believe that they cannot help for sinning, because they are taught this by preachers who are sinners. A sinner cannot get help from a religious leader who is a sinner. It is necessary to have a religious leader who is sin-free to teach other sinners the proper procedures to be sin-free.

Salvation in Jesus Christ can only be correctly taught by a religious leader who has experienced the correct way to be saved. Being born again is not just using words to say that you have been born again. You have to be spiritually processed into the new-birth by the Holy Spirit, which gives you this experience.

Subject: The Holy Conception:

Jesus Christ was sent to the earth to teach us the principles of the kingdom of heaven, which are found in St. Matthew 5th chapter. Jesus' mission was to teach us how to deny ungodliness and to live soberly and righteously in this present world. Jesus came according to the promise of God. God sent a message by the angel Gabriel to announce Jesus' coming. Joseph, who was chosen to be the husband of Mary and the godfather of Jesus was told by the angel to not put Mary away when she was found with child, and that she had not been untrue to Joseph and that the child was conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Jesus' birth was a holy birth for all who received His gospel to be born again by means of a holy conception as the Holy Spirit conceived Jesus. When we receive Jesus' gospel, the power in His gospel conceives a new mind in us, giving us power to experience the new birth in Christ. When you are born again of the Holy Spirit, you will find pleasure in your new life of holiness. Eternal life will start for you while you are living in this present world.

Jesus' birth gave grace to the world for people to escape sin. Sin had the world in bondage. Man could not control nor escape sin. All of the laws and prisons that are built cannot control sin. The only hope for us to escape sin is to be born again. Just as Adam's disobedience to God continued with power to curse man through the centuries, the new birth in Christ has power to remove the curse.

Subject: The New-Birth Is The Birth Of A New Mind:

The word 'Adam' means man. The same Adam who disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden is you until you are born again. When you are born again, that old Adam dies and the begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ, will become alive in your life. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ crucifies the sinful nature of Adam in you and replaces it with the holy nature of Christ. Only Christ living in you can set you free from the sinful nature of Adam.

The new birth of Christ is a spiritual birth that delivers you from the spirit of Satan that Adam allowed to enter the life cycle of humans when he sinned. Our minds were cursed with the desire to commit sin after the nature of Adam. The new-birth is the spiritual birth of a new mind, giving us the desire to obey God. The new-birth is a change of mind and not a change of body. The mind is changed by the power of the word and Spirit.

The word of God presents the offer of salvation, and when we receive the offer, the Spirit follows the word giving us a new mind so that we can obey the word. When you hear the word of God and believe it, your mind is changed from a Carnal state to a spiritual state. A carnal mind is a sinful mind, and a spiritual mind is a holy mind. God will adopt us into His family when we accept the teachings of Jesus Christ so that we will be born again and lose our carnal minds.

Subject: A Spiritual Transplant:

If your mind is free from iniquity it means God has saved you; and you are free from sin. You are only free from sin when your mind is free from sin. This means your mind is pure and undefiled, free from malice, hate, envy and strife. If you hide sinful ways in your mind, God will not accept you, and it means that you are not saved.

When you are born again you should have received the birth of a new mind. You will be like a person who has received a new heart transplant, which gave them a new life. The difference would be that you would have received a new spiritual life of righteousness, and the person with the heart transplant would have received a new physical life.

Subject: An Acceptable Fellowship With God:

The scriptures give a record of God's dealing with man to restore man's fellowship with God. Being born in sin caused man to be alienated from God (Psalm 51:5). Unless God orders a person's life for a special purpose as He did Jeremiah, John the Baptist, and Jesus who were born holy, all other human births will be in sin. Though a person is born in sin, their name is in the book of life, because sins are not charged until a person is mentally mature enough to know right from wrong. It is natural for a human to be a sinner. It was not natural for angels to be sinners, because God created them holy. The angels that followed Satan became sinners by means of rebellion against God.

When humans are born again, God reverses the natural state of their lives to a spiritual or righteous state of life. This is done by God giving the unsaved person His Holy Spirit, which brings the divine nature of God into their lives, and has power to remove the nature of sin. So God arranged and planned that though man was born in sin, he might be born again to restore his lost relationship with God.

When a man is born again he is not born of the flesh again, but of the Spirit of God. He can then live above sin, and no longer be in bondage of sin. Sin is very powerful and can hold a man in bondage unless there is some redeeming power to deliver man, and Jesus brought that power to the earth. The birth of the Holy Spirit elevates man's desires above the desires to commit sin. Being under the influence and power of the Holy Spirit causes man to be regenerated into a holy life that will allow man to have an acceptable fellowship with God.

Subject: A Holy God Will Make You Holy:

If you keep your mind clean and holy, the Holy God will dwell in your mind, and you won't have to worry about going to a church to find God; He will be in your mind. Now there are many gods in the world today, but there is only one Holy God. The God who is alive forever, His name is Holy. Listen to St. Luke 1:49:

Verse 49 - For he that is mighty hath done to me great things;
and holy is his name.

When you are born again, God will give you His name, because your life will be a description of God's character. You can only be given God's name when

your life is free from sin. If you have been saved, you are God's child, and you are called holy. It doesn't matter if you have joined a church or not, but if you believe that Jesus is Christ, you are born of God and you are a member of the body of Christ, and all of God's members are holy.

When you are born of God, it means you are holy and you do not commit sin (I John 3:9). Sin is a transgression of God's law. When you are born of God you have His Spirit, and His Spirit will keep you from breaking God's law by giving you power to live above what the law forbids. When you are holy and born of God, it will cause the love of God to keep you from offending your fellow man at any point.

The Spirit of God will cause you to love God so much that you will be able to spread a reflection of God's love to your fellow man or woman. You will love God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength, and you will love your neighbor as yourself (St. Matthew 22:37-39).

Subject: The Covenant:

When we were alienated from the Commonwealth of heaven and knew not God, His mercy brought us into a covenant or an agreement with Him, which He will never fail to keep. We may break our part of the covenant, but God will never break the covenant, because He is rich in mercy. God loved us even when we were living contrary to His will.

When we accept and obey our part of the covenant, we are quickened and given a new life by our faith in Christ. The covenant is inclusive with grace from God that will connect with our faith and obedience to the covenant. This will give us the new birth in Christ. God, by the power of His Holy Spirit and the gospel that Christ taught, gives to everyone who believes salvation from the covenant.

The covenant is a presentation of gifts from God to all who are willing to accept the agreement. The covenant will only go into effect for those who have faith, honesty, love, and obedience. Inclusive in the covenant is the gift of the Holy Spirit that will unite your commitment to the covenant with God.

Subject: Saints Have The Nature Of God:

A saint is a person who has been born again and has acquired the nature of God. A holy person has been called a saint by God ever since the fall of man. God's command to a saint is that he or she be holy. A saint is not a sinner nor a Christian. God first created man holy. Adam was a holy man until he disobeyed God, and became alienated from the Commonwealth of heaven. Later those who were born after Adam came into the world as sinners.

However, God arranged that man who had lost the nature of God might be born again. After man receives his second birth, he is born of God. The first birth is of your parents in the flesh, but your second birth is of God in the Spirit. God's holy nature will then make a re-entry into the person who has experienced the second birth. Inclusive in the second birth will be a new mind with desires to live above sinful pleasures. This will be the mind of Christ. You would then be a new creature.

When you are born again, old things are done away with and all things in your life will be new. Such people will then be saints, and they will obey the command of God, because they will be of the nature of God. Those who are called to be saints will walk with all lowliness and meekness. They will be longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, and always endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit of God in the bond of peace. They will be followers of Christ as dear children, and Christ who also loved them, would have given himself for the saints as an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor. Such things as fornication, adultery, uncleanness, and covetousness will not be once named among the saints.

Subject: A Born Again Saint Is Very Sympathetic To The Unsaved:

A born again person is very sympathetic towards those who are not saved. Such born again saints are so glad and appreciative to God for saving them that they would want everybody else to be saved. As I meet people throughout the day that are not saved, my heart goes out for them, and I will remember such people when I pray that God will save them.

If at any time I get into a conversation with a person, I will try to include my testimony of how God saved me from sin. Sometimes I lose favor with others by

telling them the truth about being saved from sin, but such a loss of favor will be because they are ignorant of what Jesus came to the earth to do. The scriptures teach very plainly in St. Matthew 1:21 that Jesus was sent to save His people from their sins.

As a saved person I have had the experience of living two different lives. I have lived the life of a saved person, and the life of an unsaved person. Therefore, I can confidently testify of how Jesus saves a person from sin rather than to allow the person to believe that they are saved and are yet a sinner.

Subject: The Culture Of Heaven:

It is difficult for many people to understand the language of the kingdom of heaven when they have not been born again. When you are born again you will acquire an understanding of the culture of the kingdom of heaven. The Holy Spirit will be an intercessor and interpreter of the culture of heaven while you are living on the earth. You will then be able to adjust your mind to heavenly ways. This can only be given to you after you have been born again.

When you are born again, you are born of the Spirit and word of God. The word of God brings you information, and the Holy Spirit gives you the ability to comprehend the information so that you can apply it to your way of living. The Holy Spirit will mortify your previous carnal ways of living, allowing the culture of heaven to be a part of your new life.

Subject: Examine Your Heart:

If you are sincere about being saved, you should search your heart (life) to see if there is anything in you that you would not like to be found in you when Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection. There must be a reviewing of your mind to see if you have any thoughts or desires that are sin related.

When you desire to live right, you will reject everything out of your mind that is carnal or sinful. You will dismiss thoughts that will introduce evil to your mind. When you put evil things out of your mind, God will come in and purify your mind by cleansing your mind with His word and Spirit, and your thoughts will then represent holiness.

Subject: God Did Not Create Us To Die, But To Live:

God did not create us to die, but to live. When Adam caused death to be upon us, God sent Jesus to redeem us from death. God gets no pleasure out of anybody dying. Death is the enemy of God. The kingdom of heaven will be a holy habitation where nobody will ever die.

God does not administer funerals, preachers administer funerals, because the dead cannot celebrate or glorify God. God is the God of the living. When a saved person dies, they are not dead as the unsaved are, and their funeral is a celebration of their entry into the kingdom of heaven.

God, through Jesus, planned that you and I might be born again of a new mind, that does not desire sinful pleasures, but a spiritual mind that desires to obey God. This will be a mind to obey God down to death, and it will deliver us from the terror of the second death.

Subject: Beulah Land:

When you have found Jesus, you have entered “Beulah Land”, which means to be married. You are then married to Jesus in a land of peace and happiness. When you are married to Jesus you will live with Him in the Spirit of holiness. This means you are a member of the body of Christ that will give you a membership in the family of God forever.

Such a marriage will start while you are in this present world and continue throughout eternity in the kingdom of heaven. You would have experienced a filling of the Holy Spirit that will cleanse you from your sinful nature. You will then be presented to Christ as a chaste virgin being sin free. Only the Holy Spirit can present you in marriage to Christ.

Subject: Your Joy Should Be In The Word Of God:

When you are born again, your joy should be in you measuring up to the word of God to show that your life is in accord with the word of God. If the Bible teaches that no fornicators shall have eternal life, and you know that you are not a fornicator, the word of God will give you joy in knowing that your life is in accord

with the word of God. When the word of God confirms your salvation, it means you are born again of the word of God, and it has purified your life. Listen to I Peter 1:22-23:

Verse 22 - Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

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

Subject: You Should Thank God If You Are Born Again:

When you are born again you should thank God that ye were the servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered to you which made you a new creature in Christ. Under these conditions, you were made free from sin, and became the servants of righteousness. You are now yielding your life as a servant of God unto holiness.

When you were the servants of sin you were free from righteousness, and your life produced fruits of sin that you were ashamed of. Now you won't become ashamed of your former life of sin until you are born again. Sinners are not ashamed of their lives of sin, they are proud of living such sinful lives.

When you are in sin, you just cannot understand how such a life is a disgrace before God. You must be born again of the Spirit and the word of God to see that such a life of sin is appalling. The word of God will open the eyes of your understanding to show you that sin is a reproach.

Subject: Saints and Sinners:

God classifies people in two categories, and they are saints and sinners. Make no mistake, there are no other religious classes that you can be saved in other than a saint. After you leave this world if you are a saint you will go to heaven.

This means that you were born again and filled with the Holy Spirit. You can only receive the new-birth while you live in this world.

The Bible does not teach of any other procedures for being saved after you die. If you leave this world as a sinner you will go into eternity being separated from God to spend eternity in a lake of fire and brimstone. If you go to hell; you will go by your own choice; God does not send anybody to hell. God does not hate you, He loves you, but He will love you while you are in hell. God is love and He gave His son to die that we might be redeemed. He also sent the Holy Spirit to convict us, and to give us the new-birth. If you go to hell, it will be because you rejected the love of God.

Heaven is a place prepared for those who love God. Today everybody has an invitation to go to heaven! God is calling you to righteousness to be placed in the classification of a saint. If you are willing to accept the invitation, the Holy Spirit will find you and give you a new-life in Christ. God can make you a saint regardless of the conditions that sin has brought upon you.

Subject: Has The Lord Become Your Shepherd?

