# **SAVED FROM SIN**

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

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

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

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## **Foreword**

If you have a desire to enter into the kingdom of heaven one day, Elder Alonzo Kilgore's series of books, ("Saved from Sin") can be used as a guide to get you there. You must have the correct knowledge from the word of God, taught by a Holy Ghost filled, God-sent preacher to be a candidate for the kingdom of heaven. Elder Kilgore is such a preacher. He has experienced the processes of salvation, according to the scriptures, as explained in his books.

Elder Kilgore will educate you in simplicity on the requirements to obtain salvation according to the scriptures. We encourage you to read the information in Volume 19, and pray that God will give you an understanding of the importance of being saved from sin.



#### INTRODUCTION

#### <u>My Anointing:</u>

The knowledge that I teach was given to me by an anointing of the Holy Spirit. I am taught by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is a great teacher that knows the meaning of God's word. The Spirit gives the knowledge of God's word to those whom it anoints by revealing the understanding of the word of God to the anointed person.

It is a great blessing to be anointed by the Lord. An anointing is a preparation process that the Spirit of God gives to your mind to help you to understand Spiritual information from the word of God. The anointing is like putting oil in an automobile engine to improve its ability to operate.

The anointing is an intercessor from the Spirit of God that will increase your ability to apply the knowledge of the word of God to your life. It increases your spiritual ability to understand the word of God by giving you the ability to comprehend moral aspects of life. It will reveal to you more about what is right or wrong according to God's standard of right and wrong.

#### <u>The Law Of The Spirit Of Life In Christ Saved Us From The Law Of Sin</u> <u>And Death:</u>

The problems of the world did not occur until after sin entered into the world. When sin is removed from the world, all evil things that plague the world will be gone. Sin is the blame for all of the sad conditions in the world today. Sin is a transgression of the law of God. God's laws are His commandments. Sin is committed when God's laws are disobeyed.

When you live above sin, you live above what the law of God forbids. When you don't commit sin, it means that you have violated no laws. This means that you are not under the condemnation of sin and death, and that you are under grace. To be under grace means that you have been born again receiving the Spirit of life which is in Christ Jesus. Under these conditions, you will not live after the desires of the flesh or sinful pleasures. You would then be walking or living in the Spirit. You would be filled with the Holy Spirit, causing you to be free from sin. The Spirit of God would be your new life, and you are no longer in the flesh or a sinner. Listen to Romans 8:10:

Verse 10 - And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin: but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

This means your body is spiritually dead to the desires to commit sin, and the Spirit of God has given you a new life in Christ making you able to live righteous or free from sin.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has more power than the law of sin and death that made you commit sin, and it has set you free from the law of sin and death. Listen to Romans 8:2:

Verse 2 -	For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath
	made me free from the law of sin and death.

Though God sent the law of sin and death that forbade us to commit sin, the law nevertheless could not save us from sin, but it left us condemned. Therefore, God worked out another plan for us to be saved by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. Listen to Romans 8:3:

Verse 3 - For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin In the flesh.

The first part of the law that God sent by Moses condemned sin in the flesh, but the second part of the law that Christ brought was the righteousness of the law that saved us from the first part of the law that condemned us. We could obey many things in the first part of the law, but it left us with a conscience of sin even when we did not commit sin.

The second part of the law, which Christ brought, caused the Spirit of God to purge our minds setting our consciences free from condemnation. Under these conditions, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus gave us power to walk not after the flesh or sinful desires, but after the Spirit of God, following righteous desires.

#### The Commandments Of God Are Not Grievous:

There is only one solution for all of the troubles and problems that people are having, and that solution is to obey God. It was disobedience to God that caused the problems in the world and obedience to God can solve the problems. When God prepared a solution for our problems, He sent love to the earth by means of Jesus Christ. Jesus taught the world how to love one another. When we have learned to love, we have learned the will of God, which is the solution for the troubles of the world.

When people of the world commit sin, they are enemies of God. When the world became enemies of God, He did not go to war against the world, God demonstrated that love is more powerful than war, and He blessed us with His goodness. God blessed the earth with resources for the comfort and survival of the people of the earth. In addition, God gave men wisdom and understanding that he might improve and further develop the necessary means for his survival. This was an expression of God's love for a world that had become the enemy of God.

The kingdom of heaven is a blessed habitation, because it is governed by love. Jesus came to the earth teaching the principles of the kingdom of heaven, which are found in St. Matthew, 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter. These principles were given to us that we might learn the will of God, giving us a chance to adjust our lives to God's will. When we are ignorant of the will of God, we will be destroyed by our own ways. Sin is self-destructive; it is disobedience to the commandments of God. The commandments of God are not grievous, but assuring, giving us a sure means of deliverance from our ways of self-destruction.

#### God Is Not The Enemy Of The World:

God is not an enemy of the world. God has revealed His plan to the people of the earth, giving them plenty of time to escape the destruction that He will send upon the earth. Sin and death are God's enemies that are against God's love. God's plan is to deliver the people of the earth from sin and death. If people of the earth reject God's offer, it will not be God destroying them, they will be destroying themselves. God desires to save the people of the earth; that is why He sent His only begotten Son to the earth. Jesus came to the earth to make His disciples know in detail what God's plan is, and how it would prevail.

Jesus admonished the disciples to go out and preach the gospel to tell those who were willing to hear them that when they saw certain things beginning to happen in the world that these things would be signs that the end of the world is near, and to lift up their heads for their redemption draweth nigh (St. Luke 21:28).

Jesus left instructions to the world by saying that of all these wonderful structures that you see, there will not be one left, not one stone upon the other would remain. Jesus also told the disciples that the enemy would rise up to kill them (St. Matthew 23:34), but that would not stop the gospel that they would preach from reaching those who would be saved. Jesus said that everyone who loses his or her life for my sake shall find it again.

#### Who Believed His Report?

The hardest thing in the world to do is to be quiet when somebody is falsely accusing you, especially when you have a good explanation with your defense. When Jesus was being falsely accused by those who hated Him, He had a good defense, yet He opened not His mouth. Jesus knew the prophecy that Isaiah had made about His trial, and He was determined to make Isaiah's prophecy be true rather than to defend Himself with the truth concerning the false accusations that were being brought against Him. Listen to Isaiah's prophecy in Isaiah 53:7: "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth . . . ."

Though Isaiah lived many hundreds of years before Christ came, he spoke as a faithful witness as though he was present at the trial of Jesus, and was reporting all the facts and evidence that was introduced at the trial. The only witness that Jesus had at His trial was Isaiah's report in the Old Testament, and though the chief priest, the scribes, Herod, and Pilate were there, they failed to use the scriptures as a witness to Jesus' innocence.

None of them believed that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Though Jesus had healed the sick, raised the dead, and gave sight to the blind, they didn't believe the report about Jesus' works as the Messiah. They concluded that Jesus was a blasphemer against the Law of Moses, and should be crucified.

Isaiah's report is telling us that Jesus was brutally and cruelly treated for no just reason and that He had a good defense and would not use His defense because the experience was ordained of God. The plan of God was that Jesus be crucified. However, Jesus could not be crucified as a criminal or sinner being guilty of the charges against Him; otherwise, His crucifixion would have been of non-effect to fulfill God's purpose.

Jesus' crucifixion was a sacrifice from God. A sacrifice had to be holy, pure, righteous, and without spot or blemish, just as the lambs that the Jews used to

make sacrifices for their sins. So then, in order for Jesus to be an acceptable sacrifice, His crucifixion had to be as a result of His good works rather than any criminal offenses.

Understand that Jesus was the word of God made flesh. Jesus' words carried more power than anything in the universe. If Jesus had spoken to convince Pilate and the Jews about the truth concerning His accusations, it would have been no problem for Jesus' word to convince them to release Him. This would have prevented the plan of God from being implemented. Under these conditions, there would have been no crucifixion and no salvation for those who would come to Christ to be saved. So then, Jesus honored Isaiah's prophecy and, "opened not His mouth". If Jesus had given the truth concerning His false accusations, it would have made Isaiah's report false concerning His crucifixion.

#### <u>The Holy Birth:</u>

It is important that everybody have knowledge of why Jesus was born into this world. The Holy Ghost moved on the prophet Isaiah to prophesy of Jesus' birth hundreds of years before Jesus was born. When God wants the world to know about an important event, He sends knowledge of the event in plenty of time for the world to receive the message.

Jesus was born because it would be God coming to the earth to help save the people of the world from their sins. God sent the name Immanuel along with the prophecy of Isaiah to help us to understand that He, God, would be with us. Jesus was the second part of God coming to the earth to save us. The message prophesied by Isaiah was not for everybody to believe or to accept the prophecy, so God had Isaiah to include with the message a description of how Jesus would be born, and that was of a virgin.

Many unbelievers did not believe that a person could come from heaven and be born of a virgin. Only the pure in heart could believe such a message. The message from Isaiah was an introduction to the plan of salvation. Those who did not believe Isaiah's message would not be saved. The purpose for Jesus being born was further testified of by Saint Matthew; St. Matthew 1:21 reads as follows:

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

The fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy and Saint Matthew's testimony have taken place in the lives of those who are saved from sin.

#### The Misconception Of The Jews:

Everything that Christ did when He ministered to the people was prophesied in the law of the Jews, and Jesus often made mention that He was the Messiah. Christ did not challenge His accusers in His trial before Pilate, nor demand a right to be heard. Without making any statement at all, Christ would have been released if Pilate had been a man of courage. Pilate acted more like Christ's attorney than His judge. He frankly admitted that he found no fault in Christ.

Pilate was a Roman Governor who did not believe in God. The only charge that they had against Christ was that He had blasphemed by saying that He was the Son of God. Thus, in their law, as was stated in Leviticus 24:16, Jesus was guilty and should die. Christ was the word of God; in actuality, every word of the law that was given to Moses came from Christ. Christ allowed the hypocrisy and the hatred of the Jews to use the law that He gave Moses to be a reason for the Jews to crucify Him.

There was no knowledge that the Jews had acquired that made them aware of the fact that Christ desired to be crucified as a sacrifice, and had given the Jews His word by means of Moses' law to motivate them to crucify Him. The Jews had no understanding that whenever people are against God, that God will use their opposition to do His will, and accomplish His purpose.

The Jews had no knowledge that the crucifixion was the will God, planned by God to be implemented by those who opposed, and were the enemies of God. Of course, the law of the Jews said that Jesus should be stoned, but since they were under the rulership of Caesar, they were not authorized to execute anyone. So the Jews used political pressure and influence on Pilate to get him to authorize Jesus' crucifixion.

Christ had previously taught that His execution would be according to Roman law (St. John 12:32-33). This revelation from Christ confused the people who wanted to believe that He was the Messiah, and who understood that Christ should live forever. The teachings of Christ concerning Himself and the plan of salvation were all in keeping with the plan of God, but it was difficult for the people to understand at that time. Those who believed Christ were willing to accept what He taught. Others who did not believe Him were constantly pressing the charges of blasphemy, and Christ used their charges of blasphemy to fulfill the plan of God. Every detail of Christ's life from His birth in Bethlehem to His death, burial, and resurrection, was given in the Law that the Jews had in vivid detail. They had read every passage at one time or another, and they knew the Law by heart, but they declined to check the teachings of the Law against the events in Christ's life, because they did not want to accept a man of Christ's lowly social class of the Jews as their Messiah. This resulted to their conception of Christ's mission being erroneous.

The Jews wanted a Messiah who would organize a great army that would drive out the enemy and restore the kingdom of David in Jerusalem and Palestine. Christ told them plainly that He would fight if His kingdom were a worldly kingdom, but His kingdom was a spiritual kingdom, which would conquer the world in a different manner.

#### <u>Sin, Death, And The Devil Will Be Abolished From God's New Heaven</u> <u>And Earth:</u>

It would be a good thing to have knowledge about death before you die. People will not likely plan a trip to another country without learning something about the country prior to their visit. Death is the enemy of God and man. God did not create death. Sin produced death, just as filth produces germs. Death will be the last enemy that Jesus will destroy. God has a plan that will completely abolish sin and death from His creation.

Those who are saved and go to heaven will never have to be confronted with the temptations of sin and death again. In the kingdom of heaven, death and sin will never be in the conversation of those who will be living in heaven. The devil's name will never be mentioned in heaven again. Sin, death and the devil will never come into the minds of the citizens of heaven, because God would have abolished and eliminated all thoughts of previous works of evil from the creation. There will be nothing but holy conversations among the citizens of heaven. All things in the new heaven and earth will be holy and new.

#### Preparations Are Being Made In Heaven For Those Who Are Born Again:

When the end of this present world comes, God has planned that there will be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. This will be a holy habitation where the enemies of God will never be able to enter. Sadness, sorrow, sickness, old age, and death will have no admittance.

The paradise of God, which was created in the beginning where the tree of life bloomed, shall be restored. The Holy Ghost will be the producer of the atmosphere giving continuous joy to the inhabitants. Love, happiness, peace, and joy will be unlimited. God has planned and arranged this new habitation so that every individual living there can be happy.

When a person repents and believes the gospel, the Holy Ghost will give the person the new-birth, which will qualify the person to enter into this new paradise. God is love and it will be His good pleasure to give His people a new residence in a new heaven and earth that is now being prepared.

The Bible gives us knowledge of two witnesses concerning the new heaven and earth, which were Peter and John. Listen to II Peter 3:13:

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

Listen to John's account in Revelations 21:1:

Verse 1 - And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

# CHAPTER 1

# JESUS IS COMING SOON: WILL YOU BE READY?

#### Subject: The Prophecy Of The End Of The World:

Now remember: God is a record keeper. There are two books kept in the kingdom of heaven. One contains the names of those who are born again and their works; the other contains the names of those who are not saved and their works. God revealed to the prophet Daniel that those whose names are written in the book of life shall be delivered prior to the world being destroyed.

We hope for the day that God shall bring peace on earth. When God sent Jesus into the world to teach men righteousness, angels ushered Him in and presented Him to the shepherds upon the hills of the plains of Judea. Upon the presentation of Jesus, the angels sang, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men". It does not matter about the troubles of this world, there will be peace for those who hear and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. They will be able to hide their mind in the promises of God and see the salvation of God.

We are presently living in the days that Daniel prophesied would come just before the end. The trouble that Jesus warned the nations about, and which Daniel prophesied about are at hand. Listen to St. Matthew 24:1-8:

Verse 1 -	And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple:				
	and his disciples came to him for to shew him the				
	buildings of the temple.				

- Verse 2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
- Verse 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?
- Verse 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, *Take heed that no man deceive you.*
- Verse 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
- Verse 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must

come to pass, but the end is not yet.

- Verse 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
- Verse 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

#### Subject: Do You Want To Go Back To Heaven With Jesus?

We are now living in the end of time. The beginning of the last days started when Christ was born in Bethlehem. God sent Jesus to the earth more than nineteen hundred years ago to prepare us for the end. God's plan is that He is going to create a new summit whereas no sin or uncleanliness will be able to enter. God is going to fix it so that those who are saved will never die again.

The word of God is the information that God has given us to make us ready. If the warnings given in the scriptures are disregarded, those who do not take heed will not be prepared to be delivered from the destruction that is coming upon this present world. The same God who created this world by His word has also by His word declared that He is going to destroy this world. When Jesus returns for the saved people, those who are not saved will then realize that they are left behind, but they will realize it too late.

So why take a chance? Repent now and believe the gospel, and the Holy Spirit will give you the new-birth in Christ. The Holy Spirit will sanctify you by giving you desires to separate from all that you know is wrong. It will also separate you socially and religiously from those who are not saved, and do not want to be saved. The Holy Ghost will give you strength, understanding and power, and prepare you to meet Jesus upon His return to be taken to heaven.

## Subject: The News Media Will Help Us To Know What God Is Going To Do Based Upon What The People Are Doing:

Now most people are familiar with what is going on in the world today, because the news media keeps us informed. Listen to this scripture in St. Matthew 24:37 and compare it with what the news media is teaching is going on in the world today.

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

Now let us listen to Genesis 6:5 that teaches how the people were during the days of Noah:

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

Now the news media can bring this scripture up to date. The news media can show us that the same things that God saw on the earth during Noah's day prior to the floods, God can also see what is going on today just as it was in Noah's day.

Though God was moved by the wickedness of the people to destroy the earth by floodwaters during Noah's day, God also made a promise to Noah that he will not destroy the earth by floodwaters again. God did not promise that He would not destroy the earth again. He gave an example of another means by which He would destroy the earth again. Listen to St. Luke 17:28-30:

Verse 28 -	Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;				
Verse 29 -	But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.				

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

Now the news media will help us to use the scriptures to learn what God is going to do based upon what people are doing today.

## Subject: The People Of Noah's Day Did Not Know How Near Their Destruction Was:

The Bible teaches that in the last days there will be those who will be willingly ignorant and will contend with what the word of God teaches. The Bible refers to such opposers of the word as being scoffers. Listen to II Peter 3:3-4:

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

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

Such people are willingly ignorant of what the word of God teaches, and do not accept the warnings in the scriptures.

While Jesus was here on the earth, He told His disciples what should precede His coming that they might teach others what to expect. Those who fail to teach according to the testimony of Christ will be accursed. Unless the people are correctly taught according to Jesus' gospel, they will not know how near the end is until the destruction overtakes them.

During Noah's day, they did not accept Noah's warnings, and did not know how near the end was until the day that Noah entered the ark and the flood came upon them suddenly and destroyed them. In the last days before the fire falls from heaven, there will be false religious leaders or scoffers distracting the people from the knowledge of the true warning, and as it was during Noah's day, the people will be destroyed not knowing how close the destruction will be. Listen carefully to St. Matthew 24:36-39:

Verse 36 -	But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.
Verse 37-	But as the days of $N\bar{o}'$ - $\bar{e}$ were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

- Verse 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that  $N\bar{o}'-\bar{e}$  entered into the ark,
- Verse 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

The people did not know how near the destruction was, and they had no chance to repent or to escape the destruction. It will be the same way for the unsaved when Jesus returns. The difference is that they will be destroyed by fire rather than floodwaters.

#### Subject: The Word Of God Reveals The Mercy Of God:

When the angel of the Lord sounds the trumpet, those who are asleep in Christ will hear it, and those who are alive in Christ will be made ready to be united with those who are asleep. They will be awakened to see Christ as He is, and be united with those who are alive and saved.

God has planned that the grave should not destroy nor prevent those who are saved from seeing Him. God has prolonged the return of Jesus and He keeps the door of opportunity open that whosoever will might be saved. Time can be prolonged, but eternity cannot be, because eternity is endless.

When we finish our life in time, we will enter into eternity. Whatever state you are in when you enter eternity, you will be in that state forever. If you are saved when you enter eternity, you will be saved forever to live in God's kingdom. If you are not saved when you enter eternity, you will live in a lake of fire and brimstone forever. The word of God reveals the mercy of God to the unsaved world. 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.

#### **Subject: A Sign Of Deliverance For The Righteous:**

When Jesus returns, He is coming to take the righteous to heaven. The righteous will hear the trumpet sound as a sign for deliverance from this world. The unsaved will not hear this sound of deliverance. They will not receive a preparation notice for deliverance as the saved people will.

When the Lord returns, he will stop in mid-air, according to the scriptures. Just as the righteous have an ear to hear the gospel, they will hear the trumpet give a sound of deliverance. The trumpet will give a certain sound for the saved, so that they will be ready (I Corinthians 14:8). Nothing will be able to distract the saved people from being caught up to meet Jesus. No matter what they are doing, they will stop and meet Jesus. Listen to St. Matthew 24:40-41:

Verse 40 -	Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.				
Verse 41 -	Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.				

The word of God compares the coming of the Lord as a thief in the night. He will come when those who are in sin will least expect Him. Listen further to Verse 43:

Verse 43 - But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

The word is giving warnings to those who are saved as well as the unsaved. If you are saved, you should be waiting and watching, for in the hour that you think not, the Son of man cometh.

#### **Subject: A City That God Prepared:**

The prophets, apostles, and children of God sought a city whose builder and maker is God. They understood that they could reach this city by obeying God, so obedience preceded all of their efforts to reach this city. To obey God is to be

subjected to His reproof, and God will pour out His Spirit upon those who obey. Proverbs 1:23 reads as follows:

Verse 23 - Turn ye at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

When the Spirit of God is given it helps you to understand God's word. When you understand the word of God, you will receive instructions on how to reach the city that God has prepared.

