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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”

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Foreword

The world is getting worse every day. People are more wicked now than ever before. Evil is spreading rapidly. The end of time for some comes every second of each day, and will nevertheless come for everybody at one time or another. Salvation in Jesus Christ is what you want to acquire before you leave this life on earth.

The will of God is that people of this time understand what is required for salvation. When God wants people to know about His plan of salvation in Jesus Christ, He saves a man and commissions that man to compile, organize, and write about what he has experienced to obtain salvation so that others may have the opportunity saved from sin also. Elder Kilgore is such a God sent preacher. In this and other volumes of his series of books, “Saved from Sin”, he makes this information available. Welcome to Volume 21 of “Saved from Sin”.



INTRODUCTION

It Was The Love Of God That Saved Us:

We are helpless to do anything to correct ourselves of being sinners. We can repent of some sins, but when sin is in the nature of a person, they will eventually continue to commit sin. God had so much love for humans that He was moved to find somebody to take the responsibility of correcting the conditions that sin brought upon the human race. The very Son of God was found to be the only person to take on this responsibility. So God's love moved Him to send His Son Jesus to correct the condition.

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas because God gave Him as a gift to the world to be a sacrifice for our sins. A record has been kept on the memories of the night when the angels of the Lord met the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem of Judaea, announcing that a Saviour was born. The memories of that night are as fresh today in the minds of those who believe as they were with the shepherds who were present that night. It was a Holy night of good tidings, and great joy announcing the birth of a Saviour.

Today we call it Christmas. It was a night introducing salvation to the world. It was a night when the love of God had overwhelmed the world presenting the ultimate gift of God's goodness to the world. The love of God was presented to the world by His Son coming in the form of a human being, and to endure the suffering, humiliation and agony, all ending the mission that God sent Him to perform.

The Goodness Of God:

Jesus made the world to know that though God had promised death to those who were disobedient to His word, God's love had sent Him to change the program as a result of His willingness to die on the cross for those who were condemned and deserved to die.

God so loved the world that He became a sacrifice for the world to be saved from the condemnation that He promised the world for their disobedience (St. John 3:16). God sent this message to the world concerning the changing of His plan by the second member of the Trinity who was Jesus. The message was

referred to as the gospel. The gospel brought hope to a condemned world.

The message was carried to the people of that day by Jesus' disciples who were all Jews. Today the Holy Spirit calls and prepares messengers to keep the message fresh and informative, and it has just as much power to save today as it had during the days of the apostles.

Jesus was, and still is a wonderful and great blessing sent to the earth by God. God did this for our learning and information that we might rejoice in knowing that we have salvation, or deliverance from death.

Hope:

The promises of God give you hope. Hope gives you reasons to live and motivations to survive difficulties of life. Hope is very important. When you lose your hope, there is no motivation to want to live. Life is full of trouble, and disappointments, but when you have hope, it will keep your mind above the negative things of life. True hope in the promises of God is more powerful than the troubles of this world.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ assures all born again believers that there is life beyond the life of this present world. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is very powerful. The resurrection brings to reality a hope for the promises of God. When you surrender your life to Christ, the resurrection of a new creature will develop in you, giving you an unmovable hope that you will live again with Christ. Under these conditions, you will never lose hope in Christ, because He would be living in you.

Jesus is very careful to confirm His reality to all who have surrendered their lives to Him. Jesus showed Himself after rising from the dead by many infallible proofs that He was the same one who walked and talked in the midst of friends, and enemies with nothing but the spirit of love. God is love, and He sent His Son Jesus into the world to penetrate the evils of the world with His love that could not be defeated. God's love in Christ went all the way to the cross and defeated death and hell. After the resurrection, God presented His love in Christ not desiring to take revenge on those who crucified Him.

The Last Gospel Is Calling The People Of God:

The secrets of God that may be found hidden in His word are revealed to those who accept the teachings of Christ and obey the gospel (Deuteronomy

29:29). The gospel that you hear today is the last gospel. This is the last knowledge that the people of the earth will hear before Jesus returns. This will be the last chance for the unsaved to repent of their sins and receive grace to be saved.

This gospel was presented to the world by John the Baptist who cried “repent”. John said that the kingdom of heaven was being offered. The door of salvation was being opened, and the grace of God was offering a free entry into the kingdom of heaven. Man was being invited to receive eternal life free of charge because Christ was going to pay the price at a place called Calvary.

This last gospel would be the message that would reconcile God and man. When this gospel is accepted, it would have power to remove the wall of partition between man and God, which was sin. There would be no limitations to how many people could be saved upon acceptance of the gospel. The gospel would be fresh and powerful with unlimited ability to reach a repenting sinner anywhere.

Thousands were saved at a single meeting when Peter preached it on the day of Pentecost. This gospel has power to penetrate the forces of evil in any situation. The Holy Spirit is the carrier of this gospel, and it carries a package of complete redemption from all sins when it is received. It can completely eradicate the carnal nature, and install the divine nature of God into a receptive mind. Understand that this gospel is the only means by which a person can be saved.

This last gospel and the time for accepting it is rapidly coming to an end. The opportunity to accept it and to be saved is closing in on the sinner. The days that we are presently living in are like the days of Sodom. In the days of Sodom, there was no organized effort to restrain sinners nor to deal with them for the wicked things that they did. Today if sin gets out of control, it will create greater problems than in the days of Sodom because there are more people.

So the last gospel has to be preached to gather together every pure heart. It will call together a nation consisting of people from every kindred and tongue worthy to be received in the presence of God. Its purpose is to get sin out of the heart because no sin can enter heaven.

The Lord has promised that His sheep will hear His voice, and as they hear the voice of God, they will come in to follow Him. The day is now here that those who God has called will worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

The Purpose Of The Word Of God:

The word of God is given for the purpose that we might know what the plan of God will be. It gives us foreknowledge of the events of the future that will be

relevant to our existence. It is not possible for us to know what will come to pass without somebody who has foreknowledge to inform us.

It has always been the will of God to reveal to the people of the world what will happen; therefore, prophets were used by God to warn, and to make the people know that if they went a certain way, the end of the way that the word of God forbids would be the way of death.

There are many ways of life that seem to be right to man, but if such ways are contrary to the ways of God, it can be death. It is the nature of man to think that he is right in his own eyes, but unless he has the Spirit of God, his ways will be damnable.

Emmanuel:

Emmanuel means God is with us. God first came to be with us by means of His only begotten Son, and today He is with us by means of the Holy Spirit. It is a wonderful thing to have God with you. God is with you when you are born again. When you are born again, you are born of the Spirit and the word of God.

The word of God is the seed of life that is planted in your mind by the Spirit of God. Under these conditions, the Trinity of God consisting of God the Father, Jesus who is the word, and the Holy Spirit, which is the comforter, will be living in you. You will then have the presence of God abiding with you in your home, in your car, or wherever you go.

When God is with you, you will have a hope beyond this life. This hope will be given to you by God, and it will be surely fulfilled by God. You can hope for hitting the lottery and be disappointed, but the hope for eternal life will surely come to be true. Even if you die before Jesus returns this hope will still be alive. Nothing can annul a hope that Jesus gives you. Inclusive in this hope is the promise of a new life.

For If The Trumpet Gives An Uncertain Sound, Who Shall Prepare Himself To Battle? (I Corinthians 14:8):

To be saved is to enter into a spiritual warfare against the forces of evil. The strategy that God gives saved people against the forces of evil are included in the preaching of the gospel. The word of God teaches us how to prepare ourselves

against spiritual wickedness in high places; it is called the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). It gives us instructions on how to fight the devil.

If you go to a church that speaks in unknown tongues, such rituals would be like a trumpet giving soldiers on a battle field uncertain sounds or instructions for battle that have no meaning to the soldiers. Listen to I Corinthians 14:9:

Verse 9 - So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

A Renewing Of The Holy Ghost:

Humans have two hearts; they are the spiritual heart, and the biological heart. The spiritual heart is the mind or soul. The biological heart is a blood pumping organ that pumps blood through the body to supply blood for other biological organs. The spiritual heart has a similar function of pumping thoughts to the other members of the body, telling the members what to do. If a person is not saved, the spiritual heart can command other body members to commit acts of sin, such as the hands to steal, fight, or kill. It can instruct sex organs to commit sins such as fornication or adultery.

When a person gets saved, God will give them a new spiritual heart that will command the body members to do right. The body members are not replaced when God saves the person; they are given overwhelming orders to do right. The power for the body members to do right will be generated from the new heart just as they obeyed the old heart to commit sin before getting saved.

When a person gets saved, they are renewed in the spirit of their mind, or heart. The body members are the same, but they will be operating under the power of a new mind, which is a renewing of the Holy Ghost. Listen to Ephesians 4:22-23:

Verse 22 - That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Verse 23 - And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

This is a process of regeneration that is implemented by a new mission of the Holy Ghost, which started in answer to David's prayer. The prophet Joel and

the prophet Ezekiel prophesied of this new mission of the Holy Ghost. Listen to Ezekiel 36:26-27:

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

Verse 27 - And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them.

Now listen to the prophet Joel in Joel 2:28-29:

Verse 28 - And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old man shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Verse 29 - And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

All of this was done by God in answer to a prayer that David prayed after he had sinned. David realized that being born in sin caused humans not to have power to please God. Listen to Psalm 51:5:

Verse 5 - Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

So listen to what David asked God to do to correct the problem in Verses 9-13:

Verse 9 - Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Verse 10 - Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Verse 11- Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Verse 12 - Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Verse 13 - Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

In answer to David's prayer, God commissioned a new mission for the Holy Spirit to save sinners. This mission started with David and has continued to be available for the people of the earth to this present day. Listen to Titus 3:5-7:

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;

Verse 6 - Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

Verse 7 - That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



CHAPTER 1

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST

Subject: The Forerunner Of Jesus Christ:

John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost while in his mother's womb. John was born holy, because he had a special work to perform for God, and was therefore especially endowed by the Holy Ghost before he was born (St. Luke 1:13). He had to go before Jesus and preach the gospel of the kingdom to illustrate how straight and narrow the path into the kingdom of heaven would be. He made the path straight for Jesus' ministry.

John was also born in answer to the prayer of his father who had asked God to open the womb of Elisabeth, John's mother, since she was barren and also advanced in years. The scriptures teach how John was given a mission by God before he was born. John's father did not believe the message from Gabriel concerning John's endowment before he was born, so Zacharias was afflicted until John's birth. Today, many afflictions come upon men because of their unbelief of the word of God. Zacharias learned that God hears prayers, and those who are saved today have learned the same thing.

God gave the complete record of John's life before he was born. The record concerning Jesus Christ was the same. Prior to Joseph and Mary being married, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and told him that his wife was pregnant with a male child who would be called "Jesus". His name and mission were given in detail, and Christ was yet to be born. God has the same information concerning the unborn generation today.

Subject: The Word Made Flesh:

Jesus did not have any positive recollection of being in heaven with God when He ministered on earth, and was tempted by the devil. The Bible teaches that the word of God was made flesh; so God prepared a body for His word, and sent it to the earth, and named His word Jesus. In the beginning of the creation, the word was with God and the word was God. The only proof that Jesus had that He was with God in heaven before the creation of the earth was written in the scriptures foretelling of His advent.

The scriptures were confirmed by the events of His birth, and early life as they were told to Him by His mother. So then, Satan being mindful of such things presented temptations to Jesus consisting of an inducement to get Jesus to doubt that He was with God in the beginning, and that He was the Messiah having the

right to use the powers of heaven to do the works of God in the earth, and that He really was the Son of God.

So Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit in the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, where He had to be alone and undisturbed to review the scriptures and strengthen His faith. Jesus had to know first that He was the Son of God before He could convince others to believe He was. Every day for forty days, Jesus struggled with this temptation, rejecting all doubt as to His deity and mission.

Then Jesus became certain that He was with the Father in the beginning as the word of God, playing a vital part in the creation. He was certain that He was chosen of God to be the Messiah, with the mission that was to redeem man from the curse of sin by paying the penalty in the flesh, and that He would return to God, according to the word in the scriptures, to be a mediator for the salvation of those who would be saved.

Subject: He Took Not On The Nature Of Angels:

When Jesus came to the earth He did not take on the nature of angels. He took a human body just like other humans of the earth. If he had taken on the nature of angels it would have prevented Him from suffering and learning the infirmities of humans. Jesus lived under conditions like we live under today; yet He did not allow the adverse conditions of life to lead Him to sin.

Jesus did not allow His opposers to prevent Him from loving them, neither did He seek revenge against those who abused and eventually crucified Him. After Jesus was resurrected, He did not regiment the angels of heaven to go against His enemies, He simply showed love and concern for those who received Him. This was all God's plan that His Son would take on the nature of man.

God prepared Jesus to live in this world to be just, holy, and pure with all the natural inclinations, feelings and emotions as others who live in flesh and blood bodies, yet without sin. The pure mind of Jesus was under more severe stress than other humans endure, and He was able to endure the death of the cross maintaining this good attitude before God.

Subject: The Fulfillment Of The Law (St. Matthew 5:17-18):

God is not against a sinner. The entire plan of salvation was set up by God for sinners. Sinners live in violation of God's law. There are three classes of sinners: there is the natural sinner, a sinner who is a backslider, and a hypocrite.

The purpose for Jesus coming to the earth was to save sinners. Jesus did not come to save those who think that they are already saved. Listen to St. Matthew 9:10-12:

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

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

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

Jesus made them to understand that He did not come looking for the righteous, but He came to call sinners to repentance, and to teach them the way of righteousness.

When Jesus ate with sinners, His purpose was to get to know them. As Jesus proceeded to learn about sinners, He was separate from practicing the way they lived, and He taught them a new way of living. As Jesus ministered to sinners, the Scribes and Pharisees were a strict religious sect who got together to find fault with Jesus.

In the days of Jesus' ministry, the law of the land was based on the law that Moses taught to rule Israel. In fact, all the laws of this present day are based upon the Ten Commandments. Nothing has ever been issued greater in the governments of the world than the laws that God sent through Moses, because the laws that God gave Moses were perfect. Laws have been given through the years that were supposed to improve upon the law that God gave, but it cannot be improved upon, it can only be obeyed.

The Scribes during Jesus' day were interpreters of the law, and they joined in with the Pharisees to find fault in Jesus to charge Him with being a transgressor of the law. This was because the law stated that when a person broke the law, he was worthy of death, unless there was some sacrifice offered or some restitution

made. Now the law was composed and sent by God through Moses. No forces in existence could escape the condemnation and penalty of the law.

Upon Jesus' appearance, sacrifices for breaking the law were no longer valid or acceptable to God. Jesus was the fulfillment, or final part of the law sent to save those who were condemned under the law, because their sacrifices were no more accepted. Understand that everybody was condemned under the law until the ultimate sacrifice was made on Calvary. So, the Jews who were putting forth efforts to have Christ crucified did not understand that they were initiating God's plan to give a sacrifice to the world for all who were condemned under the law.

Christ is the only means of escaping the condemnation of the law that Moses presented to the world. Until this present day, the law is still in effect unless a person or people have received Jesus Christ to save them from the condemnation of the law. St. Matthew 5:17-18 reads as follows:

Verse 17 - *Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*

Verse 18 - *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

Subject: Jesus Was The Example From Heaven:

Under the most adverse circumstances, Jesus Christ, the Son of God stood before a mocking and jeering crowd. In spite of all that was done against Him, He was able to stand without one sign to show that He was not capable of ruling Himself in love toward those who persecuted and crucified Him. Jesus came to be an example, to teach men and women how to rule themselves, and to love their enemies.

When you can rule yourself, there will be no need to have a ruler over you. In the kingdom of heaven, everybody will be self-ruled. Self rulership comes from the love of God. Love from God is more powerful than all other forces in existence. Love causes the forces of evil, such as hate, to be removed from your heart, and you will have no desire to hurt the other person. The only people that are going to heaven are those who are living in this present world that are subject to the rulership of heaven.

Jesus presented this example of love to the world when evil men came to take Him to be crucified. By refusing to fight with the sword, Jesus showed the world that though He was King of Kings, He would be subject to the government of heaven, and would defeat evil with love.

Subject: It Was Church Folk Of Jesus' Day That Initiated His Victory By Rejecting Him:

Church folk have to be careful of what spirit is leading them today. During Jesus' day, it was church folk that had Him crucified. It was the prominent religious leaders of that day, such as the Scribes, Pharisees, Herodians, and Sadducees that influenced Pilate to have Jesus crucified by using political pressure to compel Pilate to have Jesus crucified.

The church folk of Jesus' day were concerned that their positions of leadership among the Jews would be undermined by the notable works that Jesus did that none of the existing religious sects of that time could compare with doing. The other religious leaders of the Jews were jealous of Jesus' works. The religious leaders of Jesus' day can be compared with Christian leaders of today. If Jesus came to the earth to minister today with the kind of ministry and works that He did 2,000 years ago, all of the religious leaders of today would be out of business.

Jealousy and fear of losing their influence over people would cause religious leaders of today to have Jesus crucified just as the Jewish religious leaders did to destroy Jesus' ministry. It was for this reason that God planned the victory of Jesus' ministry to be initiated through Jesus' rejection and crucifixion. This was because God knew aforetime the kind of attitudes that the religious leaders of Jesus' day would have towards His ministry.

Subject: The Greatest Character That Ever Lived:

All who are saved can testify that Christ is the greatest character that has ever lived in a human body. Christ was the Savior of the world who died for the sins of the world. He loved His enemies with His last breath before dying. Listen to St. Luke 23:34:

Verse 34 - Then said Jesus, *Father forgive them; for they know not what they do...*

Christ had unlimited and immeasurable love for the world that was extended to those who accepted Him as well as those who rejected Him. Jesus Christ, the Son of God was ordained to bring salvation to a dying world; the world could not otherwise be delivered. Christ was not forced to die, but He laid down His life willingly, and afterwards picked it up again. Christ manifested Himself to the world that the world might witness visually a demonstration of the power of God.

Those who crucified Christ were so deceived in their wickedness, and Christ having this knowledge while dying on the cross, looked away into heaven to God, and said, 'Father forgive them that mock me; forgive them that rival me, and say all manner of evil against me, for though I came to bring them salvation, and not do them harm, they choose to abuse and kill me'.

If there had been one speck of hate or a desire for vengeance in Christ, such an expression of pure love could not have reached heaven and today nobody on the earth would be saved. Just as God honored the sincerity of Christ's love for the world, He also honors the sincerity of everybody's repentance because of Christ's prayer of forgiveness to the world.

Subject: The Great Secret To Overcoming Evil:

The great means of acquiring spiritual victory in life over the devil is to know how to overcome evil without using evil tactics. This can be accomplished by only one means, and that is to forgive with a pure heart, without reservations those who do evil to you. You must not carry in your heart any feelings of resentment for what they have done to you. You must not allow any injury to your pride or feeling to grow, because that would destroy your ability to forgive and cause you to seek revenge. You must always know that God who ruleth heaven and earth is the avenger of every evil deed. If God be for you, who can be against you?

When Jesus was hanging on the cross, He realized that God would be with Him because of His love for His enemies. Those who crucified Jesus could not change His opinion about the power of God that was able to make Him overcome evil with good. With this intent of heart, Jesus found extra power within Him to defeat evil. Though His enemies put forth every effort to destroy the power of love to keep it from being effective, Jesus never resented their evil acts.

When Jesus was reviled, He reviled not again. When He was threatened, He threatened not again. When He was judged wrongfully, He stood and took the judgment. Jesus knew that there was one above them all who judged righteously, and would not allow Him to be defeated by evil judgments of men.

Subject: Righteousness Is A Good Seed:

Righteousness is like a good seed that cannot be prevented from coming forth. If your heart is right, there are no forces in existence that can deter your stand for God. Righteousness cannot be buried and made to die. It was tried on Jesus and He came forth after three days. Though they took Jesus, crucified Him, and buried Him, He arose after the third day with more power to stand against all the forces of evil.

Jesus' resurrection was so powerful that all who received His gospel can experience His resurrection in their lives. Jesus stood the test, and today He is still able to bless all who will come to Him. When Christ hung upon the cross from the sixth to the ninth hour, darkness was over the whole earth. God forsook Jesus while he was hanging on the cross.

As strange as it may seem, Jesus realized the moment that God turned His back from Him, but God knew that Jesus could not die as long as He stood by. Therefore, for a small moment God turned His back so that death might finish the job. This was spoke of by the prophet Isaiah in Isaiah chapter 54, verse 7, which reads as follows:

Verse 7 - For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

Subject: The Stone That The Builders Rejected:

Be careful of who you reject religiously. God does things just the opposite of the way we do things in this present world. Things that we give high regard for is an abomination to God. The least person in the kingdom of heaven is a great person to God.