To be born again is to believe the teachings of Jesus Christ who didn't come to condemn sinners, but to save them by a life that would be perfect in holiness. This process of being born again is difficult to see when you are a sinner, because sin dulls your spiritual perception of God's plan.

A sinner must have a spiritual light to be able to see spiritual things. If a sinner makes up his or her mind to believe God; God will give the sinner a spiritual awakening lifting his mind above everything that was a stumbling block.

When you are born again the Lord becomes your shepherd, this means that Jesus will be the guardian of your life. When the Lord is your shepherd He will feed your mind spiritual knowledge that will cause you to grow spiritually learning more about the plan of salvation.

Subject: A Witness:

A witness is one that goes forth testifying. The apostles were witnesses of Jesus Christ. They were witnesses that the Holy Ghost filled their mouths and their testimonies could not be stopped. The apostles were witnesses that the Lord could

save you from sin. If a person says that Jesus has saved them and they still commit sin, then they are a false witness.

When you are a true witness God is glorified by Christ being in you. The words that you say won't save you; they are simply words that you use to testify that Christ has saved you. You can't save yourself; you can only testify that a power greater than the power of sin has saved you.

To be a true witness for Christ you have to be born of the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of God will be using your mouth and your life to be a witness for Christ. When you are born of the Spirit of God, you have a right to be a witness for Christ.

Subject: A Witness To The Saving Power Of God:

When God saves you and gives you the power to live above sin, you will not keep it to yourself. You will tell it to other people to be a witness to the power of God. You will tell it to others who are struggling to live godly like you are. Your testimony will increase your capacities and broaden your ambition to live a saved life.

When you are a witness to the power of God and tell how God keeps you, the devil will try you to make you prove it. This will give valuable strength and experience to help weaker brothers and sisters.

Subject: A True Witness' Testimony Is From Heaven:

The apostles were the witnesses of the Lord and they were true witnesses. They were witnesses that the Holy Spirit had filled them, and their mouths could not be stopped. When you are born again, the Holy Spirit will testify that Christ has saved you and nothing will be able to prevent you from testifying. The Holy Ghost makes you a true witness for Christ. A true witness' testimony comes from heaven, and has more power than anything on the earth.

A true witness will testify that Jesus has saved them from sin. It does not matter what church you belong to, or how you are worshiping God, if after you have done all you know about serving God you turn around and say that Jesus cannot save you from sin, you are a false witness. You will be a deceitful worker of God. Listen to II Corinthians 11:13:

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

When you are delivered from sin, the power of God has come into your life. Man can worship a god in many ways, but the thing that a man cannot do of himself is to live above sin. It takes God to help a man or woman to live free and separate from sin. Such a person's testimony will be that they are living by the power of God, and they are living the life of Christ.

Subject: The Light That Christ Brought To The World:

If you are born again, you are the light of the world. When you are born of God, the light that Christ brought to the world is being reflected through you. When Jesus was in the world He was the light of the world, and before He left, He commissioned His disciples to be the light by instructing them in the way of righteousness so that they would know how to exemplify the principles of righteousness, causing the light of the world to shine through them.

Today, those who are born again and are following the teaching of Christ are also allowing the light to be in the world. If you are a follower of Christ, you are supposed to be required to be true and a faithful example of what Christ taught and stood for. This will cause you to have the same light that Christ brought into the world.

To be in a church and not allow the light of Christ to be there is like putting a candle under a bushel. A candle should be placed on a candle stick so that all who are in the house will see the light. When there is no light in the church, the people would have no instructions on how to be saved. This will cause confusion and perplexity in the hearts of the people.

Under such conditions, the people will have no true fellowship with each other to guide them and give hope for a peaceful and quiet relationship. This means the church will not be functioning as the light of the world as was intended by Christ. Today, people in churches need a light more than ever. They cannot find their way without the light to guide them to safety and salvation.

Subject: Vanity And Vexation Of The Spirit:

I would not allow anything to make me regret that I accepted Jesus Christ into my life. There is nothing in this world that I would exchange for my salvation. There is no profit in gaining the wealth and conveniences of this world and losing your soul (St. Matthew 16:26). When you are born again, you will learn that nothing is more valuable than your soul. The Holy Spirit will reveal to those who are born again the value of the things of this world.

King Solomon was the wealthiest and wisest man that ever lived. His wealth was given to him by God, but listen to how he valued his wealth. Listen to Ecclesiastes 2:4-5:

Verse 4 - I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:

Verse 5 - I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits:

Listen to verse 11:

Verse 11 - Then I looked on all the works that my hands has wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

CHAPTER 5

THE WORKS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Subject: The Spirit Of Life:

There are many people who have never heard that there is an invisible, spiritual power moving upon the earth that is the Holy Spirit, which is the third person in God's Trinity. Those who have heard about the Holy Spirit know very little about its purpose. The Holy Spirit was commissioned by God to be sent to the earth on the day of Pentecost to give the new-birth to everybody who would receive Jesus' gospel.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit and power of God. It is God in action. It has unlimited abilities to accomplish anything. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to convert a repenting sinner from the carnal or sinful nature to the holy or righteous nature of God. The Holy Ghost only honors a person's desire to be saved when the person believes and accepts the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The power of the Holy Spirit is activated in the life of a person when the word of God has been accepted. The Spirit and the word work together to give the new-birth. You cannot receive one without the other. If at any time during a person's attempt to be saved they disagree with or do not accept something that the word of God teaches, such person will not be born again.

A person must completely surrender his or her life to the teachings of the gospel in order for the Holy Spirit to give them the new birth. The Holy Spirit is a teacher from God that will give you an anointing to guide and direct you through life. The Holy Spirit knows your intentions before it comes into your life. There must be an intent in you to obey the word of God as you learn the word before the Holy Spirit will come into your life.

The Holy Spirit carries fire, which is holy fire that can purge the nature of sin in a person. Sin cannot be completely removed from a person's life unless it has been removed from the nature of the person (St. Matthew 3:11). The fire of the Holy Spirit is a zeal with power that burns up every base desire to commit sin. Such power of the Holy Spirit will give you the ability to resist temptations to commit sin. The Holy Spirit will then give you a new life in Christ Jesus. The law of the new Spirit of life will make you free from the law of sin and death. You are now born again, and you will be able to walk in the Spirit for the remaining time of your life on earth.

As you begin to follow the law of the Spirit of life in Christ, there will be no condemnation, because there is no law against the righteousness of Christ. This means the judgment of the last days for those who did not get saved will not apply to you. When you are free from sin, you are free from the judgment of God. All of this was done for you because Christ died for you and He prayed to God to send the Holy Spirit to save you and keep you saved.

Subject: Spirits Of The Flesh:

Spirits of the flesh can only be subdued by the Spirit of God. You cannot subdue a spirit of the flesh with physical force. No man can break the spirit of another man, but the Spirit of God is able to subdue and mortify spirits of the flesh. When the Spirit of God is present the spirit of the devil trembles.

Now what a person says out of their mouth is not always an indication of what spirit they have. People can say one thing and do contrary. What they do is an indication of what spirit they have. You cannot correct the world. You must be a light for the world and when the world sees something substantial to follow, they will follow the example.

Subject: Cleanliness Is Not Godliness:

You can live a clean life without the Spirit of God. Cleanliness is next to godliness, but it is not godliness. Before the apostle Paul's conversion, he said that touching the law he was blameless; notwithstanding, while being blameless as he obeyed the law, it kept him clean, but he was void of the Spirit of God, and persecuted the saints who had the Spirit of God.

You can be a clean Christian and not be filled with the Holy Spirit, which means you are not born again. Now if you stop drinking liquor, smoking cigarettes, and committing adultery, this is a good start towards being saved, but it does not necessarily mean that you have the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Ghost will carry your life on to perfection. This will not happen right away, because the Holy Ghost will be given in measure, and God will increase the works of the Holy Spirit in your life according to the need for the work that He has planned to be accomplished in you. God does not save you to do nothing.

Subject: Seek To Do God's Will And He Will Give You The Holy Spirit:

God will increase the work of the Holy Spirit in your life when you need more assistance to do the work that He has called you to do. You must have the Holy Spirit to do anything for God. In order to get the Holy Spirit, you must seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit. There must be a zeal in you to desire to do

nothing but live for God's purpose. Never be satisfied with a limited life of righteousness. You should always desire to do God's will.

You must be glad to be busy and abounding in the grace of God. Your main desire should be to know God's will that it may be done in you on earth as it is in heaven. If you have not received the Holy Ghost, ask God to give it to you. You must have the Holy Spirit to be ready to receive Jesus when He comes.

Jesus is coming after a church without spot and without wrinkle. You must be spiritually clean. Jesus will be looking for the general assembly of the church of the first-born where the spirits of just men are made perfect. The Holy Spirit will cleanse you from all filthiness of the flesh to perfect you in holiness.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Brings You Into The Family Of God:

The Holy Ghost conceived Jesus in the womb of a virgin, and He was called the Son of God. It is the Holy Ghost that makes you a child of God either by conception or adoption. You can only be a member of God's family by the Holy Ghost. God sent a message to Mary the virgin by the angel Gabriel telling her that she would conceive a child by the Holy Ghost who would be the Son of God. Listen to St. Luke 1:35:

Verse 35 - And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

When a person is born again, the Holy Ghost adopts the person into the family of God to be a child of God. Only the Spirit of God can bring you into the family of God. 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.

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost as the Son of God. When we receive Jesus Christ and are born again, the Holy Ghost adopts us to be sons and daughters of God.

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

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

Subject: The Holy Spirit Is The Intercessor Between You And God:

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit of God, it will be an intercessor between you and God. The Spirit will then help you with all of your infirmities. It will help you to pray and understand the holiness of God. The Spirit of God in you will ask God for the things you need. You will hear yourself praying, and making a request to God, but it will not be you, it will be the Spirit of God using your voice. The Spirit will let you hear the sound of your request so that you can be blessed when you receive it. You may be under the impression that you asked God for something that you needed, but the Spirit of God watches over you, it can see what you need, and it will cause you to ask God for what you need in your prayers.

After you receive your request, the Spirit of God will cause you to rejoice with praises and thanks to God. You will then acquire more confidence in God, and your faith will be stronger. You are now walking in the Spirit. Under these conditions, you will be able to walk and talk with God everyday of your life. The Spirit of God would have established you in the holiness of God. You are now living in the presence of God, and nothing will be able to separate you from the love of God. You will not be afraid of anything or anybody, because God will be with you.

Subject: God Will Help You To Live Above Sin:

If you can't help for committing sin God can help you. Nobody can live above a life of sin unless God helps them. Sin is too powerful to overcome with human strength. God helps you to live free-from sin by giving you the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit replaces the carnal nature with the divine nature of God. God helps us to live above sin by giving us His nature.

The Holy Spirit gives you a new life when you are filled with the Holy Spirit. It replaces all of the carnal aspects of your life with the holiness of God. It will then abide with you for the remaining of your life on earth, and continue to be your new life in heaven throughout eternity. When you are born again, you become a permanent part of God. Your new life will be God living in you. There are no limitations to God's love and what He can do for you if you are saved.

Subject: Let The Holy Spirit Control Your Attitude:

There is nobody great but God. America has become a great nation because God has blessed America to be great. There is no man who is indispensable, no matter how high his position is. Unless a man recognizes God he will become a fool. When people of the nation become proud, and high-minded, they need to be taught how to repent, because pride goes before destruction.

The Bible is the record of the acts of God and men that tell what happened to men who became high-minded. Such events were put on record in the Bible for the benefit of the people during this present day. God does not change His way of dealing with man when man is disobedient.

The word of God has stated that God will deal with any nation, or people who exalt themselves. It will be a wise thing to allow the Spirit of God to be your guide and to control your attitude. The Spirit of God is always effective in helping man to be acceptable to God. It will keep your heart right before God.

Subject: The Denial:

Peter denied Christ when Christ got to Pilate's hall. When the cock crowed three times, Peter remembered what Christ had said about his denial. When Peter realized what Christ had said he was condemned, and quietly walked away.

After Jesus was crucified and buried He arose on the third day; and when He saw the two Marys that He met at the sepulchre, He instructed them to go tell the disciples to meet Him at Galilee, and tell Peter to come also; that He was alive from the dead. The Lord knew Peter's heart; Peter got in bad company.

If you get in bad company after you start to walk with the Lord there is a good chance that you will backslide. You have to stay in good company until you get the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost will give you wisdom and strength to deal

with bad company. Without the Holy Ghost you are not strong enough to deal with bad company.

Jesus instructed the disciples to remain at Jerusalem until He sends the Holy Spirit to seal them with power from on high. When you are filled with the Spirit from on high, you will have a burning zeal for righteousness everywhere you go. You will then be a witness for Christ. The Holy Ghost will keep you from going back from God. The Spirit of God will lift up a standard for righteousness that the devil will be no match for.

Subject: The Presence Of God:

The Holy Spirit brings you into the atmosphere of the presence of God. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it means that you have been born again, and the presence of God will be with you everywhere you go for the remaining of your life on earth, and continue throughout eternity in heaven. The Holy Spirit is the third part of God that will live in all of His people forever when they are born again.

When you are born again, your physical body in this present world will receive a new life source by the breath of God. The Holy Spirit will replace your former life source that sin gave you, and introduce you to another life source. Your old life source of sin will be crucified with Christ, and your new life source will be Christ living in you by means of the breath of God that the Holy Spirit will give you.