#### Subject: God Will Shut The Door Again:

If you listen to the teachings of the Bible carefully, you will learn that the devil has deceived many Christians by making them believe through his ministers, that Jesus the Son of God is a minister of sin, but He is a minister of righteousness.

Jesus will be coming back to the earth very soon. All the signs given in the scriptures concerning His return are hanging out like neon signs. Listen to what Jesus taught in St. Matthew 24:36-39:

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- Verse 37 But as the days of No'-e were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
- Verse 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that No'-e entered into the ark.
- Verse 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Listen also to II Peter 3:3-4 and 9-10:

- Verse 3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
- Verse 4 And saying, where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.
- 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.
- Verse 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

God suffered a record to be made in the Holy Bible of what happened during the flood to show how indifferent the people were concerning the warnings that were given by the prophets and by those anointed by God to preach the gospel. Today as it was in those days people are still indifferent to the warnings given by holy men of God. The word nevertheless teaches that God is not willing that the people be caught unprepared and perish. Neither is God going to allow sinners and hypocrites to be saved from the coming destruction.

If God gave timely warnings of the day and hour of Jesus' return, hypocrites and sinners would overtake the churches or assemblies of the few righteous people, and spoil their worship services with their sins. They would look and act like saints, but they would be committing fornication and adultery in their private lives.

Heaven will be a place of holiness where only born again believers will go. If God allowed sinners into heaven, they would be very uncomfortable in an overwhelming atmosphere of holiness where no sin will be. Heaven would be hell to sinners where the overwhelming majority would be praising and living righteous. Sinners would never enjoy the pleasures of heaven, unless they have received the new-birth while they are living in this present world. Only a filling of the Holy Spirit can prepare a person to live in heaven by giving the person a holy nature while they are living in this present world. Heaven will be a prepared place for a prepared people.

If unsaved people persist in being indifferent to the teachings and warnings from the word of God, the judgment of God will come upon them when they least expect it. When the judgment comes upon the unsaved finding them unprepared to go to heaven, their chances for going to heaven will be permanently ended. They will enter into eternity to receive the damnable part of God's plan for the unsaved.

During Noah's days the Bible teaches that the people were marrying and given in marriage, and were having fun eating and drinking as people of the world are having fun today along with sinful pleasures. They had been warned by the man of God, but they never ceased from having fun, engaging in worldly pleasures, and entirely disinterested in the messages of warning that God was sending to them. When the flood came, it was too late. The Lord Himself had sealed the doors of the ark to prevent Noah from letting the sinners and hypocrites come aboard at the last minute and sink the vessel.

The rain fell in torrents and the people were soon overwhelmed and destroyed. Jesus taught his disciples that people would in the last days disbelieve the warnings like the people during Noah's day. The Bible teaches that in the last days God will destroy the earth by fire, and that the melting of the elements with fervent heat will take place, and the passing away of the heavens with a great noise, and the burning up of all the works of man in the earth.

### Subject: The Unsaved Must Make The Choice To Be Saved Before They Die:

Christ's death brings a blessed opportunity for those who are not saved. They have a chance to acquire a citizenship in the kingdom of heaven. The invitation for the unsaved to live in the kingdom of heaven is now being extended to the unsaved. The grace of God is in effect, and the opportunity is open to the unsaved. The unsaved can now repent of his or her sins, and change from a sinful life to a righteous life and take on the nature of a saint. God will give a repenting sinner the new birth. The choice is his or hers to make.

The unsaved can remain a citizen of hell, or he can become an heir in the kingdom. The choice must be made before he or she goes to hell. There will be no chance to make this choice after the unsaved dies.

### Subject: The Way We Live Here Will Determine Where We Will Live In Eternity:

Unless there is some convincing and motivating sources of knowledge from heaven to help us to learn that life in the kingdom of heaven is a reality, then we will come short of a hope that such a kingdom exist. Christ came to make the knowledge of the kingdom of heaven a reality that would extend beyond our life in this present world. Christ preached about the kingdom of heaven while He was on the earth, and established the knowledge of the kingdom in the hearts of many people before returning to the kingdom.

Christ taught that if we live in harmony and peace with each other while in this present world, that we may establish our right to citizenship in the kingdom hereafter. However, if we live in envy and hate and despitefully use one another seeking to destroy each other, we will not be worthy to be heirs in the kingdom.

Because of Christ's willingness to die, we shall live again whether in the kingdom of heaven or in hell, but there will be an eternal separation between the saved and the unsaved. God will not allow the unsaved to spend eternity with the saved. When the eternal separation comes, the wicked will not be able to get to those who are saved in the kingdom of heaven, because a great gulf will be between heaven and hell, which neither the righteous nor the wicked will be able to pass over. The saved people will not be able to sympathize with the wicked or their former relatives that did not get saved. Listen to St. Luke 16:22-26:

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

- Verse 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
- Verse 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
- Verse 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy life time receivedst thy good things, and likewise

Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

Verse 26 - And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

# Subject: The New Birth Will Entitle You To Live In The New Heaven And Earth:

The Bible teaches that everybody is going to live again after their life in this world ends. There will be two resurrections that will be for the saved and the unsaved. The two resurrections will present the saved and the unsaved into their eternal existence. The first resurrection will be for the saved, or those who are born again, and the second resurrection will be for those who did not get saved.

The eternal existence for the saved people will be in the kingdom of heaven, and the eternal existence for those who do not get saved will be in a lake of fire and brimstone. After this present world has been destroyed, the saved and the unsaved shall not rise together, neither will they be together any more. The end of their lives in this present world will be the last that the righteous and the unrighteous will ever see of each other again.

The second birth that the righteous person received from God is what will determine where the righteous or saved person will spend eternity. Those who fail to receive the second birth are making a decision to spend eternity separated from those who received the second birth. The second birth is the birth of the Spirit of God that gives a person the new-birth. Only the new-birth of the Spirit of God will entitle a person to live in the new heaven and the new earth (St. John 3:5).

When you are born again of the Spirit of God, you are made a new creature in Christ. Only a new creature in Christ will be able to live in the new heaven and the new earth. Listen to Revelations 21:1-3:

Verse 1 - And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
- Verse 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- Verse 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

This will be those who have experienced the second birth, washed in the blood of the lamb, and have been born again of the Spirit of God.

#### Subject: Will We Be Ready?

Prior to Jesus' first appearance, the Jews were under the rulership of the Romans and they were allowed to have the Greek version of the old testament read in every Roman city in addition to their synagogues. This kept the messianic hope alive. This caused a widespread expectancy throughout the country that a deliverer was about to appear.

Today if the gospel is preached properly, it will also develop a widespread expectancy that the deliverer is soon to come again. Will we be ready to receive the deliverer? We are ready when we are born again, and do not allow the enticements of this present world to deceive us by giving us so much pleasure making us think that we will enjoy such pleasures of this world forever.

While we are living in this world it is possible for us to lift our minds to heaven and be in fellowship with God by meditation and prayer while we are still living on the earth. With this frame of mind, moments spent with God will make us more anxious to stay ready to meet Jesus.

#### Subject: You Must Be Holy To Live In Heaven:

If you want to be saved, God has extended an invitation for you to go to heaven to live in the holy society of God forever. Now you must understand that God wants you to be holy in order for you to qualify to get to heaven. God the Father is holy, Jesus the Son is holy, the Spirit of God is holy, and all the angels in heaven are holy. Nothing can live in heaven unless it is holy. A flower in heaven will be so holy that it will never die.

If you don't allow God to make you holy before you leave this world, you will not go to heaven. You must first have the mind to be holy before God will make you holy. God will then give you the Holy Spirit to teach you how to be holy. When you don't have a mind to be holy, God will let you be what you have the mind to be. However you won't be in heaven if you don't have a mind to be holy while you are living on the earth.

# Subject: How Will Life In The Kingdom Of Heaven Be?

No hatred, racism, envy, malice, strife, emulations, variance, jealousy, or drunkards will be in the kingdom of heaven. That is why I would rather live there than anywhere else in the creation. Only born again believers and angels will be in the kingdom of heaven. They would have acquired the new-birth in Christ while they were living on the earth.

Such believers would have been born again of the Holy Spirit. They would have taken on the fruits of the Spirit while they lived in this present world. Their qualities of character while living in this present world would consist of love, peace, joy, goodness, faith, longsuffering, meekness, patience, and temperance.

Such believers would have been tried and tested to prove that these qualities of character are authentic. They would have received a taste of heaven while living on the earth experiencing the goodness, and blessing of God in their personal lives. They would have acquired the classification of saints, after being saved from a life of sin. Such saints will be anxious to enter the kingdom of heaven where everybody will love one another with the same mind, which will be the mind that Christ brought to the earth.

#### Subject: The Blood Of Jesus Christ:

The symbol of Jesus' crucifixion was set in motion centuries before Jesus was crucified. God gave symbols of the events that were relative to our salvation

in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled in the last days, and were recorded in the New Testament. Listen to Exodus 12:13:

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

Today, the blood of Jesus is symbolized in this passage of scripture that gives an account of how the children of Israel were exempted from the death that God sent upon the Egyptians when they failed to release the children of Israel from bondage. The blood of the lambs that was put on the doorposts of the Israelites to save them was a symbol of how Jesus' blood would later be on the cross at Calvary to save those who received His gospel.

The blood has been commissioned with power to wash away the desires to commit sin. It takes away a life of sin and causes such a new life to be righteous. Wherever God sees where the blood of Jesus has cleansed a person from their sin, such a person will be excluded from the destruction that God is going to send to the earth just as the children of Israel were excluded when the death angel passed over them in Egypt. This is referred to as the Lord's Passover. Jesus taught the disciples to honor the Passover of Moses' day, because it would represent Christ as being our Passover after His crucifixion. Listen to St. Matthew 26:17-19:

Verse 17 -	Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread
	the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where
	wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

- Verse 18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.
- Verse 19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

Destruction will soon be coming to the earth, and the only means of escaping the destruction will be in Jesus Christ. Listen to I Corinthians 5:7:

Verse 7 - Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. When you are unleavened, it means that your life is sin-free, and that Christ will be your Passover when the destruction comes from God. You are unleavened when the blood of Jesus has cleansed you from sin.

### Subject: Jesus Is The Door To The Kingdom Of Heaven:

It is not of any benefit in a preacher carrying your mind to heaven when the way you live will bring you back. A preacher cannot give you an entry into the kingdom of heaven; he can only point the correct way. You can only acquire an entry into the kingdom of heaven by living a righteous life.

Jesus is the good shepherd and the door into the kingdom of heaven. When you acquire the truth from Jesus, you will also acquire the correct way into the kingdom that will give you eternal life. Jesus is the truth, the life and the way to heaven. Listen to St. John 10:9:

*Verse 9 - I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.* 

# Subject: If You Are Saved You Are Delivered From The Second Death:

Christ is our Passover who has delivered us from the power of death. Christ suffered and He became our Passover by the shedding of His blood upon the cross of Calvary as the sacrificial lamb. God gave Christ power to use death to defeat the power of death against those who were willing to receive Christ. Christ entered the territory of death and took away its power that was against those whom Christ was sent to save. When death lost its power against the children of God, Satan also lost his power against God's children.

Today death has no terror against a child of God. The death of the physical body is a sweet passage into Paradise for a child of God. Everybody who is saved is redeemed from death and will not experience the second death. Today we rejoice because it was the blood of Jesus Christ that 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 the second death. Today, if you are saved, it is because you have accepted the death of Christ's righteous life that was sacrificed for your sins.

## Subject: Every Eye Shall See Him:

The scriptures teach that Jesus is coming back to the earth again, and every eye will see Him. Listen to Revelations 1:7:

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

Even those who rejected and crucified Him will see Him along with those who have rejected Him today. God had two angels to witness Jesus' ascension, and they instructed the disciples that the same Jesus which was taken up from them into heaven shall come back in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven (Acts 1:9).

This group of disciples had gone out to Mt. Olivet to receive instructions from Jesus, and all at once He was taken up, and a cloud received Him. When the clouds took Jesus, the disciples were standing and gazing into the sky. The angels were sent there to call them back to reality, because along with their eyes following Jesus' ascension, so were their minds taken.

As the disciples observed Jesus leaving the earth, they were also observing the end of His ministry as a human. Upon Jesus' next appearance, the world will see the end of the grace period, and the execution of the judgment for all who did not get saved (Jude 1:14-15).

# Subject: The Meek Shall Inherit The Earth:

Everything in the creation belongs to God. The earth is the Lord's, and it doesn't belong to any person who seems to hold the possession of it while they are living in this present world. Those of us who are saved are going to inherit the

earth. God is going to give it to us. God initially gave the earth to Adam, and Adam gave it to the devil. It was by Adam's disobedience that the devil got possession of the earth, and it will be by obedience that those who are saved will acquire possession of the earth (Psalm 37:7-11).

When we are born again of the Spirit of God, we who were once not saved have learned that the possessions in the world that the unsaved presently possess will only be retained while they live. God has said in His word, "For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth". God is saying that in just a little while, the wicked shall not be here, but the meek shall inherit the earth and delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

# **CHAPTER 2**

# THE UNADULTERATED WORD OF GOD

# Subject: Holy Men Were Inspired By God To Write The Scriptures:

Every scripture in the Bible was given by inspiration of God. God's Holy Spirit inspired or moved upon holy men who lived according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit to write the Bible. Such men were first taught how to live Holy, and were given revelations from God concerning what God desired for the people to know. They were holy men that had learned the ways of the people and received knowledge from God to give to the people. Many of the people were living contrary to the knowledge that God had given the holy men to give to them. This resulted in many of the holy men being persecuted and killed for giving the people knowledge from God.

## Subject: A Virgin Was The Mother Of Jesus:

The original King James Version of the Bible teaches in (Isaiah 7:14) that Jesus was born of a virgin. You have to be careful of what Bible you read because writers of the new revised versions of the Bible contend that the original King James Version which states that Jesus was born of a virgin is in error. They state that the correct translation is that Jesus was born of a young woman, and not a virgin.

When the word virgin is not used to describe the virtue of a woman whether she be young or old, and the reference is to a woman who is not married having a child, and she is not married, the implication is that the child was born of fornication. Such translators of the revised versions of the Bible are in contention against what God stated in the original King James Version.

In the original King James Version, God's word stated that Jesus was conceived of the Holy Ghost, and not from the seed of a man. Listen to St. Luke 1:31, and 34-35:

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

Now Mary testified that she had never been touched by a man. Mary was a holy woman who would not tell a lie about her virginity.

Verse 34 - Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

Gabriel replied by honoring Mary's testimony that she was a virgin, and Gabriel stated that the Holy Ghost would conceive the child.

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

I personally would not write anything in my books that would be contrary to what the original King James Version of the Bible has stated. There are serious consequences for taking away from the principles that God had holy men to put in the original King James Version of the Bible. Listen to Revelations 22:18-19:

- Verse 18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.
- Verse 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

# **Subject: The Bible Is A Spiritual Book Of Instructions:**

The world is filled with different churches and denominations today because people interpret what the Bible teaches to be in line with their sinful nature. Such Bible believers want to be saved and carnal at the same time. In order to be saved, you have to be saved from the carnal nature. If the carnal nature has been approved of by your religious interpretation of the Bible, you then would have been deceived by your interpretation of the Bible. The Bible is a spiritual book that gives instructions directing you into a holy way of living. When you are living holy you are free from carnality or a life of sin. When you are born again God gives you a spiritual or righteous mind to replace the carnal mind. When you are carnally minded you are not saved; when you are spiritually minded you are saved. Listen to Romans 8:6-7:

- Verse 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- Verse 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

# Subject: The Word Of God:

The word of God created the world because the Spirit of the Lord was in the word of God. Listen to Genesis 1:1-2:

- Verse 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- Verse 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

When the word of God is presented, the Spirit of God accompanies the word to accomplish the purpose for which the word was given. Jesus was known in heaven before He came to the earth as the word of God.

When God sent Jesus to the earth, God made a body for His word to dwell in. The word of God was sent to the earth in the form of Jesus' body to dwell among men that they might learn what the word of God was offering the people of the earth from heaven. Jesus, while living in a human body, demonstrated the power that was in the word of God to show the people that they could be saved by the power in the word of God.

Jesus stepped out on the deck of a little ship in a storm and rebuked the winds and the storm. Those who witnessed the power of the word of God could behold His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, who was full of grace and truth. The word of God further taught that God sent His word to teach the people of the earth how not to do the things that would destroy them, and that by obeying the word they could be delivered from such things.

# Subject: You Can Only Be Saved According To The Scriptures:

If you are going to be saved, you have to accept the truth as it is given in the Bible. You can only be saved according to the scriptures. Some principles taught in the scriptures may appear to be impossible to adjust to your way of thinking and to your prior religious teaching. Keep in mind that the Jews who were saved under Jesus' ministry had to deny certain principles that they had received in their first religious teaching in order to allow the gospel of Jesus Christ to give them salvation.

The Bible reveals that the word of God is of no private interpretation. The scriptures cannot be adjusted to the human nature of the unsaved. It is necessary for the unsaved to be regenerated to a higher level of holiness to be in accord with what the scriptures teach.

# Subject: Don't Let Your Mind Be Hardened Against The Word Of God:

The word of God is the only given knowledge of what will happen at the end of the world. When the majority of the people of the world allow their minds to let the devil get into their way of thinking so boldly that it will no longer be possible for them to receive the word of God and be saved, the grace period that God has given to the world will pass. Listen to St. Matthew 13:13:

Verse 13 - *Therefore speak to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.* 

It is not that God is willing that any should perish, but that the devil has filled the hearts of many people with evil, and hardened them against the gospel. The gospel is good news that Jesus brought to the earth giving instructions on how to be saved. However, the grace period will soon pass, and most people will not be saved because of the hardness of their hearts.

Listen to the effect that the word of God will have on the minds of many people in St. Mark 4:16-17:

Verse 16 -	And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;
Verse 17 -	And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

## **Subject: Let The Scriptures Confirm Your Salvation:**

When you are learning about God, and the plan of salvation that He is offering to the world, you should learn from the scriptures. If your pastor is not teaching you about being saved from the Bible, there could be some very important knowledge that you are not learning that could be the determining factor of whether or not you will be saved. You should be able to learn from the scriptures for yourself whether or not you are saved. The only time that you should take your pastor's word that you are saved is when he is showing you scriptures to confirm your salvation.

When the prophets of old spoke concerning God, they always said that "the word of the Lord came unto me", making it known that the word of the Lord did not come from them, but from God. God is not going to allow any sin into the kingdom of heaven, and neither will sin be on the new earth that God is going to prepare for those who are saved. Nothing but righteousness will be in God's new heaven and earth. Listen to II Peter 3:13-14:

Verse 13 - Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look

for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

In order to be a part of God's new holy habitations we must be made blameless before we can qualify to go.

Verse 14 - Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Blameless and without spot means that your life must be sin-free.

# **Subject: Light To Your Conscience:**

God brings the light of the gospel to every human being in their consciences. In the book of Titus 2:11, instructions are given to the world that we might know that the grace of God hath appeared to every human being in their conscience, teaching them that every time something ungodly is presented to their minds to do, they must deny it. If they believe the word when they hear it, and deny sinful temptations, it will purify their minds and cleanse them of their sins.

# Subject: You Can Only Defeat Evil With Knowledge Of The Word Of God:

You can only defeat and overcome evil by learning and obeying the word of God. If you are not knowledgeable of what the Bible actually teaches, the devil will destroy your soul. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit, and is prepared by God to defeat the devil and the forces of evil. Whenever a church does not teach the Bible, it means the devil is the administrator of the church because as long as the devil can keep you ignorant, you will be losing the war against evil. You must know the word of God to overcome evil.

It is not enough to have the Bible in your home; you must have the word of God in your heart. When you are properly equipped with knowledge of what the

word of God teaches, you can fight the devil. Jesus is the word of God, and when you learn and obey the word, the power of the Holy Spirit activates what the word of God teaches in your life to assist and give you instructions of deliverance and safety when the devil assaults you.

