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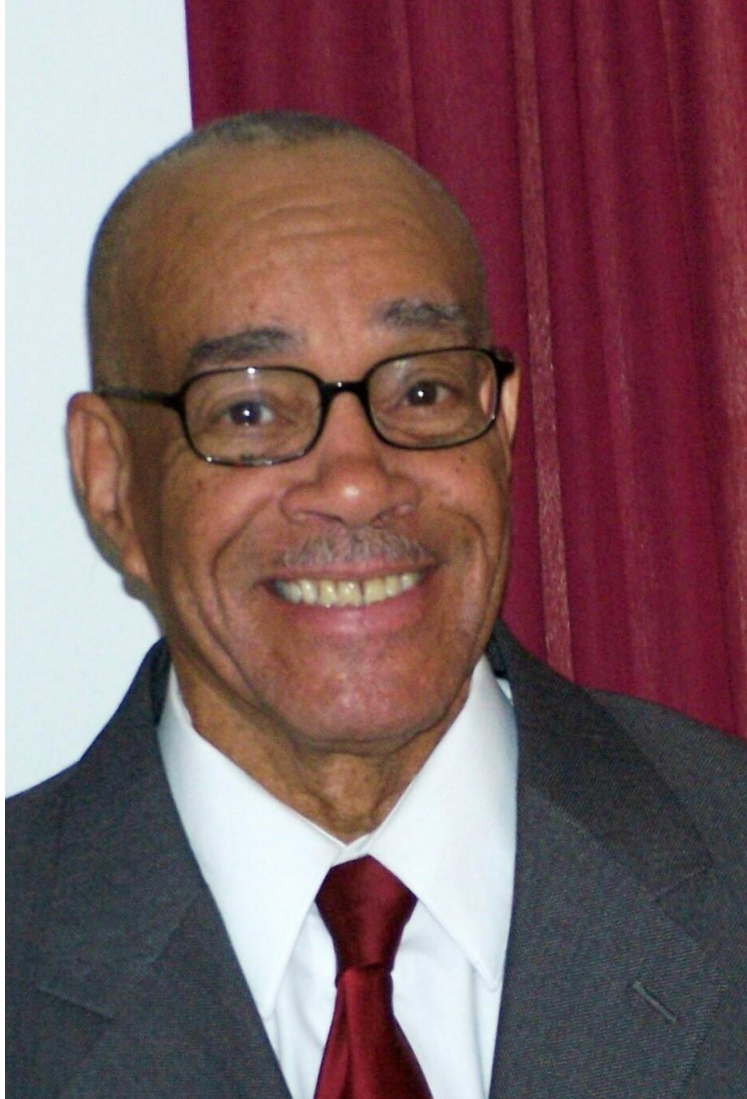
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“It happened on a Thursday, the tenth day of March 1977, at about 10:45 p.m. Alonzo was watching one of Billy Graham's revival service programs on television. The sermon topic was “Is Your Name Written on the Lamb's Book of Life?” After listening to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

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# Foreword

In Volume IV of “Saved From Sin”, we continue on our journey into God’s plan of salvation (deliverance from sin) for men and women, and the requirements of the plan. As a God sent preacher and minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, Elder Alonzo Kilgore rightly divides the scriptures and expounds on the process of salvation from repentance to the new life in God’s kingdom. Through divine inspiration, Elder Kilgore teaches the plan of salvation according to the scriptures (The Original King James Version of the Bible), and his personal experience of being born again of the Spirit of God.

Elder Kilgore’s books show people how to be saved from sin, if they would read, study and put forth a sincere effort to follow the instructions and procedures given in them. In so doing, an individual will then be able to escape the wrath of God, soon to come, and be on the better side of God’s judgment.



## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Is Your Religion Your Imagination?**

We need help to make it through this life, and the only help that is substantial has to come from God. God helps us through knowledge that is acquired through experience. All of the knowledge that I am making available in the books entitled “Saved from Sin” are based upon my experiences in Christ over the last thirty-five years. I am sharing my experiences with whoever desires to hear, because experience is the greatest teacher.

Without God saving somebody and giving that person experience on how to acquire salvation, no sure plan on how to be saved would be available. Others would have to guess and imagine what being saved is all about. When God wants people to know about salvation in Jesus Christ, he saves a person and commissions such a person to compile, organize, and write about what he has experienced to be saved. The will of God is that people of this time understand what is required to be saved. Therefore, my literature is available for anyone who desires to learn about salvation.

Your imagination concerning God’s plan for the salvation of man can mislead you. Salvation in Jesus Christ is not a game to play with, there are serious stakes involved, and if you go the wrong way with the wrong knowledge, you will suffer eternal consequences. That is why we give simplified and exact instructions on what is required to be saved. People are vain in their thoughts concerning religion, and it is oftentimes based upon their deceitful imagination. If you are going to learn the correct way to be saved, your imagination must be brought under subjection to the knowledge of the word of God. You cannot imagine the correct way to be saved, you must be taught the correct way by someone who has experienced it.

Imaginations are carnal, but the word of God is spiritual, and it is able to uncover and expose the deceitful principles of a religious teaching that are the result of vain imaginations. To believe that a person can obtain salvation by speaking in unknown tongues or falling on the floor is the result of some vain imagination concerning salvation. Salvation means to be delivered from a life of sinful practices. The Bible gives a detailed description of what sinful practices are in the book of Galatians 5:19-21. Listen to II Corinthians 10:4-5:

Verse 4 - (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Verse 5 - Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**Our Gospel Is Never Obsolete:**

When the true gospel of Jesus Christ is being taught to you by the power of the Holy Spirit, it will be taught to you with examples and parables relative to your present day generation. The gospel of Christ has to be presented in a style that is readily applicable to the tactics of the devil, that men and women might see a need for a Savior during their generation.

Man is not able to understand heavenly things, so the Holy Spirit, being an intercessor between man and God, or the earth and heaven, presents the gospel in the form of earthly parables that man might understand how to apply it to his life. So then, the language of the Kingdom of Heaven is broken down to an earthly level of communication. St John 3:11-12 read as follows:

Verse 11 - *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.*

Verse 12 - *If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, How shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?*

It is impossible for man to understand heavenly things unless he believes the earthly parables of heavenly things. Jesus, therefore, spoke in parables because his teachings were foreign to the understanding of men at that time. So He had to bring out the thought by telling them a story with a moral that simplified the point that He wanted them to understand. It was easy for them to grasp the spiritual lesson because the story was on a subject that they were especially familiar with.

When the Holy Ghost is preaching or teaching you today, it should be instructing you in the same spirit of that which Jesus taught in. That is, you should be able to relate parables and examples given by your religious leader of your present condition to heavenly things. If your religious leader is not able to teach it in this spirit, then the Holy Spirit is not using him to service your spiritual needs. Under such a leader's teachings, you cannot be saved.



### **Man's Disobedience Will Be His Destruction:**

In spite of the stupid claim by men of science that the world is a million years old, or that the world is capable of lasting for ages to come, mankind can be assured that time will end soon. If time doesn't end soon, greed will cause the resources of the earth to be consumed. The forces of nature will soon be exhausted because the greed of man uses the natural resources quicker than nature is replenishing them.

The end of time, to which I am referring, is the end of the world, also referred to as the "Judgment Day". The world is getting worse every day; people are wicked more than ever before. Evil is spreading rapidly. The end of time for some comes every second of every day in the year. There will nevertheless be an end for everybody at one time.

Today men are merciless, cold blooded, and without justice or honor. Conditions on the earth have changed so radically that human life can no longer be sustained since the world is so different now from what it was when God created man. All this is because man is a sin practicing creature, and nothing gets better in an environment of sin.

Sinful cravings produce greed, selfishness, and wars. Mankind seeks to gratify sinful desires rather than to believe all that is written for our learning in the scriptures, that could give us deliverance from our destruction (St. Luke 24:25). When Jesus expounded upon this scripture, he went back to Moses to whom God gave the Law on Mt. Sinai. Jesus noted certain prophecies in Moses' Law regarding his own coming and ministry. Many today, as it was in the days of Jesus' ministry, have failed to understand the message of the prophets.

The scriptures are very clear, but many of today as well as the priests and Levites of Jesus' day had translated them to the people in a misleading and confusing language. Although the scriptures were clear and very understandable, the people of Jesus' day, as well as today, put forth no special interest, or efforts towards receiving the knowledge of the scriptures. They simply accepted what the priests and Levites of Jesus' day told them. People of today also accept whatever the preachers, and ministers of the gospel tell them without studying the scriptures to see if what they have been taught is correct.

Now the purpose of the Law given by Moses on Mt. Sinai was to make man understand that when sin began to fill his life, it separated him from God and caused him to destroy his environment as well as himself. When man commits sin, he becomes an enemy of God; this results to man being his own enemy. When men kill men, they are fighting against their own existence. God does not fight with guns or swords. God fights with judgment, or by withholding judgment from

man at a decisive moment, causing him to make an unwise decision that will eventually cause suffering and death.

If man fails to accept God's instructions, he will do that which will destroy him. God's instructions give judgment for man's survival so that he will do that which is wise, safe, and right. God is love, and for that reason, he first warns man, telling him what the end to a life of sin will be. When a person receives God's warning, and instructions, such a person will understand that sin corrupts the mind, and destroys the body and soul. When a person continues in disobedience to God's instructions, the thing, which he or she does, will lead them to their destruction.

### ***You Must Believe The Warning Of God Before It Comes To Pass To Escape The Danger:***

Whatever God plans to do in the near future, he will warn the world of it. The problem will be in whether or not the people believe the warning. In giving a warning before allowing anything to come upon the earth, God is being very fair. Since God does not desire that anybody should perish, he gives timely warnings of what will be coming to the earth in hope that the people will change their course and escape the judgment. God often warned the children of Israel on many occasions of the dangers of the course they were taking. Seldom did they pay any attention to God's warnings until it was too late.

There is no profit in believing that destruction is coming upon the world when you see it, because it will not give you time to escape. Today God warns the people and shows them signs that indicate very clearly that the dangers he speaks of will overtake those who do not take heed. The earth is going to experience destruction in the next few years, and if the people are not filled with the Holy Ghost and living above sin, they will perish.

### ***Comparing Spiritual Things With Spiritual Things:***

It is difficult to identify the righteousness of God's word when you don't understand it. The righteousness of God's word is made known to those who are given an understanding of the word. Listen to St. Matthew 13:11:

Verse 11 - He answered and said unto them, *Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.*

Many people will rebel against and reject things that they don't understand, because they don't want to accept the fact that they are not knowledgeable of such matters. When you don't understand something, you need somebody to think for you, somebody who is able to present it to you on a more simplified level of comprehension.

The Holy Spirit simplifies the knowledge of the word of God by using a God sent preacher to teach you. Without the Holy Spirit in your life, you cannot understand spiritual knowledge, because spiritual knowledge must be filtered, and rightly divided to your way of thinking. This can only be done by the Spirit comparing things that you do understand with things that you don't understand. Your spiritual teacher would then be comparing spiritual things of God with physical things in your environment as spiritual examples. Such a teacher would convert physical things that you are familiar with into spiritual things giving you a simplified meaning of God's knowledge that can be worked into your way of thinking.

In the natural mind, it doesn't matter how intelligent and well educated you are, you cannot receive knowledge from the Spirit of God unless God ordains a teacher to bring it to you, such as Jesus taught Nicodemus (St. John 3:6-10). Listen to I Corinthians 2:14:

Verse 14 - But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

When you have not been born again, or filled with the Holy Spirit, you are a natural man or woman, and the natural man does not have a spiritual mind. When you don't have a spiritual mind, you cannot understand knowledge from God's word, because the knowledge from God's word can only be spiritually identified by a spiritual mind. Therefore, God sends a preacher or teacher in different generations to use the things in the environment of that generation that the people are familiar with to compare such things in a simplified way to the knowledge of God's word, that such people might receive enough understanding to be saved.



# **CHAPTER I**

## **JESUS: WHO HE IS & WHY HE WAS BORN**

## **Subject: Who Is Jesus?**

This question may be in the minds of many. During the days that the children of Israel were in bondage, God instructed Moses to put the blood of a lamb on the doorposts of the Israelites' homes so that when the death angel came, he would pass over the homes of the Israelites. This was referred to as the Lord's Passover, and is a symbol of the most important event that was to take place later at a place called Calvary (St. Matthew 26:18) (I Corinthians 5:7).

The blood of the lamb from the flock of the Israelites had to be unblemished, and healthy. This process was to be used by God to deliver the children of Israel from bondage of the Pharaoh of Egypt. Today every human being is born in spiritual bondage, or bondage of sin. Jesus is our lamb, or sacrifice that God uses to deliver us from the bondage of sin. The cross on Calvary was represented hundreds of years earlier as the doorpost at the homes of the Israelites. The lamb represented Jesus, and the blood of the lamb represented Jesus' blood that would later be spilled on the cross at Calvary. Who is Jesus? Jesus is our sacrificial lamb that God might pass over us when the final Day of Judgment comes.

## **Subject: Why Was Jesus Born?**

The birth of Jesus was prophesied hundreds of years before he was born. This event was revealed to the Prophet Isaiah who was called the eagle-eyed prophet, because of his ability to see far ahead. God gave three witnesses regarding the fulfillment of the prophecy, the angel Gabriel, Joseph, and Mary. St. Matthew 1:21 relates the purpose for which God brought Jesus into the world.

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

St. Matthew 1:18 tells how the event came to pass:

Verse 18 - Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Now all this took place and was prepared by God because Adam sinned against God. We all were condemned in Adam who was the seed of the human race. Today we are dying because Adam sinned; Jesus was sent and conceived by the Holy Ghost, which was a process totally free of sin, to save us from Adam's sin. Jesus came to take away the sin of the world, which was Adam's sin that we were born under. This was the sentence of death, which was not our fault. Listen to St. John 1:29:

Verse 29 - The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

When Adam placed us in the process of human conception, we were helpless to correct the situation. Only one who was born of a virgin could deliver us. We were conceived into a life cycle of human existence to be murderers, thieves, liars, haters, envious, malicious, adulterers, fornicators, homosexuals, and drunkards because of Adam. The only remedy for our spiritual condition is that we have to be born again. The process of the new birth for humans could only take place being initiated after a pure, holy source of human conception, such as Jesus being born of a virgin.

Jesus' holy birth of a virgin mother spearheaded the new birth for humans who were willing to receive his teachings. Jesus' birth by the Holy Ghost of a virgin, regenerated power to human beings to be born again with a nature that was liberated from the sinful nature that Adam cursed us with. This is why Jesus was born. God sent Jesus into the world for one purpose, and that was to teach us how to be born again. When we repent and believe Jesus' gospel, this process goes to work for us.

The Holy Ghost will then give us the new birth in Christ of an incorruptible seed. Remember Adam cursed us to be born of a corruptible seed, which would bring us old age, sickness, and death as a result of our sins. Jesus presented to the world life by an incorruptible seed, which was his word. When a person believes the word of God, it implants itself into their mind, and causes a new birth of the inner man. When a person experiences the new birth of the inner man or woman, they will acquire a new nature that will give them the tendencies and power to live in this present world with no desire to commit sin.

The reason we were sinners is because we desired to commit sin. Sin gave us pleasure. When we are born again, we will only receive pleasure from obeying God's word. A born again person will not get any more pleasure out of adultery, fornication, homosexual acts, lying, drinking alcohol, hating, or any previous sinful acts. If a person is receiving pleasures out of sinful practices, and they think they

are saved, they have acquired the spirit of error, which comes from the devil. The spirit of error is prevalent in many Christian churches in America.

**Subject: An Honest And Good Heart (Mind):**

The angel Gabriel brought a very difficult message to Mary concerning Jesus' birth. Though Mary had an honest and good heart, she needed help to receive such a message by an angel that looked like an ordinary man to her. There was nothing flamboyant or spectacular about Gabriel's appearance to Mary. Mary did not get any help from the physical appearance of Gabriel to help her receive such an unusual message. Listen to St. Luke 1:29:

Verse 29 - And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

When God is dealing with a person, or situation, hardly ever will God use the physical aspect of appearance to verify the authenticity of his reality in the situation. God works with the heart of a person. Mary had an honest and good heart (mind). This is what God dealt with to convince Mary that the message was from him. Mary had the kind of mind (heart) that would receive righteousness without any discriminate evaluations of the situation or message. If Mary understood the message to be good with her ability to discern good, she would accept the message. God seeing this intent in Mary's character, allowed the message to be accompanied with the Holy Spirit.

Mary's mind got to the point where she saw no negative aspects in the message and decided that this message could be from God. Keep in mind that Gabriel did not appear in splendor or majestically, but as an ordinary man. This, however, did not deter Mary's way of evaluating the message that Gabriel brought. When Mary's mind reached this level of consideration of the message, the Holy Ghost went to work. Mary then received an immediate anointing for her mind and body, and the Baby Jesus was conceived.



**Subject: If The People Of The Earth Do Not Honor Jesus  
The Heavenly Host Will:**

When Mary, The mother of Jesus, was pregnant with the child, looking for a room to bear the child, none of the innkeepers in Bethlehem would believe that Mary was about to have the Son of God (St. Luke 2:7). When Joseph explained how he was looking for a room for the Son of God to be born, the innkeeper thought he was talking to a crazy man. Politely the innkeeper said that they were sorry, and that there was no room in the inn.

It was just unthought-of that a woman should be bearing the Son of God. So finally, the decision was made that Mary could be taken to a stable, make her a bed of straw, and the child was born in a stable. God seeing that the people of that day did not want to accommodate Jesus, invited local shepherds to the first church service to honor Jesus' appearing. When the shepherds and a few wise men attended the service, they saw that no local sectarian, religious folk were there, and wondered in their hearts why the local church folk would not come to honor the birth of the Son of God.

When the people of the earth fail to honor the people of God, God will send a heavenly host to honor his people (St. Luke 2:8-14). Suddenly the shepherds could hear voices that did not come from the stable. The shepherds looked to inquire where the voices were coming from, and saw a heavenly host coming upon them, bidding them not to be afraid, for we are bringing you good tidings from heaven, which will be for all the people of the earth. There was also included with the messenger, a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, saying "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men".

**Subject: Do You Want Jesus?**

Many would be surprised to know that since Jesus was born in Bethlehem, He has never been wanted. As it was in Jesus' day, so is it also during this present day. During Jesus' day, there was no room in the inn for him (St. Luke 2:3-7), and today there is no room in most peoples' lives for Jesus. People of today don't have time, neither a place for Jesus in their lives. They are too busy, involved in the affairs of the world, and their personal ambitions.

The people of the earth have never really wanted Jesus, but God so loved the world that he gave us what we needed. You see, whether we want Jesus or not we need him. A good parent never cares about what a child wants. Good parents give the child what it needs. Jesus was the only begotten Son of God that God

sacrificed for our sins, yet we did not want Jesus. God seeing that the people of the earth needed Jesus, yet not wanting Jesus, arranged the sacrifice to be made on Calvary by people who resented and hated Jesus. It was by their hatred for Jesus that the sacrifice for our sins was implemented. What a God, and What love!

**Subject: A Death Blow:**

The birth of Jesus was a death blow to Satan. The devil hates to hear words that magnify the birth of Christ. The Bible sometimes reads backwards, so that wise men with carnal minds can't understand it. God had the Bible written so that ungodly carnal minded men cannot understand it. You cannot comprehend the meaning of God's word with human intelligence. It must be revealed to you, and it can only be revealed to a mind that has been anointed by the Holy Spirit. Faith comes by the Spirit to the faith of men who are filled with the Spirit.

You can only understand the Bible with humility. Humility comes by the Holy Spirit. If you try to study the word of God and figure it out, you will get lost in confusion. If you want to believe the word of God, and then let God give you what he wants you to know, and receive it through the medium of faith, God's grace will rest upon you.

As a sinner, you cannot understand the word of God. You must be regenerated to receive an understanding (born again). As long as you are in your sins, you will be blinded by the God of this world (Satan), and you can only see what man does and not what God is doing.

**CHAPTER II**

**JESUS' RETURN**  
**&**  
**THE JUDGEMENT**

## **Subject: Are You Ready To Meet Jesus?**

Of all the things you want in life, believe me, you will want nothing more than rising in the first resurrection with Jesus Christ (St. John 11:25, Revelation 20:6). All of the wealth, and happiness that you might be trying to acquire in this life will not compare with the joy you will receive if you are qualified to rise in the first resurrection with Jesus Christ (St. John 5:28-29). The reality of the first resurrection can only be manifested to those who have experienced a true conversion in Christ while living in this life. Only a true born again saint can have a sure hope of the first resurrection.

After Jesus' resurrection on Calvary, he showed himself by many infallible proofs that he was the one who once walked and talked in the midst of friends and enemies with nothing but a spirit of love within himself. Today if you are truly saved, Jesus is showing himself in your life. The complete mystery of godliness cannot be taught to others by a preacher; it can only be introduced by a preacher, but the true mystery is only revealed to those who are truly born again.

Your only true witness that Christ rose on Calvary's cross is when he has risen in your life. Until this day, many of the precious seed of Abraham doubt that Jesus ever rose, but there were many who did believe, for the message was carried by his disciples, who were all Jews. The Disciples of Christ carried the message to the whole world; that is how we got the message. Jesus was the ultimate blessing from God to the people of the earth. Whatever God has done, was for our learning and information that we might rejoice in knowing that we have salvation in Jesus Christ.

The punishment that Adam brought upon us was death. Jesus brought salvation to deliver us from such. Today, death is only a dream, and not a threat to a born again saint. If you are not saved, death will be the finality of your miseries. On the day that Jesus shall descend from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, all the saints shall be changed into new glorified bodies like Jesus had after his resurrection (I Thessalonians 4:16). Those saints that have died will get up first; those who are living will meet them, along with Jesus, in the air, and we shall say goodbye to this old world.

## **Subject: Jesus' Second Return Will Be Quick:**

In the book of Revelations 22:12, it teaches that Jesus' second return will be quicker than time can measure. Jesus uses the example of how quickly lightning can flash in the east and light the skies in the west to describe his second return. In

St. Matthew 24:37 it teaches, “For as the lightning cometh out of east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be”. If you have not been born again before Jesus returns, you will not have time to repent, and be saved upon his return. If there is a member of your family, or a friend working beside you at your place of employment who has been saved, upon Jesus’ return, they will disappear from your presence so quickly that you will not be able to determine what happened.

In St. Matthew, 24:40 it teaches that two people shall be working together and the one who has been born again shall be taken and the other one who has not been born again will be left. However, the one left will not be able to determine what has happened until after the one who is born again has disappeared. In St. Matthew, 24:39 it teaches that the people who were not saved during Noah’s time did not know what had happened until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

### **Subject: What To Expect:**

After Jesus returns and takes the saved people from the earth, the unsaved that are left behind will have only a few hours to prepare for experiences that will be difficult for humans to believe (St. Like 17:26-30). Now Jesus teaches very plainly that upon his return, the conditions of the earth will be in like manner, as it was in the days of Noah during the flood, and likewise as it was in the days of Lot in the city of Sodom.

God is very fair in giving us examples of the conditions of past times to show us what to expect during our present time. In St. Luke chapter 17, verses 27 and 29, Jesus teaches that the destruction of Sodom, and the flood during Noah’s day followed the same day that the few righteous people were delivered to safety. Jesus concludes by teaching in verse 30, “*Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed*”.

### **Subject: Only Born Again Believers Will Rise In The First Resurrection:**

No matter what you think you want to accomplish in life, there is nothing that you will desire more than rising in the first resurrection (St. John 11:25). You may not be aware of it now, but when Jesus comes back to the earth to administer

the first resurrection, you will want to be a part of that resurrection (Revelation 20:6).

The first resurrection will consist of all who are dead, or sleeping in Christ, those who died saved (I Thessalonians 4:14) (St. John 5:28-29). It will also include all children seven years of age and younger (St. Matthew 15:3). Those who are born again, and filled with the Holy Ghost will also be a part of the first resurrection. Those who are not included in this category will not be in the first resurrection, such will be in the second resurrection, which will take place a thousand years later for the unsaved (Revelation 20:5).