When Jesus ministered to His disciples, the breath of Jesus brought the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit upon them. If you are serious about being saved, repent of your sins and then ask God to let the breath of the Holy Spirit breathe on you, and something will happen. If such a request is sincere, supported by a sincere repentance, your prayer will be answered, and the powers of heaven will be upon you.

When the Holy Spirit visits you, your room will be filled with God's presence. When you are born again, you will clearly understand what I am teaching. To be born again is to be revived from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. When you have not been born again, you are spiritually dead in your sins, and the new-birth in Christ has power to revive you into a spiritual life of righteousness. To be born again is a spiritual blessing from God. After you receive the spiritual blessing, you won't have to worry about your material or financial needs; such blessings will overtake you.

Subject: The Power Of The Holy Spirit Is Unlimited:

Death is nothing to be afraid of if you are prepared for it. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit you are prepared for death. The Spirit of God has more power than death, and it will prevent death from threatening you. It was the Spirit of God that raised Jesus from the grave and gave Him a new glorified body that will not die again.

When you are filled with the Spirit of God, you are ready for death. Death is the greatest enemy to mankind, but is no match for the Spirit of God. When you are filled with the Spirit of God it becomes your new life source beginning while you are living on the earth, and after your life on earth it will be your eternal life source in the kingdom of heaven. Death will find no existence when you are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Subject: The Pleasure Of God:

God created the world for the purpose of providing a place for man that He would create to have a blessed habitation. Man was created to glorify God; this is why man was created in the image of God. God gets pleasure out of the pleasures that He gives man. The ultimate pleasure of God will be to give man the kingdom of heaven, and a new earth as an inheritance.

In order for man to be accepted into God's plan for his blessings, he must be filled with the Spirit of God. You cannot be accepted by God to enjoy the blessings of God unless you have God's Spirit. When man does not have the Spirit of God, they will live a limited life to glorify themselves. Self-glory causes man to do things that are degrading and will eventually bring them to shame.

After God created the world, He created man, to share His glory with man, and to manifest Himself through man that He might show His praise in the earth. This would cause those who would later be born in His image to rejoice in being the clay of the potter's hand.

Subject: A Conversion Must Be Followed By A Filling Of The Holy Spirit:

Though you may have joined a church after your conversion, unless you receive the Holy Ghost, you will still be subject to the influence of the world. When you are under the influence of the world, you will have no power to deliver yourself from sin, which means your conversion will be meaningless. When you are converted, you must be taught that you are still under the influence of the world. Unless you quickly seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit, you will regress back to a life of sin.

Now the Holy Spirit will not come into your life when you have not been taught the correct knowledge of its functions. It is very important that you have a religious leader who is filled with the Holy Spirit to teach the works of the Holy Spirit and the effects that it will have on the human nature. Now your conversion is a good start, but is not the complete work of grace. The Holy Spirit processes you into salvation as it gives you the new-birth according to the teachings of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is very important that your conversion be followed by a filling of the Holy Spirit in order to receive the complete work of grace.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Preaches To The Listeners According To Their Spiritual Needs:

If you are listening to a God sent preacher who is being used by the Holy Ghost, his messages are not coming from his mind, but the mind of God. A Holy Ghost sent preacher is taught, and preaches under the influence of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost knows the minds of the listeners, and it brings messages from the preacher to the listeners in accordance to the spiritual conditions of the lives of the listeners. If the listeners are adulterers, fornicators or liquor drinkers, then the Holy Ghost will move on the preacher to show the listeners that such sinful practices would not be acceptable for salvation.

If a preacher is not under the influence of the Holy Ghost, his messages will not relate to the spiritual needs of the people. His preaching will be primarily for entertaining the listeners with messages of flattery. Such preaching is not from God, and it will not allow the listeners to acquire salvation (Jeremiah 23:21).

Subject: Walk In The Spirit Of God:

You cannot receive the Spirit of God without receiving a reflection of God's love and holiness from heaven to illuminate your life. The Holy Spirit will light you up with the joy of the Lord like the sun lights up the moon at night. It will also give you spiritual and material blessings, causing you to thank and praise God on a continuous basis. Such blessings will not distract your interest from your new life in the kingdom of heaven.

Your affections will be programmed by the Holy Spirit on the kingdom of heaven. The Holy Spirit has the power to regulate your earthly interests so that it will not interfere with your heavenly interests. When you are born again, you will have the blessings of God as you walk in the Spirit of God.

Subject: The Spirit Of Life And A New Body:

There are three that rule and control the universe, and they are God the Father, the Son of God who is Jesus, and the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of eternal life in Christ Jesus. The Holy Ghost gives the Spirit of eternal life to those who receive the gospel of Jesus Christ or the word of God.

The Spirit of life is with us wherever we go while we are living on the earth, and it will eventually give us a new body to live in heaven when Jesus returns. The Holy Ghost gave you the first part of your life by putting breath in your nostrils, and it will give you an additional life, which will be eternal when you believe the gospel of Jesus Christ.

When the Holy Ghost comes into your life to give the second part of your life, you won't know where it came from or how it will abide with you. You will simply see a change in your life from sin to righteousness. Just as the breath of God gave us life for our physical existence, and we don't know much about where it came from, God will also give the Spirit of eternal life, and it shall abide with us in like manner forever.

Now the Holy Spirit will go with you everywhere you go while you are on the earth until it will give you a new body. After rising from the dead, Jesus did not live by the breath of life that gave life to His physical body before He was crucified, He lived by the Holy Spirit that gave life to His new glorified body. The same power of the Holy Spirit that gave Jesus a new, glorified body after His

resurrection will also give those whom it is indwelling prior to Jesus' return a new glorified body fashioned after the glorified body that it gave Jesus.

Subject: The World Cannot Receive The Holy Spirit:

In order to receive the Holy Spirit, you must not be a part of the ways and spirit of the world. The spirit of the world consists of dishonesty and lies. Therefore, it is necessary that the world administer oaths, contracts, give bonds, sureties, and guarantors. You can only be saved by the Holy Spirit that gives the new-birth, and the world cannot receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth and the world is a system that is built upon lies.

Now business in the world may be transacted with the appearance of safety and equity. However, if the Spirit of truth was the administrator in the world there would be no need for a bondsman, because the Spirit of truth is faithful and true. It will speak the truth and do that which is right.

Jesus said the world cannot receive the Spirit of truth, but only those who live by the teachings of Christ, who was in the world, but not of the world. Those who obey the teachings of Jesus Christ will be rejected by the world, because they will condemn the world.

Subject: The Presence Of The Holy Spirit:

When you are born again, you will live to encourage other people; this will result to you being encouraged also. The Holy Spirit will lead you to say and do things that will make other people glad. You can only do this by having the spirit of goodwill and good cheer with you at all times. It will radiate when you approach others, and they will be receptive to your presence. They may not realize that it is the Spirit of God with you, but they will be encouraged by your presence.

Many have to face disappointments and sorrows in this life that keep their hearts burdened. However, when they are approached by a person who is filled with the Spirit of God, they will feel the joy of the Lord that will have more power than their sorrows, and it will give them relief from their sorrows.

Subject: Ask According To The Will Of God:

When you are walking in the Spirit of God, it means you are filled with the Spirit and living by the teachings of the word of God. When you walk in the Spirit of God, you will have the blessings of God. You will be blessed wherever you go and in everything you do.

When you keep God's commandments and do His will, whatever you need God will pay the bill. When you do the will of God, and ask according to His will, He will grant your request. Now God does not hear a sinner pray, but if you are a worshiper of God in truth and in Spirit, and doeth His will, God will hear your prayers (St. John 9:31).

Subject: The Words Of Your Testimony Are By The Holy Spirit:

A person cannot have a testimony of Jesus Christ unless they are in the Spirit. You must be filled with the Spirit and not necessarily in a church to have a testimony of Jesus Christ. You can be in a church and not be in the Spirit. When John was exiled to the Isle of Patmos, he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day. When the Spirit of God is moving on you to testify of Jesus Christ, you might not be in a church, you could be at home or on the job.

The Spirit will lead you to testify about how the Lord saved you so that others can hear your testimony, and they may not be church folk, but God might want such people to hear about what He has done for you. When you testify about Jesus Christ, you won't need other church folk around you; you will only need the Spirit of God.

When the Spirit of God is preparing you to testify about how God saved you, you will first begin to think on the good things that God has done for you. The Spirit will first talk to you silently in your mind, and afterward it will put the words of your testimony in your mouth, and it will get the attention of others who are around you to listen. Those who are around you listening may not realize that they are listening to God speaking through you by means of your mouth telling about how you have experienced salvation in Jesus Christ. All of the wonderful things that Christ has done for you will be told to others by the Spirit of God. You will be full of joy thinking and speaking about the good things that God has done for you.

Subject: Holiness In The Heart Rejoices The Heart:

Holiness in your heart (mind) will rejoice your heart. You cannot be without joy from God if you have the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives you joy in your heart that won't be merely for a season, but forever. You won't be quiet on God when you have holiness in your heart, because the Holy Spirit will cause your mouth to put out praises of joy. The Holy Spirit won't allow you to be quiet on God. When you get too quiet on God, the Spirit of God is not a part of your life.

Holiness in the heart causes the heart to be illuminated with expressions of shouts and joy. When Jesus approached the Holy City of Jerusalem, there were multitudes of people assembled outside of the city giving praises to Jesus, but the Chief Priest tried to silence them with the excuse that the noise desecrated the Holy City. Jesus answered and said unto them, that if these people should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

Subject: There Is No Forgiveness For Anyone Who Speaks Against The Holy Spirit:

Jesus is the only begotten Son of God who was brought into the world by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is alive today as though He is present in your home. He is not in the world today in human form, but in the Spirit. In just a little while, those who are born again will see Jesus. It would be a good thing for those who want to be saved to let Jesus fill them with the Holy Spirit. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it will allow you to receive Jesus upon His second appearance and go back to heaven with Him.

There are many who start out with the Lord, but they go back to a world of sin before they receive the Holy Spirit. You must receive the Holy Spirit to receive power not to go back to a world of sin. The gospel cleanses your mind and converts you to the righteousness of God, but only the power of the Holy Spirit can help you to continue in God's way. You must receive the Holy Spirit to maintain your stand with God.

The words that are given in the gospel of Jesus Christ are the words of God. In Acts 2:38, the apostle Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost". Now there are many who turned back from Jesus because after

they repented, they did not wait on the Lord, and pray that He would give them the Holy Spirit.

God does not give the Holy Spirit immediately in all cases. He gives you time to make a decision after having repented so that you might know whether or not you will accept the new way rather than to continue in your old life of sin. An old life of sin has many attractions that can entice a person to go back to a life of sin after they have been converted. However, the way of the Lord is a permanent way of righteousness until you get into the kingdom of heaven.

The words that were spoken by Peter were to a group who had gathered against Jesus and crucified Him. Peter is teaching that if they repent with a godly repentance, the Lord will give them the Holy Spirit no matter what they have done. Peter is teaching that whatever they did to Jesus are sins that can be forgiven. Listen to St. Matthew 12:31-32, which teaches that every sin can be forgiven except one:

Verse 31 - *Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.*

Now it is the Holy Ghost that God has given to the world to give you power to lead you out of sin, and give you the new-birth in Christ. The Holy Ghost will give you guidance, counsel, strength and instructions in righteousness.

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

You can say anything that you want against Jesus, and you can repent and be forgiven. However, if you speak against the Holy Ghost, God's word teaches that it shall not be forgiven in this world, neither the world to come.

CHAPTER 6

***SALVATION:
GENERAL TOPICS***

Subject: Known Unto God Are All Of His Works Before The Foundation Of The World:

God knew that Adam would sin at the beginning of the creation, but He allowed Adam to sin because He had a plan for man. Adam and Eve were not sincere in their love and respect for God. God knew that the only way man could develop proper love and respect was for God to make an appearance to the earth to teach man how to accept God's holiness.

So at the proper time, God arranged to send an angel by the name of Gabriel to the earth to introduce His plan to a virgin named Mary. The virgin was to be the means by which God would make an entry into the world to teach man how to be holy. God did not merely want Adam and Eve to be a part of His earthly family, but He had planned from the foundation of the world for many people of the earth to be a part of His plan. Listen to Acts 15:18:

Verse 18 - Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Subject: The Origin Of Man:

God planted Adam as a seed in the world, and all humans are the fruit of Adam just as apples are the fruit of apple trees. After forming Adam from the dust of the earth, God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. All humans have received their life source from the breath that God gave Adam. Today we live physically by the breath that God breathed into Adam. Eventually, our bodies will go back to the dust from which Adam was created, and our breath will go back to God who gave it.

After man received life from God by means of Adam, man became a living soul. Man's soul was added to his body as a gift from God. Man could then think, feel, and act. Man's soul is his mind that causes him to act upon thoughts that come to his mind. The word of God further teaches what will happen to the body and soul if man fails to get saved.

God gave man a soul to be saved. If man's soul is lost, he will go into eternity separated from God. If man obeys God and is saved, God will give him another body with new life that will live in eternity with God in heaven.