# CHAPTER 3

# SIN AND THE CARNAL NATURE

# Subject: When You Commit Sin You Are Not Connected With God:

Sin is a product of the devil. It originated from the devil. The devil was the first sinner. When a person commits sin, such a person is not connected with God. Such a person is under the influence, authority, and power of the devil. Listen to the description that the Bible gives of the first sinner in Ezekiel 28:14-15:

Verse 14 -	Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I
	have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain
	of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst
	of the stones of fire,

Verse 15 - Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Sin was first found in the devil, and was later past down to Adam. A person who commits sin is of the devil, and they will have no fellowship with God and the devil at the same time. Listen to I John 3:8-10:

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

You are not a child of God when you commit sin; you are a child of the devil.

- Verse 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
- Verse 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

## Subject: Jesus Came To Destroy The Works Of The Devil:

Jesus was sent to the earth to destroy the works of the devil for all those who desire to be saved. The teachings of Jesus Christ condemn, undermine, and bring to nothing the works of the devil. When a person receives the gospel of Jesus Christ, then the works of the devil will be removed from their life, and the works of the kingdom of heaven would have come unto the person. Listen to St. Matthew 12:28-29:

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

The devil is considered to be the strong man in the lives of those who are not saved. When the teaching of Jesus Christ is received by a person, it has power to bind the strong man in the person's life, and cause the works of the devil to be cast out of their life. The gospel spoils the works of the devil.

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

### Subject: Sin Cuts Your Life Span Short:

When sin came into the world after Adam disobeyed God it wasn't preeminent. This means that it had very little effect upon the people because they were accustom to living a righteous life. Righteousness was a dominant part of the culture that they had when sin first came into the world. Through the centuries, sin has acquired a more severe effect on people because they have learned that sin offers more pleasures than living righteous. This results to people having a shorter life span, because sin eventually kills people. Listen to Genesis 5:15-17:

Verse 15 -	And Ma-ha'-la-le-el lived sixty and five years, and
	begat Ja'-red:

Verse 16 - And Ma-ha'-la-le-el lived after he begat Ja'-red eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

Verse 17 - And all the days of Ma-ha'-la-le-el were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

During the days of Ma-ha'-la-le-el, men walked with God; that means that they obeyed God. When you obey God, sin can't trespass your presence, because God will be with you, and sin will not have an effect upon you as it would with those who don't walk with God. Listen to Genesis 5:21-22:

Verse 21 -	And E'-noch lived sixty and five years, and begat
	Me-thu'-se-lah:

Verse 22 - And E'-noch walked with God after he begat Me-thu'-se-lah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

The wages of sin is death. When men were just leaving the presence of God and going into a life of sin, they lived hundreds of years. When you obey God sin doesn't cause you to die. At the end of your allotted time to live, God takes you into a peaceful rest in paradise. This is not death like sin causes for those who have disobeyed God. This is a rest for the people of God. Listen to Hebrews 4:9 and 3:

- Verse 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
- Verse 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

# Subject: The Reprobates:

After a person has been taught the true knowledge of salvation, and decides not to obey the knowledge, yet remain in a church to be an active member, such a person cannot be saved with this mind. They will be classified as a reprobate, or wicked person, because God will not consider such a person for salvation. Such a person would have come into the church for a purpose unrelated to salvation. They will have no intention of being saved, but only to desire to influence the weaker and ignorant members causing such members to be distracted from what would help them to be saved. These type church members are the children of the devil planted in the midst of those who are trying to be saved to discredit and spoil the works of God.

Their spirits will be revealed by their intentions to find faults, and criticize those who are saved. They will complain about everything that doesn't please them. They will oppose the teaching of the word of God by contending with the saved members, and trying to influence the weaker members.



# **CHAPTER 4**

# YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

# Subject: We Are Born Again After The Way God Made His Entry Into The World:

God's presentation to the earth was prophesied, prepared, and fulfilled by the third part of God, which was the Holy Ghost. Listen to St. Matthew 1:18:

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.

This process of God being presented to the earth by the Holy Ghost was very important because it would be by this process that all who would accept Jesus would be born again. Jesus' birth and conception by the Holy Ghost would be a pattern by which we would be born again.

Jesus' birth was a spectacular presentation to the world that has been continuous up to this present day for all who have believed His gospel. Just as Jesus was born of the Spirit of God, those of us who are saved have been born again of the Spirit of God, receiving the birth of a new mind. The Spirit of God enters our minds when we believe the word of God, which is an incorruptible seed. All of God's plan for presenting Himself to the world was for the purpose of giving those of us who would be saved the new-birth, according to the way that God made His entry into the world.

# Subject: The Spirit Of God Leads You To Eternal Life:

If you are born again of the Spirit of God, along with some suffering you will also receive joy from the Holy Spirit. If you have not been born again of the Spirit of God, you are yet in the carnal nature, which will give you sinful pleasures that won't last. The carnal nature will make you rebellious to the teachings of the word of God, and you will desire to have your own way. This will result to the end of your way being death. The end of the way that the Spirit of God gives you will be eternal life. God first revealed the way of eternal life to Adam in the Garden of Eden. Listen to Genesis 2:16-17:

- Verse 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
- Verse 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

God set a tree in the Garden of Eden as a line of demarcation for Adam to see the way to eternal life, and the way to death. God makes it very plain to us concerning the things that will bring life or death. When man disobeys God, he will lose the benefits that God is offering. If man obeys God, he will be blessed with everything he needs while in this life, and eternal life after this life ends.

Sin is deceitful. God knew that when Adam disobeyed the commandment, he would not be able to control sin. Adam allowed a curse to come upon the human family by his disobedience to God. Adam's spirit of disobedience allows him to live in every person that is born in sin, and the only way that we can be delivered from Adam living in us is that we must be born again of the Spirit of God.

When we are born again of the Spirit of God, Christ replaces Adam who previously lived in us as sinners. The same Adam that disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden is in us until we are born again. When we are born again, the old Adam dies and the only begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ, will become alive in us.

#### **Subject: The New Birth Is Spiritual:**

The new-birth in Christ is spiritual. It will control the physical operations of your life, but it will administer spiritual power to do this. This power will be given by the Holy Spirit. God is spirit. When you get saved, you are brought into the spiritual existence of God by His Spirit. Spiritual things of God are righteous or holy. When you are born again, you are born of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God will regenerate the spiritual part of your existence, which is your mind. It will give you the birth of a new mind. Your initial mind was carnal or sinful. This is a low state of spiritual existence. When you are born again, the Holy Spirit upgrades or regenerates your mind to a higher level of spiritual existence to be holy.

When your mind has received power by the Holy Spirit, it will cause your physical operations of life to be righteous rather than sinful. The Holy Spirit

would have given you a new mind by the word of God. It would have caused the word of God to be planted in your mind like a seed that is planted in the earth. It will be an incorruptible seed, which will give you everlasting life. This will be a two-part process by the Spirit and the word of God. They work together to give you the new-birth. They are infinite and incorruptible sources of power, which will live in you to abide forever. You are then a candidate for eternal life in God's kingdom.

### **Subject: What Is A Conversion?**

A conversion is not the complete work of salvation. Repentance is the first step towards being saved, and a conversion should follow repentance. To be converted is to be convinced that the gospel leads to the way of salvation, while your previous life of sin leads to the way of death. When you are convinced and begin to change your way of living from a life of sin to a life of righteousness, you are converted.

When your conversion is sincere, you will have God's attention, and next will come the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will do a completed work of grace by giving you the new-birth. Now all this may not happen immediately. You will be led into this process to be saved according to your understanding. It is important that you stay under the direction and counsel of those who are already filled with the Holy Spirit.

If you don't stay close to those who are truly born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, you will find that though you have been converted, you will go back to a life of sin. It is the influence of those who are saved that keeps you when you are converted until you are filled with the Holy Spirit. In St. John 17:12-17 it teaches that when the disciples received the word of God, Jesus prayed that they be kept from the world, because by them not being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus prayed that after He had gone from them, the Father would send the Holy Spirit so that their light might not be dimmed. In order to be saved from sin, it is necessary to be kept from the influence of the world. There is nothing in the world that can help a person to maintain a life of righteousness. After that a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, the person will have no use for the world. The social life and sins of the world will be distasteful to a Holy Ghost filled person. The Holy Spirit will give a person such power over the influence of the world that the person will lose all of their attraction to the things of the world.

# Subject: Your Approach To The Throne Of Grace Must Be Entirely Spiritual:

There is no other way to come to God except by being born again. When you approach the throne of grace, the new-birth is what keeps you there. The newbirth is entirely spiritual, which means no sinful or carnal ways of your life should be inclusive with your approach to the throne of grace. You should have repented, or turned from everything that you knew was wrong and this would allow you to present yourself to God as a living sacrifice with the purpose of being a new creature.

Your approach to God should be according to the instructions that the word of God gives, because your new-birth would be of the word of God. You cannot receive a new-birth by the word of God if your approach to God is contrary to the instructions that the word of God gives. When the instructions are properly followed you would be receiving a new life conceived by an incorruptible seed that would be totally contrary to your former life of sin.

### **Subject: The Word Of God Brings Salvation Into Your Heart:**

Changing social groups does not mean that God has changed your life. You can leave a social group of people that you at one time enjoyed sinful pleasures with and join a church, but it does not mean that you are saved. You must experience a change of heart to be saved. You don't receive the new-birth from the people in your social or religious life; you receive the new-birth from God.

God does not place salvation for you in a church, He places it in your heart. The thing that makes you saved is God in you, and not you in a church building. When you are born again the word of God brings the new-birth into your mind by the power of the Holy Ghost. The word of God does not take you to a church to give you the new-birth, it puts salvation in your heart and you can then take your testimony to an assembly.

#### Subject: When You Are Born Again, You Are Born Of God:

If you read the Bible in a public place, some folk will be surprised to see you reading. They won't be so surprised to see you reading the newspaper. They will think that you are a preacher or a dedicated Christian. In addition, they might ask you questions about your religious beliefs, if you are reading the Bible. If they are familiar with the scriptures they might start a conversation about what you are reading. You should then be prepared to give them an accurate account of what the Bible teaches.

You should ask them if they believe that when a person professes to be a Christian that they can live in this present world and not commit sin. If they respond by saying no one can live in this present world without sinning, then you could ask them do they think that they can be saved when their beliefs are contrary to what the Bible teaches.

You can then show them what the book of I John 3:9 teaches: "It teaches that he that is born of God does not commit sin". If they have a problem believing the word of God, then they will most likely let you continue to read the Bible and not disturb you any further.

# Subject: How Are We Born Of God?

When you are born again, God is born in you; you are then born of God. God will then abide in you and you in Him. God will not abide in a sinner, neither will He allow a sinner to be partaker of His nature. When God is born in a sinner, He implants His holiness in a sinner and He will allow His Holy Spirit to remove the carnal nature of a sinner by means of holy fire from the Holy Spirit.

After this process takes place, you will not be able to sin because sin will no longer be in your nature. You cannot commit sin when sin is not a part of your inborn tendencies. God at this point and time in your life would have given you new, holy inborn tendencies, which will be sin-free.

#### Subject: The Second Birth:

When you are born again, the second birth removes your sinful nature. Your nature of sin created a wall of partition between you and God. So God has arranged that you can receive a second birth to remove and replace the birth of your sinful nature.

In the second birth, the seed, which is the word of God, will remain in you stabilizing the second birth with power to prevent the nature of sin from coming back into your life. The procedure for receiving the second birth was presented to the world by Jesus for the purpose of instructing man on how to be saved from the natural tendencies of his sinful birth.

Jesus came to bring man the knowledge of the new way involving the second birth, which will lift his mind, desires, and tendencies to be above sin. When this process of being born the second time has been completed in a person's life, they will walk or live in the Spirit of God, and not fulfill the former desires of the flesh or previous sinful nature that their first birth gave them.

#### Subject: A New-Born Baby In Christ:

When you first start out to live a saved life, you will be living on the milk of the word. You will be like a new-born baby slowly acquiring nourishment that will eventually build spiritual strength with power that will enable you to stand alone. At such time the stronger person that God has assigned to you as a spiritual guardian will be instructing and helping you. They will help you primarily by being an example to follow. You will then be led about patiently until you can walk alone.

#### Subject: Heirs Of The Kingdom Of Heaven:

If you become a citizen of the kingdom while you are living on the earth, you will become a beneficiary of the promises of God. You must be born again to become a citizen of the kingdom of heaven. Though you will have the blessings of God while you are living in this present world, your gain after you leave here will be much greater.

Now use the things that you gain in this present world very loosely because they will eventually perish, and if you become too closely attached to the material things that you gain in this life you will perish with them. If you use the things that you gain in this life to build hope for a life in the kingdom of heaven, and to motivate others to acquire this hope, they will be serving a good purpose, and God will multiply your financial and material gains without allowing such blessings to corrupt you.

## **Subject: Are You Saved?**

When you are saved you are filled with the Holy Spirit. This means you are born again. Under these spiritual conditions you should no longer commit sin. You should then be steadfast, and upright in all of your ways of conducting yourself. Your life should be under the guidance, directions, counsel, and influence of the Holy Spirit. Keep in mind that the Holy Spirit is God. God will then be living in you. You will at this time in your life take instructions from the word of God.

You will do missionary work in the community, and support the finances in your place of worship by paying your tithes and offerings. There will be a test that God will allow to come upon you from time to time, and you will stand your test. You will be one that God will call upon when He needs a dependable servant for special purposes. You will be classified by God as a saint.

# Subject: You Will Be Able To See Your Calling When God Saves You:

When God calls you to receive salvation, He is calling you to perfection. This means that no guile, deceit, malice, hatred or hypocrisy will continue to be a part of your life. God calls you with power to purge, sanctify and deliver you from all unrighteousness. When you accept a calling from God all of the forces of evil have to step aside, and the Spirit of God will give you the boldness to accept your calling. The Spirit of God would cause you to come out from among any social or religious group that God is not a part of. You would then be separated unto the gospel of Christ, being peculiar to those who are not saved. You would have experienced a calling unto holiness, after which the devil would have no devices in your life. You would have been born again of the Spirit of God that will give you power to live or walk in the Spirit, never fulfilling any former desires of the flesh that you previously practiced.

You will clearly be able to see the works of the Holy Spirit being manifested in your life by means of the fruit of the Spirit. The Lord will be prominent in your mind on a daily basis. This would not be a temporary conversion, but a permanent filling of the Holy Spirit, which will make you steadfast and unmovable from your stand with God. You will be happy with Jesus alone if nobody else wants to follow the way God is leading you. Every day of your life, you will be giving attention to the return of Jesus Christ by waiting and watching for His appearance.

# **Subject: A True Conversion:**

There are so few people that understand the plan of God, and how the grace of God is given, because they don't have the assistance of the Spirit of God. There is something that happens to a person who believes the word of God that will be difficult for the person to explain to others who don't believe the word of God.

Belief in the word of God is not something that happens carelessly, or loosely. It must be a true surrenderance of the listener's mind to what the word of God is saying. When a person truly believes the word of God, the power in the word will immediately cause them to completely turn their life around. There will be a transition resulting from their conversion from confusion to peace. Their mind will be completely clear on how God is leading them from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. There will be no confusion on which way the word of God is leading the person.

The word and the Spirit of God will be the controlling forces in their conversion. The word and the Spirit will be manifesting power in the person's life placing the person on a course to salvation. They will clearly be able to see where they left their old life of sin, and how the new course of righteousness is directing them into the kingdom of heaven.

Every previous problem and conflict that they had in their old life of sin will be cured and resolved by their faith in God. They will experience deep settled peace that will pass their own understanding. They will learn that God is the answer to every problem.

The knowledge that they acquire mentally from the word of God will have a positive physical effect in their lives. Their testimony and conversation will be primarily about what God has done for them.

### Subject: The Living Word Of God:

When you are born again you will serve as a light of righteousness to your fellow man. The Holy Spirit lights up the life of a saved person so that others can see what salvation looks like in a person's life. The conduct and actions of a saved person illustrates the word of God in living form. Such people are living epistles. They are the walking word of God. They are mobile churches that are actively operating in the name of Jesus.

# Subject: If You Are Saved You Have A Part Of God Living In You:

No matter how small or unimportant we may be in this world, if we are saved, God accepts us on an equal basis with His Son Jesus. If your life is clean and pure, you have power with God in the same degree that Christ had when He was on the earth.

When you are a righteous person, God makes you one with Him. In the family of God everybody is equal. When you are born again, the Holy Spirit, which is the third part of God, becomes a part of your life, which means God will be living in you. When God is living in you, you are equal with God.

# Subject: When God Saves You He Makes You Equal With Him:

If the Holy Spirit has given you the new-birth in Christ making your life clean and pure, you have power with God in the same degree that Christ had when He was on the earth. Though Christ is presently in heaven, He is also in your life by the power of the Holy Spirit. God loves to occupy and bless a person who is sin-free with a pure and clean life.

To be spiritually clean means that you don't participate in such things as fornication, adultery, liquor drinking, cigarette smoking and illegal drugs. When God perceives that you desire to live clean and pure, He makes you one with Him. Your righteous life makes you equal in the family of God.

When you become holy you are like God. There are no low standards of holiness that would allow you to be less holy than God. When God makes you holy, He brings your life up to the standard of holiness that He has.

God does not lower your standard of holiness because you made a mistake, He helps you to correct your mistake, and your willingness to accept correction causes you to be perfect as God is perfect. Listen to St. Matthew 5:48:

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Verse 48 - Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.
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When God saves you His grace makes you perfect as He is perfect. Under these conditions you are equal with God.

# Subject: You Are Called To Perfection When You Are Saved:

You are justified by your faith or belief in God. Listen to Romans 4:5:

Verse 5 - But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

When you believe that you can live above sin though you have just left a prior life of sin, God does not charge you with, neither acknowledge your prior life of sin. He will give you credit for being righteous based upon your belief that you can, and intend to live a righteous life.

No matter how vile or terrible a sinner you were, God counts your faith in Him for righteousness. As you begin to obey God, being ignorant of many things that God requires, He will not charge you with any mistakes that you make if you believe that He can correct you, and make you overcome the things that you were previously ignorant of. God knows the intent of your heart, and He will not waste time with you when He sees that you have no intentions of accepting correction. God knows when you are willing to correct what you have done wrong, and He will give you credit for being perfect when your intentions are acceptable. When you accept correction from God and don't intentionally do the same wrong things, God will give you power to be perfect over such previous sins.

Perfection does not come from you, it is a gift from God that He adds to your good intentions. Perfection is actually God in you. God wants you to make a few mistakes so that you will be able to see His power to perfect you in righteousness. In actuality, there is not much that you can nor will be required to do to live righteously. It will be God's power in you by the Holy Spirit that will be causing you to live right. Your part in living right will be your belief in His power to keep you living right after you have decided that you want to live right.

Evidence of your belief is that you will obey the things that you can obey, and God will give you power to obey what was too difficult to obey. You will clearly be able to see the limitations of your obedience, and where the power of God has assisted you in things that you know were too difficult to obey.

#### **Subject: Obedience To God Is Victory Over Death:**

After that you have been born again, you are living a life of righteousness, which is not your life, but the life of Christ. Under these conditions, the enemies of God, which are death and the devil, will have no power over you. The power of the Holy Spirit has more power than death, and can prevent death from coming upon you until God allows it.

The Holy Spirit causes your obedience to God to withstand all the enemies of God. It gives your obedience more power than the forces of evil. God sent Jesus to be an example to the world as to how obedience to God would be more powerful than death. When we believe and obey Jesus' gospel just as Jesus obeyed God and defeated death, our obedience will give us victory over death.

The death of our physical bodies will only be a peaceful rest in paradise, and we will never experience the second death. Though our physical bodies will return to the earth, God will save our souls, which is the life of our physical bodies, and give us another body that will live forever in heaven. These principles are not theories, but are facts from the word of God. Listen to I Corinthians 15:21-22:

- Verse 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
- Verse 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

# Subject: Why We Should Be Baptized By Submerging Under Water:

Baptism by being submerged under water symbolizes the burial of Christ for our sins. This cannot be properly symbolized by sprinkling or pouring water on a person. Jesus died and rose again for our sins. So when we are submerged under the water, it represents the burial for our sins as Jesus was buried for our sins. When we are brought up above the water it represents the resurrection of Jesus.