Jesus' resurrection after his crucifixion was a preview of the first resurrection that would take place later. Therefore, God had a few saints to be resurrected with Jesus on the third day after he was crucified (St. Matthew 27:52-53). Now Jesus showed himself after rising from the dead by many infallible proofs that he was the one who once walked and talked in the midst of friends and enemies with nothing but a spirit of love. The love of God gives us the chance to be a part of the first resurrection.

Those who reject the teachings of Jesus Christ will be rejecting God's love, thereby rejecting the chance to be a part of the first resurrection. Now the first resurrection will take the saved people immediately to heaven to see God. It will take place very quickly; you will be here on earth one second and in heaven the next second (Revelation 22:12). You would have experienced a change of your flesh and blood into an immortal or incorruptible body, as Jesus had after his resurrection (I Corinthians 15:50-51).

Now all of this knowledge is written in the scriptures. When a person repents, and is born again of the Spirit of God, the Spirit of God will implant this knowledge into their mind. The knowledge will become a realistic part of the person's faith in God. It will be more realistic than your knowledge of the balance in your checking account at the bank. We sometimes make mistakes on our checking accounts, but there are no mistakes made in God's word and his promises to us.

**Subject: There Is A Part Of Your Existence That Never Dies:  
Your Soul (St. Matthew 22:37)**

Your soul is a part of your human make up that never dies, though your body will eventually go back to the dust (St. Luke 16:22-27). Your soul is your mind, or spiritual heart, and not your blood pumping, biological heart. Your soul (mind, heart) is the spiritual part of your existence that was given to you as a

permanent part of your existence. Your soul is the carrier of your morals, or the part of you that desires to do right or wrong (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

When you are born again of the Spirit of God, your soul is made new in righteousness. This gives you desires to do right that will have power over your previous desires to do wrong. This process is called regeneration, or renewing of the Holy Ghost. This means that you are saved from sin, or born again (Titus 3:5). Inclusive in this process is an upgrading of the spiritual part of you to a level of holiness that is acceptable to God (Romans 12:12).

Your soul is the most important part of your human existence, because it is the part of you that God is going to place in a new body to live in heaven throughout eternity, if you are saved (I John 3:2). If your soul (mind) does not experience the new birth while you live in this present world, you will go into eternity separated from God. You will then be given a body that will be designed to experience continuous torment in a lake of fire and brimstone (St. Mark 9:43-44).

If you are living, and you are saved when Jesus returns to the earth, you will never die. Your soul will experience a change in your flesh and blood body to a new spiritual body like Jesus' and the angels that live in heaven (I Thessalonians 4:14). You will then be taken from the earth in your new body to meet Jesus. This will be the "first resurrection" (St. John 5:28-29). You will be a certified child of the resurrection.

If your soul is saved before Jesus returns, and you die, your soul will be taken to Paradise where the thief on the cross went after Jesus saved him. Paradise (or the Third Heaven) is a spiritual resting place for those who are saved, where Abraham is an overseer. All of the saved people of God, who have died or are asleep in Christ, are presently in Paradise, resting peacefully, waiting for the first resurrection in which they will get up first.

After the resurrection of those who are asleep in Christ, the saved people who are still living on the earth will also be caught up to meet Jesus in the air to be joined to those who were asleep. The people of the first resurrection will all be taken to heaven to meet God (I Corinthians 15:51-54). They will experience a one thousand year Jubilee, or celebration with God, Jesus and the angels of heaven. All children seven years of age and under will also be included in the first resurrection, and will be a permanent part of this holy civilization (St. Matthew 19:13-14).

Those who are not saved, and still living on the earth upon Jesus' return for the children of the first resurrection, will be left behind. Their souls will also be given new bodies. They will live on the earth for this thousand year period in a lawless, evil, wicked, and humiliating society to experience unhappiness, and agony until this thousand years have ended. After which, Jesus will return again

to execute the judgment of God against all of the ungodly people who did not get saved. Such people will be judged according to the records that were recorded against them of all the sinful practices that they committed while living on the earth, and they failed to repent of such practices.

**Subject: The Harvest:**

One day very soon, a harvest is going to take place, not for vegetables and fruit as we see on farms. This will be a spiritual harvest, whereas Jesus will come and gather the saved people of the earth. The righteous are going to be gathered with God just as wheat is gathered by a farmer into the garner. The unsaved will at this time, be separated from the saved just as the farmer separates weeds from the fruit. During this event, the world will be on fire and every living, physical being will be changed. The saved people will be secured with Jesus.

The natural death of the unsaved will only be for a moment. The most terrifying death for the unsaved will be the second death or eternal death. This process of dying will be endless, and will never cease. This will be the death of your soul. All of the unsaved will be given special bodies to endure this death. All of this information was put in the Bible in the form of a parable that the world today might understand and know what to expect upon Jesus' return.

God will send Jesus one day to harvest the world as we have given the example of how the farmer harvested his crop. That part of the farmer's crop that is weeds or tare, the farmer burns, because it is not good for food. The harvest is the end of the world, according to the way the Bible teaches. Now the wheat that the Bible teaches about is a symbol of those who heard the word of God, or the good seed, and received it with an honest and good mind (St. Matthew 13:23). When you hear the word of God with an honest and good mind, you are like the farmer who planted his seeds on good ground. Such a person will bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and this is an indication that the person is saved. This means the person has been born again of an incorruptible seed. The word of God is an incorruptible seed that will preserve your soul so that when the harvest comes, you will be gathered with the wheat or the saved people.



## **Subject: Jesus Will Return For His Government:**

When Jesus returns for the saved people, he will be receiving a nation of people whose conduct is in the same spirit of the conduct of those presently in heaven. There are presently angels in the kingdom of heaven that are one with all of God's rules and laws. Such angels are one with the government of heaven, which means they are in agreement with everything that God has setup in heaven. When Jesus was sent to the earth, he brought the government of the kingdom of heaven upon his shoulders. Isaiah 9:6 reads as follows:

Verse 6 - For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince  
of Peace.

For the government of heaven to be upon Jesus' shoulders was the responsibility of teaching the rules of the kingdom of heaven to the people of earth. St. Matthew 6:10 reads as follows:

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

When Jesus returns again, he will be looking for a people who have suffered to obey the teachings of his government of heaven in earth. Such a people will be called a Holy nation, sought out, a people not forsaken, and the redeemed of the Lord. These people will be received by Jesus upon his return. Some who are dead will get up out of the graves. The graves will not have the power to retain Jesus' people when he returns for them. Jesus has ransomed them from the power of the grave.

The dead in Christ will be resurrected by his spirit that has kept them for the length of time that Jesus has been gone. When you are saved, you are kept by the power of God, whether you are alive or asleep in the grave. You are kept to receive an inheritance in heaven that is undefiled, and fadeth not away, but is reserved in God's kingdom for you. I Peter 1:3-5 reads as follows:

Verse 3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, which according to his abundant mercy  
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the  
the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Verse 4 - To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Verse 5 - Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

### **Subject: The Judgment:**

God keeps very accurate records on everything that goes on in his creation. God's records are going to be used for the judgment of the unsaved world. God also keeps records of saved people, to be used for his praise and his honor (Exodus 32:32).

When God first established the nation of Israel, the name of every citizen of Israel was written in "the book of life". The law was then given to the people of Israel by Moses. The law taught that if a person committed a sin, they could bring the sacrifice of a male lamb, of the first year without spot or blemish, and of good health from their flock and place it on an altar to be killed and burned as a sacrifice to God for their sins. This would be an acceptable sacrifice to God for their sins, and their names would remain in the book of life. When a person's name is in the book of life, it means that their soul will be saved at the end of their life in the physical, flesh and blood body.

Under the old Law of Moses, everybody could be saved if they all followed the procedures for making sacrifices for their sins. After Jesus came, he brought grace to the people of the world, not just for the nation of Israel, but also for the entire world. When Jesus presented the gospel to the world, inclusive in the gospel was the fulfillment of the law that Moses gave to Israel (St. Matthew 5:17-18). Moses' Law was not completed, and it was given to sustain the nation of Israel until Jesus came. Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the world (Hebrews 10:11-14). The lamb that the Jews sacrificed under Moses' instructions was a symbol of the sacrifice that Jesus would become later on Calvary. The only requirement for receiving the benefit and forgiveness of sins under Jesus' sacrifice was repentance, which was taught by John the Baptist.

Today when a person, Jew or gentile, accepts the teaching of John's gospel with a sincere heart, they will immediately receive forgiveness of their sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, which brings the new birth in Christ, and their names would be written in the "book of life" (St. Matthew 18:1-2).

Every child that is born into the world has their name written in the book of life (Jew or Gentile) until they reach the age of seven years. God will not judge the

innocents (Jeremiah 2:34). A record is presently being kept on everybody who is old enough to know right from wrong (Job 16:19). If you are saved today, your name is in the book of life; and God has blotted out your name from the book of the condemned (Malachi 4:16) (Colossians 2:13-14) (I Corinthians 11:31).

When you are saved, God allows you to judge yourself while you live in this present world. This means to correct yourself with the guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit that God will give you. The Holy Spirit will teach you how to correct your life of sin according to the teachings of the word of God.

If a person fails to get saved while they live in this present world, they will be judged in the judgment of the last days according to the record that has been kept against them of all their sinful practices that they would have committed against God (II Corinthians 5:10). This judgment for the unsaved will take place in heaven, similar to the way that the Supreme Court conducts the judgment of a case and later passes down the results to the lower courts. The difference is that the judgment that takes place in heaven will not allow a person to be acquitted; it will be a sure verdict of guilty. Jesus is the only counselor that can successfully deliver a person from the charges of sinful practices, and it must be done while the person is living in this present world.

Now the judgment for the unsaved will take place in heaven but the execution of the judgment will be presented to the unsaved upon Jesus' third appearance to the earth, this time with ten thousand saints (Jude 1:14). All of the unsaved will stand naked before God while the verdict of guilty will be read to them. Afterward, they will receive their punishment of being cast into a lake of fire and brimstone (Revelation 20:12-15).

Previous incidents of sinful practices of the unsaved will be brought before God, as a witness to the sinful conduct of the unsaved, which was recorded in their records. Ignorance of the teaching of the word of God will not be an acceptable excuse. Each person's conscience will have enough knowledge to eliminate the ignorance of many sinful practices (Romans 2:14-15). Those that have not been taught the knowledge of the word of God will be judged without the knowledge. Those unsaved that are knowledgeable of the word of God will be judged according to the knowledge that they were given (Romans 2:12).

**Subject: The Unsaved Will Be Judged By Saved People That They Are Affiliated With (St. Luke 16:25):**

If you have had an association or dealings with a truly born again, Holy Ghost filled, saved person in your walk of life, think on their conduct and behavior, and compare it with your conduct and behavior. If their conduct displayed righteous ways of living and dealing and being different from your ways that displayed sinful or unrighteous ways, you will be condemned in the judgment of the last day by the deeds and behavior of the righteous person.

God is going to use the saints or saved people to judge the unsaved. God is going to open a book of records that has been recorded against the unsaved person, and the saved person that they have had an affiliation with will be presented in the judgment, along with the records of the unsaved person. Listen to Daniel 7:10:

Verse 10 - A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

These ministering angels are making preparations for the judgment of the unsaved. The people or saints will be used to judge the unsaved. Listen to I Corinthians 6:2:

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

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

**CHAPTER III**

**TWO DEATHS &  
A NEW BODY**

## **Subject: There Are Two Deaths:**

If you die the first time unsaved, you will also experience a second death. There will be two deaths for the unsaved person. The first will be the death of the physical body, and the second will be the death of the soul, heart, or mind. In St. Luke 16:19-31, it gives a description of the death of the soul. In this passage of scriptures, it gives a simplified description of a man who experienced the death of the body and soul.

Now most everybody is familiar with the death of the body, because we know of friends or relatives that have died, but listen to what happened to this man after his body died, St. Luke 16:22:

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

Now Lazarus was saved before he died; Lazarus had given his life to Jesus Christ, but the rich man was not saved. Lazarus went to a spiritual resting place that Jesus referred to as Paradise, or the third heaven. This is where saved people will go to rest after they die, until the first resurrection. Now Jesus served an early judgment on the rich man. This was so that the rich man could receive an early execution of judgment, being sentenced to go straight to hell. The rich man's sentence and execution were accelerated, that the scriptures would give information on the first and second death for those of us who would come along later. Now let us listen to a description of the second death in St. Luke 16:23-24:

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

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

Now the second death is not an eradication of your existence. The second death is a state of existence for your soul or mind that will experience continuous torment. It will be a state of existence where as your human senses will experience torment. Notice, the rich man could see, feel, hear, and endure continuous pain from the flame in hell. Now in verse 22, it states that his body was buried, after which his soul was awakened in hell to experience the second death.

## **Subject: The Second Death:**

A person must experience two deaths if they fail to get saved. If you are saved, the first death of your physical body is merely a peaceful rest that you will enter, waiting for the first resurrection. The first death is natural, but the second death is spiritual. The first death will separate you from your friends and loved ones, but the second death will separate you from God.

Jesus came to teach us how to receive the new birth to deliver us from the second death. So the word of God teaches us, “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power” (Revelation 20:6). After you have been born again, there is no power in the second death to prevent you from receiving eternal life.

## **Subject: If A Man Dies Shall He Live Again? (Job 14:14):**

The most important part of your life does not begin until after your flesh and blood body dies (I Corinthians 15:44). Your doctor cannot educate you on this knowledge because it is spiritual knowledge that must be taught to you by a God sent preacher. If your pastor is not God sent, though he may be well educated, proper, and dignified, he will not be able to teach you about the reality of the second part of your existence. The knowledge of your spiritual existence comes to the God sent preacher by means of revelation from God, and not education from the world.

As I have taught previously, your spiritual existence is the existence of your soul, which follows your physical existence in your present body of flesh and blood. Your spiritual existence of your soul (or mind) is the permanent part of your existence, which can never be done away with. There are many who don't believe in the spiritual existence. They believe that there is nothing more to this life other than to eat, drink, and die. Just as sure as you have breath in your present body to live, you can also be assured that you will have another life beyond your present existence.

Now the good part about Jesus' death is that we as humans can choose where we would like to spend eternity, with the saved or the damned. This choice can only be made while you live in this life. It was never in God's plan for man to die. Man, through his disobedience, chose to die. Man is made of the dust of the earth (Ecclesiastes 12:6). Man became a living soul when God breathed into his body the breath of life. The life of your physical body is the result of God's grace or courtesy to you.

If you die unsaved, the breath or spirit that God gave you to live by will return to God. If you are saved, the Spirit of God will remake your body into a spiritual body like Jesus' (I John 3:1).

### **Subject: Life Can Be Deceiving:**

Life can be very deceiving if you don't have knowledge of the word of God. It is knowledge from the word of God that enlightens you on the reality of your existence. The ultimate destiny for humans that live in flesh and blood bodies is for their bodies to return to the dust, and their souls to receive another body that are permanent. The new permanent body can be a body that will be pleasant to live in, free of pain and the aging process, or it can be a permanent body that is designed to tolerate endless pain, and torment.

Most people are not aware of the options that are available for their eternal destiny. Most people are excessively involved in the things of this life that give them short-term happiness. God made the first man out of the dust of the earth, the substance from which all humans are made. Our parents are the offspring of Adam, and Adam is the seed of all humans. Just as you plant a seed in the earth and it yields fruit, God planted Adam as a seed in the world, and we are the fruit of Adam just as apples are the fruit of apple trees.

The knowledge of human existence is very simple and easy to understand, but historians and men of science have made it appear complicated with theories of evolution. After forming man from the dust of the earth, God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). Today, we live a physical life in our flesh and blood bodies by the breath that God breathed into our bodies (Ecclesiastes 12:7). At the end of your life in the physical, flesh and blood body, your flesh and blood body will return to the dust, and your breath will return to God who gave it. This process is similar to a light bulb that has burned out in your home, but the electric current that gave the bulb power to light the room has not burned out. The current goes back to the powerhouse, all you have to do is to replace the bulb, and you can receive light again.

It is by the breath of God that man became a living soul, and by that same breath that God breathed into Adam we are living today. Today we are humans that can think, feel, and act. We are moved by thoughts when we feel an urge to do something. The same God who gave you your soul can also tell you how to save your soul, after your body goes back to the dust.

Now your soul is your mind or heart that is strictly spiritual, which means it is invisible, but very real. Your soul is immortal (permanent). Your soul produces



your ability to do right or wrong. When you are born again, or filled with God's Holy Spirit, your soul or mind will receive power to make your body able to do right, being dominant over your previous desire to do wrong or commit sin. Now the breath that God breathed into your flesh and blood body was the means to activate life in your flesh and blood body; this breath God loaned you. It will go back to God when your body dies, just as the electric current goes back to the lighthouse when the bulb burns out in your home.

The breath of your flesh and blood body has nothing to do with your soul or mind, which gives you the ability to do right or wrong. Your soul is your heart or mind that will always belong entirely to you. Your soul is the part of your being that dreams when your body is asleep. Your soul is the part of your existence that will never die, and will go into eternity to live with God, if it is saved. If your soul is not saved, it will go into eternity to live with the damned to be forever tormented in a lake of fire and brimstone, to experience the second death, which is everlasting torment (Revelation 20:14-15).

### **Subject: Your New Body Will Be Like Your Spirit:**

Upon Jesus' return, God is going to give everybody who is living upon the earth a new body. Everybody will be changed upon Jesus' return. Listen to I Corinthians 15:51:

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

This means that not everybody is going to die before Jesus returns, and everybody will be given a new body, the saved, as well as the unsaved. However, the body that you will be given will be created for you by God from the spirit that you possessed at the time that Jesus appears.

All of the pretty new cars that you see on the streets today are made out of the materials from old cars. The spirit that is in your body upon Jesus' return will be placed in a new body, a body that cannot die. Now you can make a choice of the spirit that you want when Jesus returns. You can choose to be born again, and receive the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of God, or you can keep the spirit that you were born with the first time, which is the spirit of the devil.

If you decide to keep the spirit of the devil, you will be given a body made out of the spirit that you possess. Now the spirit of the devil will consist of hatred, wrath, strife, malice, contention, variance, envyings, murders, drunkenness, and

revellings. Today you can find this spirit in churches, and among social groups of people most everywhere. Listen to what will happen when Jesus returns to find people with this kind of spirit in St. Matthew 24:48-51:

Verse 48 - *But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart,  
My lord delayeth his coming;*

Verse 49 - *And shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and  
to eat and drink with the drunken;*

Verse 50 - *The lord of that servant shall come in a day when  
he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not  
aware of,*

Verse 51 - *And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his  
portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping  
and gnashing of teeth.*

This will be for those who had the spirit of the devil, and will be given bodies designed for torment and miseries. Listen to St. Mark 9:43, in which Jesus teaches the kind of body the unsaved will be given:

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

If you have been born again and filled with the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' return, your life will consist of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Galatians 5:22). Listen to I John 3:2, which teaches the kind of body that Jesus will give a saved person:

Verse 2 - Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Philippians 3:21 further describes how He will change the bodies of saved people:

Verse 21 - Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

**Subject: A New Life In A New Body:**

If you are obedient to God's word, God will one day give you a new life in a new body (Ecclesiastes 12:6-7). There are two parts to your physical existence, which are your body, and your breath. Your body came from the dust, and your breath came from God; both will eventually go back to their place of origin.

Your soul, which is your mind, is your spiritual existence. This is the third part of your existence that will remain permanently yours. Your soul is the part of your existence that will be looking for a permanent home. You can determine the destiny for your soul, that is, whether or not it will spend eternity with God, or eternity with the damned.

God did not desire for man to know about evil, so God kept evil confined to the tree of knowledge in the middle of the Garden of Eden. God knew that man would not be happy having evil on the loose in his environment; it would make man very unhappy (Genesis 2:15). Today if you are unhappy, it is because evil is causing your unhappiness in your environment, home, and private life.



**CHAPTER IV**  
**YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN OF**  
**THE SPIRIT OF GOD**

## **Subject: Where Does The Second Birth Come From?**

If you are going to be saved, you must be born again. Now your first birth of your mother was a physical birth of a flesh and blood body, but the birth that can save you is a spiritual birth. Spiritual things are different from physical things, because spiritual things produce a life of righteousness. Spiritual things produce in-born tendencies in a person to live holy, or righteous.

Your soul can only be saved when you have experienced a spiritual birth, which is produced by the Spirit of God. So then, your second birth of the Spirit is not a birth of flesh. In St. John 3:7-8 it teaches us how the second birth happens:

Verse 7 - *Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

Verse 8 - *The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

Now Jesus is using the wind as an example of how the Spirit of God comes into a person's life to give them the second birth to be saved. Jesus is saying, the wind blows wherever it pleases, and you can only tell where it is blowing when you hear the sound of it. However, you cannot see it neither can you tell where it came from, or where it is going. So is it also with everybody who is born of the Spirit of God.

The Spirit of God comes into a person's life like the wind blows, which means the Spirit of God moves in a very mysterious way, but when the Spirit of God blows into a person's life, they will know that it has been there, because it will leave them with the second birth of a new creature. You will know that the Spirit of God has paid you a visit by the spiritual changes it has made in your life. In your first life when you were born, you experienced living a life of sin. When the Spirit of God pays you a visit, you will experience living a life of righteousness.

## **Subject: "Another Comforter"**

Prior to Jesus leaving his disciples on earth, he told them that he would pray to the Father that the Father would send them another Comforter (St. John 14:16-17). Jesus saw that the hearts of his disciples were troubled because he was telling them that he would soon make his departure. Jesus had brought wonderful joy and

peace into their lives. They had seen Jesus bind many broken hearts, set at liberty the captives, open the eyes of the blind, unstop the ears of the deaf, cause the dumb to speak, and preach the gospel to the poor.

Now Jesus was informing his disciples that he was going back to the Father and he would send them another Comforter, which would be the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost would be with the disciples in Jesus' stead, even the Spirit of truth, which the world could not receive. Today if a person desires to continue to live a worldly or sinful life, they cannot receive the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost will only come into the lives of those who desire to live a sin free life. If you are not willing to receive Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost will not come into your life. You receive Jesus Christ by receiving his teachings or gospel.

So Jesus is telling his disciples to let not your hearts be troubled, I will be resurrected the third day, and after the crucifixion, I am going to present myself to you that you may have comfort, and faith, no matter what happens after I am gone (St. John 14:19-20) . I will be with you by means of the Comforter. The other Comforter is a reality to a saved person, even up to this present day. You can discern the other Comforter in your life by believing, and obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you believe this, God will send the Holy Ghost into your life.

When you believe the word of God, a Spirit will come from somewhere, shake you, turn your life around, and give you power to live free from sin. I have seen others as well as myself, who lived a life of sinful practices, and lost all their self-respect because of their low, degraded life styles. Then, one day something happened after we heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. We were turned from every sinful desire, and practice, and we became respectable citizens in our communities. Now all of this came as a result of our hearing the word of God, which entered our minds, and gave us power from the Comforter that removed all sinful desires. Today the same Comforter is available to all who obey the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **Subject: The Fear Of The Lord:**

The scriptures tell us plainly that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Psalm 111:10). To fear God is to respect God, and not to be afraid that he will destroy you. God gives instructions, and if a person fails to obey God's instruction, their ways lead them to their destruction.

There is only one source of help for man and that source is the Spirit of God, better known as the Holy Ghost. When you are overshadowed or filled with the Holy Ghost, you have protection from the thing that will destroy you and that is

sin. The Holy Spirit is the only Spirit that lifts up the standard against the things that will destroy you.

Human existence has been so cursed, and disrupted that the desires of the human nature lead humans to their destruction. When a person is filled with the Holy Ghost, it reverses their desires that they might be led to safety. God has ordained that we as humans live according to his word, and he will give us his Spirit to help us deal with the troubles of this world. God who sees the need of men and women will give them his Spirit freely. We do not need money, education, or a big name.

When God gives us the Holy Spirit, the Spirit brings wisdom that excels all the wisdom that the world might offer, so that we can, by the wisdom of God escape the dangers of the world. Along with the wisdom of God come the blessings of God to help us to be honest.

### **Subject: Walk In The Spirit:**

If you walk in the Spirit of God, you will receive blessings from God. To walk in the Spirit means that you are obeying God's word. The word of God will direct you into the path of blessings from God. This means that you will be blessed or prosperous in everything that you do. When you are born again, you are filled with the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God at such time becomes your director through life. Under these conditions, the Spirit of God will direct you into the channels of blessings and prosperity.