Subject: The Order And Procedures For Salvation:

God has established an order of procedures for those who are going to be saved and those who are not going to be saved. In the order for those who are going to be saved there are two births, and those who experience the two births must live two lives. The first life resulting from the first birth is a life of sin, and the second life after being born again is a life of righteousness.

Now there will also be two deaths that are in the procedure for those who do not experience the second birth. One death will be the death of the physical body and the second death will be the death of the soul. Now there will also be two resurrections, one for the saved and one for the unsaved. The saved and the unsaved will not rise together in the same resurrection.

Now the second birth is not the birth of the flesh, but of the Spirit of God. In the book of St. John 3:7-8 it tells you how it happens. Now you are born of your mother the first time in sin. Your second birth of the Spirit of God gives you a second life of righteousness because of your willingness to be born again by your acceptance of the invitation of Jesus to repent and obey His gospel.

Subject: The Plan Of Salvation Was Completed At The Cross:

It is difficult to accept the fact that Jesus was the greatest blessing that God has ever given the world. Yet, people of the earth had Him crucified, because the religious leaders of the Jews did not want Jesus. If you study the scriptures, and learn the works and blessings that Jesus brought to the people, you would not be able to come to any sensible reason why the Jews did not want Jesus.

When people have the spirit of wickedness in them, such a spirit is not in harmony with the spirit of love. Today Jews as well as Gentiles have not received the spirit of love that Jesus brought to the world. The world is dominated by the spirit of hatred, envy, and strife, which results to wars. There are those of us who are saved because God's love is more powerful than the evil spirit in the world. God so loved the world that He did not give us what we wanted, but He gave us what we needed to be saved.

God set the plan for us to be saved based upon what He knew the Jews would do to reject Jesus. God knew that the Jews would have Jesus crucified, so the plan of salvation for those who would be saved was completed on Calvary at the cross. What a God, and what love! God allowed an act of hatred that took

place at the cross to be converted to love that sinners could be saved. The love of God cannot be defeated under any conditions.

Death is the extreme results of hatred, and God allowed hatred and death to be implemented at the cross. While Jesus entered into the territory of death, He converted death into a peaceful rest in a place called paradise for those who are saved. The thief on the cross beside Jesus received full benefits of Jesus' love. The thief is presently resting in paradise waiting for Jesus to administer the first resurrection where death and hatred will be no more against those who are saved.

Subject: Which Life Do You Want?

The life that you acquire depends on who you obey. If you obey sin, you will die eternally, but if you obey righteousness, you will live forever. It was by one man's disobedience that sin entered into the world, causing death to disrupt the life that God had given man to live forever. God did not create man to die. God did not create anything to die. The life that God offered was eternal life, and it was rejected by man after he sinned.

Jesus' obedience carried so much power that it can restore eternal life to man if man obeys the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus' obedience carries more power than Adam's disobedience. Jesus' obedience gives us the right to claim eternal life if we choose to do so. If we choose to obey Jesus' gospel, it will cause all of our sins to be cast into the sea of forgetfulness, not to be remembered against us anymore.

Subject: The Choice To Be Saved Must be Our Choice:

Salvation from God will only work for a person who has the mind to believe the offer can save them. Most of the people during Jesus' time on the earth did not get saved because of their unbelieving hearts. The Holy Spirit will find the person who is willing to believe the gospel.

The scriptures teach very plainly in St. John 3:16 that "... God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life". The plan of salvation has been carefully prepared by God, but it is up to us to receive Jesus. The offer that God is making

to the world will not force its way into our lives. We must willingly choose to accept the offer.

Subject: Be Careful That You Don't Glorify The Devil:

Jesus saves a person and keeps them from sin. When you are saved from sin, you can see the power of God in your life. You will then understand that there is nothing impossible with God who can take your life from the devil, clean it up, and remove every sin from your life.

Those who say that Jesus cannot save from sin are bringing a reproach upon the name of Jesus. When a person doubts God's power to keep them from sin, they are giving the devil credit for keeping them in sin. Such people cannot glorify the Lord, because they go to church when they believe the devil is more powerful than God. Such people would be glorifying the devil.

Subject: The Plan Of God Gives You A Better Life:

The plan of salvation teaches that you can enjoy a better habitation by moving out of sin and into a state of righteousness, and live above sin. You will be taught about the new-birth in Christ whereas you can be relieved from your undone state of your physical birth, and enter into a spiritual state of holy strength and power by the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you accept the offer of the new-birth, you will find happiness in knowing that your redeemer lives. You will then no longer be a misshapen creature conceived in sin, because you would have been retouched by a power that is greater than the power that conceived you in sin. Now the new-birth does not come from shouting, crying, and speaking in unknown tongues in a church. In the book of Isaiah 1:18-20 it gives instructions on how you can be saved from sin:

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

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

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

Listen to further instructions in Isaiah 1:16-17:

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

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

Subject: Jesus Introduced The Power Of God To The Earth:

When God decided to implement the plan of salvation for the people of the earth, He had to find a qualified person to come to the earth to present the plan of salvation for the people of the earth. God looked upon the earth and could not find a qualified person to accomplish the mission. So, after finding no one on the earth, He looked around heaven and said to the word of God who was Jesus, that He would prepare a body for Jesus.

God said that He was going to send His word to the earth. He said to His word, you will make known to the people of the earth that I sent you with power, and by the manifestations of the miracles which I shall do through you by my power, if they believe and accept what you are doing as being of God, they can be saved. After Jesus came to the earth, He declared Himself to be the Son of God, the word of God made flesh. Jesus taught the lost world that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him, because He had been anointed to preach the gospel by the Spirit of God.

He further said that He would preach the gospel to the poor, and that He was sent to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, to recover sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised. Jesus would preach the acceptable year of the Lord, and that God would use Him to make known to the nations of the earth what should take place, and what should be the results of His bringing this world to the knowledge and understanding of the truth.

Subject: God Is A Present Help:

Everybody will need help sometimes. There will be times in your life when your best friend will not be able to help you. There will be times when the doctor won't be able to help you; at this time you need Jesus, who created man and understands him. Jesus can help you anytime regardless of the conditions.

Man is a human being, and humans have restrictions and limitations to obtain necessary help when it is needed. There is no limit to the power and love of God. God loves humans and His love is accompanied with His unlimited power.

God knew that we would need help, so He sent Jesus to make us know that we can receive help during the time of trouble; but we must first turn from sin and be willing to purify our souls. The things that we are doing that do not please God, we must stop. If you are to receive help from God you must repent of your sins and set your heart to do right before God.

Subject: God Will Help You If Your Intentions Are Good:

There are many people who bring their problems to God, and will try to solve their problems themselves. You must forsake your ways and seek God to receive help from God. God is a rewarder to those who diligently seek Him. Anything that is done for a saved person is done by the mighty hand of God. Saved people should thank God continuously for help and blessings during the time of need.

God is a Father for saved people who gives victory over temptations, and joy unspeakable. There is no limit to the power and love of God. It is God who gives power and knowledge to help His children. God knowing that we would need help sent Jesus to acquaint us with Him to help us to know that we can receive help in the time of trouble. Now if you want the presence of God to be with you, you've got to purify your heart. This means to not keep anything in your heart with bad intentions.

God will not help you if you reserve desires to enjoy sinful pleasure. You must have a mind that desires to please God when things are well, just as you did when you needed help.

Subject: Love From God:

By grace we are saved through faith that we have in what Jesus came and taught. The time is coming when God is going to climax His grace and His kindness towards us through Jesus Christ. The foundation of all of the teachings of Jesus Christ was to love one another.

Salvation is a gift from God that is activated in the lives of those who receive Jesus' teaching. Love is a gift from God that we will attract when we have a mind to obey God. You attract this love by believing the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the carrier of this love and it will find anybody who believes the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This love is so powerful that it will impregnate the sinful nature of humans, removing all hatred and malice, causing the person to be renewed in the spirit of their mind. Along with this love, the Holy Spirit will bring peace, joy, goodness, faith, longsuffering, gentleness, meekness and temperance (Galatians 5:22-23). You attract this love by having the spirit of willingness to obey the call of God.

Subject: God's Love Is Extended To Criminals As Well As Non-Criminals:

There are men in prison waiting to be executed for crimes that they committed. They have been judged by the law of the land. It does not matter who you are or what crimes you have committed, God judges all sins alike, whether you are a murderer, a liar, thief, adulterer, fornicator, or homosexual. God classes every sin alike, but the law of the land does not.

The reason that God considers all sins as being the same is because He cannot accept any sin in the kingdom of heaven. So, God sent Jesus into the world that you might not die an eternal death, which is the death of the soul.

Though the law of the land can sentence a person to death for a crime, such a person can repent and God will grant them forgiveness, and their soul can be saved though their physical body will die for the crime. This is because grace has been made available for every person regardless of their sins, or crimes that they have committed. All this was possible because of God's love for the world. God's love for the world is available for criminals and those who are not criminals.

Subject: The Offer Of God:

During this period of grace that God has granted to the world, we have a wonderful promise from God, which is everlasting life. Your physical life is wonderful, but it is limited. God has created human life in two parts. One part is the physical body, consisting of flesh blood, and the other part is the soul, mind or spiritual heart.

Your physical heart supplies blood for your physical body, which will give you a limited life on earth. However, your spiritual heart, which is your mind or soul sends orders to your physical body to do things. Such things can be right or wrong, unless your mind has been renewed by the Spirit of God to give your body members righteous orders. Your spiritual heart, soul, or mind is the permanent part of your existence. It will continue to live after your body dies. The spiritual part of your existence is what God wants to save and give eternal life to.

After God saves your heart or soul, He will also give it a new body like Jesus had after the resurrection. The new body will be an incorruptible body not consisting of blood, but receiving life by the Holy Spirit, which will make you able to live in heaven forever. All of the citizens of heaven such as angels, little children, and born again believers will have incorruptible bodies to live in heaven forever. This is what God is offering those who are willing to repent of their sins and believe the gospel.

Subject: The Offer From God Is Life More Abundantly:

The Bible is the only book that tells the truth. The Bible tells the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Most books tell things about men that will glamorize and glorify them, but the Bible only glamorizes and glorifies the person who does the right thing. The Bible teaches truth about human existence, and how that humans were born into an eternal trap, and that Christ is our only means of escape. Listen to Hebrews 2:3:

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

Salvation is deliverance from a condition that brings eternal damnation. God offers salvation in Jesus Christ for us to be delivered from the condition that we were not responsible for being born in, and if we neglect the plan there is no other means of escape from the conditions. The Bible teaches in (Titus 3:11) that the

grace of God which brings salvation is favor from God being offered to us to save us, but we must be willing to deny ungodliness, and worldly lust, that we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

The grace of God has appeared unto all men, not just some men. No matter who you are, or what your sinful condition might be, the grace of God can save you. God sent Jesus to bring grace that we might not die the eternal death of the soul. It was God's love that moved Him to offer this grace to a condemned world. (St. John 3:16) teaches that God so loved the world that He offered this grace that the world might have eternal life. Life is not just breathing and eating; it is offered in a more abundant way by the grace of God. Pleasures of this world are only for a limited time; but life that God is offering will be eternal joy in the Holy Ghost, and living in a habitation that is designed to last throughout eternity.

Subject: Wealth Cannot Save Your Soul:

All of the wealth that you acquire while you are living cannot save your soul. Your soul, mind, or spiritual heart is the eternal part of your existence that will be completely separated from all of the wealth that you acquired while living in this present world. Listen to St. Matthew 16:26:

Verse 26 - *For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

You won't be able to give anything to keep your soul from going to hell after your physical body dies if you don't allow Jesus to save your soul before you die. It will be a sad thing to know that you are lost when you approach death.

Today, people will do most anything to acquire wealth, and very little to secure their souls. It is not a sin to be wealthy, but it is foolish to allow wealth to cause you to lose your soul. Most people realize that they have to die, but they don't know when, therefore, they will go along in ignorance enjoying their wealth until death disrupts their limited pleasures.

Jesus is offering eternal blessings that can be enjoyed forever in the kingdom of heaven, but many will allow the deceitfulness of worldly wealth to distract them from the eternal blessings that Jesus is offering.

Subject: Follow God's Way And You Will Prosper:

The blessing of God will be with you if you follow God's judgment through life. People are having difficulties in life because they fail to follow God's discretion. Many are following their own discretion that leads them into hardships. If you don't accept the counsel of God, your judgment will be turned backward. When you accept God's judgment, He will forewarn you of the ways that are harmful.

Subject: A Holy Life:

Life is precious to everybody; even the smallest insect wants to live. Christ is the only one who can give us life eternally. Christ is holy and the life that He is offering is a holy life. If you don't desire to live a holy life in this present world, you can't receive life from Christ.

Listen to the invitation that Christ is offering to those who desire to receive this life that He is offering in St. Matthew 11:28-30:

Verse 28 - *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Verse 29 - *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

Verse 30 - *For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Jesus is extending this call by giving the invitation for God, that you might come unto Him and receive this new holy life.

Subject: The Last Gospel:

It is wonderful what prayer can do. When we pray, God will bless our labor so that others will hear our testimonies of salvation, forsake their sins, and accept the way of righteousness. It is our duty and pleasure to send the gospel message so that others can be blessed. We are busy day and night in business for the Lord,

endeavoring to be used by God to expose and destroy the works of the devil. Our message is that sin causes burdens and keeps people unhappy, and sin is of the devil. Thus, when people get sin out of their lives, they will also get the devil out.