Just as Jesus' old body was buried and He received a new glorified body after His resurrection, the power in His resurrection should cause our old life of sin to be dead, and we should be able to live a new life of righteousness. Now listen carefully to Romans 6:3-9:

- Verse 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
- Verse 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- Verse 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
- Verse 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

When our old life that desired to commit sin is dead, we are free from sin.

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

- Verse 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:
- Verse 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

The power in Jesus' resurrection will only go into effect for those who have properly honored His burial and resurrection by being baptized, having their bodies submerged under water to honor Jesus' burial, and to be brought up out of the water to honor Jesus' resurrection. Those who have not properly honored Jesus' burial and resurrection will not be honored by God to receive salvation in Jesus Christ.

# **CHAPTER 5**

# THE WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### **Subject: Because Jesus Lives We Shall Live Also:**

Prior to Jesus departing from His disciples, He promised them that He would not leave them comfortless. Jesus told them that He had prayed to the Father to send them another Comforter which would be the Holy Ghost. Today the Holy Ghost is a Comforter to everybody who has received Jesus' gospel. What Jesus promises to one person, He promises to all. God gave Jesus all power from heaven to the earth to fulfil every promise in His gospel. Though some people who are saved may die before Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection, His promises have power to secure their faith.

The other Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit will not allow the terror from the devil to make them afraid. So Jesus has admonished those who believe in Him to let not their hearts be troubled, and that the Holy Spirit will give them comfort and faith no matter what comes upon the world; they will have faith and peace.

Even though some may go through the valley and shadow of death, He will be with them by means of the other Comforter. It will be because Jesus lives that they will live. Listen to St. John 14:19-20.

Verse 19 -	Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.
Verse 20 -	At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

#### **Subject: A New Mission Of The Holy Spirit:**

It is the nature of man to do what he is told not to do. When a child is told by the mother to not do that which it desires to do, it will get angry. The human nature is rebellious against instructions that are contrary to its desires.

The commandment of God teaches that thou should not commit adultery. That commandment is broken on a regular basis, because it is against what many people desire to do. God seeing the problem in the human nature commissioned the Holy Spirit to do a new work on the human nature to make it easier for humans to obey the word of God.

The Holy Spirit does a washing of regeneration to the human nature giving it a new nature that is compatible with the commandment of God making it easier for
humans to obey God. This process is made available when a person has been born again by the Holy Spirit, and acquires the divine nature of God.

#### **Subject: Your Soul:**

Your soul is your life. It is your mind. Your soul is the eternal part of your existence, whereas your body of flesh and blood is temporary, and will eventually go back to the earth. Your body originated from the earth, but your soul was a gift from God. Your soul will one day have to separate from your body. When this happens, your body will be dead. God gave you your soul so that you could enjoy life. Your soul is very valuable because it is the control center for your emotions and actions of your body.

When God saves you, He gives you the Holy Spirit, which will empower your soul to give orders to your body members not to sin. When your soul is saved, you will be renewed in the Spirit of your mind. This means your mind will have a new way of thinking that will be above your previous desires to commit sin. When you have acquired this mind, it means that you are born again, and your soul or mind will have a permanent unity with God established by the Spirit of God.

## Subject: You Must Be Prepared By God To Receive The Holy Ghost:

Those who desire to be saved need to know about the Holy Ghost. In order for a group of worshipers of the teachings of Jesus Christ to become recipients of the Holy Ghost, God must ordain and commission the Holy Ghost to be sent to such worshipers. This will require a Holy Ghost filled preacher to be sent by God to minister to the worshipers. The minister must be ordained and sent by God, as well as the people being ordained and prepared by God to receive the Holy Ghost. Such worshipers are people prepared by God. Listen to St. Luke 1:17:

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

John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb, and was prepared by the Holy Ghost to make ready a people prepared by God to receive the Holy Ghost. Under these conditions, the church worshipers will be filled with the Holy Ghost. The worshipers will then dispel the darkness of sin from among them, and will perform its functions and mission ordered by God.

God does not fill the worshipers with the Holy Ghost just to enjoy salvation in their personal lives and worship services, but they will have a mission to be a light for the world to come to Christ. The early church, after being established by the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, was aflame in the world, and convicted the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. There was never any doubt as to the mission of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost kept the leaders zealously proclaiming the gospel that the world might know that the righteousness of Christ exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. The hearts of the people were reached, and they came to God by the thousands.

When the truth is preached today, and the true mission of the Holy Ghost is made known, thousands will come to God. Such people will want God, and will yield to the influence of the Holy Ghost when it is preached to them by a Holy Ghost filled preacher. The devil has prevented people today from hearing the true gospel by a Holy Ghost filled preacher. This has been done by the devil using so many false preachers who are giving false religious teachings to the people, causing them not to desire the true teaching of salvation.

Many today have not so much as heard that there is a Holy Ghost, because they have only received the preaching of false preachers. A person can only believe and receive the Holy Ghost after that they have heard the gospel presented by the Holy Ghost. People have failed to be indoctrinated about the importance of being filled with the Holy Ghost. This results to their enthusiasm for being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost being limited. This leaves them with no desire to further seek a filling of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost is the complete work of grace, and is more than a match for the devil. The Holy Ghost administers faith that justifies, and gives power to sanctify, and that is the complete work of grace.

### Subject: The Holy Ghost Is The Administrator Of Salvation In Jesus Christ:

You cannot worship God nor follow the teachings of the gospel unless the Holy Ghost is the teacher and administrator of your assembly. The Holy Ghost must be using a preacher to teach and conduct the worship services in order for the worshipers to worship God in Spirit and truth. The preacher may be a wonderful speaker and the choir may be great singers, but without the power of the Holy Ghost being present in the assembly, the church would be carnal.

The Holy Ghost is the only power to keep the church spiritual. When the Holy Ghost is not present, the worshipers would have nothing in their assembly that would direct them to salvation in Jesus Christ. All the principles that lead to salvation that were established by God through the apostles were administered by the Holy Ghost using the apostles that people might not be carnal.

Without the spiritual power of the Holy Ghost administering the teachings of salvation in an assembly, carnality will be the administrator. The church of God should be a body of spiritual believers in the teachings of Jesus Christ united together by love, and practicing the principles of righteousness that Christ taught.

You can only become members of the body of Christ when you are built together for an habitation of His Spirit that the world might see that God's temple is not wood, and stones, but lively stones united in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

# Subject: The Holy Spirit Must Establish A Church That Gives Salvation:

Only the Holy Spirit can cause a church to be under the influence of God. When churches are not under the influence of God, the world is in danger. It is the duty of the church to lift up a light to bring the world under the influence of God. The Holy Spirit gives a light to the church and the church will give the light to the people to show them how to escape the dangers of the world. Today the world is in such awful condition because the church has allowed its influence to die. If the Holy Ghost is not received by the church, the church members will still be under the influence of the evil in the world.

It is very important that after church folk are converted that they receive a filling of the Holy Spirit. This will only be possible when the Holy Spirit has established the church and is the administrator of the church. When the Holy Spirit

was first given to the world, all of the acts of the apostles were administrated by the Holy Spirit. The apostles were led to set up missions and churches by the leadership and direction of the Holy Spirit.

If the Holy Spirit has not directed a minister to be a pastor or leader of a church, the members will be under the influence of the world. While being under the influence of the world their worship services will be meaningless unless they receive a filling of the Holy Spirit. This will necessitate that they find a church assembly that the Holy Spirit has established and is an administrator of. Such a church will have a pastor that has been prepared by the Holy Spirit. Otherwise, the people will have no power to be delivered from sin though they may be faithful church members.

## Subject: The Process Of Salvation Is A Renewed Work Of The Holy Ghost:

To be carnal is to have the inborn tendencies to live contrary to the commandments of God. This means to have sin in your nature. To be spiritual means to be free from sin, having the sinful nature replaced with a righteous, holy nature. This replacement of the sinful nature must take place by a process of regeneration, which is a renewed work of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost would give a washing of regeneration by a cleansing of the carnal nature, and upgrading the nature of a person to be placed into a holy generation. You will then become a part of a chosen generation and a holy nation. Listen to I Peter 2:9:

Verse 9 - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

This process will be strictly a work of the Holy Ghost. Listen to Titus 3:5:

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

#### Subject: A Fellowship With God:

The scriptures teach of God's dealing with man, and His plan to restore man in fellowship with Him. God loves to have fellowship with man. Psalm 51:5 gives a description of the condition that man was born in that caused Him not to be in fellowship with God. So God arranged a plan for man to be restored into fellowship with Him. Now make no mistake, if a person is still in sin, they have not yet been restored to fellowship with God. Sin must be removed from a person's life in order for the person to have fellowship with God. So God has arranged and planned that though man was born in sin, he might be born again.

When you are born again you have fellowship with God. When you have fellowship with God, He will take care of you. God will not allow you to be in fellowship with Him, and your needs and desires of life are not provided for. When you have fellowship with God, He blesses and makes you happy and prosperous. You won't hardly find a wealthy person that won't help to provide for a poor friend.

When you are born again you are born of God's Spirit. God will first give you His Spirit to bring you into His family. God's Spirit is a part of God that will give you joy of heart. In addition, God will use His Spirit to be a provider for your life's needs. The Spirit of God will move upon the conditions of the world and cause the material and financial assets to be made available for you. The Spirit of God will guide and instruct you on how to do things in life that will give you a lucrative return, and at the end of the day you can go to God and tell Him how much you enjoy and appreciate your fellowship with Him.

#### **Subject: The Author And Finisher Of Our Faith:**

When you believe that God can save you from sin and keep you from a life of sin, and you testify before others, and shun the appearance of evil, God will give you the Holy Spirit to sanctify you. At this point in your life you would be born again.

After God gives you the Holy Spirit, there will be something within you that will give you a zeal to lift up a standard of righteousness when the devil comes upon you with temptations to commit sin. You can then maintain your stand with God in the name of Jesus, because His name keeps you.

Jesus is the author and finisher of your faith. He is the one who came from

heaven to save us from our sins. When things appear difficult to overcome, you can ask Jesus to help you, and the devil cannot stand against the name of Jesus. Jesus' name makes the devil tremble, but it will relax you.

# Subject: A Correct Description Of The Works Of The Holy Ghost:

When an evangelist travels from city to city, calls people to repentance, and fails to tell them after that they have repented of their sins, that they have got to receive the Holy Ghost, when this knowledge is kept from the people, they won't know whether or not there be any Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost will not come into the lives of those who repent of their sins if they don't have knowledge, and a correct description of the works of the Holy Ghost.

The correct description of the works of the Holy Ghost must be taught to the people when they have repented of their sins. The Holy Ghost only comes into a person's life when their knowledge of the Holy Ghost is accurate. This is the job of the evangelist (Acts 19:1-2). The people must be taught that the Holy Ghost does not make you act foolish by speaking in unknown tongues. If their knowledge of the Holy Ghost is incorrect, then the spirit of error will come into their lives.

The Holy Ghost follows the preacher who is filled with the Holy Ghost, and teaches the correct knowledge. Those who accept the correct knowledge will be filled with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost upgrades the spiritual and social conditions of a person's life. It first gives the person power that is greater than the power of their carnal or sinful nature. This will be power to live free from sin.

The Holy Ghost will be manifested in a person's social and private life more so than in their worship services. If the worshipers only see what they think is evidence of the Holy Ghost in their worship services, then they most likely do not have the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost refines your character to be the product of the fruit of the Spirit, such as giving you a new, holy character (Galatians 5:22-23). Such things as love, peace, joy, goodness, longsuffering, meekness, faith, and temperance will be seen in your private life more so than you trying to impress others that you have the Holy Ghost in your worship services.

God does not give you the Holy Ghost to show-off in a church assembly, but He gives it to you to keep sin out of your life to make you a better person in your everyday private life. Those who receive the Holy Ghost are humble and they will only exalt Jesus, not themselves.

The Holy Ghost was sent by God to bear witness of Jesus. Whatever the Holy Ghost does in a person's life will be done to the glory of Jesus, not any praise or credit to the person that it has filled. The Holy Ghost is a reflector of the light of Christ in the lives of those who have received Jesus Christ. The Holy Ghost enlarges or magnifies Christ in a person's life so that others will not be able to see the old, sinful life of the person, but they will be able to see Christ in the person.

#### **Subject: The New Plan:**

God sent Jesus to the earth to preach salvation to the people for three years. Jesus started His ministry at the age of thirty, learning the culture, ways and dispositions of the people. Jesus very clearly taught and explained to the people that under the existing law of God as was given by Moses, all who sinned would die eternally. He then presented a plan that God had given that would save them from the condemnation of the law if they would repent of their sins and follow the instructions in the new plan that God had given.

Jesus further expanded His ministry by gathering a little cabinet of disciples, and commissioned them to go out and further teach the people about the benefits that God was offering. The proposition from God was that whosoever believed and was baptized because of Jesus' resurrection, that they could be saved. Jesus promised that after His resurrection, He was going back to the Father, but He would not leave them comfortless, and that God had commissioned the Holy Spirit to be sent to the earth to remind them of what Jesus taught, and to guide them into the furtherance of the gospel giving them the new-birth.

## Subject: The Holy Spirit Gives You Wisdom To Direct You Through Life:

The Holy Bible is a book that should be taken very seriously. Everything that was written concerning what would happen in the future is happening. The Holy Ghost overshadowed and caused the prophets to speak, and the things that

they prophesied would happen are happening. When you learn to fear God, you will give high regard to the prophecies in the Bible.

Now there is only one source of help for man in regard to what the Bible teaches, and that source is the Holy Spirit or the Holy Ghost. When you are overshadowed with the Holy Ghost, you have protection from the things that will destroy you, and that is sin. The Holy Ghost lifts up a standard against the things that will destroy you. The Holy Ghost directs, counsels, and gives instructions to those who are filled with the Holy Ghost on how to avoid sinful traps.

When you are saved, God sends His Spirit ahead of the way you go in life, and His Spirit will condemn wrong, and direct you into the safety of the path of righteousness. God knowing the troubles that we will have in this world, commissioned His Spirit to help us. When a person is sincere about obeying God, He will give the person His Spirit. When the Holy Spirit is in a person's life, the person will receive wisdom, which comes from above, and excels all the wisdom that the world has to offer.

When you receive the Spirit of God, you will be directed by wisdom through life. Wisdom causes you to live right to the extent that you will not have problems, and encounter trouble. When you have wisdom, the way you go through life will be above sin, and the conflicts of life that others will encounter who are not directed through life by the Holy Spirit will not be a hindrance to you.

## Subject: When You Believe The Gospel The Spirit Of Truth Will Find You:

We don't know ourselves as well as we think we do, because our hearts or minds are deceitful. Our intentions can be deceiving. We can think that we know what we are going to do, but we can do something different (Jeremiah 17:9). Only the Spirit of truth, which is the Holy Spirit can direct us to do right after it gives us the right intentions.

You can identify when the Spirit of truth is directing you when you have knowledge of the word of God. The word of God gives you the knowledge of how to identify the Spirit of God. Now you won't know where the Holy Spirit will come from, but when you believe the word of God as was taught by Jesus, the Spirit of God will find you, turn your life around, and give you the new-birth.

#### **Subject: The Spirit Of Truth:**

After the knowledge of the truth has been given to the people from the gospel of Jesus Christ, it is necessary that the people receive the Spirit of truth, which is the Holy Ghost that will guide them into the paths of the truth. The true gospel gives detailed instructions on how to follow the plan of salvation, and unless people have some assistance on how to follow the truth, they will deviate from the truth. St. John 16:13 reads as follows:

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

The Spirit of God brings about what God's word teaches when you obey the word. It honors the instruction given by God. When a person receives and obeys the word of God the Spirit of God causes things to happen in the person's life according to what the word has instructed. The Spirit of God will activate a performance of the word when a person obeys the word. After that a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, it will give them power and boldness to follow its guidance. Such a person will then learn the reality of God by the witness of what the Spirit is doing in their life. The Spirit will cause them to see the reality of God in their personal life based upon how they are living after following the instructions given by the word of God.

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

God is not nature, but He can use and control nature. If God doesn't control nature, it would make life so difficult that most humans would not be able to survive. In making the creation, God spoke to nature. Nature is a means by which God works to accomplish His purposes. God can at any time reverse the ways of nature causing it to do things the opposite of the way it normally functions.

Humans live and do things according to their natural tendencies, and the natural tendencies of humans is to commit sins. When God is going to save humans, He reverses the natural tendencies of humans causing them to live righteous. This is done by the power of God's Holy Spirit. Nature is unholy, so God uses His Holy Spirit to make nature do things contrary to its normal way of doing things.

It is natural for people to hate those whom they do not like, so the Holy Spirit can come into a person's life, and make them love a person that they at one time hated. Nature does not like the Holy Spirit because it is contrary to nature's ways. When a person is born into the world, the nature of a person causes the person to be carnally minded, which means that they will by nature have a mind to be contrary to the holy ways of God. This means that the very nature of a person will cause them to die unless God reverses their sinful nature to a holy nature. Listen to Romans 8:6-7, and 9-10:

Verse 6 -	For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually
	minded is life and peace.

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

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you are born again receiving a holy or spiritual nature from God. This is a divine nature.

Verse 9 - But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

When Christ is in you, your carnal nature will be dead, because the Spirit of Christ kills the sinful nature, and the Spirit gives you a new life of righteousness.

Verse 10 - And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

## Subject: The Intercessor:

If you are going to be saved listening to a preacher's sermons, the preacher must be using words that are in full accord with the Holy Scriptures. The Holy Ghost must be the means by which the preacher is inspired to preach. The preacher must be completely under the influence and direction of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost must be the intercessor between the preacher and the Holy Scriptures. The Holy Ghost must be the means by which the preacher has been taught, and given knowledge from the scriptures. The Holy Ghost must also work in the minds of the listeners, giving the listeners the ability to receive the word of God. The Holy Ghost must work two ways. It must provide the knowledge to the preacher, and prepare a reception center in the minds of the people to help them to receive the word of God.



## **CHAPTER 6**

# SALVATION: GENERAL TOPICS

## Subject: It Has To Be Given Unto You To Know The Mysteries Of God's Word:

Nobody can correctly interpret God's word. The word of God does not have to be interpreted, this knowledge is given to those that God calls to receive it. Knowledge of the word of God is revelations from God. Such knowledge cannot be acquired by human intelligence, it is made known by the Holy Spirit giving you an anointing.

God's way of giving knowledge to those who will be saved is not a worldly means, but a spiritual gift from God. The understanding of the word of God is a mystery. This mystery is given to the saints or saved people that God has ordained to receive it. For those who are not called by God to receive the knowledge of his word, such knowledge is hidden from them. Listen to Colossians 1:26:

Verse 26 -	Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages
	and from generations, but now is made manifest
	to his saints.

Listen to St. Matthew 13:10-11:

Verse 10 -	And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?
Verse 11 -	He answered and said unto them, <i>Because it is given</i> unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

The reason we have so many different religious denominations today is because people have interpreted God's word to suit their desires and purposes. They have changed the meaning of God's word to establish themselves in righteousness, and it is not according to the righteousness of God.

God gives instructions in His word that are detailed and ordained for the purpose of leading those that He called to be saved to acquire salvation. Unless a people are revealed this knowledge from God's word, their interpretation of the word of God will be ineffectual, leading them away from salvation.

#### Subject: The Gift Of God:

There is nothing that you can do to get saved. You can repent of some sins, but it won't save you. It is not by works that you are saved. It doesn't matter how many years you have worked in a church, it won't save you. You can only be saved by grace. This means that your salvation is completely a gift from God. None of your efforts had anything to do with you being saved.

Salvation is given to you to receive the works of two parts of God's Trinity, which are Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the word of God, which is the seed of righteousness that is implanted in your mind by the Holy Spirit when you believe the word of God. When God offers the gift of salvation all you have to do is to accept it. Salvation is a complete package already prepaid for those who will be saved from heaven.

When the gift of salvation was sent to the earth, it was ready to save anybody who was willing to receive it. The package of salvation was prepared to make ready everybody who was willing to accept it. Their willingness to accept salvation means that they were prepared for it.

