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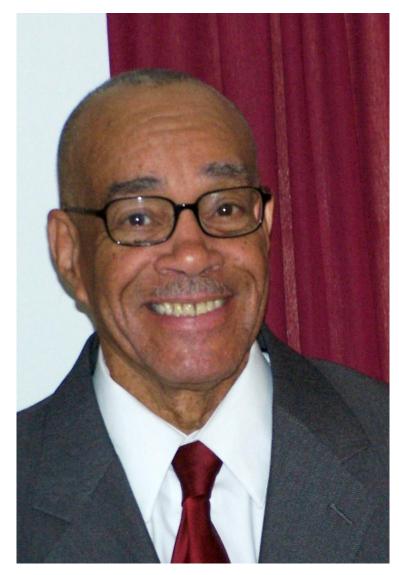
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In 1971, Alonzo had a vision. In this vision, he saw a bright light, and heard a voice speaking to him, telling him to go and help someone. Not understanding the meaning of the vision, Alonzo was troubled. Alonzo often spoke to his wife concerning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

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

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

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

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

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Foreword

Welcome to Volume VI of Saved from Sin. If you have read previous Volumes of Elder Kilgore's books in this series, you have probably noted that salvation (being delivered from sin) is a process that you must experience over time. Salvation is not something that occurs because of a verbal confession or an emotional experience.

In this volume, Elder Kilgore continues to present the process of salvation in simplicity, according to the scriptures (The Original King James Version of the Bible) and his personal experiences in salvation. We pray that this volume of Saved from Sin will paint a vivid picture of what a person's life and conduct should look like if he or she is serious about being saved and willing to adjust their lives to these instructions.



INTRODUCTION

My Testimony:

Whatever I have experienced in my life regarding my salvation is what I preach and write about. I would not write books about what other preachers have experienced, that is for the other preachers to preach. My salvation is in line with the teachings of the scriptures. When I became saved, I found it very easy for my life to be in harmony with the scriptures. As I studied the scriptures, I learned that I was receiving help from the Holy Ghost to assist my understanding of the scriptures. Because I am able to obey the teachings of God's word, I believe that I am truly born again.

I believe that the first Adam was created out of the dust of the earth, and that God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul. I believe that the second Adam, Jesus, was conceived in the womb of Mary and was brought forth without the aid of a man and he became a quickening Spirit. Jesus did not beget a child because that was not his purpose for coming into the world. He came to beget children after the Spirit of God that you and I might be born of God as he was born by the Holy Ghost, and be called sons of God.

The World By Wisdom Does Not Know God:

You cannot learn about God by worldly wisdom. Worldly smarts that you acquire from institutions of higher learning can cause you not to know God, unless such knowledge is brought under subjection to the word of God by the Spirit of God, otherwise such worldly knowledge will alienate you from God. Listen to I Corinthians 1:21:

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

You cannot learn about God with worldly wisdom, or education; the more you try to learn about God in this manner the further you will get from God causing you to increase your ignorance of God. You cannot learn about God just by reading the Bible, you will need the assistance of the Holy Spirit, or a Holy

Spirit sent minister to help you to rightly divide the word of truth. The knowledge of God has to be revealed and given unto you. You cannot use human intelligence and a worldly means of learning to acquire knowledge from God.

If You Obey These Instructions Your Life Will Improve:

If you follow the instructions in these books, you will begin to see improvements in your life, physically and spiritually. You will see your financial needs improving. Now don't make the mistake and think that you got lucky when you see things getting better. God doesn't deal with luck; luck is witchcraft and is of the devil. Luck is artificial or false conditions of life designed to fool you.

Obedience to God is what improves your life's conditions. I know that the information in my books will help you, because it has helped others who are a part of this ministry and me. When you obey God, you don't have to petition for blessings from heaven. The blessing will come by means of your obedience.

The Liberator:

God sent Jesus into the world to redeem a people. Prior to Jesus' coming, people of the earth were sentenced to death because they were born under condemnation of sin. To be under the curse of sin is a death sentence. When you are under the curse of sin, no lawyer or judicial system on earth can redeem you. It is not possible to be redeemed from this death sentence by any system of exoneration on earth. The earth has no means of liberation from the death sentence for sins. Only the liberator from heaven has power to deliver human beings on earth from the sentence of death. Jesus is that liberator.

The Flesh And The Spirit Can Never Be Reconciled:

There is such variance and contrast between the flesh and the Spirit that they cannot be reconciled. The word flesh means your sinful nature. It is the natural desire in human beings to disobey and live contrary to the teachings of the word of God. The flesh causes us to be born with the tendency to be enemies of God. God is spirit, and humans are born carnal or in the fleshly nature and are programmed

by the devil to be enemies of God. Jesus was sent into the world to bring grace, which gives power to the human race to convert them from the fleshly nature to the spiritual nature of God. The power for this conversion in humans comes by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the enemy of the fleshly nature.

The teachings that I am giving in these books are being dictated to me by the Holy Spirit. If you are in the flesh when you read this literature, this information will be at variance against you and your way of thinking. If you have a religious teaching that has allowed you to be in the flesh, then what I am teaching is against you and your religion, because a spiritual teaching from God cannot be reconciled with any aspects of the flesh or carnal ways of human beings. If a person repents of their fleshly ways, they can receive power from the Holy Ghost to convert them from their ways and life of the fleshly nature to a righteous nature, and this is what Jesus was sent for. This is called grace from God.

The Power Of His Resurrection (Philippians 3:10):

There is an invisible power moving upon the earth at this time. This power has the spiritual energy to change the course of nature in human beings who live on the earth. This power can cause the sinful nature of humans to be reversed to the righteous nature of God. This power can cause the resurrection of a new righteous person to be created into the lives of all who hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and repent of their sins.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, this invisible power was commissioned by God to move upon the face of the earth, and to energize the resources of the earth with the ability to obey God's command. Listen to Genesis 1:1-2:

Verse 1 - In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

At this point in the creation, the earth did not possess the power to respond to God's command. Therefore, the Holy Spirit was commissioned to move upon the earth to give the earth ability to obey God.

Verse 2 - And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Like many people on earth today, the earth at that time had no power to obey God until the Spirit of God brought energy to the earth making it able to respond to God's commandments. Unless the Spirit of God seeks you out and gives you power to respond to the teachings of the word of God, you will not be able to obey God's command. On the other hand, if the Spirit of God brings the word of God to your mind, and you decide to respond by repenting of your sins, you will then experience the power of Jesus' resurrection in your life.

That We Might Know Him And The Power Of His Resurrection:

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, who was previously named Saul, was on his way to Damascus to serve warrants on and persecute a little group of saints who were assembled to worship Jesus Christ when a light from heaven fell upon him and blinded him. At such time, the whole world was shut off from Paul's vision. Paul could not see anything in the physical world neither could he see any longer the great person that he was in the intellectual world of the Romans and the Jews.

Paul was of the Jewish nationality, but later he acquired Roman citizenship because of his educational and intellectual background. Paul could speak all of the languages of the ethnic groups of that time. Paul was as religious as he was intelligent. Paul followed the teachings of the Law of Moses with devotion and free of hypocrisy. Paul held high authority as a high ranked officer in the Roman army, much like a captain or colonel in our army today.

When the voice of God spoke to him, after being knocked from his horse or beast, Paul at last saw himself as a very confused and pathetic sinner, misguided by his false and outdated confidence in the Law, being deceived by his conception of righteousness. When the Lord said to Paul, "it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks", Paul could see how stupid he had been to think that he could be right without the righteousness of Christ. He could see how foolish he had been to try to stamp out true holiness in the lives of a few faithful saints.

Paul 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. In addition, Paul learned that his hostile activities were not in fact against the people whom he 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! At once, the spirit of the wicked one left him and he became a vessel that the Lord could use.

God's ordination for Paul fell in place and Paul was able by the grace of God to implement more knowledge of salvation in Jesus than the world could handle.

Paul proved that through humility, meekness, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, and patience the world could learn about salvation in Jesus and experience the power of his resurrection.

Unto The Pure All Things Of God Are Pure (Titus 1:15):

The angel Gabriel was sent from God unto Mary with the message concerning the fact that she would become the mother of the Son of God. The angel Gabriel was a stranger to Mary. She had never seen him before. His message was strange to her. Let us listen to one of the greatest messages that has ever been sent to the earth, found in St. Luke 1:26-28:

- Verse 26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
- Verse 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
- Verse 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

Now let's talk about a strange message coming from a total stranger. This is what Mary is confronted with. Keep in mind that Gabriel doesn't look like a heavenly angel; he looks like an ordinary man. This situation presented to Mary is one that no human since the beginning of the Creation had experienced. Now Mary's social status is that of the average Jewish woman of that time. The unusual character of Mary was what impressed God, and that was her holiness and virginity. Mary was a pure and righteous lady.

Now the message from Gabriel to Mary was what most women of that day would not have accepted, nor believed. However, when a person is pure in heart, all the powers of hell cannot prevail against the person receiving a pure message from God. Because Mary was pure in her life and character, she could not help but receive a true and pure message from God. When you are pure in heart, you will have no trouble receiving the teaching of the truth from God. Listen to Titus 1:15:

Verse 15 - Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them

that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

A Living Sacrifice:

Man can only be reconciled to God by means of a sacrifice. An acceptable sacrifice is proof of man's devotion to God. Man cannot choose his sacrifice; God must choose it. When the nation of Israel was established by God using Moses and the Law, God arranged and implemented in the law tabernacles to be set in each of the twelve tribes being conducted by a priest for the people to bring sacrifices for their sins.

The sacrifices usually consisted of a lamb, bull, or goat from their flock that was of perfect health. They would bring the sacrifices to the tabernacles, kill them, place them on an altar, and burn them. If the smoke from their sacrifices ascended up towards heaven, it meant that God had received their sacrifices, and such were acceptable. If the smoke from their sacrifices did not ascend upward, but rather was scattered, it meant that such sacrifices were not acceptable.

This procedure for offering sacrifices was a continuous procedure until the coming of Jesus Christ. The sacrifices offered under the old Law of Moses were a shadow of the ultimate sacrifice that God would make using his only begotten Son. Sacrifices and offerings are a part of God's holiness. Today sacrifices must be a two-part process. The first has already been made by Jesus Christ, but if we are going to be a beneficiary of Jesus' sacrifice, we must be the second part of the sacrifice. Jesus died being the first part of the sacrifice for our sins. God does not require that we die to be the other part of the sacrifice.

God has arranged grace for us to be a living sacrifice. It will not be possible for us to be a living sacrifice unless God gives us the Holy Spirit. To be a living sacrifice we must suffer in the flesh; this means we must deny our sinful desires of the pleasures that we previously enjoyed. Just as Jesus suffered on Calvary, we must suffer in the flesh, denying our sinful cravings while we live. Listen to I Peter 4:1:

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

To suffer in the flesh means to deny yourself of such things as fornication, adultery, drinking alcoholic beverages, using tobacco products, being envious, harboring hatred, being a liar or homosexual. To deny ourselves of sinful desires is to be a living sacrifice; under such conditions, we will be acceptable to God. Listen to Romans 12:1-2:

Verse 1 - I Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Under these conditions, being a living sacrifice is proof of our devotion to God.

Verse 2 - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

If you love God, your love for God cannot have contenders in your life to compete with your love for God. Your love for God must be above all other ambitions, desires, and people. Listen to St. Matthew 22:37:

Verse 37 - Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

You cannot be saved unless your love for God reaches this standard. When you come to God, he will allow you to see how much you love him by requiring that you make sacrifices. God will arrange for you to sacrifice things in your life that you are closely attached to. It will be necessary for you to make sacrifices of such things in your life in order to maintain your obedience to God. When you are not willing to make sacrifices of the things that you are closely attached to in life to obey God, then such things will be your idols. An idol is anything that interferes with your obedience to God. Listen to I Corinthians 10:19:

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

Eve Was Told By The Devil That She Would Not Surely Die:

The way that Satan got into the human family on the earth was to get Adam and Eve to disobey God. When Adam and Eve disobeyed, they fell from grace, and lost the company of God who had previously visited them on a daily basis. When you fall from grace, the Spirit of God will separate God from your presence. When the Spirit of God is not in your presence, you then become vulnerable to the deceit of Satan. The deceit of Satan will do many things in your life that will be to your hurt (I Thessalonians 2:4).

Satan will give you false religious teachings and damnable guidance, often times making you feel that God is with you, until the day of your total fall (Genesis 3:5). Satan impressed Eve with the idea that she could have a religion that was bigger than the religion that she had initially been given by God.

Adam and Eve became very comfortable with Satan's association with the human family after they sinned, because Satan does not always present himself as a direct enemy when he associates with people. Satan can show himself to be a friend or one who is trying to help you. Satan can be in the form of a pastor, deacon or relative, but his primary purpose is to get you to sin against God or make you believe that if you continue to live in sin you will not surely die (Genesis 3:4).

A Heavenly Place In Christ Jesus:

If you desire to be a member of God's family on earth, God will save you, and prepare a heavenly place for you while you are living on the earth. The Spirit that God will give you will create a heavenly environment everywhere that you go. A heavenly place here on earth is a blessed place. The presence of God will be in a heavenly place, and the goodness of God will prepare a table for all who are in God's family (Psalm 23:5), not just a table to eat food, but blessings for every aspect of a person's life. When you are in a heavenly place in Christ Jesus, though you are still living on the earth, the blessings will be everywhere you go. Listen to Deuteronomy 28:6:

Verse 6 - Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

In a heavenly place here on earth, sin will not abide in the lives of those who are a part of the heavenly place. You cannot just walk into the family of God in body; you must be born into the family. You must be born again and brought into

the family of God by the Spirit of God. You can come into the family of God in your physical body, but you won't stay unless the Holy Spirit brings you in. The devil was a resident of heaven at one time, but he couldn't stay because he had the wrong spirit. God has a plan and a program and he will bless those who will receive the teachings of Jesus Christ. God's Spirit is sufficient to give you an entry into the family of God, and it has the power to keep you in the family.

The Holy Spirit Gives You Faith In The Reality Of God's Word:

No matter how successful and prominent you are in this life there will come a time when you will have to leave. The way you live is not always the way to prepare for where your destiny will be when you leave here. It is okay to be a prosperous and industrious citizen of this life, but you should also put some interest in where you are going when you leave here.

It will be a good thing to make advance arrangements for where you would like to go when you leave here, because your destiny can be determined by the arrangements you make. Now you may say, well who knows where we are going after this life? Believe it or not, where you go after this life depends upon the arrangements you make. You have the privilege to do this.

I am personally making arrangements to live in a city whose builder and maker is God. I know that God has another city prepared, because my faith was established by the power of the Holy Spirit to make this hope a reality for me. When you believe the word of God, the Holy Spirit will give you faith to make your belief a reality.

Stand Your Ground:

When you have lost your appetite for sin, though things look so tempting and seem to be enjoyed by everybody else, even by those who are very close and dear to you, then you can be assured that you have been saved by God to live above sinful pleasures. Though mother, father, sisters, and brothers are still enjoying a life of sin, you haven't the slightest desire to indulge in sinful pleasures because you know it is displeasing to God. You will at this point in your salvation seek to please God in all that you do, no matter how much it displeases those who are loving relatives.

Your love for God will be stronger than the previous life that you lived in sin. You will not approve of your relatives' sinful practices though you will still love them. You will help them in any way that you can as long as sin is not involved. You will openly express disapproval of their sinful practices though it embarrasses or displeases them. In spite of your relatives' resentment or any pressure they may bring to make you change your attitude, the Spirit of the Lord will make you stand your ground. Under these conditions, you can be sure that you are filled with the Holy Spirit.



CHAPTER I JESUS IS COMING: ARE YOU READY?

Subject: We Should Stay Ready:

We should stay ready for death, or the return of Jesus Christ. You cannot be made ready for either of these events at the last minute. You have to be prepared when they occur. I am ready if Jesus should see fit to come tonight or at any time. What makes you ready is the way you conduct yourself, the way you live. Your conduct must be sin free to be ready when Jesus comes.

In order for this to be done, you must always be prepared to go one of two ways. You must be prepared to assume your duties as a citizen on earth, or to leave with Jesus when he comes. Be sure that your duties as a citizen will not interrupt your plans for departure if Jesus comes. Therefore, you will have to keep your mind on two things, your daily job, and your eternal destination. When one is more important than the other is, you must be ready to drop the least important one for the more important destination.

Subject: What Should We Look For?

You can get some idea of what God will soon do by comparing the conditions of this present day to the conditions in past times, and the events that God caused as a result of the conditions. Listen to Genesis 6:5-7:

- Verse 5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- Verse 6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
- Verse 7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Whenever we see wickedness on the earth today as it was in past times, it is a true indication that God is making plans to destroy the earth again.

Subject: Most People Do Not Want To Go To Heaven:

Not everybody who is presently living upon the earth is going to heaven. We oftentimes hear a preacher preaching a funeral, and he always says that the deceased has gone to heaven. This is not always true. The reason that everybody is not going to heaven is because everybody does not want to go. Such people who don't want to go to heaven are making it known to God by the way they live in this present world.

Now heaven will be a place of continuous kindness, love, peace, joy, goodness, and pleasantness. Today many people on earth don't want to live in an environment with these qualities of life. Such people prove that they don't want the ways of heaven because they contribute to the evil ways that make life on earth so miserable for their fellow citizens.

You can't qualify to go to heaven after you die. You have to show God that you want to go to heaven while you live, by the way that you live. When God sees this intent in your heart, he will give you the Holy Spirit to help you live right, then when you die and your pastor preaches your funeral and says you went to heaven, your pastor would be telling the truth. He will have the way that you lived on earth to support what he is preaching.

If you lived a wicked life on earth, and your pastor preached your funeral saying that you went to heaven, your life on earth would make your pastor a liar, and your pastor will not go to heaven when he dies because no liar will receive eternal life. Such a pastor should let the life that the deceased lived preach for them, then he could repeat it.

Subject: The Timing Of The Messiah:

The birth of Jesus was at the fullness of time. This means in time to initiate God's plan for those who would be saved. The world at this time was under the influence of two great powers, which were the Romans and the Greeks. The Jews at this time were under the rulership of the Romans. The Romans were similar to the way America is today by their contribution of wealth to the world.

The Romans produced a network of good roads for traveling, much like what we refer to as the infrastructure today. The Greeks gave a common language that made it possible for a universal means of communication. Now, the Jews being under the authority of the Romans, had synagogues in almost every city and in these synagogues, the Greek version of the Old Testament was read daily. This is what kept the messianic hope alive, or the return of Jesus to deliver the Jews.

The Jews during this time had a widespread expectancy throughout the country that a deliverer was about to appear. The timing of the Jews expectancy for their Messiah was right; however, the description and spirit of their expected Messiah was in error. Therefore, when the deliverer came, the Jews destroyed their chance for being delivered from Rome and for being saved.

Now Christians of today may have good timing about what to expect to be delivered from the awful conditions of this present world, but if they have a poor description of what to look for, they will be looking in the wrong places, neglecting their only chance to be saved. The movements of the Lord in his dealings with men and nations are always perfectly timed, however the actual description of the appearance for those who will be saved can be very mysterious, and such preparations to deliver people must be made by the Holy Spirit. The description of the lives of the people must be sin free.

Subject: The Spirit Of God Will Help You To Be Prepared When Jesus Returns:

Your mind has to be prepared for the return of Jesus Christ. If you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, you may know about Jesus' return, but you won't be ready. Your mind is the preparation center for everything you do in life. Your mind makes plans for things that you are truly interested in. If you are not interested in Jesus' return, your mind won't prepare you for it. The Spirit of God will motivate your mind to prepare for Jesus. It will stimulate your way of thinking and planning so that you will be ready at all times.

The Spirit of God will not let your mind become complacent with the affairs of this life and forget about Jesus' return. It will always be there to keep your mind alert and aware of the importance of this event. The Spirit of God will put more interest in Jesus' return than all other business with which you are involved. The Spirit of God will not let you forget about Jesus' return and do other things that are of lesser importance. It will help you with other things in life, but at the same time keep your mind on the main event. The Spirit of God will not allow you to be ashamed like the unprepared multitudes will be upon Jesus' return. You will be among the few that will be ready.

In Jesus' messages to the world, God was very fair to teach in detail what his plan was, how it will prevail, and how God will avenge the evil done to every saint, prophet, and those who have walked in his statutes. Jesus was also commissioned to tell those who believed in God that after they see certain signs begin to come to pass, to look up for their redemption draweth near. Jesus was commissioned to declare the things that shall precede the end of all things. God through Jesus wanted the people to understand so that when they see these things coming to pass, they will be able to make their calling and election sure, for it shall be an individual affair.

Subject: Two Important Prophesies:

Listen carefully as I attempt to show you two very important scriptures in the Old Testament that teach us what to expect at the end of the world. The Old Testament is not obsolete; it just has to be articulated with the New Testament. Now, two prophets have taught us what to expect before the world ends and how it will be done; they are the Prophet Daniel and the Prophet Malachi. First, let's listen to Daniel 12:1:

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

Now, right before the end, the angel Michael is going to deliver everybody who has been born again. When you are born again, your name is written in the book of life. Those who have died with their names in the book of life will be awakened and will be resurrected with those who are saved, and are living. But listen to what will happen to those who are not saved, and have failed to be born again in verse 2:

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

Now listen to the Prophet Malachi who tells what will happen to those who are not saved. Malachi's prophesy reinforces Daniel's prophesy, putting emphasis on the unsaved, Malachi 4:1:

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

The unsaved, whose names are not written in the book of life, are going to be burned up to stubble. All this will happen when Jesus returns.

