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

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

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

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

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

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FOREWORD

In previous volumes of *Saved from Sin*, Elder Kilgore taught that in order to experience true salvation (deliverance from sin) an individual has to be born again of the Spirit of God. Being born again or the new birth in Christ Jesus is a process that an individual must experience and not merely express verbally.

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

As you read in this volume, the hope is that you will be enlightened and encouraged to seek eternal life in Jesus Christ, and thereby escape eternal damnation.



INTRODUCTION

The Purpose Of The Gospel:

The purpose of the gospel of Jesus Christ is not to entertain you, but to inform you that Jesus died to save you from your sins. So when you worship God you should know why you are worshipping. You will then understand that you have a fellowship with God who created the world, and can do anything for you.

You will then meet God every morning, and have Him with you everywhere you go throughout the day. You will have the assistance of the Holy Spirit to help you to keep your mind lifted above the things of the world that would be of no profit to you; and you will keep your mind stayed on God who will keep you in perfect peace. When your life on earth comes to an end, He will be with you to escort you into eternity to live with Him forever.

The Conditions Are Not Good In The World:

The world is in an awful condition today, because the church has no light to lead people out of sin. The standard of morality has been reduced to such a low level by modern society that people indulge in the pleasures of sin without restraint. The duty of the church is to give a light of righteousness to expose sin, and to show people how to escape sin.

When the gospel is preached by a Holy Ghost filled preacher, it has power to constrain sinners, and to set up a strong opposition against the works of the devil. When the gospel is preached effectively, sin is reduced and righteousness is exalted. When this is not happening, the church has lost its light. The church is supposed to be the light of the world. When we see people stumbling and falling not knowing what to do because of the problems that sin is causing, this is a sure sign that there is no light to lead them from their problems.

The Lord does not hold people responsible for being sinners, but He has made arrangements whereby when you find out it doesn't pay; you can be delivered by being born again. Condemnation only comes when you acquire the knowledge that sin doesn't pay, yet you continue in your own sinful way. The moment that you are willing to turn from sin, the Lord God of all the earth is willing to forgive you and remember it against you no more.

We Must Turn Our Hearts To God:

There are many church folk today who do not believe in the power of God to deliver them from sin. They don't believe that salvation in Jesus Christ means to be saved from hate, envy, covetousness, strife, adultery, fornication, liquor drinking and malice. Such church folk don't believe Jesus can save them from sin, although that is all that Jesus died for. Sin covers all the things that makes so much trouble in the world. If we fail to turn our hearts to God, the terrors of this age will consume us.

God requires that if a nation wants assistance from the power of heaven that the nation must repent and believe the gospel. When we put our trust in money and wealth and fail to put it in God, then money and wealth will become our god. If we don't turn to God, our judgment will become warped and we will become so needy for filthy lucre that we will go down in shame. If we turn our hearts to God, He will never allow His people who have loved and trusted Him during this evil time to go down with the wicked.

Everybody Will Live Again:

God did not create us to die, but to live. We are born to die because of sin, but because God had planned that we live and never die, He is going to abolish death. Whether we are saved or not saved, we are going to live again. If you choose to obey God and get saved, you will live eternally in heaven. If you choose not to obey God, you will live eternally in hell.

Just as you are in this world is the way you will be in eternity. The Lord will not allow anybody to enter the kingdom of heaven unless they have the Spirit of God (Romans 8:9). We are busy day and night trying to share the knowledge of the word of God to destroy the works of the devil by exposing his works that people may not be deceived. We are trying to show that it is sin which keeps them separated from what God is offering.

Sin is of the devil, and it can only be removed by the power of God which is available to those who repent and pray. God will answer your prayers if you turn from your sins. If you believe that the answer will come, it means that you have faith. If you don't have faith in your prayers, they will be of non-effect.

Eternal Life Is What You Want:

Of all the things that you think you want in life, you will want nothing more than eternal life in the kingdom of heaven. Eternal life is a gift that can only be obtained from God. Your physical life from the cohabitation of your parents is a mortal life which is limited, but if you receive eternal life it must come from God. As a minister of the gospel, I have only one primary purpose, and that is to help somebody else to receive eternal life.

Jesus Is Looking For Room In Your Life:

Is there any room for Jesus in your life? Those who make room for Jesus in their lives will be blessed. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, there was no room for Him. Jesus has never been wanted by the world. Today there are very few people who want Jesus to come into their lives and save them from their sins. You cannot want Jesus to be in your life and want a life of sin at the same time.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son; but the world does not want to receive Jesus. God gave His Son, and His Son gave His life for our sins, but it is up to us to receive Jesus Christ.

There are many who never take time to consider Jesus until there is sickness or a crisis in their lives. When failure and heartaches come, and souls are broken, such people begin to talk about Jesus, and then they will have an ear to hear the gospel, and a heart willing to open and receive Jesus.

The Invitation Is Available:

If you have heard the gospel preached by a Holy Ghost filled preacher, you have been given an invitation to go to heaven, and to live in a holy society of God where God the Father is holy, God the Son is holy, and God the Holy Ghost is holy. There will also be countless millions of holy angels. Everybody there will be holy.

Now you must be made holy while you are living in this present world to enter this holy habitation. When you get the mind to be holy, God will give you the Holy Spirit to make you holy. The invitation to enter this holy society is for everybody, but you would be surprised to know that many people are not thinking

about going to heaven. They simply want to enjoy the sinful pleasures of this world for a limited period of time, and go to hell after their stay in this world ends.

God Can Stop You:

If you have the intent of heart to obey God, He will allow wickedness to distress you. Afterward, God will stop you from the way you are going just as He stopped the apostle Paul while Paul was on his way to Damascus with no knowledge that what he was doing was against God.