The material blessings of God are preceded by spiritual blessings, which will come from the Holy Spirit. You will be showered and overjoyed by spiritual blessings from on high. Later, such spiritual blessings will be followed by material blessings. Your material blessings could be in the form of money or other material things that you might need.

You must be very careful that you don't seek after material blessings before you seek after the righteousness of God. Ask God to help you to be established in obedience to his word first, and you won't have to worry about material or financial blessings; they will overtake you.

When I teach these principles, I am not teaching something that I merely read in the Bible; I am teaching you what I have experienced. If you follow the principles that I am teaching, the reality of God will be made known to you by means of the things that he does for you. God will be more realistic to you than a member of your family is, if you obey his word. If you obey God's word, you will not have to worry about the economic slow-down that our country is experiencing.



The economic conditions of the country will have no effect upon your personal life. God is more powerful than the economic conditions of America.

**Subject: The Holy Ghost Is A Teacher Of Righteousness:**

The Holy Ghost is a teacher of righteousness. The Holy Ghost only teaches the gospel that Jesus taught. The Holy Ghost does not teach anything about itself. When humans are born again of the Holy Ghost, they will not magnify themselves, but the teachings of Jesus Christ. You get the Holy Spirit by repenting of your sins, and putting forth an effort to obey God's word.

The Holy Spirit will come into your life to help you to obey God if your repentance is sincere. The Holy Ghost will do this because the word of God is Jesus Christ, and the Spirit and the word will make their abode in your mind (St. John 14:23). They will take up residence in your mind because they work together as one power to give you salvation. Without the Holy Spirit, the word of God will not stay in your mind (St. John 6:63).

When you are baptized in water, this procedure is merely an open testimony of what the Holy Ghost has actually done in your life. After you are filled with the Holy Ghost, it will remain in your life for the remaining time that you live on the earth (St. John 14:26). The Holy Ghost will serve as a guide, teacher, counselor, and give you extra strength to live righteously (St. John 16:13). The Holy Ghost will assist you in everything that you need in life (Romans 8:28).

The Holy Ghost will help to increase your intelligence, character, and add virtues to your life, making you more socially refined. It will expand your gift or talent, helping you to be a more industrious member of society. The Holy Ghost will also help you to understand the word of God, and give you assistance on how to apply righteous principles to your way of living. The Holy Spirit will improve your health, and physical ability. The Holy Spirit will take away your appetite that you may have previously had for such things as smoking cigarettes, drinking alcoholic beverages, or using illegal drugs. The Holy Spirit is the power of God that will burn up every sinful desire that you could not help from practicing before you were saved.

## **Subject: The Ability To Live Righteously:**

It is humanly impossible to live a righteous life without the power of the Holy Spirit to help you (Acts 1:8). Human beings are born with the nature to live contrary to the righteous principles that are taught in the word of God. To live righteously, it means to live holy, or free from sin (Romans 6:22). The ways of the world are implemented around unrighteous principles; therefore, God sent His Spirit to the earth with a renewed mission on the day of Pentecost to assist, and to instruct humans on how to live righteously.

The Holy Ghost was sent to the earth to establish churches that would administer righteous principles for humans to be saved. In order to obtain salvation in Jesus Christ, your church must be established by the Holy Ghost. Your pastor must be a Holy Ghost sent preacher. The agenda of your church must be a reflection of righteousness, teaching the members how to live free from sin. There are many people attending Christian churches today who know nothing about the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Spirit is the third part of God's existence (I John 5:7). It is the power of God. Jesus is the second part of God's existence. Jesus is the mouthpiece for God, or the word of God (St. John 1:1). The Holy Spirit is the power that implants the word of God into a person's mind when they hear, and believe the word of God, just as the angel Gabriel brought the word of God to Mary, the mother of Jesus, telling her about how Jesus would be born (St. Luke 1:27-35).

The message from Gabriel was assisted by the Holy Ghost so that when Mary heard, and believed the message, the Holy Ghost implanted the word of God in Mary's womb, and brought it to life as the Son of God. When we are to obtain salvation in Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost implants the word of God in our minds making us new creatures in Christ that we will be able to live righteously in this present world (St. Mark 4:20).

## **Subject: The Anointing:**

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you will receive an anointing from God (I John 2:27). The anointing is a teacher of God. Humans cannot learn the knowledge from the word of God without a spiritual teacher to help them. The natural mind that humans are born with is at variance against the knowledge of the word of God. Such a natural mind is designed to confuse humans concerning the

knowledge of God. The natural mind is the cause of all of the false teachings of salvation that are in Christian churches today.

In order to receive an accurate, and true understanding of the teaching of God's word, the Holy Spirit gives us an anointing which will enable us to receive the correct teachings of salvation (Romans 8:26). The anointing is like a tutor who conveys knowledge from God to the student. The knowledge is simplified, and filtered from false information that ordinarily would confuse the student. The religious spirit of the world is full of false religious doctrines and many Christians have been deceived thereby (Ephesians 4:14).

### **Subject: The Spirit - The Word - And Faith:**

The Spirit of God represents guidance, and the word of God, which is Jesus, represents grace. When you receive grace from God, you will also receive guidance to direct you through life in the way of righteousness. Many people are going through life in an unrighteous way that makes life very difficult. God has arranged that we might be born again to deliver us from the difficulties of life. He permits only those difficulties that will try our faith, and later he delivers us from those.

Jesus was known in heaven before he came to the earth as the word of God. It was Jesus who spoke everything in the creation into existence. Today when Jesus speaks through his word, he can remove anything from our lives that prevents us from being saved. Before Jesus left the earth, he promised that he would send the Holy Ghost, which is the Spirit of the word that he taught. The Spirit of the word was sent to guide us into all the paths of the truth (St. John 14:16).

When you receive the Holy Spirit, false religious teachings cannot deceive or mislead you, because the Holy Spirit is that Spirit of truth that protects your mind from false religious teachings. The reason that so many today have been deceived by false religious teachings is because they don't have the Spirit of truth. Now the Spirit of God will bring about what God says to you when you believe the word of God. This happens because the Spirit and the word work together. The Spirit will only work with the true teachings of the word of God. Any religious teaching that is false will not receive assistance from the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity. It is the Spirit of God. There is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, and all are one. This means they are one in administration. When a person believes the word of God, something will happen to them. The Holy Spirit will completely turn their

life around. It will begin to give that person peace when the person once had confusion. It will give the person satisfaction when they were once dissatisfied. The word of God is the power of God unto salvation for everybody that believes it.

Every problem in your life can be solved if you believe the word of God. This can happen by your faith in God's word. God installs the solutions to our problems of life in our faith. When we have true faith, God uses our faith to be a carrier of the solutions for our problems. The answers to our prayers and the solutions to our problems will only be given to us by means of our faith in God. Without true faith in the word of God, a person will receive no help from God. We must have true faith in the correct teachings. When the teaching is false, then our faith will be false. True faith is not compatible with a false teaching. This is why God gives us his Spirit to guide us into the knowledge of the truth.

### **Subject: Moral Potential For Righteousness:**

God knows who he is going to save before an individual is conceived in his or her mother's womb (Acts 15:18). If you are saved, you were a child of God before the foundation of the world was established. Time has no effect upon God's knowledge. There are no limitations to God's knowledge, ability, and power.

God could see the moral potential of all who would be saved before the earth was created, and he prepared a plan for such people to be saved in Christ. Jesus was sent to the earth to save those to whom God had already appointed salvation (St. Matthew 1:21) (St. Luke 1:17). If you are saved today, it is not the result of a last minute plan or decision; God prepared your salvation prior to your knowledge of the event.

### **Subject: Man Is God's Pet Jewel:**

God created man in his own image and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul. When Adam sinned, he alienated man from God. Today God offers man his Spirit to reconcile man back to God. It is important that each person who desires to be saved receive the Holy Ghost.

## **Subject: The Holy Ghost Is A Carrier Of The Word Of God:**

You can only be saved by listening to the word of God coming from a Holy Ghost sent preacher. The Holy Ghost carries the word of God from a Holy Ghost sent preacher to those who hear the word with a good and honest heart (St. Luke 8:15). If a preacher is not called, taught, and prepared to carry the word of God to the listeners by the Holy Ghost, they cannot be saved.

If you listen to a Holy Ghost sent preacher with an honest and good heart (mind), his preaching will implant the word of God in your mind as it caused Mary, the mother of Jesus, to become pregnant without being touched by a man. The Holy Ghost was the carrier of the word of God brought by the angel Gabriel. Gabriel only presented the word of God to Mary in sound. When Mary believed the word of God, the Holy Ghost implanted it in her womb in the form of an embryo (St. Luke 1:35).

This is the same procedure by which a person who hears the word of God can be born again. The Holy Ghost will carry the word of God to your mind, and produce a new way of thinking, living, and understanding of the plan of salvation. It will renew you in the spirit of your mind. This is called a renewing of the Holy Ghost by a washing of regeneration (Titus 2:5).

I am a Holy Ghost sent preacher. The gospel that I preach and write was not taught to me by a religious seminary. I have only been taught under the influence of a Holy Ghost sent preacher (Elder Lightfoot Michaux). If a person listens to my preaching, or reads my messages with an honest and good mind, my messages will implant the word of God in their mind, and cause them to be born again. Such a person will be able to see a conversion of their nature, where as their life will begin to produce holy and righteous desires. They will see the fruit of the Holy Spirit coming forth from their lives. Such things as love, peace, joy, patience, meekness, humility, kindness, temperance, goodness, and faith will be produced from their nature. They would have acquired a new divine nature, which was given by the Holy Ghost.

An ordinary preacher taught from some religious seminary cannot produce these qualities in a person no matter how many years they have been listening to such a preacher preach to them. This procedure for salvation can only be acquired through a Holy Ghost sent preacher. The Holy Ghost will only be a carrier of the word of God using a Holy Ghost sent preacher.

## **Subject: Regeneration (Titus 3:5):**

All humans who were born into the world received a very low level of morality, or an inability to live right, due to the sin of Adam. In order that some might be saved, God saw that it was necessary that the nature of humans be upgraded from a low level, carnal state to a higher level of spiritual (righteous) state.

The upgrading of human morality would be done by the renewing, or increased work of the Holy Ghost that would enter the nature of humans, converting their nature or inborn tendencies to that of a righteous or holy nature. This would give humans the ability to live righteous over their previous overwhelming desires to live unrighteous.

We as humans were initially born into a generation being overwhelmed with desires to commit sin. Therefore, God saw that it was necessary to deliver us from the curse of our sinful nature, and to regenerate us to a higher level of living. This was accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit washing our sinful nature, and cleansing us from unrighteous desires, and replacing our carnal nature with the divine nature of God (II Peter 1:4) (I Corinthians 6:11).

## **Subject: A Visit From God:**

The Holy Ghost brings an atmosphere of the presence of God to all who obey God (St. John 20:22). If you are living a sin free, clean life, all you have to do is to ask God to let the breath of the Holy Spirit breathe on you and something will happen. When you need a spiritual uplifting, ask God to give you a visit. When God visits you, make sure you are in a room by yourself, because your room will be filled with his presence. If there is anyone else in the house, they will know that someone else is there with you. Now if you have not been born again, you don't understand what I'm saying. However if you are filled with God's Spirit, you can ask God to revive you and he will do it.

You cannot receive the Spirit of God without being illuminated. It will cast an overwhelming reflection from the presence of God upon you, and you will not be able to maintain silence. When you pray for this request, you are asking for a spiritual blessing. When you get the spiritual blessing, you don't have to worry about the material or financial blessings for they will overtake you. Such material or financial blessings will come from where you least expected and had no prior knowledge of receiving from such sources (St. Matthew 6:33). Every man or

woman who lives according to the word of God will have the blessings of God if he or she walks in the Spirit of God.

**Subject: The Holy Spirit Will Take Your Mind To Heaven  
Though Your Body Is On The Earth:**

The kingdom of heaven will offer the full blessings of the work of the cross that Jesus endured for the salvation of many (Colossians 3:1-4). Sicknesses and diseases will be banished forever. Christ will be on his throne with the redeemed ones to enjoy the pleasures of eternity forever. It will be a good thing for those who are saved to stay ready. Such saved people should not let the enticements of this present world deceive them by thinking that they will be here to enjoy the material things of this world forever. The devil can deceive many into leaving this life unprepared for eternity.

Though we are still living here on the earth, it is possible, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to lift our minds to heaven to stay in contact with God until our bodies are taken there. Now there is no other way to come to God except you are born again. The second birth is entirely spiritual; that will allow you to have a continuous spiritual connection with God until you get to heaven.





**CHAPTER V**

**SIN & AND THE  
CARNAL NATURE**

## **Subject: The Deceitfulness Of Sin:**

In the books of St. Mark 7:21-23, Romans 1:29-31, I Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 5:19-21, and Revelation 21:8, it gives a detailed listing of sins. All Unrighteousness is sin. The Original King James Version of the Bible gives specific instructions on what sin is, and how to escape the consequences and damage that sin can bring to a person's life (Hebrews 2:3).

A person must be born again of the Spirit of God to escape the danger of sin. Sin is so deceitful that the severity of the damage that it does cannot be anticipated by human intelligence until after it is done. Sin oftentimes will conceal itself in a camouflaged state, and will ambush its victim when they least expect it. Sin cannot be controlled or defeated by human efforts. It will take the power of the Holy Spirit to identify and uncover the positions of sin before it attacks its victim. Sin has brought upon the human family so much weakness, miseries, and disorders that this present generation is seen as being weaker than any previous generation. Sin is so unfair that the sins of parents can be passed down to their children upon birth.

God seeing the severe damage that sin was doing to mankind, thought that it was very essential that he raise up a deliverer to uncover the secret sin, and defeat its effect upon humans. The deliverer was Jesus, who came to take away sins from all who would repent and believe his gospel, and afterwards give them the Holy Spirit that would keep their sins from coming back into their lives. The deceitful sins are uncovered by the gospel of Jesus Christ when it is preached by a Holy Ghost sent preacher. Now such preaching is not to embarrass the listeners, who are victims of sin, but to inform them.

Remember, sin is deceitful; unless a person is properly informed the person's life can be easily disrupted, and destroyed. When God looks at the conditions of humans, he can see the future as well as the present conditions of humans, and he is able to deal with such conditions (Jeremiah 1:5). God's word informs us that before a child is born into the world, or before the child is formed in the mother's womb, God knows its name and characteristics. If such a child shows indications that he or she will desire to be saved, God will make preparations for the child's life so that sin will not prevent the child from being saved.

## **Subject: The Power Of The Carnal Nature:**

If you have not been born again, your life is being controlled by the power of the carnal nature (Romans 8:16). When you live in the carnal nature, you are compelled by the power of the carnal nature to satisfy its desires (Galatians 4:8-9). The desires of the carnal nature can only be satisfied by sinful practices, such as adultery, fornication, drunkenness, homosexuality, idolatry, witchcraft, malice, hatred, envy, strife, jealousy, and illegal drugs (Galatians 5:19).

If you have not been born again, you will possess no ability to refrain from these practices. The carnal nature will hold you in bondage of these sinful desires or related desires. The entire creation that we presently live in is under the control of the power of darkness (St. Luke 22:53). This is Satan's time to humiliate the human race with the deceit and miseries brought to mankind by the carnal nature (Romans 8:22).

## **Subject: A New Mind Makes You A New Creature (Romans 8:5-8):**

The carnal mind is the mind of a person that is not saved. The carnal mind is a mind that desires to commit sin. The carnal mind is not subject to the teachings of the word of God. Though a Christian can possess a carnal mind, such a Christian will have a mind that will obey some things in the scriptures, and disobey other things (Romans 8:5). The carnal mind is a mind that makes a person an enemy to the law of God.

You can only be delivered from the power of the carnal mind after you have been born again. When you are born again, the Holy Spirit comes into your human nature, and renews you in the spirit of your mind. When the Spirit of God comes into your mind, you will then be able to put off the old sinful mind, and take on a new mind. Listen to Ephesians 4:22-24:

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;

Verse 24 - And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

In the eyes of God when you receive a new mind, you are a new person. When a carnal minded person hears or reads the true gospel, such a person will not receive the true gospel, they will use carnal aspects of their Christian teaching to reject the principles of righteousness in the true gospel. Such Christians will defend their carnal principles to justify their desires to maintain sinful practices, because their carnal nature is not subject to the law of God; Romans 8:7 reads like this:

Verse 7 - Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

A religious sinner will follow many religious principles except those principles that condemn their sinful practices, because their sinful practices are incorporated within their desires and pleasures of life along with their religion.

### **Subject: The Holy Spirit Versus The Carnal Nature:**

As I have taught in previous sermons, the carnal nature is a curse that humans are victims of, resulting from the sins of Adam (Romans 5:12) (Galatians 5:17). The Holy Spirit is the third part of God's Trinity that was sent by God to bring to the earth a new mission to deliver all who would be saved from the power of the carnal nature. Humans who are not saved are in bondage of the carnal nature to obey the sinful orders that they are overwhelmed to commit (Galatians 4:8-9). If a person is not born again of the Holy Spirit, they are powerless to refrain from committing sin.

Now the carnal nature is no match for the Holy Ghost. When a person experiences the new birth in Christ, they will also experience a renewing of the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5). This means the Holy Ghost will implement a new function in the person. The renewing of the Holy Ghost is a process by the Holy Ghost that will establish an entry into the biological make-up of the person, and reverse the course of nature in the person's natural ways of living. This means the sinful habits and practices that were a part of their normal life style would be changed to righteous or holy ways of living. They will be living free from sinful habits and practices.

All humans are born with natural tendencies to commit sins. When the Holy Spirit comes into the human make-up, it will make a miraculous change in the human nature. The Holy Spirit will completely disable the desires of the carnal nature, and replace such desires with the holy or righteous nature of God (II Peter

1:4). The Holy Spirit with its entry into the human make-up brings holy fire that will destroy the power of carnal desires (St. Matthew 3:11). This process will not be painful, but a joyous process whereas the person would have experienced a spiritual crucifixion of the carnal nature or sinful desires (Galatians 2:20) (Romans 6:4-6). Such a person would then be empowered by the Holy Spirit to keep the helpless carnal nature inactive for the remainder of their life on earth (Colossians 3:3-5).

**Subject: When We Are Born In Sin It Does Not Mean We Have To Die In Sin:**

When we are born in sin, we are born destined for eternal damnation (Psalm 51:5). There is no means of escape, within human abilities, that can save us from our damnable destiny (Hebrews 2:3). Our only hope for deliverance is in Jesus Christ. Jesus delivers us by instructions given in the word of God. Failure to follow instructions given in the word of God will prevent us from escaping eternal damnation.

Now the Spirit of God is the great teacher that teaches us the knowledge of the word of God. The Spirit of God knows the meaning of the word of God. If you have a mind to obey the word of God, the Spirit of God will bring the knowledge of God's word into your mind, and help you to apply it to your life's conditions, so that you might experience deliverance from your damnable destiny. The Spirit of God will give you the second birth that will deliver you from the destiny of your first birth.

To be born in sin means to receive eternal damnation. However, when you are born of the Spirit of God, you are lifted from the condemned state by justification and sanctification, which can only be given by the Spirit of God. Listen to I Corinthians 6:11:

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

Sanctified means that you have been set apart from your previous life of sinful practices, and justified means that the condemned charges of sin have been lifted from you; and all this is done by the Spirit of God.

## **Subject: The Fountain:**

There was a fountain in the house of David so that after David came home from a battle, he would wash himself from the blood of his enemies. The fountain also cleansed David from the guilt of his conscience, and allowed David to continue to live with a conscience of innocence.

The teachings of the Old Testament were a shadow or symbol of the things that God would later bring to pass in the New Testament. The Old Testament presented events that were symbols that later represented the coming of Christ. The fountain in the house of David was a symbol of how the blood of Jesus would later be shed on Calvary that would cleanse all who came to Christ of their sins and the guilt of their sins.

When a person is washed by the blood of Jesus Christ, it cleanses them from the condemnation of their sins, leaving their conscience innocent of their former sins. The blood of Jesus Christ that was shed upon Calvary opened the fountain in the house of David for sin, and uncleanness, and anyone by faith, can plunge beneath that blood and be saved from eternal destruction.

Jesus was sent to be a sacrifice by water and blood. The water in the fountain of the house of David was a symbol of blood that Jesus would later shed on Calvary; in I John 5:6, it teaches that Jesus came by water and blood. The Holy Spirit bears witness to those who have been partaker of the cleansing of their sins by water and blood. When this cleansing process has taken place in a person's life, they will be filled with the Holy Spirit as a witness. "And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one (I John 5:8).

## **Subject: The Antediluvian World:**

The people who lived on the earth prior to the flood during Noah's time lived primarily for pleasures. They enjoyed eating, drinking, and participating in anything that would give them pleasure. They reaped the benefits of the things that God provided, and gave absolutely no reverence to God. God sent Noah to warn the people of their evil practices, and to let them know that such sinful acts would bring destruction to them. However, they paid no attention to Noah's preaching. God allowed a record to be made in the Bible of what happened during the flood to show how indifferent the people were to Noah's warnings.

Today, as it was in those days, people have the same spirit of wickedness, enjoying the pleasures of life, and paying no attention to the preaching of the

gospel. God in his merciful way is not willing that the people be caught unprepared and perish. If people persist in being indifferent, judgment will come upon them when they least expect. When the judgment of God comes to you on earth, and finds you unprepared, your chances of going to heaven will be permanently ended, for it will sweep you into eternity unprepared to meet your God (St. Luke 17:32).

In the days before the flood, the word of the Lord teaches, the people were marrying and giving in marriage, and were having fun the way that the world has fun. They had been warned by Noah that a great flood was coming upon the earth, and all who were not secured within the ark that Noah built would perish in the flood. Now this ark was a huge contraption, the like of which the people had never seen before in their day. They had never heard of any vessel that would not sink in water, and they could not see how old man Noah could be smart enough to make this huge unsightly object remain afloat if it could ever reach water. This ridiculous old man had erected it right in the heart of the wilderness, far from the great body of water that they knew about.

Besides, the people had never seen or heard of rainwater coming down from heaven. The earth at that time was watered by a mist that came from the earth, and not from heaven. This old man was preaching something new that he was trying to get them to believe. Now the people of this time knew nothing about the elements, and they had never seen the sun; the sky was always cloudy to them.

The scriptures teach that when God made the earth, God separated the waters above from the waters beneath, and formed the earth in between. The water surrounded the earth, preventing the sunshine from reaching the surface of the earth. Only the light was visible (Genesis 1:9). Now God was preparing to cause all of the water around the earth to come to the earth, and thereby permit the sun to be visible. These events were, however, unknown to man on the earth, so the sinner and the unbeliever refused to accept the warning of Noah. They disbelieved Noah, and considered that he was simply an old crank.

According to the scriptures, the people never ceased from having fun and enjoying worldly pleasures. They were completely disinterested in the messages of warning that God was sending by Noah. When the flood came, it was too late for them to be saved. The Lord himself had sealed the doors of the Ark (Genesis 7:16) to prevent Noah from letting the sinners and hypocrites aboard at the last minute and sink the vessel. The rain fell in torrents, and the people were quickly overwhelmed and destroyed. The floods were so violent that it took about one year for the water to recede, so that Noah and his family and the animals were able to leave the ark.

Jesus taught his disciples that the people of today would disbelieve the warnings as they did in the days of Noah. There will be no flood, because God

promised that the earth would never be destroyed by water again, but by fire. Today people are smarter, wiser, and more intelligent. They claim they know a lot about the Bible, science, and the universe. They put the Theory of Evolution above the knowledge of God's word. They have become a people that doubt the truth of God's word simply because there is no apparent change in nature that gives indications that the word of God is correct. However, just as sure as the breath of God gives life to our bodies, the world will wake up one morning and see the last sunset. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, but is longsuffering, not willing that any should perish, but if the people of the earth fail to hear the voice of God, they will surely perish, just as the people of Noah's day.