When they were building the temple of Jerusalem, the stones were cut and

shaped in the quarry. The lumber was cut in the mountain according to the actual size needed in the construction of the temple. Every piece of stone was numbered and sent up to Jerusalem so that the builders only had to fit them all in place. This was done so that the noise from hammers or construction was not heard in Jerusalem, because Jerusalem was a holy city and excessive noise was supposed to have desecrated the city.

As the workers proceeded to work on the temple, they noticed among the stones one that was odd and peculiar in shape and size. It seemed to be a misfit, so they discarded it and threw it on the rubbish piles. Finally as the building neared completion and the stones were fitted in place; it was discovered that this peculiar stone which had been rejected was needed to fit in an important opening at the top of the building. So they searched for this oddly shaped stone and finally someone remembered that an oddly shaped stone had been thrown among the rubbish. Then the cry was made; St. Mark 12:10:

Verse 10 - The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner.

God works in a mysterious way. God had this to happen for a specific purpose, which was revealed centuries later as a very important spiritual example of the way He does things. Spiritual things that are relevant to our salvation are hidden from prudent people, and are revealed in things that most people will give very little regard to.

Subject: Christ Is The Resurrection And The Life:

Christ was sent to the earth to be a man after the seed of Abraham that He might be subject to the conditions of life that humans are subject to and eventually death. Through the obedience of Christ, He was given the key to death and hell. God has placed the power of victory over death and hell in obedience to His word. This power over death that Christ was given can be extended to everybody to acquire victory over death if they obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. Matthew 28:18 teaches "*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth*".

Christ was the only qualified person to receive this power from God, so He chose to die that we might live. Christ defeated death by entering the territory of death, after being crucified as a holy sacrifice of God. Righteousness has more

power than death and is able to bring death under subjection to its power.

When Lazarus, Christ's beloved friend slept the sleep of death, Christ was notified and went to raise up Lazarus. The sister of Lazarus was concerned because she thought that Christ had come too late to help Lazarus. Lazarus' sister feared that she would not see her brother again until the day of the resurrection. But Christ had to enlighten her that He was the resurrection, and had power to release Lazarus from the power of death at any time rather than to wait for the day of the resurrection. Listen to St. John 11:25-26:

Verse 25 - Jesus said unto her, *I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*

Verse 26 - *And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

Subject: God Will Honor The Blood:

Your life and your hope depend upon the word of God. Obedience to the word of God is the only means of survival that we have in this present world. The symbols of the crucifixion were given in the scriptures. The word of God presented a plan by which we could be saved hundreds of years before the crucifixion of Jesus took place.

In Exodus 12:13, it teaches that Moses presented a procedure for the children of Israel to kill a lamb, and put the blood of the lamb on their doorposts, that the death angel might pass over them when destruction came to the first-born of the Egyptians. Exodus 12:13 reads as follows:

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.*

Whenever God sends instructions by His word, all who obey will acquire safety and deliverance. Deliverance for the Israelites in Egypt was not just for them to get out of Egypt safely, but it was also a symbol of how their souls could

be saved if they continued in their obedience to God's instructions. Moses' instructions to the children of Israel was a symbol of how the blood of Jesus would later save their souls.

Obedience to Moses' instructions from God was so powerful that it would save and secure every generation of the Jews until the coming of Christ. The Jews had to honor the blood that was put on their doorposts from the sacrifice of their lamb. Throughout the centuries to come wherever God would see the blood, His destruction would pass over those who honored the blood. Moses gave instructions to the children of Israel that they should keep the feast of the Passover as a memorial of how God delivered them out of Egypt. They were instructed that every generation in Israel should continuously keep the Passover (Exodus 12:12-14).

Had they kept the Passover, it would have given them an understanding that Christ was their Messiah and Deliverer. It was in commemoration of their ancestors' escape from Egypt that Christ brought to the attention of His disciples when He served Communion with them the day before His crucifixion.

The instructions given by God through Moses would be concluded when they would take Communion with Jesus again in the kingdom of heaven. The Communion service given by Jesus to His disciples was the last honor of commemoration of the blood that delivered the children of Israel from Egypt, and final honor would be given in the kingdom of heaven (St. Matthew 26:18).



CHAPTER 2

***WHERE WILL YOU SPEND
ETERNITY - IN HEAVEN OR
HELL?***

Subject: The Promise Of Jesus:

God is presently building a beautiful city called the New Jerusalem that will be the metropolis of the new earth as well as heaven. When this new city comes down to the earth, it will be the fulfillment of God's promise (St. John 14:1).

Jesus told His apostles that He was going away to prepare a place for them just before He left the earth. He admonished them to let not their hearts be troubled, and that if they believed in God, that they should believe also in Him.

He said that He was going back to prepare a place for you that where I am, you may be also; and if I go to prepare it, I am coming back again and receive you unto myself. These words that Jesus left as a promise to His disciples are a promise to everyone who believes and obeys His gospel.

The same power that was in the words that created the heavens, and the earth in the beginning is in the promises of the words concerning His return for those who are saved today.

Subject: The Hope Of The Resurrection:

Our hope in rising in the first resurrection has to be built upon the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The righteousness of Christ has to be incorporated with our hope. When we live according to the righteousness of Christ, it gives us a sure hope. If the things that you hope for are supported by the righteousness of Christ, such hope will not be vain.

Jesus has energized the hope for those who believe in Him because He showed Himself by many infallible proofs that He was the one who once walked and talked in the midst of friends and enemies with nothing but the Spirit of love. Jesus' love was so powerful that it is able to give pure hope that will not disappoint those who obey His gospel.

Subject: Only The Fruit Of The Holy Spirit Will Qualify A Person To Enter The Kingdom Of Heaven:

Anyone who has any aspects of the spirit of hatred will not enter into the kingdom of heaven. The hearts of those who will enter the kingdom of heaven

must be purified with the love of God. The Bible teaches that if your enemy is suffering, you must feel sorry for your enemy as you would your friend. Instructions on how love must be the dominant part of your character are given in the word of God to destroy the spirit of hatred (Romans 12:20-21).

In heaven, there will only be love, peace and joy. These are the fruits of the Holy Spirit that dominate the atmosphere of heaven. Those who qualify to go to heaven must acquire the fruits of the Holy Spirit while they are living in this present world. Galatians 5:22-23 give a listing of the fruits of the Spirit.

Subject: Holy Spirit Prepares You To Enter The Kingdom Of Heaven:

Of all that the Holy Spirit will do in your life, its primary purpose is to prepare you to enter into the kingdom of heaven. Nobody will be able to enter the kingdom of heaven unless they have been filled with the Holy Spirit while they are living in this world. They must be born again, conceived of the Holy Spirit. This will be a spiritual birth, just as Jesus taught Nicodemus.

After you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you must be tried, and tested by the devil to prove that you have it. You are not proving this to God, but to yourself. Your test and trials will be the only assurance that you have the Holy Spirit. The test will try your new righteous qualities to see if you can continue to be righteous after that pressure to do wrong has been applied by Satan.

The test is very important, because many Christians have been deceived into believing that they have the Holy Spirit receiving false evidence, such as speaking in unknown tongues, falling in the floor, shouting, singing, and getting happy in a church assembly. Such signs are not evidence of the Holy Spirit and can be counterfeit spiritual qualities.

Evidence of the Holy Spirit will be manifested in your life by the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22). There must be continuous signs in your new life of love, peace, joy, faith, goodness, temperance, meekness, humility, longsuffering, and patience. These qualities should be able to endure the adversity of a test when the devil brings it against you.

Subject: The Gates Of Heaven Will Open For Jesus And His Saints:

Three days following Jesus' crucifixion, He arose from the grave and said, "All power in Heaven and earth is given into my hands, to the end that I may redeem those who believed in me from sin and death." Jesus has promised that if we let Him come into our hearts by means of His teachings that we can be joint-heirs with Him when He returns to administer the first resurrection.

The words that Jesus taught declares that when Jesus shall descend from Heaven with the voice of the Arch Angel, and the trump of God, the dead in Christ shall rise, and all who obeyed Him who are still living shall be changed. This will be saints from all quarters of the earth to go back with Jesus. Now the question may come to your mind of who is going to be a part of this glorious event? Listen to Psalm 24:3-8:

- Verse 3 - Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?
- Verse 4 - He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
- Verse 5 - He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- Verse 6 - This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.
- Verse - 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- Verse 8 - Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Subject: The Unity Of Heaven And The Earth:

It is the plan of God to get His saved people on the earth to be united with His family in heaven. It is God's desire to have all with one accord. Listen to the prayer that Jesus prayed for this purpose in St. Matthew 6:9-10:

Verse 9 - *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

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

Listen to St. John 17:20-22:

Verse 20 - *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*

Verse 21 - *That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*

Verse 22 - *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.*

Christ assembled His followers together after He received the glorified body, promising that He would go to prepare a place for those who loved Him and when He had prepared this place, He would return and receive them unto Himself, that where He is, there they might be also. After giving this assurance, He ascended into heaven and they watched Him until He disappeared.

To this present day, the promises of Christ abide in the hearts of those who are born again to purify their hearts so that they are with one accord with God. Christ promised that He will return to the earth again in the clouds, and heaven and the earth will be united with a New Jerusalem as the capitol where the will of God will be done in earth as it is in heaven. When we are born of the Spirit of God, we are preparing ourselves to be in full accord with heaven, and God's will, will be done in us as it is in heaven.

Subject: The New City Offers Immortality:

Heaven is the dwelling place of God, and no darkness can come in the presence of God. The scriptures teach that there is no night in the beautiful city called the New Jerusalem that is now being built for the new arrivals. The presence of God will light up the city just as it lights up your understanding when you are filled with the Holy Ghost.

When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you are walking in the light of God. Just as the Holy Ghost gives you light (understanding) in this present world, you will also need the Holy Spirit to get into this new city. The Holy Ghost is the only means by which you can have access to this new city in heaven. Heaven is a habitation of immortality. God holds immortality in His hands, and all who enter heaven will be partakers of this immortal dwelling place.

Immortality will be completely received in heaven, but it must start while we are on the earth. Jesus is the true vine that giveth everlasting life to all who receive Him, so that they will bring forth fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life. Listen to Romans 6:8:

Verse 8 - But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life.

Subject: The Judgment Of God Is Eternal:

The judgment and blessings of God are eternal. God's plan for man will be everlasting whether it be for man in heaven or hell. If you have acquired love for your neighbor, enemy, or friend while you are in this present world, such love will be in your life throughout eternity, regardless to whether they love you or not.

There will be no blacks, whites, Asians, or Hispanics in the kingdom of heaven, there will be only love. The love of God will give all who receive the Holy Spirit in this life one description of character throughout eternity. In the kingdom of heaven nobody will be identified by the ethnic origin that they were born with in this world.

All who are born again of the Spirit of God in this life will get eternal life in God's kingdom identified by the love of God in their hearts. Everybody in the new

kingdom that God is preparing will live by the wisdom of God. All who fail to get saved in this present world will live eternally being tormented by their own sins.

Subject: You Can Escape The Second Death By Means Of The Second Birth:

If you do not receive the new-birth while you are living in this present world, you will experience two deaths. The only way to escape the second death will be to experience the second birth. Just as the second death will be the death of your soul (mind), the second birth will be the new-birth of your soul (mind) that will make you able to escape the second death.

The first death of your physical body is temporary, and will take place quickly, but if you experience the second death of your soul (mind), it will be continuous, eternal punishment and torment. If you have experienced the second birth of a new mind, and are living when Jesus returns, you will not experience the first or second death; you will never die.

At such time when Jesus returns, you will be changed from a corruptible flesh and blood body to an incorruptible body that will receive life by the Holy Spirit rather than blood (I Corinthians 15:54-55). You will be changed from an earthly, terrestrial body to a heavenly, celestial body qualifying you to live in the kingdom of heaven, because flesh and blood cannot live in the kingdom of heaven. This means that you are a certified child of God, and have been born again of the Spirit of God.

Subject: A Permanent Fellowship With God:

God does not desire that death separate you from your fellowship with Him. God has arranged that a man or woman can be born again of the Spirit to have continuous fellowship with Him. This fellowship must start while we live in this present world. There is no plan available for man to acquire a fellowship with God after he dies.

The Holy Spirit is presently moving upon the earth seeking those who desire to have fellowship with God. You can only have fellowship with God when you are holy. The Holy Spirit can make you holy or sin-free. When your fellowship with God begins in this present world, it will be continuous into the kingdom of

heaven. When Jesus returns, you will be caught up to meet Him, and taken to heaven to have permanent unity with God. All preparation for this event must be done by the Holy Spirit while you are living in this present world.

Subject: Life In The Kingdom Of Heaven:

Heaven is going to be a wonderful place in which to be, not merely for the grandeur and the blessedness of the holy people that will be there, but also because of the great joy that will be in every heart. The Holy Ghost will be administering joy in full, and continuous force for the people in heaven, because the people will have spiritual bodies that can receive such joy. Those who will have part in the first resurrection will be blessed and holy. Such saints would have escaped the second death.

If you are saved today, you should thank God continuously for giving you this opportunity to live in the kingdom of heaven. The Holy Spirit has qualified such people to walk with the redeemed of the Lord. Those who are filled with the Holy Spirit should pray continuously that God will replenish their strength, and power to stay with those who are going to heaven.

You will be tried by the devil from time to time, but the reward that you will get if you overcome your trials will be worth any condition that you will have to suffer in order to hold your membership in the family of God. The more that you talk to God, and receive instructions from His word, the more you will acquire a desire to live in the kingdom of heaven.

You will be able to set your affections on things above rather than on things on the earth. The Spirit of God would be moving you to get closer to God rather than things on the earth. You should thank God for giving you boldness to break away from a life of sin, and to follow after righteousness.

Subject: There Will Be Two Deaths For The Unsaved:

After man was given two parts to his existence, his disobedience will also cause him to experience two deaths. There will be the death of the body, and the death of the soul. Due to the fact that the body was made of a temporary substance, which is the dust of the ground, its death will be only for a moment.

However, the death of the soul, which is spiritual, will be eternal death. The death of the soul will experience endless torment.

If a person gets saved and they die before Jesus returns, their body will go back to the dust and the soul will enter a rest in paradise. They will not experience the second death of the soul. All who are saved will be a part of the first resurrection, which will take place when Jesus appears for the saved people.

All who do not get saved will be left on the earth for a thousand years. Afterwards, they will experience the second resurrection, which will be for the judgment and eternal punishment in a lake of fire and brimstone.

Subject: Where Will Sinners Go After Their Death?

People who commit sin are living wickedly. Such people live the life of the devil. The devil is their invisible leader through life. Their motives, ideas, and purposes that are sin related do not actually come from them, but they come to them by means of the prince of the air who is the devil.

The devil controls the atmosphere around unsaved people. The devil lives in such people to direct their thoughts, actions, and dominate their lives. They may seem to be enjoying themselves while they live, but they are in reality very miserable, because the devil does not bring joy. The devil may bring fun, which gives thrills for a while, but afterwards, there is condemnation, which brings woe, sadness, and eventually death.

When a sinner is of the devil, his or her life or soul belongs to the devil. In I John 3:8 it teaches, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning". When the sinner dies, his or her body will return to the dust from which it was made, but their mind or soul will go to be with the devil, and will remain with the devil until the second resurrection.

The moment the sinner rises from the dead, the devil will be there to claim him or her. The sinner will then be turned into hell along with the devil and all other wicked angels and sinners. The resurrection of the sinner will not take place until after the saved people (or saints) have been caught up with Jesus, and are taken by Jesus to heaven. A period of one thousand years will elapse and then the second death will occur, where the devil and all sinners will be permanently separated from God.

Subject: When Will The Judgment Take Place?

The scriptures declare that a person does not go straight to heaven when he or she dies, neither will the sinner go straight to hell when he or she dies. Jesus did not go straight to heaven when He died. Jesus remained on earth 40 days after His resurrection. He remained in the grave for 3 days, and rose from the dead, yet He had not been to heaven. Jesus did not go to heaven until after His resurrection, and appearances to His friends and disciples on earth.

There are many people who are under the impression that after you die, if you are saved you will immediately enter the kingdom of heaven. Saved people will not enter the kingdom until after their judgment, and unsaved people will not go to hell until after their judgment. If everybody went to heaven after death, heaven would be full of sinners and saints.

On the other hand, if the saved went to heaven after death, and the unsaved went to hell, there would be no need for judgment day. What would be the purpose of Jesus coming back to the earth to get the saved from their rest if they are already in heaven? Under no conditions will God allow the unsaved to go into heaven after they die. Such an entry into heaven would cause the scriptures to be in error. Listen to Revelations 21:27:

Verse 27 - And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Listen to Revelations 21:8:

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

Subject: You Will Be Judged As An Individual:

If you are a sinner, Christ has not been a minister to you. When Christ ministers to a person, the person becomes free from sin. Christ does not save you contrary to what His word teaches. Listen to Galatians 2:17:

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

Many who claim to be saved by the blood of Jesus are sinners. To be a sinner means to have a life that is in violation of God's word. You cannot be a violator of the law and obedient to the law at the same time. You cannot drive your car at 70 miles an hour in a fifty-five miles an hour zone and be obedient to the law at the same time.

If you are a sinner, you are breaking God's law. In order to be saved, you have to be saved from sin. When you are saved from sin, you are a saint. When God saves you, He saves you from sin. If you are still committing sin, it means that sin is a part of your life (St. Matthew 1:21). When something is taken from you, it is no longer a part of you or your life.

You cannot justify your personal life of sin by saying everybody is a sinner. You don't know what everybody is, because you don't know everybody. You have to be a witness to the teachings of the gospel for yourself, and it should not be based upon what you think other people are.

Some church folk may desire to drink liquor, steal, lie, and commit adultery. If these are not your desires, why would you put yourself in the same spiritual category that they are in, when you don't desire to do any of these things? People are going to heaven or hell as individuals. They are going for their own personal life of sin or of righteousness. They are not going to heaven because of somebody else's righteousness, neither are they going to hell because of somebody else's sins.

God is not going to have a judgment for people as a group, but as individuals. Every individual will stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account for deeds that have been done in their body, whether they be good or whether they be evil.



CHAPTER 3

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT: THE WORD OF GOD

Subject: The Purpose Of The Word Of God:

The purpose of the word of God is to bring you good news. The scriptures do not teach anything that will make you sad. It is the things that people do that makes them sad. The Bible teaches against the sinful acts that will make people sad. It will be the saddest day since the origin of man for the unsaved on the day that Jesus returns. It will be the happiest day for those who are saved.

God sent the Holy Spirit to give joy to the hearts of everybody who desires to be saved. The Holy Spirit does not give qualities that makes you sad; it is the Spirit of good cheer. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it will illuminate those that you meet with the Spirit of good cheer, bringing joy to their hearts also. When you are filled with the Spirit, folk will love to be in your company.

Jesus came to give joy to the hearts of man, and not to sadden them. The gospel of Jesus Christ will not allow you to be deceived by false joy that the world gives. The word of God will expose false joy to reveal its deceitfulness. Unless you are filled with the Holy Spirit, there are things that the word of God teaches that you don't understand that may seem to be offensive. However, the word of God only offends the evil ways of the devil that appear to bring pleasure to those who are deceived by such.

For example if a person is involved in a relationship of adultery, and the word of God teaches against the relationship, though the person may be initially offended, the word of God will also reveal the results of such a relationship for the benefit of those involved so that they won't be deceived by the short pleasures of the relationship.

Subject: The Promise From The Scriptures:

You can only acquire a relationship with God by means of the Holy Scriptures. You cannot know God unless the knowledge of His existence is revealed to you from the Holy Scriptures. It is the Holy Spirit that reveals knowledge from the Holy Scriptures. The scripture in II Corinthians 5:1 teaches that your body of flesh and blood will be dissolved, and if you are saved, you will have a body prepared by God that will be eternal in the heavens.

The God of all the creations created the first man, and that's how we got here. Though the first man sinned and violated our privilege to get eternal life; it is not the will of God that we perish. Therefore, the scriptures assure us that if we

obey God we can reverse the penalty that the first man brought upon us, and that after these bodies dissolve we will receive another body eternal in heaven.

Now this natural body of flesh is a seed that can be planted in the earth. If you are saved, it can be a good seed that can be sown in the earth after it dies to raise a spiritual body. I Corinthians 15:44 teaches that you are sown in a natural body, and you can be raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and a spiritual body. God who gave us these natural bodies has promised that we shall have spiritual bodies if we sow the natural body as a good seed.

It is the word of God that teaches us about what God can do for us if we obey God. God in the Holy Scriptures has taught us that He formed us out of the dust of the earth, and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. Though God did this to the first man, this life source has been passed down to all humans.