Subject: Don't Look Back:

God is Almighty. He can do anything. God can create a star. God is the creator of all existence. It is a good thing to have God as your friend. God will never forsake a child who obeys him. If God is for you, I pity everybody who is against you. When God is for you, you will never have to defend yourself. All you have to do is to sit still and behold the salvation of God.

When Jesus comes to administer the first resurrection, all the children of God will be secured safely with the Lord. God will not allow his people to be horrified by seeing the destruction of the unsaved. God carefully delivered Lot and his family out of Sodom in good time so that they could not see the destruction of a city infested with homosexuals. God warned Lot's family not to look back, but to go on to safety. Lot's wife looked back, and she was still standing there as a pillar of salt when the other members went on to be delivered. If you obey God, it will lead you to safety.

Subject: Jesus Is Preparing A Place In Heaven For Those Who Want To Be Saved:

When one gives His only begotten Son to die for those who are His enemies, such is an expression of love that is beyond measure. We don't hear of that kind of love being demonstrated among humans on the earth. It was through the sacrifice of God's only begotten Son Jesus that the people of the earth have a

chance to be saved from the second death. God is the only one who can take away the power of death.

The terror of the second death, which is the death of our souls or minds, is eternal torment. God through Jesus Christ has a plan to remove this plague for all who will receive Jesus' teaching. Death is God's enemy. God did not create man to die; man allowed death to come upon him through sin. When you live in sin, the terror of the second death will come upon you. If you are saved, the first death, which is the death of your physical body, will be a peaceful rest for your soul. If you are not saved when your body dies, your soul will experience continuous agony and torment in a lake of fire and brimstone. God did not prepare this for man, but for the devil and his angels.

Jesus is preparing a place in the kingdom of heaven for human beings who want to be saved. It is not the will of God that human beings go to hell when they die, but to a place prepared by Jesus in the kingdom of heaven.

Listen to St. John 14:1-3:

- Verse 1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- Verse 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- Verse 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Subject: A Little More About Death:

If you have Jesus Christ in your life, you don't have to worry about death because he defeated death. When Jesus is in your life, you can die easy, because it will be a sweet transfer from this world into paradise. Death in Christ is a peaceful rest. If you die without Jesus Christ in your life, death will be a terror to you. It will be your worst nightmare coming true. The worst horror that people experience in this life will be no comparison to the horrors of death without Christ.

The Bible teaches that death is our last enemy and if a person dies in their sins, they will experience the sting of death. The knowledge about death is only revealed to those that God calls to teach such. What I am teaching about death is

not my imagination, but spiritual revelations. Only by faith in God can this knowledge be a reality to you. God is very fair in teaching about the knowledge of death to us while we live in this life.

You have to be ready for death because it is deceitful, it comes when you least expect it. Oftentimes when you think you are at the point in life when you can enjoy life, death creeps on the scene. Death is very impartial as to whom it takes. It will take the young as well as the old, the sick person or the healthy person. You must obey God as if each day will be your last day, and death will not be able to take you by surprise. Please don't live just to have fun. Death comes to surprise those who are enjoying the pleasures of this world. The pleasures of sin are just for a season, but death is eternal.

Now remember if you are not saved, death will meet you in two parts, you will experience the death of this body, which we know about, but you will also experience death of your soul, which only the word of God can teach you about. The death of your soul means continuous torment of your senses rather than your body. Such people will die with agony of the mind after the body dies. Later such people will be given a new body that will be designed to experience torment forever in a sea of fire and brimstone. So don't play with death; allow Jesus to make you ready for it.

Subject: What Kind Of Hope Do You Have?

Now most people know that they have to die, but they don't know when. If you live by the knowledge of the word of God, death will not deceive you. When we came into this world, we brought nothing with us. We owned absolutely nothing, and when we leave, we will take nothing with us, yet we are so concerned about the things of this life that we will have to leave here one day. Very few people are concerned about where they are going when they leave; they are more concerned about their possessions that they leave.

I served with a fellow in the Vietnam War who never worried about being killed in the war; he worried about who his wife was allowing to drive his new car while he was in Vietnam. People worry more about their possessions than where they will spend eternity. There is a subconscious knowledge in all people about another life after this life, but most people don't like to think about it, because they lack confidence in the details about it. The Bible gives us the details about our next life.

We should never fail to recognize the fact that we have to be prepared for where we would like to spend eternity; otherwise, we will put our souls in very serious danger. Our existence in this life was a choice made by our parents, but where we spend eternity will be our choice to make. In Hebrews 9:27, the Bible teaches that after death, then comes the judgment. This knowledge will put fear in your heart if you have severe chest pains, and you will be worried all the way to the hospital. Listen to another in Psalm 90:10-12:

- Verse 10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- Verse 11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.
- Verse 10 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

When you start feeling sicknesses and pains approaching seventy years, you will be wondering in which direction you are going to fly away. Only the Holy Spirit can give you assurance of your eternal destiny. It has power to give you hope beyond the grave. If you don't have the Holy Spirit, the only hope you have will be for the things of this life, and that hope won't help you when you have chest pains.

Subject: True Hope:

The word "hope" is God's word; this word was given to the world in the Bible. Since the word hope did not come from the world, the people of the world cannot find hope in the world. The world can use the word hope, but they will be using it loosely. If the world has confidence in anything other than the Lord, they have no hope. In order to have hope, you must know the source from which hope can be obtained. If you have true hope in the right source by which hope is given, you won't have to worry about the troubles of the world.

There is no need to go to church singing, and shouting and return home with the same problems and worries that you went to church with. When you are worshipping the true and living God, his Spirit establishes your faith in true hope that will make a difference in your life. True hope will be an action hope that will lift your burdens and remove your problems.

Now a hope that you get from the world may not profit you because the only true hope is in the Lord. If you go to church and do not have true hope, then it means something is wrong with your religious teaching. When you have true hope, your life is hid with Christ in God. If you don't have a religious teaching that gives you true hope, you will stop being religious and not continue in your faith. A false hope results from a false religious teaching, and such a hope does not have long lasting endurance.

Now you must know why you are going to church. If you don't have true hope, most anything can stop you from being a church practical. Church rituals won't give you a true hope; you must be connected with the powers of heaven to have true hope. You must have access to God by his Spirit to have true hope; otherwise, you can be a religious practical with a life of discouragement.

CHAPTER II SIN & INIQUITY

Subject: The Yoke Of Bondage:

If you are a sinner, you are in spiritual bondage. Under such bondage, you can only be delivered by the Messiah. Jesus is the Messiah who was sent by God to deliver us from the yoke of bondage. When you are in spiritual bondage, you are held captive by your desires to enjoy sinful pleasures. In spiritual bondage, a person is a prisoner of the devil being held by invisible chains. To be a prisoner of your sinful desires causes you not to want to be free. You must acquire knowledge from the word of God to learn that you are in spiritual bondage. The carnal nature is what gives you sinful desires, and it is very deceiving.

In order to be released from spiritual bondage, Christ must deliver you from the desires of the carnal nature. Then you will be able to look back and see that you were in bondage. When you are in spiritual bondage, the elements or ways of the world keep you as a prisoner. If you are going to be saved, you are a child of God waiting for the appointed time to be delivered from bondage. Listen to Galatians 4:3-5:

Verse 3 - Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

Jesus is our deliverer that was sent by God to deliver us from the law of sin and death that we might be adopted into the family of God.

- Verse 4 But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
- Verse 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Remember, you are held in bondage by your desires. Listen to verse 9:

Verse 9 - But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye <u>desire</u> again to be in bondage?

When Christ sets you free, you must be careful not to allow the pleasures of the world to entangle you again in the yoke of bondage. Listen to Galatians 5:1and 13:

Verse 1- Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

It is sinful pleasures of the flesh that held us in bondage, so God sent Jesus to set us at liberty or to make us free from sin.

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

Subject: The Flesh:

The flesh and the Spirit can never be reconciled. The flesh is the sinful nature of human beings that is at war against the Spirit of God. You can never be saved in the flesh, because the flesh belongs to the devil. The flesh is inborn tendencies that make the unsaved person commit sin. The flesh carries desires for sinful pleasures. The flesh is a curse to the human nature. When a person is not under grace, they are under the power of the flesh.

When you have not been born again, the flesh will give you orders to commit sin and you will have to do it. When you repent of your sins with sincerity of heart, the powers of heaven will come down and assist you by taking away the desires of the flesh, setting you at liberty to obey God. Only the powers of heaven can defeat the powers of the flesh. You will know that your repentance was sincere when you see the desires of the flesh getting weaker and being brought under subjection of the power of God.

Subject: Beware Of Worldly Pleasures And Entertainment:

Now, a nation that God has blessed has to be very careful, because wealth can turn your heart from God. Instead of the people of such a nation loving God, they will love the pleasures that wealth makes available. Today many people of America would rather be at sports events on Sunday mornings than at a place of worship to honor God. Such people give more honor to half backs and quarterbacks of professional football teams than they give God. You will find more people at a baseball game on Sunday morning than in church.

When people give more honor to the pleasures of the world than to God, they will eventually be brought into bondage of the events of the world. To be brought into bondage of something is to be beholding to it to the extent that you cannot free yourself from it.

Almost everybody is thinking of only pleasures of the world. The pleasures of the world are sinful and deceiving. Remember Rome a few thousand years ago, how the people of Rome enjoyed the sports and entertainment in the arena by the gladiator. Since then, Rome has, at different times through the centuries become one of the poorest nations on earth. You have to watch pleasure and entertainment, because oftentimes, it is the sign of a nation that will soon fall.

Subject: Evil:

Obedience to God's commandments gives you life more abundantly. When you disobey God's commandments, it allows evil to come into your life. Evil cannot be managed by man. Evil is powerful, deceiving, and destructive. Man's only chance against evil is to choose to obey God's commandments. Evil cannot defeat your willingness to obey God's commandments.

Evil enters the doors of our lives when sin has violated the law of God. The ultimate objective of evil is to bring men to death. God gives humans an allotted time to live on the earth, if they choose to obey God during this time they can escape the terror that evil can bring upon them.

Subject: What Is A Wicked Person?

There are groups in various churches who join churches for some purpose unrelated to the salvation of their souls. They have no intention of being saved, but only desire to destroy the weak and try to overcome the spiritually strong. These are the children of the devil. Listen to St. Matthew 13:24-25:

- Verse 24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man Which sowed good seed in his field:
- Verse 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

These type people are planted in churches by the devil in the midst of the righteous to discredit and spoil the works of God. They seek to find fault, opposing the leaders and the teacher of righteousness. They will intentionally live unrighteous so that the weak ones will not see the righteous teaching taking affect. They will contend with the strong and endeavor to influence the weak. They are called the wicked.

Subject: Temptations Will Come After You Are Saved But Will Not Overcome The Power Of God:

There is no question about it, we are human and are subject to make mistakes. A sin is not a mistake, but a willful transgression of God's law by a person who has complete knowledge of what they are doing. In order for sin to be charged to a person, it has to be willfully committed with full knowledge of the fact that it is in violation of God's law. This is why little children or those who are not mentally responsible will not be charged by God as violators of his word. If a person of mature age becomes mentally disturbed after reaching mature age, and was previously mentally competent, they will be charged by God for the sins that they committed during their competent years.

The carnal nature of human beings makes so many demands on them that they cannot gratify it without committing sin. The carnal nature is a curse upon mankind. It produces desires to commit sins that cannot be satisfied unless Jesus Christ comes into the life of the person to disarm the power of the carnal nature. Because Jesus was willing to die for our sins, God gave him power to remove sinful cravings from the lives of all who received him. When Jesus comes into your life, he maintains a position of control over your previous life of sin, in spite of the yearnings of the flesh. Temptations will come, but they will be no match for the power of God, which controls your life.

Subject: A Person Who Breaks The Law Could Be Charged By God For Killing Himself:

Funerals are not planned by God. Undertakers and preachers plan for funerals to be conducted. God is not against funerals, but he has nothing to do with funerals, because God never planned that man should die. God created man

to live forever. When man chose death, God reserved a backup plan in Christ so that man would have a chance to live forever.

God created man in his own image, and nobody likes his or her image to be destroyed. Parents like their children to look like them. Parents love to preserve their image and so does God. Man is the offspring of God, and man was made in God's likeness. Therefore, God forbids that man be killed.

Unless a person is a law enforcement officer, in the military, or is a prison guard, they have no right to kill another person, unless it is an intruder breaking into their home threatening their family. Under these conditions, if the offender is killed, the offender is killed by his or her own actions, and not by the law enforcers, military personnel, or the person protecting their family. God will then judge the offender as a murderer of him or herself, and God will not judge those who actually did the killing.

Subject: The Whole Creation Groaneth And Travaileth In Pain Until Now (Romans 8:22):

The Bible is the word of God. If you follow the teachings of the Bible, your life will turn out alright. You can't find an error in God's word. If you obey God's word, there won't be any continuous errors in your life. The teachings of the Bible are based upon the truth of God's holiness. God's holiness is his character or his way.

God used his word, which is his Son Jesus, to create the universe. Inclusive in God's creation was the earth, and all living things on the earth. Everything was created in proper order by God's word. There were no problems in all of God's creation until the first man began to err from God's holiness. God's holiness was in the command for the first man to obey. All of the creation and the things on earth depended upon the first man's obedience to God's word. When the first man disobeyed, everything in the creation began to err and suffer. Listen to Romans 8:20-22:

- Verse 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,
- Verse 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Verse 22 - For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

When God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden to care for it, the animals (creatures) were under subjection to Adam's obedience. If Adam disobeyed, they had to suffer as a result of Adam's disobedience. Adam had the fate and livelihood of all the creation depending upon his obedience to God.

Subject: Sin Makes You Sick:

Doctors and hospitals will always be in business in a world where people practice sin. Sin causes ninety percent of our sicknesses. If you learn what sins are, and cease to practice sin, most of your illnesses will leave you. One of the unhealthiest habits that a person can have is to smoke cigarettes. It is a sin to smoke cigarettes.

Now many Christians will say, "We can't find that in the Bible". If you keep smoking cigarettes, you won't be able to find any cigarettes in the cemeteries, but you can find thousands of doctors that will testify that cigarettes or tobacco products put many people in there. Anything that will destroy your body is a sin, and it doesn't need a name. Listen to I Corinthians 3:16-17:

- Verse 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
- Verse 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

To defile your body means to make it spiritually unclean, with such things as cigarettes, liquor or illegal drugs.

Subject: Sin Separates You From God:

Sin causes you to be separated from God. The further you get from God, the more vulnerable you will be to sickness. One of the most important parts of Jesus'

ministry was to heal many of the sicknesses that people had. As men and women walked away from God, sicknesses gradually entered the lives of people on earth and the physical aspects of their lives slowly degenerated. During the early centuries of man's existence, it was common for men to live a few hundred years. Listen to Genesis 5:15-17:

- Verse 15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:
- Verse 16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:
- Verse 17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

It was man's close association and relationship with God that caused him to live so long. When you take on a close relationship with God, the Spirit of God overshadows your life because of the presence of God. This atmosphere between man and God will keep many sicknesses from trespassing God's presence. You will have some afflictions, but the Lord has promised to deliver you.

The thought that I am trying to impress upon you is that the nearer you are to God while in this life, the longer your life will be. Sinners who don't walk (live) according to the word of God even in this day don't live to be old; their sins kill them. Long life depends on how you live. You live by two things, one is wheat from the farm, and the other is the bread of life, which is the word of God.

You are eating the bread of life when you obey the word of God. The day that Adam disobeyed God, he started dying. Obedience to God controls and regulates the dying process according to the word of God, which promises at least seventy years. Your life is regulated by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, not just by the food that you eat. Listen to Deuteronomy 8:3:

Verse 3 - And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

Subject: The Joy Of This World Will Not Last:

To be a continuous sinner is to be a sure loser of life. God is offering us life more abundantly. God's offer far exceeds this limited life on earth in our physical bodies. God's offer will be a life of continuous joy and happiness in the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is a part of God and is the power of God that can do anything. There are no limitations or end to the ability of the Holy Ghost, which means it can give you joy and happiness forever. You can't find that kind of joy in this present world.

If you die as a sinner, you will not experience this joy in the Holy Ghost. You will experience unlimited misery. Evil practices may seem to make people happy for a while, but evil in this world is sorcery when it appears to make you enjoy it. Have you ever seen a deck of cards that they use in the casinos? A deck of cards is not designed to make any one person happy or to win all the time. The deck of cards is designed by people who know sorcery, or who are tricksters. You can win sometimes, but if you keep playing card games, you will surely lose, because the deck of cards is designed for you to win and eventually lose. So is it also with evil practices that seem to bring joy.

Subject: When You Learn The Truth Obey The Truth:

Fornication is when two people get together to have sex and are not married. Does your preacher teach this? If one or both of these people die while having sex under these conditions, neither will see the kingdom of heaven. You have to repent of your sins to be saved. After your repentance, you must receive the Holy Spirit to stay saved. You must also have a testing period to confirm that you have the Holy Spirit. God won't take you through these channels of salvation on a repeated basis. If you get one chance to go through these experiences to be saved, you will be blessed.

Now, after you learn this knowledge and decide to go back to commit fornication again. You will not likely be saved. It is possible, but not likely. Your experience will show God that you preferred fornication over salvation. Now I know many preachers teach that you can receive continuous forgiveness for sins for as many times as you commit sin. Try it and see how you make out. There is a scripture in the Bible that will give you a little trouble. Hebrews 10:26 reads as follows:

Verse 26 - For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

Subject: We Must Repent Now To Be Ready For Jesus When He Arrives:

Many Christians don't like to hear a preacher preach against sin. These Christians believe that it is all right to continue living in sin, and that Jesus' death gives continuous forgiveness for sin no matter how much you continue to live in sin. Such Christians think that it is okay for the world to go on practicing sin until Jesus returns, and at that time, they will receive power to sin no more. You can take chances on many things in life, and later have a chance to correct what was wrong. There are no scriptures in the Bible, which teach that you will have a chance to correct or repent of your sins after Jesus returns.

If repentance was not to take place until after Jesus returned, then God could have waited to send John the Baptist to introduce Jesus at Jesus' second appearance. John preached that it was necessary to repent to be saved. Repentance means to stop committing sin. If everybody can wait for Jesus' second appearance to stop committing sin, and be saved, then there would be no need for the Bible or a plan of salvation for the people of the earth. Neither would there be any need for hell, because everybody could stop sinning when they see that Jesus is on the scene.

God does not resent sinners; that is why he gives them a chance to repent. God does not reject sinners. He gives them a chance to learn how to live free from sin. God is not mean to sinners. He shows them how their sinful life styles are mean and difficult to them. God gives sinners a better knowledge of the plan of salvation, but he is firm and specific in his teaching against sin. God offers no compromise for sin. Repentance is the only course for redemption of sin, and God very plainly lays out the way of salvation for a person who desires to be saved.

Subject: Christ Cannot Save Us Unless We Are Willing To Repent Of Our Sins:

The Bible teaches very plainly that Christ died to save us from our sins. The purpose of His death would be completely defeated if those who have been saved

are still in their sins. The sensible understanding of being saved from sin or anything is to be delivered from the harm that it can do to you. Sin is so harmful that it causes murders, rapes, robberies, racial and religious separations along with wars. Sin brings horrible diseases to the body while it is yet alive, and acquaints us with the terror of pain. When we fail to repent of our sins, sin will eventually consign our souls to hell while Christ, who died to save us, stands by unable to prevent it.

Now since sin is so harmful that even Christ can't help us if we sin willfully (Hebrews 10:26), why should God not require that every bit of sin must be washed away before we can be fit to come before his presence? Of what advantage would going to heaven be if we must still face the same bitter experience in heaven after our unhappy experience with sin in this life?

Subject: Fruit Fit For Repentance (St. Matthew 3:11):

You cannot come to God unless a Holy Ghost filled instructor brings you instructions on how to come to God. The conditions of your life and a lack of knowledge of what God requires impede your presentation to God without acceptable repentance. When you come to God, you must bring fruit that is acceptable for repentance. That is to say, you must repent of sins that are an expression of your sincerity to be saved. If there are sins that you would like to retain in your life, God knows about them, and he will not accept your repentance of sins that don't mean so much to you. A teacher sent from God will put emphasis on this very important factor concerning your salvation.

Subject: The Ungodly Will Not Stay In The Congregation Of The Righteous:

People who don't want to live right love to be together. You will never find people who enjoy the pleasures of sin hanging around born again saints, unless they need help or assistance. When folk don't want to live right, they won't get any pleasure out of being in the company of those who do want to live right. The spiritual meaning of the word "light" is righteousness; the spiritual meaning of the word darkness is evil. When you turn the lights on in a room, darkness leaves; when the sun comes out, darkness leaves, and daylight appears. So is it also with

folk who don't want to live right. When righteous people come on the scene, the unrighteous person waits for the chance to leave the scene.

If you go to a church where nobody drinks liquor, commits adultery, steals, gambles, tell lies or commits homosexual acts, folk who do these things will not go to your church. They will find a church where people do the same things that they do. An unrighteous person cannot remain in a congregation of righteous people. Listen to Psalm 1:1 and 5:

- Verse 1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- Verse 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Subject: The Lust Of The Eye (I John 2:15):

If you wear green glasses, everything you see will appear green. The objects may not be truly green, but what you are looking through gives you the perception that they are green. The physical objects that you see have to be relayed to your eyes, and then to your mind for identification. When your means of identifying what you are looking at is distorted, your perception of what you see will be inaccurate. This is how your comprehension of the word of God works. You need an accurate means of identification to understand the word of God. Trying to understand the word of God with the natural mind is like trying to identify the true color of objects looking through green glasses.