#### Subject: God Can Change A Sinner To Be A Saint:

The power of God can take a sinner and make the person a saint. This free power that is made available by grace from God can sanctify a person from their previous life of sin. You get this power by hearing the word of God and believing it. It doesn't matter how bad a sinner the person has been, the word of God will come unto those who are burdened by sin, and it will save them from sin. God wants to change a sinner and show the devil that He can make you clean and holy.

The Lord can wash you with a spiritual cleansing. When you repent with a sincere heart, you will feel the effects of the power of God working in your life. It will change your natural tendencies that you enjoyed in sin to the divine nature of God to live free from sin. You will get no more pleasures out of sin when the power of God has changed you.

#### **Subject: Your Spiritual Existence:**

Whether you get saved or remain unsaved, you are nevertheless going to live twice. Your first life was given to you by your parents; but your second life which will be eternal will be given to you by Jesus. Jesus died so that the saved and the unsaved will live again. If you get saved you will be in the first resurrection to live forever in the kingdom of heaven. If you do not get saved you will be in the second resurrection to live in a lake of fire and brimstone to be tormented forever.

After your life in this present world ends, the first resurrection will permanently separate the righteous from the unsaved. The unsaved will be classified by God as being wicked. After your life in this present world ends, your life in the next existence will be spiritual, not consisting of living in a flesh and blood body, but an eternal body. Those who are saved will have a body like Jesus had after His resurrection. Spiritual things are eternal.

Those who do not get saved will be given an eternal body designed for everlasting pain, misery and torment. In order to escape the second life of torment, you must be born again of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God gives you a new spiritual life that is righteous that will deliver you from the spiritual life of damnation. When you are born again of the Spirit of God, inclusive in your new birth will be guidance given to you by the word of God.

After God has given you the new-birth, you will begin to obey the teachings of the Spirit and the word. You will then become a servant of God, free from sin, and your life will then produce the fruit of holiness.

### Subject: God Has The Power To Impart Immortality To Man:

Human beings are precious to God. Men and women are so valuable to God that He is not willing that any should perish. God loves the souls of humans and is longsuffering to save anybody who is willing to repent. If humans fail to repent, God will not save them contrary to what the scriptures teach, and the scriptures teach that we must repent to be saved.

God desires to save your life. Your soul is your life. God did not create man to perish; that is why He prepared a plan to save man. It was God's initial plan for man to live forever. So after sin and death entered the world, God provided a way for man to be saved. Having immortality in Himself, He also provided eternal life for those who believe and obey the gospel. Therefore, though we die, we shall live again.

So then, if a person dies after accepting God's procedures to be saved, such a person is not really dead, the person is merely asleep, waiting to be awakened by the voice of God. He is like a man asleep in bed whose wife plans to awaken him at an appointed time. When the time arrives, she will call and he will get up. The sound of his wife's voice will carry power to make contact with his ears though he is sound asleep, and the power in her voice will awaken him.

So will it be for everyone who is asleep in Christ. Christ's voice will command the people to be awakened in two different resurrections. The voice command for the first resurrection will be for those who are saved. The voice command for the second resurrection will be for those who did not get saved. Listen to St. John 5:28-29:

Verse 28 -	Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
Verse 29 -	And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have

done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

## Subject: God's Plan Was Presented To The World To Help Man:

The plan of God was for the purpose of helping man to understand that wickedness reproaches him and will eventually lead him to destruction. God illustrated righteousness in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ so that man could see how righteousness would exalt him. So after man had gone contrary to God's plan, and learned that unrighteousness does not pay, man learned that he was not in God's plan.

So man now has come to the end of the road. However, God did not give up on helping man. God seeing that there was no man on the earth to help man, decided to come to the earth Himself in the person of Jesus Christ. After that God came to the earth to help, many will try to seek help from other sources and will still experience failures. The failures of man are the products of man's selfishness and conceit. When a man comes to the conclusion that he can't help himself and that his failures are inevitable, God is on standby at the throne of grace.

## Subject: Listen To The Greatest Message That Has Ever Been Given To The World:

God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Joseph the purpose for Jesus being born of the Holy Ghost. Gabriel told Joseph not to fear to take Mary as his wife after Joseph found that Mary was with child. Matthew further taught that all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet Isaiah. Matthew stated that the purpose of Mary having this child was for Him to save His people from their sins (St. Matthew 1:21).

Matthew said this child would be God with the people of the earth by the name of Emmanuel. Jesus' purpose would be to save the people of the earth from being destroyed because of disobedience to God. Jesus would present good news to the world, better known as the gospel that would carry power from God to restore those who desired to obey the gospel. They would then be born again having their carnal minds replaced by a divine, or holy mind from God.

This knowledge was brought to Joseph by the angel Gabriel. Gabriel took on the natural appearance of an ordinary man. Though Gabriel appeared ordinary, his movements and messages were done by the power of God. The difference between angels and humans is that what humans do is done by the power of their minds, but the things that angels do are done by the power and presence of God wherever they go.

So now we have Gabriel standing in the presence of the virgin after he had left Joseph to whom she was espoused. Listen to the greatest and most important message that has ever been given to a person. St. Luke 1:28 reads as follows:

Verse 28 - And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

Gabriel is telling Mary that God is saying to you that you are the most blessed woman on the face of the earth. He is saying that of all the women on the earth God has found so much favor in you that He is going to give you the privilege to allow His only begotten Son who is to be the Savior of the world to be born in your body.

#### Subject: God Decided To Enlighten The World Himself:

When God prepared the second part of Himself to come to the earth, His purpose was to empower Jesus so that those whom He came in contact with would see the miracles which Jesus did as a witness to what Jesus was teaching. The power in Jesus' gospel was revealed in the works that He did. Jesus came to the earth and declared Himself to be the Son of God. Jesus said that if it was difficult for the people to believe what he declared, that they could believe Him because of His works, because His works were of the Father.

As Jesus walked up and down in the midst of the people, they saw that physically He was no different from a natural man. Jesus then proceeded to teach that the Spirit of God was upon Him, and that He had been anointed to preach the gospel to the poor. Jesus began to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, He gave sight to the blind, and set at liberty them that were bruised.

Jesus preached the acceptable year of the Lord. God then commissioned the Holy Spirit to do a widespread universal work to make known to the nations of the earth what would take place, and what the results would be of Him bringing this world to the knowledge and understanding of the truth. The people of the earth would then have the privilege to make a choice to be saved or to reject God's plan for their salvation.

#### **Subject: The Blood:**

Blood is life. Wherever blood is there is a source of life. The blood of Jesus Christ which was shed for us to be saved was the life given by the Son of God for the sins of the world, that we might have eternal life. God commissioned the blood of a lamb to carry power to save those of us who honored the sacrifice of blood by obeying the teaching of the Lamb of God.

The power in the sacrifice of blood goes into effect to save those who believe the teachings of Jesus Christ. God put power in the blood of the lamb that was greater than the power of sin and death. The power in the blood caused the curse of sin and death to be of non-effect to those who believe the gospel of Jesus Christ. When Jesus was crucified, the blood from His body was shed on Calvary to go forth to accomplish its mission.

Jesus had to be crucified as a sacrifice in order for the blood to be released to defeat sin and death. The blood had spiritual power that was energized by the Spirit of God to cleanse anyone from sin who believed the gospel. Listen to I John 5:10:

Verse 10 - He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

The Spirit, the water, and the blood go to work for those who believe in the Son of God to give them everlasting life. Listen to I John 5:11 and 8:

- Verse 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
- Verse 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

#### **Subject: The Church:**

Many people think the building in which they worship is the church. They call the building the church. The building is a place where the worshipers assemble, but it is not the church. The church is the people who meet in the building to worship God, believing the gospel and living free from sin. If the teachings of the religious denomination do not wash souls, minds, or lives from sinful practices by using the word of God, they would not be a member of the church that Christ established.

Your testimony of salvation in Jesus Christ is what builds the church. Listen to St. Matthew 16:15-18:

Verse 15 - He saith unto them, *But whom say ye that I am?* 

- Verse 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
- Verse 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, *Blessed* art thou, Simon Bär-jō'-nă: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
- Verse 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

#### Subject: Where Is The Light?

When the world is in a condition of unrest and confusion it is because the church has lost its effectiveness. The church is responsible for the moral conditions of the world, and not law enforcement. Law enforcement is for those who break the law, but the church is responsible for preventing the people from breaking the law. The church is supposed to be a light of righteousness leading people to God. When Jesus was in the world, He was the light. After He left, He said to the disciples, ye are the light of the world.

Today those church folk who are in Christ should be the light of the world. They should be an example to the unsaved world on how to live above what the law forbids. Such believers in Christ should know how to exemplify the principles of righteousness that would present an overwhelming influence to those who desire to be saved. When this example of righteousness is not made known to the world, then the light of Christ is like a candle that is put under a bushel and not on a candlestick.

Since there is so much perplexity in the hearts of people, and confusion as to what the correct course is to follow to find the light, it is clear that people do not have the light to guide them and give them hope for salvation in Jesus Christ. The condition of the world is evidence that people need a light now more than ever. They cannot find their way without help, because they cannot see their way without the light.

#### **Subject: Let Jesus Be Your Friend:**

When Jesus is your friend you don't have to worry about anything. You don't have to worry if you get sick and don't have many other friends. Jesus can feed the hungry, heal the sick and pay your bills. Jesus has promised not to allow you to bear anymore difficulties than you are able. He will provide a means for you if you have been obedient to the word of God. Jesus is all the friend that you need. Jesus will even go with you through the shadows of death. Most other friends won't go that far with you.

#### Subject: Jesus Is The Best Friend That You Can Have:

If you have Jesus in your life, you don't need anything else in life, because Jesus will take care of all your needs according to His riches. Jesus will see to it that you have a good wife or husband.

If you are not married, Jesus will show you how to look for a saved spouse. You won't necessarily have to go to a church to look for a good spouse, such a spouse could be working on your job with you. Jesus will open your spiritual eyes so that you will be looking for the right qualities in a spouse.

You will look for holy, virtuous qualities that will attract your attention more so than physical qualities. You will look for good character traits rather than sexual attraction. When Jesus has inspired your search for a spouse, holiness will attract your attention rather than physical attractions, because lust will not be in your eyes.

#### Subject: Have You Experienced A Calling From God?

When your mind is turning towards the reality of God and from a life of sin, it means that God is calling you. Not necessarily to be a preacher, but to be saved. You can only be saved when God calls you from a life of sin. God calls you unto holiness, which means He calls you to be sin-free. Listen to I Thessalonians 4:7:

Verse 7 - For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

A church does not call you to be saved; the calling must be from heaven. A church cannot convert anybody from a life of sin, only the power of God can do this. Your calling and election from God is for the purpose of appointing you unto salvation. The word of God will give you a description of your calling, and the Holy Spirit will take you out of the world of sin into the family of God. It will administer an adoption process. Listen to Romans 8:14-15:

Verse 14 -	For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God:
Verse 15 -	For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again

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

#### Subject: Do You Understand A Calling From God?

God called Abraham out from his family members, and when God spoke to Abraham he obeyed God and followed the instructions that God gave. When God saves you today, He calls you out from among your unsaved family members and relatives. God will call you to be separate from their churches, and the social lives of the unsaved. When you are saved, you are separated unto the gospel of Christ. The Holy Spirit will sanctify you socially and religiously.

The Holy Spirit will cause you to submit yourself to the instructions that the Bible gives. The Spirit will teach you how to use the Bible as a rule to govern your life. God will assign a Holy Ghost filled leader to help you learn the scriptures. The teachings of the word of God will be for you and not against you.

#### Subject: God Wants You:

When you are trying to live a saved life, you have to be careful of people. People who are not saved are changeable. They can be for you today and against you tomorrow. When folk are not saved, they might oppose you and the person who brought you to the light of the gospel.

Being saved is an individual affair. When God saves you, it is you that he is interested in. God will be sanctifying your life from sin and your association with sinners. God wants you in spite of how others may feel about your new way of living.

#### Subject: Walk In The Light Of The Gospel:

In order for you to receive the word of God for your salvation, your mind must be lifted spiritually. When we are born as sinners, we are born with carnal minds; this means our ways of thinking are under the influence of sinful pleasures. Under such conditions the things that we desire in life are contrary to the teaching of the word of God. This means our minds are at a very low spiritual state and our minds must be lifted to a higher spiritual state to receive the word of God. You cannot understand the importance of what the word of God is offering you until your mind has been elevated to a spiritual level that will enable you to receive the word of God. When this elevation process has taken place, you can then think in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

When you can think in the light of the gospel, you can also walk in the light, or live according to the teachings of the gospel. Under these conditions, the Holy Spirit will come into your life causing you to have fellowship with God, and the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on Calvary would have cleansed you from your sins.

#### Subject: Grace Is Available For Everybody (Titus 2:11):

Every man and woman in the world today has forgiveness of sin if they will accept it. The grace of God is available to all of the people if they are willing to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts (Titus 2:11-12). Grace is not compatible nor in harmony with sin. When you are under grace, you are free from sin. You can't be a sinner and under grace at the same time. When you are a sinner you are under the law. This means you are condemned under the law. Listen to Romans 6:14-15, and 17-18:

- Verse 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
- Verse 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

When you are under grace you are no longer a servant of sin, but a servant of God. You cannot be a servant of sin and a servant of God at the same time.

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

Your obedience to God makes you free from sin.

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

#### **Subject: Grace Controls Your Actions:**

The grace of God was given to control your actions and conduct that are motivated by the carnal nature. The law was given to rule the actions of men by means of punishment if they violated the law. Grace was given to replace the carnal nature causing the actions of men and women to be righteous.

Prior to grace being brought to the world by Jesus Christ, the actions of humans condemned them. People of the earth will mistreat one another if they don't have grace. When a person decides that they don't desire for evil actions to be a part of their ways of living, the Holy Spirit will bring grace into their life and give them the new-birth resulting to the person being free from their previous life of evil actions.

#### **Subject: Grace Can Save You From Self-Destruction:**

Jesus brought grace to the world to deliver us from self-destruction. Sinners bring about their own destruction. The grace of God, which has been made available to all people, saves us from our own ways, and gives us power to live the way that Jesus taught.

When a person takes the life of another person, their own actions will slay them. The law that God gave Moses to present to the world illustrates what actions people can do to kill themselves. Jesus brought a solution by giving grace that would enable a person to live above what the law forbids. The law showed the world which way they were going that would bring about their destruction, and grace showed the people the way to go to escape their destruction.

#### Subject: Grace Helps You To Tell The Truth:

The truth came to the world by Jesus Christ. We could not know the truth about our existence and our eternal destiny until Jesus brought the knowledge of the truth to the world. Jesus also brought grace to help us to accept the truth. Without grace, the truth would not stay with us, and we would eventually ignore the truth and believe lies.

When you receive grace to learn the truth, you will speak the truth. You will speak nothing but the truth because grace would be helping you. No man can speak the truth unless God gives grace to the person. Without grace a person is living in the natural state, and in the natural state perverseness will be preeminent. When you are perverse from the truth, you are separated from God.

Before Jesus was sent to the world to bring the truth, the people of the world were perverse. In order to tell the truth, the Spirit of God brings the grace of God into your life. When you don't have grace your imagination will cause you to tell a lie.

#### **Subject: A Form Of Godliness:**

Having a form of godliness does not mean that a person is saved. A form of godliness can be a physical impression of salvation, and it does not have to be in the heart of the person. Such people who worship in a church with a form of

godliness can sing, preach, testify and pray, but the way that they live in their personal lives can deny the power of God. Listen to II Timothy 3:5-7:

- Verse 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
- Verse 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
- Verse 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Having a form of godliness is like a dummy in the window of a department store advertising clothing. The dummy looks like a human in form, but in reality it has no life. When a person has not been born again they can look like they are saved while in church, but they have no life of Christ in them.

When you are truly saved, the life of Christ replaces your previous life of sin. This is not just for you to show-off in a church, but to live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit will give you power to live like Christ lived because you would have been born again of the same Holy Spirit that conceived Christ in the womb of a virgin.

## Subject: God Is With Those Who Believe The Prophecy Of Isaiah:

The prophet Isaiah gave a very important message to the world. Isaiah presented his message by calling our attention to the fact that God was going to give us a sign. He taught that God was going to do a miraculous work by presenting a part of Himself to the world in the person of His only begotten Son.

Isaiah is teaching that God is going to be with us; and the way that we will know that it is God will be because God will come to earth like no other human has ever been born. God will be born of a virgin. God's birth will be witnessed and authenticated by the angel Gabriel, Mary and Joseph, and later by others who will be revealed the appearance of God in a human body. Isaiah gave the knowledge of God's appearance according to the name that was given, which would be Emmanuel. This means that God will be with us. Today if we believe the prophecy of Isaiah, God will be with us while we live in this present world, and throughout eternity. God started being with those who believed in the person of Jesus Christ, and God has continued to be with us by the Holy Spirit indwelling within us.

#### **Subject: The Wise Men:**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, there were wise men who came from the east to Jerusalem looking for the Lord. They were believers of what the scriptures had taught about the coming of the Messiah. They had searched the scriptures and had learned that when the child, the promised Messiah was born, a certain strange star would appear as a sign. They were men of science or astronomers who had studied the elements and knew about the stars in heaven. So when this unusual star appeared where the prophets had said it would, they decided among themselves that this must be His star. So they set out to find the young child to worship Him.

Today if folk have a mind to worship God of a truth, God will give them a sign that will lead them to the correct religious teaching. In spite of the interference that King Herod tried to use to divert the wise men, God showed them the correct way. As the wise men continued to follow the star, it led them to a stable where they met Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus.

After observing that the new King was born in a stable, the wise men had no reluctance about the baby being the Messiah because they believed the scriptures. In addition, they had confidence in their faith that if everything that they had followed was according to the prophecy of the scriptures that this little baby must be the Messiah. Therefore without any doubt, they fell on their knees, worshiped the baby Jesus, and presented the Son of God with many precious gifts.

#### Subject: God's Word Will Abide Forever:

Since the beginning of Christ's birth in Bethlehem, many evil people have tried to destroy Him. Today the devil tries to destroy the memory of Christ in the minds of the people. Christ is the only hope for the world, He is the solution to all of our problems.

A miraculous event took place in Bethlehem of Judea. The baby who was born of a virgin wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger was the only begotten Son of God sent to the earth to deliver us from our damnable destination that our sins had cursed us to follow. No matter what heretics, infidels, atheists, and critics of the gospel are saying, those who believe can be saved. Such opposers of the gospel cannot prevent the effects that the truth of the word of God can offer those who believe the gospel.

The word will maintain its power to save when non-believers are in hell. This world will pass away, and the lust that is in it; but the word of God will last forever; and those who believe will abide with the word.

### Subject: Jesus Is Emmanuel To Those Who Believe The Prophet Isaiah:

After Jesus came to the earth, the devil influenced the Jewish leaders during that time to accept Jesus as an ordinary man. The devil did not want the Jews to accept Jesus as Emmanuel because the devil did not want the people to believe that God was with them. Satan does not want Jesus to be known as the Son of God today. The word of God can be in the form of power whenever the Holy Ghost has inspired it to be spoken.

The Holy Ghost told Joseph that Jesus would be born in fulfillment of the prophecy spoken by Isaiah. When a person believes the message given by the Holy Ghost, then Jesus becomes Emmanuel, and God will be with the person.

#### **Subject: The Trinity:**

Let's talk about the Trinity. The Trinity consist of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God actually exist in three parts. God is three people who operates as one person. God is like your head, arm and leg. They are three separate parts that function under the administration of the head, which gives orders to the arm and leg. Under no conditions would the arm and leg do anything without receiving orders from the head.

So is it also with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. They never do anything unless

they have received orders from God the Father. God has so prepared the knowledge from heaven so that it can be compared with earthly things to help us to understand heavenly things. You can only understand the spiritual when you compare it with the natural.

There are many church folk today who believe in God only, and do not accept the immaculate conception of the Son of God, nor the virgin birth. They don't know whether there be any Holy Spirit. You can only learn about God by election or ordination. God must call you to learn the correct knowledge of His existence.

God represents law. God was first introduced to the world by the law that He gave to Moses. The law that God gave to Moses was an introduction to the first part of the Trinity. The second part of the Trinity represented grace that came by Jesus Christ. The third part of the Trinity represents guidance, which was presented by the Holy Spirit.