While Paul was in the path of his determination to persecute the followers of Christ, God brought him to the knowledge of salvation, and Paul later completed most of the epistles in the New Testament. Today many can rejoice in the knowledge of God because of Paul's dedicated life of serving God.

The Grace Of God:

The grace of God has appeared to every person to give us a hope for salvation. Instructions are given to you that you might know that the grace of God was given so that you can deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and that you should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. There are many who believe that they won't be able to live godly until they get into the kingdom of heaven. If this was true, there would have been no need for God to give grace. Grace is favor from God to help us during the time of temptations.

When you believe the instructions given in the word of God, it will give you power and strength to obey the word. The word of God will purify your mind, and cleanse you of your sins. You will then become pure, and zealous for good works in this present world, because grace would have made this privilege available to you.

The Way Of Holiness Leads To God:

The way of holiness is the way to the kingdom of heaven. Holiness means to be free from sin. Most preachers may not preach the way Isaiah 35:8 teaches:

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

There are many churches and denominations, but the way of holiness is the way into the kingdom of heaven. When you are in the way of holiness, you will follow peace with all men. Listen to Hebrews 12:14:

Verse 14 - Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

When you are holy, you will live at peace with people that you come in contact with, and this will result to you having peace with God.

Straight Is The Gate That Leadeth To Life:

It is not your church affiliation that brings salvation; it is your obedience to God's word. God does not acknowledge the name of church organizations; but He acknowledges those who obey His word.

There is a way that leads from earth to glory, and it is more than a song or sermon. It is a way called strait. It is a way of holiness. It is the only gate through which you can enter the kingdom of heaven.

There are twelve gates to enter heaven, but everyone is marked strait. Listen to St. Matthew 7:13-14:

Verse 13 - *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:*

Verse 14 - *Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

If you are going to enter the straight gate you must be a holy person. The people in the new city of God will be holy. It will be a holy city named by the character of the people that will be living there.

Meet God In The Morning And He Will Be With You Through The Day:

If you want God to be with you everywhere you go throughout the day; you will have to meet God in the morning. When you wake up in the morning, you should pray first. You have to invite God to be with you through the day. After you pray in the morning you have to lift your mind to heaven and keep your mind stayed on God throughout the day. Whatever happens to you during the day God will be with you.

When you pray, ask God to be with you through the day. You will find that there is not a friend on earth like God. Jesus' name is so powerful that nothing can prevent your movements and purposes when Jesus is with you. God gave His Son Jesus to help us through this world.

The God who created the world understands the purpose for which He created you. God through Jesus has planned that you and I might be born again with a new mind of the Spirit of God, and He will live in our minds forever.

CHAPTER 1

JESUS' RETURN AND THE JUDGMENT:

Subject: We Will All Live Again:

We were created to do the will of God. The plan of God is for each person to be given eternal life. We will all live again, but unless we are redeemed from sin we will live with the damned throughout eternity.

The time is coming when you will have to spend eternity somewhere. When you have been born again you will have joy of heart that one day God shall give you rest that shall neither destroy nor depress you.

Subject: Will You Be On The Better Side Of God's Plan?

Having the correct knowledge of God's plan will give you a chance to prepare yourself to be on the better side of God's plan. The day is coming when everything in the world shall be burned up, and this includes those who are not on the better side of God's plan. God is going to create a new earth in righteousness to be a holy habitation for those who desire to be on the better side of His plan. God is not going to wait for everybody to die to implement His plan.

When Jesus shall descend from heaven with the voice of an archangel, the dead in Christ shall rise first, and those who are saved and living shall be taken up afterward out of reach of the destruction that God will send upon the earth. All who are not saved will be classified as wicked and will be on the worst side of God's plan, and will be destroyed (I Thessalonians 4:16).

All of the unsaved will be made stubble just like the earth by means of fire from heaven (Malachi 4:1). The plan of God will take place according to the spirit that the people have. If the people have sinful or evil spirits like the devil, their spirits will be put in new bodies that cannot die; but will be designed and prepared by God to be tormented forever (St. Mark 9:43-44). Those who were deceived by the devil to remain as sinners will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone to be tormented forever. Listen to Revelations 20:10:

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

The bodies of those who will have the spirit of the devil will receive the same punishment that the devil receives, and will be given special bodies to endure this

punishment,

Those who received the Holy Spirit while they lived in this present world will also receive new bodies that will be designed by God to live in heaven forever. The spirit that is in the people at the time of Jesus' return will determine the kind of bodies that they will be given. God will only acknowledge two spirits which are the Holy Spirit, or the spirit of the devil. Listen to Revelations 20:15 concerning all who were deceived by the devil and did not get saved to have their names placed in the book of life:

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

Subject: We Shall Be Changed:

When your physical body dies, then shall your body return to the earth from which it came, and the spirit shall return to God who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:6-7). The reference in this scripture concerning your spirit returning to God, means that your breath is the spirit that shall return to God when your body returns to the dust.

Your soul or mind will be given a new body if you are saved, like the body that Jesus had after His resurrection. Listen to I John 3:2:

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

Listen to Philippians 3:20-21:

Verse 20 - For our conversation is in heaven: from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

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

Subject: The Separation:

Because Christ died, we shall live again either in the kingdom of heaven or in hell. However, there shall be a separation of the saved and the unsaved, because God will not allow the righteous to suffer with the wicked at that time.

In this present world, the righteous may have to suffer persecution from the wicked, because they have to work and do business together. However, when the separation comes, the wicked will not be able to get to the kingdom of heaven, because there will be a great gulf between them which neither shall be able to cross over to the other.

Christ's death brings another benefit. It gives the sinner an opportunity now to put away his sins and become an heir in the kingdom of heaven. The invitation is extended to the sinner. The unsaved can repent of their sinful ways, and take on the nature of a saint. This is a gift that God has made available because of Jesus' willingness to die for sinners. The sinner can make the choice to remain a citizen of hell, or he can become an heir to the kingdom of heaven. There will be no other chance to be saved after he dies.