**Subject: Your Sins Bring Your Death (Romans 5:12):**

If you fail to obey God's instructions, which direct you to safety, God will allow your sins to lead you to destruction. God's instructions for a safe passage through this life are available for man's safety. God does not destroy us, but he will one day destroy sin. If people of the earth continue to live a life of sin, they will be destroyed with their sins. The things you do lead you to your destruction. God gives man freedom of his will to choose life or death. God very plainly informs man that sin will lead him to his death.

If a man dies in his sin, such a man dies by his own choice. The sentence of death was passed down to mankind because of sin (Romans 5:12). While we did not participate in the first sin, we were in the lifeline of Adam to inherit his nature, and sin was a part of this inheritance. We became subject to death through Adam's transgression.

**Subject: Is Christ A Minister Of Sin?**

Christ is not a minister of sin. If you think you are saved and you still practice sin, your way of thinking is contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ. When Christ was crucified, it was done for the purpose of destroying the desires to commit sin in the lives of those who are saved. Listen to Romans 6:6:

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



For everybody who is saved, their old life of sin should have been destroyed with Christ's old body that was destroyed on Calvary, that the saved people would no longer serve sin. If we say that we are saved and we still commit sin, the Bible teaches that we are not justified by Christ if we ourselves are found to be sinners, and that God forbids such false testimonies of Christ. Listen to Galatians 2:17:

Verse 17 - But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

If you seek to be justified by saying, "I am a follower of Christ", and yet continue in a life of sinful practices, your life makes Christ a minister of sin. There are many who claim to be saved and are sinners. Now many try to justify their sins by saying "everybody sins". The only way you can know what other people are doing is that you have to see them doing it. To say that other people are committing sinful acts without seeing such means that you could be falsely accusing them or bearing false witness against them. Your testimony of what other people are doing can only be true when you testify of that which you have seen, then your witness of such will be acceptable. Listen to St. John 3:11:

Verse 11- *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.*

When I tell you that a truly saved person can live in this world without committing sin, I am testifying of what I know, because I have experienced living this life for thirty-five years.

### **Subject: The Law Of Sin And Death (Romans 6:3-6):**

When you are born again, Christ comes into your life to implement the same procedure that took place during his crucifixion. Christ's old body died on Calvary; it was crucified. When Christ comes into our lives, the process of his crucifixion goes to work to crucify our sinful nature to deliver us from the law of sin and death. The law of sin in our lives caused us to have the nature and desire to commit sin. All humans are born with the law of sin and death working in them to kill them eventually. The first law that God gave Adam was not to eat of the tree

in the middle of the garden, and if he did, it would be a sin that would cause Adam to die (Genesis 2:17). This law of sin and death was passed down to all humans.

Jesus went to Calvary to allow his body to be destroyed to remove the law of sin and death from all who would obey his gospel. When we were born in our flesh and blood bodies, the law of sin and death went into motion to kill us eventually. Listen to Romans 7:5:

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.

When Christ died on Calvary, all who received Christ were delivered from the law that God gave Adam. When we are saved, we are dead to the law, which means the law of sin and death has been lifted from us. Listen to Romans 7:4:

Verse 4 - Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

This means that Christ's death caused the law to have no effect upon those who are saved. We are now no more prisoners of the law that Adam brought upon us, we can serve God in the newness of Spirit, just as Christ was resurrected after his crucifixion and he came forth in a new body. Listen to Romans 7:6:

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.

The oldness of the letter was the condemnation of the law of sin, and death that Adam brought upon us.

### **Subject: God Is Not A Destroyer But A Savior:**

God is not a destroyer of human life, but he will soon destroy sin, and all humans who live a sinful life will be destroyed with their sins unless they repent. So then, sin brings death to all who are partakers. You can avoid the second death

if you release your sins. Jesus did not come to the earth to destroy man in his sins, but he came to deliver man from the destruction that sin would bring to them.

Sin is a violation of God's holiness. The blessings and goodness of God will not continuously be given to a world that sin is a part of. Jesus is not a destroyer, but a savior. Man chooses his own fate. God created man with the freedom of his will. Man can choose to obey God or commit sin; but if he continues to commit sin, it will destroy him. God tells man what the consequences will be if he does certain things. If man continues to disobey, his disobedience will destroy him.

**Subject: Infinity Of God (II Peter 3:9):**

There are no limitations to God's love, neither His ability. Believe it or not, it is the will of God that all people of the earth be saved and live in His kingdom. Listen to II Peter 3:9:

Verse 9 - The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

If all of the people of the earth would repent of their sins, God can save them. It is necessary to understand God's ability to do things, and that there are no bounds to his ability to provide for the angels in heaven, nor the people of the earth.

God's love and his infinite power are the same. Just as God loves all the people of the earth, he can provide a place in heaven for them. Presently, heaven consists of a population of angels that cannot be numbered, according to our mathematical system of the earth. Now I am not making this information up; I am speaking based upon the knowledge of the scriptures. Listen to Hebrews 12:22:

Verse 22 - But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

God provides for his family in heaven that cannot be counted by our earthly system of calculating. The universe belongs to God, and the distance of the universe is unlimited. God can create habitations for his people beyond our ability to measure, or imagine. Listen to what Jesus taught in St. John 14:2:

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.*

Jesus extends an invitation to every human being on the earth to be a part of God's heavenly habitation. Listen to Revelations 22: 17:

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

### **Subject: The Sub-Conscience Mind:**

You may not know it, but there are two parts to our minds, or hearts (Hebrews 4:12). We have a conscience mind that leads us to do things that we are conscious of doing, but we also have a sub-conscience mind that reserves thoughts unknown to us until they come to our conscience mind. We have no knowledge of the thoughts and ideas in our sub-conscience mind.

Thomas Edison did not have to figure out how to invent the light bulb, the idea was in his sub-conscience mind, and at a given time it came forth to his conscience mind and today we have the light bulb. We are saved based upon the intent of our sub-conscience mind that we don't know about (Jeremiah 17:9-10). God can see the conscience mind as well as the sub-conscience mind, and God saves us when we have intent to obey his word, even when we don't know we have the intent.

God does not judge us based upon what we have done in life, but what we intend to do if we could do it. When that intention is good, God saves us and gives us power to do good. You don't know your mind as God does, and he deals with us according to his knowledge of what is in our sub-conscience mind.

### **Subject: The Sinner:**

You cannot be a sinner and a saved person at the same time (I John 3:4). In order to be saved, you must repent of your sins. To repent of your sins means to stop committing sin. When you stop committing sin, you are no longer a sinner.

The thing that makes you a sinner is when you commit sin. Now the sinner is a violator of God's word: God's word teaches that when we commit adultery, fornication, and lie, steal, commit homosexual acts, drink liquor, harbor malice, hatred, envy, and strife in our hearts, that we are violating God's commandments and such practices make us sinners. We must practice these transgressions in order to be a sinner. If we stop committing such sinful acts, it is impossible for us to be a sinner. Only sinful practices can make us sinners.

When we put forth an effort to refrain from committing sinful practices, this is called repentance. Human efforts will not be able to stop us from committing all of the sins that God's word teaches, but repentance is a message that you are sending to God that you would like to be saved from all sins. When this message is sincere, the powers of heaven will be available to a repenting sinner, and the Holy Spirit will come down with Holy fire to burn up the person's remaining desires to commit sin. This is when a person has experienced the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. The fire of the Holy Ghost is what purifies a person of their sinful nature, or desires (St. Matthew 3:11). Your heart, mind, soul, or nature is purified by the Spirit of God that destroys your desires to commit sin.

Listen to I Peter 1:22:

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: God Doesn't Hear Sinners Pray:**

This subject may be difficult for many Christians to accept. I am going to show you scriptures from The Original King James Version of the Bible to substantiate this principle. I am reading in St. John 9:31:

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

If God heard and answered the prayer of a sinner, he would be an unethical God. He would be a God that is unfair, and without justice. If a person who is tried in the court of law is found innocent, and another person is tried, found guilty of the same offense, and they both are allowed to go free, such would be an unjust court of law, conducted by an unjust judge.

God cannot hear a sinner pray because of his holiness; God is holy. To be holy means to be free from carnal, earthly, or sensual ways. If God were sensual, he would be a God without his own Spirit. A sinner is a breaker of God's holiness, which is presented to the world in God's law. God's law is God's holiness. If God breaks his own law by hearing a sinner's prayer, his law would be of non-effect to the world. Listen to I John 3:4:

Verse 4 - Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

If God's law states that he hears not a sinner's prayer, God would be breaking his own law if he answered a sinner's prayer. God's law says, if you keep his commandments, you can pray and ask for what you want, and he will do it (St. John 14:15). If a person asks God for something, and doesn't keep his commandments, and God grants the person's request, then God and the person would be a violator of the law. Such a request would be unethical, and so would God be if he granted it. Listen to I Peter 3:12:

Verse 12 - For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

## **CHAPTER VI**

# **BEWARE OF FALSE PREACHERS AND FALSE CHURCHES**

**Subject: The Word Of God Should Be The Governing Authority In The Church:**

In the true Church of God, the word of God (The Original King James Version of the Bible) should be the governing of authority. Whenever any disputes, disagreement, or contentions arise, the Word of God should be the thing that settles the matter. If the Bible is not the ruling force in the church, then the congregation needs to take down their sign with their church name on it, and put up a sign saying "The First Church of Satan". If the Bible is not ruling a church, you can be sure the devil is.

You cannot use the Bible out of context to clear up a matter in your favor. This is the reason why we have so many false religious teachings and denominations today, because folk are using the scriptures out of context to establish their personal purposes. The Bible primarily teaches what is wrong and shows you how to do right. If a religious teaching is any less, or any more than this, the devil is in it.

**Subject: A Divided Church Is A Dead Church:**

Today among Christian churches, the truth has dwindled down in the minds of men and women to the point where they do not speak the same thing concerning their religious beliefs, and yet they are members of the same church body, but not the body of Christ. In the true body of Christ, all of the members will speak the same thing and believe the same teachings of Christ.

When this spirit of divisions takes place among leaders, the followers will automatically become divided, choosing the leaders that will more or less suit their opinion. People don't respect organizations that are run by contrary leaders. They simply choose the leaders that give more favor towards their purposes. When a church is divided, it is dead.

**Subject: Only The Holy Spirit Can Give A Group One Mind To Follow One Teaching:**

In order for folk to be able to speak the same thing, they must first learn the same teachings, and acquire the Holy Spirit that will give them one mind to accept and follow the teaching that they are given. It takes the Holy Spirit to give a group



of people one mind to follow one teaching resulting to them saying the same thing concerning religious beliefs. People by nature will otherwise seek to be unique or creative in their religious opinions, even in their attempts to interpret the Bible. Such is the works of Satan.

**Subject: People Don't Really Respect Evil Church Leaders:**

Whenever a church group follows and supports a religious leader and knows that he is devilish (unsaved), it is because they want to use him. People don't really respect devilish leaders, they simply see purposes that such a leader can allow them to accomplish in the church, that would fulfill their carnal desires. Nobody respects anything that does not hold a high standard of righteousness. When a man obeys and respects God, his followers will obey and respect him, otherwise they will all be wasting their time in a church.

**Subject: The Church:**

Many people think that the building they go into on Sunday morning is the church. They call their buildings the church. It is the meeting place of the worshipers, but it is not the church (Acts 17:24-25). The people who obey the teachings of Jesus Christ that is the church. God's church is saved people who are filled with the Holy Ghost, and live above sin (I Corinthians 3:16-17). If the building that you attend on Sunday morning does not have a religious teaching that has washed your soul from sin, then you would be better off to go to the YMCA on Sunday morning and get some exercise.

In St. Matthew 16:18, Jesus taught Peter, "upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it". The rock was Peter's testimony that Jesus was the Son of God. You can only have this testimony of Christ when Christ has saved you from your sins.

Without the power of the Holy Spirit indwelling the members of an assembly, their so-called church is carnal or sinful. If your church is carnal, nobody in the assembly will be saved. The Holy Spirit is the only power that can keep a church spiritual or righteous. So then, the church is not a structure, but a body of believers, joined in love and practicing the teachings of Christ, which will give them a testimony like Peter had.

When you are a member of God's church, you are adopted into the family of God by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:15). The Spirit of God changes your carnal (sinful) nature into the spiritual nature of God (Romans 8:5-6). You then become members of the body of Christ, built together for a habitation of his Spirit. Therefore, wherever you go, folk will see that God's church is not made of wood and stone, but of a lively stone united in Christ.

**Subject: The Effectiveness Of Our Christian Churches:**

You can always tell a man that God is using, because he will not attempt to profit from the ignorance of others using the knowledge that he has. When Jesus administered to the people of his time, all of his deeds and services were free. Unless a man of today is born again of the Spirit of God, he has a selfish nature that he was born of. When a selfish man sees that others don't know something, he arranges a plan to take advantage of their ignorance so that he might profit for his own personal gain.

Many of the commercials that we see on television are presented to impress the listeners with the idea that they are selling or giving the public something for their profit, but it is mostly for the profit of those who are sponsoring the product. There is not much help for man from men of the world, because of greed and selfishness. God has to be behind a man who is inspired by the Spirit of God to help others. Now the truth of how much man is trying to help man is now being demonstrated to the world by the demonstrations on Wall Street. It is a perfect example of how much men of the world care about other men. You can interview any of the CEOs on Wall Street and you will find that they belong to some Christian church.

So before you get angry with me for teaching against the effectiveness of our Christian churches, in Volume II of "Saved from Sin", interview some of the CEOs from Wall Street. They have been awarding themselves millions of dollars in bonuses, for a failing economy, which has caused the demonstrators on Wall Street to be jobless. Please ask these CEOs if they are Christians.

**Subject: The Unrighteous Person Is Not A Saved Person:**

You cannot be an unrighteous person and a saved person at the same time. In order to be saved, you must be changed from an unrighteous person to a

righteous person. An unrighteous person is a sinner, or one who violates the teaching of God's word. When you are saved, you are born again of the Spirit of God, which will give you the ability to be righteous. A righteous person is a holy person who lives free from sin. You cannot become a righteous person after you are dead, because the dead cannot live a righteous life.

In order to be a righteous person, you must live a righteous life right here in this present world. If you are an unrighteous person, God's word teaches us that the unrighteous person shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven (I Corinthians 6:9). This scripture gives a detailed description of an unrighteous person. It states that no adulterer, fornicator, liar, thief, drunkard, homosexual, covetous, or idolater can inherit the kingdom of heaven.

God has put this scripture in the Bible so that we would not be deceived by preachers who teach that an unrighteous person can be saved. An unrighteous person must repent of their sins while they are living in this present world to be saved. You cannot repent after you are dead; you cannot be saved after you are dead. If you repent or turn from your sinful practices while you live, God can save you while you live, and make you a righteous person.

**Subject: Are You Merchandise For Your Pastor (II Peter 2:1-3):**

If you belong to a church with a few hundred, or a few thousand members, and the teachings of your pastor have not taught you how to live free from sin, you could be merchandise for your pastor. Your support for such a church could be helping to sponsor a lucrative life style for your pastor. Such preachers' main purpose in producing a large congregation is for monetary gain. These preachers do not teach how to be delivered from the practice of sin, because informing the followers on how to be delivered from sin does not produce large congregations.

Church folk who live a life of sinful practices do not like to hear a preacher who teaches how they must repent of their sins, and receive power from God to live free from sin (St. John 1:12). The true teaching of salvation is not the kind of gospel that the carnal nature of the unsaved person desires to hear. Unsaved church folk love to hear an exciting, flattering, religious teaching that condones, and tolerates a life sin (I Thessalonians 2:3-6).

The most popular Christian churches love to hear preaching that puts a seal of approval on their sinful life style. Jesus taught that such large congregations are the ways of destruction (St. Matthew 7:13-14).

## **Subject: Are You Using Jesus' Name In Vain?**

When you are truly born again, God becomes a reality to you. Though you may be a faithful church worker, if you are not truly born again, God is not real in your life and neither does your way thinking allow you to receive God in a realistic manner. Such people will use God's name as a convenience, but they are not serving God with sincere hearts. These religious practicals are not willing to surrender certain pleasures in their lives that they might obey God.

The name of Jesus is used by most professing Christians for their personal advantage. It is a convenient name to use for them to be heard, seen, and to perform in their churches. Even preachers follow the same purposes, using the name of Jesus. Jesus' name is a popular name, and everybody uses it. You would be surprised to know the number of church folk who use Jesus' name, and are doing business in his name, but they don't care anymore about Jesus than last year's rain. Christians have become so commercial with religion and churches that they have no sincere regard for the name of Jesus, and they will do most anything for gain, recognition, prominence, and fame.

## **Subject: You Cannot Be Saved In A Church With Unrighteous Members:**

Many people of the world resent churches, because church folk do the same evil things that non-church folk do. The people of the world can only know God through the church, and when the church presents a poor representation of God, it causes the world to disrespect God.

The Apostle Paul was sent by God to establish the Church of Corinth. Can you believe that at the conclusion of his ministry, he had to advise the few good church folk, who were still in the church that he established, to leave the church so that they would have a chance to be saved. Paul taught the few faithful members that they could not be saved in a church where folk were committing fornication and adultery. This is because when such practices were allowed to take place in the church, the Spirit of God would not maintain its presence there. Listen to I Corinthians 5:1:

Verse 1 - It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

These folk were having sex among the church members that was not mentioned among non-church folk. Paul taught that if they wanted the Spirit of God to remain in the church, that they had better put those members out who were committing fornication or adultery. Listen to verses 4-6:

Verse 4 - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Verse 5 - To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Paul taught that under these conditions, their worshiping of God was not good.

Verse 6 - Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

Paul is saying that a little sin, such as fornication, in the church will corrupt the entire church, and none of the members worshiping would be accepted by God. After it was later made known to Paul that the church had not gotten any better, he wrote another letter admonishing those who wanted to be saved to leave the church. Keep in mind that this is one of the churches that Paul established.

### **Subject: About Your Pastor:**

One of the most important people in your life is your pastor. Your pastor is very important because he is the means by which God will communicate with you for you to be saved. Now trust me, the Bible is the only source of information that teaches us how God does things. The only Bible that I have studied in the past thirty-five years that the Holy Spirit works with is the Original King James Version.

Now, what about your pastor? If your pastor is not Holy Ghost filled or truly born again, you cannot be saved under his or her leadership. Your pastor must produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit in his own life in order for him to reproduce you in righteousness, so that your life will produce the fruit of the Spirit. Listen to what the fruit of the Spirit is in Galatians 5:22-23:

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

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

You can only produce these qualities in your life from a preacher that God has sent, and that is Holy Ghost filled. Such a preacher should be producing this fruit in his own life before he can produce this fruit in your life. If your pastor has done such a good work in your life, it means that he is a God sent pastor, and he is a good fruit tree. Listen to St. Matthew 7:15-17:

Verse 15 - *Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*

If your pastor has the spirit of a ravening wolf, he does not have the Holy Spirit, and it will be revealed. Such a pastor will manifest malice, hatred, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, strife, envy, emulation, covetousness, revellings, witchcraft, variance, idolatry, heresies, and seditions. This is not the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit will not be in a person's life at the same time that these evil qualities exist.

Now back to St. Matthew 7:16-17. If your pastor is a God sent pastor, he will be a good tree bringing forth good fruit, and you will be the good fruit if you obey his leadership.

Verse 16 - *You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*

Verse 17 - *Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.*

If your pastor is corrupt or not saved, he will produce you with corrupt fruit in your life. Now your pastor must initiate his own work by faith in God. He cannot be hired by a congregation to work in a church that someone else initiated or established. If he is hired to work in another pastor's church, then Jesus teaches that he is a hireling and that a hireling is sent by the devil, and careth not for the sheep because they are not the results of his labor. Listen to St. John 10:12-13:

Verse 12 - *But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and*

*leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.*

Such a pastor, who is false, cannot protect the people from the wolf, the devil, or trouble.

Verse 13 - *The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.*

When the devil brings trouble to the lives of the church members, a hireling will not be able to help them against divorces, separations, alcoholism, adultery, having children out of wedlock, or ending up in prison. Such things will occur when the wolf is coming, and a hireling will flee or leave the members with these problems. These problems are what the wolf will bring.

**Subject: The False Versus The True (Exodus 7:10-12):**

A false religious teaching has no substance of spiritual power that can do anything for a person against the forces of evil. A false teaching has no ability to lead a person out of sin. False teachings are presented only in the form of words, and religious rituals. False teachings make provisions for the flesh or sinful pleasures. If you are a participant in a false religious teaching, you have not experienced salvation, or deliverance from your sins. Only the gospel of Jesus Christ can deliver you from sin, because it has the power of God behind it (I Corinthians 1:18).

A false religious teaching offers you no more deliverance from the problems of life than a person who has no religious teaching is receiving. A false religious teaching deceives your way of thinking, and fools you through your imagination, and it has no realistic power of performance. A false religious teaching is sorcery, like tricks that a magician uses in the circus. A false teaching can appear to be in like manner of the truth, but it can only look true and is not able to perform with any power.

When Moses and Aaron went down before the Pharaoh of Egypt and did as the Lord commanded them with the rod before the Pharaoh, the rod actually became a serpent; it was the true power of God in the rod. Therefore, the Pharaoh called the wise men, sorcerers, and magicians. They also cast down their rods, but in like manner, of what Moses and Aaron had done. This resulted to the serpents of the rods of the sorcerers and magicians being swallowed up by the serpents of

Moses rod. This demonstrated before the Pharaoh that tricks of sorcery have no power against the power of God.

The false is exposed by the true power of God. A person who experiences a false religious conversion will have no power in their life that will compare with a person who has experienced a true conversion by the power of God. A false conversion will eventually allow the person to go back to a life of sin, but a true conversion will enable a person to grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

### **Subject: Churches Should Be The Influence Over The Lives Of Its Members:**

Churches should be the influence and controlling force over the people of our society. The people of society should and can be made honest and law abiding, depending on the integrity of the church. When society becomes sinful and corrupt, it is the result of churches being sinful and corrupt.

It's the duty of a man when he becomes saved to be interested in his brother and his community, with the intent and purpose of how to improve such. If something is not done quickly, true religion will be a bygone thing, and society will reach a point that is beyond redemption. When this happens, God will prepare to destroy the world along with its sinful churches and religious leaders. Most churches of today no longer have any control over its members. The church can no longer say to its members, don't go to the dance halls or drink liquor, because right in the pew of the church are members who are supposed to be pillars who drink liquor and go to the dance hall.

Churches are being destroyed from the inside; therefore, they no longer have power to control evil on the outside. Churches have lost the respect of its members, and because churches are in this condition, men are shaking their fists at God saying we don't need any churches. When churches have no voice in government then you don't have any churches that really matter.

Society has decided that it is better to give their children an education, or better to enlighten them in science and The Theory of Evolution than to teach them about the reality of God. If you think that the religion of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has nothing to do with your child's conduct in society, you are mistaken. If your child goes to jail, or is killed in a gang war it will be because you did not teach them how to honor and obey God.

The benefits of learning about God and salvation cannot be forced upon a child, it must willingly be accepted after that a child can clearly understand the benefits of such. When a child cannot see any need for God, there will be no



motive to learn of God. Society cannot make a law to force people to go to church and obey God. This must be done willingly, because of a person's love for God. The things that you do towards God cannot be done legally, but because of your love for God. Things that are done legally to honor a law are done because of the fear of the penalty of the law.

The people on the day of Pentecost who received the Holy Ghost shared their goods, not because of a law, but because of the love of God that was in their hearts; they desired to serve others. When you have the love of God in your heart, it wants to serve rather than to be served all the time. Acts 2:44-45 reads as follows:

Verse 44 - And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

Verse 45 - And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

Because the church has failed to lift up this standard of love in our communities, we have an increase of theft, burglary, bank robbery and an introduction to Communism. The devil has pointed out to society that God created this world for all men to enjoy, even if it means the spirit of Robin Hood has to be the distributor. When the underprivileged members of society look around and see one man or class with abundance and another class that is poverty stricken, they will rise up with any excuse to start an insurrection as a means by which they can take what they want. Make no mistake, any spirit of riot, revolution and insurrection is of the devil, even if it seems to be motivated by a just cause.