When God decided to send grace to the earth, He incarnated Himself in a flesh and blood body and called Himself Jesus. This was done by God sending his word from heaven who was the second part of His Trinity (Jesus) to the earth, and He put it in the mind of a virgin, and changed the course of nature by reversing the way a person would normally come into the world, which initially was by cohabitation. God then allowed the third part of the Trinity, which is the Holy Spirit, to cause the virgin to bring forth a child, and called His name Jesus. All this was done strictly by the Trinity without any aid of a man.

Grace would be the means by which others could be saved. Grace was made known in the gospel that Jesus taught. The Holy Spirit would implement grace into the lives of those who received Jesus by means of implanting the word of God into their minds giving them the new-birth. The process of salvation would go to work in a person's life by means of God commissioning two parts of His Trinity to give the person the birth of a new-mind from an incorruptible seed, which would be the word of God implanted by the Spirit of God.

#### Subject: The Only Qualified Sacrifice For Our Sins:

Since there has been a nation of people on the earth, there are no historical records telling of the strain on human endurance resulting from the kinds of troubles that the world is experiencing today. The prophet Daniel prophesied of the abomination of desolation that would take place in the last days. This would be a time of trouble like the nations of the earth have never experienced before.

The Bible assures us that all of these things will come upon us, and at that time God's people will be delivered. This will be deliverance for those whose names are written in the book of life. Those who have repented of their sins, and have come to the knowledge of the truth have learned what a great favor God is granting by warning them, and giving them a chance to correct the error of their ways.

God's holiness requires that somebody must pay the penalty for the sins of those who want to be saved. God's holiness will not allow Him to save us simply because we want to be saved. There has to be an acceptable sacrifice that will allow us to enter God's plan for salvation. Jesus was the only qualified person to make such a sacrifice.

Though Jesus was sin-free as a perfect lamb of God, He made Himself guilty for the sins that we committed in order to take the punishment intended for us that we might receive a pardoning, allowing us to be qualified to enter God's holy plan.

#### **Subject: An Ambassador:**

Jesus came into the world to reconcile man to God. Man had become alienated from God through ignorance. Unity with God will give joy, peace and happiness. These blessings are the result of being obedient to God. Jesus presented knowledge of the truth of a country whose builder and maker is God. After Jesus left the earth He commissioned men to be ambassadors of the kingdom of heaven to further teach us how to acquire citizenship in the kingdom of heaven.

Since Jesus left, at different times and in different generations, God has called ambassadors to teach the people of their generation what is required to enter the kingdom. Though an ambassador may live in our country, an ambassador of the kingdom of heaven is a representative of heaven that serves as an agent to try to bring about reconciliation between the inhabitants of both heaven and earth. II Corinthians 5:17-18:

Verse 17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

You must first experience a new way of living to be reconciled to God. The old life of sin will pass away, and you will live in a new, holy atmosphere. All hate, malice, strife, envy and emulations will pass away, because you would have

become a new creature being reconciled to God, and being made an heir to the kingdom of heaven.

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.

#### **Subject: A Ministry Of Reconciliation:**

You can only be reconciled to God by an ambassador who is truly filled with the Holy Spirit. Such an ambassador must be one that God has committed to minister the word of reconciliation. If such a minister has not received the ministry of reconciliation to join you to Christ, he would be wasting your time.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. God must also be in a minister of today by His Holy Spirit using the minister to reconcile us to Christ. Such ministers will pray for the unsaved in Christ's stead that others be reconciled to God. II Corinthians 5:19-20:

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.

An ambassador of the kingdom of heaven would condemn everything that will attempt to separate man from the kingdom of heaven.

## Subject: It Is Better To Believe In The Reality Of God Before His Wrath Falls Upon The Unbelievers:

It is a dangerous thing to interfere with a people that are worshiping the true and living God. God sent Moses down into Egypt to tell the Pharaoh to let His people go that they might worship God and praise Him. Moses presented the messages to the Pharaoh on more than one occasion, using demonstrations of the power of God in a rod to show the Pharaoh that the God of the heavens and the earth had sent him.

The Pharaoh became stubborn, and resisted Moses, because he thought he was a great god in Egypt, and that he did not have to listen to the God of Moses. The devil can use people to make them oppose God, and to be an enemy to the people of God. However, such adversaries will be used by Satan to be a fool. God wanted Israel to learn that no matter what the Pharaoh of Egypt was using to hold them in bondage that He could deliver them. The Pharaoh was ignorant of the God of Moses, and he failed to honor Moses' request from God.

The reality of God was revealed to the Pharaoh in such a spectacular way that the Pharaoh believed Moses, but it was too late to escape the consequences of his initial unbelief. Along about midnight, the first-born of the Pharaoh and all the first-born of Egypt died. There is not much profit in believing God after you have gone to hell. The children of Israel were delivered, and those Egyptians who were living in the nation of Egypt at that time will spend eternity in hell.

#### **Subject: The Humility Of Christ Confused The Jews:**

You have to acquire the humility, simplicity, meekness, and genuineness to be free of hypocrisy as a little child is to enter the kingdom of heaven. When you are converted and are filled with the Holy Spirit, though you may be a full grown adult, the Holy Spirit will give you the nature and character of a little child.

When Jesus was on the earth all the powers of heaven were in support of His ministry, and Jesus humbled Himself to die the death of a malefactor rather than to call on the powers of heaven to deliver Him. After Pilate examined Jesus, he knew that Jesus did not have the attitude and desire for vengeance to do anything that was a threat to the rulership of the Roman Empire. Pilate did not perceive any aspects of Jesus' character that would establish Jesus as being dangerous enough to justify His execution. Pilate concluded that Jesus should have been released.

The Jews could not discern true humility. Though they saw no threat in Jesus as a dangerous person, they were highly disturbed by the religious accomplishments of Jesus' ministry. The Jewish leaders became jealous of Jesus and confused concerning the power in His humility, and His access to the powers of heaven to do things that no other person had ever done.

The Jewish leaders had never learned of any previous religious leaders in the

chronicles of their laws that had ever accomplished such miraculous works that were assisted by the powers of heaven that were not militant. The humility of Jesus confounded the Jews to the extent that they took advantage of Jesus' kindness, love, patience, longsuffering and meekness, and they crucified Jesus.

### Subject: Hatred And Jealousy Caused The Jews Of Jesus' Day Not To Get Eternal Life:

Today the Jews are still waiting for a Messiah. They expect a Messiah that will deliver the nation of Israel from the enemies that are around Israel. They expect a deliverer that will regiment the manpower and armies of Israel to conquer their enemies, and to set up a powerful kingdom that all the world would fear and respect. They are not looking for a Messiah like Jesus was when He came out of Nazareth as a humble son of a carpenter. They did not think that such a leader was qualified to be their Messiah, and neither are they looking for Jesus' second appearance.

Jesus came to the nation of Israel the first time to show them the errors of their ways and to help them to follow the ways of God. When the rulers of the Jews perceived the authority that Jesus was administering with His instructions to the lower class of Jews, they became angry and jealous of the recognition that Jesus was receiving and took counsel against Him. The Jewish leaders rejected Jesus as their Messiah and refused to recognize His authority to teach or do missionary work among the Jews. They kept in mind that Jesus was of the lower social class of the Jews, and they did not want to humble themselves to a person that was of a lower social class than they were.

Although Jesus had done great miracles in the midst of the people to bless their souls and heal their bodies that no other man had ever done, they were still unwilling to give God the glory and recognize the fact that only one sent from God could do such things. They preferred to believe that Jesus did those miracles by the power of the devil. Their hatred and jealousy made them very stupid, causing them to reject their chance to acquire eternal life.

#### Subject: You Must Have Knowledge Of Evil To Defeat Evil:

Whether you realize it or not, you were born into the world of a spiritual war. A spiritual war is a war between good and evil. There are no neutral grounds in this war. You have to choose a side to fight on. The devil is the leader of evil and God is the leader of good. If you choose to obey God, you will be at war against the devil. The Bible is the only weapon that you can use to fight the devil. It is the sword of the Spirit. In order to use the sword of the Spirit effectively, you must learn the word of God.

There are many church folk today who have a limited knowledge of what the Bible teaches. Under these conditions, they will be vulnerable to the forces of evil. You can only learn how to defeat evil when you have learned the devices of evil. You must have the knowledge of evil tactics in your heart, and when you are properly equipped this way, you can fight the devil and defeat his tactics of evil.

#### Subject: Where Did Satan Come From?

Angels were created under grace. They were given the privilege to have access to eternal life more so than humans on the earth who were born in sin. Human's had to learn what was required to be saved, and suffer to experience the process of salvation, whereas angels only had to maintain their obedience to continue in their eternal existence.

In creating heaven, God created an angel called the son of the morning named Lucifer. He was the first created angel of heaven just as Adam was the first created human of the earth. After Lucifer or Satan was created in heaven, he was given dominion over heaven as Adam was the first created son of the earth given dominion over the earth.

Lucifer was the fourth in order after the Trinity of God to have authority over all other angels in heaven. As things are done in heaven, so are they done in the earth. The scriptures teach that God set up Lucifer to be the anointed cherub of the throne of God. It was Lucifer who gave instructions and acted as the chief of the created angels in heaven until the day that he rebelled. When Lucifer rebelled, he was driven out of heaven.

Today if the people on the earth rebel against the teachings of the word of God, they will never get into heaven. After Lucifer was driven out of heaven, he remembered about the family that God had created on the earth in the Garden of Eden. When the council of heaven got together and said let us make man in our image, Lucifer was there. So then, after Lucifer was kicked out of heaven, he came to the earth and forced himself into the family of the earth.

Satan could only get into the family of God on earth the same way that he was kicked out of the family in heaven, and that was by means of disobedience to God. So Satan was able to influence Adam and Eve to disobey God, and then he could feel welcome on the earth as a member of the earthly family. Today if a family is disobedient to God's word, then Satan is a welcomed member of that earthly family.

#### Subject: How Do You Feel About Yourself?

The word of God teaches against the way most people think. When Satan deceived the first woman, he did it by means of deceiving her to believe that she could be somebody greater than what God had made her to be. When Satan tempts a person by means of deceit, he tempts them along the lines of something that they want that is contrary to what God wants for them. Listen to the conversation that the devil is giving the woman in Genesis 3:4-5:

- Verse 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die.
- Verse 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Satan presented the proposition to her in accordance to what she desired in her heart. Unless the people of today surrender their hearts to God, Satan will cause their hearts to deceive them.

The nature of people is to be greater than what they are. People are highminded. The devil uses flattery to exalt the spirit of people in order to impress them with the thought that they are somebody great. Christ is the only means by which we can be saved from our vain impression of ourselves. The truth is that if Christ does not come into our lives and save us from our sins, our deceitful ways of thinking will take us to hell.
#### Subject: Who Do You Love The Most?

The word of God teaches that if you love God you will keep His commandments (St. John 14:15). Adam found out that he did not love God. When you don't love God you are vulnerable to death. Adam loved Eve; but his love for Eve could not deliver him from death. In order to be delivered from the second death your love for God has to be above everything and everybody in your life.

Your love for other people must be on a lower order of love than what you have for God. Such love for God will be manifested when others that you love challenge your obedience to God's commandment just as Adam disobeyed God because of his love for Eve.

# Subject: God Has To Set The Terms For A Relationship With Him:

It is impossible to escape eternal damnation without the correct knowledge of God and faith in Him. You must learn about God by a preacher who is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The word of God must be taught to you as it is written in the scriptures, and not according to what most people want to hear. If you want to know God, you must know His word. You can only have a relationship with God according to the way His word teaches to have a relationship. God's word has to set the standard and guidelines for you to follow in order to have a relationship with Him.

Now you can't change the meaning of God's word to have a relationship with God on your terms. God's word is fixed and established according to His ways. God is not a man that you can politic with to cause Him to accept your terms for a relationship. God keeps His word. He tells you that if you desire to live free from sin, He will help you, and that He will hear your request for help at an acceptable time. Listen to II Corinthians 6:1-2:

Verse 1 -	We then, as workers together with him, beseech you
	also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

Verse 2 - (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee:

behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

# Subject: Your Relationship With God Must Start While You Are Living:

Have you ever listened to a preacher who preached a funeral and established a relationship between the deceased and God that the deceased did not have with God before he or she died. The grave cannot praise God, nor can death celebrate Him. You cannot give honor to God after you are dead, if you did not honor Him while you were living. God does not save a person after they die. God is not a God of the dead, but of the living. When a person gets saved while they are living, they don't really die, they fall asleep in Christ. Listen to I Thessalonians 4:14:

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

You can only go to sleep in Jesus after you have been born again while you were living in this present life. Your relationship with God must start while you are living and not after you are dead. You cannot receive a peaceful sleep in Christ unless you live a righteous life.

#### **Subject: Where Is Your Mind?**

The secrets of your mind are hidden from everyone except God. If you love God and He dwells in your mind, you will listen to music and sing songs that will glorify God. Your state of mind is very important because it is a reflection of how you feel about God. The way you meditate and think is the results of where your affections are. When your mind is on things that are pleasant and joyful, your songs and meditation will be joyful.

When you desire to have your mind on things that glorify God, the Holy Spirit will keep your mind in the presence of God. Under these conditions, the things of the world will have no sorrows that the powers of heaven cannot heal. So while others may not know what is in your mind, God will keep your mind in perfect peace if you desire to keep your mind on Him.

# Subject: Watch Excessive Talk:

You have to be watchful of yourself when you enjoy talking about your salvation. True salvation comes from God to you, which means your testimony should be the Spirit of God using your voice to talk about what God has done for you. If you like to talk and feel good about yourself when you talk, it could be that another spirit has entered your conversation about God.

Excessive talk could very well be all the salvation that you have, which is not a conversion from God. It depends on how much you like to talk. If you feel good about yourself more so after you finished talking than you felt before you started talking, then your talk is actually all that you have in regards to salvation.

Talk without the Spirit of God is cheap, and deceiving. To have a firm grip on true salvation you must watch your life to see if you are living differently. You don't want to watch your life just so that you can have something to talk about, but to be sure that your religion is more than talk.

Excessive talk can be a substitute for salvation. What a person can't truly acquire in their life concerning salvation, the devil can show them how to use excessive talk to improvise for their lack of spiritual qualities.

#### Subject: An Idol Can Be Anything:

When people don't believe the teachings of the word of God, they will have idols in their lives. Though such people may go to church, they would not be worshiping God; they would be giving more respect to their personal idols. Whenever you put anything before God it is an idol.

It is better to sit at home and study your Bible and not go to any church than to sit in a church and be a mocker with others who are mocking God. To worship with such people will make you look upon the things of God too lightly. Such people are worshiping in the dark. If everyone is worshiping in the dark, no one will have a light to follow. Therefore, you must come out from among the unbelievers, and sanctify your worship services.

# Subject: You Don't Have To Worry If Your Heart Is Right With God:

If you live right, whatever you ask of God, He will do it. God did great things for Israel. Israel prayed to God to be delivered from the bondage of the Pharaoh, and God sent Moses down to Egypt to deliver them. God worked through nature to deliver the Israelites. Nature is God's hand. He led them in the daytime by a cloud and at night with a pillow of fire. After God delivered them from Egypt, He took them to a land where they would be free.

Never worry about what man can do to you when you are obeying God. Man's breath is in his nostrils and God can cut it short at any time. If your heart is right with God, His eyes are watching over the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers.

# **Subject: Why Is Prayer Necessary?**

It will take prayer and a righteous life to meet the King of Kings. The devil does not want people to pray, that is why he took prayer out of the public schools of America. When prayer was removed from government and the public schools, violence, crimes and evil got worse in our nation.

The devil attacked the prayer line by making government officials believe that they could conduct the government operations of our nation without God being involved. Anything that God is not involved in will surely fall. When we keep church and state separate, it means that we are keeping God and the state separate. That would be the same as saying that we would like a law to keep God from controlling the weather or regulating the heat that we get from the sun. Anything that God is not involved in will get out of control. It takes foolish people to believe that we can live without God's assistance.

The idea of prayer did not come from man; it came from God. God instituted prayer for our benefit. God commissioned the Holy Ghost to help teach us how to pray and to honor God. When we want help from God we must first learn how to honor God. When prayers are not presented to God by man, the devil will blind us to distort our judgment and cause us to do things that will make life miserable for us.

#### **Subject: The Power Of Prayer:**

The Son of God who had knowledge of the dangers that the people of the earth were in while dying on the cross gave more concern to the spiritual condition of the people than He did to the suffering that He was experiencing while dying. Therefore, He looked up to heaven and said Father, forgive them that mock me, for they know not what they are doing. If there had been one concern for self, more so than the spiritual condition of the people, such a prayer could have not been presented to God.

Jesus demonstrated while under severe pain and agony how perfect love could overcome evil, being an example to the world that we might learn how to overcome evil. God had Jesus presented to the world in this manner allowing the greatest opposition to be against Him, yet evil was not able to overcome Him.

#### **Subject: A Prayer For Those Who Believe:**

If you desire that God heal your body of a pain or sickness, you must have strong, conclusive confidence with a sin-free life that God will answer the prayer of faith as follows: "Heavenly Father, please touch the body of the reader of this literature, and heal them of their pain, sickness, or affliction. Grant them immediate relief from any discomfort that they may be experiencing at this time. Give them the feeling of certainty of your presence and let them experience the power of your love by means of the relief that they will receive as a result of their faith in you. Amen."

#### **Subject: Faith Must Precede Your Prayer:**

God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Those who desire to go to God must know that the scriptures teach that He will reward those who go in faith. Faith must always precede prayer. Going to God in prayer is not a game, but an approach to the throne of grace that was made possible to us by Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary.

If your faith is not sincere, and faith is not leading you to pray, then you should not pray. You should ask someone else to pray for you who is sincere. A

prayer that is not preceded with faith and a righteous life is unjustified and will not reach heaven. God will immediately recognize a prayer of mockery, and He has no pleasure in religious fools.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are open to their cry. So, if you are living a righteous life, you must understand that God sees your heart, and knows how sincere you are. If your heart is unbecoming, God will see that it is, and will withhold whatever consideration He might have reserved for you.

# **Subject: Your Help Comes From God:**

When you obey God, you can pray and ask God for help when you need it. When God helps you, He uses people that you have dealings with. If you are sick, you should pray to God, and ask Him to use your doctor to help you. If you need a lawyer you should ask God to use the lawyer to help you with your legal business.

God will answer your prayers by using the doctor and the lawyer to help you. After you get the help, you should thank God rather than the doctor and the lawyer, because what they did that was beneficial to you was actually God working with them in answer to your prayer. Therefore, you should thank God, and praise Him for the help you received from the doctor and the lawyer.

#### Subject: The Life Of A Child Of God:

The life of a child of God should be a life of faith. A saved person should trust God in every aspect of their life. Faith in God means that you have confidence and dependency in God for things that you need that you can't provide for yourself. As you learn about faith, and the promises of God from His word, you should have confidence that God will do that which He has promised to do according to your desires and obedience.

As you learn to live a progressively holy life, your faith should become progressively stronger, and you should be more dependent upon God. You should allow God to lead you each day of your life, trusting that His guidance will be better than your own personal discretion, even when you cannot see ahead of time which way God is leading you. You should follow God as if you are blind, with your hands in God's hand, though you are physically keeping your eyes open.

Your desire should be to feel the Master's hand guiding you, confident that the way God points out will eventually lead to eternal life. If on some occasions you experience periods of suffering, you should believe that the way of the cross will lead you home to see God. Always remember that at the cross, your debt was paid, and that you have a free pass into the kingdom, if you hold to God's hand.

# Subject: Your Faith Certifies Your Request To God:

When you are following God by faith, remember that He can see both the entrance to the way you are going and the end. You should never worry about your daily provisions for yourself, nor your family. Remember the passage in the Lord's Prayer that ask God for your daily bread. You must believe that He will give it to you.

Your faith secures your request to God. When you believe that God is going to give you what you ask for, your faith certifies your request according to the certification process that heaven requires. When you pray to God, pray with confidence in what God's word promises, knowing that the word of God would not lie, nor deceive you. God's promises in His word are His part of a covenant or agreement that He gives to those who are saved.