Subject: Jesus Took Away The Sting Or Terror Of Death:

Death is an enemy that is dreaded by man. Death terrifies people more than anything else. It is the king of terrors. Most people don't like to talk about death, but they have to accept it sooner or later. Death does not always give a notice on when it is coming. It could come by sickness, an accident, disease, or war.

The Bible gives a record of two men that have escaped the appointment of death, and they are Enoch and Elijah. Death separates us from loved ones, and strikes terror in the hearts of people who have some indication that they are going to die.

We thank God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which took place to defeat death for those who believe in Him. In St. John 11:25-26, it teaches that Jesus is the resurrection and the life for those who believe in Him, and though they die, they shall live again. Those who are saved and alive when Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection will never die.

Jesus takes away the terror or sting of death, and causes death of the physical body for those who are saved to be a sweet passage into paradise. Paradise is the

third heaven where Abraham is the overseer, and all of the Saints who have died through the centuries are resting there in peace, waiting for the first resurrection.

Subject: A Time Of Trouble:

In the book of Daniel 12:1 it describes the end of time, and the conditions that will prevail with the trouble that will be in the earth. It will be a time of trouble like the world has never seen:

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

Your name is only in the book of life if you are born again. God placed your name in the book of life the day that you were born again.

There are two books kept in the kingdom of heaven. One contains the names of the righteous, or those who are born again, and the other contains the names of the unsaved, or those who have not been born again. God revealed through Daniel that the righteous will be delivered, and given shelter from the storm when the world begins to experience that time of trouble just before the end.

Subject: The Righteous Will Be Spared From The Destruction:

Noah was a man that was spared from the destruction when God caused the world to be destroyed by flood waters. Listen to Genesis 6:9,11 and 13: that give a description of the kind of person that Noah was during his generation.

Verse 9 - These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

To walk with God means to obey His commandments, and God will consider you as being perfect. The majority of the people during Noah's time were corrupt and filled with violence. Listen to verse 11:

Verse 11 - The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

The earth during Noah's time was just like it is today. If you compare what you see on the news media today with what the Bible teaches about the conditions of the world during Noah's day, you will be able to see that the conditions that moved God to destroy the earth during Noah's day are the same as they are today. When God gets ready to destroy the earth He will always give the warning to His prophet. Listen to verse 13:

Verse 13 - And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Just as God warned the world in that day through the righteous man, He warns us today through Jesus Christ. 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 like the earth has never experienced before.

Subject: The Children Of The Resurrection Will Not Be Angels But Equal With Angels:

Saved people who go to heaven will not be angels after they get to heaven. They will be given bodies equal to that of angels, but they will be saints. They will be the children of the resurrection. Listen to St. Luke 20:35-36:

Verse 35 - *But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain*

*that world, and the resurrection from the dead,
neither marry, nor are given in marriage:*

Verse 36 - *Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.*

Angels are created sons of God, but a good many people believe that they will become angels when they go to heaven, because they do not know the scriptures. There is nowhere in the scriptures that teach such principles. Angels are created spirit beings that are ministering spirits to do God's work in heaven and on the earth. The scriptures teach that God gives His angels charge over them that fear Him to deliver them in the time of temptations.

Daniel had an angel to look after him while he was in the lion's den. The three Hebrew boys had an angel to look after them while they were in the fiery furnace. After Jesus had been in the wilderness for 40 days and Satan was trying Him, at His weakest moments, God sent angels to minister unto Him.

So, angels are sons of God that were created by God. Jesus was the begotten Son of God that was preeminent over all the children of God. Those of us who are saved are adopted sons. Adam was also a created son who was created human unlike angels who were created spiritual beings.

Subject: More About Angels:

Now there are good angels and wicked angels. Good angels are in heaven with God, and wicked angels are with the devil. Some are waiting in chains of darkness to later go to hell after they have been judged. The wicked angels that followed the devil are the cause of all the trouble we are having in the world today. The first sinner was an angel who was cast out of heaven into the earth, and later entered the Garden of Eden and deceived the woman, and from that day to this present day, we have had trouble on the earth.

When humans die, those who are saved are not going to be angels in heaven, they are going to be saints. Now you have to be a saint before you die in order to be a saint after you die. For your knowledge according to the scriptures, when the saints get to heaven, they will not have to marry because marriage was for procreation and in heaven there will be no procreation by males and females.

Procreation will not be necessary, because there will be no dying in heaven. The only relation in heaven will be between saints as the redeemed.

Subject: The Vision That God Gave John:

God gave John a vision of the new heaven and earth (Revelation 21:1). John said that God gave him the vision to send to the church, and that he saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away. No matter how much hope and confidence people have in the things of this world, such hope will not be able to prevent this present world from passing away. Everything that has been corrupted by sin will pass away.

John further taught that there was no more sea, and that he saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven. God is not going to prepare a holy city to let sinners live in. A holy city will be prepared by God for holy people to live in. The Jerusalem that we presently know about today is a symbol of the new, heavenly Jerusalem.

When God established the people of Israel as a nation, He set up in Palestine a city, which was Jerusalem, where the Jews could gather in the city to worship and to learn about God. Heaven is a planet like the earth, only it is an incorruptible habitation where nobody dies or grows old. God has a capitol city in heaven called Jerusalem. The capitol of heaven will be extended to the earth as a never ending city when God renews the earth. As it is in heaven, so will it be in the new earth. This was the prayer request that Jesus presented to God. The new Jerusalem that John saw was a symbol of the things that are in heaven. A heavenly Jerusalem is the throne where God sits.