A wicked means does not justify any end before God. So then, the spirit of the insurrection will say that no man has a right to have so much while others have so little, his abundance should be taken from him. Then God will come along and say to take a man's property is a sin, and any government or person who does it will be judged by God. No government or person has a right to take a man's possessions, and be justified. If a man is rich, it is because God has blessed him to be rich. If such a man does not share his wealth with the needy people, God will judge him. The rust of his wealth will be a witness against him in the last days. To have the spirit to share your wealth causes you to become a steward of God. In order for men to do this willingly the church must be responsible for preaching the gospel to the extent that a man's heart turns to love and decides to willingly share with his brother who is less fortunate than he is.

**Subject: Beware Of Unprofitable Religious Teachings Which Make Provisions For The Flesh:**

God has declared in his word, that if you go down to the grave in righteousness, you shall live again. A person can believe many things that won't be worth much to the person. You can believe that men went to the moon because you saw it on television, but it won't be of very much profit to you whether they went or not. However, if you believe that Jesus died and rose again to save you from your sins, you can try it out to see if it is true by repenting of your sins, and taking on a mind not to sin anymore, and you will receive power to help you, exactly like the scriptures teach. This advent of belief will be profitable for you here and hereafter.

Having faith in the wrong things is worse than having faith in nothing. Many today believe in different religious teachings that cannot save. To believe in the wrong religious teaching is less than no profit to you when you die. To believe in nothing is unprofitable, but there is a chance that you can one day learn the truth. However, to believe in the wrong religious teaching is less profitable than believing in nothing, because faith in the wrong religious teaching will give you just enough false religion to make you immune to the real thing when you hear it.

Having a false prophet for a pastor is worse than having no pastor at all, because a false pastor is simply equipping your mind with religious knowledge that will cause you to resist the truth when you hear it. A sinner or infidel has a better chance of being saved than a church hypocrite. Hypocrites become firm in their false religious principles, and are not likely to be persuaded to accept the truth, because they would become complacent with a religious teaching that allows them to think that they are saved living in sin, and pleasing their flesh or sinful nature. You will always know a false religious teaching because it will make provisions for the flesh.

False religious teachings tolerate sinful ways that people are very comfortable with. When such folk have some kind of religion that is compatible with their carnal nature, they will allow their false religious teachings to compromise with their carnal nature. Thus, both their false religion and their carnal nature will find comfort and compatibility together, and their soul will later go to hell. On the other hand, a person who is truly saved following the correct religious teaching of Christ will develop a vigilant spirit, always watching and disciplining the sinful desires (carnal nature, flesh ) denying the carnal nature of the pleasures of sin, even when it is uncomfortable, inconvenient and painful.

## **Subject: Have Many Pastors And Preachers Of Today Become Dumb Dogs?**

The Bible declares that when a prophet, preacher, or pastor refuses to bark, or send a warning when he sees sin in the church, it is because he has become a dumb dog. The scriptures teach that adultery blinds a preacher who refuses to preach against sin in the church. II Peter 2:14 reads as follows:

Verse 14 - Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

The preacher is supposed to be a watchman placed there to watch over the flock. Now if he sees sin creeping in to overcome a young girl or a mother, or something that will lead them astray, he is supposed to bark, and warn them. The preacher has lost his vision that is why the church is cold. His eyes have become full of good-looking women. When you get your eyes off God, there is nothing else to see but a good-looking woman. Listen to how Isaiah 56: 9-12 describes these kinds of preachers.

Verse 9 - All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest.

Verse 10 - His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

Verse 11 - Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

Verse 12 - Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to-morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

Unless people are warned by the preacher, they will go wrong. Folks must be led. They must be taught that they can live above sin. They must be watched over and governed, and this is the job of the preacher.

If you take the police off the streets and don't enforce the law to rule the people of society, every evil act will be done. The preacher is supposed to stand up in righteousness before the congregation as an example until the light of Christ will shine out of his life, and his gospel is to be used as a testimony of Christ in his life. The preacher's solemn protest should be against sin in the church, homes, and personal lives of his members.

### **Subject: Divisions:**

When the officers and leaders of a church organization become divided on different matters of concern, the organization is heading for a downfall. Nothing that is divided can stand. St. Matthew 12:25 reads as follows:

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

The strength of any organization is oneness. Oneness of mind gives everybody the same purpose, striving in the same direction. When a people have different purposes going in different directions, they become divided. The Holy Spirit will not abide in a church where the people are divided. Oneness is acquired only through a group who is willing to subject themselves to the teaching of Christ. Under such conditions, they will acquire the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. When the people are divided, there will be no peace. You can only be one in spirit when you are following one mind, one judgment, and one rule, speaking the same thing. To speak differently is to be different. I Corinthians 1:10 reads as follows:

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

When there are unsaved people in a church body there will always be divisions, because the fruit of unsaved people produces divisions. No carnal man or group can maintain oneness. Only the fruit of the Holy Spirit can maintain oneness.

The works of the carnal nature cause people to resent one another. I Corinthians 3:3 reads as follows:

Verse 3 - For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

### **Subject: The Wrong Purpose:**

To be a part of a church body with the wrong purpose will curtail the works of the Holy Spirit preventing Jesus from entering the lives of the unsaved. The source (or people) by which God ordains to send the teaching of the Gospel must be established with one purpose among all who are in the body. God's favor will be upon those who are established with oneness of mind and purpose; and that purpose being, to be used of God to help others get saved. A purpose such as, saving money to build big churches is a waste of time and purpose in the eyes of God. Unless those who desire to be used of God are following the teachings of Jesus Christ line upon line and precept upon precept, then they will not be fit to teach anybody else how to be saved. Too many religious personnel today desire to be teachers and preachers of the gospel, but they need to be taught themselves. Such a spiritual diet will not enable a preacher or teacher of the gospel to be able to exercise their spiritual senses; which means it will be difficult for them to discern right from wrong. Hebrews 5:12-14 reads as follows:

Verse 12 - For when the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Verse 13 - For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Verse 14 - But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

God reads and examines the hearts or minds of all religious personnel, and gives them according to their intents, and the worth of their purposes. When a

religious teacher or leader is not getting much wisdom and understanding from God, it could very well be that their purposes are not good or acceptable to God. Jeremiah 17: 9-10 reads as follows:

Verse 9 - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Verse 10 - I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

To be a religious leader with the wrong purpose in mind is like a chicken who cannot lay eggs, there will be no fruit of righteousness for such a person's labour.

**Subject: You Cannot Exploit God:**

When a religious leader or church organization tries to commercialize religious services to make money, this is the works of Satan. Such religious leaders feed upon the ignorance and weaknesses of people who want blessings, but don't want to live right. Such people are unthankful to God. This type of people will come to church, if the church has something to offer, but they don't want to obey God. The word of God teaches that many shall follow the pernicious ways of false religious leaders, which are the ways of destruction. To be true you must measure your salvation by the word of God and seek to be saved from sin.

Never let religious demonstrations impress you even if they call down stars from heaven or raise the dead. Remember, every miracle that Moses demonstrated before the Pharaoh of Egypt was matched by the sorcerers and magicians of the Pharaoh in like manner, of what Moses did, yet the Pharaoh and his magicians were the enemies of God. Though religious leaders have many demonstrations, they are most likely the enemies of God.

**Subject: Watch For Salary Paid Hired Preachers:  
They Are Hirelings:**

Your preacher is not the way to Christ if he is not teaching you to live above sin. When you meet Christ and you are introduced to his teaching that shows you

how to live above sin, you won't want to hear your former preacher anymore. You will learn that all of the religious leaders that came into your life before Christ came were thieves and robbers if they fail to teach righteousness. Listen to how Jesus teaches this in St. John 10: 7-8:

Verse 7 - Then said Jesus unto them again, *Verily, verily I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.*

Verse 8 - *All that ever came (prior) before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.*

When you get Jesus in your life, you will not hear your former preacher. You will learn that he was a thief and a robber, robbing you out of your chance for salvation, because he was a hireling. A hired preacher is a hireling. Jesus said that such preachers are not the shepherd of the sheep, and when they see the wolf coming (the devil with sin), they will leave the sheep and allow the wolf to catch them. Sin and the devil are the wolf and a hireling (paid preacher) who will not warn the people of their sins. St. John 10:12 teaches this:

Verse 12 - *But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.*

### **Subject: God's Thoughts Are Not Our Thoughts:**

I do not preach or teach about God according to my thoughts, because many of my thoughts carry my opinion, and my imagination. When God gave me the Holy Spirit, it made me able to distinguish my thoughts and imagination from the knowledge of God's word. If a preacher is not filled with the Holy Ghost, he cannot distinguish his thoughts from the knowledge of God's word. If such a preacher uses the Bible, he will confuse his thoughts with God's knowledge.

Only the Holy Ghost can bring us unadulterated knowledge of God's word. When a preacher does not have the Holy Ghost, such a preacher will adulterate the knowledge of God's word. This type of preacher will mix God's knowledge with his own personal thoughts and imagination. God's thoughts are not our thoughts. Listen to Isaiah 55:8-9:

Verse 8 - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

Verse 9 - For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The personal thoughts and imaginations of preachers can carry a vain opinion about salvation, thereby justifying his weaknesses and sins, presenting those ways in his sermons.



**CHAPTER VII**  
**YOU NEED A HOLY GHOST  
SENT PREACHER**

**Subject: The Knowledge Of The Scriptures Must Be Given  
By A Holy Ghost Sent Preacher:**

If you follow the teachings that I am giving in the books entitled “Saved From Sin”, you can receive an implantation of the word of God in your mind. You cannot be saved by your own will to be saved; your will to be saved is a good start to acquire salvation, but not enough. You must be saved according to the knowledge in the scriptures presented to you by a Holy Ghost sent leader. The knowledge in the scriptures must be prepared, and presented to your mind by a Holy Ghost sent preacher.

The Holy Ghost is the only power that can penetrate the human mind, and implant the knowledge of the word of God in the mind. The Holy Ghost will only do this through a leader that it has taught, and prepared for the task. You do not have to learn the knowledge of salvation directly from the leader by the word of God coming directly out of his mouth. You can learn indirectly by means of radio broadcasts, books, or recordings. God only works through the Holy Ghost prepared minister that he sends.

**Subject: A Preacher’s Lifestyle Will Be What He Is Preaching:**

It is difficult to teach someone who has already been taught. When Jesus chose his disciples, he chose unlearned men of that time. Any teacher will tell you that the most difficult students to teach are those who have already been taught something the wrong way. Most Christians of America have been taught an erroneous religious teaching concerning salvation. The Apostle Paul was a scholar of his day, and God had to kill him almost to get his attention on the new gospel that he was taught (Philippians 5:8).

The gospel of Jesus Christ is not a religious teaching that you can learn from a theological seminary; it has to be revealed to the man that God sends to preach it. The gospel of Jesus Christ is not designed by God to make men smart, but wise. To be smart means to be conceited, or self-righteous with knowledge that a person can use to be an orator. However, to be wise means to depart from evil. This gospel is not given to men to be good, eloquent speakers, but to change their lives from sinful practices to righteous practices.

You can be a sinner and a preacher at the same time. If so, you will be glorifying in a ministry that will destroy you and your listeners. Such a preacher would be held in bondage by his own preaching. He will be a prisoner of his own folly. A preacher who has experienced true salvation in Jesus Christ will be

preaching the power of God in his life, rather than the weakness of his own sinful desires. A truly saved preacher would have escaped the sinful pollutions of the world, and would be teaching his listeners how to do so (II Peter 2:20).

**Subject: A Minister Of God Versus The Minister Of The People:**

A true minister of the gospel must be willing to sacrifice everything for the gospel, and the work of the Lord. He must not look for a salary or benefits for his ministry. Whatever is right, God will pay him. God will move on the minds of those to whom he is ministering to give his work whatever it is worth. A true minister only desires that his needs be taken care of such as food, clothing, shelter and a means of transportation. Under these conditions, he is willing to be free.

If a minister takes or demands a salary, then he is beholding to his congregation to preach what they want to hear. This makes him a hireling and not able to be a minister of God, but a minister of the people. A man sent by God is a minister of God sent to serve the people. A minister who is hired by a church is sent by the people to minister to the people.

**Subject: If A Man Desires To Be A Religious Leader:**

If a man desires to be a religious leader (pastor, teacher, evangelist, bishop, etc.), he desires a good work, but he has many qualifications to meet. If he can meet the qualifications that God gives, it means that perhaps God sent him. That will be between the man and God. A religious leader sent by God must be blameless, which means God must have started working in his life preparing him for the ministry before he was saved, and later God calls him.

God does not call any minister that he doesn't save first, and whose life he has not cleaned up. Before the man proceeds in his ministry, he must be blameless. He must also be the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality and apt to teach. The minister must be vigilant or watchful of himself and those that God has given him to lead. He must be sober-minded, that is, with a good, sound spiritual mind, alert to the teachings of the word of God as it applies to his own life, and those with whom he is involved.

He must have good behavior, not an instigator in other people's business, or flirtatious with other women in the church. A flirtatious religious leader is of the

devil. The minister of the Lord should be of good behavior and given to hospitality. He should be a good host to invite friends and visitors in his home and to serve them, caring for their needs. He must be apt to teach. He must have the patience and the ability to teach the word of God in simplicity, that others will be able to understand it. He must not drink alcoholic beverages, but a little fruit drink that has not been fermented into a beverage that contains alcohol.

The minister of the Lord must not be a striker. A striker is a fighter; such a minister should not be a fighter with words, nor otherwise. Vengeance should not be part of his spiritual make up. The minister of the Lord should not be greedy for filthy lucre. If he is after money, God did not send him. He should be patient and longsuffering in dealing with people, not one who argues or brawls with others because of some disagreement or difference of opinion. He should be willing to listen to other people's point of view, being patient with them. A minister of the Lord should be able to rule well his own house, keeping his children under subjection as a controlling force. If he can't rule his own wife, children and household, there is no way he can take care of the Church of God.

### **Subject: The Ministry Of The Priesthood (I Peter 2: 9):**

The saved people of the earth are a royal priesthood who stand between the sinner and God. The job of the priesthood is to pray to God in order to prevent the wrath of God from falling upon the transgressors until the offenders have had a spiritual awakening to know that they need God to save them from this coming destruction. If those, that we pray for have been often reprovved and corrected, continue to stiffen their necks and harden their hearts, God says that no matter how much you or I pray, he will allow their destruction to come suddenly upon them, and this is without remedy. Proverbs 29:1 reads as follows:

Verse 1 - He, that being often reprovved hardeneth his neck,  
shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

So then, the purpose of the priesthood is to beseech God on behalf of those who are not yet saved, that God might grant them a space of grace. II Corinthians 5:18-21 reads as follows:

Verse 18 - And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to  
himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the  
ministry of reconciliation;

- Verse 19 - To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
- Verse 20 - Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
- Verse 21 - For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

The biggest religious problem in the world today is that most priesthoods that are set up were set up by the church organizations, and not by God. God will not acknowledge the prayer or request of a priesthood if it is not a God sent priesthood. If an ambassador who is sent to a foreign country is under the authority, influence, and control of the country he is sent to, rather than the country he is sent from, such an ambassador is a false representative of his so-called leader.

When a priesthood or religious leader is setup, paid, and offered fringe benefits by the people of their church organization, such religious leaders are under the power and authority of their church organization to work for them rather than for God, who was supposed to have sent them. They say that God sent them, yet they are under the power and authority of their church. You are a servant to whoever you are under the authority of, and from whom you receive your salary. You are responsible to your sponsors, and not to an imaginary God that you said sent you. A true priesthood or ambassador of Christ is not supposed to represent the people that he is preaching to, but God.

How can they represent God when their church hired them, they are then compelled by the authority of their church organization to bring messages from the administration of the church to the church. They can bring no message from God to the church, because they are under the authority of their church organization, and not operating under the power of the Holy Spirit. When a religious leader is hired by a church, he then becomes a hireling, paid to say what the people want to hear, rather than an ambassador for Christ saying what God wants the people to hear. Jesus said he that is hired to be a shepherd will see the devil coming, and not warn the people. St. John 10:12 reads as follows:

- Verse 12 - But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and

leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

So then, a true priesthood should not be a religious leader hired by a church, and setup by their church administration to represent God to the people, but sent by God to warn the people. Such priesthood would tell the trustees, deacons, and the big financial sponsors of the churches to repent of their sins and believe the gospel. His message did not come from the teachings of a church but from God who sent him. Most religious leaders of today are sent by their churches, to tell their churches, what their churches want to hear. The churches make up their own rules, doctrines, teachings and guidelines for salvation, and hire a pastor, to tell him this is what he must follow. Such a pastor is following the church administration and not God.

**CHAPTER VIII**

**SALVATION:  
GENERAL TOPICS**

## **Subject: Christ Is Our Visa Into The Kingdom Of Heaven:**

When I preach the word of God, I don't try to carry my listeners to heaven; I try to show them the correct way to get there. I won't try to carry you to heaven, and then bring you back by condemning your life style. I'm trying to illustrate that you can't get to heaven with a condemned life of sinful practices. Now God does not have a plan that keeps human beings out of heaven. The knowledge of God's word reveals that the way people live is what keeps them out of heaven.

God gave a law to the world through Moses that shows all the things that people of the earth can do to keep themselves out of heaven. God sent Jesus later to help fulfill the law, and to show how the law of God could be worked into the lives of men and women so that their condemnation could be lifted, thereby making the kingdom of heaven available to them. This fulfillment of the law presented grace and truth to the world that the world might have an entry into the kingdom of heaven by grace. Grace is a free pass to the kingdom of heaven. This does not sound like an offer to keep us out of heaven, but to let us in.

The Lord ordained that if one man broke the law to keep all men out of heaven, that he would send one man to make available a plan by which all men could get into heaven. Listen to Romans 5:12:

Verse 12 - Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world,  
and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men,  
for that all have sinned:

In order to receive a Visa or pass to get into heaven, sin must be removed from our lives, because sin is what the first man used to close the doors of heaven for all men. It is by the obedience of Jesus to the will of God that all who want to go to heaven can be made righteous. Listen to Romans 5:19:

Verse 19 - For as by one man's disobedience many were made  
sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be  
righteous.

When you are made righteous, you are no longer a sinner. You can't be a righteous person and sinner at the same time. You have to be a righteous person to get into the kingdom of heaven. If we could remain sinners and go to heaven, then it would not have been necessary for God to send Jesus to die for us to make us righteous. You cannot become righteous after you die, and then go to heaven. You must be made righteous to qualify to get to heaven. You can't live a righteous life after you die, because your physical body becomes inactive, and it simply lies



in the grave doing nothing. You must become righteous while you live by doing righteous deeds.

**Subject: Be Careful Of What You Reject (St. Mark 12:10):**

During the days of Jesus' ministry, there was a temple in Jerusalem that had been built with stones, which were cut, shaped in a rock quarry, and later sent up to Jerusalem so that the builders only had to fit them in place. There were seventy thousand (70,000) men working on the building along with three thousand three hundred (3,300) overseers. They noticed among the stones one that was odd and peculiar in shape and size. It seemed to be a misfit, so they discarded it, and threw it in the rubbish pile. Finally, as the building neared completion and the stones were fitted in place one by one, it was discovered that this peculiar stone, which had been rejected, was needed to fit in an important opening at the top of the building. Therefore, they searched for this stone and finally someone remembered that an oddly shaped stone had been thrown among the rubbish pile. After searching among the rubbish, they found it. Then a cry was made, "*The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner*" (St. Mark 12:10).

Before you reject any parts of the word of God, look first into your life to see if it can be applied to a spiritual problem or deficiency that you might have. You could be rejecting a very important part of the gospel that could give you salvation in Jesus Christ. God works in a mysterious way; things that appear to be unimportant to us could be what God will use to save us. The knowledge of the word of God that we reject could lead us to acquire salvation. Many people today are looking for Jesus to be found in prominent, higher class, secular churches on Sunday morning. They might be careful to look among that which most church folk have rejected. If Jesus were to be found in the most popular churches today, the church members would run him out, because of his humility, strict holiness, and unimportant character.

Jesus would teach against their weekend social parties, break up their social clicks, condemn their liquor drinking, and forbid them to have sex unless they were married. Jesus would condemn homosexual practices, and tell the gays that he could give them the Holy Spirit with power to help them to go straight. Jesus would teach them to love their enemies. Jesus would ask why some all-white churches are not integrated, and why some all-black churches do not have white members. I wonder how many churches would reject such corrections that Jesus, or a minister would bring to their church?

## **Subject: It Was Love:**

It was love that moved God to send his Son to die for our sins. It was love that moved the Son to come in the form of a human being and endure the suffering, humiliation, and agony to accomplish the mission that He was sent to perform.

Jesus lived in heaven initially, and he took on the physical form of a human being to come to the earth to be a sacrifice for our sins. Jesus could have taken on the nature of angels, which would have kept him from suffering, but he wanted to feel the burdens of human life, and face the consequence of sin in order to show us how to acquire victory over sin.

For thirty-three years, Jesus lived under conditions just like those we face today. However, He did not let the difficult conditions lead Him to sin. Jesus did not allow adversity to lead him to hate his enemies. He did not allow ill treatment to make Him misjudge, accuse, or seek revenge against those who hated and abused Him. Jesus was not tempted by fame, money, or by power to do wrong in the sight of God.

Jesus was the Son of God. Though Jesus did not cater to the whims of the people, there were times when he wanted to know what they thought of him. When we have to face a great ordeal that means life or death to us, we get scared stiff. Jesus' reaction was similar, except that he went to the Father in fervent prayer, and pleaded either that the cup be removed, or that he might receive strength to accept and endure such a bitter cup.

It was God's plan that his Son take on the nature of man. God also wanted Adam to live a sinless life in the Garden of Eden. There were no evil responses, desires, or inclinations in Adam before he sinned. God gave Adam a mind that was so pure that he had no knowledge of evil. God was as much at home in the Garden, as their guest, as he was on his throne in heaven. He was as much Adam's Father as he was Jesus' Father.

With their pure minds, and holy bodies, Adam and Eve could have lived in the Garden forever. This was God's plan for them, but they did sin, and fell from grace. Therefore, God prepared his Son to live in a human body to be just as holy and pure as Adam was. The pure mind of the Son of God, however, under a more stressful environment than Adam had, was able to keep him holy by obeying God even down to death (Hebrews 4:15).

## **Subject: Would You Like To Live In Heaven?**

I have an invitation to go to heaven to live in the holy society of God. I will be living in the company of God the Father, Jesus the Son of God, the Holy Spirit, and an innumerable company of angels (Hebrews 12:22-23). Everybody in heaven will be holy. To be holy means to live according to the power of the Holy Spirit. When you are holy, you will be living free from all the ungodly ways that people possess in this present world. To be holy means no selfishness, partiality, favoritism, envy, strife, malice, hatred, jealousy, contentions, covetousness, greed, deceit, whisperers, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, implacable, and unmerciful qualities will be in the lives of the citizens of heaven.

For those who become citizens of the kingdom of heaven, their new physical bodies, and inner human make-up will be completely re-created, free from the previously mentioned carnal or earthly ways. Their new character traits will consist of love, kindness, peace, gentleness, goodness, meekness, and being easily entreated. Such will be the holy characteristics of all who will be living in the kingdom of heaven.

If you are living a life that has been sanctified and justified by the Spirit of God, it means that you are trying to live a life of perfection (I Corinthians 6:11). God will take you into his kingdom and give you a new physical body that will be perfect along with your spirit.

## **Subject: Your Religion Should Be A Reflection Of Your Life:**

If you believe that your church should have nicely dressed, clean people sitting in service on Sunday morning, then it should be that your everyday life should look like your worship services. If your life is not a reflection of your religion, then you are living a double life produced from a double mind. When you are double-minded with some religious ways, and some unrighteous ways, your life is without stability. Anything without stability will fall eventually. Listen to James 1:8:

Verse 8 - A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.

A whole lot of preachers dress up on Sunday mornings when they have to stand before their congregations and preach. If their lives are not like the sermons that they preach, it could be that they are dressing their lives up for their Sunday morning services also. They could have dressed up their behavior and conduct just

for Sunday morning. When church folk put on nice clothes along with good behavior for Sunday church services, and fail to keep these qualities of good conduct in their everyday personal lives, it means that their religion is vain. They are simply putting on a show of performance like a clown in the circus. God would look down upon such church worshipers as being in a circus. The good conduct and behavior that you show in your religion on Sunday morning should be a reflection of your everyday life.