Remember how God promised Noah that the earth will never be destroyed by flood waters again? Today, a rainbow will appear in the sky to show that God's promises are good, and if those of us who are saved today keep our part of the covenant, which is to obey God's word, God will surely keep His part of the covenant just as He did with Noah.

### Subject: You Must Be Sanctified For God To Use You:

You have to be sanctified in order for God to use you. God doesn't use anybody to His glory and honor unless He first sanctifies the person. When God sanctifies you, He fills you with the Holy Spirit. Your life must be completely controlled by the power of the Holy Spirit in order for God to use you. God only uses a clean and pure person. When you are sanctified, you become holy as God is holy. All of your purposes in life are given to you by the Holy Spirit when God uses you. When you are purged from a life of sinful pleasures, you are then like a vessel of honor, sanctified and fit for God's use (II Timothy 2:20-21).

In this present world, many people are involved in different things of life that are not related to holiness. Therefore, when God finds a person to use, He sanctifies the person to make them fit for His use. Listen to I Thessalonians 5:22-23:

- Verse 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.
- Verse 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# **Subject: The Saint:**

The Church of God is wherever a body of believers are called to be saints. Only saints are members of the Church of God. Such worshipers must be sanctified in Christ Jesus, and they can be at any place. Listen to I Corinthians 1:2:

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

When God calls you to be a saint, your life must be in accord with the teachings of the word of God. Your calling sets you apart from your prior life of sin. You are then sanctified in Christ Jesus. All of the true followers of Christ during His ministry and during this present time are saints. When God calls you, he gives you the Holy Spirit, which sanctifies and purifies your mind, and sets you apart from your prior life so that He can use you.

# Subject: The Devil Only Tries The Righteousness Of God In A Saved Person:

You cannot truly know that you are saved unless you have been tried and tested. God will allow the devil to try you so that you can know that you are saved. God already knows if you are saved. If you are truly saved, the devil will go to God and ask for permission to test you. The devil cannot try you unless God gives him permission. He can only try you on the things that God gives him permission to try you on. Listen to Job1:12:

Verse 12 - And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.

Though you may be a faithful church member, if you are not truly saved, the devil will not go to God to get permission to try you, because God will have nothing in you. The devil only tries the righteousness of God in a saved person. When you don't have the righteousness of God in your life, you have the spirit of the devil, and though you may be church affiliated, the devil will not try his spirit in a person.

# Subject: The Saints Will Worship God Only:

While Jesus was on the earth, Satan was the prince and ruler of this world. Satan tempted Jesus just as he tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden, only Jesus did not yield. Satan has knowledge of the fact that Jesus is going to be the new ruler of the world after he will be cast out of the earth just as he was cast out of heaven.

Satan can plainly see that God has established a remnant on the earth called the saints, and that they don't follow after the things which Satan rules. Just as Satan was not successful at getting Jesus to yield to temptations, neither has he been successful at getting the saints to yield. The remnant are a threat to the future of Satan's rulership of the world. The devil thought that he could deceive Jesus by showing Him all the kingdoms of the world, and that he would give Jesus these kingdoms if He would bow down and worship Him. Jesus was tempted just as Adam and Eve were, and as we are today, but listen to how Jesus responded to the temptations of Satan in St. Matthew 4:10:

#### Verse 10 - Then saith Jesus unto him, *Get thee hence, Satan:* for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Many people today are worshiping everything in the world except God, but the saints will worship God and God only.

#### Subject: How Can I Live Above Sin?

After a man or woman has started out to live a life above sin, their initial part in this process should be a willing mind. They only need faith to believe that it can be accomplished with God to help them. Faith does not require the strength to live free from sin, it will only require the will to do it. When faith is leading you to live a sin-free life, the devil will present temptations to commit sin, but temptations do not make you commit sin. They are merely enticements that are presented to make you desire to commit sin. You don't have to do things that you desire to do.

When God sees that you are choosing not to honor such desires, He will stand ready to help you not to enter into temptations. You can then ask God for help against temptations, and God will reverse the human desire to the extent whereas you will lose your desire, and acquire an overwhelming desire to obey God. Under these conditions temptations will be of non-effect.

#### Subject: You Have To Reap What You Have Sown:

You cannot reap anything that you have not sown. If you were sowing evil deeds before you got saved, you will have to reap the fruits of your evil deeds, even though you may presently be obeying God. The fruit from evil deeds is corruptible fruit or bad fruit. The fruit from good deeds is incorruptible or the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Even though you may be living a righteous life now, you will not escape the fruits from your prior unrighteous life. The difference is that after you are saved, God will help you to go through your times of suffering.

#### Subject: You Must Reap That Which You Have Sown:

There was a man that the Bible teaches about who once persecuted the people of God and served warrants to imprison the saints. Many years after He was converted by Christ, he helped to write the New Testament. He included in the scriptures that the things which he had done before his conversion came back, though he was living a faithful life of a saint.

Though his persecution of the saints was done during a time when he was sinful and rebellious against God, his stand for righteousness after Jesus saved him did not prevent him from reaping the things that he had sown. So he had to conclude within himself that since the things which he had sown were his own fruit coming back to him, that he would not let anything separate him from the love of God.

For those today who are saved, and are living a righteous life, they must remember that the sinful deeds of their unsaved life will meet them tomorrow. However, if they remain in fellowship with God, the joy will overwhelm the sorrow, and they will be able to say as Paul said, "I am persuaded that neither life nor death, nor anything shall separate me from the love of God".

# Subject: The Way You Presently Live Can Tell You What Your Future Will Be Like:

You can tell how the latter days of your life will be based upon how the former days of your life were. In Genesis 49:1 Jacob called his twelve sons together to tell them what would befall them in their last days based upon what they had done in their youth. You don't need a fortune teller to tell you about your future; your own actions can tell you.

The way you live is like seeds that you sow. If you sow good seeds, you will reap good fruit. If you love an evil life of sin, you are sowing bad seeds, and you will reap bad fruit. Evil deeds and a sinful life is a life of corruption. A corrupted tree cannot produce good fruit. You can know what your future will be like based upon the kind of tree that you are. Listen to St. Matthew 7:17-18:

- Verse 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
- Verse 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

#### **Subject: The Mind Of Christ:**

Listen to this scripture in Philippians 2:5:

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

In St. Matthew 5:48 it teaches what is in Jesus' mind:

Verse 48 - Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

In order to be perfect you must have the same mind that Christ has. Christ's mind is to be perfect as God is perfect. Christ would not ask us to have that mind if He did not have that mind. You can only get the mind that Christ has when you have the Holy Spirit. If you are going to be saved, the mind of Christ has to be your mind.

When you acquire the mind of Christ, you become equal with God. To be equal with God means that you are perfect, because God is perfect. If you don't have a mind to be equal with God, then God will not give you His Holy Spirit to make you equal with Him. God will not impose His equality on you if you don't believe that it can make you perfect as He is perfect.

# Subject: Is Your Religion Based Upon What You Believe?

I don't try to live outside of the boundaries of what I preach. I live and practice what I preach on a daily basis. If God's word teaches me to be perfect, I

won't do anything that will cause me to be outside of the boundaries of perfection. If I make a mistake, I will correct it and not justify it by retreating to the excuse that humans are weak, and that nobody can be perfect.

If a person believes that nobody can be perfect, such a belief is not accurate; they can only speak for themselves. If they don't believe that they can be perfect, then they should continue to not be perfect. Their faith would then be based upon what they believe. However, if their faith is contrary to what Jesus taught in St. Matthew 5:48, their faith will not get them into the kingdom of heaven. What Jesus taught is the only way into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus' teaching is the truth, the life, and the way into the kingdom of heaven.

# Subject: Remember Thy Creator In The Days Of Thy Youth:

The word of God is the voice of God. The word teaches that the day you hear God's voice to harden not your heart. God gives us this warning, because the moment that we least expect, death steps on the scene. Death is serious business. There are many who will spend nearly their entire life without God and enter old age without being saved. When the most difficult days of their life comes, they will not have God to lean upon. It is foolish to wait for old age to become acquainted with God. We should meet God in our youth and give Him the best years of our lives.

#### **Subject: Godly Fear:**

God doesn't want us to fear Him because of the terror that may be brought upon us. He wants us to have the kind of fear like a child has when the child knows that they have done something that their parents instructed them not to do. Terror is extreme fear that would come from an enemy. The fear of God is a fear of respect resulting from our love for God, just as children love their parents.

It is not the will of God that we obey Him because we fear God as we would an enemy. Our obedience must be produced from our love for God. Whenever you feel threatened at the name of Jesus through terror, it is because you don't know the love of God. A child who reaches adulthood and has not been in trouble with law enforcement will tell you how mama and daddy used love enforcement to keep them from being victims of law enforcement; and that love enforcement was not always what they wanted. They will tell you that they were not afraid of mama and daddy because there is no terror of fear in love. "Perfect love casteth out fear" (I John 4:18).

#### Subject: Wisdom And Understanding:

Wisdom comes from God, and understanding from experiences. Experiences allow you to take the knowledge that God gives you and apply it to situations in life that you are confronted with. When you apply the knowledge that the word of God gives you to situations in life, and you are able to deal with such situations properly, it means you have received wisdom from God.

Wisdom will make life easier for you. Wisdom will prevent you from fearing trouble, because when you are confronted with trouble, you will call to remembrance how wisdom helped you with previous troubles. You would then be receiving an understanding of how to apply wisdom to present day problems based upon the experiences that you have previously applied wisdom to.

## **Subject: The Truth:**

The truth is the light that will lead a person into the path of righteousness. A lie is darkness that will lead a person into the path of damnation. A lie will make you think you are getting by when it is given to support what you want. A lie is darkness and you can't really tell where you are going in darkness.

Only God can give you the truth, and if you follow and obey the truth, it will lead you into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus brought grace and the truth to the world. When a person desires the truth, grace will lead the person into the path of righteousness that truth makes available.

# Subject: Your Imagination Will Lead You To Follow A False God:

You have to watch your imagination. When your imagination is in your religion, it can fool you. The devil can use your imagination to exalt you against the knowledge of God. If you compare your imagination to knowledge from the word of God you will see that your imagination is not worth anything. It is the imagination of many people that make them worship gods that don't exit.

There is only one true and living God, and that is the God of Abraham. If you seek the true God, you will find that he is a reality based upon what he does for you in this present world. A false god will only give you a false religious teaching that will have no effect upon your life in this present world. The true God sent His Son to die for us. A false god will teach you that you must die for him, and promises you a reward after you die.

The God of Abraham will bless you while you live, and not require that you die to receive a reward. It takes a fool to believe a promise in a religious teaching after they die, and not get any help from the teaching while they live in this present world.

# Subject: A Sacrifice Is Proof Of Your Obedience To God:

Your obedience to God is only proven to be true when God sees that you are willing to make a sacrifice of something that you love and place a lot of value on. Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son that he truly loved who was a fulfillment of a promise that God had made to him. Listen to Genesis 17:15-16:

- Verse 15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sâr'-ā-ī thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but <u>Sarah</u> shall her name be.
- Verse 16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

After God promised Abraham a son, He later commanded Abraham to take his son to an altar and kill him for a sacrifice (Genesis 22:1-2). Abraham's obedience along with his willingness to make a sacrifice of his son Isaac was proof of Abraham's love for God. Listen to how God responded to Abraham after he was willing to make the sacrifice (Genesis 22:11-12):

- Verse 11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.
- Verse 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

# Subject: The Power Of Love:

Love is among the fruits of the Holy Spirit. God established love to be so powerful that no forces of evil can contend against love. When God decided to save the people of the earth who were willing to obey Him, He commissioned love to be sent to the earth in Jesus Christ to introduce His plan of salvation to the world. At this time the evil forces of Satan were widespread throughout the earth doing every wicked thing that was done.

When God decided to intrude upon the wicked events of the world, He did not send angels of warfare to deliver those who desired to be saved. God sent His love to the earth to save His people. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son who came to the earth, and did not use any tactics of warfare. Jesus healed the lame, gave sight to the blind, and fed the hungry. All the works of Jesus were a reflection of God's love that the enemies of God could not defeat.

When the enemies of God decided to kill Jesus, God did not send angels to defend Jesus. God commissioned the power of love to cause the crucifixion to do just the opposite of what the enemies of God were attempting to do. The power that God had put in love for the world reversed the effects of evil, and caused the evil acts of the crucifixion to give salvation to the world. This was so that those who were willing to receive Jesus would acquire salvation by means of the crucifixion.

#### **Subject: God Is Pure And Just:**

Listen to this scripture in II Peter 2:4:

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

It amazes me how that many Christians and church folk of today believe that they can be saved and go to heaven as a sinner when the scriptures plainly teach that God did not allow angels to stay in heaven that sinned. If God allow sinners on earth go to heaven as sinners, and He put angels out of heaven that became sinners, then God would be partial. God is not partial, but pure and full of mercy. Listen to James 3:17:

Verse 17 - But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

God is just and perfect in His ways; He does not choose some people, or angels to love more so than others. God makes His principles of righteousness known to all, and He also makes known to everybody the punishment and consequences for being unrighteous; so that when a person or angels decide to be unrighteous it will not be God rejecting them, they would be rejecting what God offers, choosing their punishment.

In the case of the angels who were rejected from heaven, it was not God's choice; they made their own choice to be rejected. Prior to them being cast out of heaven they knew what the punishment for rebellion against God would be.

# Subject: The Judgment Of God Is Eternal:

Never argue with or hate anybody regardless of what they do to you. Just keep your mind stayed on Jesus, have faith, and pray that the judgment of God may not come upon those who don't love their fellow man. The judgments of God are eternal. If you love your fellow man as God loves, you will understand his ignorance when he doesn't love you.

Love increases your understanding of how foolish evil things are. When you have love in your heart, you have a clear mind and an expanded ability to comprehend the pitiful state that those who are overtaken by evil are victims of. You will then remember them in your prayers. God created all men with equal access to knowledge of eternal life.

All men are alike in the eyes of God, and given the chance to repent of their sins and be saved. If some choose not to take the advantage of the grace that God is offering, then they will be judged based upon their own foolish choice.

# **Subject: The Fear Of God:**

God ordained that if one man had broken the law and brought the sentence of death upon all men, that He would be fair to the people of the earth, and raise up another man who would deliver the people of the earth from death. This deliverance from sin and death would be implemented only when the people would be willing to repent of their sins with the intent to not sin again.

This process of deliverance would work for all the people, or just for individuals who would accept it. Such people would be given power from the Holy Spirit that would take away their nature and desires to commit sin. They would then learn to fear God and obey His word. This would be the kind of fear that would be created by love, a fear that they would lose God's favor and support by going back to a life of sin.

## Subject: Jesus Offers Peace To The World:

When Jesus comes into your life, His peace stays with you. When you trust and obey the word of God, it will keep your mind on Him and His peace will stay with you. Listen to Isaiah 26:3-4:

Verse 3 - Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Verse 4 - Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JE-HO'-VAH is everlasting strength.

Peace is what the world is looking for, but they are looking in the wrong direction. Unless the people of the world can see that Jesus lives, their hope will vanish.

# **Subject: Peace Leads You To Holiness:**

In the book of (Isaiah 35:8) you will find these words that were spoken by the prophet which reads as follows:

Verse 8 - And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

Now the prophet is not making reference to a highway made of cement and asphalt. The reference is being made to an elevated way of living that would be above sin. This would be a way of holiness.

Isaiah is using this terminology to point the way into the kingdom of heaven rather than to a highway that would take you to another city. This is the way to God. Isaiah is showing that holiness must be incorporated with your journey, because you cannot reach this destination by living in sin. Holiness is the only means by which you can get into the kingdom of heaven. You might notice that Isaiah did not include any other means with holiness in order to get to heaven. Without holiness taking you to see God, you will not be able to see God (Hebrews 12:14).

Now holiness starts you out in life by living in peace with your fellow man. Living in peace is a part of being holy.

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Verse 14 - Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.
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Peace is the first part of holiness that leads you into the path of holiness. You cannot find holiness without peace leading you. Such things as envy, strife,

malice, contentions, and mistreating one another is the absence of peace, and will prevent you from acquiring holiness.

# Subject: Instructions From God Lead You To Blessings From God:

You cannot obey God's word and not be blessed. If you follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, you will prosper materially or financially. When you fail to obey the word of God, your disobedience will take you off a course where you would have received blessings and allows the hardships of life to be your portion.

Disobedience to God is against the goodness of God. God offered the plan of salvation to us that we might be partaker of His blessings and holiness. If you accept the correction that God gives you, along with the corrections comes blessings from God. The blessings are a witness that your obedience is the right course for you to follow. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instructions in righteousness (II Timothy 3:16).

God will not give you instructions to follow, and leave you destitute. If you are destitute, you are following an incorrect religious teaching. When you follow the wrong religious teaching, you will not be blessed. This means your religious leader is giving ungodly counsel. Listen to Psalm 1:1and 3:

Verse 1 - Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

When you follow the correct religious teaching, you will prosper.

Verse 3 - And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

# CHAPTER 7 SALVATION: SPECIAL TOPICS

# Subject: Authority Can Take You To Hell Unless The Holy Spirit Controls Authority:

The Holy Spirit dictates all prayers that reach the throne of God. When God is honored, and a blessing is asked for others, such a prayer request has been dictated by the Holy Spirit. Prayers in the public schools were blessings to the minds of children, and it purified their motives for doing things that would be beneficial to their future. To take prayer out of the public schools is to interfere with the works of the Holy Spirit. After Jesus left the earth, God sent the Holy Spirit to be the only means by which the people of the earth could be saved. To disrespect the works of the Holy Spirit would be to prevent those who would benefit from its mission and works from being saved.

Any authority that is exalted above the mission and purpose of the Holy Spirit whether it be in heaven or in the earth is an unpardonable sin. The first unpardonable sin took place in heaven when Satan exalted his authority above the authority of God (Isaiah 14:12-15). The penalty for such a sin committed by Satan, and the angels that followed him was that they be cast down to hell. The penalty for the sins of man who exalts his authority above the authority of God is death. Though God has planned that angels be cast down to hell, they are not in hell yet, but they are on their way. Those who live in this present world who exalt their authority against God are also on their way to hell.

Having authority can be a dangerous thing if it is not brought under subjection to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit adds humility to authority preventing those who have authority from exalting their authority above the authority of God. Authority was dangerous to angels to the extent that they became lifted up in pride. Satan was made the anointed cherub, which means he was the ruler of all other angels in heaven. This authority that was given to Satan caused him to feel that he could be greater than God. Satan did not understand that supreme authority had power not within his ability to control. Satan's only means of controlling such supreme authority was to receive assistance from the Holy Spirit. The authority that Satan had was more powerful than his understanding of where the authority would take him. A humble prophet by the name of Isaiah prophesied that Satan's authority and pride would eventually take him to hell. Listen to Isaiah 14:12-15:

Verse 12 - How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Verse 13 -	For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into
	heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of
	God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congrega-
	tion, in the sides of the north:

- Verse 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High,
- Verse 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

When authority is abused, or improperly used, God has programmed such authority to take those who misused it to hell.

#### **Subject: The Church And The State:**

It is dangerous to be rebellious against God. When a person is rebellious against what the word of God teaches, they are rebellious against God. To be rebellious against God is to be disrespectful. Rebelling against God will cause you to fall into condemnation and snare of the devil (I Timothy 3:6).

Now you have to be wise and knowledgeable of what the word of God teaches in order to conduct your business and affairs of life in such a way that they won't be disrespectful to what the word of God teaches. There is a degree of disrespect for God that is an unpardonable sin. The Supreme Court justices of the 1960's rose up against God because of the authority and power vested in them by the government, and condemned praying to God by the children in public schools.

It is alright to separate the church from the state when the state doesn't infringe upon the rights of the church to communicate and honor God. The church is an organized body set up for the purpose of practicing the teachings of Jesus Christ. The state or government is an organized body that sets up laws to govern people who do not follow the teachings of Christ, which causes them to violate the rights of other citizens. So then, if the state would limit its laws to law-breakers and criminals, there would be no conflict between the state and the church, because the teaching of the church is not for the unrighteous or law-breakers, but for those who are righteous. Listen to I Timothy 1:8-10:

- Verse 8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;
- Verse 9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,
- Verse 10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.