The heavenly Jerusalem is where Jesus now sits on the right hand of God. This is where Jesus left the earth to go so that He might rule and have dominion with God the Father over the countless millions of angels that inhabit heaven. Angels are spiritual beings and the people of the earth are human beings. Humans are corruptible beings, and angels are incorruptible beings. Angels do the will of God, receiving commands from the mind of God, but humans that are saved receive the commands of God from the word of God that Jesus brought, and it is given to us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

At one time the earth was in union with the blessings of heaven for Adam and Eve to live in pleasure in the Garden of Eden, but by sin, the earth was separated from the goodness of God that heaven presently enjoys. Today we can only receive assistance and have fellowship with God by the Holy Spirit. So, John saw in a vision where heaven and earth will be united again.

Subject: The Judgment Will Be Set And It Will Not Be Flexible:

We should enter into the New Year with grateful appreciation that God has seen fit to spare us. There are many who were here last year and are not presently here. Such souls have now gone to give account of the deeds that were done by them while they lived in this world. Though our lives may end while we are in this present world; our deeds will be preserved being on record in heaven for the judgment. It will be therefore a wise decision for us to enter into this year with solemn awareness that the day of reckoning is drawing near. We want to be ready for the day of accountability.

It is not the purpose of the word of God to frighten you, but to warn you and give you instructions on how to be on the better side of the judgment. The judgment will be set and will not compromise, nor change to improvise for the deeds of those who do not measure up to a level of acceptability to God. There will be no flexibility in the judgment of God.

A false hope that is acquired from a false religious teaching in this world will not stand in the judgment. It is necessary to have the Holy Spirit to establish you in true holiness while you live in this world, that you will be able to avoid the judgment of God. It is a blessing to have someone to constantly remind you of these things while there is still time to make adjustments. You will not be helped by the preacher who teaches the beauty of heaven and fails to teach that an ugly life of sin will never get you there.

The message that we are giving from the word of God this year is that sudden destruction is coming upon the souls that are found in sin, as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape. Listen to the warning that God gives us in I Thessalonians 5:4-6:

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

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

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

This message is a warning to the saint to stay ready, but it has the substance and timely warning to the sinner also to repent.

Destruction is not coming to the saints. The saints are even going to be spared from seeing the sights of the destruction because God is going to take the saints from the earth before the fire falls just as He did Lot and his family before the fire fell on Sodom. It is not the will of God that the people of God be horrified. It is His will that the saints be given peace and safety. So the saints will be gently removed from the scene in plenty of time by Jesus Christ.

Subject: What About Hell?

Hell was prepared by God for the devil and the angels that sinned. A lot of people are concerned about whether there be a hell or not. If they die as sinners they will find out. Now it is not the will of God that the people of the earth go to hell, but that they repent and be saved. That is why God sent Jesus to the earth. If humans of the earth go to hell, it will be because they rejected God's offer to be saved. Christ is man's redeemer from death and hell. God gives man a second chance to live because man was led into sin not of his own accord, but against his will by temptations.

After experiencing the awfulness of sin and seeing that it does not pay, man can by his free will choose to repent and escape the curse of sin and death. Adam was led into transgression by the devil through his wife who rebelled against God. For those humans who were made sinners by the transgression of Adam, and afterward decided to repent and be cleansed of their sins, God has planned that such will one day judge angels (I Corinthians 6:3).

Christ has made this opportunity for the redemption of man by the shedding of His blood upon the cross. Through Christ, man has been reconciled to God. Today if you accept God's love, turn from your sins, and allow the Holy Spirit to give you the new-birth in Christ, you will become a saint, and though you die, God will resurrect you, and give you life in His kingdom.

CHAPTER 2

QUALIFICATIONS TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Subject: The Fulfillment Of The Law:

I do not want to preach a sermon to make you think that you are going to heaven when the way you are living will not allow you to enter. My purpose is to give you the correct instructions on how to enter heaven, and the Holy Spirit will get you into heaven. You must understand God's eternal plan to get into the kingdom of heaven. God gave the first information on how to get to heaven in the law that Moses brought, and then He brought into the world another man who fulfilled the law, and that man was Jesus.

The law came by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ, who came to deliver us from the curse of the law that had been broken by Adam, and brought the sentence of death upon every person. When Adam broke the first law that was given to him by God, it caused all men to be born under the sentence of death. Listen to Romans 5:12:

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

So after death passed upon all men, because all had sinned, the Lord ordained that if one man had broken the law and brought the sentence of death upon all men, He would raise up a man who would deliver all men from sin and death. Therefore, all of the sins that were against us from the disobedience of the first man would be abolished.

Even Moses whom God made a mediator of the law, broke the law and could not reach the Promised Land. God took Moses up on a mountain and let him see the Promised Land, and said, because Moses failed to sanctify God in the eyes of the people he would not be able to enter the Promised Land.

Subject: It Is The Will Of God That Man Lives Eternally In Heaven:

While you are living your life, it may seem to be the most important thing to you. All of your attention may be given to what you plan and hope to do while you are living. There are many people who give very little concern about what to expect when their life ends. The scriptures teach that we were born for primarily one purpose and that is to die, though we may accomplish a lot of other things

while we are living that will keep our attention.

The truth is, when this mortal body ceases to exist, our souls or minds will continue to live according to the promise of God, and receive another body in the first resurrection, if we are saved. If we are not saved, we will receive another body in the second resurrection to go into eternity separated from God to receive everlasting torment. So then, no matter what can attract our attention while we are living, we should also give some attention to the plan of God concerning what will happen after we die.

God's word has promised us that if we walk in His statutes and keep His commandments while we are living, though we die, we can live again in His kingdom. If we fail to keep His commandments, we will nevertheless live again; but we will live with the damned. We must understand that God never planned for man to die when He created man. There is no glory to God when man dies and does not live again with God.