In order to understand the word of God, you must have a spiritual eye. A spiritual eye is given to you as a gift from God by means of the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit can help you understand the word of God. Now understanding means to take a source of information and apply it to a situation so that it will work for you. With an understanding, you can use the word of God to direct you through life so that sin won't make your life difficult and destroy you. When you look at the world with sinful eyes, your vision and perception of life can be distorted by the lust of the eye.

The lust of the eye means that your eyes are looking for things that will give you sinful pleasures. To have lust in your eyes means that what you see is under the influence of false and deceiving motivation to acquire it. Lust in your eyes will cause your means of acquiring something to be dishonest or crooked. This is

because lust operates under the influence of sinful motivation, causing you to use perverse means to acquire what you want. You cannot be an honest person with lustful eyes. Lustful eyes can lead a person to be a thief, an extortioner, or murderer. Lustful eyes stimulate your means of acquiring things in a way that will cause you to be a failure in life. The only way to get rid of lustful eyes is to receive Jesus Christ into your life.

Subject: The Lord Giveth And The Lord Taketh Away (St. Luke 12:15-19):

There are many things that can attract your interest in life. The main thing that you want to be interested in is where you are going when you leave this world. Jesus encountered a rich man who had done quite well in his business, and his interest was on how to accommodate his wealth and prosperity. Listen to the rich man's attitude, "And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods". And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry" (St. Luke 12:18-19).

Now the rich man felt that he was independent and did not need God because he had plenty, and he was interested in running his own business. But, God has a hand in everything that goes on in his creation. Everything in the universe belongs to God. God saw that after blessing the rich man, he was not going to give God any honor or praise. Listen to St. Luke 12:20:

Verse 20 - But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

It is a wise thing to give God praise and control over what you have acquired in life. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Now God does not have to take your wealth from you, he can take you from your wealth as he did the rich man. We must be mindful of the fact that God is the beginning and the end of all things in the world. Man is simply God's steward in this world. If a man lets his greed and selfishness run away with him so that he fails to recognize God, and not be considerate of those who are poor, God will take all that such a man has and give it to another, then require his soul in the judgment.

Subject: The Lustful Eye Produces Acts Of Adultery:

Listen to one of the first commandments that God gave the nation of Israel in Exodus 20:14:

Verse 14 - "Thou shalt not commit adultery".

This commandment was given in the law that God sent by Moses. Jesus came later to fulfill or to complete the law. Listen to Jesus in St. Matthew 5:27-28:

Verse 27 - *Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:*

Now what Moses taught is still in effect, but Jesus was sent to finish it.

Verse 28 - But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Jesus is getting to the root and cause of adultery. Adultery is initiated by looking at a woman or man who is not your spouse with a lustful eye.

Your sex organs don't initiate the act of adultery, your eyes initiate the act of adultery, and your eyes transfer the desires to commit adultery by means of your mind to your sex organs, and whether you make physical contact with your sex organs or not, God will charge you with being an adulterer.

Now lustful eyes are produced by the lustful nature of the inner man. This is the carnal nature. After Jesus gave the commandment in (St. Matthew 5:27), he also presented a solution for the problem. The solution is a new birth of the innerman. The prophet Ezekiel prophesied that Jesus would come to the world with this solution for sinful pleasures that are the results of a carnal inner-man. Listen to what Ezekiel prophesied. Ezekiel 36:26 reads as follows:

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

A heart of flesh is a heart with spiritual life, a righteous heart with righteous desires, to desire sex only with your spouse. When you receive a new heart, the inner-man has been renewed. You are renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that

will take away the lust from your eyes so that your visual perception will not be the lust of the eye, but a righteous perception of life. Listen to Ephesians 4:22-23:

- Verse 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
- Verse 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

When you receive a new heart and a new spirit, it will replace the old heart that the lustful eye caused to commit adultery.

Subject: One Sacrifice For Sin Is All That Is Necessary In Christ:

Salvation in Jesus Christ is not continuous forgiveness for sinful practices. When Jesus saves you, he delivers you from the cause of your sinful practices. Sinful practices are produced by desires to commit sin. If we had no desire to commit sins, we would have no sins in our lives. It is a mistake to believe that Jesus died for us to receive continuous forgiveness for sins to be saved. When Jesus comes into your life to save you, he delivers you from your desire to commit sin.

Most every sinful act gives pleasure, or some kind of carnal satisfaction. Jesus takes the pleasure out of sinful practices. This is done by a replacement of the carnal or sinful nature of humans. When Jesus gives you the new birth, he also gives you a new nature, which includes new righteous desires. Those who don't have a desire to commit adultery will not commit adultery. We do things that we enjoy doing. A born again saint will only enjoy having sex with their spouse. The Holy Ghost reprograms your nature in righteousness and true holiness.

If you still have a desire to commit sin after you thought you were saved; your salvation is in error. You do not have the Spirit of God, but the spirit of error. God takes away the first nature that you were born with to establish the second covenant in Jesus Christ.

Under the first covenant given by Moses, the Jewish people could continue to practice sin and offer sacrifices of the blood of bulls and goats. But the first covenant was not faultless. Had it been faultless there would have been no need for God to send Jesus to establish the second covenant. Hebrews 8:7 reads as follows:

Verse 7 - For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Therefore, God took away the first plan for the sacrifices of sins and established a new plan in Christ. Hebrews 10:9 and14 read as follows:

Verse 9 - Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

By one offering of sacrifice, Jesus has perfected the nature of all who come to him.

Verse 14 - For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

If the Jews or Gentiles sin wilfully after being given the knowledge and understanding of the power of Jesus' sacrifices, God will accept no more sacrifices from the blood of bulls and goats from the Jews, neither will there be any more sacrifices by Jesus for the Gentiles. The sacrifice on Calvary is sufficient for all Jews and Gentiles. Hebrews 9:12 reads as follows:

Verse 12 - Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

So then, if the Jews or Gentiles continue to practice sin wilfully, there are no more sacrifices. Hebrews 10:26 reads as follows:

Verse 26 - For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

Subject: If Sin Is Permitted By Your Religious Teaching It Will Give Death Victory Over Your Soul:

The most dreadful emotional experience a person can have in this life is fear of death. This is because death is an experience that people are not familiar with. Jesus is the only one who knows about death. To die without Christ in your life is to experience the sting of death. The sting of death is the terror or horror of death.

Without Christ, death will agonize you with pain and sorrow. When you receive Jesus into your life, the Spirit of God will abide in you to assist you with any ordeal in life. The Spirit of God will remove the threat of death, and allow you to have a peaceful transition from this physical life into a spiritual rest in paradise.

Today people of the earth are afraid of everything that they don't have knowledge of; and death is at the top of their list. You can only acquire victory over death while you live. You cannot be made ready for death after you die, such knowledge is a deceiving trick of the devil. Unless you are prepared by God for death while you live in this life, death will be prepared for your soul in the next life. Sin is the thing that gives power to death. It was because of sin that death came into existence. Whenever you are delivered from sin, you are delivered from the sting of death. Listen to I Corinthians 15: 54-56:

- 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.
- Verse 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
- Verse 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

The Jews had an incomplete religious teaching without Christ, and such a teaching allowed sin to remain in their lives. Therefore, Paul is teaching that death will have victory over them, because they failed to receive Jesus to remove sin from their lives. So then, the presence of sin in their religious teaching allowed sin to remain in their lives.

Subject: God Has Foreknowledge Of Our Destiny:

Now the fruit can be no different from the seed that produced it. When Adam became a sinner, his first son Cain became a murderer. Cain couldn't help it because Adam gave him this nature. Cain's only source of help was God, and he failed to obey the counsel that God gave him. Listen to what God told Cain in Genesis 4:6-7:

- Verse 6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? And why is thou countenance fallen?
- 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.

Today we are all born of a bad seed, but God through Jesus Christ offers us instructions to deliver us from the consequences of our conception, but we must accept the offer. Now Cain rejected God's counsel and listen to how God told him he would end up.

Verse 12 - When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shall thou be in the earth.

God first gives us instructions on how to escape the consequences of a bad seed. If we fail to accept his instructions, he then tells us how we will end up.

Subject: Love Can Defeat Hate:

Hatred is an enemy of God. If you hate a person for any reason, you have the enemy of God living in you. God gives instructions in his word to destroy the spirit of hatred and to introduce the spirit of love. Hatred must be destroyed in the lives of all who want to live in heaven with God, because in heaven, there will be only love, joy and peace. Hatred is a sin and you can't really see what it is doing to you until after it has ruined you. Hatred hurts the carrier of it more so than the one who is hated. When you are a carrier of hate, you are also the victim of hate.

Hate takes company with a desire for revenge. People usually hate those who have done something to them that they didn't like or that was offensive. If a person can get you to hate them, they would have defeated you with the weapon of hate. If you have the love of God in your heart, you can overcome hate and be a winner. Love is more powerful than all the forces of the devil. There is nothing in the creation that can defeat the love of God. Jesus used love on Calvary and he has been victorious up to this present day.

Subject: Selfishness Will Bring A Nation To Poverty:

When you become selfish, you will be a failure. Selfishness has deceiving ways of bringing people down. If selfishness doesn't bring down selfish people as individuals, it will bring them down as a nation. The Great Depression took place because of the greed and selfishness of a small percentage of rich people in America. A small percentage of wealthy people can be so selfish that they can bring an entire nation to poverty, and if a small percentage of Wall Street fat cats continue to be greedy and selfish, they will eventually bring our nation to poverty.

God will not bless a nation with a selfish spirit. Such a nation will be cursed by their greed. You don't have to listen to what the rich and well to do have to say to justify their ways; just watch how the nation is doing economically and the conditions of the nation will speak for the rich and wealthy.

Subject: The Secret Sin:

Jesus was sent by God to uncover our secret sins, and to show us the damage they were doing to us. The secret sin is uncovered by the gospel and is not to embarrass us, but to warn us. When the secret sin is uncovered, God shows us that the way we were going could be very damaging to our wellbeing. This is done by God for our benefit, to help us to avoid a pitfall.

Subject: Do You Have Seasonal Religion?

You don't want to be a religious person when you have trouble or feel bad. Under these conditions, you would be trying to use God. You want to be a righteous person regardless of the conditions in your life, whether they are good or difficult. It won't do you much good to look for God when you have a crisis, and like sinful pleasures when things are going good for you. This type person is a hypocrite. Hypocrites are part-time church folk; they have seasonal religion. To get help from God, your religion must be a reflection of the righteousness of Christ in a continuous way.

Subject: When You Are A Servant Of Sin - Sin Pays You The Wages You Earned:

God has arranged rewards for human beings who obey or disobey his word. Human existence has been prepared for people to reap what they sow or to be paid for what they do in life. Wages are that which man receives for services rendered. If man continues to live a life of sin, his wages will be eternal death. God does not pay you profitable wages for sinning, but God has arranged it so that man can get what he worked for. When you are paid for sinning, sin pays you because the wages of sin is death. God pays you for being obedient to his word, which is eternal life. Listen to Romans 6:16 and 23:

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

Subject: Stay Close To God:

If you stay close to God, his Spirit will over shadow your presence. You can only stay close to God by keeping further from sin. When the Spirit of God over shadows your presence, it will bless you. It will also bless your health as well as your material needs. The further you are from God, the more problems you will have. When you are further away from God, you will degenerate physically and you will become weak and vulnerable to sicknesses. When you stay close to God by obedience to his word, the Spirit of God will regenerate your health just as a generator in a car charges the battery. As people leave God, they gradually begin to degenerate though they apparently seem to be going strong.

Subject: God Wants Man To Be Saved:

God created man with the freedom of will and he won't take this from man. God is not like men of the world to give something and then take it away. God tells man beforehand if you do certain things what you must expect as the consequences. Then, whatever man does that is contrary to God's commandments becomes man's fault. The difficulties that the world is experiencing today are due to man's disobedience to God.

In the beginning, God put a forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden to test man's devotion to his maker. God wanted man to live, but he wanted him to prove himself deserving of God's favor by being absolutely true to God through his own free will of choice. God has never resented man, and has always loved him, even when he is a sinner. God did not create hell for man, because his love for man was greater than the displeasure of man's sins.

Hell was created for angels who sinned with complete knowledge of God, who willfully rebelled against God's love. Men today who are sinners do not have knowledge of God's love, and they are ignorantly led to be sinners by Satan. God so loved man that he sent his only begotten Son to save us from our ignorance of a sinful life. When you are blessed with knowledge to show you that you are a sinner, and can repent and be saved, it is because of God's love for you.



CHAPTER III SALVATION & THE GRACE AGE

Subject: This Could Be The Last Chance For Salvation:

This could be the last chance for the people of the earth to be saved. The Bible does not teach of any future chances for the people of earth to be saved after Jesus returns for the saints of God. After Jesus brought the first gospel teaching to the world about two thousand years ago, he didn't teach of any other gospel that would later be brought to the earth for salvation.

This could very well be the last gospel, or the last invitation for the unsaved to consider Jesus Christ for salvation. This gospel introduced the offer that God was making to man to bring him back in fellowship with God. John the Baptist first introduced this gospel by crying "repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". If a person repents and obeys this gospel today, they will have direct access to the kingdom of heaven.

The opportunity to enter heaven is available and free. The door of salvation is wide open for anybody to enter in. After Christ came, the apostles all preached repentance; that was the gospel. Repentance means to stop committing sin. This was the message that would reconcile man to God. Many accepted this invitation in the centuries after the apostles preached it. Now, it is the last gospel because the time for preaching it is rapidly coming to an end.

Subject: The Plan Of Salvation Is Very Simple When You Receive It:

God's plan of salvation instituted by the Lord is so simple that a fool could be saved. All that is necessary is first to believe the plan. God sent Jesus into the world to preach good news from the kingdom of heaven, which the earth had never heard before. However, those who believed and obeyed the gospel were saved.

When you believe the gospel, power from on high will come upon you and change your life. The power of the Holy Spirit will come into your life and give you strength to live a righteous life. You don't have to be confused wondering if there is a God or not. The Holy Spirit will help you to read the Bible and clear up your mind, so that you will be able to see spiritually.

You will learn as you go along that everything the Bible says is true. When God starts you off on the course of salvation, he gives you knowledge and understanding. God will deal with you by teaching you things about yourself that you did not know previously. God will teach you about how grace works for your benefit. You will learn that when you receive grace, you don't have to commit sin. You will learn that sin includes everything that is contrary to the will of God, and

grace includes favor to deliver you from sin. Grace includes the power of the Holy Spirit that will give you a new mind to live free from sin.

Subject: God Will Help Those Who Are Sincere:

If you are sincere in your heart before God, he will send the gospel to you that you might be blessed. God uses his servants that have been given the knowledge of the gospel to labor, day and night, preparing it for others to be saved. Such servants are used to help expose and destroy the works of the devil in the lives of those who want to be saved. Our knowledge will show the unsaved that sin is what keeps them burdened and unhappy.

We reveal that sin is of the devil. When you get sin out of your life, the devil is removed also, because he will have nothing in you. This can only be done by the power of God, which is available to all who want to be saved. After a person has repented of their sins, they have the privilege to pray. To believe that God will answer your prayer requires faith. If you don't have faith in your prayers, it is a waste of time to pray.

Subject: Heavenly Ways Versus Earthly Ways:

When you receive knowledge from the word of God such as we are giving in these books, it is because God is interested in you. God does not bother with people that he is not interested in saving; neither will such people be interested in God. When you receive knowledge from God, you should first pray that the Spirit of God would move upon you to give you an understanding. Pray that God will allow his Spirit to open your mind. When God's Spirit opens your mind, your ability to understand God's word will be expanded. A mind that has expanded spiritually will be able to enter into the knowledge of the mysterious ways of God from which most human beings are alienated.

God's ways are far from the ways of this world; however, we can be carried into the ways of God by the Spirit of God, if we pray for assistance and understanding. You don't receive an understanding of God's ways by being smart, but by being humble. Let us explain that there are two kinds of existences, one is a heavenly existence, and the other is an earthly existence.

Now the earthly existence consists of a world that is deceitful, false, unfair, and corruptible. This means that the understanding of earthly ways is based upon

these devices. On the other hand, heavenly ways are pure, honest, peaceful, gentle, true, and full of mercy, good fruits and without partiality. When the Spirit of God educates you about the ways of heaven, you will acquire the mental and spiritual ability not to become under the influence and power of earthly ways. Heavenly ways will become your new way of thinking and living.

Subject: By Grace Are We Saved It Is A Gift From God:

God knew from the beginning, that Adam was going to fall, so God arranged a plan, as a result of Adam's fall, that those of us who had not yet been born could be saved by means of another Adam, which is Christ. The word "Adam" means man. If the first man caused the death of many, then God worked out a plan whereas many could be saved from death by the second man. All who would be inclusive in this plan, with the second man, would be made holy and without blame before God because of the second man's blameless life.

So then, those of us who are inclusive in God's plan were predestinated unto the adoption of children that we might be brought into the family of God by Jesus Christ to himself according to the good pleasure of his will. We were selected and created by God because of his love, and not because of any good qualities that we had. It was by grace that we were saved and that is a gift from God.

Subject: You Can Only Acquire Salvation In The Name Of Jesus:

Names are given for diversity and distinction. No parents will give two children the same name. If a parent wants one child to wash the dishes, and another to sweep the floor, the parent will use their names to designate the two different chores. Differences in names are very important; it makes it possible to assign different duties by means of messages. When you give different names to different people, you can get different things done at the same time.

If you want to be saved, the Bible teaches that the name of Jesus is the name to be saved by. If you try to be saved under another name other than Jesus, you will be looking for a good thing under the wrong name. That would be like going to Dr. Doe's office to buy a car. You would be looking for what you need, but under the wrong name. Listen to Act 4:12:

Verse 12 - Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Subject: Your Belief Must Come From The Heart:

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Son of God sent by God to be the Savior of the world is born of God. When you believe something from the heart, the thing that you believe must be implanted in your heart, otherwise, what you think you believe can be taken out of your heart. If you think you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and you haven't been born again, then what you think you believe could be changed by some contrary belief. Some contrary belief could change your mind.

Everyone who believes in his or her heart and confesses with his or her mouth that Jesus is the Christ shall be saved. When you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God you will not transgress his teachings or break God's law; not just the Ten Commandments but also all that Jesus has taught. To follow the teachings of Christ, the teachings have to be the substance of your life. That means the spiritual part of your life has to be composed of or made up from the principles of righteousness that Jesus taught. This can only be possible when you are filled with the Holy Spirit. No man can say of a truth that Jesus is the Christ except by the Holy Ghost.

Subject: Jesus Came To Save Us From The Deception Of Worldly Pleasures:

People who live in the world without Jesus Christ in their lives are living under the influence of the spirit of deception. Deception is supervised by the devil. The devil uses all kinds of entertainment and pleasures in the world to deceive. The devil makes people believe that the pleasures of the world will continue to give them ultimate satisfaction for their desires. The world has become a show. Many churches are conducted in the spirit of the world to be a show also.

Jesus did not come to the earth to put on a show, but to save us from very serious dangers of eternal destruction. The world was in serious trouble when Jesus came. Jesus didn't come to condemn the world; he came to make it known

to the world that the world was already condemned. He offered the world a chance to escape.

Jesus used love to save the world because the world was being destroyed by hate. Many in the world rejected Jesus' love, but those who have accepted it will be saved. The Spirit of Jesus Christ extended love to the lowest, vile sinner to lift such a person up to the life that God has offered for salvation. When one is saved, they will have the same spirit to lift up the lost sinner that they might enjoy the same atmosphere to walk with them.

Subject: Do You Know Who Called You?

Anything that you do with interest and zeal, you are inspired by some means that has motivated you to do it. When you are motivated to do something, you want to do it. When God saves a person, they are inspired by the Spirit of God to obey and to serve God. They will serve God willingly, not for money, fame, recognition, prominence, or popularity. If a person is serving God for what they get, then they are not inspired by God to serve him, but by what they are getting.

Carnal rewards come from the devil, and they are given to those that the devil called to serve him. You can know when the devil has called you based upon what inspires you to serve. If money motivates you to work in a church, then money called you. Money motivated Judas Iscariot to work for Jesus and money caused him to hang himself. If you are serving God for money, or some other carnal reward, it will eventually cause your fall.

Subject: To Do Right Is To Be Holy:

If you desire to have a mind that is clean and holy, a holy God will dwell in your mind by his Spirit that he will give you. It is your mind (heart) that God wants to possess to deliver you from sin. When God occupies your mind, he will give you his name; God's name is "holy". When you carry the name holy in your life by the Spirit of God, it is better than having a credit card or anything else in life. The name holy gives you an inheritance in heaven and in the earth when God prepares it. It will give you access to many things that you need today.

You cannot be holy in name unless you become holy by means of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit adopts you into the family of God. When you receive the Spirit of God, the confirmation that you are a child of God will be revealed in your

character. You and those who know you will be able to bear witness that you are a new creature by the new qualities of character that they see in your life. They will call you "holy". Many of your former associates may not agree with the way you have changed, but they will surely be able to identify the changes.

When you become holy, those who know you will call you holy, because being holy is different from other religious descriptions. If you were previously a Baptist, Catholic or Methodist, your associates called you by your official name, such as George, Paul, or James. When your religious denomination has not given a distinction in character, folk will call you by your name. On the other hand, if your religious conversion has changed your way of life, people who knew your prior way of life will give you a name that is relevant to your new character. If your old friends see that you are no longer committing adultery, gambling, drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking cigarettes, or using profanity, they will call you Mr. Do Right; to do right is to be "holy".