When the state makes a law that interferes with the teachings of Christ, then they are not using the law lawfully. To use the law lawfully it must be used in accord or in support of the teachings of Christ. Under no conditions should the law be used contrary to or against the teachings of Christ. Those who are saved live above what the law forbids, so the law should by no means forbid saved people, nor children in public schools to pray.

The law should not be used against righteous people, but against the lawless, disobedient, ungodly, sinners, unholy, profane, murderers, manslayers, and those that defile themselves with mankind, kidnappers or menstealers, liars, perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ (verses 9-10). Prayer is a life-line between God and man; no authority in heaven nor on the earth has the right to separate God and man.

# Subject: The Holy Ghost Can Teach Children To Pray:

God teaches man to ask Him for what he wants, and to have his request granted by God, his heart must be pure and his hands clean. When these requirements are met, the Holy Ghost will dictate the petition, and God will answer. The Holy Ghost will only present a petition to God that it knows that God will grant. When a person delights himself or herself in the Lord, God will see the desires of the person's heart, and will grant it through the petition of the Holy Ghost that has indwelled the person. When children are taught to pray, they are not forced to pray, but are inspired by love, which comes from the Holy Ghost. Those children that desire not to pray, the Holy Ghost will not force them to pray. But that God might be honored, prayers from the Holy Ghost are presented for the children. Nobody can honor God by force; it must be a willing mind that will choose to honor God. The Holy Ghost is there to assist a willing mind in children and adults.

The Holy Ghost will teach children that God is almighty and that they can depend upon God for everything they need. When children learn this, they will also learn that God is the ruler of heaven and earth, and is to be recognized and respected above earthly governments and churches. The Holy Ghost will teach children of this nation how to honor God if they are not restricted by laws of the state.

Whether or not the church or state obeys the teachings of Christ, if they don't make laws to restrict citizens, the citizens as individuals can become a part of the government of heaven through the medium of prayer. By honoring the teachings of Jesus, we can become beneficiaries of His sacrifice for our sins. Jesus was a part of the government of God, and He was exalted by God above all governments of the world, which caused Him to be a mediator between man and God.

# Subject: Tongues Are A Sign For Those That Are Not Saved (The Holy Ghost):

The Bible teaches that on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost was sent from heaven, it fell upon those who were gathered at Jerusalem according to the command of Jesus, and afterward He ascended from Mt Olivet. Jesus commanded the apostles to go to Jerusalem and to stay there until the promise of the Father was given, which would be the gift of the Holy Spirit that they might have a Comforter to keep them during their trials and persecutions.

Now when the day of Pentecost was fully come, while the apostles and disciples of Christ were gathered in Jerusalem, the Holy Ghost came down as a mighty wind. When this happened, the disciples saw in a vision tongues like fire, that fell upon each of them, and they began to shout, rejoice, preach the gospel, and praise God in "other" tongues. Other tongues makes reference to other languages. Those that were gathered there were from every nation and kindred. Every one of those who were gathered there heard the gospel in their own tongue or language.

Now the devil has always endeavored to confuse, and mix the truth with a lie. The Holy Ghost was given as a gift from God, and not as a result of anything a man can say or do, such as speaking in unknown tongues. Since the Holy Ghost fell on the day of Pentecost, the devil has imposed on many so-called believers the idea that when the Holy Ghost comes upon you, you will speak with unknown tongues.

The devil brought this doctrine into the early church of Corinth so strongly that today we have a false teaching of salvation that has spread among Christian churches like a cancer that is called the unknown tongue doctrine. Such a religious doctrine has divided the Christians of today. Christ did not come to divide, but to establish oneness among the true born again believers. The Holy Ghost will not dwell in the midst of a group of people who have divided beliefs concerning the gospel, nor those who follow the wrong doctrine of salvation

#### Subject: More About Unknown Tongues (The Holy Ghost):

The word edification means to build up another person's knowledge of the word of God. The apostle Paul admonished the saints at the church of Corinth to seek gifts that would edify. Nobody can be edified or instructed on how to be saved by an unknown means of communication, such as speaking in unknown tongues. In the book of Acts, 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter, and in I Corinthians, 14<sup>th</sup> chapter, the devil has used the word 'unknown' in place of the word 'other'

Satan has deceived many Christian worshipers of today with the doctrine that he had put in the early churches known as <u>unknown tongues</u>, rather than the correct term, which would be <u>other tongues</u>. The unknown tongue doctrine is a doctrine of familiar spirits, and not the Holy Spirit. It is a false spirit that will not give you true salvation in Jesus Christ to save you from your sins. Such a spirit will not be effective in your everyday live, but will only be in church worship services. Those who are under the influence of such a spirit are not truly saved, but have experienced a false conversion.

The true Holy Ghost received by the apostles of the early churches on the day of Pentecost gives you the new-birth in Christ, which is a righteous life with power to live above your previous life of sin. The true Holy Ghost liberates you from sin. Unknown tongues is not a sign that the Holy Ghost has been given, but a sign that the devil has deceived some innocent souls.

# Subject: The Law Must Be Supported By God To Be Used By Law Enforcement Personnel:

The law becomes weak when it has to be executed by law enforcement personnel who are guilty themselves of the offenses that they punish others for. The law does not have support from God when law enforcement personnel are not obeying it. Under these conditions, the law would be just words on paper that have no power to control evil in society. In order for the law to be effective, it has to be enforced by those who are obeying the law.

The law was given by God for the lawless, or those who break the law. Listen to I Timothy 1:9:

Verse 9 - Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers.

When law enforcement personnel become guilty of breaking the law, they will have no power from heaven to enforce the law, because the law was given by God, and it can only be enforced by God supporting law enforcement personnel on the earth.

# Subject: Young People Of The Inner Cities Should Learn To Walk In The Spirit Of God (Galatians 5:16):

Young people who live in the dangerous cities of our nation will not live out half of their days that the word of God has promised them unless they learn how to obey the word of God. Nothing can harm those who are followers of that which is good. I am making reference to following the teachings of the word of God.

Law enforcement officers in the cities of America cannot harm a young black person who is obeying God. God has assigned angels to watch over those young people in the dangerous cities of our nation who are obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ (Psalms 34:7).

When young boys and girls obey God, He does not give them the Spirit of fear, but a sound mind, which is good common sense. This means when they are confronted with law enforcement officers, the fruits of the Holy Spirit will be their

manner of presentation. Law enforcement officers will be confronted with a character of meekness, temperance, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness and faith. There is no law against such fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). No law enforcement officers will be able to harm nor trespass the presence of a Spirit-filled child of God.

# Subject: Children Should Never Be Killed For Their Misconduct:

It is a violation of God's plan to kill a young child or teenager. Children should be properly trained and not killed when they are out of order. Law enforcement personnel that kill young children will have to give an account to God in the Day of Judgment. A child's birth is designated and ordained by God. If law enforcement kills a teenager they will be charged by God as a murderer.

A child's life should be taught by the parents while the child is developing into adulthood. During this stage of development, children can sometimes be unruly; but they should never be killed by anybody. If children during various stages of development after reaching their teenage years are unruly, parents should be sure to teach them the word of God along with fasting and prayer. The child belongs to God, and was given to the parents to be a blessing. So then, godly measures can correct the child if it gets out of order.

Although men and women are instruments by which other human beings come into existence, it is God that is the actual giver of life. When a person destroys a child's life, they will have to give an account for such actions. Children are not responsible for their actions during their developing years; their parents are responsible. The actions of children can never require the death penalty.

#### Subject: The Biggest Fool In The Bible:

Many people like to impress others of how smart they are, even when they have a very low level of education and social status. When you try to honor such people for some level of achievement that they have accomplished, they will become wise in their own conceit. Judas Iscariot was one of the most unusual persons in the Bible. Judas had the privilege of working with God in a human body. Judas was not ignorant of the fact that Jesus was the true Messiah from heaven. Judas witnessed first-hand all of the miracles and works of Jesus. Judas had a desire to make himself wiser, and smarter than Christ by betraying Christ for 30 pieces of silver. Judas was stupid. He watched Christ do miracles that no man had ever done since the world existed, and he was dumb enough to think that he could be smarter than Christ.

There is no record in the Bible that teaches about what Judas had achieved. Judas was not wise enough to know that his prior life of achievements would determine how much he could achieve in his present life. So Judas allowed his conceit to make an eternal fool out of him when he could have allowed humility to give him eternal life.

# Subject: Judas' Betrayal Was The Absence Of Common Sense:

The Bible gives a record of how often God sent leaders to teach the people the correct way, and the people would forget, and feel that some things they must hear and obey, but other things they did not have to obey, nor believe. Everything that the God sent leader teaches that applies to the lives of the people must be obeyed and believed.

Christ informed His disciples that He would be crucified, and Judas was among those who did not believe it. Some of the disciples believed what they saw Christ do, and did not use the visual works of Christ to help them to believe the things that they did not see Him do. Judas was surprised when he saw that Christ was going to be crucified and he took the 30 pieces of silver back to the Chief Priest and elders.

Had Judas believed Christ when Christ told them that He was going to be crucified, He never would have betrayed Christ. If Judas had believed Christ, he would have had sense enough to know that it would not have been necessary to betray Christ, because Christ had already told them that he would be crucified. The purpose of Judas' betrayal in his own mind was to get 30 pieces of silver, not considering that it would really cause Jesus to be crucified.

If Judas had used good common sense, he would have convinced himself that by Jesus informing the disciples that He would be crucified would have caused Judas not to betray Him, because Judas could get nothing for betraying Jesus to be crucified when Jesus would have been crucified without Judas' betrayal.



# **CHAPTER 8**

# GOD SENT PREACHERS VS FALSE PREACHERS

# **God Sent Preachers:**

# Subject: The God Sent Preacher Will Uncover The Secret Sins:

There is no escape from your existence; we are stuck with ourselves, and only Christ can give us the better destiny. It doesn't matter what folk think about their eternal destiny, unless they are born again, they will spend eternity in hell. Life in this present world is nothing to play with. Unless we take advantage of the grace that God has granted to the world we will go into eternity separated from God. God only created one alternative for those who will be separated from Him in eternity and that will be in a lake of fire and brimstone.

There are many people today who don't understand how terrible sin is and what the consequences are for those who die in their sins. God knows the damage that sin can do in this present world and in eternity. Therefore, God will send a minister to reveal the mysterious evil works of sin. God sends a servant to preach the gospel to uncover the deceitful works of sin and the devil. God has to raise up a preacher to uncover the secret sins. God was aware of what sin would do to us before our birth, so the preacher will also be prepared by God before his birth. Such a preacher is born into the world to be ordained and taught by God to be an anti-sin preacher.

God will teach a preacher by means of his experiences in life and the Holy Spirit will be given to the preacher to coordinate his experiences with the knowledge of the scriptures. In revealing the sins of the people as well as the consequences to those who are not yet victimized, God will use the preacher to pull back the cover of deceit to allow people to see the path that they are on, and to avoid the pitfalls.

# Subject: If Your Pastor Is God Sent He Should Be Outstanding As A Minister Of The Gospel:

You should not go to a church simply because of family tradition. You should go with an open mind to receive an understanding from the word of God to

learn what is required to be saved. If your church does not teach knowledge of what is required to be saved, then you should not go to that church. If your pastor is sent by God to teach you the qualifications for being saved, then he would be considered as one who is outstanding in his ministry.

Such a pastor would be similar to angels that God created in heaven. Just as God created angels and appointed them to positions in heaven, your pastor would also have been appointed by God to teach you how to get into the kingdom of heaven. Angels were known in heaven as stars. God would also consider your pastor as a star. God would not place any more value on an angel that He appointed in heaven than a minister of the gospel that He appointed on the earth.

The word stars as it is used by the people of the earth means to be leaders in their respective fields. If your pastor was appointed by God, it means he should be an outstanding minister of the gospel to teach you how to qualify to get into the kingdom of heaven.

### Subject: You Must Hear The God Sent Preacher:

When God sent Moses to be a mediator between Him and the people of Israel, the people of Israel did not want to accept Moses as a representative for God; they wanted to talk directly to God. There are many today that would not accept messages from God by a preacher who represents God. A representative of God would be a holy preacher. God only uses holy men to carry messages to the people. The Holy Ghost would be using the preacher that carries messages from God. The messages would be in relation to the spiritual conditions of the people. God would inform the people on the errors of their ways, and how to correct such errors. The messages would also inform the people on what the consequences of their lives would be if they fail to correct the errors.

The children of Israel provoked God because they had failed to hear Him, and recognize the one He had sent. When people fail to hear the one God sends, they will also fail to hear God. When you have a mind to hear God, the Spirit of God will lead you to be willing to hear the one that God sent.

In Moses' day, God was attempting to make Himself known to a rebellious people. They failed to hear the prophets and angels, so when God came down to pay them a visit, He came in the form of thunder and flashing lightning. If people today fail to accept the messages presented in a peaceful spirit from the preacher of God, when God pays them a visit they won't like the conditions by which God will visit them.

# **Subject: The Watchman:**

A preacher is supposed to be a watchman called by God to watch over the spiritual lives of the people who are under his leadership. He is supposed to watch for the sins of people. If he sees sins creeping into the lives of the people, he is supposed to sound an alarm about their sins. People have to be taught about sins from their pastor, because they are not taught about sins in schools and universities.

Every God sent preacher should be teaching the members of their church scriptures in the Bible showing every sin that the Bible has a listing of. The people should be taught from the book of St. Mark 7<sup>th</sup> chapter, the book of Romans 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, the book of I Corinthians 6<sup>th</sup> chapter, the book of Galatians 5<sup>th</sup> chapter, and the book of Colossians 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter. These scriptures give a listing of sins that church folk should have knowledge of.

Unless the people are warned and taught the scriptures by a preacher, then they will go wrong. They will be dying in their sins and won't know it. The people must be watched over and governed. This is the job of the preacher who is supposed to be a watchman.

# **False Preachers And Religious Teachings:**

# Subject: A False Preacher Can Keep Your Name Out Of The Book Of Life If You Follow Him:

Do you know who the most dangerous person in the world might be? This person is the enemy of your soul. Such a person would be instrumental in causing your soul to experience eternal torment in a lake of fire and brimstone. This person is a master deceiver of your religious beliefs. If you are not knowledgeable of how to identify this person as being the enemy of your soul, listen to where the book of Revelations teaches this person will lead those who follow him or her. Revelations 20:10:

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

This person is a false prophet or preacher who will deceive people by not preaching the truth of God's word. Nobody can be saved following a false preacher, because God did not send a false preacher. You cannot be born again under the leadership of a false preacher, which will keep your name out of the book of life. Listen to Revelations 20:12 and 15).

- Verse 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
- Verse 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

# Subject: The Failure Of The Church Is Seen In The Lives Of The People:

If you ever want to make a person angry, tell the person to do something the correct way that they can see that you are not doing the correct way. They will resent your instructions even if you are in law enforcement. Today the world resents churches because church members are no examples of what the church is supposed to represent.

The church is supposed to teach the people not to commit fornication or adultery, but church members are doing it. Therefore, the church has no influence or power to correct the problems in the communities that are the results of fornication and adultery. The church has become so worldly that they are blinded by the gods of this world, and cannot reflect God to the world.

The world is so obsessed with sinful pleasures that men and women are being led to destruction and they don't know it. When there is no spirit in the church to lift up the fallen, then the church has failed to show the love of God. The church has lost its power because it doesn't teach the Bible; it gives entertainment to motivate a large following.

# Subject: Christ Is Not A Minister Of Sin:

Christ is a minister of righteousness. If you have not been a righteous person, it means that Christ is not your minister. If your church doesn't teach you how to live a righteous life according to the gospel of Christ, it means that Christ is not a minister of your church.

Christ is not a minister of sin; when you receive the teachings of Christ, He saves you from your sins. If church folk commit sin and say that Christ is their minister, they are making a mockery of the ministry that Jesus extended to the world.

# Subject: You Must Be Saved From Sin While You Are Living:

A preacher who doesn't preach the truth about being saved from sin doesn't know any better, because God has not revealed the truth to such preachers. These

preachers are not sent by God. They are motivated to preach for personal reasons. Such preachers allow the people to die believing that death will purge them from their sins. The truth is that your purging must occur while you are living. There are no scriptures in the Bible that teach you can be saved from sin after you die. Jesus did not go to the cemetery to preach repentance, He went to where the people were living and active.

When a preacher preaches principles that are in error and easy to accept, they are deceitful workers of the devil. They are trying to appease people while peop0.le are dying in their sins. A preacher can only preach the truth when he is preaching what the word of God teaches.

When Jesus comes into your life, He will redeem you from sin. When you are redeemed from sin, you are no longer under condemnation of sin. Redemption means that you have been forgiven, and are given power to sin no more. Jesus will then fill you with the Holy Spirit afterwards, and everyday of your life will be sin free.

# Subject: Are Folk Putting On A Show In Your Church?

You have to be watchful of a church where the members have services to put on a show. When folk go to church to put on a show, the Spirit of God is not in such a church. Church folk should be desperate to be saved. Being saved is not fun and games; it is the most serious thing that you can experience. Folks who put on a show in their churches have no more understanding about God than clowns in a circus.

Jesus' crucifixion at Calvary was not a show, but the actual death of a human body that the power of God resurrected after three days. If Jesus is in your life, there should have been the resurrection of a new creature in your personal life, and not a show of entertainment in some church. Your old life of sin should be crucified with Christ, and those people that you at one time worshipped and socialized with should not be putting on a show in a church with you, they should be persecuting you if you are truly saved.

# Subject: Your Eyes Cannot Always Determine The True From The False:

Have you ever been to a circus and watched the clowns and magicians fool people? You can look right at them and not be able to tell how they can make a woman float in mid-air. Your eyes can't always see the things that are true. You cannot always judge whether or not something is true or false by looking at it.

The devil uses these same deceitful tricks with preachers putting on demonstrations in churches. The only way that you can tell if a preacher has the power to heal is that you must experience him healing you of a sickness that the medical personnel has diagnosed you to have. Afterward, you must go back to the doctor and let him confirm that you no longer have the sickness or disability.

You cannot trust that a preacher is healing someone else simply by looking at him lay hands on the person. The only way that you can tell if a preacher is a true or false preacher is by watching what he has done in your life. If there is no change in your life from a life of sin to a life free from sin after that you have followed the counsel and instructions of the preacher, it could be that he is a false preacher.

If he is a false preacher, it means that his instructions did not come from God, and they will not be supported by the Holy Ghost to give the listeners salvation when he preaches. Only the Holy Ghost can carry messages from God, using a preacher that it has prepared to do so for the listeners to receive the newbirth while listening to the preacher deliver a sermon.

### Subject: Watch Bad Influence:

When you are trying to live above sin, you have to be very careful of the influence that you are exposed to by those who would be contrary to your purpose. There are many people who want to do the right thing, but they have been fooled by seeing so many members of churches and hearing preachers who fight against God by telling them that they cannot live above sin. Anyone who tells you that is an enemy of God. Such preachers will not follow the correct teachings of the scriptures.

# Subject: If The Worshipers In A Church Service Are Not Living Righteous, God Does Not Hear Their Church Services:

Living right is more important than anything you are doing in your church. If your private life is not sin-free, God does not pay any attention to what you say and do in your church services. If you are the pastor, all of your sermons are not acknowledged by God. If you are a choir member, none of your songs are heard by God. You may question whether or not what I am teaching is right or wrong, but I am only repeating what the scriptures teach. Listen to Amos 5:21-24

Verse 21 -	I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not
	smell in your solemn assemblies.

- Verse 22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.
- Verse 23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.
- Verse 24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Unless those who are participating in worship services are living a righteous life, God does not hear anything that they are doing in their church services. The only thing that makes your worship services acceptable is when you live right. Listen to I John 3:7:

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

# Afterword

In closing, we hope you have been further enlightened and educated regarding God's plan of salvation, and the requirements to be saved from sin. This privilege given to the world is available now to anybody, because the mercy of God has extended this grace period for the unsaved.

"Procrastination is an invitation to damnation". Christ could make His appearance while some are trying to make-up their minds to accept the offer of salvation. Christ's appearance will not have any other warning, other than what the word of God gives.

God is merciful and longsuffering to keep the doors of salvation open to the unsaved though many seem to be very indifferent towards God's love. The invitation is extended to you; the opportunity is now available, "Today is the day of salvation": tomorrow may be too late!