Subject: God Will Help A Humble Sinner:

To become an heir of the kingdom of heaven, one must follow the constitution of the kingdom as it was given by Jesus to the multitude in the Sermon on the Mount. St. Matthew 5:1-3 reads as follows:

Verse 1 - And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

Verse 2 - And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Verse 3- *Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

To be high-minded, proud, boastful, and conceited will cause you to be rejected by God. Most any other sinful ways that you have that are difficult to overcome God will help you with. However, a conceited, high-minded, proud person will be rejected and not accepted into the plan of salvation.

Most of the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees were rejected because of this attitude. Nicodemus, who was a Pharisee, humbled himself to Jesus, and Jesus took time to teach him the most important lesson in the Bible, that is, how to be born again.

Subject: The Choice Will Be Yours To Make:

The word of God teaches you what will happen to the dust that God used to form man and made man a living soul. The word tells you what will happen to your physical flesh and blood body, and what will happen to your breath that God gave to man in (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

Your soul is the spiritual part of your existence that God gave you, which will be entirely yours throughout eternity. It is the part of your life that you must choose to be saved. It is the part of your existence that God will give the new-birth to if you repent of your sins. You must make the choice for your soul or mind to be saved. If you fail to make the choice to be saved, your soul or mind will be given a new body to live forever in a lake of fire and brimstone.

God will give you instructions on how to be saved; but He will not make you obey the instructions; it must be your choice to obey. Just as God gave us life for our flesh and blood bodies, He has promised that one day He will give those who are saved another body with new life to live forever in the kingdom of heaven.

The word of God gives us knowledge on two parts of the end of our physical life, which consist of the body from the dust, and the breath from God. However, scriptures also teach that man was created with three parts of his existence, which includes the soul or mind. Your mind is your soul that can live entirely separate from the body and breath that you have.

God has given us experiences concerning this by means of dreams, when the body is motionless and the mind or soul is active in another location. When your physical body dies, which is your flesh and blood body, and your breath returns to God, your mind or soul will continue to live. Your body will go to the grave; but your mind will live on according to the choice that you made concerning where you would like to spend eternity.

Subject: Be Sure You Are Filled With The Holy Spirit:

It is very important that those who want to be included in God's plan be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is not enough to be a clean church member, but it is necessary to be sealed with the Holy Spirit. When you are sealed with the Holy Spirit, the righteousness of God will be permanently a part of your life. You are born again of the Spirit and the word of God when you reach this standard.

Jesus was the Son of God. Angels had testified to it before He was born. The Spirit bore witness of Jesus being the Son of God at the river of Jordan where

Jesus went to be baptized. The voice of God spoke and said, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased”.

While we are living on the earth we want God to be well pleased with us, because we are living the life that Christ suffered and died to give us. God wants us to receive His Holy Spirit and love. The gospel has been preached to us and the knowledge of salvation is available to us. We want to be sealed with the Holy Spirit so that there will be no chance of sin entering our lives.

Today perilous or dangerous times have come upon our nation such as never has been. However, if you are sealed with the Holy Spirit, it will have no effect upon your stand with Christ. Those of us who are born again should set an example for the unsaved, so that they will see the way to go to be safe from the evil of the world. At the end of this grace period, the Lord is coming to get His saints, and leaving nothing here but those who did not get saved. The time is now at hand.

Those who are born again are going into the kingdom of heaven to spend a thousand years with the Lord, but nothing but the wicked will be left here on the earth to experience miseries that are unimaginable. At this time, the saved people will be enjoying life in the kingdom of God. At the end of the thousand years God will end time. Time will not be measured any more for the wicked, but eternity will begin. Today is the day of salvation. The word of God admonishes you to repent and believe the gospel, and God will seal you with the Holy Spirit.

Subject: The First Resurrection Is For Those Who Are Born Again:

The first resurrection will be for those who have been born again. The first resurrection will exempt all born again believers from the second death, though some may experience the first death of the physical body. Listen to Revelation 20:6:

Verse 6 - Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power...

There are two deaths, and unless you are born again you will experience both deaths. The first death will separate you from your family and friends, but the second death will separate you from God. When you are born again of the Spirit of God, it allows you to have an everlasting fellowship with God in heaven.

When you are born again of the Spirit of God you will experience a taste of heaven now, and you will not experience the second death. The new-birth will entitle you to be caught up with Jesus to live in heaven forever.

**Subject: If You Are Born Again You Should Have Lived
Two Lives:**

If you are born again you should have experienced living two different lives. The first life should have been one of the flesh with sinful desires and practices, and the second life should be one of the Spirit of God, being made free from sin. 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.

When you are born again you should have acquired the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, which would make you free from the life of sin in the flesh. When you begin to walk in the Spirit of God you will be obedient to the command of God, and all of the condemnation that was against you when you were in the flesh will be removed. When you are free from sin you are free from condemnation of the law of sin and death.

If you experience the death of your physical body, you will pass through the valley and the shadow of death. Death will be a pleasant rest in paradise. You will experience a change upon Jesus' return to put on a spiritual body to live a spiritual life in the kingdom of heaven throughout eternity.

**Subject: You Want To Be Sure That Your Name Is Written In
The Book Of Life (Daniel 12:1-3):**

If you are born again and your life on earth ends before Jesus' return, you will know that you will live again when the voice of Jesus shall find you when He

comes. Those who have walked uprightly shall be delivered. Everyone who shall be found written in the book of life will hear the voice of Jesus, and the power in His voice will cause them to get up to meet Him.

You want to be sure that your name is in the book of life. You must be born again of the Spirit of God in order for your name to be written in the book. God will allow those who are written in the book to be tried and tested so that they will know that they are saved.

Everybody who is in the graves will get up upon Jesus' return; some to everlasting life, and others to damnation (St. John 5:28). When you are filled with the Holy Spirit it will help you to watch so that you can be ready when Jesus comes. Listen to St. Matthew 24:36 and 42:

Verse 36 - *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

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

Subject: John Was Revealed The Plan Of God:

God sent Jesus to the earth in a human body so that He could introduce to the people of the earth the opportunity to inhabit the kingdom of heaven. Jesus' purpose was to teach man how it was possible for one in a flesh and blood body to obey God and become a citizen of the kingdom of heaven. The crucifixion of Jesus would be the means by which the plan of God would be implemented.