Subject: Give God Your Mind:

The secrets of your mind are hid from everybody except God. The things that you do will oftentimes express the secrets of your mind. Your mind is very important because it is instrumental in producing your actions. If your mind is producing honest thoughts, your life will produce honest deeds. If your mind produces thoughts of extortion, you could possibly be an extortioner or a dishonest person. You don't always have to act upon every thought that comes to your mind.

If you have the Holy Spirit, it will help you to sever through your thoughts, choosing the thoughts that are good to act upon. When you have the Holy Spirit, it will cause your mind to be present with God. It is a wonderful thing to have your mind in the presence of God, because he is the best company that you can have. God will keep your mind lifted above the things of the earth that can depress you.

God, through his Spirit, will give you a song to sing that will give you more joy than your mind can handle. You will not be able to enjoy the presence of God in one day; therefore, God will regulate the joy, and send his Spirit to visit your mind at times when you need it most. Along with joy in your mind, God will bless the material or physical conditions of your life.

Subject: The Truth And Your Conscience:

The truth carries power and authority. When you hear the truth, you are stuck with it. You can reject the truth, but you cannot annul the truth. The truth cannot be made non-existent, because it is a source of information that can sustain itself forever. The truth works with your conscience. When you learn the truth about something you did that was offensive to somebody else, you will not be able to get it out of your mind. Your mind does not have more power than the truth. When you practice telling the truth, people will trust and have confidence in you.

Subject: People Do What They Like:

People do what they like to do. Their minds tell them what they like to do. Desires are established in the mind first. A bum would rather be a bum than a college professor, or CEO of a firm. It is difficult to change people from what they are doing unless you change their desires. You can only be happy when you are doing what you like to do.

When God is going to save you, he gives you a mind that will enjoy living a righteous life. You cannot be saved unless you acquire a mind to live a righteous life. If you enjoy sinful pleasures, you cannot be saved. When God saves you, he saves you through your mind and your nature. God will convert your nature with desires to be righteous, and your nature will send the message to your mind that you enjoy a life of righteousness, and you will continue to live righteous, because people do what they like to do.

Subject: The Spirit Of God Will Give You Joy:

If you desire to live righteous, and you go to a church where the members live wickedly, you will not be happy in that church. The conduct of the members of such a church will make you unhappy everywhere you go because you will be under the influence of an unhappy environment. You can only be happy when happiness is in your environment. When you are in a righteous environment, the Spirit of God protects your joy. You will then be able to take such joy everywhere you go. When the Spirit of God is in your religion, God will then set up resistance against anything that opposes your joy.

Subject: The Promise Of A New Earth:

The Bible tells why Jesus made his advent into the world. Jesus lived in heaven prior to coming to the earth. Heaven is a civilization consisting of holiness or righteousness. The conduct of angels living in heaven is carried out in a more skillful way than humans of the earth can imagine. Heaven is a society of moral excellence that far exceeds any cultures of the earth. There are no apologies and corrections needed in heaven, because there are no mistakes or ill feelings in heaven.

When God looked down upon the earth after Adam sinned, he saw the imperfections, fallacies, and crudeness of the underprivileged conditions that the people of the earth were living and dying in. His love for the people of the earth caused Him to send Jesus to restore the earth to a level of holiness that heaven consisted of. This is why Jesus prayed this prayer in Matthew 6:10:

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

When Jesus prayed this prayer, he was praying according to the will of God. When God is finished with the earth, it will have the culture and ways of the kingdom of heaven. Righteousness and holiness will be the spirit of the new earth. Listen to II Peter 3:13:

Verse 3 - Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Subject: The Families Of Heaven And The Earth (Isaiah 62:12):

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The heavens were created for God's heavenly family to dwell in, which are angels. The earth was created for God's earthly family to dwell in, which are human beings. In God's final plan, he will unite the family of the earth with the family of heaven. God's family in the earth is made up of those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus and are united into one family by the Spirit of God. The family of God in the earth is known as holy people (Isaiah 62:12), just as the family of God in heaven is known as holy angels.

The name "holy" is reserved by God for people who are born again. If you are not born again, you will not want to bear the name holy. God will cause the name holy to be repulsive to those who are not born again. God will only allow those who are his children to use the name holy. If you try to use the name holy, and are not born again, God will expose your unholy ways of living so that others will be able to see that you are a hypocrite. If you are going to bear God's name (holy) you must receive power from God through the new birth to live a holy life. You will have a difficult time trying to use the name holy if you are not born again. It will cause you to be a social misfit.

Now Satan was also an angel created in heaven who desired not to remain in God's heavenly family. Satan was referred to in heaven as Lucifer, or the son of the morning. He was the first created son of heaven just as Adam was the first created son of the earth, and given dominion over the earth. As things are done in heaven, they are done in the earth. You can learn the strength and power of heavenly operations by observing the weaknesses and fallacies in earthly operations. At one time prior to Adam's sins, the things of the earth were like the things of heavens.

It was Satan who gave instructions and acted as chief of the created angels in heaven until the day that he rebelled. When Satan rebelled, he was driven out of heaven, and knowing about the family in the earth, he came down to the earth to make his abode. When Satan came to the earth, he used tactics of deception to enter into the family of the earth by means of a serpent. Satan then got Adam and Eve to disobey God. Today, Satan is as welcome in the divided families of the people of the earth as one who is born in the families. Unless a person is born again, they have a deceiving member of their earthly family to make the families of the earth miserable.

Subject: God Will Provide A Lamb (Genesis 22:7-8):

When Abraham was commanded by God to take his son Isaac to Mt. Moriah to be a sacrifice, Isaac did not know that he was supposed to be the sacrifice. So, Isaac asked his father, Abraham, "Where is the lamb for a burnt offering"? Abraham replied by saying, "God will provide himself a lamb". Just as Abraham was about to kill Isaac on the altar, a voice from heaven spoke out and said, "Lay not thine hand upon the lad".

No matter what you think you will have to give up for God, God will provide a sacrifice. God only wanted to see Abraham's heart and his intent to be obedient. God also noticed Isaac after he was placed on the altar prior to

Abraham's attempt to slay him. God noticed that Isaac was neither rebellious nor arrogant towards Abraham, and he was willing to die humbly. Because of Abraham and Isaac's obedience to God, God was motivated to have his own son sacrificed for the sins of the world. Jesus did not come to the world as an angel, but he took on the nature, spirit, and attitude of Isaac and willingly died for our sins. Whenever we have to make sacrifices today, we should always remember that God provided a lamb.

Subject: You Must Serve God By Your Free Will Of Choice:

When God was trying Abraham, he was seeking soil for the seed of life that would later be in Jesus Christ. The purpose of God trying Abraham was to find out whether he would be the proper soil out of which to bring the seed that would bless the nations of the world. Isaac manifested the spirit of obedience to his father Abraham, and in the same manner, Christ manifested his obedience to God.

God does not try us because he doesn't know our hearts; God knows our hearts. However, God tries us because we are given free will of choice to obey him, such a choice is for us to know ourselves, and that we want to obey him. We have a choice to surrender ourselves to God or reject him. When many people see that accepting God requires a sacrifice, they will reject God.

Subject: Special Preparations Are Being Made In Heaven For The Saved People Free Of Charge:

Never hold anything back from services to God. If you are truly saved, you will have a mind to allow God to use anything that you possess. This means your life as well as your material possessions. You would not have anything if God had not blessed you with what you have. The entire operations of salvation are for our souls to be saved. We ought to be willing to give God anything since we are the beneficiaries.

Our salvation is a favor from God. We are not doing God a favor because we work in the church; we are doing ourselves and other church members a favor. If you become too important in your own eyes, you will not be able to see or appreciate the grace of God, which brings salvation. God gives us salvation, which is free and it is for man's benefit and not God's benefit. God doesn't need to recruit people from the earth because heaven has vacancies to be filled. Heaven

will be full without us. However, God is making special preparations for us free of charge.

Subject: Pray For Wisdom To Be Able To Identify Your Peacemaker:

If you put your trust in anything but God, you could be headed for disappointment. Behind God's promises is power to support his promises. Everybody wants peace and security. Men of the world suffer and die for peace and security. The peace of many small governments of the world hangs in the balance today because of world leaders who have no regard for God. When the world leaders don't have regard for God neither will they have regard for the citizens of their nations. Today the world is in a sad condition because the world is in the spirit of rejection to the only one who can give peace and security. Jesus is the only one who can give peace and security, but people are seeking the world for peace, and the world only gives wars and rumors of wars. Listen to St. John 14:27:

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

If you keep your mind stayed on Jesus, and obey his word, his words will produce peace for you. You have to be careful when you are looking for peace from God. Remember how Israel was looking for a Messiah, when God sent the Messiah to bring them deliverance and peace, they rejected the Messiah. Because of their spiritually blinded eyes, they could not see the peace that their Messiah was bringing. When you want peace from God, you must repent of your sins and pray that God will open the eyes of your understanding; otherwise, when God sends your peace you won't be able to see it.

Israel rose up and fought against the only one who could save and bless them with peace. The devil, who is the enemy of mankind, does not have the power to stop God from blessing us, but he can distort our spiritual vision, and make us fight against our blessings. Now you may say that's what Israel of old did. Let me bring you up to speed. The devil deceives people of the world by repeating his tactics of deception. Satan plays the same tricks on different people through the ages.

If people don't pray and stay close to God, the devil will fool the people of America just as he fooled the nation of Israel who had their Messiah crucified.

Now the things that caused Israel to reject their Messiah were conceit and jealously. The religious leaders of the Jews during Jesus' ministry thought that they were smart and knew more than Jesus did. They became jealous of Jesus' good works in fear that Jesus would win the influence of the people, so they arranged a plan to have Jesus crucified. So remember the devil uses the same tricks on different people, and he has been very successful through the ages.

Subject: Christ Died That We Could Be Delivered From The Power Of Death:

After all of the first-born of the Egyptians died during the Passover of the death angel, the Pharaoh of Egypt became afraid, and the Egyptians got in a hurry to get rid of the Israelites. Anything that the Israelites wanted to take, or borrow, the Egyptians let them have. After Moses had delivered the Israelites from Egypt, God said I want this to be a memorial among you to all your generations. That means up to this present day.

One night after Jesus Christ had completed His ministry, the time came for the feast of the Passover. This is what taking communion is honoring. We take Communion to honor how God passed over the Israelites in Egypt, which was done in honor of how Jesus would later pass over all who received his gospel, and are saved from sin.

The Israelites got off to a good start with Moses, but they failed to reap the benefits of the most important Passover, which was in Jesus Christ. However, Jesus kept the Passover with his disciples and all who received him. Listen to Matthew 26:18:

Verse 18 - And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

Christ, who has delivered us from the power of death, is the finality of the Passover. Christ suffered and he became our Passover by the shedding of his blood upon the cross of Calvary as the sacrificial lamb. The blood of the lambs that the Israelites put on their doorposts in Egypt was a symbol of the final sacrifice for deliverance that Christ did on the cross at Calvary. Jesus died so that death would have no terror for the child of God. Everyone who is redeemed from sin and death by the blood of Jesus Christ shall live again with Christ forever.

Subject: When The Truth Fails God Can Make Special Concessions (Isaiah 59:14-16):

We live in a world where the truth is not the dominant source of information. The truth is not always compatible with purposes of the people of the world. If you go to North Korea or China, they will only allow you to visit the better sections of their nations that are prepared to impress tourists, but such sections are not the true state of those nations. Political candidates that are running for the presidential seat do not always illustrate the true purposes for being the president. The truth is placed on the back burner in this world.

The truth is that men of the world cannot help the needy or poor people of the world unless God is behind their efforts. God is able to bless and help the people of the earth when they obey the righteous teachings of Jesus Christ. When God looked down upon the earth and decided to help the black slaves of America, he saw no available means among the black slaves, so God turned the white brothers of the North against the white brothers of the South, and the black man walked free.

God saw that the truth of the nation had fallen in the street, and equity could not enter by means of the people that needed it the most. Therefore, the powers of heaven went to work causing the judgment of the slave owners to be cast to the wind. All of God's ways are in the scriptures. Listen to Isaiah 59:15, 14, and 16-17:

Verse 15 - Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

It displeased God when he saw no equity or fairness in the way that black slaves were being treated. Listen to verse 14:

Verse 14 - And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

When God saw that there was no man to help the blacks in slavery, God brought salvation from heaven by means of his Spirit to turn the judgment of white slave owners backward.

Verse 16 - And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm

brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

Verse 17 - For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

Isaiah prophesied this a few thousand years before America was established. God can see the problems of the world long before they occur, and he is able to give a solution prior to the event. Time has no effect upon God's knowledge and ability.

Subject: God Is Very Fair:

When God does things, it is oftentimes done contrary to the way ordinary people think. When Jesus was sent down to the earth, he declared himself the Son of God, the word of God made flesh. As Jesus walked up and down in the earth, in the midst of the people, they saw that he was not above the natural man. Their way of thinking caused them to expect some great Messiah with supernatural powers to defeat the Roman Empire.

After Jesus had demonstrated and confirmed the words of the prophets concerning his advent, he then stood up and said to the lost world, I will give my life to redeem you. The world expected a great military victory over the Romans. Jesus demonstrated how victory over your enemies could be acquired through love so that your enemies would have a chance to be saved also.

It will not be until the people of the world have had a chance to accept or reject Jesus' love that the world will be destroyed by the forces of heaven. God is very fair in dealing with the world to the extent that he allowed his only begotten Son to die that the world might have a chance to be saved.

Subject: If You Are Saved You Are Saved For A Purpose:

God carefully chooses whom he is going to save, and he saves a person for a purpose. If you think you are saved and you are not being used by God for a purpose, you have made a mistake. God can use a person for many things, such as

a preacher or teacher of the gospel. God could save a person and bless the person with wealth to help support the finances of a ministry, as the wise men did at Jesus' birth.

Among all of the women on the earth prior to Jesus' birth, Mary was the one chosen by God to give Jesus the human touch, and to care for Jesus as a child. When God looks down upon the earth to see whom he is going to save, he looks to see who is willing to fulfill his purpose. The person that God chooses to save for a purpose must first have a willing mind to do what God wants done. This initiative must come from the individual, and God will give the person the Holy Spirit to help motivate and to inspire the person to accomplish God's purpose. Listen to II Corinthians 8:12:

Verse 12 - For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

When there is first a willing mind, God will then work in the individual to do what they were saved to accomplish. Listen to Philippians 2:13:

Verse 13 - For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Subject: You Have To Be Saved To Learn The Reality Of God:

You cannot believe in the reality of God just because you were taught about God in Sunday school. This kind of exposure to the reality of God's existence is a good start, but not enough for you to have a firm grip in your mind about the reality of God. In order for God to be a reality to you, the Spirit of God must bring God into your mind. When the Spirit of God has not given you the new birth in Christ, your knowledge of God will be loose.

In order to believe something truly, you must either see it or experience it working in your life. Now I believe in headaches because I can feel and experience their reality. You cannot see God, but if God has changed your life according to what his word teaches, then that is just as good as seeing God. This is because God's word is true and when God saves you, the truth of his word will go to work in your life.

Subject: God Will Only Dwell In The Hearts Of People:

It is of no spiritual value to build a house or building and think that God will be in it. God has his throne in heaven and he doesn't need a house on earth. Listen to Acts 7:48-51:

- Verse 48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,
- Verse 49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?
- Verse 50 Hath not my hand made all these things?
- Verse 51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

God doesn't dwell in houses of stone, but in the hearts of men and women. Folk think that because they belong to a church organization that has big, beautiful buildings that they are in God's church. You can only be a member of God's church when the Spirit of God has caused you to be born of God, and gives you a new heart in which God will dwell.

Subject: Man Looks On The Outward Appearance But God Looks At The Heart:

During the time that David was anointed by God to be king of Israel, Samuel was a prophet in Israel and Jesse was David's father. When God is going to save a person and put them in position to be a servant, God doesn't evaluate the person as other people do. God doesn't look at their resume, physical stature, or appearance. Listen to I Samuel 16:7:

Verse 7 - But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man

seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

God was in the process of choosing a new king to rule Israel, and he is sending the prophet Samuel to do the anointing. God is telling Samuel to choose a king from the sons of Jesse, and he is telling Samuel that the choice should be made from the spirit of the son and He, "God", will tell Samuel which son to anoint as He observes the hearts of the sons of Jesse. Now listen to the physical description of the one that God chooses to be king over Israel in I Samuel 16:12:

Verse 12 - And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

Now David was a good looking little fellow with the lowest job in Israel, which was a shepherd. However, David's good looks and ruddy appearance as a shepherd had no impression on God to select David to be king. This is because God looks at the spiritual part of a person, which is the heart or mind to see the future intents of one's heart before he makes a choice to save a person and use the person as a servant.

Subject: God's Way Gives A Clear Passage To Eternal Life:

If you learn of God and obey his word, he will give you all the information you need concerning your eternal destiny. It is not the will of God that we be ignorant, but that we live according to knowledge. There are ways that people choose to go in life that seem right, but if it is not the way that God reveals for safety, it will be the way of death (Proverbs 14:12)

Our religious imagination does not bring us knowledge from God. We follow a way of vanity when we let our imaginations influence our movements in life. When the Lord instructs us to do a thing, it will result to a good ending for our benefit. Anything that we do in life contrary to God's instructions will lead to failure. Your own knowledge will lead you to a dead end when it is produced from your imagination. For this cause, God sent Jesus to make intercessions for our lack of knowledge. This shows us clearly that His way would lead us to life eternal.

Subject: To Be Perfect Means To Receive Grace:

God raised up a perfect man not only to save us from sin, but also to be our example. To be perfect according to God's standard of perfection does not mean to have a life without fallacy, but to correct your life of sinful practices. You cannot be successful at making these corrections without the assistance of the Holy Spirit. You have to be born again of the Spirit of God even to believe that you can be perfect. God first teaches what sins are, and by his Spirit helps you to correct every sin that he teaches about.

If God teaches you that adultery is a sin, and you correct your life of adultery, then God labels you as being perfect in adultery. God will give you an itemized listing of the sins that the word of God forbids. As you learn each sin, examine your life to see if you are practicing it, and if you try to stop, the Holy Spirit will help you.

Now the Holy Spirit will help you by taking away your desire and pleasure that you previously received from practicing the sin. When you have a mind to continue in this way of correcting yourself, God will give you credit for being perfect. The credit that God gives you is called grace. Grace means you have received a favor that you did not earn.

Subject: Christ Gives You Power To Live Above The Weaknesses Of The Carnal Nature:

When you acquire the desire and ability to live free from sin, it is not you accomplishing this; it is the goodness of God in you. You are then a good person only because of God's goodness in you, and you will nevertheless be saved if you continue in his goodness. It is not possible for a human being to be continuously good or perfect unless Christ is in the person. Christ first gives you the Holy Spirit, which burns up your sinful desires. This gives you the mind to want to be perfect by means of good righteous desires. Christ next gives you instructions from his gospel for you to have knowledge, and receive further directions on how to live righteous. When you follow these directions and instructions, perfection will come in your life without you noticing it until God brings it to your attention.

In order to believe and observe perfection developing in your life, you must ignore previous customs, traditions, and secular church principles taught by the weaknesses of carnal religious leaders. Most religious principles of today are manmade, and are taught based upon the spiritual weaknesses of men, rather than the

power of God. When you come to Christ, you receive power from the Holy Spirit to live above the weaknesses of the carnal nature.

Subject: You Can Be Perfect In Conduct:

When you are born again, you will be living each day of your life with the power of God in your life. At this point in your salvation, you will be able to deny the carnal nature of the appetite of the flesh within due bounds of good behavior. Though you are still living in a human body, you will quickly measure up to the stature of the fullness of Jesus Christ. This means you will be like Christ in spirit. At this point, your life will be brought up to a standard of perfection given to you by God as your guide. You will not be perfect in knowledge and every chore or duty that you perform on your job or in your home, but you will be perfect in conduct.

Subject: When You Get The Mind You Can Do It:

You can accomplish many things if you get the mind to accomplish them. When you get the mind to do something that means you have the motivation and spirit to do it. If the thing that you have a mind to do is to the glory and honor of God, God will get behind your endeavor and his Spirit will help you.

You cannot acquire a standard of perfection in your life unless you get the mind to be perfect. To be perfect is to have a life that is a part of God's word. When you are trying to be perfect, you are equal with God. God will not give you this equality if you don't have the mind. You cannot teach a young man to be a doctor if he has the mind to be a mechanic.

The inability of a person is not what causes them to be a failure in life. Their lack of motivation and inspiration causes them to be a failure. If a person has a mind to be successful in an endeavor, they will succeed, because motivation and inspiration gave them the mind. If a person desires to be perfect, God will inspire, instruct, and motivate them to be perfect by means of his Spirit.

Subject: God Does Not Overlook The Least Person:

God sees things just the opposite of the way that we see things. Heavenly things are different from our earthly culture. For example, the least person in the kingdom of heaven is the greatest person. Things that we give low regard to, God could give very high regard to.

If you are an important person, your importance should be inclusive of humility; otherwise, God will have little regard for you. No matter how small you may be in this world, if you live a holy life above sin, God accepts you on an equal basis with his Son Jesus. There is no partiality with God. He loves everybody the same. Such love is the nature of God's holiness.

If your life is clean and pure, you have power with God in the same degree that Christ had when he was here on earth. Your wealth, education, prominence, or importance doesn't make you equal in the family of God, but your righteousness. Your righteousness is measured by your obedience to God. Your righteousness is not measured by hypocritical church folk of society, but by God.