Modern science cannot come up with any other explanation of how we received our life. The theory of life coming by the process of evolution is a process of stupidity. When man's intelligence causes him to stray from the knowledge of the scriptures, he will be lost in stupidity. If you are sick and you can find a holy man to pray for you, God will heal your body. If you call for somebody to help you that believes in the process of evolution when you are sick, you should also call the undertaker.

Subject: Are You Going In The Right Direction?

If you are planning on going to visit a city that you have never been to before, you would be wise to get the correct directions on how to get there. The Bible gives directions on how to get to a city whose builder and maker is God.

The Bible will help you to know when you are getting near that city, or if you are on the wrong road. This city that God is preparing is the only continuing city for those who desire to spend eternity with God. The word of God helps us to know which way we are going, and how near we are to that city.

Subject: Search The Scriptures:

When you are not knowledgeable of what the scriptures teach, you will err from righteousness. To not know the scriptures means that you do not know the

power of God (St. Matthew 22:29). You must know the Holy Scriptures or else the devil will deceive you into doing what displeases God. When you don't know the scriptures, you will be working against God and going to church thinking that you are for God.

Without knowledge of the scriptures, you will think that you are going to receive eternal life when you die. You can only learn about your eternal destiny when you search the scriptures. Listen to St. John 5:39:

Verse 39 - *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*

You cannot know whether or not you will receive eternal life unless you have knowledge of the scriptures. The Holy Scriptures are given by God to make you wise unto salvation. Listen to II Timothy 3:15-17:

Verse 15 - *And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

Verse 16 - *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*

Verse 17 - *That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*

CHAPTER 4

THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH

Subject: Mistakes Are Not Sins:

The promises God made unto us are expressions of His favor and grace. If it were possible for us to do something for God in order to get the things that He has promised, then our rewards would be considered as debt paid to us, but when Jesus died for us He didn't owe us anything. God redeemed us free of charge when we were lost, and it was by His grace that we were saved. In order for grace to go to work for us, all we have to do is to believe God. We are justified by our 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.

The moment that you believe that you can live above sin, and are willing to start to do so, God justifies you. No matter how vile a sinner you have been, He counts your faith in Him as righteousness. God will not charge you for any previous sins, nor present mistakes that you make if you confess your belief in Him that He can make you perfect. With this mind God knows that you are willing to correct any mistakes and that you will not intentionally commit sin again. Mistakes are not sins. A mistake is when you have intentions to do right, but your lack of knowledge caused you to err.

Subject: Nobody Gets Better In Sin:

The sentence of death was passed down to us because of sin. While we did not participate in the first sin, we were in the loins of Adam who did sin, and thereby we became subject to death through Adam's transgression. Sin entered the world by one man, and God has sent one man to remove it.

Man was put out of the Garden of Eden where the tree of life was, and God did not want him to eat of the tree of life to live forever as a sinner, because nobody gets better in sin. It was because of sin that God limited the life span of man to 70 or 80 years. During this length of time, God has provided a means by which man can repent of his sins and be saved.

God initially allowed Adam to choose life or death, and to prove to himself to be deserving of God's favor by being absolutely true to God by his own choice. Adam chose death rather than life.

Subject: Sin Has A Corruptible Effect Upon People:

All unrighteousness is sin. When God saves you, He saves you from unrighteous ways of living. Unrighteousness is very deceiving and can destroy your life when you don't know it. God could see how involved and deceived man was by sin, and sent Jesus to the earth to preach the gospel to the world so that the deceitfulness of sin could be revealed.

Sin causes each generation that comes on the scene to be more wicked than the previous generation. Sin has a corruptible effect upon people who are not saved and causes them to get worse with time.

Subject: Any Sexual Relations Outside Of Marriage Between Male And Female Will Be Judged By God As Fornication:

Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, as an approval of marriage. Later the apostle Paul taught in the gospel, putting in simple language for everybody to read and understand that marriage is honorable and undefiled when whoremongers or fornication is not a part of marriage.

When homosexuality is inclusive in marriage, it means that such a marriage is fornication and the bed, or sexual participation is defiled (Hebrews 13:4). Every marriage between male and female is free of fornication, and is acceptable and honorable in the sight of God. When such a couple is married, the bed is undefiled. "The bed" makes reference to the privacy that is common to the relationship of man and wife (male and female).

When such couples are married, their private life is not defiled. They are then respected by their neighbors, the community and God. It will not be indecent for them to be together in public, private, or before God. On the other hand, if they are not married as male and female and are having sexual relations, they will be in violation of the commandment of God. The commandment of God forbids such sexual relationships in I Corinthians 6:9-10, and they will be judged by God.

Subject: The Secret Sin:

The secret sins are uncovered by the gospel. God raised up Jesus to uncover the secret sins. Sin can be so secretive that those who are victims cannot know about it. God was fully aware of the spiritual condition of humans before they were born, therefore, He prepared a second birth for humans in Christ that would save us from our secret sins as well as the sins that we have knowledge of.

When the gospel uncovers your secret sin, it is not to embarrass you, but to inform and to show you a way of deliverance. The gospel will show us the consequences of secret sins in addition to the path ahead, and how to avoid the deep pitfalls. God knows every child before the child is born. If a child is secretly destroyed by means of contraceptives or abortions, God has it on record to be used in the Day of Judgment. You cannot secretly commit sin and escape the consequences. Listen to Jeremiah 2:34:

Verse 34 - Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.

The shedding of blood of the innocent is offensive to God; God knew their names before they were born. God desires that the innocents live. The shedding of blood is only acceptable to God for remission of sins that was done by Jesus on Calvary. When it is done to cover your sins, God will judge those who are responsible; this includes physicians who are also involved.

Subject: The Unpardonable Sin:

The scriptures tell you plainly in St. Matthew 12:31 that God will forgive every sin except one. There is only one sin that will not be forgiven by God and that is blasphemy or disrespecting the Holy Ghost.

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

The Holy Ghost was sent by God to be a guide and assistance for man, showing him how to get into the kingdom of heaven. It is impossible to be able to get into the kingdom of heaven without the assistance of the Holy Ghost. If a person blasphemes or disrespects the guidance of the Holy Ghost, God has provided no other means for the person to get into the kingdom of heaven.

After Jesus left the earth, He told the disciples that He would send another comforter which would be the Holy Ghost that would teach and guide them into all truth. The Holy Ghost is the only source of eternal salvation for the people of the earth. For a person to blaspheme or speak against the Holy Ghost means that they are rejecting their only means of being saved. Listen to St. Matthew 12:32:

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

You can say anything that you want against Jesus, and you can repent and be saved, because the Lord says that He will forgive you though you spoke against His Son. However, if you speak against the Holy Ghost, the Lord says that it shall not be forgiven you either in this world or in the world to come.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Will Only Honor Repentance:

The Holy Spirit is presently on standby to help a sinner to repent, and after their repentance it will come into their life and abide. When the Holy Spirit comes in, God and Jesus will also come into the person's life and have a permanent abode with the individual. It only takes an act of repentance for the Holy Spirit to come into a person's life.

Such heresies as speaking in unknown tongues, and being slain in the spirit is religious foolishness. Such rituals are considered as blasphemy or disrespect to the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit only follows repentance. When John the Baptist was sent to preach repentance, he only taught one requirement for being filled with the Holy Ghost and that was repentance. Repentance means to turn from your sins.

When folk speak in unknown tongues they are speaking against the Holy

Spirit which is considered as blasphemy. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will permanently prevent them from being saved. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit offers no chance for forgiveness of sins.

Subject: The Back Slider:

If you have ever backslidden after you started with the Lord, and decided that you wanted to turn to God again, God will receive you if your heart is sincere. When you backslid, you were not likely filled with the Holy Spirit, nor were you born again. Your initial conversion was loose, and you were still attracted to many sinful pleasures of the world. When you come back to God, you should do as David did and ask God to seal you with the Holy Spirit, create within you a clean heart, and renew the right spirit in you.

After David got straight with God, he wrote the book of Psalms and said, “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want”. When God becomes your shepherd, you will be right. God will feed your mind knowledge by means of His Spirit, and you will have a binding fellowship with God for the remaining of your life. God will strengthen you, establish and settle you, and no matter what comes, you will not be moved.

Subject: The Truth Can Make You Free:

Sin is very deceiving because it works with human desires to make people miserable. Sin is of the devil. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit to get sin and the devil out of your life. You can repent of some sins, and your repentance will give you the right to pray. When you pray, you must believe that God will answer your prayers. To believe that God will answer your prayers is to have faith. When you don't have faith in your prayers, it is a waste of time to pray.

In order to get help from God you must be established in the truth. You can only get help from God according to the instructions that He gives. When you are established in the truth, the truth shall make you free from sin, giving you access to God.

Subject: The Silent Enemy:

When you disobey God, you learn about evil. Nobody knows anymore about evil than those who are in prison for committing evil acts. Evil is destructive and it eventually brings death that is not always noticeable when the evil act is first committed.

When Adam ate of the forbidden fruit, he saw no evidence of dying. Death can be a silent enemy of man with no indications that it is coming until it is too late to avoid it. Of all the things that man learns by experience, he does not want to learn about death by participating in evil acts. Such education will be damnable. There is no profit in being a well-educated person in hell.

Subject: Death Is Sleep For The Saved Person:

God desires that man who was born in sin become a saint. Man became a sinner by the transgression of Adam that caused all men and women to be born as sinners. God in His merciful way could see that some men would desire to be free from sin, so He arranged a plan for man to be liberated in Christ. The blood of Jesus that was shed upon the cross has allowed man to make peace with God, and to be reconciled unto God.

If man accepts God's love and turns from his sins, he can be classified by God as a saint. To be a saint means to be holy. This is a great privilege that God is giving to us that we will be called the sons of God. All this will be made possible by God's redeeming love. God will then fill every person with the Holy Spirit, which will burn up their sinful nature without any pain or discomfort being a part of the process. All this will be given to man by grace.

Grace means favor from God without any charge or price to pay. Jesus paid the price on Calvary. Jesus died for all who desire to be saved. Death for the saved person will be transformed to sleep. Those who are in Christ and are in the graves are asleep, and at the sound of His voice they shall rise.

Subject: No Need To Struggle With Death:

You are born to die, and death is more powerful than your flesh and blood body. The moment that you think you are ready to live, death can come upon you by surprise and overtake you. Only Jesus can make you ready for death because He defeated death. Unless you have Jesus Christ, you are vulnerable to death. Jesus can save you from eternal death which is death of your soul. The death of your physical body is not so bad, but the death of the soul is eternal.

Subject: God Is Eternal:

There are many people who give so little regard about death. Death is very important concerning human existence. There are many that give God credit for implementing death. They give God credit for taking their loved one. God has nothing to do with death. Death is God's enemy; that is why Jesus was sent to defeat death.

Death is a product of sin, just as germs are the products of filth. Sin and death is against everything that God stands for. God did not destroy man for committing sin; sin killed man; that is why God commanded man not to commit sin, because sin would bring death. God is a giver of life.

Listen to I Corinthians 15:24-26:

Verse 24 - Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Verse 25 - For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

Verse 26 - The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

God is an eternal God and everything that He created was created to live forever. When death is destroyed, then the last enemy of God will be conquered. It is death that keeps man separated from God. After man lives a limited life in time, and dies, death allows the grave to keep man separated from God. God has

promised in His word that He is going to remove the barrier between man and God. Listen to Hosea 13:14:

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

Subject: God's Holiness Can Make Us Free From Sin And Death:

We as sinners were born into this world under condemnation. It is the law of God that condemns us when we are born as sinners. When we live a life of sin, we are under condemnation of the law of God, because we would be living contrary to God's holiness. Such a way of living will eventually bring death to us. Continuous life for us can only be given by means of God's holiness being a controlling part of our lives.

God's holiness was made available in Christ who can lift the condemnation that the law of God brought upon us while we were in the sinful state. In Christ we are given the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of life that makes us free from the law of sin and death. Listen to Romans 8:1-2:

Verse 1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them
which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the
flesh, but after the Spirit.

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

The law of the Spirit of life gives eternal life. Without the law of the Spirit of life, you will have a limited life. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ will allow you to pass through the valley and the shadow of death, because there will be no threat by evil or sin. This will be a sweet passage for the born again person. Such a person will experience going through a change of their body from a physical body to a celestial, spiritual body to have a spiritual life throughout eternity with God.

Subject: Jesus Sets Us Free From The Law Of Sin And Death:

Sin is a transgression or violation of the law of God. The law of God was given for those who are sinners. When you are born again, you are free from the condemnation of the law, because there is nothing in the law that condemns a righteous person. Being saved means that you are saved from the condemnation of the law. When you are saved from the condemnation of the law, you are then free to live forever in heaven with God.

The Holy Spirit at this time will be the very substance of your new life. You would have escaped all of the miseries that a life of sin would have brought upon you by the condemnation of the law. While you are living in this present world, you will be able to walk in the Spirit. This means to live righteously by the Holy Spirit. You will then be obedient to God's commands and nobody can condemn you.

You will no longer live after the flesh, which was satisfying your sinful desires, but you will live after the Spirit, which will give you righteous desires. All of these privileges were made available to you because God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, and condemned sin in the flesh (Romans 8:3). The law of sin and death is too weak to compete against the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

The law of God has two parts; the first part is to condemn sin in the flesh, and the second part is the righteousness of the law, which came by Christ with the Spirit of God so that we would no longer have to live after the flesh, but after the Spirit. When we live after the flesh, we will mind, or desire sinful pleasures, which are the things of the flesh. However, when we live after the Spirit, we will mind the things of the Spirit. To desire sinful things of the flesh means that we are carnally minded, which makes us enemies of God, but when we desire things of the Spirit, we are spiritually minded, and accepted by God (Romans 8:4-9).

CHAPTER 5

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BORN AGAIN?

Subject: The Adoption Process:

Children inherit the nature of their parents until they are born again. Unless a child receives the new-birth in Christ by being filled with the Holy Spirit, they will naturally take on the ways of their parents as they mature into adulthood. There will be no means of a child escaping the natural tendencies of their parents unless they are born again. If the parents are sinners, the children will be sinners. If the parents are saved, the children will be born saved and they will not have to be born again.

God, being love, allowed His only begotten Son to be a sacrifice for the world. This was so that those who are born in sin will have a chance to be born again in Christ, being able to escape the nature of sin that they inherited from their parents. This is referred to as a washing of regeneration by the Holy Ghost saving the person from the generation of sin that they were born in, and adopting them into the family of God by the Holy Spirit.

Subject: The Message:

Of all the people on the earth today, God only acknowledges two men. The first man that God acknowledges is Adam who was the progenitor or the beginning of men. The second man that God acknowledges is Jesus. The same Adam that disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden is you until you are born again. When you are born again, that old Adam dies and the begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ, will become alive in your life.

The new birth that God gives you is spiritual which causes Christ to live in you and replaces Adam. This replacement of Adam is done by the Spirit; and the word of God. Your mind is changed by hearing words when you believe the words. Words are moved and energized by spirits. Evil words receive energy from the spirit of the devil.

The word of God receives energy from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit and the word of God are one in administration. When you hear the word of God that is given by the Spirit of God, it will change your mind from a carnal or sinful mind to a holy or righteous mind. You would then have received the birth of a new mind. You would have been born again of the Spirit and the word of God.

Jesus was given to the world by God for a purpose. When the angel Gabriel brought the message to Mary concerning Jesus' birth, Gabriel was bringing a

message of salvation to the world. Christ who was the word of God was in the message. The message introduced Christ, and the purpose for which He came. Christ's purpose was to save the human family, and to restore them to the family of God (St. Matthew 1:21).

Today if you are saved, you have been restored to the family of God, according to the message that Gabriel brought to Mary and Joseph. When the angel Gabriel left Joseph, he went to Mary in person in the form and likeness of a human being. Angels can take on the natural appearance of a man. Just as we were born into existence, angels in like manner were created into existence. The things that we do are initiated by the power of our minds, in which sin was included. The things that angels do are done by the power of the presence of God according to the mind of God.

God's mind sends orders to angels, and the devil sends orders to the minds of unsaved humans of the world. When we are born again, God gives us a new mind that will have power by the Holy Spirit to reject the orders from the devil and obey the orders from God.

Subject: A Spiritual Birth:

To be born again is to experience a spiritual birth. The first birth that you had, being born in sin, was a natural or carnal birth. A natural or carnal birth places you into the world as a sinner, and not acceptable to God. You cannot be a member of God's holy family being born of a carnal birth.

To be carnal or natural presents you to the world with moral tendencies of life that are unholy, and sensual. This means your life is without the Spirit of God being a part of your being. You can only be acceptable to God when your life is spiritual or conceived by the Holy Spirit. The new-birth in Christ gives you this privilege.

The second birth is of the Spirit of God, which changes your natural or carnal tendencies to holy or righteous tendencies, which is acceptable to God. After you experience the new-birth, the Holy Spirit will be a new source of power that will supply the divine strength that you need to maintain a righteous life throughout your life on earth.

Subject: The Fleshly Birth Versus The Spiritual Birth:

Listen to this scripture in St. John 3:6-7, that tells what Jesus stated to Nicodemus who came to Him one night inquiring about how to enter the kingdom of heaven:

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

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

Jesus is teaching that in order to get into the kingdom of heaven you must first acquire a spiritual birth. This is because your first birth was fleshly or sinful, and such people cannot live in the kingdom of heaven, because it is a spiritual environment, or sin-free habitation where God and holy angels reside.

Jesus is qualified to teach concerning a spiritual birth, because He was born of the Holy Spirit. If you have a pastor who has not been born again of the Holy Ghost by receiving a new spiritual mind, such a pastor is not qualified to teach concerning a spiritual birth.

To be born of the flesh, or sinful nature means that you are alienated from God, with no line of communication to heaven. To be born of the Spirit means that you have access to God, receiving grace from God while you live in this present world. A person who has been born again of the Spirit of God is different from the person who is born of the flesh. The fleshly nature of humans is contrary to the Spirit of God, which means those who are born of the flesh will be contrary and different in nature from the person who is born of the Spirit.

The fleshly nature of a person enjoys sinful pleasures, such as adultery, fornication, liquor drinking, and homosexual practices. The spiritual nature of a person enjoys doing things for God according to the teachings of the scriptures. Such things as community services, godly counseling to young people, and charitable works will give them satisfaction.

Subject: The Most Important Message That Has Ever Been Given:

When a God sent, Holy Ghost filled preacher is bringing you a message from God, it should be presented in a parable, being simplified to the level of understanding that the average listener will be able to comprehend, and relate to the spiritual conditions of their lives. The thoughts in the parable should be from a story that the listeners are familiar with, and with a moral relative to the events of their time.

It should be easy for the listeners to grasp the spiritual aspects of the lesson, because it will be related to a subject, or events that they are especially familiar with. The most common knowledge known to everybody is about being born and being buried. This is why Jesus chose this knowledge to simplify a message on how to get into the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus' purpose in using this lesson concerning the new-birth was to illustrate the most essential spiritual experience concerning the salvation of man. Knowledge concerning the salvation of man is the most important knowledge that can be acquired, so it was very important that Jesus taught a lesson that could be easily comprehended.

When Jesus presented the lesson on being born again, He was speaking to a ruler of the Jews who came to him by night that he might obtain knowledge from Him. Nicodemus had carefully observed Jesus' works concluding that Jesus must have been sent from God to be able to do such miracles. Nicodemus was an intelligent, educated man from the higher class of Jews, but he did not allow his education, and position of authority to cause him to be discriminate in evaluating the ministry of Jesus. Unlike most of the Pharisees during Jesus' ministry, Nicodemus allowed good common sense to determine that Jesus must have been sent from God.

Therefore, Nicodemus humbled himself, and came to Jesus to learn what was required to get into the kingdom of heaven. Though Nicodemus did not ask this question outright, his sincerity of heart was perceived by Jesus, and Jesus' response to Nicodemus has given the world as well as Nicodemus the greatest and the most important message that has ever been given to the world up to this present day.

Subject: The Second Birth: Earthly Knowledge Versus Heavenly Knowledge (St. John 3:3):

Nicodemus asked the question concerning a man being born again when he is old, “can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb and be born”? When you are conceived in a natural, physical, flesh and blood body you can only understand natural, physical knowledge. The only way that you can understand spiritual knowledge brought from a spiritual habitation, such as the kingdom of heaven, is that somebody spiritual sent from God has to bring the knowledge to you.

Nicodemus was responding to heavenly knowledge concerning the new-birth with natural, earthly knowledge in his mind. Earthly or natural knowledge is only applicable to earthly situations, or things of the earth. Earthly knowledge has to be simplified by a person who has heavenly knowledge in order to establish a relative meaning and understanding of heavenly knowledge.