While being crucified, Jesus made the final request to God to forgive those who were ignorant of His purpose. God promised to raise Jesus up after three days and His resurrection would be proof of the authenticity of His mission and purpose. After Jesus' mission was completed, God sent John, one of Jesus' disciples, to a place called Patmos, and John was revealed the conclusion of God's plan in Jesus.

John said in Revelation, 21st Chapter that he heard a great voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new".

John was commissioned by the Lord to tell those who had not been born yet the words that were faithful and true. This was a picture that God gave John of the kingdom to come. Only the Holy Spirit can prepare a people to be a part of the plan that John presented.

Subject: A Greater Day Will Soon Come For The Born Again Saints:

Just a few more seasons, and this present generation will see this present world close its last chapter. There will be a greater day coming for those who have been born again. God is calling the born again saints to perfection. Such people will be ready to meet Jesus with pure hearts and no guile, deceit, or hypocrisy will be a part of their nature.

The Lord is prominent in the minds of saved people, and they will be happy with Jesus alone. The Lord of all the earth is coming after a church without spot or wrinkle. It will be by obeying the word of God that they will be ready. The Spirit and the word of God would have purged such people from all bitterness, envy, and strife so that they would be living the life of Christ. The plan of salvation is predicated upon the obedience of those who are saved, and not a church denomination. Such people would have accepted perfection as their goal.

Subject: There Will Be Great Joy In Heaven:

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

Every time the devil is the loser in this struggle, the glory belongs to the Lord and heaven rejoices. There is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety nine righteous people who do not need to repent. It is therefore the repenting or turning around of the sinner from sin to righteousness that glorifies God. Every time a man or woman believes that Christ can save them from sin and keep them living in this world above sin, there is great shouting and rejoicing on the plains of glory.

When the Saints of God go marching into the kingdom of God waiving palms of victory and singing, "I've been redeemed"; angels will dress back and let the victorious Saints take over heaven. When crowns of glory are placed on their heads, joy in heaven will be as great as it was the night the angels sang over the plains of Judaea when Christ was born.

Heaven is going to be a wonderful place in which to be, not so much for the grandeur and the blessedness of the people who will be there, but also because of the great joy that will be in every heart. If you don't want to go there, just step aside and those who want to live right can enter.

Subject: Stand In The Holy Place:

Jesus said, 'Let no man deceive you, for in the end many shall come in my name saying I am Christ' (St. Matthew 24:4-14). In the last days many false preachers will come in the name of Jesus. Jesus also taught that nation shall rise against nation, and there are going to be wars and rumors of wars with pestilences and famines. These signs will be the beginning of the end.

Today the world is suffering as it has never suffered before. Men are having heart attacks because of fear, distress and trouble. Jesus said these would be the beginning of sorrows.

Due to the fact that sin has become preeminent in the churches, because false preachers are on the scene and are deceiving many Christians, the love of many has grown cold. There is one place to stand and that is in the holy place; this means in righteousness. You are in the holy place when you obey the word of God.



CHAPTER 3

THE BIBLE: GOD'S HOLY WORD

Subject: The Word Of God:

The word of God can do anything. The word of God created the world because the Spirit of God was in the word. The Spirit of God energizes the word giving it power to accomplish its purpose. When God had planned to make an appearance on the earth, He took His word and made a body out of the word and called it Jesus. God then sent His word among the people allowing them to see the power in His word.

Jesus was able to step out on the deck of a ship in a storm and rebuke the storm, and the storm retreated. The apostles who were aboard the ship with Jesus gathered in a corner. They looked at Him in amazement and said, “What manner of man is this, even the winds, and the sea obey Him”. Those who saw the works of Jesus beheld the glory of God, as of the only begotten of the Father.

The word of God later taught that if they did not surrender to sin, and obeyed the word of God, the word would give them eternal life. Eternal life is the final promise of the word of God. After observing the works that Jesus had done by the words that He had spoken, those who witnessed the works found it easy to believe that Jesus came to die to redeem them from death, and that they would not be charged with the sins that they had committed in the past.

They believed that God had planned in the beginning that they could have eternal life, and if they would continue to follow the teachings of the word of God, the new-birth of the Spirit would follow. This would make them eligible for the benefits that obedience to the word was offering.

Subject: The Word Of God Is Life:

The only hope to escape sin is to be born again. Whatever is in the beginning of a source of life will be in the life that follows. Adam was a curse to the human family, because he was the progenitor of all men or the beginning of men. The new life that Christ offers is spiritual; it is the birth of a new mind to replace the mind to commit sin that Adam gave us. The mind is changed by the word of God. The word of God gives life by an incorruptible seed, because the word is an incorruptible seed.

God is life and the life that God offers was presented to the world in Christ who is the word of God. When a person believes the word of God, the life of the word of God gives them eternal life to replace the limited life that Adam gave. God committed His plan of salvation to be announced by the prophet Isaiah. God

always keeps His word. The plan was presented by the prophet that power in God's word might be fulfilled. Once God's word goes out, nothing can prevent it from being fulfilled. Listen to St. Matthew 1:22-23:

Verse 22 - Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Verse 23 - Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

The baby that was born in Bethlehem of a virgin mother 2,000 years ago that was given the name Jesus and was begotten by the Holy Spirit, became God with us in a flesh and blood body. He came for the purpose of saving us from our sins.

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

This is the purpose for which he came. For those who believe Jesus' gospel He can save them from the disobedience that Adam brought upon us, that destroyed the human family. God has offered a plan of restoration from sin and death in Christ that we might through Christ be born again.