**Subject: Jesus Ministers Righteousness (Hebrews 7:25):**

Christ is able to save you from your sins if you come to him. You come to Christ by repenting or turning from everything that you understand as being wrong. You come to Christ by obeying his instructions. When things become difficult to obey, Christ will overshadow you by his Spirit. You will get spiritually strong when the Spirit of God overshadows you. To be spiritually strong means that you will acquire the ability to resist temptations that previously were too difficult to resist. Under these conditions, Jesus would be ministering righteousness to you. Jesus does not minister righteousness to a person who is committing sin, because sin and righteousness are just the opposite.

You cannot follow righteousness and a life of sin at the same time, because they go in opposite directions. Jesus ministers to those who desire to be saved by leading them in a separate direction from sinners. Listen to Hebrews 7:26:

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

If you are not separate from sinners and the practice of sin, then Jesus is not ministering to you. You can work beside sinners all day on your job, and when they get ready to go drink liquor, you can go a different way and drink soda.

Now don't think that you are saved just because you are nice. To be saved your life must be functioning under the power of the Holy Spirit. This is called grace. Grace takes you beyond the limitations of being nice. Grace carries you into the range of perfection. Being a nice person is your choice, but grace is a gift from God; it doesn't come from you. Listen to Ephesians 2:8:

Verse 8 - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

When you are receiving power from the Holy Spirit to live righteous, you are under grace (St. John 1:12). Before you received grace, most every principle in God's law was condemning the way you lived. When you are under grace, you are no longer condemned by God's word or his law. Listen to Romans 6:14-15:

Verse 14 - For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Before you received grace, sin had rule over your life even though you were a nice person.

Verse 15 - What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

You see, being a nice person is not enough to be saved; you must be under grace. You can be a nice person to the individual you desire to commit adultery with. However when you are saved by grace, the power of God saves you from the desires to commit adultery.

### **Subject: God Wants To Save The People Of The Earth:**

Today the Spirit of God is moving upon the earth to give you the new birth. This is the grace of God being extended to the people of the earth. At this present time, anyone by faith can be saved if they repent, and receive the teachings of Jesus Christ into their lives. After you repent of your sins, you can pray and ask God for the Holy Spirit, and if your repentance is sincere, demonstrating a release of the sins that you can turn from, God will give you the Holy Spirit. During this grace period, God is ready to answer the prayers of a repenting heart. God does not want the people of the earth to experience fear and torment. God wants to deliver all who will repent of their sins.

Satan has plagued the universe with an epidemic of desires to commit sin. God is going to purge the universe of this epidemic, but God desires that the people of the earth be saved. Indications to God that people want to be saved is when God sees fruit of repentance in their lives (St. Matthew 3:11).

The story of Elijah upon Mt. Carmel gives the world a lesson of how ready God is to answer prayer. Anytime God shuts heaven up in answer to prayer, he will surely do things less momentous. God will answer your prayer and save you

if you are serious about being saved. God wants the people of the earth to know that they can reach him in prayer, after they repent of their sins.

Sin keeps a wall of partition between man and God (Ephesians 2:14). God will not hear your prayer when you have sin in your life (I Peter 3:12). When God saved me (Alonzo Kilgore), the purpose was to send a message to the world that he would save all who obeyed his word. Jesus did not die for just one man, but for all. Just as God sent a chariot and took Elijah to heaven, he is going to send Jesus to take all to heaven that repent and believe his gospel (Romans 15:14). The things that were done in the Bible aforetime were done for our learning that we through belief of the Scriptures might have hope.

### **Subject: You Can Know Jesus By What He Has Done For You:**

When Jesus healed the blind man of his day, and gave him his sight and the neighbors saw that the blind man could see, they asked, “is this not he who was blind?” Some said that it was he, and others said it was not. So they asked the blind man, “How is it that your eyes are open?” The blind man answered saying, “A man named Jesus made clay, anointed my eyes, and told me to go to the pool of Siloam and wash. I went and washed, thus I received my sight”. They began to argue with him when he said this.

When Jesus has done something for you, folk will sometimes dispute with you to get you to deny it, simply because they don't believe it. If they cannot get you to deny the power of God in your life, they will try to find something wrong with the way you are serving and worshiping God. So they took the blind man to the Pharisees, one of the strictest religious sects of that day. The Pharisees asked the blind man how he received his sight. He said, “I went according to the command of a man named Jesus”. The Pharisees then became indignant because it happened that Jesus did this on a Sunday (Sabbath). The Pharisee said if Jesus did this on a Sunday, which is the Sabbath, then he is a sinner. The blind man said, I don't know whether he is a sinner or not, but there is one thing I do know, and that is that I was blind but now I see.

The Pharisees concluded by declaring Jesus to be a sinner. However, the blind man brought scriptures against their accusation of Jesus being a sinner. The blind man said now listen: You all know as well as I know that according to the teachings of God's law as was given by Moses the commandment states that God heareth not sinners' pray, but if any man be a worshiper, and doeth God's will, him will God hear (St. John 9:31).

## **Subject: Spiritual Sight Versus Physical Sight:**

Spiritual sight is different from physical sight. With physical sight, you can only see physical objects such as houses, trees, people, and automobiles. Spiritual sight does not become useful by means of your eyes like physical sight. With spiritual sight, you perceive. You can perceive things if you are physically blind. When you perceive things, your understanding is effective, giving you the expanded ability to comprehend ideas, or principles.

When you have the gift of the Holy Spirit, it gives power to your spiritual sight to understand what the word of God means. You cannot receive an understanding of God's word by reading with the physical eye only. You must have a spiritual eye given to you by the Holy Spirit, so that your understanding is cleared and expanded, making you able to comprehend God's word; otherwise, you will merely receive a literal reception from God's word (II Corinthians 3:5).

A literal reception of the word of God disrupts a spiritual comprehension of the Word. The literal reception destroys your chance for being saved, because it disrupts the line of communication that God wants to give you.

So then, you must receive a spiritual revelation from God's word in order for your understanding to be effective. Everyone who attends some Christian church does not necessarily have spiritual eyes. If you have a leader who is filled in with the Holy Ghost, it means your leader has spiritual eyes, and you can follow such a leader by faith, and nevertheless be saved. Now you must have the Holy Spirit also, but it will give you the spirit of humility and submissiveness to your leader, under these conditions, though you don't have a spiritual eye, your leader's eyes can be your eyes, and you can be saved.

## **Subject: What Really Happened At The Cross?**

Two events took place on Calvary. The first was the death of Jesus' physical body, and the second was the resurrection of his new glorified body. These two events were very important for all who would later come to Christ for salvation, because it was the plan of God for our salvation to be incorporated in these two events. First, everybody who is going to be saved must experience a crucifixion in his or her own personal life. Our crucifixion would pattern after Jesus' crucifixion, only it would not be a crucifixion of our physical bodies, but a crucifixion of our carnal nature, or our desires for sinful pleasures such as adultery, fornication, liquor drinking, lying, stealing, smoking cigarettes, hatred, malice, covetousness, and idolatry (Galatians 2:20).

Jesus allowed his physical body to die as a sacrifice for our sinful cravings, that our sinful desires might be crucified, as his body was (Romans 6:3-8). Now Jesus' resurrection also had another profound meaning for us to be saved. After Jesus was resurrected, he went forth living in a new glorified body, which meant that all who believed in Jesus would receive from this process a new life free from sin.

### **Subject: The Seed:**

The seed is used as a parable in the Bible representing the word of God as it is taught by Jesus in St. Luke 8:11, "*Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God*". When a person hears the word of God preached by a Holy Ghost sent preacher, the Holy Ghost will carry the word of God into their mind, and implant it like a grain of corn is planted in the earth. When the grain of corn is a good seed planted on good ground, it will produce a stalk with two or three ears of corn on it. So is it also with a person who hears the word of God with an honest and good mind. Such a listener's life will produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit. This person would have been born again of the Spirit of God that planted the word of God in their mind.

Unlike a stalk from the corn seed, when you are born again of the Spirit and word of God, you are born again of an incorruptible seed (I Peter 1:23). When you are born of God's word, you are born of God with a new mind and nature like God. When the word is implanted in your mind by the Spirit of God, you cannot commit sin, because the word of God is more powerful than the carnal nature that previously caused you to commit sin. The seed, which is the word of God, will remain in your mind giving you the nature of God, and overwhelming power against the desire and urge to commit sin. Listen to I John 3:9:

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

### **Subject: The Holy Place (St. Matthew 24:15):**

When you are born again, you are living in a holy place. To live in a holy place means that you are living in the presence of God. Your obedience to the



command of God is what keeps you in the holy place. If you stop obeying God, you will get out of the holy place. The devil's purpose is to get everybody who is in the holy place to disobey God, and get out of the holy place. When you get out of the holy place, you walk in the shadows of evil.

One day while Moses was at Mt. Horeb, he saw a bush burning, and yet the bush was not consumed. Moses wondered what it could be. Then he heard a voice saying, "put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Exodus 3:2-5). Moses was standing in a holy place that was purified by holy fire. Holy fire does not consume, or destroy, but it purifies wherever it is burning. When you are born again, and filled with the Holy Ghost, it administers holy fire that will purify your life of sin so that your presence before God will be acceptable (St. Matthew 3:11).

Holy fire does not give pain, but it cleanses your soul, mind, and heart of sinful desires; and the power of the Holy Ghost implants the word of God in your heart, which produces the life of Jesus Christ in you. Under such conditions, you will be living in the presence of God, in a holy place.

### **Subject: Jesus And The Samaritan Woman:**

While Jesus was passing through Samaria, he met a Samaritan woman (St. John 4:4-30). In those days, the Jews had no dealings with Samaritans. They were segregated, religiously and socially. Now the Jews felt that they were a little above Samaritans in their relationship with God. When Jesus was passing through Samaria, he came to a well to draw water, and he stopped and set down at the well. There came a woman to the well to draw water, and as she came near to Jesus, she spoke to him very politely. The woman was very surprised because at once she discerned that he was a Jew, or rather appeared to be of that group. He asked the woman, would you give me a drink of water? The woman replied, you being a Jew ask me for water? Jews, she said, have no fellowship with Samaritans. Jesus did not pay any attention to that statement, because he was trying to get a message over. Jesus responded by saying, if you knew who I am, you would ask me for a drink of water.

Now like most people during that day, and today also, whenever they get in a conversation about religion, they like to impress upon others that they have a religious background. The woman responded by asking Jesus, are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well? You have nothing to draw with. Now Jesus made the presentation, St. John 4:13-14 reads as follows:

Verse 13 - Jesus answered and said unto her, *Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:*

Verse 14 - *But whoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

The woman was referring to the water in the well as being water to satisfy a thirst. However, Jesus was referring to water from heaven, to cure her thirst for sin, and her practices of adultery, which the woman had no idea that Jesus was knowledgeable of. So Jesus got right to the point, telling the woman that she had five husbands, but the man that you're living with now is not yours. She said, I perceive that you are a prophet. The woman was slightly insulted and responded by further saying, this is not the place for a prophet. We worship in that mountain there. This is not the place to preach.

We find the same spirit and attitude among Christians today, who are trying to have religion along with their sins, thereby rejecting the living water that Jesus wants to offer them.

### **Subject: Judas Could Have Been Saved In Spite Of His Betrayal:**

Most people know that Judas Iscariot was the disciple of Jesus that betrayed him. St. Mark 14:10 reads, "And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them". The question is, why did Judas betray Jesus? Judas was the treasurer for Jesus' ministry. Judas had no question in his mind concerning the truth of Jesus' ministry, because he was with Jesus to witness the miraculous works that Jesus had done. Judas did not have to wonder if Jesus was the Son of God, he could see by his works that he was. Nevertheless, Judas purposed in his heart to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

One of Jesus' disciples was ordained to betray Jesus, and the scriptures referred to this disciple as the son of perdition (St. John 17:12). The scriptures are teaching us that Judas betrayed Jesus because it was ordained that he should do so (Acts 1:15-20). In actuality, Judas was no worse person than the other eleven disciples were, but somebody had to betray Jesus because it was ordained that this should happen.

This betrayal of Christ had to happen before the Day of Pentecost before the Holy Ghost was given. If the Holy Ghost had been given before Jesus' betrayal, there would have been no betrayal, which would have resulted in no crucifixion and salvation for the world. If Judas had received the Holy Ghost before Jesus' betrayal, Judas would have acquired power from the Holy Ghost to resist the temptation to betray Jesus (Acts 1:8). It was predestinated that Judas should betray Jesus before the disciples received the Holy Ghost.

Now Judas did not have to betray Jesus any more so than any of us today are forced to rebel against God. It could have been any one of the other apostles, but Judas just fulfilled the prophecy of God that promised a friend would betray Him. Now the prophecy of Judas' betrayal was spoken as far back as the time of David before the birth of Christ (Romans 8:30-31). It is true that the betrayal of Christ was already planned. God knows everything before it comes to pass, and God plans his events around the good things that will be done, as well as the evil things.

If we stay close to God, and obey his word, he can tell us the way a certain thing will end when it begins. Now God knows what one person, or the other will do before they do it. It is usually the person who rises up in unbelief, and becomes arrogant toward God, when the time comes the person becomes involved in the prediction. Such was the case with Judas, when Jesus told his disciples that someone would betray him. Desiring to be looked upon as the others Judas asked, "Master, is it I". Christ answered, "*Thou hast said*" (St. Matthew 26:25).

Judas became angry with Jesus because the Lord exposed him before the disciples. Even though Judas betrayed Jesus, he did not have to be lost, for Jesus prayed for him, and not only Judas, but for all sinners. While dying on the cross, Jesus prayed to his Father saying, "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do*" (St. Luke 23:24). Judas was covered under that prayer, and if he had not let his sin get between him and God, he could have been forgiven and saved.

Even though Judas betrayed Jesus, he did not have to be lost. Jesus has never planned that anyone be lost. Today, no matter what sins a person has committed, if they repent with a sincere heart, they can find room at the cross, and they can be forgiven because of the prayer that Jesus prayed. God's love is different, far exceeds human love, and it is not disrupted by feelings of resentment, because of what God's enemies had done against Jesus. Jesus even prayed for the centurion who pierced him.

The Scriptures declare that all manner of sin shall be forgiven except for blasphemy of the Holy Spirit (St. Matthew 12:31-32). The reason why blasphemy of or disrespecting the Holy Spirit cannot be forgiven is because it is the only means that God has made available for us to be led to Christ, and receive grace, not because of God's resentment to us. It is like having a person to guide us through the forest when we don't know the way. If we reject our guide, how can we get

through the forest? If we should reject, or speak against the Holy Spirit, God has provided no other help for us to be saved.

**Subject: The Announcement:**

There are many in the Christian world who are expecting the return of the Messiah. They are preaching and singing songs to keep the Messianic hope alive. Today there is a widespread expectancy throughout the country that a deliverer is about to appear. Now their timing of the return of the Messiah might be good, and close to his time of arrival, but their knowledge of what to expect after his arrival could be in error, if they think that Jesus is going to take away their sins after he arrives.

If they are enjoying the pleasures of sin when Jesus arrives, they will experience a rejection by Jesus, and they will be turned over to their sins to be forever separated from the presence of God. Listen to Revelation 22:12, and 11:

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

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

Listen to Revelation 21:8:

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

**Subject: A Good Church Worker Can Be Short Of Obtaining Salvation:**

Not only is God against sin, sin is also against God. Now God is for the sinner, but he will never be for the ways of a sinner. This means that if a sinner will separate from his sinful ways, God will help him. A sinner is a person who commits sin though he may be the pastor of a church, or a faithful church worker.

Now some may believe that sinners are only those who steal, use profanity, drink liquor, take illegal drugs, and they don't go to church. This is true, however, you can also go to church and carry along with you hatred, envy, malice, a covetous heart, and you are nevertheless a sinner. You see, working in the church, attending church services, and doing church business do not prevent you from being a sinner. Working in the church does not make you a saint, or saved no more than working in the zoo makes you a monkey. Darwin's Theory of Evolution tried to make us monkeys, but it only makes monkeys of those who believe it.

You have to become saved by means of your heart (mind) and not by entering the church doors. You see, the doors of your church may be open to you, but the doors of your heart could be closed to God. If so, you can be a good church worker who has come short of obtaining salvation.

**Subject: We Must Fight And God Will Help Us (Ephesians 6:12):**

We don't always know when we need help, because oftentimes problems are in distance of us. Storm signals are sent out as soon as the storm is sighted by the forecaster. A forecaster is one who tells us about storms before they arrive, so that we can be prepared before they arrive. You may not see immediate danger, but it doesn't mean that it is not on the way. It would be a good thing to have God as a friend, because he is also a forecaster. God could also be a forecaster about trouble that is on the way.

Wickedness and trouble in this present world are preeminent. The world has an enemy called Satan who is in open warfare against the people of the world. We are all born into a world of spiritual and physical warfare, and the sad part about this ordeal is that there is no discharge in this army (Ecclesiastes 8:8). We must fight until Jesus comes. To fight in a spiritual war is to possess weapons that can defeat evil. The weapon that I know of that can defeat evil is the word of God. The Bible refers to it as the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). If you are born again and you obey the word of God, you can defeat Satan. Satan hates a born again saint who obeys God's word, because Satan cannot defeat such a person.

God through his word has programmed every move that Satan is going to make, and God's word informs us of how Satan is going to make the next move. Satan cannot operate beyond the prediction of God's word, and that makes him angry. As children of God, all we have to do is to obey God's word, and we will be victorious in every battle, though we may have to suffer some along the way. Now remember, this is a war against evil, which means we don't need guns, tanks and artillery to win, all we have to do is to obey God's word and we will win.

**Subject: Man Looks At The Outward Appearance But God Looks At The Heart (Mind) I Samuel 16:7:**

In the eyes of God, your wealth, prominence, and importance in the world do not give you special recognition or high regard towards God. When God looks at a person, he looks at the inner man or woman to evaluate the pure intentions of their hearts (mind). The people that you know of the world will evaluate you by what you are able to produce in life, but God evaluates you in accord with potential to be a righteous person, and saves you based upon that intent of heart.

If your life is righteous, clean, and pure, you have influence, power, and the support of God. Such a person who has these qualities is one with God. When you become one with God, he does not consider it robbery of his holiness to be equal with him (Philippians 2:5-6). God is pleased with such a person, and he will use that person as an ambassador or representative of his kingdom here on earth. Listen to II Corinthians 5:20:

Verse 20 - Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

**Subject: A Spiritual Yoke:**

The secrets of your mind are hid from everybody except God. Unless you express, or tell the secrets of your mind to other people, they will not know what you are thinking, but God knows the thoughts of your mind before they come to the surface of your mind. This means that God knows your thoughts before you know them. Now your thoughts can be brought before the presence of God by means of spiritual meditation. This can be done by the Holy Spirit.

When your mind is in the presence of God, the earth will have no sorrows that heaven cannot heal. Worrying will not keep your mind under subjection to problems of life, because God will show you that he can solve your problems. The Spirit of God can lift your mind above the problems of life that burden you. After that you have suffered a while, God will remove your problems (I Peter 5:10). When you have the Spirit of God in your life, it extends a yoke or connector to your mind to give you relief from your problems, spiritually as well as physically. This means not just from your frame of mind, but the physical or material aspect of your problems will be removed. Listen to St. Matthew 11:28-30:

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

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

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

**Subject: Make Sure You Are Saved When You Talk About God:**

Be sure that when you start talking about God that you have experienced a true conversion. The devil comes around and looks you over when you are claiming to be a representative of the Lord. He listens to your talk, and knows a good deal about you. If you have once lived in sin, the devil was the one who supervised your deeds and actions.

Now when Satan hears you talk about God, he weighs your words and prepares for your religion to be tried. He will prepare a situation with temptations to do things that you one time enjoyed during your life of sinful practices. If the Holy Spirit has not taken such desires out of your life, you will yield to that temptation. God knows those that he has truly saved, and will prepare such people for the day that Satan will visit them. To endure the temptations of Satan, you need an endorsement like God gave Job, as being perfect and upright (Job 1:7).

## **Subject: Love Versus Lust:**

Man is a creature that cannot be ruled by commandments. The marriage vows can't keep a man from committing adultery neither can the teachings of the scriptures. Man can only be governed by means of his desires. A man will do right only when he desires to do right. Love is what motivates a man to do right. He must first learn to love doing right before he can be governed by righteousness. If a man loves to steal, the jail is the only thing that can stop him from stealing. When the love of God comes into a man's heart, he will obey God, because love generates obedience and devotion to the one you love. When you love a person, you seek to please the one you love.

If you love God, you will keep his commandments. So then, when God saves you, he injects his love into your life by the Holy Spirit; otherwise, you will not desire to keep God's commandments. Love does not come from a man's mind; your mind can deceive you. You can think that you love your wife or husband, and later go out and commit adultery. That is because the love you thought you had was lust.

Lust only satisfies the carnal or human nature, and it is never content. Lust must continuously seek carnal pleasures, making the person who has such lust think that they have love. Lust is a false substitute for love. When you have true love for your wife, you will continue to devote and care for her even when you are too old to have sex.

There is a difference between love and lust. Lust deceives your mind, but true love is of God, and no power on earth can substitute for its purity. True love functions when your money is low, when sickness is upon you, and it will die for the one it loves. Jesus died for us because he loved us.

## **Subject: Jesus Did Not Come To Save A Righteous Person:**

If you are already righteous, Jesus is not looking for you. There are many who are Christians and faithful workers in their churches, and have obtained a level of righteousness in their lives without truly receiving Jesus Christ. There were those during Jesus' day who were righteous before they knew about Jesus. Listen to St. Matthew 9:10-12:

Verse 10 - And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.



Verse 11 - And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

Verse 12 - But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, *They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.*

The ministry of Jesus Christ works the same way today. If a person is already righteous before Jesus comes into their life, Jesus did not come to save them. Jesus only came to call sinners to repentance, to help them to learn the righteous way of life. You cannot learn much about people unless you get close enough to their way of living to know them. Though Jesus ate with sinners, he was separated from practicing what they practiced, so that he could teach them the new life of righteousness. Therefore, Jesus came to be a friend of sinners, because he came to save them from their sins.

Now a sinner can be born again if he hears and believes the teachings of Jesus Christ who did not bring the teaching to condemn sinners, but to save them. God in his mercy knew that the natural sinner had nothing to do with being a sinner. However, if he believes there is a God in heaven that is able to save him, God will lift him above everything that has held him captive in a life of sin.

### **Subject: Spiritual Light:**

There is a difference in spiritual light and physical light. Physical light allows a person to see objects when there is daylight or the lights in the room are turned on. Spiritual light allows a person to perceive, comprehend, or understand something. When you don't have spiritual light to help you understand the knowledge of God's word, your decisions in life will result to poor judgment, leading you into difficulties and conflicts.

The problem with world leaders today is that they don't have spiritual light to know the right way to do things. Many leaders of the world have learned perverse ways of doing things politically. Such ways have resulted to unfair and unbalanced economic conditions for the people of the world. What they have failed to recognize is that you cannot solve the economic problems of the world that result from greed and covetousness, with solutions that implement more greed and covetousness. Whenever one segment of society is lacking, then the only way that such a lack can be resolved is that the lacking difference has to be sacrificed from the source that has more.

Before Jesus came to the earth, he lived in heaven as the word of God. When God saw that the people of the earth were in need of a sacrifice to be saved, and that there was no acceptable sacrifice on the earth, God sacrificed his only begotten Son from heaven to be a sacrifice for the people of earth. In the meantime, the kingdom of heaven was without Jesus' presence until his work of being a sacrifice was completed. This meant that God was without a Son. The rich and wealthy folk of the earth must learn that they will have to sacrifice in order for the poor folk to get help during the economic slow-down that we are experiencing (II Corinthians 8:13-15).

**Subject: Jesus' Works Were A Witness To His Teaching  
(St. John 3:1-2):**

The scribes were Jewish leaders of Jesus' day that were of the more prominent, influential, and intellectual religious sect. They could be categorized or compared to lawyers of our present day. When one spoke with intellectual knowledge as a scribe, he would quote another of similar intellectual prominence to bear witness of what he was saying. Now when Jesus spoke, the power of God would bear witness to what he was saying. This witness would be in the form of the miraculous works of God. Nicodemus had observed this witness; therefore, he came to Jesus one night to inquire concerning Jesus' teaching.