To get into the family of God, your righteousness must be like God's, and to be like God, you must have his Spirit, which is found in his word. So keep your hands clean and your heart pure, follow after righteousness and God will accept you as being equal with Christ.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Converts Adults To The Spirit Of Children:

If you want God to consider you as a candidate for salvation, don't take on a proud spirit or one who is boastful and high minded. Cultivate a humble spirit as one who is not conceited, but submissive to righteous principles. If you acquire the right spirit and attitude, the Lord says the kingdom of heaven shall be yours. You won't find prominent, big folks in heaven. When Satan got too big, God had him cast out of heaven. No one on earth who takes on this spirit will be allowed in heaven.

Those who think they are greater or better than anyone else on earth because of their wealth, popularity, or prominence, I am informing you that you will not see the kingdom of heaven. The Holy Spirit will only cultivate people for the kingdom of heaven who desire to be meek, humble, and lowly in heart. Though they are full grown, they must acquire the nature and character of little children. Only the Holy Spirit can do this for a person.

When a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, it reverses their nature and character back to the spirit of a child though they will maintain the maturity and intelligence of an adult. Such people will function and assume their everyday duties and responsibilities as an adult, but they will follow the teachings of Jesus Christ as a little child will follow its parents.

Subject: When You Are Saved You Can Pray For Others To Be Saved:

The only way that you can know that you are saved is that you will have no desire to take part in anything that is wrong. With this mind, you will go regularly to the throne of grace in prayer, and confidently make your request known unto God. If some friends or close relatives desire to be saved, you will intercede for them fervently, knowing that according to your faith, God will forgive their sins, convince, and convict according to God's word.

Subject: God Will Answer The Prayers Of A Righteous Person:

When you pray to God be sure that you are obeying his commandments. Your prayers will reach God if you are an obedient child of God. You can then pray sincerely, believing that you are talking to God as a child talks to his or her parents. To get God's attention, you must believe that God is interested in your request. To pray without belief that God will hear you is a waste of time. You must believe that God is moved by your faith in him, and that it is by your faith that he will honor your request. God is real and he will respond to an obedient child in a realistic and timely way to honor their request.

Being a child of God is serious business. When you pray or worship God in a perfunctory manner, you are making a mockery of God. You cannot come to God without definite faith, just asking for something, thinking you will get lucky and receive it. To ask with doubts and fears about your conditions of life will make you feel that you are not going to get what you ask for. Such an attitude is repulsive to God.

When you ask God for something, you must believe with a firm conviction that God is near and hears your call. You must believe that He has a tender and compassionate understanding of your problems and condition. Be sure that you have stopped committing any act of sin that you know about. To pray with sin in

your life is to make a mockery of God. If you follow the instructions that I am giving you, God will answer your prayers.

Subject: Sanctify Yourself:

There will always be a lot of things going on in the country and in your immediate environment. CNN news will keep you informed about what is happening in the world. However, if you are trying to be saved, there is only one thing that you need to be concerned about and that is obeying God's word. Obeying God is doing right. Oftentimes when you are trying to do right, you must separate from those who are doing wrong. This is called sanctification.

Subject: He That The Son Sets Free Is Free Indeed:

If you will notice when I teach, I am trying to establish your knowledge. You cannot be saved being ignorant of the knowledge of God's word. When you don't have much knowledge, false preachers will take advantage of you and exploit you for personal gain. A false preacher who reads my literature doesn't like me, because the knowledge that I am giving exposes his game.

If you follow what I am teaching, you will acquire an understanding of what is required to be saved. Of everything that you acquire in life, you will need nothing more than an understanding of God's word. The knowledge of God's word is free. I give away my books free of charge. A false preacher will always want money for his ministry.

Every principle that I teach is true and the truth will always uncover a lie. A lie is no match for the truth. The truth exposes dark and deceitful plans that are used by preachers to take advantage of the ignorant person. Now you must give the truth a chance to establish a righteous way of thinking in your mind. The truth accumulates enough information in your mind to give you light on right and wrong.

If you take in the word of God and follow it exactly as I am giving it to you, you will become great in knowledge with a humble spirit. The word of God is the power of God that saves you from sin and it keeps you living a holy life after it saves you. It will teach you how to live in this world without being a social product of the world. If you obey the word of God, you can be in the world and not be of the world. To not be of the world means to not be a part of the evil of the

world. The Holy Spirit will give you spiritual power to do this. This is called sanctification. This means to be set apart from the sinful activities of the world.

What I am teaching may be difficult to take in initially, but God has ordained that the truth find its way into your mind. When the truth finds its way into your mind, you will be brought up by the Holy Spirit to a standard of righteousness that is acceptable to God. When this happens, God will have taken away your appetite for sin, and the power of Satan is broken, allowing you to be free to obey God. He that the Son sets free is free indeed.

Subject: Love Not The World:

You cannot maintain a fellowship with God and a fellowship with the world at the same time. You must relinquish one to retain the other. Friendship of the world is enmity to God. A friend of the world is God's enemy. The word "world" refers to ungodliness and the corrupt ways of people. When God saves you, he saves you from the evil, corrupt ways of the world.

Now you can work with worldly people, and help them in any way that you can. However, when it comes to their corrupt ways of worshiping in ungodly churches, and social affairs where they drink liquor and commit adultery, you must separate from such practices. Listen to James 4:4:

Verse 4 - Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

You can visit the sick, help the needy people of the world, and assist in your place of employment, but if you get involved in the pleasures of the world, you will be an enemy to God. Listen to I John 2:15-16:

- Verse 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- Verse 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Subject: Salvation Is Acquired By Obedience:

If God gives a command and you don't obey that command, then you become a sinner. If you do contrary to God's command, you will nevertheless be a sinner. Many today have attempted to follow Christ their way. Every command that God gives us he tells us how to do it. Salvation is acquired when we obey God as he instructs us to obey. Your intelligence and ability to obey are not important. All you need is a willing mind and God will supply the ability and strength. You don't have to be smart or rich to obey God, just willing to obey.

Many years ago, I did not see how a man could live without committing sin, neither did I know that the knowledge of sins had to be taught to you. One day, the Lord touched me and directed me to the teachings of Elder Lightfoot Michaux. I slowly began to learn what sins were, and as I put forth an effort to repent of everything that I learned was sin or sin related, I later found out that I was living free from sin.

Living free from sin became a comfortable, enjoyable way of life. It was so much easier living free from sin than living my previous life in sin. Living above sin is just doing right. I don't conceive any plan or program that would require that I do wrong to put it over.

Subject: How To Honor God:

When you worship God in truth and in spirit, you are honoring God. When you honor God, you are showing respect for God. Respect is shown when you have respect for God's word. You cannot get help from God if you fail to honor him properly. You first learn the knowledge of what God requires to worship him in order to extend honor and respect to God.

Many nations of the earth are not receiving help from God because of their lack of knowledge. When God wants you to be a servant, he will first educate you on how to serve, worship, and respect him. You must experience a calling from God to receive this education. You cannot actually find God, you must be found by God. This would be a calling from God. If you try to be religious without experiencing a calling from God, your religion will be the substance of your imagination. You will imagine vain things about God. Under these conditions, you be classified as a heathen. Listen to Psalm 2:1:

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

Subject: God Does Not Light A Candle And Put It Under A Bushel:

A light should hang high in order to be effective. For those who are saved by the blood of Jesus, the light of a righteous life should be the highest thing in their lives. When folk see a saved person they should clearly be able to see a righteous life. Anything that has true light should be visible.

Jesus went to Calvary to be crucified for the sins of the world, and today people all over the world know about his sacrifice. When you live a righteous life God will turn on a light in your life, and people will be able to see you. Listen to St. Matthew 5:14:

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

When you are truly saved, those around you cannot help from seeing your righteous life even if they don't agree with it. God does not save a person to hide or conceal their righteous life, but he magnifies them so others will see a true light. The world can have eyes, but if there is no light available their eyes won't be much good.

Sin is darkness. It is spiritual darkness. This means that a person can't recognize right from wrong. When there is no light or example for the people to see righteousness, they won't know what the will of God is concerning their salvation in Jesus Christ. Therefore, God saves a person and gives them spiritual light so that others can see what salvation looks like in a human life.

Subject: A Peaceful Person Will Use Words Of Encouragement:

A peaceful person is one who is easily entreated. Only the Spirit of God can make you a peaceful person. When you are peaceful, folk are not afraid to encounter you for peaceful reasons. The peacefulness of your spirit will be manifested in the words you use. Such a person will not use words that stir up envy, strife, contention, malice, bitterness, or emulations. A peaceful person's words will be produced by the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Such words will produce an atmosphere of love, kindness, peace, goodness, charity, meekness, and humility.

Whenever a peaceful person greets a neighbor or co-worker, they will have words of encouragement rather than words of offence. A peaceful person will never seek to offend another person with words. When politicians use words of

offense in their political campaigns, such words are not a reflection of the Spirit of God. When a person speaks to offend another, it is evidence that their religion is ineffective, and their spirits are carnal. No purposes on earth would cause a truly saved person to use words that would offend another person. These type politicians need to repent if they want to be saved.

Subject: When Jesus Was Reviled He Reviled Not Again:

We are saved by the words that Jesus spoke, and that is called the gospel. The word gospel means good news from God. This good news was given to the world by the words that Jesus spoke. You can acquire salvation in Jesus Christ by having faith in the words that he spoke.

When you are saved, you will demonstrate the power of God in your life by the words you use in communicating with your fellow man. You will use good words. On some occasions, your fellow man may not use good words of encouragement to you. They may even revile you, as they did Jesus when he was being crucified, but if you have been born again, you will revile not again whether you are in a political campaign or a dinner party.

Listen to I Peter 3:9-10:

- Verse 9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.
- Verse 10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.

Jesus was our example of how we are to refrain our tongue from evil. Listen to I Peter 2:23:

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

Subject: The World Must Honor Jesus' Teaching (St. John 14:25-27):

Jesus was sent to the world to bring peace. Nations all over the world are celebrating Jesus' birthday, but they do not have peace. This is because they have failed to obey the teachings of Jesus Christ. You cannot honor a person of a truth if you don't honor what the person represents. Jesus' peace is not like the peace that the world gives. The world can be peaceful one day and the next day be at war. If a nation does not want to accept Jesus' peace, Jesus can give you peace as an individual. The peace of God can keep our heart or mind when war and confusion exist all around you (Philippians 4:6-7).

When the peace of God comes into our heart, you can have peace in the midst of confusion, trouble, and turmoil. Life without peace is not worth living. You receive peace from God when you obey his word. All the powers of hell cannot take peace away from you when you obey God's word. The peace of God comes in a mysterious way and it passeth all understanding, and can keep your mind from being infiltrated by conditions of the world.

You cannot figure out how to acquire peace from God, all you have to do is to obey him and his peace will find you. There is no need to seek the world for peace, because the world has no peace. When God gives you peace, it will be placed within you. Conflicts in the world develop from people who do not have peace within them. When you don't have peace within you, trouble will come out of you. You cannot have a neutral life between peace and trouble; you will have one if you don't have the other.

"Man that is born of a woman is of a few days, and full of trouble" (Job 14:1). The signs of peace that abide within you are calmness, restfulness, harmony, and silence. These are signs of peace that abide in your heart. When you accept the teachings of Jesus Christ and obey it, these qualities of peace will abide in your life on a continuous basis. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and inclusive in his teaching is the seed of peace. Peace comes with Jesus' Spirit. You receive the Holy Spirit when you receive His word, and peace is a part of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).

Subject: Is Your Heart Right With God?:

If you want to be saved and acceptable to God, you must allow your thoughts and your mind to be in fellowship with God. Always allow God's word to approve of the way you think. God's word can show you what thoughts to

retain and what thoughts to reject. You cannot have a relationship with God when your thoughts have alienated God from your presence. Listen to Psalm 19:14:

Verse 14 - Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

God will not accept your life unless you give him your heart (mind). The way you think is what God observes. When God allows you to go through a test, he is watching to see how it affects your mind. God want to see if your conflicts with another person affect your love for the person. God wants to see if adversity from another person will develop hate in your heart for that person, and if an indication of hate is identified by you, will you retain it or reject it. If your heart is not right with God, he does not acknowledge any good deeds of your physical life. Listen to Psalm 4:4

Verse 4 - Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Subject: God's Family Name Is Holy In Earth And In Heaven:

When a group of people is in one spirit, they will be in one name. When religious denominations are divided into church groups with different names, it means they have different spirits. When we are saved, we are adopted into the family of God. This is a spiritual family, such as the angels in heaven. The family in the earth is called a holy family just as the family in heaven is called holy angels (Isaiah 62:12). If people are going to bear God's name, which is holy, they must live a holy life.

Subject: The Family Of God On Earth Will Be United With The Family Of God In Heaven:

God knew ahead of time that Adam would bring us into condemnation. Therefore, God arranged to set up another, who would be Christ, before the foundation of the world. God planned that those of us who would come into the world afterwards would be holy and without blame, that we might be joined to his

heavenly family before him in love. If you are in this plan, it will be better for you to stay, because all the plans of man fail.

In God's plan, we were predestinated into the adoption of children that we might be brought into the family of God by Jesus Christ to himself according to the good pleasure of his will, because God is the ruler of all. This was all done that we might praise him, and that we might glorify him for his goodness; if any people are saved today, that is what they should be doing also.

It is according to God's grace and glory that he planned our adoption into the family of heaven and earth that he might be praised. The wisdom of the plan of salvation is so far beyond human imagination that we can't figure it out. One day real soon we are going to meet our brothers and sisters in God's family from every generation and from all parts of the earth, and later meet our holy family in heaven and be transported to forever live with the family of God in heaven.

Subject: Love One Another:

The troubles and problems that people are having today is because of their failure to obey God. The first man started the troubles of the world by his disobedience. When disobedience to God entered into the world, love left the world and the world has been full of trouble ever since. Today if people of the world would love one another as Jesus taught, many troubles would leave the world. "The commandment is that we love one another".

Man has failed to take in the lessons that Jesus taught. Man has continued to harbor bitterness and hatred against one another, seeking advantage over another. Even politicians downgrade the character of one another for political gain and office of the President of the United States. To downgrade the character of your fellow man for any purpose is of the devil, and is a very ungodly way to seek political advantage. When this is done for the highest office of the land, it displays a poor example for young people to follow.

You don't have to downgrade or discredit a man's character; their own ways will do it. To reproach the character of another person is to become a part of that person's character. You cannot keep a man in a ditch without staying in there with him. Jesus came to upgrade our character to that of holiness.

Subject: God Exalts You When You Are Willing To Suffer:

Your obedience to God must lead to suffering. Unless you receive some suffering or persecutions because of your obedience, then your obedience has not been acknowledged by God. Jesus' obedience to God led him to the cross where he suffered and died. Listen to Philippians 2:8:

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

Jesus' obedience to God led him to death. We don't have to die because of our obedience to God, but we must suffer.

Now Jesus didn't merely die for us to be saved. We must play a part in the process of salvation as Jesus demonstrated. Jesus was our example to follow, and not just a sacrifice to get us over. Except we follow the example that Jesus demonstrated, we will not be saved. Jesus' death means our suffering and not a free pass into the kingdom of heaven.

The way of the cross will lead us to heaven. After we are saved, we must accept persecutions, rejections, and hatefulness of those who mistreat us without a cause. You don't have to seek revenge against those who reject you. If you endure your suffering, the sins of your enemies will destroy them. The cross that Jesus suffered on is a symbol of suffering. When you suffer in your personal life because of obedience to God's word, you are bearing the cross that Jesus suffered on. You must be partaker of Jesus' cross to acquire salvation in Jesus Christ.

God's ways are different from the ways of the world. People of the world exalt themselves by acquiring victory in worldly events such as sports, entertainment, and politics. God gives you victory and exalts you when you are willing to suffer for being obedient to his word. Listen to the second part of Philippians 2:9:

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

Subject: You Must Understand The Purpose Of Your Test:

When God saves you, he will give you a spiritual work to do in line with the gift that you have. Prior to you starting your spiritual work, you will go through a

testing and preparation period. You must be filled with the Holy Ghost in order to complete your test successfully. God will make preparations for your test, but the devil will be the one to try you.

It is important that you understand how a test is supposed to work so that you will not abort the test. Oftentimes to abort the test you will have to do something that is contrary to the will of God, not necessarily a sin, but something that will not be an advantage to your spiritual progress in the test. If your spiritual work will involve other people, then your test will also involve other people.

Subject: Do You Want To Be Saved?

If you want to be saved, you will have to surrender your will to God or reject him. When God sees an indication that you are sincere, he will suffer you to be tried repeatedly. If you stand the test, you will be strengthened and receive a confirmation that you are saved by means of your test.

Now behind your test will be a choice for you to obey or to disobey God. Disobedience in the test will be presented to you in the appearance of relief that the pressure in the test has brought upon you. If you give in to disobedience, it means that you have rejected God and you are not saved.

Subject: Temptations Are A Confirmation Of Your Salvation:

Only one source of power can help you to overcome temptations and that is the Holy Ghost. Though you may have repented of many of your sins, unless you are filled with the Holy Ghost, Satan will eventually cause you to go back into sin by means of temptations. That old serpent, called the devil, is the instigator of temptations and he is continuously preparing them for everybody who thinks they want to be saved.

If you are filled with the Holy Ghost, temptations are good for you, and they will make you strong. If you are not filled with the Holy Ghost, temptations can cause you to have a very serious setback disrupting your desire to be saved. So, after you have repented of your sins, ask God to give you the Holy Ghost, and Satan will bring you temptations for you to see that you have received extra power from the Holy Ghost to overcome the temptations. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, temptations are a confirmation of your salvation.

Subject: Only The Holy Spirit Can Maintain A Righteous Life:

If you are trying to live a saved life, the devil is going to try your righteousness to see whether it is of God. You must have the Holy Spirit to maintain your righteousness when the devil tries you. Human strength is not enough to endure a test that the devil will present to you. Make no mistake; temptations do not come from God. However, God will set the stage for the devil to try you, much like he did Abraham when Abraham was commanded by God to take his son to Mt. Moriah to be a sacrifice.

The spiritual changes that God wants to give those who will be going to heaven will not work for them unless they are prepared by testing and tribulation while in this present world. Testing from the devil will prepare you in part for the final preparations that Jesus will make upon his appearance to make you perfect for your trip to heaven. Listen to I Corinthians 13:9-10:

- Verse 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
- Verse 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. You have to be made ready for heaven and God has ordained that the devil do his part in preparing you for heaven. Listen to St. Luke 1:17:

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

That old serpent called the devil is the instigator of temptations, and he is busy day and night preparing temptations for every person, saved or not saved.

Subject: The Day Of Your Test Will Reveal Your Devotion To God:

After you are born again, God is going to test your devotion to him. God will arrange for the devil to have access to situations in your life for you to see how much you love God. Now, when you are truly born again, nothing should separate

you from the love of God. You should be totally committed to serving and obeying God. If by chance there are other things in your life that are distracting you from devoting your life to God, then the test will show it. Listen to I Corinthians 3:13:

Verse 13 - Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

Subject: Thank God For The Bread We Eat And The Bread Of Life:

It may be necessary to eat our daily food for nutritional health, but you don't live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Deuteronomy 8:3). If you obey God's word, you will receive instructions on how to survive. If you eat your physical food, you could choke to death if you eat too fast. We should thank God each day for our daily bread, but let us not forget to thank him for the instructions given in his word for our spiritual survival.

Subject: Jesus Will Make A Way For You:

You are safe when you have Jesus in your life. Jesus will be with you whether you live or die. When Jesus is your friend, you don't have to worry about anything. Jesus has the power to take all fears out of your life. You don't have to worry if you are sick and don't have many other friends. Jesus has promised to not let the troubles of this world be any more on you than you can bear. After you have suffered a while, Jesus will deliver you. Now when troubles come upon you, don't be afraid, and use some wicked means to escape troubles. Jesus will make a way for you to escape by means of trouble.

Subject: Pick Up The Faith:

The true power of God is not harmful to a child of God. When God commanded Moses to reach down and pick up his rod, Moses very reluctantly

stooped down and caught hold of the tail of the snake and the moment he touched it, it turned into a rod again. You don't have to be afraid when you are obeying God; God's power is with and not against you.

You may be reluctant about paying your tithe and offerings when your bills are due. If God is helping you to live a sin free life, he will also make a way for you to pay your bills when you are not sure of how you will be able to do it. So be like Moses, obey God, and pick up the faith; God is with you.

Subject: Don't Try To Do Anything Without God:

If you trust and obey God, you will not fail in whatever you are involved with. God will share his wisdom and knowledge with you that you may be guided in the right path. As you walk and live a righteous life, there will be no failing on your part. Success is inevitable if you trust God to prevail in life in everything that you do or deal with. There are many who think that they can be successful without God, but everything that they do will be vanity and vexation of spirit if they leave God out.

Subject: Trust In The Lord:

A child of God should live by faith. A child of God should trust God just as children trust dependable parents. A child will trust a reliable mother or father. The reliability of parents is what gains the trust of children, so should it also be with a child of God. Our attitude toward God with reference to our faith and trust should be just as the child's toward dependable parents. When you depend upon God, you should look for guidance and help at all times. We should believe that as we ask God for our daily provisions, he will provide.

When you obey God's word and keep his commandments, he will not take his attention from your life and the conditions that you are confronted with. God will not abandon his promises to a faithful and obedient child. God is compelled by his own holiness to watch over an obedient child, just as dependable parents watch over their children. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and his ears are opened to their prayers. Your obedience to God is a connector between you and God that all the powers of Satan and his angels cannot break.