Jesus took the earthly knowledge of being born, and simplified it by relating it to a spiritual birth that a person must acquire to get into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus made a simplified comparison of a physical birth that Nicodemus spoke of concerning entering your mother’s womb again, with the spiritual birth God is offering that would give a person the birth of a new mind. The flesh and blood body that Nicodemus was making reference to was physical, but the mind is spiritual. It is the birth of the new mind that Jesus was making reference to.

Jesus taught that which is born of the flesh is flesh, which means it is not spiritual, and is not related to being able to get into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus further taught that which is born of the Spirit is spirit, and only the spiritual aspects of your life can enter the kingdom of heaven. Your mind is your soul, and when you have received the birth of a new mind, it will qualify you to get into the kingdom.

Jesus was sent to give humans on the earth the birth of a new mind. When you are saved, your mind will go to heaven, and your mind will be placed in a new, heavenly, spiritual, or celestial body to enter the kingdom. To be born again as Jesus was teaching Nicodemus was to be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Listen to Ephesians 4:22-23:

Verse 22 - That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Verse 23 - And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

Subject: Life By The Spirit Is Free From A Life Of Sin:

When Christ is in you, part of your life that desired to commit sin is dead. This means your physical body will no longer desire to commit sin. 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.

When your body has no more desire to commit sin, your body is dead to sin, and your present life will be by the Holy Spirit because of righteousness.

You cannot be born again having two life sources, that is, with a life that desires to commit sin, and a life of righteousness. In order for the Spirit of God to give you a life of righteousness, your previous life of sin has to be dead. You are only a saved child of God when you live by the Spirit of God. Romans 8:14 reads as follows:

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

Subject: The Choice Is Yours:

There are only two classes of people that God recognizes, and they are saints and sinners. On the day of judgment, God will take saints to heaven, and sinners will be sent to hell. Make no mistake about what class you are in, there are no middle classes with God. When you are born again, you become a saint. If you are not born again, you will remain a sinner. When you become a saint, you become a part of God, being justified by His righteousness. Only the righteousness of God can make you a saint. Sinners will go to hell by their own choice. Their sins will send them to hell.

God allows everybody to have free will of choice. They can choose to receive Jesus Christ, which will give them the new-birth, or they can choose to remain as sinners, which will be their choice to go to hell. God is love and He gave His only begotten Son to die that we might be redeemed from being sinners. Afterward, He sent the Holy Spirit to keep us from having a desire to continue being sinners.

The Holy Spirit will convict a sinner, making them very uncomfortable if they continue to practice sin. The Holy Spirit gives you an overwhelming desire to go to heaven. The Holy Spirit changes your nature, and makes you desire to be a continuous part of God's eternal family. After you receive the Holy Spirit, your life as a sinner will be appalling to you, and considered as a foolish way to live.

Subject: Saints Are A Mysterious Work Of God's Holiness:

A saint is a person who has been born again. A saint does not commit sin. A saint is filled with the Holy Spirit and is directed on a daily basis by the power of the Holy Spirit. A saint's movements, advice, and purposes are programmed by the Holy Spirit. A saint is the workmanship of God given completely to God's divine purposes.

If a Christian is a sinner, such a Christian will not be classified by God as a saint. You cannot be a saint after you die; God must make you a saint while you are living. When a person is made a saint, they are born of God. The seed of God which is the word of God is implanted in the mind of the person, reproducing the person to be a new creature in Christ.

Saints are the product of Christ. Saints are born of God to be the temple of God, allowing God to be the controlling force of their lives from time to eternity. The existence of God will be manifested in the life of a saint while they are living on the earth, and continue throughout eternity. Saints are a mysterious work of God's holiness.

Subject: Your Heart Is Your Mind:

When God dwells in the heart of an individual, it means He dwells in their mind. The teachings of the word of God is a spiritual teaching. The Bible is a spiritual book; the words that are used in the Bible have spiritual meanings. The word 'heart' that is used in the Bible does not mean an organ in your body that pumps blood through your veins, it means your mind. Your mind is the spiritual part of your existence; it is your soul. Your mind is the headquarters that carries your morals that tells you to do right or wrong.

When you are born again, you are filled with the Holy Ghost that gives you a new mind. You are then renewed in the spirit of your mind by a process of regeneration, which is a washing by the Holy Ghost. Your mind is then cleansed from a lower state of morality, and upgraded to a higher state of morality that is holy. Under such conditions, your mind will have power to send righteous orders to your body members, and make such members do right even when you are tempted to do wrong. When you are born again, you receive the birth of a new mind that will empower your body members that at one time practiced sin to function in your life free from sin.

Subject: A Conversion To Christ:

When you accept Jesus Christ into your life, you are committing your life to obey the teachings of Jesus Christ. When your commitment is sincere, the Holy Spirit will then burn up your desires to commit sin by means of holy fire. Holy fire is not harmful, but it converts the carnal nature to a holy, divine nature. All of this will happen during the process of the new-birth. You will clearly be able to see the transformation of your old life of sin to a new life of righteousness. This may not be a quick change, but it will be an obvious change.

You will then experience power, by means of your desires, to live a righteous life by refusing to fellowship with sinners any longer. You will get rid of everything in your possession that will induce you to sin. If you at one time smoked cigarettes, or drank alcoholic beverages, you will lose your taste for such things, and quickly get rid of them. You will at this time begin to build a warm acquaintance with God through prayer, and meditation. You will seek to actively engage in missionary work to help others to come to Christ.

Subject: Ambassadors For Christ:

If you think that you are born again, you must be able to identify two lives that you have lived. You must be able to identify the old life of sinful practices, and the new life of righteous practices. If any man be in Christ, he should be a new creature. If you are still living the old life of sinful practices of the old creature there is no chance that you are a new creature.

All things of the fleshly life should be done away with, and all things should become new. Listen to II Corinthians 5:17, 18 and 20:

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.

Your new life should be completely of God. Christ should have reconciled you to God.

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;

Those who are saved will have a ministry to join others to God. Such people will be ambassadors for Christ.

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

Subject: The Operation Of God:

When you are born again, you are born into a regeneration process of holiness and righteousness by a renewing of the Holy Ghost. This means your life has been recharged with power to live above the sinful nature that you inherited from the generation of which you were first born. Your first birth presented you into a generation whereas you were dead in your sins and trespasses. You were like a dead battery that needed to be recharged. The operation of God through faith would have raised you from the dead with Christ. Listen to Colossians 2:12-13:

Verse 12 - Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Verse 13 - And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses.

Subject: Obedience Must Be From The Heart:

When you come to Christ, the word of God must be obeyed from the heart. There must be a desire initiated from the inner man to obey the word of God in order to get God's attention. Now, though you were born in sin and shaped in iniquity, when you obey from the heart that form of doctrine from the word of God that was delivered to you, you will become a new creature. The new-birth is given to you based upon your intent of heart, and such an intent is made known by your willingness to obey from the heart the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Subject: When Folk Worship In The Flesh For Sinful Pleasures, They Are Not In The Spirit:

When you are born again, God will give you an understanding concerning the works of the devil so that you will know what to be vigilant of. Now the devil's purpose is to get church folk together to commit adultery, or fornication so that their worship services to God will be a mockery to God.

When folk go to church and commit sins such as fornication, their worship services are like using profanity in their churches to God. In most every group the devil tries to get men, women, and gays together in an ungodly way, so that he can have people singing, shouting, preaching, together and committing fornication when they leave the church to keep people out of touch with God and out of reach of the Holy Spirit.

When folk get together in the flesh for sinful pleasures, there is no chance for them to be together in the Spirit. Under such conditions, there is no chance for God to be in their midst. God only comes among people in the Spirit, and the Spirit of God is contrary to the works of the flesh. Listen to Galatians 5:17:

Verse 17 - For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Subject: The Nature Of God:

Children inherit the nature of their parents until they are born again. The only way that you can get a new nature different from the nature of your parents is to be born again of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God gives you the nature of God, which is divine or holy. When you are born again receiving the nature of God your life will be overwhelmed with love. Love will be the controlling power in your life, because God is love.

God being love, and after begetting His only begotten Son by His Holy Spirit, caused His Son to be nothing but love. When we are born again of the same Holy Spirit that begot Jesus, it will give us a new nature generating the love of God. Jesus could not hate nor retaliate against His enemies because love has more power than hate.

Jesus was the expression of His Father toward man. The love of God gave Jesus power being implemented by the Holy Spirit to be resurrected after His enemies crucified Him. The love of God can do anything; it has unlimited power. We are saved today by the love of God that caused the resurrection of Jesus Christ to produce a new creature in us after we believed His gospel.

The enemies of Jesus who crucified Him had no idea what the power of His love would do after they crucified Him. The crucifixion ignited Jesus' love to reach people in every generation who believed His gospel up to this present day. The crucifixion caused the love of God in Jesus to generate unlimited power to implement salvation beyond the conception of the human mind. God's love is so great and merciful that it even saved Jesus' enemies.

Today salvation in Jesus Christ is just as fresh and effective as it was 2,000 years ago for those who will repent and believe the gospel.

Subject: The Fleshly Birth Versus The Spiritual Birth:

Listen to this scripture in St. John 3:6-7, where Jesus stated to Nicodemus who came to Him one night inquiring about how to enter the kingdom of heaven:

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

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

Jesus is teaching that in order to get into the kingdom of heaven you must first acquire a spiritual birth. This is because your first birth was fleshly or sinful, and such people cannot live in the kingdom of heaven, because it is a spiritual environment, or sin-free habitation where God and holy angels reside.

Jesus is qualified to teach concerning a spiritual birth, because He was born of the Holy Spirit. If you have a pastor who has not been born again of the Holy Ghost by receiving a new spiritual mind, such a pastor is not qualified to teach concerning a spiritual birth.

To be born of the flesh, or sinful nature means that you are alienated from God, with no line of communication to heaven. To be born of the Spirit means that you have access to God, receiving grace from God while you live in this present world. A person who has been born again of the Spirit of God is different from the person who is born of the flesh. The fleshly nature of humans is contrary to the Spirit of God, which means those who are born of the flesh will be contrary and different in nature from the person who is born of the Spirit.

The fleshly nature of a person enjoys sinful pleasures, such as adultery, fornication, liquor drinking, and homosexual practices. The spiritual nature of a person enjoys doing things for God according to the teachings of the scriptures. Such things as community services, godly counseling to young people, and charitable works will give them satisfaction.

Subject: The Parable:

Jesus taught the knowledge of the kingdom of heaven by using examples of things on the earth that the people were familiar with. This way of teaching was referred to as using parables. Jesus would use such parables to illustrate a moral that was simplified on a level so that the people could understand the moral. Jesus' basic purpose was to use earthly things to teach the people about how to qualify to get into the kingdom of heaven. The parable would be easy for the people to grasp the spiritual message because the story would be on a subject that they were especially familiar with.

While Jesus was teaching about how to get into the kingdom of heaven; God prepared a man who was of the most influential religious sects of Jews to be a student for the most important lesson that Jesus taught. This man was a Pharisee and ruler of the Jews named Nicodemus. Listen to St. John 3:1:

Verse 1 - There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

Now Jesus is teaching a lesson to a ruler of the Jews that came to Him by night that he might obtain knowledge from Jesus. Now like many students in classes of institutions of learning today that are very verbal, or like to talk, Nicodemus immediately began to introduce himself using a conversation of flattery to his teacher. Teachers of today are not impressed by words of flattery from their students; they are impressed by how well a student listens and receives an understanding of what they are teaching. So was it also with Jesus.

Nicodemus had no idea of what the spiritual qualifications were to get into the kingdom of heaven, so Jesus used knowledge of an example of child-birth that Nicodemus was familiar with. Jesus made the comparison of a flesh and blood birth to that of a spiritual birth. Jesus taught Nicodemus that just as you were born of the flesh to live in a physical world, you must experience a spiritual birth to get into heaven.

Jesus is teaching that when you are born of the flesh your life will consist of sinful fleshly things because flesh is given unto sin; but when you are born again of the Spirit of God you will be spiritual and to be spiritual means that you will be free-from sin given to the things of heaven.

Jesus concluded the lesson by teaching Nicodemus that which is born of flesh is flesh or sinful, and that which is born of the Spirit is righteous or sin-free (St. John 3:4). In order to get into the kingdom of heaven you must be born again of the Spirit of God.

Subject: About Nicodemus: “The Wind Blows Where It Listeth”

Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a ruler of the Jews who came to Jesus to inquire about the great works that he had seen Jesus perform, and he had heard of Jesus’ teaching, and he said to Jesus, “you must be a man sent from God”. Nicodemus’ common sense made him perceive that with the wisdom and incredible works that Jesus did, He could be none other than a representative from God.

Nicodemus considered that every principle that Jesus taught was from God, even though it was not a repetition of the law that Moses taught. Jesus was not

flattered by Nicodemus' remarks of flattery. Jesus did not entertain a conversation about His works with Nicodemus. Jesus immediately got to the point about how Nicodemus could qualify to get into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus knew that Nicodemus would not be able to understand about the power of God that made Him able to do the things that He did, because Nicodemus had a fleshly or earthly mind that was limited to understanding the things of the earth.

Jesus knew that without Nicodemus being born again of the Spirit of God, the language of spiritual things from heaven would be too difficult for him to understand. Jesus taught that this knowledge would be as mysterious as the wind that blows, and that you could not tell where it came from or where it went (St. John 3:8). Jesus is teaching that being born of the Spirit is a mystery that cannot be completely given in words. However, examples of nature, such as the wind blowing can help you to identify the works of the Spirit.

When the wind blows, it has an effect upon the things where it is blowing. When you are born of the Spirit, it will have an effect on the way you live. You would have at one time in your life lived in sin, but when the Spirit of God paid you a visit, you would have experienced a change in your life that made you sin-free. Those who knew you previously would know that you were changed, but would not be able to tell where the change came from. They would not be able to come up with any scientific, or medical explanation concerning the change that was made in your life, because it would be just as mysterious as the wind that blows.



CHAPTER 6

THE WORKS AND MISSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Subject: How Do You Get The Holy Spirit?

You can get the Holy Spirit by repenting of your sins and asking God to give you the Holy Spirit. Ask and it shall be given. If you are satisfied with a limited conversion from some sinful practices, you will not get God's attention to receive the Holy Spirit.

You must put forth a sincere request to receive the Holy Spirit from God. Remember, the Holy Spirit is a gift from God. There is nothing that you can do to get it by your own means. You can speak in unknown tongues until you lose your voice, but you will not get the Holy Spirit.

When you ask God for the Holy Spirit, He can see the sincerity and intent of your heart when you are making your request. God will grant your request according to how much you are willing to obey what He teaches you.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Will Confirm Your Repentance As Being Sincere:

Jesus is alive today, and if you are born again, He lives in you. Jesus was brought into the world by the power of the Holy Ghost. Jesus is not a person, but a spirit that occupies those who are obeying His gospel.

When you receive Jesus into your life, there must be a complete surrenderance of your life to Jesus. You have to go all the way with Jesus. You cannot give Him part of your life and keep the part that gives you some sinful pleasures. There must be such a commitment to following Jesus that it will convince God that you want the gift of the Holy Ghost.

You will only be able to continue to follow Jesus with the Holy Ghost. Listen to Acts 2:38:

Verse 38 - Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Your repentance will not save you, but it is a message to God that you want the Holy Ghost. After you repent, you wait fervently for God to give you the Holy Ghost. It is a mistake to be satisfied with a conversion without having the Holy Ghost. You must pray after your repentance and not be satisfied until God gives

you the Holy Ghost. God does not give everybody the Holy Ghost immediately, unless a person has a special calling for a special work to do for God.

God will give most people who repent time to decide after their repentance, whether or not they desire to continue to walk with God. Many decide to go back to a life of sin. Such back sliding is an indication that their repentance was not sincere. When some repenting sinners perceive that the new way of life is not all that they thought it would be because it requires sacrifices and suffering, many will go back to a life of sin. Under these conditions, God had no plans to give them the Holy Ghost.

Subject: Be Careful Not To Blaspheme The Holy Ghost:

When God gives you the Holy Ghost, you must respect its guidance. The Holy Ghost is the only means by which you can get into the kingdom of heaven. The Holy Ghost gives you instructions and good discretion on how to live in this present world. It will eventually prepare you to meet Jesus on the day of His return.

If you disrespect the Holy Ghost by not following its instructions that would be considered as blasphemy, which is an unpardonable sin (St. Matthew 12:31-32). The scriptures teach you plainly in St. Matthew 12:31 that God will forgive every sin except one. Blasphemy of the Holy Ghost is the only sin that God will not forgive.

Now the Holy Ghost will instruct and direct you to turn you from any wicked way, giving you peace and joy continuously. The Holy Ghost is your only source of eternal salvation. When you speak against the Holy Ghost, you would be contrary to your only guide into the kingdom of heaven.

The Holy Ghost uses the word of God to counsel and guide you. It only teaches what Christ taught. You must be very careful not to criticize or reject the counsel that the word of God gives you. You must not debate against the principles of righteousness that the word of God teaches. If you do this, you will be disrespecting the Holy Ghost, which is an unpardonable sin.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Must Prepare You To Enter The Kingdom Of God:

If you serve God being filled with the Holy Spirit while you are in this world, you will enter a peaceful rest after you leave here. “There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God” (Hebrews 4:9). God will give every individual what he or she labored for at the end of their life’s journey. Though your life in time will end, you will have to spend eternity somewhere. Your life in time will end, but your existence will never end.

While you are living in this present world, you will have joy in your heart knowing that God shall give you rest at the end of life in time. It is wonderful to see what God has done in your life after saving you from sin. The Holy Spirit keeps this joy refreshed for the saved person. Be not deceived by some vain religious teaching; you will need the same Holy Spirit that rejoices your heart in this life to get into the kingdom of heaven. If there is no evidence of the Holy Spirit rejoicing your heart in this life, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven after you leave this life.

Now you can live a clean life without the Holy Spirit, but such a clean life will not be the result of God giving you the new-birth. Your cleanliness must be the result of godliness given by the Spirit of God. The apostle Paul had a clean life prior to his conversion, but it was according to the Law of Moses and not Christ. Philippians 3:6 teaches that Paul was blameless touching the law, but he was void of the Spirit of God. This resulted to him persecuting those who were clean through the Holy Spirit. You can be a clean person and not have the Spirit of God.

Subject: Your New Life Will Be By The Spirit Of God:

After you are filled with the Holy Ghost you will have the assistance and company of a power that controls the universe. The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus is now giving you life, and will lead you according to the teachings of Jesus. The Holy Ghost is now controlling the breath in your nostrils, and your entire state of existence.

You may not know much about its ability or the science of its reality, but the Holy Ghost is with you. At the end of your life on earth, it will give you a body like Jesus had after His resurrection. When the Holy Ghost does a complete work on your life, preparing you to live in the kingdom of heaven, you will not live by

the breath of life in a flesh and blood body; you will at such time live by the Spirit of God.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Will Make You Sin-Free:

You may hear many so-called Christians say that nobody can live without sinning. If the Holy Spirit convicts you and indwells you, you will learn that your previous life of sin had no presence of God, you will easily be able to compare your old life of sin with your new life that God is in presently, and you would be established in righteousness by the Spirit of God. God would have sanctified you wholly, and this scripture, Ephesians 5:26-27, would give a description of your life.

Verse 26 - That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Verse 27 - That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Nothing can present you in this manner but the Holy Spirit. Jesus is coming back for a church without spot or wrinkle; this means without sin. The Holy Spirit is the inspiration of the word, but unless you are sin-free, you are not complete in Christ.

Subject: God Gives The Holy Spirit In Measure:

God gives the Holy Spirit in measure. After the Holy Spirit gives you the new-birth, it will continue to work for you, and with you for the remaining of your life on earth. It will assist, guide, and regulate your life's operations according to how much you need its assistance.

You will clearly be able to see the works of the Holy Spirit in your life by comparing the conditions and spiritual qualities of your life before you were saved to the conditions of your present life which will be far better than your former life without the Holy Spirit. After you get the Holy Spirit, you will have a spiritual

work to do that could be church related, or a community service for others to benefit from. Whatever you need to do your missionary work, God will supply. God will not give you the Holy Spirit for you to do nothing for people in the community or church.

If the Holy Spirit has established your church organization, it will lead you to be involved in your church doing such things as preaching, teaching, or singing on the choir. If the Holy Spirit did not establish your church, and did not send your pastor, it will lead you to leave your church. You would then have worship services in your home with a Bible study group or with your family. Under no conditions will the Holy Spirit lead you to be a part of a church that it did not establish.

If you continue to stay in a church that the Holy Spirit did not establish, it will cause you to show so much righteousness in your life that it will provoke the unsaved members of the church to persecute you, and to make you leave the church.