The words used in Nicodemus' inquiry were not a true indication of his concern (St. John 3:1). What Jesus had been teaching had revealed that the previous religious teaching that the Jews were following from the Law of Moses was insufficient for salvation. Nicodemus had sense enough to perceive that if the miracles (works) that Jesus was doing were not sorcery or false tricks, and were the works of the true power of God, that his teachings must have come from God also. What a smart man! Therefore, Nicodemus went to Jesus with a serious concern of how to be saved, though this concern was not indicated in his words of inquiry. However, it was in his heart and Jesus simply ignored his words of inquiry and responded to the thoughts of Nicodemus' heart.

Therefore, Jesus went on to teach a lesson concerning salvation that has never been taught before, that not only Nicodemus, but also those who would come along after the scriptures had been written could learn; that in order to get into the kingdom of heaven you must be born again. As Jesus explained to Nicodemus, this new birth would not be another physical birth, but a spiritual birth, which means that one must experience the birth of a new mind with a new nature that would produce new righteous desires in a person's life.

## **Subject: What Does God Accept?**

When you go to church to sing, shout, and pray, you must know what you are singing and shouting about. If you don't know what you are singing and shouting about, you are just getting a little exercise; you can get that if you go to the gym. In order to know how to serve God, you must first learn what God accepts. First, God does not accept our worship services with folk that are sinful, worldly, and ungodly. Such services are appalling to God. God requires absolute separation or sanctification from worship services with those who practice sin. Now you can only know what God accepts based upon what the scriptures teach. Listen to Ephesians 5:3-5:

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

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

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

These are the things that God expects you to reject in a worship service. If you try to worship with those type people, God will reject you along with them. If you are a member of a church where folk practice the above ungodly ways, God will not receive you until you come out from among them. Listen to II Corinthians 6:14-17:

Verse 14 - Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?

Verse 15 - And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

Verse 16 - And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Verse 17 - Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

**Subject: You Must Reap What You've Sowed:**

Everybody who is born of the Spirit of God must be similar in character; otherwise, some who are different may think they are saved, but they could have the spirit of error. To be saved, a description of your salvation should be like that which the apostles of Christ experienced and taught. As an unsaved person of the world, people are different. They have different sinful ways. Some like to drink liquor, some like to gamble, some like to commit adultery, homosexual acts, and others like to be dishonest in their dealings. Notwithstanding, the reward for sin is the same. The reward for righteousness whether you started living right today or last year is eternal life.

Now as you start to walk with the Lord, or obey His word, you are going to have some trouble. This is because of the sins that you practiced before you were saved. You will have to reap some of what you sowed. You may not remember what you sowed, but you will be reminded when you see what comes back to you in your harvest. Now Jacob had twelve sons and before he died, he was able to tell all twelve sons what to expect in the latter part of their lives, based upon what they had done in earlier years of their lives. Jacob measured their last days by what they did while they lived. After you get saved, you can do the same thing for yourself, if you can remember your prior life.

**Subject: Victory For The Child Of God:**

When Jesus was sent by God to minister salvation to the people, He had a very difficult job. Jesus' biggest opposition came from the religious sects that were established in hypocrisy, and self-righteousness. These religious practicals were known as the scribes and Pharisees. The scribes and Pharisees withstood Jesus on every occasion that Jesus tried to teach the people how to acquire salvation. They sought to dispute, confound, and destroy Jesus' influence with the people. The scribes and Pharisees used the teachings of Moses' Law to dispute

Jesus. They did not desire that the Law of Moses be changed in any point, because they were the sect that considered the Law to be the very substance of salvation.

Jesus taught very plainly that he did not come to destroy the Law, but to fulfill or complete it (St. Matthew 5:20-21). The scribes and Pharisees thought they would humiliate Christ by pressing an answer to questions in the Law concerning such things as marriage and divorce. As far as they were concerned, Christ did not have anything on his side. Since Christ could not openly repudiate the Law without reproaching himself before the people, they expected to confuse and defeat Christ. In spite of Jesus' teaching that he came not to destroy the Law, the scribes and Pharisees believed that Christ had already attacked the Law and by implication had convinced the people that he had come to destroy the Law.

Somehow, they believed that Jesus had power to annul the Law and establish his own personal teaching of salvation, leaving the religious leaders of the Jews without influence, and prominence over the people. Therefore, the scribes and Pharisees set out to defeat Jesus, even if it meant having him crucified. God, seeing the intention of the scribes and Pharisees before he created the earth, incorporated the victory for Jesus' ministry in the worst thing that the scribes and Pharisees could do to Jesus. God placed Jesus' victory in the crucifixion. Had the scribes and Pharisees studied the scriptures carefully, they would have discovered that the prophet Isaiah prophesied of Jesus' victory about five hundred years before the crucifixion. Listen to Isaiah 53:4, and 7-9:

Verse 4 - Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Verse 7 - He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Verse 8 - He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Verse 9 - And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

When the people of any period oppose, and set out to defeat or destroy a child of God, the means by which they use to defeat a child of God will be the means by which God will give his child victory.

**Subject: You Cannot Put Old Wine In A New Bottle  
(St. Matthew 9:16-17):**

The teachings of the word of God cannot be taken into the mind of a person who has already been taught a religious teaching that did not save them. An insufficient religious teaching causes a person to reject the true teaching of salvation, much like a husband and wife who are trying to conceive a child, but the wife is using birth control pills. Prior to hearing the true teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, all other religious teachings are like thieves and robbers, which will rob a person of true salvation. In St. John 10:7-8, it teaches us:

Verse 7 - Then said Jesus unto them again, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.*

Verse 8 - *All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.*

Unless a person rejects, or discards their religious teaching prior to being taught the gospel of Jesus Christ, the old previous teaching will not allow them to receive the new teaching, just as old wine will cause a new bottle to burst.

**Subject: How To Honor God:**

When your life is clean, and you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you can honor God, and he will accept your honor. You can then assemble with others who have the same Spirit that you have, and God will accept your singing, and praising. You can only honor God with a sin free life. If you try to honor God and practice sin in your life, God will accept your honor as mockery.

When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, God keeps a record on all that you do in his honor. God records every prayer, and everything that is done in his honor. Those who love and honor God will meet often to invoke God's blessings

upon them. If you honor God, he will do most anything for you, if what you desire is not selfish, or sin related. You cannot honor God unless you obey his word (Job 1:6).

You must be very careful when you are trying to honor God, because the devil will come around and look you over to see if you are sincere. You should not go to some church just to have fun, and to be social with fellow church members, because the devil is always there. If in every situation where you assemble to honor God is not sincere, the devil can get in it. When the devil gets in your church assembly, he causes the people to make a mockery of God (Amos 5:21-24). If you are going to a church that makes a mockery of God, you would be better off not to go church at all, because such assemblies will be a reproach and disgrace to God.

### **Subject: Spend Time With God:**

People spend a lot of time talking to one another about their troubles, and they don't often profit by talking to each other. I have found that if we spend a little more time talking to God in prayer, we can accomplish more. I try to set aside a little time during the day when I can get out of the way of folk, and have a secret, quiet talk with Jesus. You may talk all day to someone on your cell phone, and find that you are not getting anywhere. We should pray without ceasing; this can be done without uttering a word out of our mouths. This can be done through meditation and desiring to know what the will of God is, and how to do the will of God. A prayer can be a frame of mind that merely delights itself in the will of God being done in your life.

Prayer is time, communication, meditation, and a desire to please God. When you spend time with God, simply by thinking of what God desires to be done in your life, such thinking is a prayer to God as a petition of your request and desires. You don't always need to talk to God in words, but the thoughts of your mind are taken to God by the Spirit of God when they are not selfish or sinful thoughts (Ephesians 2:18). The Spirit of God has continuous access to God, for all who are filled with the Spirit (Romans 8:26).

## **Subject: God's Word Does Not Flatter His Listeners:**

When God wants to send a message to the people, God prepares the message to be sent by a man who can deliver it in such simplicity that the people will understand it. The word of the Lord does not come from the mind of the man, but it will come prepared according to the intellectual ability of the man that brings it. Such a man's ability to relate messages to the people will be on a level of communication that the average person will be able to understand.

God would not send a message to the average person that they could not understand; such would be a meaningless message. You can tell when a preacher is preaching words from his mind, because they will be messages of flattery, seeking the approval of the listeners. Listen to I Thessalonians 2:3-5):

Verse 3 - For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

Verse 4 - But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

Verse 5 - For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness; God is witness:

## **Subject: What Religious Teaching Is Right?**

There are so many religious denominational and secular churches today. This causes some to wonder, "Who is right"? The question might come to mind, what church should I attend to be saved? This is a very important and sensible question. The Bible gives the answer in the book of I John 3:7:

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

Wherever you find a group of people assembling and the group is doing right, then the Spirit in the church is right. To do right is to live free from sin. The only thing that makes you wrong is when you commit sin. The devil is the administrator of the spirit of doing wrong. When you commit sin, you are doing



wrong, “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning...” (I John 3:8).

It does not matter how much money a church can raise, or how well the preacher preaches, neither how well the choir sings, if they can't live right, they are not right, and the Spirit of God is not in that church. Now the devil is like a magician, he can fool church folk with exciting rituals, and entertaining music, but one thing the devil cannot do is to cause people to live right or love one another without partiality. The devil cannot help people to stop committing adultery, fornication, drinking liquor, smoking cigarettes, lying, stealing, hating, and being malicious toward one another.

The foundation of the church is to do right according to the scriptures; anything contrary is the wrong church. The love of God is the Crown of righteousness. God's love is different and far exceeds human love. Human love is limited to sex, physical attraction, partiality, and favoritism. God's love is universal, or unlimited. It extends beyond human love. It can love its enemies. God's love can overpower hate under any conditions (I John 3:15). In the eyes of God, hate is the same as murder. When you have the love of God in your heart, you don't need the law to govern your actions. The love of God has controlling power to discipline the actions of a person within the bounds of good behavior (I Timothy 1:9).

Now many may say they cannot help for sinning. In that case, the law is for them. The law is implemented to govern unholy people who commit sin against God, and their fellow man. The law of God is against whoremonger, homosexuals, liars, perjured persons, and menstealers or kidnappers. Now some States may legalize these sinful practices, but God will judge them, because God's law does not change. God will only help men and women to change from these sinful practices (I Corinthians 5:1-5). Now if the Spirit of God is not in a church assembly, then nobody in that church assembly will be saved when they die, or when Jesus returns.

### **Subject: The Truth:**

The Bible teaches the true word of God. I would admonish you not to read my sermons if you don't want to hear the truth. The truth about human existence can only come from God. You don't know what your destiny will be unless God reveals it to you from His word. The truth is not compatible with most humans, because it oftentimes give them information that they don't want to hear (St. John 3:19). The truth uncovers and exposes all information about everything that is

false, and misleading. People who are false and hypocritical don't like to hear the truth from God's word. The truth from God's word is the only thing that can set you free from sin (St. John 8:32).

People today get so much pleasure out of their sinful lifestyles that they don't want to hear anything that would interfere. In order to receive and accept the truth, the Holy Spirit has to bring you to the knowledge of the truth, and prepare your mind to receive it. Humans are not prepared by nature to accept the truth, because they live under the power of deception. Satan administers the spirit of deception to the people of the world. Jesus said that this is Satan's hour, the power of darkness (St. Luke 22:52-53). All who are not filled with God's Spirit are under the power of darkness (St. John 1:4-5). Satan uses this power to deceive the whole world (Revelation 12:9). Darkness means ignorance and deception. The only thing that can set us free from darkness is the truth (St. John 1:17).

When you are born again, your mind is anointed with power to identify spiritual things that are true from deceitful things that are false. False information leads us to destruction. True information leads us to safety and salvation.

**Subject: He Had A Good Defense And Did Not Speak To Defend Himself:**

Hardly ever, will you hear of a person on trial in the court of law not hire an attorney of defense, nor speak to defend himself. Let me call your attention to the substance of the report that Isaiah presented concerning Jesus' trial, though Isaiah's report was given hundreds of years before Jesus came on the scene (Isaiah 53:7-10). Isaiah is telling us that Jesus was brutally, and cruelly treated for no reason, that he had a good defense, and that he was innocent of any wrongdoing, however the experience was ordained of God.

Now Jesus' trial was not the spirit of trials that we see in courts of today. Jesus allowed his accusers to have complete, unproven accusations at his trial, leaving him vulnerable to capital punishment. Jesus' claim to be the Messiah over the Jews according to the words of the prophets of Israel was not believed by those who were administering his trial, even though everything that Christ did was prophesied in their law and was readily available to his accusers. Christ did not challenge his accusers or demand a right to be heard, because the scriptures, which had to be fulfilled in every phase of his life, said "yet He opened not His mouth"! (St. John 1:1-3.) However, the most profound reason for Jesus' silence was that if he had made any statement of defense, his words carried more power than anything in the Creation. Keep in mind that it was by Jesus' words being spoken that all of

the Creation came into existence. Therefore, it would have been no competition for Jesus' words to defeat, and annul any lying accusation that the Jewish leaders were accusing Jesus of being guilty of. If Jesus had defeated the accusations of the Jews, there would have been no crucifixion and no salvation for all who would seek salvation in Jesus Christ (Proverbs 8:22-30).

**Subject: The Government Of Heaven Versus The Government Of The Earth:**

It is a mistake for government officials to think that God has nothing to do with the governments of the world. To separate God from the government of a nation is a sure downfall of that nation. When prayer and honoring God are removed from government, all who are involved will be able to see that government and nation beginning to fall. Such government officials will be able to see their end clearly.

There are two governments that we should have knowledge of. One is the government of this world and the other is the government of the kingdom of heaven. Now the government of heaven may not be a reality to government officials of the world, but you can learn the reality of the heavenly government when earthly governments are not in line with heavenly requirements. Although many government officials of the earth may not accept the fact that their government is experiencing a downfall, because their worldly government has not met the requirements of the heavenly government, they will nevertheless fall.

**Subject: What Are You Saved From?**

If you are not saved from the desires to commit sin, what are you saved from? To be saved, you have to be saved from something. Listen to this scripture in St. Matthew 1:21, The Original King James Version of the Bible:

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

All you need is common sense to understand this scripture. A common sense understanding of being saved from something is to be delivered from it. To be

delivered from sin is referred to as salvation. If you are saved from something, you are no longer a victim of the thing that you are saved from.

When the children of Israel were delivered from the bondage of the Pharaoh of Egypt, they were led out of the nation of Egypt by Moses. When you are delivered from something, you are no longer under the power of what you are delivered from. Grace from God delivers you from the power of sin. When you are delivered from sin, it is because God, by the power of his Spirit, has caused grace to abound towards you. Listen to Romans 6:1-3:

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

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

To be dead to sin means you no longer have the desire to commit sin. The death of Christ destroys the desires to commit sin for everyone who comes to Christ.

Verse 3 - Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

When you are baptized into Christ's death, sin also dies in your life. Under such conditions, you become free from sin. Listen to Romans 6:12:

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

When this happens, sin will not have rule over your desires, just as the Pharaoh of Egypt had no more rule over the children of Israel after God sent Moses to deliver them. Under these conditions, you are free from sin. Listen to Romans 6:20 and 22:

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

When you lived committing sin, it was because you couldn't live right. However, when you become free from sin, you are free to live right.

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

**Subject: Paul Learned About Jesus The Hard Way:**

Unless Christ becomes your wisdom, it doesn't matter how many scholarships, diplomas, or academic degrees you may receive, you will remain in a state of ignorance. You see, the beginning of wisdom is to depart from evil and to cease from sin. Now kings and rulers of the earth think that they are wise, and they do not want Jesus. A good many high rank and order leaders think that Jesus is good for common folk, but that the high officials of the land have no need for Jesus. This is one of the reasons why the world is in the condition it is in today. Rulers of the earth have found it to be to their advantage to press out Christianity, and set the state up as God over the people, and use law enforcement and the military to be the enforcers. Leaders of many nations rule their nations in this manner because they know not the scriptures neither the power of God (St. Matthew 22:29).

About two thousand years ago, there was a law enforcement officer, who lived in Italy in a city named Tarsus. He was commissioned by the Roman authority to have all those who believed and followed the teachings of a new religious leader named Jesus, from a city called Nazareth, to be arrested. (Acts 9:1-10.) One day while this Roman officer, named Saul of Tarsus, set out on a journey to arrest those who were following this Jesus of Nazareth, he encountered a power from on high that was bigger than the forces of nature. This fellow learned the hard way that when God is using a people to do something, you better either join God or get out of the way.

**Subject: The Deceiver:**

The devil is a deceiver that will not always appear as a deceiver. The devil will not show himself in physical form, but he hides himself in other people. Satan never comes in the form of a dragon, but he can appear on the scene as a friend, in the form of a friend, with the voice of a friend with the sympathy and interest of a friend. Satan began to plan the deception of Eve by occupying her pet (Genesis 3:1-7). Satan made Eve's pet talk to her like a friend, but the words of her friend

carried the substance of deceit that later caused Eve to die. You have to watch friends, especially if they are not saved. Unsaved people are vulnerable to be used by Satan to deceive saved people. You can trust friends, but watch them.

Now unsaved friends will oftentimes have a purpose for being the friend of a saved person. It could be for some personal gain or it could be just to have influence over the saved person. However, if the friend is not saved, the devil can use their services whenever he gets ready, just as he used Judas against Jesus. The closer the unsaved person gets to you, the closer the devil can get to you. So watch the unsaved, and keep them under check.

### **Subject: Grace Can Make You Perfect:**

Before God gives anybody a command to do anything, he has already decided to help that individual to carry out the command. Listen to what He commanded Abraham to do in Genesis 17:1:

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

God commands those whom he calls to serve him to be perfect. If they don't believe they can be perfect, they should stop trying to serve God, because they would be serving God in the spirit of hypocrisy. God knows that humans are apt to make mistakes and are full of fallacy, so he would not expect us to be perfect unless he was going to help us. You must first believe that you can be perfect with God to help you. When you believe that you can be perfect, God accounts your belief as righteousness.

Now you are not serving God just because you go to church to sing and pray; you must be willing to become a righteous person to serve God. Sin will deceive you and cause you to believe that God will hear, and answer your prayer even when you don't obey him. The moment that Abraham believed he could be perfect and did what God commanded him to do, God counted it unto him as righteousness. Listen to Romans 10:10:

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

The promises that God makes unto us are expressions of his favor and grace. If it were possible for us to do something for God in order to get the things that he has promised, then our rewards would be considered as debt paid to us. If we could be perfect without God's help, then God would owe us the things that he promised. We would be receiving the reward because of works rather than by God's grace. Listen to Romans 10:4:

Verse 4 - For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

If we were able to be perfect of ourselves, then the reward of God would not be by grace, but by our ability to be righteous without God's help. However, the fact is that Jesus didn't owe us anything when he died on Calvary; God redeemed us when we were lost.

**Subject: Be Fervent In Spirit:**

If you are not striving to be perfect, you are not worthy to be saved. You cannot be saved living a careless life of mistakes, and faults with no interest in correcting such a life. A person with this frame of mind will eventually think it is acceptable to God to be relaxed in making mistakes. They will think that intentional sins in their life are what Jesus died for. The sacrifice that Jesus made on Calvary was not for the person with the above frame of mind. Listen to Hebrews 10:26:

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

Jesus died that we might take on the spirit to be vigilant of ourselves with a sober mind to live a righteous life. Listen to I Peter 5:8:

Verse 8 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

For a person to be slothful in their attempt to live a saved life is not acceptable to God. Such a life would be “perfunctory” or without interest in acquiring salvation. Listen to Romans 12:11-12:

Verse 11 - Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Verse 12 - Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

**Subject: God Would Not Command You To Be Perfect  
If He Was Not Going To Help You To Do So:**

God would not command you to be perfect if he wasn't going to help you. God knowing man has the nature of fallacy, and is subject to mistakes, errors and misunderstandings would not command a man to be perfect unless he had some plan of assistance for the man. God has never asked any prophet, saint or patriot to do something that was not within human ability to accomplish without helping them. God sent David against Goliath along with the power of the Holy Spirit that propelled the stone to Goliath's head. He sent Moses down to Egypt with enough power in a rod to open up a million Red Seas. He put enough power in the jawbone of an ass for Samson to kill Philistines continuously up to this day if God had not stopped him. God has never commanded nor sent any servant to do anything that was humanly impossible without helping that servant. It is not humanly possible for a man or woman to be perfect. So then, if God commands you to be perfect, common sense should tell you that he is going to help supply the power to do so. If you don't believe you can be perfect when God commands you to be so, then it means God is not talking to you.

**Subject: If One Part Of The Bible Does Not Refer To You  
None Of It Does:**

St. Matthew 5:48 teaches, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect". If you don't believe you can be perfect with God to help, then this scripture is not talking to you. If one scripture in the Bible does not refer to you, then nothing in the Bible does. God raised Jesus up as a perfect man



to save us from sin and to be our example, to teach us how to be perfect, supplying the necessary power for us to accomplish perfection.

Many Christians knowing how weak and faulty human beings are, and knowing how easily they go wrong, reject the doctrine of perfection, and will hold to the principle that nobody can be perfect. They are quick to quote scriptures to support their view. If a person believes that they can't be perfect, then I would suggest that they not try to be. Be what you can and see how you make out after you are dead. If you make it into the kingdom, you were right. If you go to hell, it means you were perfectly wrong. It is your choice, your life, and your soul.

### **Subject: Perfection Is Not You But God In You:**

Perfection in a man, who obeys God, is the God in the man. It is not impossible for God to do anything in anybody. If God made a dumb jackass talk, surely he can take a man who is supposed to be more intelligent and make him perfect. Things that are impossible for man are easy for God. It is no problem for God to make you perfect, but you must first believe it.

If you are poor, do you believe that God can make you a millionaire? When you see God beginning to bless you financially, you will begin to believe that he can make you a millionaire. Well when you see God beginning to correct your life of faults and things that you were doing wrong you should believe that he could make you perfect. Which is easier for you to believe, that God can make you a millionaire, or that he can make you perfect?

If you commit every sin that you know of, you will be a perfect sinner, if you repent of every sin that you know, you will be a perfect saint. God gives you credit for perfection when you correct your life of wrong. If there are things you are doing that you don't know are wrong, God will not charge it against you. He will first teach you what is wrong, and help you to correct yourself if you believe his word. If you don't believe His word, He won't say good morning to you.

### **Subject: God Sets Your Standard For Perfection:**

A man must first desire to be perfect, before God will help him to acquire perfection. To do this a man must first get the mind to be perfect. He must want to please God in his attempt to be perfect. Abraham believed God and it was accredited to him as being righteous, to be righteous is to be perfect. After you get

the mind to desire to be perfect, you would then put forth an effort to obey the instructions given by God. The instructions that are given to man by God will be to the effect that they will help him to measure up to a standard set by God.

When a teacher teaches a child basic vocabulary words, the purpose is to get the child to acquire enough knowledge of the words to be able to read a sentence, and eventually a paragraph. The child starts out learning one word at a time to later measure up to a level of reading that the teacher has set. This is the same way perfection is acquired when God is teaching you. You gradually through the years learn how to correct your life of sins and faults until you have gotten rid of the things that God desired for you to get rid of. When you reach that point, God gives you credit for being perfect. You are not setting your own standard for perfection, but God is setting it. The standard of perfection is set by God and not by you, so you cannot grade yourself on whether you are perfect or not, you must merely obey God's instructions, and he will grade you. No man, church, or nation can evaluate your spiritual life to determine whether you are perfect or not, you simply obey God and he will be your judge and instructor for you to acquire perfection.

When God commands you to be perfect, he is not interested in what other people around you think of you, he is talking to you. Whatever opinions and comments others might make about you are irrelevant to God; it should be to you also.

### **Subject: God's Meaning Of Perfection Is Not Related To Customs Or Traditions Of Your Church:**

God's standard and meaning of perfection is not related to customs and traditions of secular churches. God relates the understanding of perfection to you when you believe you can be perfect. You must believe you can be perfect before you can acquire perfection. Perfection is oftentimes disregarded by many because they have been blinded by limited religious customs and traditions, along with man-made religious teachings and theories.