This can be done effectively by the power of God, which is available to us through prayers. You can only properly pray to God when your life is sin-free. God will not hear a sinner pray. When you believe that the answer to your prayers will come it is to have faith. Prayers without faith is of no profit. When you do not have faith in your prayers, it is a waste of time to pray.

The secrets of God will be revealed to those who obey, have faith and pray. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the last gospel that the world will hear until Jesus' next appearance. This gospel must be accepted during this present time. This is the grace period that God has granted to the earth for people to repent and believe the gospel. This is the last chance for the unsaved to consider Christ.

This gospel was first proclaimed by John the Baptist when he cried for the people to repent (St. Matthew 3:1-2). This got the plan of God rolling. This introduced the offer that God was making to man to bring him back into fellowship with God. John introduced the gospel of Christ, and when Christ started preaching and teaching, He also cried to repent and that the kingdom of heaven was at hand (St. Mark 1:14-15).

The opportunity to enter the kingdom of heaven was being offered. The door of salvation was being opened. The people of the earth were being invited to enter. After Christ came, all the apostles followed preaching repentance also. This was the gospel. This was the message that would reconcile God and man. It was fresh, new and inviting then, and when Peter preached it on the day of Pentecost, three thousand souls were saved at a single meeting. In the centuries that followed, many thousands have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Today it is the last gospel because it is the only way that man might be saved. It is the last gospel because the time for preaching it is rapidly coming to an end. It is the last gospel because the opportunity to accept it and to be saved is closing in on the sinner. The last gospel is no different from the first, but the devil is busier and the pressure of sin on people is greater. Iniquity abounds, children are difficult to control, and wickedness abounds more today than in the days of Sodom. Though we have laws today to rule the actions of people, sin has gotten out of control, because most churches will not teach against sin so that people can clearly see the damage it is doing.

Subject: More About The Last Gospel:

The last gospel to be preached on earth will gather together every pure heart to be one in Spirit. It will call together a nation consisting of people from every tribe, tongue, and kindred worthy to be received in the presence of the Holy God. Its purpose will be to get all sin out of the hearts of those that it calls, because no sin can enter heaven.

The Lord promised to gather His sheep together who had been scattered in a dark and benighted world. They are now looking for the Lord as they hear His voice that they might be ready for His appearance. The Lord will live in those who receive His gospel. The day has come when those whom God has called will worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Subject: The Plan Of God Can Deliver Man From Sin:

Man is a sinner and God provided a plan for the salvation of man to deliver man from sin. Unless God gives man a preventive measure for keeping sin out of his life, sin will stay by man waiting for the chance to make another entry. Unless God gives a person the Holy Spirit, sin will follow the person everywhere they go. The world provides no way for the removal of sin. Sin stays by a man, and sin sticks close to man unless he has the power of the Holy Spirit to remove sin. You cannot get rid of sin without the help of God.

Sin has so much power that it took an extreme sacrifice from God to remove sin. Two parts of God's Trinity were commissioned by the Father to come to the earth to deal with sin. The first was Jesus, and the other was the Holy Ghost. God commissioned that the blood of Jesus Christ His Son has power to remove all sin, and the power of the Holy Spirit would keep sin from coming back after the blood has removed sin.

Subject: God's Foreknowledge:

When we were born into the world, we had to learn everything about our lives after we got here. God knew our names before we were born. God had complete knowledge of everything. Whenever a child has been aborted, God knew

about the child before it was born. The child's existence was in God's knowledge just as those who were living before the child was born. If the child is aborted, it will be according to God's knowledge that those who are guilty will be judged by God as murderers.

The shedding of innocent blood is offensive to God, and will be charged as a transgression against those who are responsible. The Lord has made known to the people of the world that before a child is born into the world, or before the child is formed in the womb, God knows the child's name and characteristics.

Every child is named by God before it is born. The name is put into the mind of the parents by God. After a child is born, the name that God has prepared for the child in heaven is the name that the parents believe they thought of, and is given to the child. In the book of Jeremiah 1:5 God said to Jeremiah, 'Before I formed you in the belly of your mother, I knew you. I named you, I sanctified you, I ordained you to be a prophet and selected you for a very important work'.

God gives gifts to every person who is born into the world. The gift is to enable the person to do something in building, promoting, and preserving the works of God. Some people are born with gifts for a special work. Listen to Jeremiah's purpose for being born in Jeremiah 1:9-10:

Verse 9 - Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

Verse 10 - See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

For those who work in the channel that they fit into by reason of their gift that is given by God, success in life will be inevitable. Of course, there are only a few that will be like Jeremiah who will be given a gift to the glory of God, to promote righteousness and to destroy sin. These are dedicated saints of God who are the only ones that really keep the peace. They labor day and night in spite of opposition, discouragement, and fatigue to rescue the perishing, care for the dying, to lift up the fallen, and to tell them of Jesus the mighty to save (Fanny J. Crosby and William H. Doane). When you have a gift, no one can do the job like you can. Others are misfits when they try to do the job like you.

Subject: The Star That Gave Light For Salvation:

Of all the stars that the world has ever known, there is one star that gave light to men that were lost in sin. We have movie stars and sports stars, but all of them fade and their light dies. However, the Star of the east, the great star, the star of Bethlehem, Jesus, brought light to men when they were in darkness.

The Star of the east represented the star that was called the 'bright and morning star' that shines on us as brightly as it shined that morning that he was born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger after being wrapped in swaddling clothes. Goodness and mercy will follow those who believe in His name and they will find pleasures and joy.

Subject: The Word Of God Was Made Flesh:

Listen to St. John 1:14:

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

His glory means God's glory. So the people at the time of Jesus' appearance could see God being made flesh from His word. Jesus was the living word of God. He was the glory as of the only begotten of God the Father.

Now God had created sons, but only one begotten Son. Adam was a created son, and so was the devil. Jesus was the word of God in heaven and when God wanted to make an appearance on earth, He allowed his Holy Spirit to convert His word into a human body that God might come down to the earth to teach and to associate with the people of the earth, so that they could see God in living form.

God did not come to the earth as a king or a ruler of the earth. He came as a humble associate of ordinary people and laid out a plan for the people to be saved, and the people could behold the glory of God. God demonstrated to the people that power from heaven does not have to be in the form of rulership, but in humility. So God did miraculous works before the people by giving sight to the blind, healing the lame, and feeding the poor.

By His Son coming from a very low social class, God demonstrated that righteousness has more power than wicked rulerships of unrighteous rulers. So then, God could then preach to the people that the righteousness from the kingdom

of heaven was greater than any power on earth, and could be implemented to the people by means of a lowly, humble servant from the least class of people during that time from a city called Nazareth.

Subject: God Is Ready To Reveal Himself To Those Who Obey Him:

If you have clean hands and a pure heart you can learn what you need to know about God. God is ready to reveal His reality to those who are willing to obey Him. If you are willing to walk uprightly and speak the truth, God will be present in your life. God does not come near people who are surrounded with sin and who do not desire to live free from sin.

As long as a person continues to sin, there is a great gulf between the person and God. However, when you put away your sins, your body, which is God's temple, becomes clean and God is pleased to dwell with you. When God begins to dwell with you, He reveals Himself in many wonderful ways. Many deep mysteries about God and His plan will be revealed to you to enrich your understanding of His word.

Many things that you were in the dark about concerning the knowledge of God will be brought to the light for you. You will then be keenly aware of the presence of God who, though being invisible to the natural eye, will be so real when you need comfort or deliverance from problems. God being your Father, would like to answer your questions concerning Him. You might want 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, so much sin in the world, and so much hypocrisy among people who represent themselves to be Christians, you might want to know when Christ is going to return to take the saints to be with Him.

These things about God and His relationship with man, which are alright for you to know, He will tell you, but things that are not for you to know, He will withhold. Jesus taught that we should recognize our relationship with God, and that God has deeper love and more profound understanding, and is always happy to be a Father to those who are willing to obey Him.

Subject: God Knows The Hearts Of The Worshipers:

Cain and Abel were taught about God, and that sacrifices were the proper way to worship and honor God. Abel brought the firstlings of his flock as a sacrifice, which were the best of his flock, and God had respect unto Abel's sacrifices. However, Cain brought the fruit of the ground that God did not accept, because Cain's heart was not in his sacrifices. Cain's worship services to God were perfunctory, or done without interest and respect to God.

When you worship God without a pure heart, it leaves you vulnerable to the devices of the devil. As a result of Cain's lack of love and respect for God, he became a murderer. When you don't do well, sin lieth at the door of your life, unto sin shall be your desire, and sin will rule over you. Listen to Genesis 4:7:

Verse 7 - If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Subject: The True Vine:

There is one who sits in heaven and holds immortality in His hands. He is the giver of life. God can save your soul according to His promise. Your soul is your life or mind. God can separate your soul from your body and give you a new body that will be able to live throughout eternity.

Jesus is the true vine that can give eternal life to those who receive His gospel. Listen to St. John 15:5:

Verse 5 - *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

God is the one who looks after the branches so that the vine will bear fruit. If you are connected to the vine you will bear fruit unto holiness. It will be the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). The word of God commands everybody who is connected to the vine to be Holy. 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.

Subject: What God Does For One He Will Do For All:

If you truly want to be saved, God will honor your confession, accept your repentance as an apology for your life of sin, and sanctify your soul. It will then be by the atonement of Jesus' blood on the cross that you will be made a new creature in Christ. What God does for one unsaved person He will do for all if they are sincere in their approach to the throne of grace. After you come to the knowledge of what pleases God and you have a mind to do according to the knowledge, God will save you.

Subject: Let Him That Is Athirst Come:

Salvation is available for everybody during this period of grace. Listen to Revelations 22:17:

Verse 17 - And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

It doesn't matter who you are or what your life of sin was like; whether you were a gambler, thief, liar, drunkard, gay adulterer, or a fornicator going to some Christian church hiding in the congregation, the word is inviting you to come and drink of the water of life freely. If you come to the throne of grace and believe the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit will give you the new birth.

When you make up your mind that you want to abstain from your former life of sin, the very God of peace will sanctify you wholly. This means that God will completely deliver you from sin, and your whole spirit, soul, and body will be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For those of us who are saved today it is because one day when we heard the word of God, it separated our minds from our previous life of sin. It set us apart from the sinful practices of the world, and we became saints of God.

Subject: Why Does Man Suffer?

In the beginning God forbade man not to do certain things, and He told him what would happen if he did. God made it plain to man that the day he did that which He commanded him not to do would be the day that man would die. Death can be a slow process. It is only sudden in an accident or war, but from the day that man is born into the world he begins to die.

Many people think that they have begun to live, but Adam's disobedience to God brought death upon all humans. Death starts its process immediately after a person is born. God is the producer of life, and death starts when God's holiness is violated. God's holiness is manifested to the world in His word, which is Jesus Christ.

Subject: Be Careful That You Don't Lose Your Soul:

Your soul is your life. Your soul is your mind, and the very core of your existence. Without your soul, you would not exist. If your soul is separated from your physical body your body would be lifeless. Jesus gave an evaluation of how much a person loves their soul. Listen to St. Matthew 16:26:

Verse 26 - *For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

Man loves his life more so than anything that he has. Your soul or life is a gift from God. God has given man the most precious gift that he has, and that is his life or soul. Your parents gave you your physical body, but your life comes from God. Your life is the thing that makes it so that you can enjoy your existence.

God gave man his life to enjoy. The value of a person's life is more precious than anything the person can acquire. To be a covetous person is to be deceived by the things a person desires to possess. A person should not want to

possess anything more than life, but if they are covetous they will lose their life. Such a person would have been deceived by the things of the world overlooking the fact that the most precious thing to acquire is eternal life for their soul.

So many people are deceived by covetousness. It is the worst sin that an individual can be made subject to. Other possessions that a covetous person desires will not make them happy if they lose their soul. To be covetous will cause the person to lose their soul.

Subject: Do You Know The Source Of True Hope?

No matter what the conditions of the world have done, there is still hope if you know the source of the hope. The conditions of the world are so bad that world leaders are trying to find out what to do next. If world leaders have confidence in anything other than the Lord, they will have no foundation to stand on.

If the Lord is your source of hope, it doesn't matter what happens, everything will turn out all right in the end for those who trust in the Lord. As long as your hands are clean and your heart is pure you are safe. You can then do what Psalm 4:8 teaches:

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

You will be able to sleep in peace, because your life is hid with Christ in God.

Subject: Where Did Jesus Come From?

Listen to how the greatest story that has ever been told was introduced to the world. "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus" (St. Luke 1:31). This story is being introduced to the world by an angel sent from God named Gabriel, and it reads as follows: "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" (St. Luke 1:32).

This is a great mystery. God's Son is being introduced as the Son of David. Now Jesus only became of the lineage of David because He was placed into human

existence to live in a flesh and blood body. Jesus was transferred from heaven from a spiritual body by means of the Holy Ghost to enter the human life cycle interrupting the family of David. Listen to where Jesus originated from before He was sent to the earth in St. John 1:1:

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

Notice, it's saying the word was God and is God, and will always be God, and without the word was not anything made that was made. This is where Jesus came from.