Subject: If You Are True And Faithful God Will Bless You:

If you are born again, you should be living a life that is free from sin. This means you should be faithful and true to the teaching of God's word. When these conditions exist in your life, there is nothing that can prevent God from blessing you. God will bless you according to the ability you have to manage God's blessings. God will bless the gift that you have to cause you to prosper. There will be no limitations to what God will do for you.

You will be one who will lean upon the word of God and hold it to be so important in your life that you will rely upon it for guidance and strength in this present life and for hope of deliverance in the next life. When you believe in God's word, you will go regularly to the throne of grace in prayer, and confidently make your request known unto God. If your body is afflicted, you will ask for healing. If you need deliverance from physical conditions of life, God has angels encamped around about you to deliver you.

Subject: Obedience To God's Commandments Will Cause Blessings To Overtake You:

God has a plan for those who obey him. If you walk in the statues of God and keep his commandments, God will provide for you. God is very fair; he will not forsake a person who is obedient to his word. If a man or woman follows the teachings of God's word as it is given, the person will receive blessings from God. God knows how to cause the material or financial things of the earth to be made available for all who obey him.

Now a disobedient person can be blessed also; but as such a person continues to disobey, their blessings will be cut-off. The blessings of God are incorporated in his commandments. The blessings and the commandments work together. The commandments produce the blessing when you obey the commandments. Obedience to God's commandments will cause the blessings to overtake you no matter where you are. Listen to Deuteronomy 28: 1-2-3:

Verse 1 - And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.

- Verse 2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.
- Verse 3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

Subject: You Will Reap What You Sow:

The powers of the kingdom of heaven far exceed the powers of the earth. If you want to be prosperous and blessed, obey the teachings of the word of God, and the powers of heaven will work in your personal life. The word of God teaches that when you bless another person, the powers of heaven will move upon the resources of the earth to bless you. Such blessings do not come from the earth, but they are initiated from the kingdom of heaven to make the resources of the earth available to you. Whatever you do for somebody else is called sowing. This means you are sowing in the Spirit. When you sow in the Spirit, the Spirit will reward you.

When you live to bless yourself, you are sowing to the flesh. Under such conditions, you will not have the support of the powers of heaven, and your reward will be limited. When you sow to the Spirit, the powers of heaven have unlimited abilities to bless you. Such blessings will overtake you coming from places that you had no knowledge of. You cannot do good for others and not be blessed of God. God is not mocked; whatever you sow you will reap. It is impossible to obey God, and not be blessed.

Subject: God Will Bless If You Obey:

The entire universe belongs to God, but America is God's chosen land that he decided to use as a melting pot for different races of people to come and to be saved. We can't stop folk from coming to America because God ordained America to be used for this purpose. America is made up of people of every nationality. Those of us who live here are immigrants who entered this land from different parts of the earth. America is a latter day land of milk and honey and it has an abundance of national resources. No matter what race or ethnic background

you may have come from, if you obey God, and attend to your own business, you can get somewhere here in America.

God gave Israel a land of plenty a few thousand years ago; it was called "Canaan". This land was previously inhabited by different nations who were heathens, but it was a blessed land. Heathens are people who don't know God neither do they worship God. The chief business of the people in this land was raising cattle. Whenever God blessed a nation of people, he would give the nation plenty cattle, such as here in America.

Now, the land of Canaan had rich pastures, fertile soil, and it was surrounded by mountains. The cattle were blessed by God to multiply into large herds to the extent that there were too few people to milk them all. In the mountains around the valleys where the cattle grazed, there were beehives. There were so many beehives in the mountains that the honey produced from the beehives would flow down the mountains into the valleys where the cattle were grazing because of the warm sun that melted the honey. This caused the honey to mix with the milk that the cattle produced and this is why the land of Canaan was called the land of milk and honey.

When God blessed a land it always produced more than what the people could handle. If you obey God today, he will bless you with more than you can handle. When this happens, you will please God by sharing your blessings with those who have less. Now, the way things were done by God in past times is an example of the way that God will do things today, that is why God allowed a record to be made of past events.

God did not have the Bible written for our entertainment, but for our understanding of what he will do for us if we obey his word, and also for our understanding of what he will do if we disobey. After God blessed Israel with the land of milk and honey, later as Israel failed to obey God, he sent them back into bondage again, first to the Babylonians and later to the Romans. The Bible is a serious book that has in it the records of God's work with men through the ages. You have to take the Bible very seriously because it informs you about how your life will be if you disobey God, or how it will be if you obey God.

Subject: When You Bless Another Person God Will Bless You:

Nothing can rejoice your heart more than doing something for those who are not able to do for themselves. God has placed within a person a mind that causes a person to be very happy when he or she does something for someone, and the other person appreciates it. On the other hand, if you should do something to help

someone for the purpose of gaining favor from them for some future favor for yourself, as some politicians do, this will not bring you blessings form heaven, because you were not pure and honest in your purpose for doing it. You would then be trying to win favor by doing something for someone who could do more for you than you could for them.

When you bless someone else with an honest and good heart, God in return will bless you. You provoke the blessings of heaven upon yourself when you do according to the rules of heaven, and selfishness is against the rules of heaven.

Subject: Parents Can Determine How Their Children Will Be:

Children are a gift from God. Every child who is born into the world is planned by God, and has its name on the "Book of Life" before it is born. Listen to Psalm 127:3:

Verse 3- Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Parents should place a lot of value on a child, because God blesses the world by means of children. When gifts are given to the world to benefit mankind, such gifts are placed in the minds of a child at conception. Later as the child grows up, the gift will be manifested to the world and could be a gift of medicine or an invention that will change the way people live for the better.

If parents would rear their children according to the teachings of the word of God, the child will be a blessing to them and others with whom they are affiliated. There are no better personnel available to society than a doctor or a nurse and others who render medical services. Such people could not learn to be good medical personnel in prison or on illegal drugs. People who are more functional in society have obtained a good upbringing by parents who showed interest in their children.

When God wants to bless you for some good deed, he blesses you with a child. It is then left up to the parents to train the child properly. If a child is properly taught the teachings of Jesus Christ, the child will be a blessing to the human family. The comfort and care for senior citizens of our nation depends on how well the prior generations of children were trained and reared.

God rewards parents with good children depending on how good the parents are. If you don't want your children to use illegal drugs, then God will reward you with such children if the parents refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages. Evil is

progressive; if you use profanity while driving your automobile because you are angry with a fellow motorist, your child will go to school and be a bully, and be difficult for the school administrators to manage. If you smoke cigarettes around your children, they will smoke marijuana later in life. If parents carry hatred in their hearts against a neighbor or co-worker, there is a good chance that their child will go to jail due to an offensive crime against the neighbor. Evil is progressive and it shows up in the next generation.

Subject: A Good Mother:

A good mother's worth has unlimited value to a child and the nation. A good mother is the determining factor of how successful the nation will be. The only way that we will have a successful nation with industrious citizens in the nation is when God sees the intention of good mothers who show interest in their children. One of the greatest leaders that the world has acquired benefit from was Moses, because God worked with a good mother to produce such a leader. The Bible is our guide for how God does things (The Original King James Version). If we follow the Bible, God will do according to what he has done in past times. Listen to Exodus 2:1-3 and 10:

- Verse 1 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.
- Verse 2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.
- Verse 3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.
- Verse 10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

If a mother has a mind to do for her child and to sacrifice for the child, God will work with a mother who has this mind. Moses' mother did all that she could so that Moses would survive, and God got involved and made Moses one of the greatest leaders that history has recorded. Moses became the lawgiver for God that the nations of the world might have some sense of what is right and wrong. Mothers if you work with God, God will work for your child, and you will be surprised at what your child will turn out to be.

Subject: God Corrects Children With His Word By Means Of Their Parents (Hebrews 12:7):

A child has no respect for a father who does not correct him. However, when a father corrects a child, the child will give him reverence. When the child becomes an adult, the child will have more love for the father. It is a mistake for parents to think that they can obtain love and respect from a child by compromising and failing to correct the child. In order to be respectful adults, children have to be brought up according to the instructions given in God's word.

You cannot obey God's word and not be blessed. When parents correct children according to the word of God, it is actually God correcting them, and when the children are grown, they will be blessed.



CHAPTER IV SPECIAL TOPICS IN SALVATION

Subject: Thou Shalt Not Kill:

It was never God's plan from the creation for man to die or to be killed. Listen to Genesis 1:27:

Verse 27- So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

God has no desire that his likeness or image be destroyed. When a soldier or law enforcement officer kills, it is because God requires such law enforcement personnel to do so because the person that they are ordered to kill has broken the law. The soldier or law enforcement officer is not a murderer nor is he or she transgressing God's law. Such personnel are activating the second part of God's law that states, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed. For in the image of God made he man".

When a person violates the law that requires capital punishment, the second part of the law kills him, and not the law enforcer. By breaking the law, such a person would have brought his own death sentence. He would be killing himself. God's word teaches that, "Thou shalt not kill". The reason that God gave this commandment was to keep men from killing themselves. By killing another person, you are killing yourself.

Subject: America Should Be A Light For The Free World:

God never allows a thing to come upon a nation that he established without first warning the nation. God established America and he gave warning to America by means of a prophet of what is about to happen. Therefore, the scriptures tell you in Isaiah 48:3 these words:

Verse 3 - I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.

God will show a nation ahead of time what will take place and those who correct their ways from unrighteousness to righteousness will be saved. God choose America to be a light for the world. When we try to correct another, we must see whether or not our house is in order. We cannot be a nation builder for the free world when we have perverseness in our own government.

Subject: War Clouds Are Getting Dark:

We as a nation don't want to be proud before God; pride goes before destruction. God established America just as he established Israel. When we get proud before God, we will lose our blessings, and become weak and hungry like other nations of the world. The problem is starting with church folk of America who don't believe in the power of God to deliver them from sin. This attitude develops because most Christians want to continue to enjoy the pleasures of sin.

The sins of nations cause them to make war clouds dark and threatening. The sins of our nation cause fear to seize us and make us construct terrible weapons for our defense. Sin causes dishonest relations with other nations of the world. Some may ignore the title of my books ("Saved from Sin"), but sin will be the downfall of the world for all who continue to practice sin. God has arranged so that if a nation does not repent, an individual can repent of his or her sins and they can be saved. Remember Noah during the time of the flood, and Lot in Sodom, they were saved as families that obeyed God.

Therefore, though the nation may be proud in sinful ways, we as individuals or families can still be saved if we repent of our sins and obey God's word. There is still hope for our nation if the leaders of the nation will honor God. The leaders should put their hope in God rather than their military might. Heathen nations under no condition can defeat a godly nation. God will defeat heathen nations with judgment as he did the Japanese and Germans in World War II. When God fights with judgment, he causes heathen nations to make unwise decisions at a decisive moment when they need to win a battle or acquire victory. So let us put our trust in God and turn from our sins, and God will give us victory in spite of war clouds.

Subject: What God Does For One Ethnic Group Of People He Will Do For Another:

Black folk should always serve God. God has truly blessed black folk of America. God has brought black folk from slavery to liberty. They have been brought from the plantations to the White House. What a God! God gets a lot of glory out of what he has done for black folk in America.

When black folk were first brought to this country as slaves, they were taught about God by white missionaries. White missionaries built black folk little churches to worship in, and taught them about God and that God would answer their prayers if they didn't commit sin. They taught black folk about another nation of people who were in slavery a few thousand years ago. They taught them

that these people called upon God for help and God remembered the promise he had made to a man named Abraham. God then looked down and saw the hard time these Jewish people were having and God raised up a man from the nation of people that had them enslaved and delivered them.

The missionaries taught black folk that this God of Abraham is not partial. Therefore, the black people prayed to God as the Jews did a few thousand years prior. God heard their prayers and remembered the promise he had made to Abraham, and raised up a man to deliver black folk from the nation of people by which they were enslaved, just as he raised up Moses; this man was Abraham Lincoln. Listen to Exodus 2:23-25:

- Verse 23 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came unto God by reason of the bondage.
- Verse 24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.
- Verse 25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

What God does for one ethnic group, he will do for another if the conditions are the same.

Subject: Marriage Is Honorable To All Except Gays:

Not many people realize that the devil tries to build up a stronghold in the midst of people who meet together for social reasons. Most acts of adultery develop among social groups of people even in churches. In most any group, the devil tries to get men and women together in an ungodly way, gays also. In churches, the devil likes to have people singing, shouting, and flirting with one another at the same time. When people come together in the flesh for sinful thrills, there is no chance for them to be together in the Spirit. It only pleases God when men and women get together in divine order (marriage).

The institution of marriage was ordained by God. God provided no other way for men and women to get together. Gays are completely out of the ballpark. Gays will spend eternity with the citizens of Sodom along with adulterers, thieves, liquor drinkers, drunkards, idolaters, and all other sinners. Please don't get angry with me; that is what the Bible teaches in I Corinthians 6:9.

I don't know of any other knowledge to teach other than the Bible. God joined the first couple together in holy wedlock as an example of subsequent marriages. Since the marriage of Adam and Eve, the Spirit of God joined all other couples who stand together before God to acknowledge that they take each other in holy matrimony. God said, what therefore he has joined together, let not man put asunder.

Not only did God approve the marriage relationship, but his Son Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, giving an approval of marriage. Later on God sent the Apostle Paul, speaking for both God and Christ, putting the matter in simple language for all to read and understand in the event there was any doubt. Listen to Hebrews 13:4:

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

Subject: God Gives An Understanding With His Messages:

God deals with the people of the earth by giving them an understanding. God does not communicate in darkness. What can be gained by a means of communication that does not give an understanding of what the messages are saying? The unknown tongue sects are alienated from God through ignorance and darkness. Whenever God imparts knowledge to the people of the earth, he will make known to the people what his will is through a plan and simplified means of communication. What good is knowledge that a person has if they cannot convey or use the information in a way that it will be of benefit to them or their fellow man? Such information would be worthless.

When God wants the world to know that destruction is coming to the earth because of the sins of man, God will not send a preacher or prophet to speak in unknown tongues, but one who can effectively convey messages to the people so that they will understand how to escape destruction. Now, people do not have to agree with the messages, but God will give them the privilege to accept or reject the messages. People cannot reject or accept information that they do not understand.

Subject: You Must Follow God By Faith:

There is not much profit in looking for somebody and you don't have a description of his or her identity. The Jews looked for their Messiah for a few hundred years and when He came, they could not identify him. If you are looking for somebody, it will be a good thing to know what he or she looks like.

God will oftentimes do things in a symbolic way, which means He will send symbols of the things to represent the event that will take place. God first had Moses to use a lamb out of the flock of the Israelites to represent the coming of their Messiah. The Jews were looking for a great military leader. A lamb is the most harmless creature on the earth; it never fights anybody.

Now the Jews wanted to set the rules for the kind of Messiah that should come, and they are still waiting for their vain rules to bring their Messiah. You have to be wise and humble to learn God's way of doing things. If you are wise in your own conceit, you will be disappointed. God does not honor a man's way of doing things. A man's way of doing things brought continuous death and destruction to the world.

When God got ready to deliver the children of Israel from the bondage of the greatest kingdom of that time, God sent two men to Egypt with nothing but a stick to deliver the children of Israel. When God was training Moses to be ready for the great exodus from Egypt and to defeat their army, God sent Moses down to a land called Midian where nothing but shepherds worked their flocks. Moses was in Midian for forty years learning how to be a shepherd rather than a great warrior organizing an army to defeat the Egyptians. God works in a strange and mysterious way. We can't figure out what God is doing; but we can follow by faith and God will give us victory.

Subject: The Spirit Of Adversity Against God Was The Spirit Of Destruction For The Pharaoh Of Egypt:

When a person opposes God, God will eventually give the person bad judgment by giving momentum to their spirit of opposition. This means if a person opposes a child of God, God will cause the way that they are opposing to deceive them by leading them to an unnoticeable direction of destruction. Their own means of opposition will destroy them.

When the Pharaoh of Egypt became stubborn towards Moses' orders to release the children of Israel, it was by means of his stubborn spirit that his army and first-born son were destroyed. Adversity is the spirit that you don't want to take against God or his people. God can cause the adversity of the person to be their enemy. When your own ways deceive you, you will be headed for destruction thinking that you are headed for safety.



CHAPTER V GOD'S LOVE & GRACE

Subject: God Is The Same Today As He Was In Biblical Days:

When you learn about the wonderful work of the Holy Spirit, you will learn that the same way in which the Lord manifested himself to the believers in biblical days, he will also manifest himself today. God saves and blesses today as he saved and blessed during biblical days. This is what helps us to know that the word of God is right. We receive faith, courage, determination, and comfort with this knowledge of God. This also motivates us to be faithful and true as servants of God. We lean upon his word and hold it to be so important in our lives that we rely on it to give us guidance and strength in our present physical lives, and hope to be beneficiaries in the life to come.

Subject: You Need Grace With The Truth To Be Saved:

The truth is safety and light, true light showing you accurate information. A lie is darkness, deceiving you into thinking that you are going the best way. Nevertheless, it will later lead you to disappointment. When you have received a lie as a source of information, you may think that you are getting by, but a lie leads you into uncertain territory that can be to your disadvantage. The truth will manifest a situation showing you the accuracy and authenticity of the conditions. God is truth and his spirit leads you on a true path to salvation, if you accept his word.

You can only learn the truth by means of God's word. The devil is the adversary of God who uses lies and deceiving information to lead people from the truth. You need help to follow the truth continuously. Jesus brought this help, which is called grace. Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. Grace helps you to understand and to apply the truth to your life for salvation in Jesus Christ. Without grace, it is difficult to apply the truth to your life for salvation. The Spirit of God brings grace with the truth for you to be saved.

You cannot serve God unless the Spirit of God is giving you grace, even if the true information is available. Most every home, hotel, hospital, and church has the Bible, which is the truth and very few people are saved because they don't have the Spirit to give them grace.

Subject: Please Don't Reject God's Love:

When you are born again, you will receive power from on high to rule yourself in righteousness under the most difficult circumstances. When Jesus was under the most adverse circumstances, he was able to stand before a mocking crowd in spite of all the good that he had done for them. He withstood their resentment without any feelings of vengeance, and prayed that God would forgive them. Jesus was our example by teaching us how to rule ourselves in love when adversity is against us. It is easy to love under favorable conditions, but you need the Holy Spirit to help you to love under adverse conditions, because not all of the conditions of this life are going to be favorable.

Everybody who is going to heaven must first prove that they can rule themselves while living on the earth. In heaven, there will be no laws, nor law enforcement personnel to rule the actions of men. Everybody there will be ruled by love. The government of heaven was introduced to the earth by love. Jesus died before he would use the forces of heaven to fight for him. Jesus' purpose was to teach the people of the earth how to get to heaven by means of love. Upon Jesus' next appearance, there will be no more grace to be saved by. The purpose of this appearance will be to serve judgment upon the earth to all who reject his love. No alternative is available to help people who won't accept your love.

When the people of the earth reject God's love, God has neither a place in heaven nor the earth for such people to reside. Therefore, God has prepared hell for those who reject his love. If a person doesn't love you and reject you, after you have shown them love, you can do nothing else for them. Love is the greatest form of kindness, and consideration that a person can be given. When people reject love, there is no place in human existence for them.

Subject: You Need Grace To Keep From Being A Trouble Maker:

The law is for the purpose of keeping people from offending or trespassing the other person's rights. God gave the law because he saw that man did not have enough love in his heart for his fellow man to keep from offending or trespassing his rights. Many things that people do to offend one another are against the law. Jesus said offenses must come, but woe unto the ones who bring them.

God later sent Jesus to bring grace to the world. Inclusive with grace is the love of God. The love of God is sufficient to keep man from offending his neighbor or breaking the law. Grace gives you extra strength to live above the law. When a person receives grace, they will be no trouble to their fellow man. If you

have not been saved by grace, you could be trouble to your fellow man, friend, or a relative at any time during your life. Only the grace of God can keep you from being offensive and creating problems to your fellow man.

The Holy Spirit brings the grace of God into your life. When you receive grace by the Spirit of God, you have been born again. Anybody who has not been born again can be a troublemaker. You cannot have a lot of confidence in people who have not been born again, because they are like a time bomb; they could be trouble at any time. Sometimes they need a little substance such as liquor or alcoholic beverages to get them started, but they will nevertheless be vulnerable to trouble.

Subject: God's Love Is Boundless:

It is a wonderful thing to have God's love in your life. When you are born again, the love of God remains in your life. God's love is different from human love. God's love is infinite and indiscriminate. There is nothing in human existence that can measure God's love, because it is boundless. We can't figure out how deep or strong God's love is. If you are not saved, God loves people that you can't stand. There is nothing that man can do to impede God's love. The meanest person on the earth can find peace and grace in God, if he repents of his sins and turns to God. The goodness of God will be given to such a person just as it was given to those who were not so mean.

You cannot imagine what God's love is going to do for those who will enter his kingdom. In the kingdom of heaven, there will be unlimited joy in the Holy Ghost. Those who go there will be happy all the time. Eyes have not seen, ears have not hear, neither hath it entered into the heart of man what God has in store for those he loves (I Corinthians 2:9). You should do everything that you can to qualify to be a citizen of the kingdom of heaven, because God's love will have blessings for you that you cannot imagine.

Subject: Do You Have The Love Of God In Your Life?

When you are truly born again, the very thought about entering God's kingdom will make you happy. If your heart is only filled with human love, you will be happy sometimes, but at other times, you will be unhappy because human love is limited and partial. Human love has natural affections for some favorite

friends or relatives and when they make you angry, your love for them fails to give you continuous happiness.