When the angel Gabriel left Joseph after having appeared to him in a dream, he went to Mary in person in the form and likeness of a man. Angels can take on the natural appearance of a man. Angels act under the power of God. They follow the mind of God and their movements respond to God's will. The things that we do are done by the power of our minds, but the things that angels do are done by the power of God. Angels have the power of God with them wherever they go.

Subject: The Sword Of The Spirit Can Defeat The Devil:

The devil is the enemy of people on earth. The only way that you can fight the devil is with the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. If you don't know the word of God, you are losing the battle against the devil. You may not know that you are losing because the devil uses tactics of deceit. The word of God reveals the tactics that the devil uses, and shows you how to deal with such tactics.

The word of God is the sword of the Spirit because the Holy Spirit must be with you when you are using the word of God against the devil. You must have the sword of the Spirit in your hand and in your mind, then you can fight the devil. The devil has no power against the sword of the Spirit.

Subject: Knowledge And Understanding:

It is good to have knowledge of the word of God, but in addition you need an understanding. With an understanding, you will know how to use knowledge. It is not of much profit to have information and not know how to use it. The Holy Spirit helps you to use the knowledge of the word of God.

The Bible teaches you how to live right. It teaches you how to live free from sin; that is why it is called 'The Holy Bible'. To be holy means to be sin-free. If a preacher uses the Bible and has not learned to live a sin-free life, this means he has knowledge of the word of God, but no understanding of the purpose of the knowledge.

The Bible is predicated upon one thing, and that is doing right. The Bible is the truth, and only the Holy Spirit can help you to understand and to obey the truth. The Bible is an expression of the love of God to the world. Because of God's love for the world, He sent the truth to the world about how to be saved from sin and death. The Bible gives instructions on how to be delivered.

Subject: The Word Of God Will Never Die:

When you hear the gospel of Jesus and believe the gospel, you will receive the Spirit of the gospel. The Spirit of God will honor your belief in the word of God. When you receive the word of God, God will receive you as a member of His family. You will then receive the new-birth and be partaker of the nature of God, which is sin-free.

You cannot receive one member of the Trinity without receiving all three members. The Trinity consists of God the Father, Jesus the word of God, and the Holy Spirit, which is the power of God. The words of a person carry the spirit of a person when the words are true. The words of a man is the man himself. God made it so that man could talk to Him in person. Therefore, God took His word and put it in a human body, and allowed it to dwell among men in the person of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

God sent the word by the angel Gabriel to a virgin named Mary who believed it, and she became the mother of the Son of God. When Jesus came forth, He preached the word, and those who believed the word received a new-birth that made them sin free. All this was done by the power in the word of God.

Jesus later went to the cross and died, but the word of God in Jesus never died, and when we believe the word of God, though we die, we will be resurrected to live again just as Jesus was resurrected.

Subject: There Must Be A Demonstration Of Your Belief In The Word Of God:

Now believing the word of God is not simply saying that you believe. There must be some demonstration before God revealing the extent and magnitude of your belief. There must be some unmistakable deed revealing the conviction of your heart that the blood of Christ has cleansed you from all of your sins, and that the initial step of repentance for your salvation was taken with sincere intent to sin no more.

Those who believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ, and have accepted them to be the doctrine from God may be counted on to walk in the light of Christ. Such believers will accept the fact that God sent Jesus to convince them that evil deeds cannot succeed, and that condemnation comes when your evil deeds are not corrected.



CHAPTER 4

SIN AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

Subject: The Deceitfulness Of Sin:

God does not condemn the world because we were born in sin. God desires that we be saved from sin (St. John 3:16). We bring condemnation from sin upon ourselves when we learn that sin doesn't pay and continue in a life of sin. Sin has spiritually blinded the world because it is in the hearts of people causing the problems of the world.

The people of the world give more consideration to sin rather than to consider what the word of God teaches that will turn them to righteousness. The end of disobedience to God brings sorrow and suffering that cannot be seen as initially being so bad. Without the knowledge of God it is easy to go contrary to His will.

God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world, but to bring us to the light on how sin was destroying the world. The reason that many in the world are in sin is because they can't see the deceitful damage that sin does.

Subject: You Cannot Control Sin:

You cannot control sin no matter how self-confident you are. Law makers can make all the laws that they want against the ungodly actions of the people, and build as many prisons as they please, but the spirit of sin will be victorious unless we allow the teachings of Jesus Christ to be a part of our efforts to control sin. The only hope to escape the wages of sin is to teach people to be born again. He that is born of God does not commit sin (I John 3:9); the word of God gives the only solution for sin.

The first man, Adam, who had the freedom of his will was able to curse the human family by his disobedience to God. Adam allowed the power of sin to be in the nature of humans and only the second Adam who is Jesus Christ was commissioned by God to remove the curse of sin from humans. Only Jesus can replace Adam in humans. All humans are Adam unless Jesus comes into their lives. God only acknowledges two people, which are Adam who was a sinner, and Jesus who is a Savior for the people who are willing to repent of their sins.

Subject: Sinners Will Not Be Allowed In The Kingdom Of Heaven:

God gives examples in the Bible of how sinners will be rejected. God's first example of rejecting those who became sinners was when He rejected angels in heaven that rebelled and followed Satan into transgression; Listen to II Peter 2:4:

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

This is an example to the people of the earth of how God will not allow sinners to enter the kingdom of heaven. Sin is against God's holiness, and will not be tolerated by God in his creation. This is why God is going to purge His creation, making it a new heaven and earth that will be sin-free. It does not matter what the religious teachings are of some churches, sinners are not going to be in heaven.

Angels were created as spiritual beings to live in heaven, but the day that they rebelled against God, He cast them out of heaven. So then, if God has cast angels out of heaven, why would He allow humans from the earth to enter heaven as sinners? Christ was sent to offer the new birth to humans on earth that will make them sin-free and eligible to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Not only did God make an example of the angels that sinned, but it teaches in II Peter 2:5 that God spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.