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

Jesus was the word of God in heaven, and was placed into the human family of David to administer salvation to the people of the earth.

Subject: The Importance Of A Mother:

Jesus was the only begotten Son of God that was made flesh. Jesus was made the living word of God so that the world could behold the glory of God in living form. God also had created sons such as angels and Adam. Lucifer was also a created son. The only way humans of the earth can become sons of God is that they must be born again. Adam was the only created son of God that was human. All others must be born again because they were born in sin.

God added a very important person to help the human race, and that was a woman. Adam did not have a mother to help him. When God sent Jesus to the earth, He had a holy, virtuous woman to be the mother of Jesus. If Adam had been under the love and guidance of a holy mother, he would not have been without good judgment. A mother gives a child guidance and good common sense. God took His word and wrapped it in a human body, and assigned a woman to guide His only begotten Son to be full of grace and truth.

Jesus came into the world and taught us the truth, because the world had been under the power of deception that the devil put into the world. Unless your religious teaching is under the principles that Jesus taught in His gospel, then your religious teaching is under the influence of Satan, and a false teaching. Jesus' teaching was the truth that could set us free from sin. Jesus taught us the truth, and extended grace to help us to receive the truth. If you accept Jesus' teaching, it will

lead you into regeneration. It will save you from the generation of sin that you were first born in. We were degenerated by the sin of Adam and the deception of the devil, but Jesus can regenerate us back into the family of God. When you are regenerated you are born again into a holy generation to live free from sin.

Subject: The Name Of Jesus:

God gave His Son a great name, and that name is Jesus. The name of Jesus is revered by the saints, and feared by the devils. Through the name of Jesus salvation came to man, and defeat came to the devil. The scriptures teach that there is no other name given under heaven whereby a man might be saved. Those who have confidence in the name will never be ashamed. It is such a great name that the word of God teaches that every knee must bow in submission, humility, and obedience to the name, and every tongue must confess that Jesus is the Christ. There is no greater name given under heaven.

The honor paid to Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem was befitting that of a great king. In that day, His subjects were the common people who heard Him gladly. He had blessed them with His wonderful message of salvation, comfort, and healing. In this day, His subjects consist of those who believe the gospel and walk accordingly in the strength of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus returns, He will gather His people of all nations, kindreds, and tongues. Those who have believed on His name will take part in a great and solemn ceremony to crown Him Lord of all.

Subject: Jesus Is The Only Way To See God:

You have to follow Jesus if you want to go to heaven. Jesus is the only one who can lead you to see God. Jesus has left instructions in the gospel directing you to the kingdom of heaven. There may be many religious teachings today that are not like what Jesus taught, and such teachings will not get you to heaven. You must follow the correct way to get to heaven, and the truth in Jesus' gospel will lead you the right way to get eternal life in heaven. Listen to St. John 14:6:

Verse 6 - Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Subject: The Wisdom Of God Leads To Salvation:

Jesus is the expressed image of God in the form of a Son given to be sacrificed for those who did not want him. Jesus must be accepted into the hearts of people to become their wisdom, because worldly wisdom leads you away from Jesus. Wisdom from above leads you to salvation by giving you a realistic understanding of what Jesus is offering.

Unless Jesus becomes your wisdom, it does not matter how well educated you are, you will remain without wisdom from God that could save you. The reason why the world is in the awful condition that it is in today is because the world is alienated from God through ignorance. Many leaders of the world have set themselves against the counsel of God, and have relied on war to solve their problems. This has been very unsuccessful. When the wisdom of God is rejected, it means the love of God has been rejected.

Subject: A Road To Nowhere:

If you are in a religious way and you have not found the truth, then it won't lead you to God. When you have not found the truth, it means you won't find the life that Jesus is offering. Under these conditions you would have lived for nothing. It is a complete waste of time living a life of sin that will not entitle you to receive eternal life. Have you ever been on a country road that did not take you anywhere? That is the way a life of sin will take you, unless you give your life to Jesus.

A life of sin is a road to nowhere. Jesus extends an invitation saying, whosoever will, let him come and partake of the water of life freely. If you expect to get eternal life, you will have to follow the foot prints of Jesus. Listen to Hebrews 7:25:

Verse 25 - Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him...

God only accepts a person to save when they come to God by Jesus Christ. All who try to get to God without Jesus Christ will be disappointed.

Subject: The Intercessor Is Available To Help Man:

When God commands us to do something we must do it. When we fail to do what God commands, problems in life will occur that we did not see evidence of happening at the time that we were given the command. Wickedness does not always appear to be damaging in its early stages. Man's knowledge is vain unless it is under the influence of the knowledge of God.

After Adam saw that his disobedience had led him to a dead end, he could find no recourse in his own knowledge to restore his life. After man comes to the realization that his knowledge is not worth much, he will be wise if he looks for an intercessor. God saw that man would end up in this predicament, and He prepared an intercessor for man; this intercessor is Christ.

Subject: There Is No Better Friend Than Jesus:

The question might come to your mind that if Jesus died to save you, why shouldn't you obey His gospel? The only thing that you have to do to get the benefits from Jesus' death is to obey His gospel. Jesus made a sacrifice that would deliver us from eternal damnation, and all we have to do is to obey what He instructed us to do to receive the benefits from His death.

After you repent of your sins, Jesus will be your companion for the remaining of your life in this world. You won't find a friend on earth like Jesus. The name of Jesus is so powerful that all you have to do is obey His gospel, and power will come by the Holy Spirit to help you through any problem that you might have.

Jesus had a friend named Lazarus who died. As Lazarus' family members wept, Jesus informed them that He was the administrator of the resurrection, and that God had given Him power to resurrect anybody who died at any time. After Jesus prayed for Lazarus, he arose from the grave. Jesus' love was so great for His friend that He knew that he would not forsake His friend. If Jesus is your friend, He will not forsake you.

Though many that have been saved are asleep, resting in paradise, Jesus will see to it that they will awaken at the sound of the trumpet to be in the first resurrection to go to heaven. Jesus will not only be with you while you are living in this world, but He will go with you through the valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23:4).

Subject: A Fool Can Be Saved If They Believe The Plan Of God:

The plan of salvation that was instituted by the Lord is so simple that a wayfaring man, or fool will not go wrong if they follow it. They only have to believe the plan, and the word of God will direct them into salvation. Evidence that a person believes the plan is that they will obey the instructions in the plan.

God sent Jesus into the world, and no man ever spoke or taught as He taught. Those who heard Him had to bear witness that this man is not from any college here on earth. They considered that He must have received the knowledge that He was teaching from a source higher than any source that this world could offer. Yet many did not believe Him; but as many as believed Him, He gave them power to be saved from their sins.

Today, anybody who believes the gospel of Jesus Christ can receive the same power to be saved. The power of God clearly removes all confusion from your mind, and implants the new-birth in your life. Such people will then receive further witnesses as they read the Bible and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. They will find that everything the Bible teaches is true.

Subject: Good News:

God sent Jesus into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil. After Jesus came, the devil realized that there was power that he could not contend with in the name of Jesus. It is by the name of Jesus that people could be saved from the miseries brought into the world by Satan. It was because Jesus was born that we have the availability of grace, which is a plan of liberty given by God.

Jesus' ministry to the world allows the presence of the Holy Spirit to be the controlling force of the world that can bring the new-birth into the life of anybody who believes the gospel of Jesus Christ. When the Holy Spirit has sought out a person to save, the devil can do nothing to interfere. Those who want to be saved have a free course to obtain salvation, because God is going to completely eliminate the devil by the power and might of Jesus Christ. Those of us who have already experienced salvation in Jesus Christ can sing glory to God in the highest and good news of peace to the earth.

Subject: Only The Instructions That Christ Gave Will Take You To Heaven:

All of those who do not follow the procedures for salvation according to the instructions given by God for such things as baptism of water will not be included in the plan of salvation. Those who have not been baptized according to the word of God have rejected the counsel of God, and have chosen to follow the erroneous counsel of false religious leaders. However, if such people love God, and truly desire to be saved, it is possible to correct the error and to restore themselves in the favor of God after they have been given the proper instructions and follow them.

Jesus gave the proper instructions to the disciples on how baptism should be performed. The instructions were to baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Now those who are teaching that baptism should be in the name of Jesus only are baptizing the people to go to hell. Such people cannot honor Jesus by baptizing in His name only when they are rejecting the instructions that Jesus gave.

To honor Jesus means that you must honor what Jesus taught. To follow any religious teachings based on instructions that are contrary to what Jesus taught will lead you to hell. Such church organizations that teach contrary to what Jesus taught are the gates of hell.

Subject: Baptism:

There are so many religious denominations today that people have interpreted the word of God to suit themselves. They have established religious teachings and faiths that are in harmony with their carnal ways of living. Such religious faiths are according to their righteousness, but not the righteousness of God. A religious leader has to be called by God to present a true teaching of salvation. Only the Holy Spirit can establish a religious teaching that will give salvation in Jesus Christ.

Baptism is an essential ordinance in the plan of salvation, and it is often administered contrary to the way that it was originally presented by John the Baptist. The council of heaven detailed and ordained baptism for a significant purpose, which is not valid unless it is observed and conducted according to the directions given. There are many who conduct baptismal services so that the job

might be convenient and easy by pouring water, or sprinkling water on the heads of the subjects.

God originated baptism, not Christ, not John, or the disciples. When a religious leader refuses to baptize according to the procedure and plan of God, such a leader has rejected the counsel of God. Therefore, God will refuse to honor or recognize him as having completed His instructions for his salvation and those to whom he is administering baptism.

There is only one way to do a work that will please God, and that is to do it the way God has instructed. When worshipers are not properly informed, they are very easily misled from the plan of God. All trails lead away from God when we disobey the word of God. God sent John to baptize, he did not initiate a ministry for his own ambition as many religious leaders are doing today with no knowledge or understanding, neither authority from God.

John had authority and instructions from the originator of baptism. Baptism is a symbol of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It can only be properly conducted when the subject is submerged under the water, symbolizing Jesus' death and burial, and afterward being brought up out of the water symbolizing Jesus' resurrection.

Instructions were also given that baptism should be done in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. However, there are some religious denominations that are baptizing in Jesus' name only. They are cutting God and the Holy Spirit out, but in actuality they are cutting themselves out of the plan of salvation.

This symbol of baptism is a memorial that should be observed that we might keep in mind the burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Everything that is done honoring the sacrifice that Jesus made must be done according to the scriptures just as Jesus was crucified according to the scriptures.

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

When you believe what Jesus taught, your faith will cause the plan of salvation to fall in place in your life. Jesus said to His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. Baptism in water would be a symbol of Jesus' burial and resurrection that would be a testimony of the belief. The new-birth in Christ is initiated by your belief.

Jesus gave instructions to His disciples before leaving the earth, letting them know how to be ready for His second return whether they were living or dead. He told them to let not their hearts be troubled, for if they believed in God, that they must also believe in Him. This was because God sent Him to bring instructions on what to do to be ready.

Jesus explained to them that this world would end, and that He was preparing a place in His kingdom for those who would be saved. Today, those who believe the messages that Jesus gave to His disciples will also receive a place in the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: How Do I Reach God?

Since God cannot be reached by natural means, as you reach a neighbor, friend or doctor, and since circumstances often arise making it necessary to reach Him, you should be seriously concerned about how you can reach your heavenly Father in the event of an emergency. First, you must be conducting your business and affairs of life to please your heavenly Father. This must be done in such a way that you are completely dependent upon God. You cannot please your heavenly Father if you feel self-supporting because you have a good job, and you are able to pay for everything that you need.

You cannot feel self-sufficient. When you are self-sufficient, your faith is not true faith. Such faith did not come from the Holy Spirit, it came from you only. Even though your life is sin-free, your faith must be true. Being self-sufficient is self-righteousness. You must always feel the least among many, so urgently dependent upon God.

When you are completely dependent upon God, you will feel a need to reach Him when you need Him, which will be often. You must then be certain when you strike up a conversation with Him in prayer that He sees your humble heart and hears the message you wish to convey, and that you are sure you have maintained your integrity to the extent that when He hears you, He is ready to dispatch an angel to bring the answer forthwith.

Since you cannot send Him a letter or call Him on the phone, you must reach God through prayer. Jesus taught that men ought to always pray and not faint. Your prayers must be after the example that Jesus prayed when He was on the earth. Prayer must sometimes be with fasting, faith, dependence, and humility. Jesus' prayer was always to the end that a spiritual blessing might come to the person He was praying for. Jesus said we should seek first the kingdom of God

and His righteousness, and anything else we actually desired would come without praying.

When you pray, your prayers should have the quality necessary to actually reach the throne of God. This can only happen when you get adequate help from the Holy Spirit. Listen to Romans 8:26-27:

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

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

This scripture clearly reveals that it is not the English, French or language we use that God understands, neither is it the volume of the tone that will move God to pick up the message, as though we were at a great distance, or if we are highly emotional. Our inability to pray is so obvious that Paul calls it our infirmity. Our heavenly Father is so moved by our inability to pray that He allows the Holy Spirit to help us.