You cannot depend on human love to keep you happy, but the love of God is unmovable, which means it can function under any adverse conditions, because it never fails. The love of God does not have failing weaknesses in it. It consists of divine power that can endure any adverse or difficult conditions that the world brings up against you. If you are a recipient of the love of God, difficult conditions of the world will have no power or deterrence against the love of God in your life.

The divine love of God does not change because people change. When you have divine love, you would not stop loving a person because they stop loving you. Your love would be unmovable, steadfast, and always abounding. The divine love of God will not be mixed with envy, malice, strife, emulations, selfishness, nor indifferent feelings toward some people and good feelings for others. This kind of love is of the earth. It is counterfeit or false, and will not be found among born again saints of God.

Subject: When Government Fails Jesus Will Not:

You can go to the polls and vote, but you can't trust the government or government officials to keep their word. No matter whom you vote for, government officials will not keep their promises to the people. There is only one source of help and hope for the people of this nation and that is God. God will keep his word if the people will maintain obedience to God's word. God has never failed anybody who has obeyed his word.

One day God is going to create a new earth being ruled by the government of love from the kingdom of heaven. Love is the greatest form of government that a people can have. Jesus brought this government to the earth and introduced it to the people of the earth, and it has never failed everybody who has received it. The love of God is a government that works in the hearts of men, producing good deeds and actions for the benefit of others. The politicians in Washington have a lot of love for lobbyists and not much for the people who sent them to Washington. The conditions of the nation will substantiate where their love is. So don't worry about voting, go to Jesus and you will find that he will keep his promise if you maintain your obedience.

Subject: God's Love Has More Power Than Any Law:

Love has more power than the law. The kingdoms of this world are ruled by laws, but the kingdom of heaven is ruled by love. True love is implemented by the Holy Spirit; it is divine love. You have to have the military and local law enforcement to enforce laws and they still don't always work.

In a society or civilization where divine love is the controlling force, there will be no need for laws neither the enforcer of laws. This is the kind of society that the kingdom of heaven will be. Every human and spiritual being in the kingdom of heaven will have the love of God ruling in their hearts, therefore, no laws will be necessary to control the actions of men.

Whenever people can govern themselves, there is no need for law enforcers. In the kingdom of heaven, every citizen will be as kind to one another as their best friends and relatives are today on earth. You cannot imagine how powerful and effective God's love is when it is in full motion. This is the kind of civilization that God is going to establish in heaven first, and later on the earth. The people in this society will consist of angels and saints. In order to be a part of this society, you must prove to God that you would like for love to rule your life while you are living in this present world. You must do this in spite of opposition and adversity in the world, and God will give you the Holy Spirit to help you.

The laws in our present day society force people to do right, but we can see in the Mideast that it doesn't always work. They refer to the uprisings in the Mideast as the Arab Spring. In the kingdom of heaven, there will be a "love spring". The Holy Ghost is a carrier of the nature of God, which carries God's love. God has power to give his love to every human being in existence, but he won't force it on humans; they must willingly receive God's love and it will change their lives. God's love gives you power to take away the appetite of sin and you will develop an overwhelming ability to love everybody. God's love will make you like God; God loves everybody.

Subject: What Does It Mean To Fear God?:

God does not want us to fear him because of terror that may come upon us. God wants us to be afraid of the terror that sin will bring upon us if we fail to obey God. God wants us to know that he is our refuge, and he will deliver us from the terrors of the world. The only way that we can be protected is fearing or respecting God's discretion; that will keep us safe.

To fear God is not to be afraid of God, but to understand that God's word is the only means of escape from the dangers of the world. God wants us to have fear as a child has for his or her parents. Terror is destructive fear that horrifies us; this is not the will of God. We should never be terrified or tremble at the name of Jesus; that is what the devil does when he hears the name of Jesus. Those who tremble at the name of Jesus don't know the love of God. Listen to I John 4:18:

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



CHAPTER VI THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE NEW BIRTH

Subject: If You Don't Have The Spirit Of God You Are Not His Child:

You don't have to be baptized in water to get into the kingdom of heaven, but you must be baptized with the Holy Spirit to get there. You must have the Spirit of God to live in heaven as a child of God. God will reject you if you don't have his Spirit. When you don't have God's Spirit, you are not a member of his family.

Baptism of water is merely a symbol of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When you are baptized in water, you do this to honor Jesus' death and resurrection. It is your testimony that Jesus has been resurrected in your life and that your old life of sin has died. When you are baptized with the Holy Spirit, it gives you power to live a new life in Christ.

The baptism of water does not give you power to do anything. It is simply a show to the world that your inner man has been changed by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is what actually makes you a new creature in Christ. When you are baptized in water, you are testifying that you have experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit means that you have been born again of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God gives you the new birth in Christ and not water.

When a person becomes wicked, those who were previously associated with the wicked person should separate from the wicked person. If the weak becomes wicked and filled with evil to the extent that he or she can no longer see the advantage in being corrected, he or she is not fit for the decent company of those who want to be saved.

True holiness means to live above the ways of the carnal or sinful nature of a person. If you live in true holiness or righteousness, though you may experience hardships from time to time, when the trumpet of God sounds and the dead in Christ rise, you will be in that number whether you are living or dead.

Subject: The Intercessor:

Your understanding and acceptance of the teachings of God's word will be limited unless you are filled with the Holy Spirit. You must be born of the Spirit in order to understand a spiritual teaching. The Holy Spirit is an intercessor between man and God. The intercessor was commissioned by God to help those who are going to be saved to learn how to apply the knowledge of God's word to their

lives. When you are born again of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit takes up residence in your mind to assist your ability to comprehend the knowledge of God.

One of the functions of the Spirit is to break down the knowledge of God's word to a level of understanding that a human being can use in his or her everyday life. In doing this, the Spirit will simplify the knowledge of God's word to help human beings to be able to survive the evils of the world. The devil has made the evils of the world so complicated and deceiving that humans have no ability to perceive or deal with such evil spirits of the world. Therefore, God sent the Holy Spirit to teach us the knowledge of his word so that we can effectively survive the evils of this world.

Subject: When You Receive Jesus You Will Also Receive Power From On High:

The plan of salvation instituted by the Lord is so simple that a wayfaring man, though a fool, needs not to err in it. You only have to believe it and the Lord does the remaining work for you. God is offering us everything we need to obtain eternal life, but it is very strange that the world rejects the plan of salvation. When God sent Jesus into the world, no religious leader or preacher had ever spoke as Jesus taught. Those who heard Him had to bear witness that this man is not from any college or higher institution of learning on earth. They thought that Jesus' knowledge was good and from a much higher source than the world could offer, yet they did not believe him. But, as many as did believe, Jesus gave them power to be saved (St. John 1:12).

Today anybody who believes the teachings of Jesus Christ can receive power that will help them to obey. If you follow the instructions in The Original King James Version of the Bible, you will find that everything it teaches is true. When you seek to know about God with a pure intent of heart, God will reveal the knowledge of his plan to you. God will tell you things about yourself that you didn't know.

Now the Bible teaches that there are two works of "Grace". Grace means favor from God that we can't earn. The Lord sent a forerunner name John the Baptist, testifying of the fact that Jesus one day would be sent to save his people from their sins. When Jesus saves you, you won't have to sin anymore. Sin includes everything that is contrary to the will of God, and love includes all that is in accord with God's will.

There are two works of grace, which the church of man has failed to preach. One is the forgiveness of sin, and the other is the power given to man which makes it so that he does not have to sin anymore after having been forgiven of his sins; this is the power that Jesus offers in St. John 1:12. When you receive Jesus' teaching, this power is brought into your life by the Holy Ghost. In St. Matthew 3:11, it teaches (by John the Baptist) that Jesus, who is coming after him, will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and power. You don't have to be baptized with water to get to heaven, but you must be baptized with the Holy Ghost, because it has power to get you there.

Subject: Jesus Was Sent To Save Us From Our First Birth:

The word of God teaches us that if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and if we follow his instructions, we can be born again. We would then have experienced two births. One birth of the flesh, of our earthly parents, and the other is the birth of the Spirit of our heavenly Father.

Initially, every child who is born into the world has its name in the book of life. When the child is old enough to know right from wrong and decides to commit sin, their name is taken out of the book of life. This means in order for that child to be saved, he or she must be born again, and Jesus was sent by God to give us directions on how to be born again.

Subject: The Second Birth:

I did not learn what I teach from a college or religious seminary. The knowledge that I am giving was given to me by God through the Holy Spirit. I was previously a dedicated schoolteacher who enjoyed my profession. I was called away from my profession by God, and was revealed the mysteries of God's word for those who desire to be saved. You will not find another preacher anywhere teaching the principles of salvation as I teach them. You cannot take in what I am teaching without experiencing a change in your life. If you receive my teaching with an honest and good mind, you will be born again.

God in his plan for man has made available two birth and two resurrections. The second birth is a spiritual birth, which will enable you to live a spiritual life right here on earth. The second birth will also enable you to be a part of the first resurrection when Jesus returns. The second birth is when you have been born again of the Spirit of God. The second birth is what you want while you are living in this world. The second birth is what saves you from sin.

When you have experienced a spiritual birth, you will then live in the Spirit. This means the Holy Spirit will be your guide and director through life. It will lead you to live a righteous life by giving you power to do so. We were born the first time of our parents, receiving a flesh and blood body with the nature to live in sin. The second birth of the Spirit will give us power to obey the word of God to live righteous. If you live righteous without assistance from the Spirit of God, such righteousness will be your righteousness, and not of God. Righteousness without the Spirit of God is self-righteousness, which is not acceptable for salvation.

Your birth of your parents allowed you to obey principles of life that made you a sinner. If you continue with such a life and fail to receive the second birth from the Spirit of God, at the end of your life you will receive eternal damnation. However, if you experience the second birth and obey the principles that make you righteous, at the end of this life you will receive eternal life in heaven.

Subject: If You Do Not Accept Christ Moses' Law Will Condemn You:

If you don't have the love of God in your heart by the power of the Holy Spirit, you will not be able to keep the whole law of God. You will break the law at one point or another (James 2:10). When you break the law at one point, you are guilty of breaking the whole law. There are many who believe that the law became obsolete after Jesus brought grace. The law is never obsolete, if you have not been saved you are still under the condemnation of the law that Moses taught. Jesus did not come to do away with the Law of Moses, but to complete it.

Jesus brought grace, which comes into your life by the Holy Spirit, to give you the ability to live above the condemnation of the law. Those who committed adultery during Moses day and failed to offer an acceptable sacrifice for their sins were condemned under Moses' law, as well as those who commit adultery today and have failed to accept Jesus Christ who gives the new birth. The sacrifice that Jesus made on Calvary does not render forgiveness of sin unless you have received the new birth from Christ. When you receive the new birth, it gives you power to sin no more. Under these conditions, you are no longer condemned under the law that Moses brought neither the fulfillment of the law that Jesus taught.

Jesus came to complete the law as the final and more perfect sacrifice for our sins. If a person has not been born again, it means that they have received no benefit from Jesus' sacrifice and are nevertheless condemned under Moses' law. Listen to St. Matthew 5:17-18:

- Verse 17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.
- Verse 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Now the offering of the blood of bulls and goats or a lamb is not acceptable to God anymore, neither for the Jews nor Christians today. Jesus' sacrifice is the only acceptable sacrifice for sins. So then, the sacrifices for sins have been updated to grace from Jesus Christ. However, if a person fails to receive Jesus Christ, they will nevertheless be condemned under Moses' law. Listen to Hebrews 10:3-4:

- Verse 3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.
- Verse 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

So then, God took away the first agreement for the sacrifices of sins that he might establish the second agreement, which was in Christ for once and for all. Listen to Hebrews 10:9-10:

- Verse 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.
- Verse 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Subject: If You Are Saved You Are Saved For A Purpose:

God carefully chooses whom he is going to save, and he saves a person for a purpose. If you think you are saved and you are not being used by God for a purpose, you have made a mistake. God can use a person for many things, such as a preacher or teacher of the gospel. God could save a person and bless the person

with wealth to help support the finances of a ministry, as the wise men did at Jesus' birth.

Among all of the women on the earth prior to Jesus' birth, Mary was the one chosen by God to give Jesus the human touch, and to care for Jesus as a child. When God looks down upon the earth to see whom he is going to save, he looks to see who is willing to fulfill his purpose. The person that God chooses to save for a purpose must first have a willing mind to do what God wants done. This initiative must come from the individual, and God will give the person the Holy Spirit to help motivate and to inspire the person to accomplish God's purpose. Listen to II Corinthians 8:12:

Verse 12 - For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

When there is first a willing mind, God will then work in the individual to do what they were saved to accomplish. Listen to Philippians 2:13:

Verse 13 - For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Subject: You Have To Be Saved To Learn The Reality Of God:

You cannot believe in the reality of God just because you were taught about God in Sunday school. This kind of exposure to the reality of God's existence is a good start, but not enough for you to have a firm grip in your mind about the reality of God. In order for God to be a reality to you, the Spirit of God must bring God into your mind. When the Spirit of God has not given you the new birth in Christ, your knowledge of God will be loose.

In order to truly believe something, you must either see it or experience it working in your life. Now I believe in headaches because I can feel and experience their reality. You cannot see God, but if God has changed your life according to what his word teaches, then that is just as good as seeing God. This is because God's word is true and when God saves you, the truth of his word will go to work in your life.

Subject: Only Jesus Can Give Us The New Birth:

We are born wrong when we are born in sin that is why God worked out a plan in Christ for us to be born again. When our conception is wrong, we can't improvise to change it. The only way a wrong conception of something can be corrected is by a new conception. This means our first conception must be replaced by a righteous conception. Now we can't conceive ourselves, we must find a means by which we can allow a righteous conception to do the job for us; Jesus is the means.

Jesus has power in his word to implant a seed of righteousness in our minds, and if we agree to this procedure, we can be born again. We don't have to know the science involved with Jesus' procedure because modern science does not possess the knowledge of how to understand the mystery of this procedure. If you allow Jesus to give you a new conception of a righteous life, you will be able to see yourself experiencing a change from an unrighteous person to a righteous person. Now your church or pastor cannot do this for you. Only Jesus has the power and knowledge of how to do this.

Subject: You Are Born Again Of An Incorruptible Seed:

If you could take the seed of a tomato, place it in an apple, and cause it to grow, it would change the flavor of the apple. Though the apple would still look like an apple in appearance, it would taste like a tomato. By implanting the seed of a different fruit in the apple, you would then change the nature of the apple. The nature of the apple produces a flavor that can only be found in the apple, and it comes from the apple seed; but if you could place a different seed in the apple and cause that seed to grow it would change the nature of the apple to the nature of the new seed. So is it also with the word of God. We were born produced by a seed from our fathers; it was a corruptible seed. This means it would give life that would eventually grow old and die. However, if another seed was implanted in us that was incorruptible and had power to give life that would not die we could live forever.

God sent Jesus into the world to provide an incorruptible seed, which was the word of God. If a person hears the word, receives it into their minds, and desires to keep it, it would do what a tomato seed could do to an apple. It would change the nature of the person without changing the physical appearance of the person. Though the person was born the first time of his or her father's seed, which would eventually give them a short-term life, the new seed that is the word of God would give them eternal life. The word of God is an incorruptible seed that will never die. It would save the person's soul or mind, and later reproduce a new body that would live forever. Such a person would have experienced the new birth, being born again of an incorruptible seed, which is the word of God. Listen to I Peter 1:23:

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

When you are born again of an incorruptible seed, which is the word of God, it changes your nature from a sinful nature to the divine nature of God. The word of God purifies your nature giving you a pure heart free from sin. Your heart is your soul. Listen to verse 22:

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:

Subject: What Does It Mean To Be One With God? (St. John 17:11):

To be one with God means that such a person must have God's Spirit. When you have God's Spirit, it means that God is present in your mind. When God is present in your mind the will of God is being done in your life. God's presence in your mind allows God to have control over your life. When God has control over your life, you then become a follower of that which is good and nobody will have power to interrupt your relationship with God. Under these conditions, there will be no condemnation in your way of thinking or acting. Nobody will be able to harm you or interfere with your life's operations. Listen to I Peter 3:13:

Verse 13 - And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

When you become one with God you are partaker of an inseparable fellowship, and no powers on earth will be able to separate you from the love of God. Listen to Romans 8:35:

Verse 35 - Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

To be one with God is to be a permanent partaker of God's holiness.

Subject: Give God Your Heart (Mind):

God has the power to monitor everybody's heart (mind) at the same time. God knows the secrets of your heart that you might not know about. The thoughts that come across your heart do not have to be your intentions. God can separate your intentions from your thoughts. We think about many things and make plans to do many things, but oftentimes we fail to do them. This is because thoughts are not always intentions.

You can know your thoughts, but you can't always know your intentions. The Holy Spirit gives you good intentions and helps you to carry them out. If you don't have the Holy Spirit, you can have what you think are a lot of good intentions, but fail to carry them out. This happens because your heart (mind) is deceitful sometimes; when you don't have the assistance of the Holy Spirit your thoughts are not dependable to produce good deeds.

The best way to learn if you have good intentions is to watch what you do. Your actions will manifest to you whether or not your intentions are sincere. Thoughts can be cheap; but actions can be very valuable. Your heart (mind) is oftentimes motivated by conditions and feelings, and just as soon as your feelings change, your mind changes.

God can search your heart and separate your thoughts from your intentions, and God can allow his Spirit to mortify, or downgrade bad intentions and help you to execute good intentions. So give your heart to God and he will give you his Spirit to produce good deeds.

Subject: Are You Serving God In The Oldness Of The Letter Or Newness Of The Spirit?

The apostles of Jesus Christ were witnesses of the Lord. To be a true witness of the Lord you must be truly born again. When you are truly born again you are filled with God's Spirit. In order for this to happen, your old life of sin must be crucified after the example of Christ's old body that was crucified on Calvary. When your life has experienced Jesus' crucifixion, it means that your old nature to commit sin has died, yet you will be living with a new life of Christ's Spirit. Listen to Galatians 2:20:

Verse 20 - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

If you are serving God, and have not yet been born again you are not a true witness for Christ. You are still living a Christian life in the same old body that is still committing sin. The Bible refers to this as serving God in the oldness of the letter. To serve in a body that is still committing sin is like the Jews, who did not accept Jesus Christ and still followed their old religious teaching which was the law. Listen to Romans 7: 5-6:

Verse 5 - For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Jesus wanted to deliver the Jews from the oldness of the letter, which was by the law that they might have been saved to serve God in the newness of the Spirit, which was by grace. To serve God under the law means that the Jews had come short of being born again of the Spirit of God. If you have not been born again of the Spirit of God, you are just like the Jews; you are serving God in the oldness of the letter, which will bring death to you.

Verse 6 - But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Gives You Power To Live Free From Sin:

When you are born again, you are born of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is the power of God. It is righteous power, which means it gives you the power to live a righteous life free from sin. You can only live righteous when your life is sin-free; sin causes you to be unrighteous.

So then the Spirit of God gives you power to live righteous. You get the Spirit of God when you repent of your sins and receive the teachings of Jesus Christ with the intent of heart to obey the teachings. I am giving you the teachings of Jesus Christ. Listen to St John 1:12:

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

The power that Jesus gives is the Holy Spirit. Listen to Acts 1:8:

Verse 8 - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Holy Ghost adopts you into the family of God when you are born again. 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.

If you die before Jesus returns and you are born again of the Spirit of God, the Spirit that raised Jesus up from the grave after his crucifixion will also raise you up to meet Jesus upon his second return. Listen to Romans 8:11:

Verse 11 - But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Subject: Spiritual Strength Versus Religious Strength:

A person can be religiously strong, but not saved. Such a person can be influential, prominent, intelligent, and well educated, but not saved. Such a person can have these qualities and be wicked. You should not follow nor allow a person with these qualities to be your mentor, nor have influence over you. If you do, you will be allowing the devil to influence you.

If you want to be truly saved, you should only allow a Holy Ghost filled person to influence you. A Holy Ghost filled person is one who allows Christ to lead their life; to be under their influence is to be under the influence of Jesus Christ. Such a person who is filled with the Holy Ghost will be steadfast and upright in their walk.

The Holy Ghost filled person will take instructions from the word of God and obey the gospel. They will help carry the burdens of the weaker ones in the faith with longsuffering and patience. This saint will give a spiritual light for others to see the right way to go. They will do missionary work to help the needy. They will give double honor to godly leaders in the church. They will be humble and unselfish in their way of doing things, not seeking personal recognition to be seen or heard in the church. They will support the finances of the ministry and stand their test and hardships without complaining. They will be the ones who God depends on for service; these are saints. They are called the strong. They are not religiously strong, but spiritually strong. To be religiously strong can be strength acquired from the devil, but to be spiritually strong is to be strong in righteousness, which comes from the Holy Ghost.

Subject: Your Conscience:

When you do wrong or commit sin, a conscience within you will condemn you. The conscience is a part of the inner-man that works in your mind and was placed there by God to help you to discern right from wrong, and makes you very uncomfortable when you do wrong. Your conscience has power to condemn you when you do wrong that no court of law can relieve you of, even when you are declared innocent, though you are truly guilty. God is more powerful than a court of law.

When you are born again, the Spirit of God teams up with your conscience giving you power to do right causing your deeds to be at peace with your conscience. The Spirit of God is an intercessor that causes your life's operations to be righteous so that your conscience won't take you on a guilt trip.

The Spirit of God causes your righteous life to be at peace with God by means of obedience to God's word, and God, by his Spirit, in return will establish harmony between your life's operations and your conscience.