Subject: Spiritual Cleansing Versus Physical Cleansing:

The Holy Ghost works with the word of God to bear witness that you are saved. There are many things that you can stop doing without having the Holy Ghost, but such will be sinful habits of your physical life, such as drinking alcoholic beverages, using illegal drugs and tobacco products. This is a good start towards being saved, but not necessarily evidence that you have the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit cleanses you physically as well as spiritually. Spiritual cleansing does not have to be visible. It could be such things as removing hatred, malice, envy, and partiality from your life. Physical cleansing can be short-term and when you are tempted by the devil, you can go back to a life of sin.

Spiritual cleansing by the Holy Spirit is permanent with stability, and stamina that the devil will have no power against to make you go back to a life of sin. Physical cleansing will cause many to backslide requiring continuous repenting and confessions for their sins. However, when you receive the Holy Spirit, there will be no backsliding and no continuous confessions for your sins.

Subject: The Work Of The Holy Spirit:

The work of the Holy Spirit in a person's life is regulated or given in measure according to the needs and the work that God has called the person to do. God increases the work of the Holy Spirit as He has need for the work to be accomplished in the person.

The Holy Spirit is sufficient and thorough in saving, converting, and using the person that God has commissioned to do a work. God never sends an unprepared person to do a spiritual work. Such a person could be a missionary, preacher, or teacher of the gospel. He will nevertheless be prepared by the Holy Spirit.

Subject: It Is Important To Get Filled With The Holy Ghost:

If you do not get filled with the Holy Spirit that means you have only gone half way with the Lord. You cannot go half way with the Lord and be saved. So many people go half way with the Lord, and they backslide. You must receive power from God to stay with God, and that power is the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit cleanses you from your way of living, and converts you to the way that God wants you to live. You must be desirous of staying with God at all cost, and God will give you the Holy Spirit to keep you.

In the book of Acts, chapter 2, verse 38, the apostle Peter said unto the people who were present, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost". This same principle applies to Christians of today, but many have started off with the Lord and have turned back to a life of sin. They did not wait on the Lord and pray that He would give them the Holy Spirit.

God does not give the Holy Spirit to you immediately after you repent in all cases, but He gives you time to make a decision after having repented, to the end that you might know whether or not you will accept the new way of living, or prefer continuing to live your old sinful life. The old sinful way of life has many pleasures and attractions that are difficult for some to separate from.

Subject: The Two Part Process Of The Holy Spirit:

You cannot understand the word of God unless it is revealed to you by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives your mind an anointing that makes you able to comprehend what the word of God teaches. This anointing is a preparation process of assistance that will increase your ability to understand the spiritual knowledge of God.

Humans are born into a world of physical existence acquiring the ability to understand things that they can hear see and feel. The knowledge of the word of God teaches us about the spiritual existence of God that only the Holy Spirit can give us the ability to learn about. Knowledge of God works by two means; and the Holy Spirit must be a part of both means. It must first bring the knowledge of God to you, and it must also prepare your mind by means of an anointing to receive the knowledge.

You cannot have a relationship with God unless the Holy Spirit is an intercessor between you and God relating knowledge from God to you. To merely read the words in the Bible without the assistance of the Holy Spirit, you would not understand it very well unless there was somebody to explain it to you with whom the Holy Spirit is using.

You will only be able to live eternally by the knowledge that the word of God teaches. This makes it very important to be able to understand the word of God. It is the will of God that you do not perish. God did not create man for him to exist no more; so the scriptures teach that if these bodies which we now possess dissolve, we've got another body that will be given to us which is heavenly (I Corinthians 15:44).

Now we know that we have a natural, flesh and blood body that is going to die. This knowledge was given to us based upon the things we have learned in this physical world, but the knowledge of a spiritual body has to be revealed to us by the Spirit of God. Being born of the flesh and blood body, we can only acquire knowledge of physical things, but in order to acquire knowledge of spiritual things, we must be born again of the Spirit of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spiritual (St. John 3:6).

When you are born of the Spirit, you receive an anointing to be taught the spiritual knowledge of your existence. Your flesh and blood body was conceived in a natural state, but when you are born of the Spirit, you will receive a new mind that will be conceived in a spiritual state that will give you the ability to understand the knowledge of God that is given by the Spirit of God.

Subject: The Conscience And The Holy Spirit Will Lead The Soul To Salvation:

Your soul is your mind that lives in this tabernacle (the body) that can think, feel and cause the body to act. The soul also has a conscience by which God works in to reveal right from wrong to every human being. God doesn't depend on churches to teach everybody what is right or wrong because many churches have erroneous religious teachings. God can direct your mind by means of your conscience. So the conscience will help the soul (mind) which helps the body to be directed in the way of righteousness.

God will also give the Holy Spirit that will renew the soul or mind with extra power to do right, being above the condemnation that the conscience would give if the mind does not obey the conscience. So then the conscience and the Holy Spirit will help a person to live right if their mind or soul submits to the warnings of the conscience, and follows the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Is Like An Immunity Shot Against Sin:

The Holy Spirit is like an immunity shot against sin. The Holy Spirit gives you strength to resist sin. Sin does not have the power to trespass a person who is filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit activates the teachings of Jesus in your life so that sin will have no place in your life.

Jesus is not the minister of sin, but of righteousness. The Holy Spirit establishes the character of Jesus Christ so strong in your life that you will be holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners (Hebrews 7:26).

When these qualities are not established in your life, you do not have the Holy Spirit. The ministry of Christ makes you separate from sin, and the ways of those who practice sin. You will be separate from the social activities of sinners, and neither will you worship with them.

Subject: The Spirit Of God Is At War Against The Flesh:

The controlling and dominating part of human existence is under the administration of the flesh. The flesh is of the earth, and is not connected with the kingdom of heaven. The flesh is a product of the devil, and is motivated by sinful desires. The desires of the flesh are listed in the following verses of scripture, Galatians 5:19-21. They are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, and revellings.

When you are in the flesh, you are not pleasing to God. Under such conditions, you will not be able to enter the kingdom of heaven. Only the Spirit has power to overcome the works of the flesh. When you are born again, you are born of the Spirit of God, and it will take down the works of the flesh.

God is Spirit and He has extended grace to the earth to deliver anybody who wants to be saved from the works of the flesh. The Spirit of God is presently at war against the works of the flesh, and is defeating the flesh for those who desire to live in the Spirit. Listen to Galatians 5:16-17:

Verse 16 - This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh.

Verse 17 - For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Subject: We Will Need Help In This World:

Being human, we will need help to make it in this world. Other human help will fail when our problems are too severe. Problems and troubles come from the devil who is the enemy of humans. If we reject a life of sinful practices, God has promised that He will grant us help during the time of trouble. When we receive divine help from God, the devil has to release us from trouble.

If there is no power in your church to help you during the time of trouble, it means that God is not in your church. When God is in your church, the Holy Spirit is in the church. The Holy Spirit comes into your church by means of the people who bring it there. The people must be filled with the Holy Spirit in order for it to be in your church.

In the days of the early Christians when Apollos, a Christian leader at the time, passed through Corinth where one of the early churches was established, he found the people worshiping God and praising His name. However, because there was no Holy Spirit in the people, no power was in the church. The people were trying to worship God without the Spirit of God. It is a waste of time to try to worship God without the Spirit of God. Only the Spirit of God can help you to worship, praise, and honor God. Without the Spirit of God, your worship services do not reach the presence of God.

The Spirit of God must produce its fruit in your life on an everyday basis. Then you can go to an assembly and worship God. The fruits of the Spirit in your life is evidence that you are filled with the Spirit. You must have love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faith, longsuffering, humility, temperance, meekness, and kindness in your everyday life in order to worship God in an assembly with the Spirit. When you have the Spirit of God in your life, it will also help you with your personal problems.

Subject: Your Faith And Belief Will Substantiate Your Obedience:

If you are under the influence of the Holy Ghost, the plan of salvation can be presented to you in such simplicity that you will be able to understand it. You can either be filled with the Holy Ghost, or under the influence of a Holy Ghost filled preacher. Your only requirement will be to believe the word of God. When you believe the word of God, you will repent of your sins and obey the word. Your faith and belief will be substantiated by your obedience.

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

Today, that power in Jesus' gospel is still able to save those who receive it. You can receive that power and you don't have to be confused and wondering about whether there be a Christ. If you will read the Bible with the assistance of a Holy Ghost filled teacher, you will find that everything it teaches is true.

Subject: The Spirit Of Goodwill Will Make Others Happy:

When you have the Spirit of goodwill directing you through life, you will have the Holy Spirit. As you go through life with the Spirit of goodwill, you will do nothing to make another person sad. You will with this attitude strive to make the hearts of those that you deal with glad, and that Spirit will be a continuous part of your conduct.

The Spirit of goodwill will cause you to present greetings of good cheer to others whether you know them or not. With this attitude, you will have the same Spirit that Jesus brought to the world. Jesus came to gladden the hearts of the people, and to deliver them from sadness that was brought on by their problems of life. Initially there were things that He did and said that they did not understand, but when they learned to obey Him, they were made glad by His teachings and His deeds of goodwill.

Today those who have the Holy Spirit might also be misunderstood when they live according to the principles that Jesus taught, but as they continue to show love and compassion that Jesus showed, they will be successful at making the hearts of others glad.

Subject: Only The Spirit Of God Will Set You Free:

If you are born again, you should pray daily thanking God for salvation in Jesus, and for strength and power to stay in the group that is going to heaven. You are going to be tempted and tried by the devil to go back to a life of sin. However, if you can endure without yielding to temptations, the reward that you will get is worth any conditions that you suffer in order to hold your seat in the congregation of the righteous. Listen to I Corinthians 2:9:

Verse 9 - But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,
neither have entered into the heart of man, the things
which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

If you really believe this scripture, you won't bother with sinful pleasures, or ways of the world that will lead you away from God. You will receive instructions from God on a daily basis to have continuous fellowship with God. You will pray daily thanking God that His Spirit moved you to accept salvation the day you heard His voice. You will thank God for giving you boldness to break away from sin and

to follow righteousness. It takes the Holy Spirit to break you away from sin. A person must surrender to the Holy Spirit and be determined to stay with the Lord.

Subject: The World Cannot Receive The Holy Spirit:

Those who are of the world, and do not believe the word of God cannot receive the Holy Spirit. You must first have a mind that is willing to receive the word of God in order to receive the Holy Spirit. The world did not believe in Jesus, and that is the most essential qualification for receiving the Holy Spirit. The world will not be liberated from sin, because repentance is the first step towards being born again. The Holy Spirit will not come into a person's life who does not believe that he or she can live free from sin.

In order to receive the Holy Spirit you must be willing to give up every sin that you know of. Sins that you don't have knowledge of will be taught to you. All manner of sin will be forgiven based upon your intent of heart to repent of such sins when you learn about them. God does not save you based upon how much you know, but your intent of heart that is willing to repent of what you will learn that is sinful. You can only go one way with God, and that is in the direction of righteousness. When your intentions are not set in this direction, God will not waste time with you.

The word of God teaches that those who are reprov'd but continue to harden their hearts and stiffens their necks, shall be destroyed suddenly and that is without remedy. God gives us examples that we hear in the news media on a daily basis of those who are suddenly destroyed. The wrath of God falls upon the children of disobedience. So believe the gospel and be prepared to receive the Holy Spirit that you might be saved.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Makes Intercessions For The Saints:

The Lord will not withhold a blessing from you if you ask in Jesus' name. God knows your heart, and the decisions that you intend to make. This is why you need assistance when you pray. The Holy Ghost is the intercessor between man

and God, and will assist you when you pray. The Holy Ghost is like a lawyer that knows what the judge will accept when he makes a plea bargain for a defendant.

It is necessary that you be taught how to pray by the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost must lead you into presenting a prayer to God. It is the Holy Ghost that prays, making utterances, and groans within you, which the Lord interprets into a language that He will receive and grant. Listen to Romans 8:26-27:

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

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

If you are not born again, it means that you do not have the Holy Spirit, nor its assistance. Unless somebody who has the Holy Spirit prays for you, your prayers will not go through.

Subject: A Mysterious Work:

When the Holy Ghost comes into your life, it is a very mysterious action, but you will know it though you will not be able to see it. It will give you overwhelming joy, and confirm your repentance according to the knowledge of the word of God. Your knowledge of the word of God will become so clear, and understandable that all previous ignorance and confusion will leave your mind. Your way of thinking will become precise, directing you into a clear path of salvation.

Now make no mistake, this will not be a product of your intelligence or educational means, but the grace of God would be working in your life. So, be not high-minded, but grateful. When God gives you the Holy Ghost, He proves Himself by confirming His reality in you.

The manifestation of the works and power of God will be established in your life, and no forces of evil on the earth will be able to successfully contend against you. At this point in your conversion, you are born again, becoming a certified child of God, and your next stop will be the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: God Exalts A Righteous Person:

In the eyes of the Lord, righteousness exalts a person. God does not pay any attention to a person's fame, or how high of a position they hold in life. God only pays attention to the righteous qualities of a person. When you are a righteous person, God gives you a very important assignment to do. The assignment may not be important to other people, but it will be very important to God.

When you are working for God, the Spirit of God will assist, and guide you through life, helping you to accomplish what God called you to do. When God calls you to do an assignment, He calls you and saves you from sin. God doesn't use a sinner or unrighteous person to accomplish anything to His glory. If God uses a sinner to do something, the glory of God will not be seen in what the sinner does.

God saves a person and fills the person with the Holy Ghost before He sends the person on a mission. When a person performs a mission for the Lord, their very life and what they are doing will bear witness to confirm that God sent them to do it. Their work will glorify God along with their righteous qualities of life that will be exalted.

Subject: A New Life:

After you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you will have no use for the world. The pleasures and lust of the world will no longer be what you desire. You will have such power over the pleasures of the world that they will lose their power to attract you. The Holy Spirit in you will be more powerful than the ways of the world that you at one time in your life followed after. These ways of the world will be revolting and appalling to the Spirit filled person.

This strength to reject the world does not come from you, but the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will be your new teacher, working diligently in you to will and to do of God's good pleasure. Your new life will be Christ in you. You will learn that being truly saved is a lot more than singing, shouting, and having fun in the church, but is a complete transformation of your life from the world and its ways to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.



CHAPTER 7

***SALVATION:
GENERAL TOPICS***

Subject: The Living Word Of God:

By means of God's word, Jesus was presented to the world in human form. It was by His own word that God begot Jesus. Jesus was not a product of a man. The word of God was brought to a virgin by the angel Gabriel that she would conceive a child by the Holy Ghost. When Mary believed the word, Jesus was conceived. It was by means of Mary's belief of the message from Gabriel that the word of God was implanted in Mary's womb and changed the course of nature.

After Jesus was born, He became the living word of God, occupying a human body. The movements and works of God began to function and minister to the people by means of a human body being the carrier of the word. Jesus was the truth from heaven presented to the world that the world might know the truth. This was so that the truth would make those who received it free from sin.

After Jesus started his ministry to the people, He said that the things He did were not representing Him, but they represented the Father who was working in Him. Jesus asked folk to believe Him for the work's sake, even if they did not care to believe him for what He said, because the works were of God. If the people believed in Jesus, then the word of God would come into their lives by the power of the Holy Spirit, and whatever they would ask in Jesus' name, the Father would grant it.

Subject: Blessed Are The Pure In Heart:

We are among the last generations of the earth. The world will soon close her chapter. A greater blessing is coming for those who desire to meet God with a pure heart. Those who desire to be saved should not allow anybody to cause any root of bitterness to spring up in them against their fellowman. When you become bitter, you cannot follow good judgment. God is looking for a people who are willing to be perfect with no guile, deceit or hypocrisy.

Subject: Stand In The Holy Place:

Jesus gave a command to support the prophecy of Daniel concerning the things that would take place during this present time. Listen to St. Matthew 24:15:

Verse 15 - *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand.*

The abomination of desolation means a time of trouble. When trouble comes to the world on a universal scale, the devil wants the people of the earth to not be in a holy place. Listen to Genesis 3:5:

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.

When you disobey the commandments of God, such as Adam and Eve did, you are out of the holy place. Obedience to God's word keeps you in the holy place. The holy place is the presence of God. When you get out of God's presence, you are in the shadow of evil. When you keep the commandments of God, you are walking in the holy place.

One day while Moses was at the foot of Mt. Horeb, he saw a bush burning, yet the bush was not being consumed. Moses turned aside to see the sight and wondered what it could mean. Afterward, Moses heard a voice saying, "Moses, Moses, put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Exodus 3:2-5).

The presence of God kindles fire that purifies the heart of an individual, and wherever the person goes becomes a holy place. The holy fire does not burn or harm the person, but it purifies his heart and sets his heart aflame with the determination that God must be honored by his obedience.

Today the Holy Ghost administers holy fire to all who obey, and honor God. Such people will then be living in the presence of God everywhere they go. During these evil days, those who are born again, and filled with the Holy Ghost are standing in the "holy place".

Subject: Only Christ Can Get Us Back Into The Holy Place:

It was in the Garden of Eden that Satan lured man into evil. Man cannot manage evil. Unless a man is filled with the Holy Ghost, evil will overtake him.

When evil overtakes a man, it enslaves him. God never wanted man to know evil. Man can only know evil by disobedience to God. You can know how it feels to be a murderer after you murder somebody.

After the murderer commits murder, his eyes will be opened, and his understanding of how murder affects the murderer will be keen, and the condemnation cannot be removed. After Adam sinned, he never had peace with God again, but he had a good understanding about evil and the effect that it had upon his conscience leaving him with guilt and being condemned to die.

Sin and evil are no game, and today only Jesus Christ can deliver us from the consequences of evil when we repent with a sincere heart. Only Jesus can put us back into the holy place that Adam stepped away from.

Subject: A Church Is Not The Holy Place:

Today people are talking about God, singing, shouting, and preaching in churches, but very few are obeying God. A church building is not the holy place. Only Jesus Christ is the holy place, and if people are not obeying His gospel, they are not in the holy place though they may be in churches.

Most religious places of worship today have marred the true teachings and beauty of Christianity. Today Christians believe more in continuous forgiveness of sin than the power of God that can make you able to live free from sin. If you desire to serve God of a truth, you must be like the woman whom Jesus taught to serve Him at the well of Samaria.

While Jesus was passing through Samaria, He met a Samaritan woman, and in those days the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. They were segregated in their social and religious ways of worshiping. Though the Jews had not been faithful in obeying many principles that God gave them in the Law of Moses, they felt that they were a little above the Samaritans because of the history of their recognition from God.

So, when Jesus was passing through Samaria, He came to a well, and stopped and set down on the well. Afterwards there came a woman to the well to draw water, and as she drew near, Jesus spoke to her politely. She was very surprised because she immediately discerned that He was a Jew, or had appeared to be of that group. Jesus asked her, "Would you give me a drink of water"? The woman replied, "Why you being a Jew ask me for water? The Jews, she said have no fellowship with the Samaritans. Jesus did not pay any attention to her remarks,

because He was ordained by God to get a message over to her just as He did to Nicodemus who came to Him one night.

Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, If you knew who I was, you would ask me for a drink of water, and I would give you living water that would cause you to never thirst again. The woman wanted to know how Jesus could give her water when He had nothing to draw water from the well with. Jesus said, the water that I give will be as a well of water springing up in you into everlasting life. The woman answered, "How"? Jesus asked the woman, "Where is your husband"? She said, "I have no husband". Jesus knew that she didn't have a husband, but He wanted her to know that adultery was what she was thirsting after, and that the water He would give her would satisfy her with a desire to live righteously. Jesus further revealed to her that He knew she had previously had five husbands, and none of her previous marriages satisfied her desire for sex.

Subject: The Mystery Of Godliness:

The mystery of God's plan for man cannot be comprehended by man. It is beyond the conception of the human mind. The plan of God must be revealed to man. It is difficult for the natural mind of a person to understand that when they accept the death of Christ, they will receive the life of Christ to save them from their death.

Upon Jesus' second return, according to the scriptures, all who have the Spirit of Christ shall arise, whether they are dead or living. They will be changed into a body like Christ has, to be caught up together with Him in the air, and be taken to meet God. The only way we can ever see God is in Christ (I Thessalonians 4:14-18). You can make reservations for this trip by repenting and believing the gospel, and the Holy Spirit is available to give you the new-birth.

Subject: Grace Is Available To Save Everybody:

Some folk wonder why God won't get rid of all the wicked and worthless people on the earth. God is not a destroyer, but a Savior and a giver of life. God loves the world. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to save the wicked or worthless people. God desires that the wicked people be born again of His Spirit so that they can know God. Listen to I John 4:7-8:

Verse 7 - Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

Verse 8 - He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

God is love, and He offers a period of grace to be extended to the wicked world as well as those who are not wicked to be born of His Spirit, and to receive His love. At the end of the grace period those who fail to accept God's love will enter into destruction by their own choice, because failure to accept grace allows death and destruction to come upon them.