Words don't mean anything, because they can be dressed-up and mixed with emotions to exaggerate the condition to play upon the sympathy of God. So then, what is it that helps our prayer to get through to God? Our prayers should be like our lives; they must be above sin; our prayers must be by the power of God. When we are born again, our new-birth is by the power of the Holy Spirit, which gives us power to live free from sin. Our prayers should be sin-free, just as our lives are by the same power of the Holy Spirit.

Our prayers must not be tainted with selfishness, greed, revenge, or emulations, but these things often creep in unnoticed, and they are covered over so carefully by words we use that it is impossible for us to recognize them later. However, when the Spirit makes intercession for us, it sometimes discards our words altogether with groanings or utterances in the language of heaven that are clearly acceptable and understandable to God. God takes the appropriate action that is in line with His plan and our prayer is answered according to the will of God.

Subject: Prayers Offered According To God's Word Will Be Answered:

There are many Christians who pray and do not get an answer. It is necessary that those who attempt to pray have an understanding of how to get a prayer through that they might not pray in vain. When you learn to pray in accord with the word of God, you will receive an answer.

First you must be sure that your life is sin free. God does not hear a sinner pray (St. John 9:31). Next, your prayers must not be selfish. You should ask for what you desire in Jesus' name. When you ask in Jesus' name it means you are willing to use what you ask for as Jesus leads you to use it. Your prayers must be like your life, which should be sin free. If your prayers are selfish, they are not sin free. Your request to God should be for people who need the blessings more so than you need them.

Subject: The Spirit Has To Make Intercessions To God For Your Prayers:

You must be filled with the Holy Spirit in order for your prayers to reach God. You cannot pray without the assistance of the Holy Spirit. You have to be taught to pray by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit must lead you to pray. The Lord's Prayer was given to teach you how to properly arrange and present your prayers.

It is the Holy Spirit that prays by putting the prayer in your mind. If there are things that you need and are not knowledgeable of, the Holy Spirit will present such things to God. The Holy Spirit will make utterances and groans within you which the Lord interprets into a language and request that is acceptable to God. Listen to Romans 8:26-27:

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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.

Unless someone who has the Holy Spirit prays for you, you have no help, because your prayers do not go through.

Subject: A Sinner's Prayers Will Not Reach God:

It is important to understand how to communicate to God. Prayer is the means by which man can reach God. God is never too busy to hear a prayer that has been properly presented. It is a complete waste of time to present a prayer to God if you are a sinner. Sin closes the line of communication between man and God. You can only pray to God and get an answer when your prayers are according to God's holiness. The requirement to reach God according to His holiness is to be sin-free.

The word of God teaches that God will not hear the prayers of a sinner in St. John 9:31:

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

Now there are many prayers that are not answered, because they are presented contrary to what God requires. You must be a righteous person, and living a sin-free life in order to get God's attention. Listen to Psalm 34:15:

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

The Lord watches over the righteous, and He listens when they pray, but God does not hear a sinner pray.

Subject: God Gives You Credit For Being Perfect When You Believe That You Can Be Perfect:

Many people think that they are serving God when they pray. Prayer is a privilege and a part of what salvation offers, but it is not the substance of salvation.

Such worshipers who think that prayer is serving God will on many occasions allow sin to be a part of their religion along with prayer.

Now God is not against a praying sinner, but He will not hear their prayers as long as sin is a part of their approach to the throne of grace (St. John 9:31). Sin can deceive and cause a worshiper to believe that God will hear and answer their prayers while they are living contrary to His command. The moment that Abram believed that he could be perfect, and did what God had commanded him to do, God counted his belief as righteousness and perfection.

God makes that same promise to you and me today. He says that if you believe that you can be perfect, you will do what He commands you to do; and because of that belief He will help you carry out His commands. Listen to Romans 10:10:

Verse 10 - For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;
and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

God will count you as a righteous man or woman, because you believe in His power to keep you doing right. The evidence of your belief in God is that you will obey Him. When you acquire the mind to obey, and you perceive that you are obeying, it will be because God is helping you to obey.

Your initial part of the obedience will be your belief and your willing mind; the success in your obedience will be the power of God working in you to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Subject: Pray For Those Who Don't Know God:

If you obey God and treat your fellow man right, God will put peace, joy and happiness in your heart by the power of the Holy Spirit. You must love everybody, treat everybody right, and not allow hatred into your heart, and God will bless your heart to be filled with the joy of the Lord. You must have faith and pray that the judgments of God may not come upon those who do not love their fellow man, because the judgment of God is eternal.

Pray for the person who does not know God. When you are not considerate of your fellow man, you are not wise. All men are alike in birth and death, and if they obey God, they will be alike in eternity.

Subject: Faith Is Confidence In The Name Of Jesus:

When you trust and obey the word of God, you are safe. Trusting and obeying God establishes you on a foundation known as faith. God has so fixed the plan of salvation that when you have faith, nothing can remove you from the plan. Faith is confidence in the promises of God, and confidence gives you strength. God has given us a name that we can have confidence in, and that name is Jesus.

God has put power in the name of Jesus that is greater than anything that opposes the name. Nobody can reject Jesus and be successful. The power in Jesus' name is manifested in His character, and His deeds. God gets behind the deeds manifested in the name of Jesus, and causes the deeds to excel above all else in the world. There has never been anything greater than the deeds that Jesus has done, and is doing for those who obey His word.

Subject: The Righteousness Which Is Of Faith:

When Abraham was ninety-nine years old, God appeared unto Abraham and commanded him to be perfect. There are many today who contend that nobody can be perfect. I would recommend that such people tell God that nobody can be perfect; being that God is the one who gave the commandment. Listen to Genesis 17:1:

Verse 1 - And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God, walk before me, and be thou perfect.

We cannot obey most commandments that God gives us unless He helps us. If we could, then we would be self-righteous. In order to be saved, our righteousness must be of God, which means God must have a part in our obedience to Him. Under these conditions we will be found in Him not having our own righteousness, but the righteousness which is of faith (Philippians 3:9).

Prior to God giving anyone a command to do anything, He has decided to help the individual to carry out the command, if the person is willing to obey. The primary requirement for coming to God to be saved is a willing mind.

Subject: God Accepts A Humble Mind:

If a person who is conceited or smart tries to study the scriptures, the scriptures will sometimes read backward and be confusing to them. You can only understand the Bible with a humble mind. You cannot come to God with worldly wisdom. God will not reveal the knowledge of His word to such people.

You must first believe the word of God, and then let God give you what He wants you to receive. God will then give you what He wants you to know by means of your faith, and His grace will be upon you.

Subject: A Test Will Make You An Honest Person:

God made us with various limitations and abilities for the specific purpose of making us depend upon one another. If everybody could do everything for themselves, this would be a selfish world. However, God has fixed it so that I have to depend upon you for some things, and you have to depend upon me for some things in order that we can live a comfortable, unselfish life.

When you learn of God's ways of dealing with man, you will have a contented mind. God will increase your possessions after He allows you to be tried. The test will make you an honest person, and others will respect and depend upon you when you are honest.

Subject: The Instigator Of Temptations:

The old serpent called the devil is the instigator of temptations. Satan does not have to sleep, so he is busy day and night preparing temptations for every person who is in their right mind. Satan knows that temptations can result to a lot of damage in the lives of those who do not overcome; so he dishes them out with the chance that we might not overcome.

Your temptations will be in line with whatever your spiritual weaknesses are. The act must be sinful or something that will lead you to commit sin. Temptations are presented according to the desires of the human nature, and such desires presents pleasures of the flesh which are forbidden by the word of God.

Such desires to satisfy these enticements come from the carnal nature. When God saves you He gives you the Holy Spirit that takes away your desires to

please the carnal nature. This power will keep you alert to temptations and strengthen your desire to resist such temptations.

Subject: Obedience To God Takes You Into The Righteousness Of God:

When you obey God, you will enter into the righteousness of God. We are then counted worthy of the inheritance of the saints, and will be prepared to meet Jesus in the first resurrection. Now after you become a worshiper of God, and a follower of Christ living in full obedience, you will eventually encounter adversity from the devil.

In your hour of temptation, which you will have, you can pray for help, and God will hear you if you have been obedient. You will need help when temptations are presented, and you will get help if you do not yield. You can call on the Lord when you are being tempted and He will help you and give you strength. When you don't yield to temptations, it means that you are yielding to God, and He will deliver you.

Subject: Divine Love:

Human love is limited. It has natural affections for certain people, but is not extended to others. Human love is usually for family members. Divine love is of God and it is not selfish or limited. It is universal love that will be given not just to a relative, but to those who oppose you. Divine love is interested in the soul or the spiritual part of a person. Divine love has a quality which does not change just because people change. Therefore, with divine love, you would not stop loving a person just because the person stopped loving you. Divine love would not change even if your neighbor mistreated you.

Divine love has power to make your heart happy, because it is not adulterated with jealousy, envy, and other carnal ways that would tarnish or corrupt it. Divine love is among the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is pure, clean, holy, and it keeps the person who has it the same way. A person who has divine love is born again, and they would not use divine love to abuse, exploit or mistreat another

person. They would use divine love to help, bless, and lead another person to Christ.

Divine love makes you understand that those who do not love you are ignorant and void of understanding spiritual qualities that the Holy Spirit produces. Such people would be in the flesh, which is contrary to the Spirit of God. Their attitude in defiance of divine love will destroy them in their ignorance, and not the ones that they mistreat, though they may try to oppose the person with divine love.

God takes care of the individual that possesses divine love. God gives grace to the person to whom He gives divine love to bear whatever opposition that comes against them, and He allows the opposers of those who have divine love to be judged according to their conduct. God will suffer retribution to overtake anyone who harms those who have divine love. Their retribution will be the product of their offenses against those who have divine love.

Nobody can successfully harm a person who has divine love, and is a follower of that which is good. Divine love will empower those who have it to bless those who curse them, and to pray for those who spitefully use and persecute them. It is not actually those who have divine love that the persecutors hate, but Christ in them.

Subject: God's Love Is Manifested By Chastisement:

If you are not saved, the word of God may sound like it is coming from your enemy. The word may sound like it is putting you down. If you are living in sin, you are already down. If you would accept the correction that the word of God gives, it will bring you up. God shows His love to the unsaved person by correcting them from a life of sin.

A parent who sees a child doing wrong, and fails to correct the child does not love the child. Listen to Hebrews 12:6-8:

Verse 6 - For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

If you can tolerate the correction that the word of God gives without being offended, God will save you.

Verse 7- If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with

sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Verse 8 - But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Subject: Peace Does Not Come By The Sword:

Man has built up systems on the earth to govern his fellow man, but unless man is subject to God, nobody can govern him. The problems of the world exist because the government of God has not been taught to most people. Guns and weapons of war will not prevent the problems of the world. Jesus said to Peter at the gate of Gethsemane, to put up again thy sword into his place for all they that take the sword shall perish by the sword (St. Matthew 26:52).

History gives an account of world leaders who were not successful in governing their nations with weapons. Hitler, Mussolini, Napoleon, Alexander the Great, and Kaiser all tried to rule the world with a sword, and they were not successful. Those who fight with the sword shall perish by the sword. Mussolini died with his head down and his feet up. Hitler was reported as having been killed by his chauffeur and burned up.

Jesus spoke these words and all you have to do is to believe and you will have peace. People in nations all over the world are trying to have peace by the sword, and their efforts are failing.

Subject: All Things Will Be New In The New Creation Of God:

God is not going to allow this present world to be restored in the spirit of what it is presently existing. There will be no need to build another kingdom for men to live as they live in this world. God sent Jesus to teach the gospel of the kingdom to come that will be in a new heaven and earth.

The teachings of the government of heaven is that those who are willing and ready to do God's will are going to experience joy, peace and happiness forever. Such people who have been born again as a result of receiving Jesus' teaching are experiencing joy, peace, and happiness in their hearts as a witness that Jesus' teaching is true.

Those who are saved in this present world can have faith and pray that the judgment of God may not come upon those who don't love their fellow man, because the judgment of God is eternal. We must pray for those who do not recognize God.

Subject: Blessings From God:

When you obey God, He places you on a course in life and prepares blessings on the course. As you follow the course and the way the Holy Spirit leads you, you will receive blessings from God. Your movements through life will cause you to encounter the blessings. You will not see the blessings as you first get on the course, but as you stay on the course, the blessings will overtake you.

You will not get all the blessings that God provides, because you will not need them. However, as you stay on the course, whatever you need God will provide. You will be blessed according to your ability to manage the blessings. God is a just God; if you get on the right path, you will prosper. Now God keeps a record of the way that you live, and your obedience to God is considered as honor to God.

The word of God teaches that they that serve God are God's children, and after your life on earth ends, God has blessings for you in His kingdom. Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has it entered the heart of man what God has in store for those who honor, respect and obey Him. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and if you prove to be faithful down here, where the wicked are raging, He will fix it so that one day you will be permanently delivered from this wicked world.

CHAPTER 7

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Subject: “The Prophet”:

God has men in every age to whom He has revealed His secrets; they are called prophets. The purpose for God revealing His secrets to them is that they might warn those who might be in danger. A prophet of God is not sent to entertain church folk with sermons to get an “amen”; they send messages like a radar to inform the people of what is coming that will be a danger to them.