Subject: Grace Can Help You To Tell The Truth:

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the truth. Before you can testify in any court, the clerk of the court stands up with the Bible in his or her hand and ask you, "will you tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?". The only way that you can continuously tell the truth throughout your life is that God has to help you. If you don't have the Spirit of God helping you to tell the truth, somewhere along the way a lie will creep into your conversation. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, and is the only means by which a person can continuously tell the truth.

Jesus is the one who makes a way for us to receive the Holy Spirit so that we can tell the truth. Listen to how Jesus does this in Titus 2:11-12:

- Verse 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
- Verse 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Jesus Christ is the representative of the grace of God. He brings grace and truth. When you accept Jesus, his Spirit teaches you to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts that we should liver soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. We need help to tell the truth and this is what Jesus can do for us. Jesus did not come to die to save us while we are yet in our sins. If we are still in our sins, Jesus has not saved us. Jesus came to teach us how not to sin, and died for the sins that we had already committed, so that when we start out to live righteously, there would be nothing against us.

Subject: God Is Only Present By Means Of His Spirit:

When we are born of the Spirit of God, we are one no matter where we live. When we meet each other, we will know one another by the Spirit of God that dwells in us. One person will not think that they know more than the other does, because we will have the same mind. When we have the same Spirit, we will have the same mind, which is the mind of Christ.

When we are born of the Spirit of God, we are fitly framed together in the family of God as the house of God. God has no use for a house made of wood or stones; he wants people. Just because people meet together in one place does not mean that God is there. They must bring God there by his Spirit dwelling in their hearts.



CHAPTER VII

THE TRUE: PREACHERS & TEACHINGS

Subject: The Church Has To Be An Example Of Righteousness:

A true church will have a light for the people to see by. It will be a light to show the people the correct way to go in life. A true church will consist of a body of believers in the teaching of Jesus Christ. When the church departs from the teachings of Christ to raise money, entertain, and become more commercial than righteous, they will have no true light. When there is no true light, the people won't know whether they are saved or not. Under these conditions, the church will not be able to get people to know the Lord and understand the principles of righteousness to be saved.

In order for people to follow righteousness, they must be overwhelmed by the leaders of the church to be their example. Leaders cannot teach people righteous principles when they are not obeying righteous principles. Most people will not do as you say do; they will do what they see you doing. When you try to force a person to do what you say and not what you do, they will resent you and label you as being a hypocrite. Many parent s have the same problems with children. Children will only respect good examples. The church will only honor leaders that are honoring God.

Subject: The Strong Must Help The Weak:

The purpose of a God sent preacher is to use the knowledge of the word of God to help others who desire to be saved to walk uprightly, and to grow strong in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Most of the Christian society of America has been overtaken by incorrect principles of righteousness that do not lead a person to acquire salvation. Under these conditions, those who are strong in knowledge must help those who are weak. When the Spirit of God is using the strong person to help the weak person, the weak person will listen, and he or she will be helped by the strong person. It is the intention of the strong brother to help the weak brothers and sisters to be saved. It is the tactic of the devil to use the weak person's lack of knowledge to gain advantage over them and cause them to err from the true way of salvation.

The strong brother knows that if a weak person wants to be saved and if the assistance extended by the strong brother is extended according to the word of God, the weak person can receive help, and overcome that wicked one. Every effort should be put forth by the strong brother to show the weak person their fault, and to instruct the weak person in the teachings of the scriptures as it might affect the weak person's spiritual condition. If the weak person rejects the assistance of

the strong brother, and does not hear instructions of correction, then the weak person will no longer be categorized as weak, but wicked.

Subject: The Scriptures Are Of No Private Interpretation:

The reason we have so many different denominations today is that people interpret the word of God to be compatible with their sinful desires. If a man wants to be a religious leader and desires to have more than one woman, he will interpret the word of God to be in line with his desires for more than one woman. Others who have similar desires will follow and support his religious movement. Large congregations of people are not an indication that they have the right spirit. A religious group cannot establish themselves in righteousness contrary to the teachings of God's word. "There is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the end thereof is the way of death. No religious teaching is right unless it is according to the teachings of the scriptures. Only the Holy Ghost can direct a person to follow the scriptures correctly.

The Holy Ghost must first be at the control of the person's personal life; and later move on them in a direction of righteousness to do a work for God. The man must first be a holy man, one who lives free from sin, and from that standpoint be directed by the Holy Ghost. Such a minister at no point in time in his ministry would attempt to interpret the scriptures; the scriptures are of no private interpretation; God simply uses the scriptures to talk to the people by means of the holy man. Listen to II Peter 1:20-21:

- Verse 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
- Verse 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Subject: The Ministry Of The Ambassador:

If you accept the teachings of Jesus Christ, you will become a citizen of the kingdom of heaven. God will use you to represent the government of heaven while you are living here on the earth; you will be an ambassador for Christ.

Ambassadors are very important people because they can establish peaceful relationships between nations on the earth. When you are an ambassador for Christ, you will be able to establish peaceful relationships between God and other people of the earth. When you do this kind of work for God, God will be pleased with you and bless you.

Ambassadors of heaven will have authority from God to help other people to be born again. God uses ambassadors to seek out those who want to be saved, and they will be able to pray that the Spirit of God will reconcile the unsaved person to God. God prolongs life on the earth for the ministry of the ambassadors. Ambassadors of Christ will let the people of the earth know that if they live in harmony and peace with each other here on earth, they may establish a right to citizenship in the kingdom of heaven hereafter. However, if the people of the earth continue to live with envy, strife, hatred, and despitefully using one another, they will not be worthy to acquire citizenship in the kingdom of heaven.

Ambassadors of heaven will inform the people of the earth that there will be a day of separation, whereas God will separate those who want to be saved from those who desire to continue to live a life of sin. When this separation takes place, the wicked will not be able to get to the citizens and heirs of the kingdom of heaven, for there will be a great, permanent gulf between them, which neither will be able to bridge. At this time, the ambassadors will not be able to sympathize with the unsaved, because they will be permanently separated.

At the present time, the ambassadors of heaven are making the unsaved to know that they have the opportunity to put away their sins and become heirs to the kingdom of heaven. The invitation is now being extended. The opportunity for the sinner to change from his or her sinful life and take on the nature of a saint is now available.

Subject: When A Preacher Pleases God He Won't Please Most Of The People:

The Bible is a book that tells the truth. The authors of most books that are written attempt to glamorize or glorify themselves as good authors. The Bible does not glorify or glamorize any people unless they do the things that are right. If you are not living right, it will be hard to accept what the Bible teaches. A false preacher will pick through the Bible to find the good things to preach to people who are not living right. Such a preacher can make you feel good while you are living today, but he won't get you into heaven.

Some of the things that I preach are difficult to take in, but if you can take it into your mind and change your way of living, it will get you into the kingdom of heaven. The Lord is behind a preacher who preaches the truth. Such a preacher has God's support by means of God's Spirit. A preacher that God sends is not worried about being popular with people; he is concerned about pleasing God. When you please God, you won't be pleasing most people.



CHAPTER VIII

THE FALSE: PREACHERS & TEACHINGS

Subject: The Dummy:

Have you ever seen a dummy in the window of a department store? Usually the dummies will display clothing for women. The dummy is in the form of a woman, but without life. Some preachers of today are like dummies, having the form of a preacher in appearance, but no life of righteousness; they have no power to live right (St. Matthew 7:15). Now these type preachers know how to flatter silly women that go to their churches. If you want to be saved, never listen to a preacher who flatters you, because such a preacher is a dummy.

It is better to find a preacher who will point out your sins. It may feel offensive initially, but if you repent of your sins, your life will get better. A preacher who preaches about your sins is not trying to use his members for personal gain, because he is taking a chance on losing them to be a follower of the dummy preachers. The sins that make your life miserable are not always visible to you, but the God sent preacher would have the wisdom to show you what such sins are doing in your life.

Now the dummy preacher wants you to be happy listening to flattering words, and exciting church music. A dummy preacher can also be an adulterous lover of men and women in the church. Such a preacher will commit adultery and have a wife. Dummy preachers have no righteous standard that they live by; they will do whatever pleases their sinful nature. These type preachers can be well-educated and eloquent speakers, but they will have no substance of godliness in their lives. They will use the church as a career like a doctor or lawyer. God has not said good morning to these type preachers.

If you follow these type preachers, it is a promise to you that you will go to hell just as the preachers. You cannot be saved in a church with a false preacher. False preachers are sent by the devil with the purpose of deceiving you. In order to be saved, you must be called from a life of sin just as your preacher. God must call both the preacher and the follower. A person who has experienced no calling from God to be saved will not be led to a God sent preacher, and if they are, they will not stay under a God sent preacher's leadership.

Subject: The Elite Preacher:

Don't be fooled by the elite preacher, because he does not have to be God sent. Be careful that a preacher doesn't deceive you with eloquence of speech and character. Eloquence is not holiness. Listen to I Corinthians 1:26:

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

Paul is teaching that God does not save nor send many eloquent, high society, noble preachers, who preach with excellency of speech. God uses men who speak in simplicity that they might effectively communicate with the listeners. Preachers that try to impress you with eloquence will not demonstrate the power of God in their ministry or sermons. Listen to I Corinthians 2:1and 4-5:

- Verse 1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.
- Verse 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
- Verse 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Subject: Don't Be Fooled By The Happy Hour Preacher:

Now some people may not like to read my sermons because I don't preach a happy going to heaven gospel. Listen: there is no need for me to preach a gospel to make you happy, and carry your mind to heaven when the way you are living is taking you to hell. Such preaching would be very deceiving and misleading. A lot of preachers do that today because it draws a big crowd with monetary gain, but it won't help anybody to be saved.

When I teach about being born again and living a life free from sin, I am not teaching about dying, but about living. This is life more abundantly. To live a life in sin is cheap, deceiving, and damnable. Obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ is life of an infinite sort. It will bring joy unlimited. Sin is a false package of pleasure with a time bomb in it, and it will go off on you when you least expect it. When the first woman, Eve, thought that she was going to continue to live forever being as wise as God, she died after she sinned.

Subject: A Sin Practicing Preacher Will Contradict The Word Of God And Thereby Confuse His Listeners:

Some people believe that the Bible is the word of the men that wrote it. If you read the Bible carefully, you will be able to see that it is not the word of men, because it is not in accord with the spirit of men. It is not the spirit of men to turn the other cheek when someone smites them the first time. The Bible is the word of God written by men, but inspired by the Spirit of God. The knowledge from the Bible does come from men, but it is revealed to men by the Spirit of God. Such knowledge is revealed only to holy men of God. This means men who are saved or born again of the Spirit of God. God does not do anything with a sin practicing man who has not been born again.

A man who practices sin will have a life style that will be in contradiction to the word of God. These type men will make it very difficult for people to believe the word of God. In I Corinthians 6:9, the scripture teaches that no fornicator or adulterer can enter the kingdom of heaven. If a preacher teaches that passage of scripture, and he is a fornicator or an adulterer and his listeners know that he is, they will have to make the choice to either believe the scripture or reject the preacher as being unsaved. Many will make the wrong choice so that fornication and adultery will be acceptable to them along with salvation. When you commit sins such as fornication, adultery, or homosexuality, you don't have salvation. Salvation means to be delivered from sin.

Subject: For Every True Thing There Is A False Thing:

The teaching of the true gospel of Jesus Christ is very uncomfortable for a hypocrite. Hypocrite church folk were responsible for Jesus' crucifixion. The thing that provoked church folk to crucify Jesus was his teaching. If Jesus had just done good works and had not taught anything, he never would have been crucified. The good works that Jesus did authenticated his doctrine, which condemned the teachings that the Jewish church folk were following during Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught against and exposed the works of hypocrite church folk of that time. The church folk were primarily Jews.

Hypocrites of today do not want to hear the true gospel. The true gospel of Jesus Christ uncovers secret works of iniquity, showing how inadequate a person's religion is. The true gospel shows that a false religious teaching is of the devil, and does not offer salvation. The gospel of Jesus Christ is designed by God to expose

every false way. It is like the material things of our society. For every true thing that we have, a scam artist can put something false on the market. If you have a genuine leather or mink coat, there are also false leather or mink coats. For everything that is true or genuine, the devil puts out false things. So is it also with the gospel of Jesus Christ. After God sent the true gospel to the world, the devil set up churches and hypocrites to make the teachings of the false gospel available. This is so that people of the earth will be deceived following false religious teachings that do not offer salvation.

Subject: A False Conversion Versus A True Conversion:

During the time that Moses was down in Egypt, the Pharaoh had sorcerers and magicians that did tricks to deceive the people. What Moses did with his rod before the Pharaoh was a true conversion of the rod to serpents. The Pharaoh did not know anything about the power of God, so he thought that he could contend with Moses by using sorcery or tricks.

When people are not familiar with the power of God they can very easily be fooled by false preachers and demonstrations of sorcery. To think that somebody can be saved by a preacher striking the person with his hand commanding the devil to come out of the person is sorcery. The only way that you can get the devil out of your life is by repenting of your sins. The devil occupies people by means of their sins. When a person stops committing sin the devil has no place in them.

Today preachers are using sorcery and methods of deceit much like the Pharaoh's sorcerers and magicians used during Moses' day. They are putting on demonstrations of sorcery by falling out, speaking in unknown tongues, and they are committing adultery with their fellow church members. Such religious rituals are deceiving church folk all over the country. The true power of God is manifested in a person's life when they are converted from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. Such a person would be serving God of a truth as a result of this conversion. When God does something, it is a demonstration of his power of a truth.

When Moses' rod was converted to a serpent, the rod became a true serpent, and it was demonstrated when Moses' serpent swallowed up the serpents of the sorcerers and magicians. When a person is truly saved today, they won't go to church and exercise false religious rituals such as speaking in unknown tongues and falling on the floor. Such a true conversion will be seen in the person's life as they live a life above sin on a continuous basis for the remainder of his or her life on earth. A false religious conversion will not be able to continue to live

righteously for any extended period of time. A false conversion will result to backsliding into the former life of sin. Such conversions are sorcery.

Subject: Economic Hardship Conditions Are A Witness Of What God You Are Serving:

We don't have too many churches, but too many denominations. When there are different denominations, there are also different beliefs; different beliefs mean there are different Gods. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the only true God. All other God's were established by the devil, and they cannot save you from sin or anything else; such are gods of the imagination. The gods of the devil have many different names, but the God of Abraham has one name and that is "holy". The holy God is the God that sent Jesus to save us. Listen to how Mary (the mother of Jesus) testified of this holy God in St. Luke 1:49:

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

This holy God was established in the minds of men by his law. God's law was given to Moses so that the people of the earth would know God and his holiness. When a person breaks God's law, they have violated his holiness. Such transgressions will then separate man from God, causing man to be alienated from the Commonwealth of Heaven. This is why the people of the earth are suffering from starvation and diseases. These hardships have come upon the earth because many are worshiping the wrong Gods and have violated the law of the only God that can save and provide for them. Therefore, the nations of the earth are experiencing an economic recession and for many a depression. I don't have to contend to support this religious principle, the hardships in the lives of many will contend for this principle.

Subject: Trouble Starts As A Result Of Hypocritical Religious Teachings:

When we have troubles in the world resulting from people doing wrong, such troubles are spiritual problems. The government is not always responsible for spiritual problems; this could very well be the failure of the church to let her light

shine. The church is supposed to be a body of believers in the teachings of Jesus Christ. However, because the church has departed so far from the teachings of Jesus Christ, we have not been able to get people to know the Lord and understand the principles we preach and many do not practice.

If you want to make a man angry, tell him to do what you are not doing yourself. If you continue to try to force him to do that which you don't do, he will resent it. Government officials will never be able to get the people of the nation to accept laws to reduce government benefits such as Medicare and Social Security that taxpayers have paid for when government officials get their salaries and benefits from money that taxpayers are paying. Such christian government officials are a reflection of what their churches have produced.

Subject: A False Witness Should Not Be Believed:

A false witness for Christ is a person who says that they are saved and still commits sin. Jesus' main purpose for coming to the earth was to save us from our sins (Matthew 1:21). If a preacher preaches that you can be saved and still live a life of sin, he should not be believed. Such a preacher will cause all who believe him to be lost. False preachers are the biggest enemies to mankind, because they are the enemies of your soul. If your body is destroyed by an enemy, it is only a limited destruction, but when your soul is destroyed by a false religious teaching it will separate you from God in eternity. A false witness for Christ is a very dangerous person. Only God can help you to live free from sin. Most people don't want to seek God to be saved from sin, because they enjoy the pleasures of sin, and have been deceived into believing that they can be a sinner and saved at the same time.

You cannot save yourself. You must be born of the Spirit of God that joins you to Christ. You can join a church and you may not necessarily be joined to Christ. When you are born of the Spirit of God, you don't have to be joined to a visible church body. Obedience to God's word gives you membership in the body of Christ, and not a visible church body. To be joined to Christ all you need is knowledge of the correct instructions to follow. I am giving the correct instructions in the books that are entitled "Saved from Sin". To be joined to Christ you only need to be saved from sin. When you are saved from sin, you are filled with the Spirit because only the Spirit of God can save you from sin.

Subject: Follow True Holiness:

When Jesus was inquired of by his disciples concerning the signs of his second coming, he answered by saying that many imposters would come in his name saying that they are Christ. This helps us to know that deceit is one of the main tricks that the devil will use in the last days to cause people to be lost.

False prophets shall take positions in the churches of America using tactics of deceit and shall deceive many. The spirit of deceit will cause the love of many to grow cold. To be saved during this period of deceit and cold love, one must stand in the holy place. The holy place is righteousness. You must learn the teachings of righteousness and true holiness and follow such a teaching and you will be safe. If a church does not have the spirit of righteousness and is not teaching true holiness, you should leave that church, and pray to God for guidance to where true holiness is being taught.

Subject: Those Who God Ordained To Be Saved Will Not Follow A False Religious Leader:

False Religious leaders can only deceive those that God is not interested in saving. If God has ordained that you be saved, you will not follow nor hear the teachings of a false religious leader. Listen to St. John 10:2-4:

Verse 2 - But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

God will open the door of your mind for a true religious leader that God sent for you to follow. This process is ordained for those that God is interested in saving.

Verse 3 - To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

God is the porter so that those who are going to be saved will only hear the voice of the leader that God sent to lead them.

Verse 4 - And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

The sheep or followers will not know the voice of a stranger or false religious leader. Listen to verse 5:

Verse 5 - And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.



CHAPTER IX THE WORD OF GOD GIVES KNOWLEDGE

Subject: The Word Of God Is Our Rod And Staff:

The word gives comfort to the person who obeys it. The word gives comfort because it calls attention to the various problems of life that a child of God actually experiences, and gives assurances that God will not forsake his servant while he is having experiences. The word gives the servant the understanding that if God will not forsake, and will deliver when experiences are difficult, that they can lean upon the promises in the word. The word of God is the rod and staff that David spoke of upon which a child of God can lean on.

Subject: The Light Of The Gospel Gives You Knowledge:

The person who has accepted Jesus Christ as his or her light may realize that the world may be in darkness all around them, but they will realize that God has promised to protect and take care of them even through the valleys of the shadow of death. The light of the gospel gives you knowledge of the power of God that is available to you when you need it.

The knowledge in the Bible is never obsolete; it is fresh and informative to every generation. The Bible gives you an understanding of what help is available to you if you obey the principles that it teaches. Obedience to the word of God will activate the knowledge that it teaches. You may be hoping for many things in life, but true hope is found in the word of God.

Subject: If You Receive The Witness Of Men The Witness Of God Will Be Greater:

The Bible is the only source of information that is right. You can receive a witness to how right the Bible is if you obey the principles that it teaches. When a person puts forth an effort to obey the principles of righteousness that the Bible teaches, the Holy Spirit will come into the person's life and bear witness to the teachings of the Bible. The Bible was written by Holy men of God. If you receive the witness of the holy men who wrote the Bible, God will give you a greater witness by his Spirit. Listen to I John 5:9

Verse 9 - If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

Subject: The Firmament Sheweth His Handiwork (Psalm 19:1):

The reality of situations is not always made known to us by appearance and impressions we have of situations at hand. You could be a middle age or young person and you could feel that you are going to be in this world forever. It may seem to you that the end of your existence in this present world is not apparent, and it could have an effect upon your attitude towards life. The truth about our existence is not always obvious to us. The appearance and the impressions that we have about life are not always in line with the truth about life.

The only source of information that can help us to know the truth about our existence is the word of God. The truth is that we are surely going to leave this world one day, and it is substantiated by those who have lived here previously and are no longer here.

Now some people are atheists, which means they don't believe in the reality of God, and they don't accept the teachings of the Bible. They are what we call materialists; that is, they only believe in what they can see, feel, touch, or taste. Such people believe that when they die they will be like a piece of paper, simply vanish, and that will be the end of them.

Any sensible human being can see that the sun, which is in the heaven, is not sitting there by accident or by chance. Even an unsaved person has to accept the fact that there is a power controlling the sun. They have to consider that if the sun was a little closer to the earth we would all burn to death, and if the sun was a little further from the earth that we would all freeze to death. You don't have to be a scientist to consider this. The word of God will substantiate this fact. Listen to Psalms 19:1:

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

If an unbeliever in the word of God does not accept this scripture, such would have a difficult time trying to find another source of power that can control the heavens and the sun.

Afterword

It is our hope that you have been enlightened concerning God's plan of salvation for you as an individual. The requirements for salvation from repentance to the first resurrection have been outlined in simplicity. You are safe when you have Jesus Christ in your life; whether you live or die, Jesus will be with you.

We leave with you this final thought from God's word: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