God is not going to destroy wicked people, He is going to destroy sin. If wicked people of the world reject God's love and continue to allow sin to be in their lives, their sins will lead them to destruction.

Subject: You Must Know God As An Individual:

The true gospel that was presented by the Holy Spirit in the days of the apostles should be no different today. Though people are different, the gospel can still be applied to their ways of living. The gospel of Jesus Christ is very flexible and can never be obsolete. Though government is organized today to control crime and vice, sin can still be out of control.

The gospel reveals that the Lord will live in you as an individual. Salvation is an individual relationship between man and God. You must know God for yourself. The Spirit of God will establish a personal relationship between you and God, giving you an understanding of the will of God. The Spirit will teach you how to maintain your integrity before God, and how to reach Him.

Subject: A Calling Of Separation:

When God called Abraham, he had to separate from his kindred. Abraham's father was a worshiper of idols. It is necessary today for those who God calls to separate from their kinfolk. They must separate spiritually if their relatives are not saved. Your calling from God will sanctify your desires from worldly pleasures

that your relatives might enjoy. Your relatives may continue to go to cabarets, dance halls, and drink liquor, but you must withdraw from such things to be an example to them of how God saves a person.

You would be surprised to know the number of people who are in various churches who think that they are saved and have not been sanctified or separated unto the gospel. When you are sanctified, your religious and social life are separated unto the gospel of Christ. This means the Holy Spirit will control and restrict your life within the bounds of Holiness. You will not be forced to conform to this restriction; you will have a desire to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

To be separated unto the gospel means the gospel will direct your life according to the instructions that it gives. It will direct your social, religious and personal life. Salvation in Jesus Christ is a complete calling and conversion from your prior life of sin in the world to a holy life of righteousness in Christ.

Subject: Your Salvation Must Be According To The Scriptures:

When you come to Christ, you cannot reason by your way of thinking how to stay with Christ. God has to give you to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Your efforts to be with Christ will not be substantial for salvation. God must ordain your membership in the body of Christ. All of your biblical knowledge and intelligence will not help you to have a continuous membership in the body of Christ.

Jesus called 12 disciples, and he prayed to God that 11 of them would stay with Him. Listen to St. John 17:12:

Verse 12 - *While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.*

Your salvation has to be ordained (pre-arranged) by God according to the scriptures. If the scriptures prophesy your salvation, and your life is according to the scriptures, you will be saved. If you are going a way in life that is contrary to the scriptures, you will not be saved. Though you may be involved in a church or ministry, your ways will cause you to end up like Judas. It was predestinated that

one of the disciples would betray Jesus. Judas' ways of following Christ with a deceitful mind fell right in place according to what the Holy Ghost had spoken by the mouth of David.

All of this was prophesied before Judas was born. The prophecy of the scriptures will not change for anybody. Judas was not forced by God to betray Jesus. It so happened that God knew that would be the way that Judas would go. The scriptures prophesy that sinners shall die eternally for their sins. No matter how much sinners go to church to worship God, the scriptures will prophesy their eternal death. The scriptures cannot be broken for anybody. You must be broken away from a life of sin in order to be saved according to the scriptures. Judas fulfilled the prophecy of the scriptures that said a friend would betray Jesus.

Subject: A Retirement Plan:

Though your life may appear to be very pleasant and trouble-free today, you will nevertheless need help. Storm signals are sent out when the weather forecaster sights the storm. The radar will pick up the storm that is coming before the storm arrives. This is done by the radar so that people in the vicinity of the coming storm will be prepared when it arrives.

The word of God is like a radar that forecasts the storm. The word of God will inform the people on what God is about to do before He does it. The word will give the forecast and also instructs you on how to be prepared before the storm comes. Noah was given ample time to build an ark of safety prior to the storm coming. Instructions to build the ark were given to Noah by the same word of God that warned him about the flood that would come.

Today, people of the earth may feel secure in nations that have military protection from foreign invaders. They may feel secure today, but tomorrow could bring an unexpected event. Tomorrow may be a reckoning that will be impossible to escape. The plan of God has made available a retirement plan for people of the earth. Following the event of the reckoning will come a retirement plan which will be with God, or with woe, depending on the preparations that the people of the earth are making today.

Subject: The Light:

God sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn the world, but to turn on the light that we might find the truth. Listen to St. John 3:21:

Verse 21 - *But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

When the light of Christ falls upon you, it gives you an understanding of the will of God. You will clearly be able to see your personal life of sin, and desire to be clean or sin-free.

The light of Christ reveals how damnable a life of sin is. The light will also show you the way to acquire deliverance from sin. The light will not leave you in a condemned state, and not show you a way out.

Those who believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ, and have accepted the teachings to be the doctrine from God may be counted worthy to walk in the light. You are walking in the light when you obey the teachings of Jesus Christ. Those who follow the light will be able to lead others to the light.

Subject: You Can Be Saved By Your Belief In Jesus:

To be born again is to believe the teachings of Jesus Christ who did not come to condemn you, but to save you. When the people during Jesus' day saw Him and believed that He was from God, they were saved by their belief in Jesus Christ. They saw that Jesus' life was perfect and holy, so they believed that His works were of God.

Jesus' life and works were so pure that it had power to save those that believed He was sent from God (St. John 1:12). For as many as believed what they heard and saw Jesus do, He gave them power to become the sons of God.

Subject: God Did Not Create Man To Die:

Jesus was sent into the world to redeem us from the broken law, and the curse that was brought upon us by Adam, which is death. Death was a curse that was contrary to the will of God. God did not create man to die, but to live forever.

It has never been the will of God for man to suffer pain, sickness, sorrow, and finally death. Why would God create man for such purposes? None of the angels in heaven suffer such things.

Death enters the life cycle of man when he disobeys God. Life can only be perpetuated by obedience to God. Man can only receive eternal life by his willingness to obey God. Disobedience is a rejection of the life that God offers man. God does not force eternal life on man; man must accept it willingly. The instructions that God gives man warns him that if he disobeys instructions, he will die. Man brought death upon himself that is contrary to the will of God.

Man can only live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. There is no other means provided for man to receive eternal life. Listen to Deuteronomy 8:3:

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

Subject: Jesus Died For Everybody:

Everybody has to live throughout eternity. This means the saved as well as the unsaved. God has to let the unsaved go to hell if they choose to continue to be sinners. Jesus was sent to the earth to offer Himself as a ransom to save us from the second death, which will be in hell as eternal torment.

Hell and all sinners will be cast into a lake of fire and brimstone. Jesus' life as a sacrifice ransomed us from the second death, and when He arose after His crucifixion, He arose to save us from sin. All power was given to Jesus to do this for a dying world. Jesus died to redeem everybody. Those who do not accept Jesus' sacrifice will be going to hell by their own choice.

Jesus is no respecter of persons, so He has to give everybody a chance to be saved. All we have to do is to repent and God will cast all of our transgressions into a sea of forgetfulness. This will be done on one condition, and that is that we go and sin no more.

Subject: The Free Gift:

Eternal life is a free gift that God is offering to the world. God sent Jesus into the world that we might have access to the free gift. Listen to Romans 5:18-19:

Verse 18 - Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all all men unto justification of life.

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

By the offence of Adam many were made sinners, but by the free gift all who are willing to receive it will be justified to receive eternal life. You can only receive the benefits of the free gift when you repent of your sins with the intent of not continuing to live in sin.

By the obedience of one man, God offers the free gift to all men. The first Adam brought death, but the second Adam brought life. Obedience has more power than the curse of disobedience. Through Jesus' obedience to God, He was able to reverse the curse of disobedience. In Adam all men were subject to death, but in Christ, the free gift offers the resurrection of the dead.

Though many have experienced death, but if they have obeyed Jesus' gospel prior to their death, they will also experience the resurrection from death. Listen to I Corinthians 15:21:

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: The Mystery Of Godliness:

Though the planning of salvation was done for man; it was done without the counsel of man. The mystery of godliness is beyond the conception of the human mind. It was a dark day when Jesus was crucified. The hope of man seemed to have been shattered because Jesus had spoken the truth in the midst of a crooked and perverse world.

Jesus had made the world to know that though God had promised death to those who died in disobedience to Him; God's love had sent Him to change the program by His only begotten Son dying to redeem them from death. You will find the story of what happened after Jesus died that day in St. Matthew 27: 57-66.

Up to this present day, many of the seed of Abraham doubt that Jesus ever rose. However, there were those who did believe, and their witness to Jesus' resurrection carried power to reach the minds of those who desired to be saved up to this present day. This is how we received salvation. It came from the mouths of the disciples of Christ who saw Him after the resurrection. Christ showed Himself by many infallible proofs to those with whom He ate, and even to a number of the precious saints who had died and were buried before His crucifixion.

The scriptures teach that many of the saints got up out of their graves after He rose, and showed themselves to their friends. Of course, they died again because they did not get up with spiritual bodies, but with bodies like Lazarus had when he was raised from the dead.

Jesus was a blessing to the world and a great Saviour. Whatever God has done was for our learning and information that we might rejoice in knowing that we have salvation and deliverance from death.

Subject: God Wants Your Life:

Many people call on God when they get sick and expect to die. They become afraid because death is an uncertain territory that they are not sure about. What many fail to understand is that they need God while life seems to be going well. God will only be a father to the living. God's covenant with man can only be established while man is living. Under these conditions when man's life on earth ends, he will not die, but enter into a rest that God has prepared. God is not a God of the dead, but of the living.

God desires to save your life that will deliver you from death. When you give your life to God, you are delivered from the terror or fear of death. Your departure from this world will be a peaceful transition into paradise. Your body will go back to the dust, but your soul or mind will enter into a peaceful rest if you have given God your life.

Subject: God Can Save You And Your Family:

Going to heaven is not a cheap and easy way to go. Jesus paid a tremendous price for us to go to heaven, but we must meet the qualifications. If your parents are sinners and did not get saved before they conceived you, Jesus had to buy you from the nature of your parents.

The sacrifice of Jesus would be for you and your parents, because neither you nor they were responsible for being born in sin. So then, you can have the privilege as an individual or a family to be born again.

Subject: The Name Of Jesus Has Power:

There is only one name given under heaven whereby a man can be saved, and that is the name of Jesus (Acts 4:12). When the name of Jesus is used in the testimony of a repenting sinner, there is power in the name. A repenting sinner has access to the power of God when he uses the name of Jesus with a sincere heart. This power is only made available to a creature of faith. A creature of faith will not let anybody destroy his or her confidence in the name of Jesus.

If you do not exercise confidence in the name of Jesus, His name will not do a thing for you. Born again believers are creatures of faith. The power of God is manifested in the lives of creatures of faith. Every true child of God who stands up for the truth is going to have a test. Their test will be a demonstration to those who observe them of how the power of God goes to work for creatures of faith.

Subject: A Servant Of Righteousness:

You have to be a servant of righteousness to be a servant of God. In order to be a servant of righteousness, you must be free from sin. Listen to Romans 6:18:

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

When you were a servant of sin, you were free from righteousness. This means you could not do right, because your human efforts were too weak. Listen to Verse 20:

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

To be a sinner means that you are not connected with righteousness resulting to you not being connected with God.

When God saves you, the word of God will guide you through life, making you free from unrighteousness. You will then be a servant of God and at the end of your life on earth, you will receive everlasting life. Listen to Verse 22:

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

Subject: How Does God Recognize The People Of The World?

God has placed all the people in the world in two classes; one is Saints and the other is sinners. God does not recognize us by any denomination, race, nationality or religion. To God we are saints if we live righteously, and sinners if we live unrighteous.

When the first resurrection will be administered by Jesus Christ, there will be saints from all nations, kindreds and tongues who would have been washed in the blood of Jesus Christ, received by Jesus Christ, and taken to heaven to live as saints throughout eternity. There will be multitudes who will not make it. They

will also be of all nations and kindreds, but they will be cast into outer darkness as sinners to spend eternity with the damned.

Saints are people who are sanctified, who are filled with the Holy Ghost, and who are strictly faithful and perfectly obedient to God. They consider that their bodies are the temples of God, and will not defile themselves with alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal drugs, nor practice adultery, fornication or homosexual acts. They will not use profanity, lie, steal, argue, neither be envious, malicious, carry hatred, emulations, nor be at variance against anyone.

Saints will, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, keep their bodies holy and clean for God to dwell in continuously, because they know that God will not dwell in an unclean temple. Such people would have been spiritually cleansed through the word of God and the Holy Spirit, experiencing a joint operation of regeneration to be a new creature in Christ. They will have reinforcement by the Holy Spirit so that the tough problems of life will be unable to deter them. The Holy Spirit will give them power and authority to use the forces of heaven to accomplish any undertaking that they are confronted by to the glory of God.

Subject: True Witnesses:

We may have heard many people talking about being saved, but it is better to know about the power of God, which has been manifested in many ways in our lives. Experiences give you accurate knowledge that is better than somebody else's testimony. You never really learn about things of life that you hear other people talk about except you experience it personally.

It is better to feel the power of God working in you to save and keep you from sin and to give you unspeakable joy to praise God. Through the works of the Holy Spirit in your life, you will learn the wonder, strength, and beauty of true holiness. God will then deal directly with you to reveal Himself to you in His marvelous way. You will then be able to testify that God is real. You do not want your salvation to be based upon hearsay, but actual personal experiences with God.

The biblical accounts recorded in the Bible are from eyewitnesses. The apostles and prophets with whom Jesus walked, witnessed to the very acts of Jesus, heard His words, and knew that He came from God. We believe their witnesses because their knowledge is based upon experiences with Christ that the Holy Spirit has activated in our lives.

Subject: Man Was Created In Two Parts:

The soul (mind) and the body can live separately. The soul is the spiritual part of human existence, and the body is the physical part of humans. When the body dies, the soul will separate from the body and continue to live. The soul will never die because it is designed by God to live eternally. God first created man in the spiritual and later formed a body from the dust of the ground and man became a living soul. Man first existed in the image of God, and later a body was added to his soul. Listen to Genesis 1:26:

Verse 26 - And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

At this point in the creation, man was only a soul as a spiritual being just as God is. Later, God formed a physical body for man from the dust of the earth, and man became a soul, living in a physical body. Listen to Genesis 2:7:

Verse 7 - And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Subject: God Is The Beginning And The End Of Our Lives:

God is the beginning and the ending of all things. No matter what we acquire or accomplish in this life, God will be the conclusion of the matter. A wise man will understand that he is simply a steward in the world. If man allows greed and selfishness to run away with him, and he fails to recognize God, God will take what he has and give it to another man to be a steward.

Now most people know that they have to die, but they do not know when, so they get lawyers to draw up wills for what they have acquired in this life. If they fail to recognize God, then the beneficiaries of the will shall become owners of their wealth sooner than they planned.

Subject: God Wants Your Life:

In America, we have churches and preachers in most communities; but very few people know the Lord. This is made known because there is more crime than deeds of righteousness in many communities. The Lord is not in every building that is called a temple, because He does not dwell in temples made with hands. Listen to Acts 17:24:

Verse 24 - God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

A house is known by what goes on in it. There are those who believe that when they go to church, they are in the presence of God. If there are those in the church that do the same things that people do in a night club, then the church is no different than the night club. What makes a gambling house are the gamblers that go there.

Any building can be a good place to assemble and worship if good people assemble there. God cannot be in a building if He is not in the people. If there is no God in the people there will be no God in the church. When you give God your life, He gives you His life.

Subject: God Desires To Be In Your Life:

God desires to be in fellowship with those who desire to be saved. God wants to live in humans. When a person repents of their sins, God will come down from heaven to dwell in a contrite spirit by means of His Holy Spirit. God wants to be a friend and associate of those who want to be holy. God could care less about your church, He wants to be in your life.

God desires to live in your home with you, go to work with you, and do business with you. When God is invited into your life He will help you with all of your endeavors and give you success.

God is rich in mercy and great in love toward us and even when we were dead in sins, He quickened us to be together with Christ, and have caused our lives to be a heavenly place right here on earth. When we were alienated from the commonwealth of heaven, and knew not God, it was His mercy that brought us

into a covenant or agreement with Him, which He will never fail to keep.

When we became followers of Christ obeying His gospel, He quickened us or made us alive, and brought us together by our faith in Christ. None of this was done by our means, but by grace we were saved.

Subject: Have You Accepted The Offer That Jesus Made For Your Soul?

What does a man profit if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? Your soul is worth more than you can imagine. Your soul is your mind and life. It is your immortal life. No matter what you acquire in this life it will not be worth losing your soul for in eternity. You can't buy eternal life for your soul. Jesus bought it on Calvary, but you must accept Jesus' offer by obeying His gospel. Obedience to Jesus' gospel was the proposition for your soul that you can accept or reject. If your soul is lost after your body dies, there will be no other offers made by Jesus to save your soul.

Subject: God Knows Your Thoughts:

You cannot hide the thoughts that you are carrying in your mind from God. God not only knows your thoughts, but He also knows your intents. In other words, He knows the thoughts that are just passing through your mind and the thoughts that you intend to put into action. If you need help with your intent of thoughts the word of God can help you. The word of God can separate passing thoughts from thoughts of intent.

When your intentions are to please God, He will give you the Holy Spirit to purify your thoughts, to help you to reject bad thoughts, and retain good thoughts that you will be able to use to produce good deeds. The Holy Spirit will be used to purify your mind, making your thoughts undefiled, free from malice, hate, envy, and covetousness. Under these conditions, your heart will be pleasing to God.

If you hide sinful thoughts in your mind, God will not hear your prayers, and neither will He give you the Holy Spirit. You should not carry anything in your

mind that you won't allow God to look over and approve of, because He knows your thoughts whether you turn them over to Him or not.

Subject: The Gentiles Did By Nature The Things That The Law Contained:

The Ten Commandments were given to the Jews. They were written laws that God gave to the nation of Israel to establish them as a holy nation. The laws were given to the Jews to articulate their guidance with their consciences. God did not overlook the Gentile nations of the world after giving the Jews the Ten Commandments. God put the knowledge of the laws in the consciences of the Gentiles so that they could do by nature the things that were in the laws that the Jews were given. Listen to Romans 2:14-15:

Verse 14 - For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Verse 15 - Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.

The Gentiles are every nation except Israel who were not given a written law from God. The law of God was put in their consciences to do by nature the things that are right so that they could receive guidance from God by means of the law put in their consciences.

Subject: Life:

Every sensible person is interested in life. People do most everything to make their lives better. Many have failed to understand that God is the giver of life, and it is only by God's grace and mercy that life can be sustained. Life was

given to humans by God, but it can only be perpetuated by God. Though humans are the recipients of life, they can only sustain life by the grace of God.

In order for life to be sustained, it must be partaker of God's holiness.

Listen to I Peter 1:15-16:

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

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

Only a holy life can be perpetuated. No other kind of life can be made continuous unless it is a holy life. A holy life is a sin-free life.

Subject: Make Your Calling And Election Sure:

If you are saved, the scriptures will confirm your salvation. Your salvation was not a last minute decision of God to save you; it was predestinated by God.

Listen to Romans 8:30-31:

Verse 30 - Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Verse 31 - What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

If you are saved, it means you are called out of a world of sin. If you are called the scriptures will justify your calling. The scriptures will give a clear and distinct description of your calling. The scriptures will make reference to a righteous predestination of those who are called to receive salvation in Jesus Christ.

You will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to conform to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Listen to Romans 8:28-29:

Verse 28 - And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Verse 29 - For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Subject: The Foreknowledge Of God:

God knows everything before it comes to pass. God can reveal to us the way a certain thing will end when it begins. It is a good thing to follow God by means of obedience, because He will lead you in a way to be safe from future events that might not be to your advantage or for your best interest. When a person rises up against God with the spirit of unbelief, and becomes arrogant toward God, when the time arrives for the event predicted, and they are involved in the event, it will not be to their best interest, just as Jesus' crucifixion did not save Judas.

God can raise up a person who is wicked to be for the best interest of those who are righteous. Judas' betrayal of Jesus was for the benefit of all who would be saved. God raised up the Pharaoh in Egypt to use the Pharaoh's evil ways to deliver the children of Israel out of Egypt. Listen to Romans 9:17-18:

Verse 17 - For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

Verse 18 - Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

When a wicked person becomes rebellious and hateful and will not hear God, then the Lord will suffer his heart (mind) to be hardened, and allow his ways to give victory to the righteous person. God will let the wicked person know that no matter how powerful his opposition is to the righteous person, he cannot prevent the plan of God from being for the best interest of the righteous person.