If the prophet fails to warn the people of the possible destruction that will be coming upon them, God will require their blood at the hands of the prophet. The prophet will be responsible for the destruction that will come upon the people, because he would have failed to warn them, and the prophet will be judged with the disobedient people. Listen to Ezekiel 18:4:

Verse 4 - Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father,
so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that
sinneth it shall die.

Soul means life, and when a soul dies in sin, it will be separate from God eternally. Life with God consist of joy, peace, and happiness in the Spirit of God. Without the Holy Spirit of God you cannot live with God.

Subject: Prisoners Of Their Regimes:

History gives the record of the past, we know the present based upon what we see, but only God knows the future. God reveals the future to us by means of prophets. Those of you who know about eagles know that they have wonderful visions, and can see a storm coming long before anyone else can. The eagle will then seek a resting place high in a tree, or on a mountain so that it can have a clear view of the sky. When the storm approaches the eagle will fly high above the storm, above the clouds in the sunlight.

So like the eagle, the prophet Isaiah gave prophecies that were so far in distance that generations had passed before some of his prophecies came to pass. The words spoken by Isaiah concerning the end of this world in which we

presently live, were spoken 735 years before the birth of Christ. Listen to Isaiah 24:21-22:

Verse 21 - And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

Verse 22 - And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

There are kings and rulers now in this day in which we live being punished by their subjects. They have been dethroned and are fleeing from one country to the other. They are prisoners of their own regimes.

Subject: The Word Of The Lord:

When a God sent preacher is preaching, he is speaking the words from God. The God sent preacher is inspired, taught and led by the Holy Spirit to speak the words of God. Listen to Jeremiah 2:1-2:

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

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

God speaks to His prophets, and His prophets convey the messages to the people. The word of the Lord does not come from the mind of the prophet, but the voice of the prophet. The Bible is a manifestation of the mind of God.

The prophet Isaiah said, “a virgin shall conceive” (Isaiah 7:14). A man will not likely make a statement like this. When the word of the Lord came unto Isaiah, no matter how contrary the words were to his belief, he spoke and said, “a virgin shall conceive”. The message was that God was going to give a sign that He would be coming to the earth and he shall be Immanuel, which meant God would be with the people of the earth. God authenticated Isaiah’s prophecy 740 years later when Jesus was born of a virgin.

FALSE PREACHERS:

Subject: The Signs Of Jesus Coming Will Be False Preachers:

Jesus taught that one of the things that will distract people from the signs of His coming would be false preachers. False preachers are the most dangerous personnel in our society. Listen to what Jesus is teaching in St. Matthew 24:4-5:

Verse 4 - And Jesus answered and said unto them, *Take heed that no man deceive you.*

Verse 5 - *For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; And shall deceive many.*

Such preachers will use Jesus' name to lead people the wrong way by giving false religious teachings. The teachings of the word of God from the Original King James Version of the Bible will be the only accurate knowledge of how to be ready when Jesus returns.

Under the leadership of false preachers, sin will be preeminent in their churches. There are few preachers that are sent by God who will preach the true gospel. God will only send true preachers of the gospel according to the number of people that are willing to follow the truth. When there are not many true preachers it means that there are not many people who would follow the truth.

Subject: Have You Seen Jesus?

If you have ever heard the gospel preached by a Holy Ghost filled preacher you should have been able to see Jesus. I am endeavoring to make you see Jesus as our Savior. You can see Jesus with your mind rather than with your eyes. When you see Jesus, you must believe in His teaching and He will show you the way to God. Everybody who hears and believes in the teachings of Jesus will one day see God. Before you can see God, you must first see Jesus.

People are having many problems in life because they have not seen Jesus. Jesus is the word of God. When you hear the word of God preached by a Holy Ghost filled preacher, the word of God will give you a picture of Jesus and show you a highway to God. If folk are going to church, and they have not seen Jesus it is because of a false preacher who is not filled with the Holy Ghost. Today the world is confused because they have not seen Jesus. They are under the influence of false preachers who use the name Jesus, but they do not have the Spirit of God that gives power to the name of Jesus. Such preachers use the name as a decoy to deceive the people like hunters use decoys when they go duck hunting to deceive other ducks to come into shooting distance.

Preachers that use decoys give a false representation of Jesus. Such preachers can divert people from the love of God, and they will not see Jesus, they will see decoys or false signs of Jesus. The devil has so many false preachers available today that people don't know the true signs of Jesus. Such false preachers have been deceived by the devil, and the devil is using them to deceive people. These preachers are decoys. They are set up in churches to draw people away from the teachings of the truth that Jesus brought to the world.

Subject: Is Your Church Carnal?

You might feel like you can make it through this world by your own human strength and ability, but being human you need help as you go along. A day will come when you will realize that even human abilities will fail you. God has promised those who obey Him that He will grant them help at a time of need. If God is not working by means of the church that you are attending, then that church is not a means by which God is extending help to those who attend it.

Help from God is given by means of the Holy Ghost that does not necessarily work through a church organization. The Holy Ghost can work for you directly in your private life if you repent of your sins. When you repent, you do not have to repent in a church. You can repent at home, and God will send the Holy Spirit to you while you are home to help you.

You will not likely get help from God unless you are acquainted with the Holy Ghost. In the days of the early Christians, when Apollos passed through Corinth, he found the people worshiping God by praising His name, but because the power of the Holy Spirit was not in the church, the people were not saved. There is only one power to keep the church spiritual with saving power and that is the Holy Spirit.

If the Holy Spirit is not in the church, there will be nothing in the church that would give the worshipers the new-birth. The Holy Spirit takes carnality out of the church, and gives the church spiritual life from God. God's church is not actually built with wood and stones, but with people who are lively stones, united as the body of Christ. Those who are filled with the Holy Spirit are God's building. God does not dwell in temples made with hands. He dwells in the hearts of human beings.

Our spiritual hearts are our minds that do not pump blood, but they carry our morals or sense of right and wrong. Our spiritual hearts or minds are the control center for our thoughts. When God dwells in the heart of an individual, He is in the mind of the person.

CHAPTER 8

SALVATION: SPECIAL TOPICS

Subject: A Nation Is Blessed By God By Means Of A Godly Leader:

God gave the nation of Israel a king because they requested a king, and they did not want God to continue to send them orders from a prophet. God gives a nation the kind of leader to rule them based upon the kind of people that are in the nation. Samuel was a prophet that brought orders to the nation of Israel from God, but the people of Israel requested a king instead of a prophet. Therefore, God sent Samuel the prophet to anoint Saul to be king. As long as Saul obeyed God, Samuel commended him to the people. However, the day that God commanded Saul to utterly destroy the Amalekites, their cattle and king Agag, which were enemies of Israel, Saul disobeyed God by sparing king Agag and the best of his flock.

When the leader of a nation is disobedient to God, the people of the nation will have to suffer for the disobedience of the leader, because the blessing of God comes to a nation by means of the discretion that God gives the leader. A nation cannot be blessed by God with an ungodly leader. After Saul disobeyed God, the nation of Israel had more problems than they had when Samuel was bringing the nation orders from God.

Subject: The Choice Is Made By God:

There are many people who believe that God has nothing to do with the governments of the world. They believe that the governments of the world must be run by politicians and world leaders. There are two kinds of governments of the world. When people of America are electing a leader for the nation, there are campaigns and great demonstrations while they are choosing a leader. However, if you study the word of God, you will see that God rules the minds of the people. God Himself is the one who actually chooses the ruler or president. Though the people cast their votes for the leader, it is God who makes the decision by reason of His control over the minds of people.

The people who are not knowledgeable of God's way of doing things might think that they are choosing the leader, but it is actually God who makes the choice. The kind of leader that God chooses will be determined by the kind of people that are in the nation. If the people have been ungodly, then God will choose a leader that is ungodly for the people.

Subject: Why Some Angels Left The Kingdom Of Heaven:

The first man left God because of a woman. Women carry the power of influence for men as well as angels. Angels are masculine like men, and at one time were attracted to the charm of the females on the earth. When angels were created, there were no females in existence, neither in heaven or earth. There were no female angels created in heaven for male angels to be attracted to. Listen to Genesis 6:1-2:

Verse 1 - And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

Verse 2 - That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

Now there are many preachers who teach that you are going to be an angel when you die, but that is not true. It is not God's plan nor purpose that humans on the earth be angels, but that they be holy. God in the beginning created angels and afterward created man.

Angels are spiritual beings created to be a part of the heavenly habitation, and man is a human being created to live on the earth. God gave earthly men a desire to have a woman as a wife to perpetuate the human population on the earth. Heaven did not have female angels for procreation like the earth, because God created as many angels in heaven as He desired.

Now some angels left heaven because they desired to have a female, and others left heaven because they followed the revolution that Satan initiated in heaven. The angels that are referred to in Genesis 6:1 left heaven voluntarily, because they were attracted to the women of the earth, and took on a citizenship on earth like men of the earth. Jude 1:6 teaches that these angels kept not their first estate in heaven, but left their habitation because of women on the earth. However, God has also reserved these angels in everlasting chains just as He did the angels that left with Satan. Jude 1: 6 reads as follows:

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

Now listen to how the angels who left heaven for women of the earth are going to get the same judgment as the angels that left with Satan. Listen to II Peter 2:4:

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

This is the group that left with Satan, and were forced out of heaven, but those who left for the females voluntarily are going to receive the same judgment.

Subject: How Did Angels Leave Heaven?

All angels are masculine like men. When angels were created there were no females in existence, neither in heaven nor in the earth. There are preachers who teach that when you die, you are going to be an angel, but this is not true according to the scriptures.

The scriptures teach very plainly that God created angels as the sons of God and afterwards created man; and that some angels kept not their first estate but left their own habitation. These angels were not put out of heaven, they left voluntarily. The angels initially abandoned their citizenship in heaven, and were attracted to the humans. They voluntarily gave up their positions in heaven when they saw beautiful women on the earth (Jude 1:6).

Now there was another group of angels that was banished from heaven and forced out because they were a part of the revolution in heaven that Satan initiated (II Peter 2:4). These angels became devils because they were cast out with Satan for being rebellious. Now seeing how God cast out angels in heaven for being rebellious, I wonder how people on the earth who live in sin think that God will take them into heaven as sinners.

Angels were called sons of God, morning stars who worked with God before the earth was created. God created heaven and filled it with countless millions of angels who move about heaven, and the earth as representatives of God. They were created in the likeness of God. After grace was given to those who were saved, they are also considered as sons of God just as angels.

Subject: A Friend Would Betray Christ:

Why would Judas betray Christ? Judas Iscariot was one of the twelve who went to the chief priests to betray Christ. The human mind is so fragile that it can be persuaded to do the most foolish things. Judas had eternal life right at his availability, and he could be in paradise today resting and waiting for the first resurrection.

There was no doubt in Judas' mind that Christ was the Son of God, because Judas witnessed the miraculous works of Christ first hand; yet he betrayed Christ for 30 pieces of silver. Money made an eternal fool out of Judas just as it is doing many people today. The conveniences of money will only last for a limited period of time, but eternal life is infinite; and like many people today Judas gave up eternal life for money.

Judas was ordained with the eleven disciples to be saved as he followed and ministered with Christ. It just so happened that Judas turned out to be the son of perdition which was spoken of before he was born; but Judas was not forced to be the son of perdition, it was his choice. God knew that Judas would make such a choice so He ordained the plan of salvation to be developed from Judas' stupid choice to betray Christ.

Judas did not have to betray Jesus anymore than anybody is forced to rebel against God. The betrayal could have been any one of the other apostles, but Judas fulfilled the prophecy of God that said a friend would betray Him.

Subject: Parents Look At Your Child:

The value of a child is far above anything else that might be given to a father and mother on earth. There is nothing on earth that a father and mother can gain by their efforts that is more valuable than a child that God has given them. When a God given child is properly guided and governed as God ordained, such a child will be a comfort and blessing to the parents. A properly reared God given child will attract the attention of the world by means of the gift that God has given the child.

When Moses was born, he had been so well cared for that he attracted the attention of the Pharaoh's daughter. Moses was healthy and attractive. Israel at this time was in Egypt, and the command of the Pharaoh had been given that all of the male Hebrew children should be destroyed. The mother of Moses loved her child so much that she hid her child in a bulrush near the place where the

Pharaoh's daughter had to pass to take her baths. Moses' mother put him near this place so that the Pharaoh's daughter might see the basket and have compassion for the child.

When parents are interested in their children so is God. God directed Moses' mother because He had a plan for Moses. Moses was born for a purpose and the purpose was fulfilled by God because Moses' parents saw that he was a fit child. If parents will pay close attention to their child, God will show them what the child is inclined towards. As parents guide the child according to that inclination, God's purpose for which the child was born will not be defeated.

AFTERWORD

As we close this Volume of “Saved from Sin”, the hope is that you have been enlightened and further informed about God’s plan of salvation for people of the earth. The grace period is precious time that God has given the people of the earth to repent, believe the gospel, and be saved from their sins.

Jesus keeps the door of opportunity open that whosoever will might come to God and be saved from sin. However, there is an allotted time for the grace of God to be available. No one knows the day nor the hour when Jesus will return to the earth for those who have been saved from sin. Why take a chance? **“Today is the day of salvation”!**