You are human and are subject to make mistakes. However, this is not what perfection is all about. When you obey and submit yourself to God according to the instructions in his word the Spirit of God will maintain a position of control over your life to keep you from doing the sins that you have been taught are wrong. You will be able to deny your flesh (carnal nature) of sinful desires within due bounds of good behavior; this is perfection.

When God, is working in your life you will be surprised at your own good conduct. Keep in mind that it is God working in you; don't get high minded, and

boast, give God the glory and credit. The course of action that God is working in you is to will and to do of his good pleasure and though you are human and subject to human weaknesses, you will quickly measure up to the stature of the fullness of Christ. Consequently, you will be perfect even as God commands and sets the standard for you to reach.

**Subject: God Uses His Word As A Standard Weight To Measure Perfection:**

Perfection is correcting mistakes that you make. You correct the mistake to bring it up to the standard of perfection given to you by God as your guide. We are not perfect in knowledge, but we must learn to be perfect in our conduct according to the word of God. When you go to the doctor to be weighed, they will use standard weights equal to your weight plainly marked on the scales. They will adjust the weights until they are exactly equal with your weight giving you an accurate measure of how much you weigh. It will be a perfect measure of your weight acquired by adding and subtracting the standard weights until the scale is balanced. God sets his standard of perfection in your life the same way. He gradually through the years uses his word to compare your spiritual life with his spiritual word comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. God will subtract the things that are wrong and add the things that are right until your life is balanced with his word.

**Subject: Do You Know Where You Will Spend Eternity?**

You may be a well-educated, intelligent person who has learned a lot about life, and the world that we live in, but there may be some things you are not quite sure of, such as how your life is going to end and where you are going to spend eternity. Acquiring a good education and literal knowledge of this present world is okay, but it can be very deceiving. Being an intelligent person in things pertaining to this life can make you over confident and take for granted the knowledge of the next life.

Things of this life you can learn from colleges and universities, but the knowledge of our destinies and where we will spend eternity must be revealed to us by God. Now God reveals such knowledge to us by mean of his Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit must be the source to prepare our minds to receive such vital

knowledge from God. The Holy Spirit must equip us with certain virtues that God will only communicate to us, when we possess these virtues.

One of the virtues is humility. This virtue must be given to us by the Holy Spirit as a foundation for us to be revealed knowledge from God concerning what our destinies are, and where we will spend eternity. Listen to I Corinthians 2:7:

Verse 7 - But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

The Spirit of God reveals to us the mysteries of God's knowledge and our destinies. Listen to I Corinthians 2:10-11:

Verse 10 - But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

A man can only learn the things that he has the ability to acquire in this present world. However, only God knows a man's destiny after his life in this world has ended:

Verse 11 - For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

### **Subject: Knowledge From God Is For The Humble Person**

You cannot always understand the Bible with human intelligence, or a literal education. The Bible sometimes reads backwards. It was written in this manner so that conceited people, or humans with worldly smarts will be confounded, and not be able to understand it (I Corinthians 1:27-28). God confounds the worldly wisdom of conceited people, but reveals the knowledge of his word to a humble person (St. Matthew 11:25).

Knowledge from God is given to the person who is lowly in spirit by means of revelation from God. The Holy Spirit is the means by which a meek person can receive revelations from God. If a smart, worldly-minded person tries to figure out what God's word means, they will get lost in confusion. When a humble person has faith in God, his grace will rest upon them.

The knowledge of the word of God is not universal. It is given to specific people that are called by God to receive it. When God prepared the plan of salvation for man, he took his word, which was Jesus, and wrapped it in a human body, and by means of his Holy Spirit implanted it in a virgin's body, and at an appointed time, grace and truth were available for the people of the earth that they might receive salvation.

Jesus was sent to the earth filled with favor and truth (St. John 1:14). Jesus was honest to everybody, and he would receive anybody who came to him with a repenting heart. Jesus would first tell men and women the truth about their present existence and their destiny. Humans that are born into the world don't know anything about how they are going to leave the world, or where they are going when they leave. Many preachers of the world today will make everybody believe that after they die, they will go to heaven.

Jesus taught Nicodemus; except a man be born again he will not enter the kingdom of heaven (St. John 3:3). As Jesus proceeded with his ministry, he taught the necessary qualifications and process that a person must experience in order to be born again (St. John 3:6). For those who were overwhelmed with problems of this present world, Jesus told them to come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and you shall find rest for your soul (St. Matthew 11:28 ).

You can only understand the scriptures after you have been born again, because the Spirit of God, that gives you the new birth, will also regenerate your mind by upgrading your way of comprehending spiritual principles of righteousness (Ephesians 4:22-23). When you are born again, you will receive a new mind that will increase your ability to understand God's way of communicating with man (Ephesians 2:14).

When a person has not been born again, a barrier, or wall of partition remains between their mind and God. You can only have access to God by means of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:18). As long as a person is living in sin, they have no connection with God. They will be blinded by the god of this world (Satan) and their ability to comprehend spiritual knowledge will be limited.

### **Subject: True Humility (I Peter 5:6):**

You may know the dictionary meaning of the word humility, but to be a recipient of true humility, you must experience a replacement of the carnal nature with the nature of humility. Human beings are born with natural tendencies to be conceited, high-minded, proud, and with a desire to acquire fame, prominence, and recognition. All of these qualities are carnal and against the holiness of God.

When God gives a person the new birth, it replaces all of the above carnal ambitions and inclinations.

True humility can only be brought into a person's life by a renewing of their spirit and nature. This would be a renewing of the Holy Ghost, which would change the inner make up of a person from a worldly, carnal nature to a godly, spiritual nature (Romans 12:1-2). True humility must replace the in-born nature of the inner man. Listen to Ephesians 3:16:

Verse 16 - That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Evidence that you are acquiring the spirit of true humility is that you will acquire the humbleness of mind.

### **Subject: The Least Versus The Greatest (St. John 1:19-23):**

If you have a mind to be somebody prominent, reputable, and famous, you are an abomination to God. In order to be accepted by God, you must be meek in your own eyes, though others may see you as great, and prominent (St. Matthew 5:5). The kingdom of heaven will be a society where the least person there will be the greatest. God's ways are just the opposite of the way men of the earth think (Isaiah 55:8-9).

John the Baptist was a very important preacher, who introduced the ministry of Jesus Christ. However, when the priests and Levites from Jerusalem asked John to identify himself that they might give an answer to their superiors, John responded by saying, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias (Isaiah)" (I John 1:23).

Jesus later taught that the least person in the kingdom of heaven will be greater than John the Baptist is (St. Luke 7:28). In the eyes of God, greatness is meekness. Meekness means to be humble, gentle, submissive to others, and by no means possess a conceited way of thinking or wise in your own opinion, even when you are right. Meekness means to esteem the knowledge of the word of God above all else in life. You can only acquire a meek and humble spirit when you are born again, or filled with the Holy Spirit, because meekness is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

If you are famous, prominent, and reputable with a gentle, meek, and humble spirit, it could be that your gift has allowed you to acquire such a level of

prominence, though you have a meek and lowly mind with the intent to use your prominence and fame to help other less fortunate people. You are highly acceptable to God. Such was the spirit of Jesus, “But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (Philippians 2:7-8).

**Subject: He That Is Least In The Kingdom Of Heaven Is Greater Than John:**

God does not measure greatness according to man’s standard of greatness. God’s standard of greatness is just the opposite of man’s standard. Men think they are great when they can acquire a high position in life, and become prominent among their colleagues in society. However, in the eyes of God, when a man becomes weak, humble, and small because of his devotion and obedience to God, then he's strong and great. When the Apostle Paul lost his reputation among the upper class Jews and Romans, he became great before God. II Corinthians 12:10 reads as follows:

Verse 10 - Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

To be obedient to God, is to be made small in the eyes of the world, as a result, God chooses the low things of the world to confound the mighty things. I Corinthians 1: 27-28 read as follows:

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

It is surprising to learn that when people of the world become great in high positions of the world, they are also small in the eyes of God. God chooses the small things of the world to exalt them in righteousness. Sin causes a person to be small before God, even if such a person is a King, Prime Minister, or President. Sin, dishonesty, and worldly corruption will bring down a worldly person eventually, as it has done many of our previous high-ranking political leaders.

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

Even though John the Baptist was a humble and an obedient servant of God, the hypocritical religious people exalted John and made him big in the eyes of the world. So then, Jesus later compared John's greatness in the world to John's greatness before God. Jesus stated that though John the Baptist was great in the world, in true holiness and righteousness before man, his greatness before God would be the least in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus taught that the world magnified John in a fleshly or carnal way as you would a man that is born of a woman and later obtained fame, but God magnified John as one who was born of the Spirit of God as being the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. In the eyes of earthly people, John was great as one born of flesh and blood, but in the eyes of heavenly people, John would be small, as one filled with the Spirit of God. When you become filled with the Holy Ghost, if you were previously great you will be made small by God just as the Apostle Paul was.

To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be small in the eyes of the world, when they have a true perception of you. The world had the wrong perception of John the Baptist, many of the Jews tried to make John greater than Jesus was. To be magnified and made great according to worldly standards is to be small before God. To be great before God is to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and to be persecuted because of it, as John was finally placed in prison and killed. St Luke 7:28 reads as follows:

Verse 28 - *For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.*

### **Subject: The Reality Of God:**

Today many people are ignorant of the reality of God. Whatever you desire to know about God you can find out if your hands are clean, and your heart (mind) is pure. God loves you and is always ready to reveal himself to those who live right, and speak the truth. In order to live in the presence of God, you must be sure you have repented of your sins, because God does not come near to people who are surrounded with sin, or who do not believe they can live without practicing sin.



As long as you practice sin, there is a great gulf between you and God, which keeps you from reaching him. When you put away your sins, your temple (body) becomes clean and God is pleased to dwell with you. When God begins to dwell with you, he reveals himself in many wonderful ways. Many deep mysteries concerning the plan of God are revealed to you to enrich your understanding of God's word and his reality.

You cannot learn about the reality of God with human intelligence and studying about the Bible at some religious institution. The knowledge and the reality of God must be revealed to you by the Spirit of God (I Corinthians 2:10). You don't have to look far to find God, because God is everywhere. When God makes his presence known to you, dark paths that you were feeling your way over will immediately become illuminated, and every hazard in the way will become visible to you. You will be able to recognize keenly the presence of God, who though is invisible to the natural eye, is so real when you need comfort, deliverance, or companionship.

Now God, being your Father, would like to answer your questions concerning him. You might like to know where God came from, why he remains out of sight, and why he allows the devil and the troubles of life to harm humans. Since there is so much unhappiness, and so much sin in the world, so much hypocrisy among people who represent themselves as Christians, you want to know when Christ is going to return to take the saved people to heaven. Those things about God and his relationship with man that are alright for you to know, God will tell you, but the things that are not given for you to know now, he will withhold from you.

Since God cannot be seen or be reached by ordinary means, as you would reach a friend, relative, or doctor, and circumstances often arise making it necessary to reach God, you should seriously be concerned about how you can reach your heavenly Father. To reach your heavenly Father, the conditions of your life should be programmed around your faith, and trust in God, so that you can have complete dependency upon God. Without sincere and complete faith in God, you cannot please your heavenly Father. You cannot feel self-sufficient because you have a good job and plenty of money in the bank. You must also not allow some previous, erroneous religious teaching that you have received cause you to be self-righteous. Your mind must always be open to receive new knowledge from God.

You must always feel the least among many, so urgently dependent upon God. If you must be dependent upon God, you must be able to reach him when you need him. You must be certain that when you strike up a conversation with God in prayer that he sees your humble heart and hears the message you wish to convey. You must be able to reach God in prayer. First, your sin-free life is what will qualify you to be able to pray. God will by no means ignore the prayers of a

person who has a sin-free life (I Peter 3:2). The second qualification for praying is that you must be filled with the Holy Ghost, because oftentimes, we don't know what to ask for. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, it will pray for you because it makes intercessions to God for you, having more knowledge of your needs (Romans 8:26).

**Subject: God Brings To Pass Things That Please Him:**

If your life is pleasing to God, he will put desires in your heart (mind) and give you what you desire. God will put desires in your heart to keep you from desiring sinful things that will be harmful to you. Listen to Psalm 37:4:

Verse 4 - Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

If you commit your life to God, he will bring to pass what you desire. When God is pleased with a person, he makes things happen that will be for the benefit of the person with whom he is pleased. You please God when you live by faith in God. When you trust and depend on God, your life will be pleasing to God. Such faith means that you are walking with God. To walk with God means to obey God's word. Under such conditions, you would be walking by faith and not by sight.

There was a man in the Bible by the name of Enoch, who pleased God so much that God did not allow him to die. God took him from the earth, and he never experienced death. Listen to Hebrews 11:5:

Verse 5 - By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Translated means God took Enoch from the earth because of his faith in God.

## **Subject: Creatures of Faith:**

When you are truly saved, and have acquired some experience, the power of God will use you to help somebody who is more destitute than you are. Peter and John were creatures of faith. If you are truly saved you should be a creature of faith. Peter and John told the lame man that silver and gold was not theirs to give, but such as they had, they gave. They had power with God through the name of Jesus. When you are living a sin free life, and have confidence in Jesus, the power of God will go to work for you. The power of God will not work to fulfill your personal covetous desires, but to help somebody with worst needs than yours.

If you are a Christian who lacks confidence in God, your testimony makes God look weak. You have to be a creature of faith in order for the power of God to go to work in your life. Your tests and trials develop faith in God. When you become a true child of God, you are going to have tests and trials, and it is through your faith that God will manifest his power.

A saved person is supposed to be a creature of faith. When a saved person doesn't believe in the power of the name of Jesus, they present a picture of God as being weak. You manifest the power in the name of Jesus by standing behind its principles. When you take a stand for the name of Jesus, you will have tests to try your stand. It doesn't matter what happens to you physically, the blessing is in being delivered from the power and penalty of sin, which is eternal death.

## **Subject: There's Power In The Name Of Jesus: (Acts 3:6)**

The question is - What is in the name of Jesus that carries power that is different from any other name? Peter and John told the lame man at the temple, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6). Peter and John were creatures of faith that could pull resources from the name of Jesus by their faith in the name.

When you get faith in the right thing, power will be manifested to assist you. Faith is confidence that the instructions of a process will work for you when everything else is in order. When you exercise faith and confidence in the name of Jesus according to the instructions given in God's word, the name of Jesus will get things done. Whatever it is that you need done, you will find the ability to accomplish, in the name of Jesus, through your obedience to God. The name of Jesus carries power with no limitations to its ability and resources to get anything accomplished.



**CHAPTER IX**  
**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Subject: The Bible Is The Only Source Of Knowledge That Can Lead You To God:**

Churches of today are filled with sinners, from the pulpit to the door; sometimes, even the preachers of the gospel are sinners. Such preachers will tell men and women that they cannot help from violating the law of God. Preachers tell people that they have to commit sin, and they can pray to God, and be saved when they die as sinners. The Holy Bible is the only source of knowledge given to man instructing us about what God requires for us to be saved. Any other source of knowledge concerning God that is not based upon what the scriptures teach is of the devil, and has the purpose of misleading us.

The Bible is a book of instructions given by God that we might know what is right and wrong. When you write a poem, song, or do an art project, you can use your imagination, and be creative with such projects. However, when it comes to being saved, you cannot use your imagination. You must have a rule and instructions that will lead you to salvation. You cannot use your imagination, or a creative way of thinking to drive from New York to California. You must have a map that gives specific instructions on how to get there.

The Bible is the only source of information that will lead you to God. No matter what church you belong to or how long you have been a member of a church, if you commit sin, God will not hear your prayer; a sinner cannot be saved. Listen to I Peter 3:12:

Verse 12 - For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

This scripture does not need any interpretation; it is very plain and specific. Listen to I Peter 4:18:

Verse 18 - And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

**Subject: Search The Scriptures:**

Your pastor could be teaching you a limited amount of knowledge about what is required to be saved. During Jesus' time, the scribes and Pharisees had been given a limited amount of knowledge that was passed down through the

generations from the Law of Moses. The Law of Moses foretold of one that would come in the last days that would be a Messiah of Jews, giving final instructions for their salvation.

Many of the Jews had learned parts of the scriptures, but not enough to articulate the knowledge concerning the final procedures for knowledge of salvation. Such was included in the scriptures, but they needed a teacher from God to help articulate the knowledge that they might be directed into salvation. So Jesus taught in St. John 5:39 that they should search the scriptures, and they would learn that the scriptures teach of his ministry and that through his ministry they could acquire eternal life.

By having only a limited amount of knowledge from the Law of Moses, the Jews had just enough knowledge to use to reject the most important part of the teachings of salvation that Jesus brought. Jesus further taught that when you have only a limited amount of knowledge, it would cause you to err, or to go wrong (St. Matthew 22:29).

Many Christians of today have erred from the knowledge of salvation, because they have allowed religious leaders to give them a limited amount of knowledge from the scriptures, thereby allowing them to be deceived into believing they can be saved. Listen to St Matthew 22:29:

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

### **Subject: The Word Of God Can Persuade You To Be Saved:**

If you listen very attentively to the true teachings of the word of God without allowing any previous religious teaching to interfere with your listening, neither any discriminate opinions about what the word is teaching, you can be persuaded to be saved. God has incorporated the complete plan and power for salvation in the knowledge of the word of God. Such knowledge can be brought into the human mind and change a person from the old sinful person to be a new creature in Christ.

When the Apostle Paul was brought before King Agrippa for a hearing, Paul presented a complete testimony of his conversion in Christ. If King Agrippa had listened with an unbiased mind, not considering the political consequences of a complete belief, and surrender to the testimony of Paul's conversion, Agrippa could have been saved. Listen to how persuasive Paul's testimony was to Agrippa in Acts 26:27-29:

Verse 27 - King Agrippa (this is Paul speaking), believest thou the prophets? I know thou believest.

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

Verse 29 - And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

Agrippa was under pressure by the Roman Empire to stop this religious sect that was trying to develop a new teaching that the Jews had complained was against their religious teaching. Such a teaching, they thought, would create sedition in Jerusalem making it difficult for the Roman authorities to control the people. With this knowledge in mind, Agrippa found it difficult to receive Paul's testimony to the extent that he would become a Christian.

**Subject: If You Want To Know God Learn His Word (I John 1:5):**

If you want to know God, learn his word. If you know a man, you would have learned about him through the words that he spoke. If a man does not keep his words, you would have learned by means of his words that he is a liar. If a man keeps his word, you would have learned that you could depend on him by means of his words. You would not have learned this about the man because he is wealthy, prominent or some high rank political or business CEO of some company; this is also the way that you learn to know God. If your pastor is not teaching about God in complete and correct context, you will not get to know God.

In order to learn the truth about a person, you must acquire true and accurate information about the person. Many people today are not learning about God, because the information that they are receiving is insufficient and inaccurate. God is not a man that he should lie or deceive you. God keeps his word, and you can depend on his word. God's word tells you that if you obey his word, you will be blessed and receive eternal life (Romans 6:16-17). God's word tells you that if you continue to commit sin, you are of the devil and will be destroyed with the devil (I John 3:9-10; Revelation 20:10-14).



**CHAPTER X**

**CHILDREN:  
AN HERITAGE OF THE LORD**

## **Subject: The Spoiled Child:**

When a parent spoils a child, the child will later use every spoiled quality against the parents. A spoiled child will not use its spoiled qualities so much against other children and associates, because most will reject the company of the spoiled child.

To spoil a child is to rear the child to be a difficult child who will later have trouble adjusting to society. The parent of a spoiled child has limited foresight, and cannot see how terrible the results of such a child will be. To spoil a child is to sow a bad seed that will later yield corrupted fruit. A selfish parent spoils a child, and does not perceive the child as a human being, but as some kind of pet, or toy that they want to handle in their own misguided way of cherishing something. When a child is spoiled, the child is not under subjection to the parent, but has a feeling of equality. Under such conditions, the child takes on a buddy-buddy relationship and does not obey the parent from the heart.

If there are other children in the family, then the spoiled child will think that he or she is better or superior to the other children that the parents or grandparents give less attention to. Many grandparents will ruin a grandchild by selecting one child to give more love, and attention than they give others. A wise parent should watch that grandparent and not allow this magnitude of a relationship to take place. When the child becomes a young adult most grandparents would have passed on, and the parent will be stuck with the child that the grandparent spoiled. Grandparents do it to please themselves.

Later in life, a spoiled child will lose respect for the parent or grandparent because they will become more aware of the fact that the parent was partial, and unfair to the other children. Children will use partial parents and grandparents, but they will not respect them. Children only respect good judgment, and that which is right even if they don't want to do right. Spoiled children will later in life question their parents as to why they didn't love their brothers and sisters as much as them or the favorite child. Many parents probably have closer feelings to one child than they do the others, but a wise parent will never let it be known. To spoil a child and to let it be obvious to the child, and others is to exercise poor, selfish, and unconcerned judgment, all of which will come back to the parents by means of the spoiled child.

Spoiled children are of no asset to anybody or purpose, and are not likely to get saved, or to turn out to be any good. Spoiled children usually end up on drugs, alcohol, or in jail. There's not much chance that a spoiled child will have a successful marriage or life. Spoiled girls usually get pregnant before they are married. Spoiled boys usually get killed before they are grown. To spoil a child is to show very little concern for their mental development, and it is an intentional

means of killing a child before it grows up. Spoiling means to corrupt or to ill care for something, and to allow it to go bad. A parent who spoils a child is dull of understanding, and slow to perceive the end of the child. The results of a spoiled child will be the parents pay; enjoy it, you produced it.

### **Subject: The Fruit Of The Womb Is His Reward:**

When a husband and wife are truly saved, then their rewards in this life will be their children. In the book of Psalms 127:3 and 5, it reads as follows:

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

God's reward to saved couples is saved children. When a saved couple has children, they will bring happiness and joy to their parents. Today many people look for happiness in money, careers, cars, big homes, and expensive vacations; but a couple can have all of these things, and if their children are in jail, or giving them trouble, they will be ashamed to talk about them.

Verse 5 - Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

The Bible teaches that true joy and happiness comes to a saved couple who has good children. Many people today look for happiness in the wrong direction; most of society won't really want the happiness that God offers. Such things as abortions and birth control methods have been instrumental in blocking the blessing that God gives.

Nevertheless, if a couple is not saved then their children can be a curse to them, the prisons are full of people that were a curse to their parents. Juvenile delinquency and street gangs are a curse to the parents of the children, because the parents have failed to obey God. Many people say that they are saved, and they are obeying God; but their troublesome children are a witness against them. God teaches that your good children will be your reward for obeying him.

Prior to Zacharias and Elisabeth (the parents of John the Baptist) having John the Baptist in their late years, the Bible gives us a description of their spiritual conduct towards God. The conditions that John was born under were holy, that is John was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. This means that he

was a child who came forth being obedient to God and his parents from his childhood, never giving his parents any trouble.

A child who is born with two holy parents will never give their parents any trouble. In the book of St. Luke 1:5 and 6 it gives us a description of the kind of parents John had. Verse 5 reads as follows:

Verse 5 - There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

Verse 6 - And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

If parents want their children to be trouble free, they have to be righteous before God, obeying the commandments of God blamelessly. In St. Luke 1:80, it teaches that a child will grow strong in the Spirit of God when the parents are filled with the Holy Spirit. St Luke 1:80:

Verse 80 - And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

In St. Luke 1:15 it teaches that John was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. When parents fail to obey God then their children will be a production of their own disobedience. If parents become saved after they have their children, then their instructions and influence can convert their children to God. Truly saved parents have power to lead their children to God, and anybody else who will subject themselves to the saved person. The problem with most people who try to lead others to God is that they are not truly saved themselves. If a person is truly saved, I Corinthians 9:5 teaches that such a person should have power to lead a brother, a sister, or wife by the hand.

# Afterword

As we close Volume IV of Saved from Sin, it is hoped that you have been further educated and enlightened regarding God's plan of salvation and more importantly, encouraged to desire to acquire salvation in Jesus Christ. Everyone is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to be saved while it is still available. Today we are living in the "Grace Age", the period of time that God has given individuals to be saved through a God sent, Holy Ghost filled preacher, in preparation for the Judgment to come.

God has given men and women their free will of choice, therefore, the choice is yours. The word of God tells us in Revelation 22:17, "...And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely". Please don't hesitate or procrastinate; receive Christ today.