Subject: God Will Sanctify The Obedient People:

When church folk don't believe that the power of the Holy Spirit can help them live above sin, such things as hate, envy, malice, and strife will create a miserable environment to live and worship in. In order for peace and pleasantness to be in our environment, sin has to leave. The kingdom of heaven will be a sin-free environment and those who live there will delight themselves in an abundance of peace.

Sin creates dishonest relations between people and nations. It causes hypocrisy to be in our worship services, and infidelity in our relationship with God. If we fail to turn our hearts to God to receive the Holy Spirit, the terrors of this age will consume us. When we fail to turn to God, our judgment will become warped, and our desire for sinful pleasures will cause us to go down in shame.

If we seek the Lord with a sincere heart, God will never allow His people, who have loved and trusted Him, to go down with the wicked. God will sanctify His people and deliver them from the terrors of the time, whether they be a nation or a group of people.

Subject: Honor To God Must Be Inclusive With Obedience:

There is only one thing that we can do for God and that is to honor Him. When saved people gather to worship God, they must show God that they are willing to honor Him in truth and in Spirit. The Holy Spirit must be present when the worshipers honor God. God will acknowledge the honor that is presented in worship services when the worshipers obey His word.

Obedience to God is honor and respect to God. When the worshipers' honor is not inclusive with obedience to God's word, their honor to God is not accepted, and will be considered by God as mockery.

Subject: Praise Should Be Comely For The Upright:

If a person is not truly born again and living a righteous life, God does not want such a person to go to a church and praise Him. Praises should be comely for the upright in heart (Psalm 33:1). When praises come from an unrighteous person,

such praises are a mockery to God. To praise God and not obey Him is to give praises to one that you oppose. Who goes to a ball game and shouts for the team that they oppose?

When you speak well of a person and are against what they stand for then your words are false. You cannot speak well of God and commit sin, because God is against sin and does not accept the praises of those who are against Him. When a congressman or senator speaks well of the president and votes against every bill that the president submits, such words are the words of hypocrisy. If a person is not living according to the teaching of the gospel, they should be quiet when they go to church.

Subject: Ministering Spirits:

There are millions of members of God's family in heaven. They are angels who maintained their love and respect for God during the revolution that Satan administered against God's family in heaven. Angels are ministering spirits assigned by God to do His work in the universe, which includes assisting saved people on the earth. If you are born again, you have angels watching over you while you live in this world.

Angels can be warriors against those who seek to harm and hurt saved people on the earth. They are also warriors against the rebellious angels that followed Satan, and were cast out of heaven. Angels are ministering spirits that move and act according to the will of God. They follow God's mind and honor His desires.

God's main purpose is to help and assist saved people until Jesus is sent to deliver them. Along with angels, the Holy Spirit also helps saved people on the earth. All this is done to fulfil God's plan for those who are ordained to be saved.

Subject: The Love Of God In Angels Causes Them To Rejoice Over A Repenting Sinner:

A repenting soul that has been won over from the curse of sin causes great joy in the kingdom of heaven. The Spirit of love in heaven is very much interested in those who repent of their sins on earth. The love of God moves by His Spirit in

heaven and on the earth looking for a soul that desires to turn from a life of sin. When such a person is found, all heaven rejoices because that is something that glorifies God.

The enemy of God who is the devil is struggling to keep the sinner from accepting salvation, which the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ have made available to the unsaved. When the devil loses a soul from being a continuous sinner, the glory belongs to God, and the angels in heaven will celebrate. Angels in heaven rejoice over God's work for repenting sinners on the earth.

Heaven will be a place of continuous joy, and celebration for the great works of God that were extended to the earth to save sinners. God Himself came to the earth in human form as His only begotten Son to save sinners. The saving of sinners is the expression of God's unlimited love that angels in heaven enjoy the presence of.

Angels in heaven have been blessed to enjoy God's love since they were created. Such love has been extended to sinners who were born into a world of underprivileged conditions. When humans become beneficiaries of God's love, the love of God in angels causes them to rejoice for humans on the earth.

Subject: A Celebration For The New Convert:

Angels are ministering spirits that continuously give praise and glory to God for things of heaven and earth that are done to the glory of God. Things that are done to the glory of God cause great joy in heaven. When a soul is won over from sin and the devil on earth, all heaven rejoices, because that is something that causes glory to God.

Christ died to save sinners, and the devil is struggling to keep the sinner from accepting the salvation which the death and resurrection of Christ have made available to the sinner. Every time the devil loses a soul in this struggle, the glory belongs to God, and all heaven rejoices.

When you get saved, while living in this present world, the people that know you may not make a lot of favorable comments about your new life in Christ, but in heaven countless, millions of angels are rejoicing, because your new life in Christ was the act of God.

There is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over those who need no repentance. When a person is saved of a truth, it is God who worketh in the person to will and to do of His good pleasure. When a man or woman believes that Christ can save them from sin, and keep them living in this world

above sin, the angels in heaven will have a holy celebration. A truly saved person is very valuable to the angels in heaven, because it is their duty and pleasure to watch over new converts to protect and bless them while they are still living on the earth.

Subject: Love Has No Fellowship With Hate:

If you meet anyone who does not have love in their hearts, even for their enemies, they are not born of God. There are no neutral grounds between love and hate. When love is not present, hate is the controlling force.

Love does not fellowship with hate. You cannot love your favorite friends and relatives and hate other people. Hate is deceiving and can present itself as love for some people, and will despise others. When hate is in power, it can deceive those who are carriers of it to eventually destroy themselves along with those that they hate.

Many people who are carriers of hate will kill other people, eventually the ones that they thought they loved, and eventually kill themselves. Such people could not see how hate would affect them. When love is at the controls of a person's life, no aspects of hate will be present. Love will allow no room for hate. Love went all the way to Calvary for its enemies as well as its friends.

Subject: Faith:

If you listen to a person talk, and believe what they are saying, they can change your mind about things that you previously believed. The word of God has more power than the words of a man. If a man's words can change your opinion about a matter, the word of God can change your entire life, if you listen to and believe it. The word of God has power to change your nature from sinful desires to righteous desires.

You can be born again by listening to the word of God. When you believe the word of God, the Holy Spirit will give you the power to turn from your old life of sin to a new life of righteousness. The word of God is an incorruptible seed that can give you an incorruptible life. The Spirit of God and the word of God work together to give you a new life in Christ that will be eternal.

It is by faith in the word that you will receive the new-birth; that is not of yourself, but by grace. If you believe that God can keep you each day of your life living above sin, He will give you the Holy Spirit to help you to do it, because of your faith in Him. Faith can get unlimited help from God that you cannot get anywhere else in life. Faith causes God to move towards helping you.

Subject: Faith And Grace:

The most valuable blessing from God is being delivered from the power and penalty of sin, which is eternal death. God has demonstrated His power to deliver in the name of Jesus. Faith and obedience will help to find power in the name of Jesus. Faith is the victory that caused nature to take a reverse course. The natural tendency to commit sin is reversed when faith is joined with obedience to the word of God.

You are saved by grace through faith; without faith, grace will not be activated. Jesus can save you, but you must believe that He can. When you believe that Jesus can save you, the powers of heaven will go to work administering grace to your faith.

Subject: Confidence Is Faith:

When you learn about the reality of God, you also learn that there is nothing impossible for God to do. It is wonderful to know that you are a child of God, and that He loves you and has power to do anything. A child has confidence in parents that provide for them. If you believe that a God exists that can do anything for you, your confidence in God will give you peace and establish your faith. Your love for God will be expressed by your obedience, and God's love for you will be expressed by what He does for you. A mutual understanding between you and God will then be established, united by your faith and confidence in God.

Subject: Complete Faith Comes With Complete Salvation:

When you take your problems to God in prayer, you should forget them. Though you forget the things that give you trouble, God will not forget to remove them, bind up your broken spirit, and set you free from your troubles. God will then fill your heart with a song, and you will then praise God from whom your blessings came. You will then realize that life with God is worth living. You will come to the understanding that without God nothing is worth anything.

Many people who are church-going Christians don't believe in the reality of God to the extent that their belief will have a positive effect upon their lives. There is no profit in being a Christian with limited faith in God. God does not respond to limited faith. You must trust in the Lord with all your heart. Your faith in God must be supported by your obedience to His word.

A limited faith will oftentimes result from a limited commitment of your life to God. This means you are not truly or completely saved from your sins. Complete salvation is an act of God that will give you confidence that if God has done a miracle by changing your life, that He can also solve your problems in life.

Subject: The Saved Person Should Be Walking By Faith:

If you are saved, you should be walking by faith in the light of God. Listen to I John 1:7:

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

When we walk in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed us from sin, and we should have fellowship with others who are walking in the light.

Light means understanding the will of God. When you are walking in the light, you will have faith in God. When you live in sin, you are walking in darkness, and you will have fellowship with the devil. When you have faith in darkness, your faith will give you no good results, and your religion will be vain.

God is spirit and when you are partaker of His spirit, you will have to live right, and your faith will give you good results. The devil will use deceiving tactics to get everybody that he can to be under subjection to his will, and they will eventually experience failures.

Subject: Enoch Walked With God By Faith:

If you live by faith in God, one day He will take you from the earth into the kingdom of heaven. In Genesis 5:24 the scriptures give us an account of a man who walked with God, and one day they looked for him and could not find him. The scriptures teach that they could not find him because the Lord took him.

When you have faith in God, He will take you to heaven. Enoch walked with God, and one day he was found no more. While Enoch was on the earth, he had faith in every principle of righteousness that God taught, and he lived by those principles, trusting in God. Afterwards, God took Enoch to heaven and Enoch is there now.

If you trust God, you will obey Him, and one day He will take you from the earth. Enoch was an example of how to get to heaven. If we walk the same way that Enoch walked, which was by faith, God will take us to heaven also. You walk by faith by believing God's word; you believe God's word when you obey God's word.

Subject: Prayer Can Defeat The Devil:

The devil is the initiator of evil. The word of God can defeat the devil by exposing his works. When we learn the knowledge that the word of God teaches, this knowledge can expose the works of the devil and cause the devil to be helpless against us. The Holy Spirit helps us to learn the word of God. The devil has no power against the Holy Spirit and the word of God.

The devil can only defeat a person by deceiving them to commit sin. When the word of God shows the devil's deceiving devices, he has no weapon against you. Prayer is the means by which you receive assistance from God. The Holy Spirit presents your prayers to God making you able to be alert to the works of the devil. The power of God is available through prayer. We must pray diligently and believe that God will answer our prayers.

Subject: Humility:

Before your prayers can be received by God, humility must precede prayer with a sin-free life. Though God dwells in a high and holy place, He will

acknowledge those of a contrite and humble spirit. When you desire to be humble, God will send the Holy Spirit to assist and lift your burdens.

God hears a righteous and humble person pray, because humility sends a signal to God. It is an expression of sincerity and respect to God. It does not matter where you are when you meet the qualifications for prayer, the Spirit of God will find you. Prayer is an expression of dependency, and acknowledging God as being superior to all the conditions of the world. When you pray you are worshipping God in addition to presenting your request to God. Though your request may be reasonable, your humility and respect to God will cause Him to consider your request.

Subject: Christ Is A Mediator For The Obedient Person:

God is only moved by your obedience. When there is no mind to obey God, it doesn't matter how much prayers are presented; you will not get God's attention. God is not emotional. He is holy, and His holiness will not degrade itself to be sympathetic when obedience is not inclusive with prayers during a crisis.

If we obey God we get His favor; if we disobey we get His disfavor. Christ is a mediator only for those who have a mind to obey God. Christ was made flesh as humans are for the purpose of dwelling among men to suffer in the flesh that He might be truly qualified from this standpoint to intercede for us during a crisis to obtain help from God. As Christ became our mediator, God assured Him that whatever we ask in His name, God would grant for Jesus' sake.

God would not allow Christ to die on Calvary for nothing. Christ died that we might have access to God. Knowing all about our weaknesses, our temptations, our difficulties, our afflictions, and being a loving, understanding, and sympathetic Savior, Christ eagerly intercedes when the Father would be unsympathetic and merciless. So, we invoke the mercy of the Father when we obey Christ's gospel, and ask for help in Jesus' name.

Subject: When You Walk In The Light Of Christ You Are Honest:

If you desire a blessing from God, you must be honest. The things you desire are brought to the light before God by Jesus Christ. When you walk in the light as Jesus is in the light you can get what you ask for, because the name of Jesus gets God's attention.

Now you must be honest in every purpose for what you ask, because the Spirit demands honesty that you might receive your request. When you keep God's commandments, it means that you are honest, and you are asking in Jesus' name. When you ask in Jesus' name no power on earth can prevent you from receiving what you ask for.

Subject: The Imitator:

Satan is a great imitator of God. He is wonderful in the eyes of those that he can deceive, but he is not so great in the eyes of a child of God. The devil has great power, but that power must become subject to God of all the earth. Satan was able to go to God and have Him grant permission to bring upon Job the greatest catastrophe that anyone individual has ever experienced under the hand of Satan.

The record of Job's test and trials is available for our encouragement and strength during our time of testing. We can look back at the record of Job and see that God Almighty stood by and watched over him because Job was a righteous man.

The devil can work on the wicked without restraint, but when he works on the righteous, God restrains him. This is because God is a shield and buckler of the righteous. Nevertheless, God is willing to suffer Satan to try you to prove that you might know that God's power is better in you than Satan's pressure upon you. It is faith in God that gives you victory over Satan.

Subject: Temptations Are A Test:

Temptations are a test that is only presented by Satan to a person who is born again. The purpose of the temptation is to try a person's righteousness or their obedience to God. If you are born again you must overcome temptations. Temptations can bring fear and suffering, and it will make you pray frequently. The Holy Spirit will regulate temptations, but it will not completely deliver you from temptations until the temptations have proved you.

When you overcome temptations it will cause you to excel in righteousness. Temptations do not come from God, but they are approved of by God. God suffers us to be tempted since it is the only way that we might be perfected, and prepared for the spiritual life we hope to live in heaven. Though temptations bring suffering, they are nevertheless good for you. The first victory that we acquire over temptations will make us stronger for the next temptation.

The devil knows that temptations are good for the saint if they overcome, but he also knows that they can be very damaging for those who do not overcome. So Satan dishes them out with the chance that we might not overcome. Now temptations are distributed by the devil to work on the weaknesses of the person who is being tempted. He knows that you cannot be tempted to do something that you have no taste or desire to do. You can only be tempted to do something that you have a great desire to do, or at one time in your prior life of sin desired to do. Satan remembers all of your former sinful pleasures, and the temptations will call to remembrance such previous desires.

Now the Holy Spirit is on standby when you are being tempted, but it will not precede your will to reject the temptation. It will assist when temptations become unfair, and attempt to take advantage of your lack of knowledge. The Holy Spirit will clarify the situation, reveal the devices of the devil, and give you the strength to resist the temptations after you decide you want to resist. If you play around with temptations by not completely rejecting them, they will unnoticeably strengthen the carnal nature that the Holy Spirit has brought under subjection to the word of God.

The Holy Spirit will use the word of God to warn you against any compromise with the temptations. Such a compromise with temptations can revive and strengthen the carnal nature, and cause you to resist the assistance of the Spirit of God. Temptations are of the flesh, and the Spirit and the flesh can never be reconciled. They will always be in conflict, because the flesh belongs to the devil while the Spirit belongs to God. Together they give life in our bodies because the body without the Spirit is dead (James 2:26).

Upon Jesus' return, the flesh will be completely done away with because it is

not compatible with life in the kingdom of heaven. The flesh will die and those who are saved will be given celestial bodies that are completely the works of the Holy Spirit. The flesh will be forever destroyed because it is full of the devil; but the Holy Spirit will return to heaven after giving completely new bodies to the saints who have overcome temptations of the devil. These bodies will be immortal, resembling the form of our present bodies but glorified in every aspect. They will be completely prepared to live forever in the kingdom of heaven, because they will be like God, Spiritual.

Subject: Are You Sanctified?

When you are born again it means you are sanctified. To be sanctified means that your life is consecrated, dedicated, committed, and given to God. You will then be separated from a life of sinful practices unto complete obedience to the gospel of Christ. Listen to Romans 1:1:

Verse 1 - Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.

When you are sanctified, you are called by God to be a saint and not merely a church going Christian. 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.

Those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus should abstain from such things as fornication, adultery, homosexuality, liquor drinking, hatred, malice, envy, and all sinful practices, and possess their vessels in sanctification and honor. They should not desire to please the flesh in such things as lustful sexual pleasures of concupiscence, which means to have sex out of wedlock (I Thessalonians 4:3-7).

Those who go to churches and are not sanctified in Christ Jesus are considered to be heathens in the sight of God. They are like the gentiles were before the teachings of the gospel were given to them. Such people do not know God. God does not call people to be unclean who live with sinful practices, but unto holiness.

Subject: You Are Not Saved Unless You Are Sanctified:

It is the true teachings of the gospel that sanctifies you. You are sanctified through the truth by the power of the Holy Spirit. The truth purifies your life from sin and sets you apart from further influence of sinners.

To be sanctified means to be made holy or sin-free. When a person is sanctified, anything unclean or that defiles will no longer be a part of its cleanliness. After God created the earth on the seventh day, He rested. God at this time blessed and sanctified the seventh day so that no work would be done on this day. God made it a holy day. Today when God saves you, every day becomes a holy day for you, because your life will be sin-free every day.

The only thing that makes you unclean before God is a life of sinful practices. Therefore, God purifies your mind, which causes your actions to be pure. When your mind is set apart from unclean thoughts and desires, your life is sanctified. The Holy Spirit is the only means by which this can be accomplished in your life. When you are sanctified, God can then use you as a vessel of honor.

When the Holy Spirit establishes a place of worship today, it sanctifies the worshipers. The preacher will be sanctified, the deacons will be sanctified, as well as the church members. If the members of a church are not sanctified, it means that God's Spirit is not present in such a church, and nobody in the church will be saved. You are not saved unless you are sanctified.

If a man or woman who is the member of a church drinks liquor or smokes cigarettes, it means that they are not sanctified, and such an assembly is not acceptable to God. Your body and mind must be sanctified to praise and worship God. To worship God under any conditions other than being sanctified causes the worship services to be a mockery to God.

Subject: More About Sanctification:

When God calls you out of the world to save you, He sanctifies and makes you 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.

It is the will of God that you abstain from evil companions. You cannot be any better than the company you keep. You are judged by your company. 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.

Subject: The Word Of God Is Light:

If you want to be saved, you should not go to church and worship with those who believe that you cannot live a life free from sin. Worshiping with such believers will cause you not to grow spiritually, because they will fight you if they see you stand up for righteousness. Those who approve of living in sin are supporters of sin, and workers of iniquity.

There is no true fellowship with light and darkness. Sinners live in darkness being separate from the Spirit of God. Sinners do not comprehend the knowledge of God's word. The word of God is light to those who believe it. When you walk in the light as Christ is in the light, you should have fellowship with those that you worship with. If there is no true fellowship, it means that the blood of Jesus Christ has not cleansed the worshipers from their sins, and they are not saved. Listen to I John 1:6-7:

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

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

Subject: True Peace Must Come From God:

You cannot acquire peace from the world. Peace has to come from God. Peace is inclusive with the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). When the world speaks of peace, such peace is false, and does not continue. When God gives peace, He gives it to those who are born again and filled with His Spirit.

Peace has to be placed within a person's mind. If a person has not been born again, it means that they have a carnal mind, and the peace from God does not come into a carnal mind. It can only come into a spiritual or holy mind.

When you have peace that is put into your mind by the Holy Spirit, the storms of life cannot come into your mind to disrupt your peace. This is because the Spirit of God is more powerful than troubles of the world.

Subject: Perfection Comes From God:

In the book of Genesis 17:1, for your learning and information, you will find where the Lord commanded a man named Abram to walk before Him, and to be perfect. If you are going to be saved, being perfect is not an option, but a command. Perfection is not of yourself, it is God in you. When you believe the command of God, He gives you power to be perfect. To be perfect means that you will obey everything that God commands you to do.

God will not command you to do anything without helping you to do it. God will not command a person to be perfect if He perceives that the person does not believe that they can be perfect. God only speaks to those who are willing to believe His commandments can be done. God appeared unto Abram in a vision. God reveals Himself to those who are willing to obey Him.

When God reveals Himself to a person, the person's mind will conceive the message from God with the willingness to believe and obey the message. Perfection will be accredited to a person when he or she believes the message. Obedience will follow the belief of the message, and perfection will be established as God commanded.

Subject: The Power Of The Holy Spirit Makes You Perfect:

You must be willing to become a righteous person to be saved. There is no need to ask God to save you while you are committing sin. God does not save you in your sins; He saves you from your sins. God is willing to save a sinner if the sinner is willing to accept God's terms to be saved. Sin is deceiving and will make you believe that God will hear and answer your prayers even when you won't obey Him.

You must first believe that you can be righteous before the power of God will deliver you from sin. To be righteous is to be perfect. The moment that Abraham believed that he could be perfect and obeyed God's command, God counted it unto him as righteousness. When God accounts you as being a righteous person, the power of the Holy Spirit goes to work in your life and makes you perfect.

Subject: The Blessings From God Will Overtake Your Obedience:

If you are a child of God, you should not be troubled and burdened by problems of life, because help is right at hand. God is a present help to deliver you from any trouble you could possibly have. God is willing to help you, if you put your trust and confidence in Him. Be sure that you have turned from everything that displeases God.

God is pleased with a humble and obedient person. If a person is selfish, and high-minded, their ways will make trouble. When you turn from such ways, your good ways will draw help and blessings from God. God installs your help and blessings in your good ways that you take on; it is a package deal. If you obey and keep God's commandments, blessings from God will overtake you.

Subject: Angels And Humans:

Angels that rebelled against God and followed Satan are the cause of all the trouble we are having in the world today. If God had not assigned guardian angels

to watch over the earth, we would be in more trouble than we can imagine. Some rebellious angels that were cast out of heaven with Satan were so powerful and evil that God had to cast them down to be in chains at the gates of hell waiting for the day of judgment to be cast into hell along with Satan and all humans who failed to repent of their sins.

Hell was not created for humans but for rebellious angels. Hell is a place of eternal torment designed by God for the punishment of angels who were made eternal. Humans that go to hell will be given eternal bodies like the angels that will be there to experience everlasting torment. Hell and all sinners, including angels and humans, will be cast into a lake of fire and brimstone where there will be no possibility of escape.

Subject: Saints Will Not Be Angels:

The first sinner was an angel who was cast out of heaven into the earth while Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden. This angel took on what appeared to be a friendly social relationship with Eve and eventually deceived her to disobey God. There are countless numbers of good faithful angels in heaven because the rebellious angels were cast out. All humans that are saved will be given bodies like angels to live in heaven, but they will not be angels, they will be saints.

Saved humans will have a special identification in heaven from that of angels because they would have been saved by the blood of the Lamb. Angels in heaven are there because they chose not to follow Satan. Saints will be in heaven because they chose to follow Jesus Christ and to suffer persecution, and for some death because of their choice. Saints were proven by their faithfulness, obedience and persecutions to follow Christ. Angels were proven by their choice not to follow the devil.

Subject: Man Will Be Used By God To Judge Angels:

You will not be a holy person in heaven unless you seek to be holy while you are on the earth. Your religious knowledge on earth cannot be based upon your opinion and your imagination, it must be based upon the knowledge of God's word.

The plan of salvation was given by God, and it was not given to adjust to the ways of the unsaved, but to help the unsaved to adjust to the ways of God.

All the angels that are presently in heaven are on one accord with God. The angels who were the first sinners were cast out of heaven, and now God is extending an invitation for humans of the earth to be saved. God sent Christ to be a redeemer for man because man was led into sin by deception. When the gospel of Christ brings man to the knowledge of his sins, and he fails to repent, then man will be a sinner by his choice having full knowledge of the truth.

It is the will of God that man be converted from a sinner to a saint. After man has been cleansed of his sins, God will use man in the judgment of the last days to judge angels. I Corinthians 6:3 teaches us:

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

**Subject: One Marriage Between Christ And The Church:
Beulah:**

There are no female angels. All angels are masculine. Females were created by God to perpetuate the human race. Those who go to heaven will not experience marriage because there will be no difference in gender. The new bodies that saints receive in heaven will not have organs such as we have in our corruptible bodies, but life will be given to a spiritual body by the power of the Holy Spirit. Spiritual bodies are incorruptible, and will have no need for sex organs to perpetuate life.

Beulah will be the only marriage that will take place upon Christ's return. Beulah means Christ and the church that will be everlasting.

CHAPTER 8

***SALVATION:
SPECIAL TOPICS***

Subject: The Prediction Of Judas:

Judas Iscariot had at one time been numbered with the twelve disciples and had been ordained just as the other eleven disciples. It so happened that Judas turned out to be the son of perdition which David predicted. The foreknowledge of God gave David the prophecy of Judas; so somebody had to fulfill the prophecy, and Judas was the one.

Judas did not have to betray Jesus anymore so than any of the other eleven disciples, but God saw that Judas had the mind to make the choice; so the crucifixion was set in motion based upon Judas' intent to betray Christ. It could have been anyone of the other apostles, but Judas fulfilled the prophecy of God that said a friend would betray Him. So all the things concerning the crucifixion were already planned. God knows everything before it comes to pass; He can tell us the way a certain thing will end when it begins.

God knows everything that a wicked person will do before they do it, because the person usually has a mind of unbelief, and will become arrogant and rebellious to the word of God. So when the event is predicted and the time arrives, the one who is involved in the prediction, such as Judas was, will fall in line with the prediction.

Subject: Judas Could Have Been Saved After He Betrayed Jesus:

Judas was not chosen by God to be the one to betray Jesus in order for the scriptures to be fulfilled, he just became hard in his heart and rebelled against God. God knew Judas would go that way, but He did not program Judas to go that way. The plan for the crucifixion was planned by God according to the way that He knew Judas would go.

God did not resent Judas because he betrayed Jesus. God simply allowed Judas' wickedness to serve a purpose in His plan. Even though Judas betrayed Jesus, he did not have to be lost. Jesus prayed for Judas as well as all sinners while dying on the cross in St. Luke 23:34 saying "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.*"

Judas' sins were covered under this prayer, and if Judas had been remorseful, and apologetic to God from his heart, his sins would not have stayed

between him and God and Judas could have been saved. There is always hope for a repenting sinner if he will hear God.

Subject: Judas Did Not Have To Be Lost:

Even though Judas betrayed Jesus, he did not have to be lost. Jesus prayed for him as well as all sinners who were present at His crucifixion. In (St. Luke 23:34) Jesus prayed that God would forgive them, and Judas was included under that prayer. God did not kill Judas; he killed himself. If Judas had come back to Jesus and repented after the crucifixion, he would have been forgiven.

There was no hate for those who crucified Him. Jesus loved sinners and Judas was not excluded. The betrayal of Jesus and the crucifixion was for the purpose of saving Judas and all sinners. Judas' betrayal of Jesus was a part of God's plan for Judas to be saved; so Judas allowed his act of suicide to be a sin that he could not repent of. You must be alive when you repent of your sins. Judas will go into eternity to be judged for a sin that he could not repent of. Judas will be judged for the betrayal of Jesus as well as for his suicide. If there had been no suicide, Judas could have repented for his betrayal and been forgiven for his betrayal.

It was the harm that Judas did to himself that will cause him to go to hell and not his betrayal of Jesus. What Judas did against Jesus could have saved him if he had repented and had not committed suicide. Judas was instrumental in causing the crucifixion, which was for the purpose of saving all sinners, and this did not exclude Judas.

Subject: Don't Get Smart On God:

When you come to God, you should be careful not to be smart by having an opinion that is contrary to what the scriptures teach. Under these conditions, the Holy Spirit will not cause the scriptures to take an effect on you and you will be cut short. Judas had his days shortened because he thought he was smart enough to handle the money for Jesus. You can be righteous as easy as you can be wicked.

Having access to the plan of salvation does not mean that you will have a mind to accept the plan.

God informs you on what the portion will be for the righteous and the wicked. When the time comes for the prophecy to be fulfilled, someone who is among the worshipers will fulfill it. Judas was the only fellow in the crowd that wasn't right, because even though he sat among the people and listened to the teachings of Jesus, his heart had become hardened and rebellious.

**Subject: Be Sure To Go To God When You Confess Your Sins
And Repent:**

If you go to the wrong church trying to be saved by confessing your sins, you are wasting your time. Judas went to the Chief Priest and Scribes and tried to repent by taking the money back. There is no advantage for one sinner to confess his or her sins to another sinner. The Chief Priest and Scribes were as much sinners as Judas was.

There is only one source of forgiveness for sins, and that is from God. If Judas' sin had not stood so big in his eyes, he could have been forgiven. The only sin that was unpardonable was to blaspheme or disrespect the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost was not given until after Jesus left the earth. Judas could not have disrespected what he did not have. All manner of sin could be forgiven except for disrespecting the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost is the last chance for anybody to be saved. It is the Spirit of God that warns and convicts you. If you should reject or speak against the Holy Ghost, there is no other help for you to be saved (St. Matthew 12:31).

**Subject: Rituals For Baptism Must Be According To God's
Instructions:**

You cannot establish yourself in righteousness. To be established in righteousness must be done by grace from God. Righteousness is a gift from God. You are not right unless God makes you right. There are many religious ways that might seem right to some people, but the end of such ways will be short of salvation if they are not of God.

When religious rituals are administered contrary to the way that God instructs, it is not in line with salvation in Jesus Christ. Baptism is an ordinance that must be administered according to the council of heaven. It was detailed and ordained for a significant purpose, which is lost or ineffectual unless observed according to directions. There are some who baptize by pouring water on the candidate, and others by sprinkling the candidate.

God originated baptism, and the orders were sent to John the Baptist on how the procedure should be conducted. John demonstrated baptism by submerging the candidate under the water. When other ministers refuse to follow the correct procedure and instructions for baptism according to the plan of God, they will be rejecting the counsel of God, and God will refuse to honor or recognize them as having completed his instructions for salvation.

Subject: The Lenten Season (The Passover):

The Lenten season commemorates the Passover that started during the days when Moses led the children of Israel out of bondage. Lent represents the forty days of fasting that Jesus went through in the wilderness while being tempted of the devil after He was baptized.

Christ's main purpose for being sent to the earth was to be crucified as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, that He might later be a Passover to save us from destruction that God will send to the world.

The deliverance of the children of Israel was a symbol of how Christ's crucifixion would deliver us from our sins to be saved from the final destruction. The blood on the doorposts of the children of Israel's homes was a symbol of how those who would later be washed in the blood of Jesus Christ that would be shed on Calvary would be passed over by God and saved. Listen to Exodus 12:13:

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

The blood of Jesus Christ is symbolized in this very passage of scripture where we find God commanding Moses to kill a lamb, take the blood, pour it into a basin and put the blood on the door post of each home of the Israelites. This was to be done so that when the destroying angel passed by, he would see the blood and

pass over that home. The angel would know by the blood that one of God's children was in that house.

Today Christ is our Passover that was sacrificed for us. 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.

The lambs that the children of Israel killed and put their blood on their doorposts was a symbol of Christ. This practice began when the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt. The Passover for the Israelites can only be effective when Christ's sacrifice on Calvary is honored. Calvary was the sacrifice made for Jews and Gentiles that they can be saved from their sins, and the final destruction of the world.

Christ is our Passover today. When God sees that we have been washed in the blood of Jesus Christ from sin and uncleanness, God will pass over us and save us from the destruction of the world, just as the Israelites were saved from the destruction of the death angel in Egypt.

Subject: Qualifications For A Family To Be Saved:

In order for a family to be successful while they are living in this present world, they must be subject to the regulations of heaven, which will direct their lives according to the will of God while they are on the earth. If the lives of the people of the earth are not up to the standard of righteousness that the regulations of heaven require, they will not be qualified to become citizens of heaven when their lives on earth end.

The lives of all who desire to live in heaven must be ruled by the scriptures while they are on the earth, this means they must obey the teachings of the Bible beginning in their homes as a family, on their jobs, and for the children in school. In order for this to be done acceptably to God, they must be under the leadership of a God sent preacher. If they are attending a church, the members and church officials should be filled with the Holy Ghost and all worshiping in the spirit of oneness.

Subject: Rulers Of Nations Must Rule According To The Scriptures:

God can control and rule every human being's mind that is upon the earth. God can make every person do what He wants them to do, but He won't make them obey Him; it must be their choice to obey God. God does not have to fight with weapons of warfare; He can fight with judgment by causing His opposers to make decisions that will cause their own destruction.

When a nation of people are disobedient to God, He can cause the ruler of that nation to make decisions that will bring the downfall of the nation. When a ruler of a nation does not fear nor recognize God, such a nation will be headed for trouble. The people of a nation can determine whether or not they will get a good ruler or a bad one. When God desires for a nation to suffer for their disobedience, He will give the nation a bad ruler.

When a ruler is not wise enough to recognize the interest of God for a nation, and govern the nation in accord with the scriptures, such a leader will be ruling for the people to suffer. A ruler must have knowledge of the scriptures so that He can be instructed in righteousness and rule accordingly.

Subject: The Choice For Leadership Must Be God's Choice:

Every ruler of a nation should be subject to God. When King Saul was anointed to be king over Israel, and was given authority over the people of God, he got to the place where he thought his way was best, and that God did not have to be obeyed to the letter. After given a command from God, Saul became defiant over the command. This resulted to God rejecting Saul and preparing another king to rule Israel.

Out of the sons of Jesse, God had planned to raise up another man to be king. God can always find whom He desires and set the person up to be a ruler. Such a ruler must be aware of the reality of God, and acquire knowledge of what is pleasing and acceptable to God, and God will bless the person's rulership and the nation.

Those of us who go to the polls to vote may think that we are doing a lot when we nominate one of our choice to rule over the nation as president. However, unless our choice is God's choice, such a choice will be rejected, just as the older sons of Jesse were rejected, and David being the younger son, was chosen by God to be king over Israel.



CHAPTER 9

GOD SENT PREACHERS VS FALSE PREACHERS

GOD SENT PREACHERS

Subject: The Right Way:

It is in the nature of humans to see themselves as being right. In the eyes of a man, his own ways are right. When a person is saved, they will learn that the only right way is the way of the Lord. The end of the Lord's way is life and peace.

In order for people to see the right way there must be a standard of righteousness as an example. The God sent preacher is supposed to be this example. When a preacher is worldly and is not under the influence of the Holy Spirit, there will be no example for the people to see.

Subject: The Importance Of Peter's Testimony:

When you are doing a work that God called you to do, those who testify to bear witness of your work must be prepared by God to be a true witness to the works of God that you are doing. After Jesus had done many great things among the people, teaching them things concerning the kingdom of heaven, He desired to know what impression His work was having upon them. So, Jesus asked His disciples, "What are the people saying about me"? Peter spoke up and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (St. Matthew 16:16).

Jesus could see that His work was really bearing fruit, and was not in vain, and He responded to Peter by saying, "... *flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven*" (St. Matthew 16:17). Jesus was saying, just as God sent Him to do the work, that He also sent Peter to bear witness that the work was of His Father who is in heaven.

This testimony of Peter was very important, because it would be the rock by which Jesus would build The Church of God. When God saw indications that many would be willing to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ, He responded by means of Peter's testimony that He (God) would establish His church on the earth, so that many would be saved to this present day.

Subject: The Mystery Of The Gospel:

If you are not taught righteousness by a God sent preacher, you will never know the way of righteousness. The knowledge of righteousness is not something that you can figure out with human intelligence. The knowledge of righteousness is a mystery, and must be presented to a person as a gift from God. Righteousness has to be revealed by the Holy Spirit. Listen to Colossians 1:25-27:

Verse 25 - Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

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

Verse 27 - To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

FALSE PREACHERS:

Subject: The Success Of The Devil:

The devil has been very successful in putting over his program by corrupting the church. The devil knows where people think that they can find God, so he confuses and diverts the people from God by corrupting the teachings of God in the churches. He has induced church leaders and administrators to do everything that sinners outside of the church are doing. There are many who have been deceived to believe that they are better than sinners because they are in the church. The devil can easily take advantage of such worshipers because of the assistance that he gets from worldly preachers.

When preachers love the reward of unrighteousness and the praise of men, they will dress up in a long coat with a matching vest that buttons in the back, and the collar turned around backward. The Bible teaches that such preachers are dressed up in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are like ravening wolves.

Because preachers have failed to maintain a standard of righteousness in their preaching, and in their conduct, we have lost confidence in preachers and we are afraid to trust them. For this reason, God is getting ready to make the earth empty because there is no hope for the people in churches.

Subject: Watch For The False Preacher:

While the children of Israel were in bondage of the Egyptians, there were in the land of Egypt those who worked divinations. Divinations were deceitful displays of sorcery or tricks to fool the ignorant person. When a people are not familiar with the power of God, they can be very easily fooled by those who can use divinations. Many preachers today use divinations to fool people.

During Moses' demonstration of the true power of God before the Pharaoh of Egypt, sorcerers were brought forth to do the works of Satan to fool the people. If there is a God sent preacher ministering to the people during this present day, you can be sure Satan has sent false preachers to deceive, distract, and to divert the attention of the people from the true preacher sent by God.

A false preacher is an imitator of the true works of God. Such preachers are wonderful in the eyes of those whom they can deceive, but they are not so great in the eyes of a child of God. God demonstrated this to Israel using Moses to expose the tricks of Satan. Only the true works of God can expose the divinations used by ministers of Satan.

Subject: The Enemies Of The Cross Of Christ:

When religious leaders of today fail to teach the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ, they are considered as enemies of the cross of Christ. Such religious leaders will be judged by God as being those who crucified Jesus. Those who did the actual process of crucifying Jesus, such as the Roman Centurion, who repented of their sins, will be exonerated by God and saved.

God considers leaders of today who do not teach that the people can be saved from sin as being guilty of crucifying Jesus afresh. Such leaders are responsible for people being ignorant of the benefits that Jesus' crucifixion is offering today. These type preachers are going to colleges and religious seminaries to learn how to preach the gospel like students who go to law and medical schools to learn how to be lawyers and doctors.

Only the Holy Spirit can teach a minister how to preach the gospel of salvation. Any other means of learning to preach is false and does not carry the substance of the knowledge of salvation.

Subject: Is Your Church Carnal?

To be carnal means to be ungodly, having a nature that desires to enjoy sinful pleasures. Without the Holy Spirit being in the lives of the people that worship in a church, the church would be carnal. When carnality is in the church, the love of God is not there, and the people can be as evil to one another as those in a beer garden.

Carnality allows envy, hatred, strife, and malice to be among people in any given assembly. The Holy Spirit is the only power that can keep the church spiritual or righteous. When the Holy Spirit is not in the church there is nothing there that is beneficial to the worshipers. The principles of righteousness

established by God through the apostles of the early churches were to qualify the people to worship God without being carnal.

The apostles were ministering to make the people spiritual believers in the teachings of Jesus Christ, joined together in love. The people would then be built together for an habitation of the Spirit of God, that wherever they went or worshiped God, others could see that God's temple was not made of bricks and stone, but that they were living epistles, carrying the word of God in their lives by the Spirit of God.

Subject: Divisions In Christianity Is Carnality:

Listen to I Corinthians 3:4:

Verse 4 - For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Ä-pöl'-lös; are ye not carnal?

Carnality means the absence of the Spirit of God. To be religiously carnal means to be sensual, ungodly, and of the devil. Divisions among Christians is not of God. Divisions means that the worshipers are in the flesh, or sinful nature, not being taught or led by the Spirit of God.

When church organizations use the names of different men to make a distinction between their organization and another Christian organization, they are fleshly minded by taking the glory from God, and giving the glory to the name of a man. God only honors his own church, which is called "The Church of God".

The Church of God can have different branches, and missions in different locations, but the same Spirit will be there if the worshipers are following the same teachings of Jesus Christ. God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. The true teachings of Jesus Christ authenticate the correct spirit.

The apostles of Jesus Christ were merely preachers or ministers whom God sent into the world to preach the gospel that we might believe and be saved. They were not to be used as idols, creating divisions among Christian worshipers by putting their names on the front of buildings where people assembled to worship God. The apostles were great ministers, and wonderful in their work for God. However, when their names were placed on the front of buildings, the people will forget Jesus Christ.

The apostles were at one time in their lives carnal, or unsaved men just as we were before we came to Christ. Jesus loved Peter and forgave him for his sins, and later made him an apostle after Peter was filled with the Holy Ghost and lost his carnal nature. Paul at one time persecuted the followers of Christ before he was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. It was God's church that saved these apostles, and not a church that was established in their names.

Afterword

After reading Volume 21 of *Saved from Sin*, if you are a regular reader, it is hoped that you have been further enlightened about God's plan of salvation for mankind. If you are reading for the first time, it is hoped that your interest in God's plan has been awakened.

Salvation in Jesus Christ is not a game to play with; there are serious stakes involved, and if you go the wrong way, with the wrong knowledge, you will suffer eternal consequences. Elder Kilgore has presented simplified and exact instructions on what is required to be saved from sin.

Today salvation in Jesus Christ is as effective as it was years ago for those who will repent and believe the gospel. The offer has been made; the choice is yours to make. The Holy Spirit is presently moving upon the earth extending grace to a repenting sinner. "Today is the day of salvation".