Subject: The Spirit Of Hatred Will Not Enter Heaven:

You cannot go to heaven unless the spirit of hatred has been destroyed in your life. Instructions are given by the word of God in order to destroy the spirit of hatred, and to introduce the spirit of love that is from God. Hatred will not be allowed in heaven by those who have hatred in their hearts. Only love, joy and peace will be allowed in heaven.

God can see the hearts of every person that is on the earth, and He will withhold His Holy Spirit from those who desire to retain hatred in their hearts. Listen to I John 3:15, which reads as follows:

Verse 15 - Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye

know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Subject: Jesus Takes The Sting Out Of Death:

The reason that man suffers so much is because God told man what would happen to him if he disobeyed the commandments of God. Disobedience to God causes suffering and eventually death. Death is a slow process. It is only sudden in certain accidents or wars. The day that man is born into the world, he begins to die, and along with the dying process is suffering. There are many who think that they have begun to live when they come into the world; but death works in man from the day he is born.

Disobedience to God not only causes suffering and death; but it also causes troubles. Jesus was sent into the world to give us a solution for the problems that disobedience causes. When man learns to obey God he will receive an understanding that obedience will move God to help him with various troubles and conflicts and eventually change the effects of death.

Obedience takes the sting out of death and causes death to be a sweet rest for man at the end of his life on earth. The sting of death is sin. Sin is the terror of death. When sin is removed, death has no threat, terror, nor intimidation to man, neither will the grave have victory over man. Listen to I Corinthians 15:55-57:

Verse 55 - O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Verse 56 - The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

Verse 57 - But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Subject: The Soul That Sinneth It Shall Die:

God calls men of different times to reveal the secrets of His plan. These men are called prophets. Listen to Amos 3:7:

Verse 7 - Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth

his secret unto his servants the prophets.

The purpose of God revealing His secrets to the prophets is that they might warn those who might be in danger. There is no good news from God for the future of a world of sin. The good news is the gospel that reveals to the world how to escape the destruction that's coming upon a world of sin.

If the prophets fail to warn the people, God will require the blood of the people at the hands of the prophets. This means the prophets will be destroyed with the disobedient people according to the knowledge that God gave the prophet (Ezekiel 18:4).

The people then along with the prophet will experience two deaths which will be the death of the body and soul. The body gives a short termed life; but the soul gives everlasting life, which means the death of the soul will be everlasting torment rather than an eradication of life such as the life of the body.

The word of God teaches that the soul that sinneth shall die. Life eternal can only be acquired in the presence of God by means of your soul being saved. When you experience the death of your soul, you will be separated from God forever to live in a state of everlasting misery.

Subject: The Voice Of One Crying In The Wilderness:

God sent a man who was holy from his mother's womb whom the people called John the Baptist because he baptized people prior to Jesus' ministry. The angel Gabriel was sent by God to Zacharias, the father of John, telling what his name should be; Gabriel only said that his name would be John. He was later called John the Baptist, not because he was a member of a Baptist church, but because the people gave him the name. It is the same as people referring to the man who delivers mail as being the mail man, which is not his name, but a description of his job. Prior to baptizing the people, John was preaching to the people telling them to repent, or to turn from their sins, because the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Jesus later followed John to set up the knowledge of the kingdom of heaven in the minds of the people. Those who accepted what was given by Jesus would be allowing the will of God to be done in earth as it is in heaven. The government and knowledge of the kingdom of heaven must come into your life while you are on the earth in order for you to enter the kingdom of heaven. If the kingdom of heaven is not in you while you are on the earth you will not be in it later.

John's gospel of repentance was prophesied by the prophet Isaiah saying,

that he would be the voice of one crying in the wilderness prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. John stayed in the wilderness of Judea and afterward began to preach in regions around about Jordan and many were baptized by John confessing their sins.

When John saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, He said unto them, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come"? These were Jews who were hypocrites belonging to churches of the Jewish sects. John then told them what to do if they wanted to be saved. John said that they should bring forth fruit fit for repentance, or to repent of sins that they had given high regard to; and that God would accept their repentance as fruit meet for repentance (St. Matthew 3:7-8).

John said that they should not talk about Abraham or the history of their religious origin, because those who were the children of Abraham are children who are obedient to God. Later John said that he was baptizing them with water unto repentance, but there would later come one after him who would baptize them with the Holy Ghost and fire. It would be baptism of the Holy Ghost that would actually save them by giving them the new-birth. Though they would repent of their sins, the fire of the Holy Ghost would burn up their nature to further prevent them from committing sin, and give them a new holy nature.

Subject: Yoke Up With Jesus:

When David committed an awful sin of taking Uriah's wife, and having Uriah killed, God sent the prophet Nathan to tell David that God knew what he had done. There are many folk who do evil and think that God does not know about such evil. Nathan told David that he was the man who did such evil, and David began to confess to Nathan what he had done. God told David that his wife would be taken from him, and his neighbors would do to her as he had done to Uriah's wife.

Afterward David went down in sack cloth and ashes, and searched his own heart and said, why did I do it? What David did not understand is that you can't fight evil unless you get help from God. The time that David should have fasted and prayed was when he was first tempted to do such evil against Uriah. God spared David's life because God wanted to later use David to teach transgressors the right way.

Nathan told David that he would not die for the awful acts of sin, but the child that Uriah's wife had conceived as a result of David's adultery with her would die; and that David would live and suffer for his sins. When you start out to live a

righteous life, you must remember that you will suffer for the sins that you previously committed, but when your repentance is sincere you can yoke up with Jesus and He will help you.

Subject: When You Receive Jesus Christ He Gives You Power To Be Sin-Free:

Jesus lived in a flesh and blood body and condemned sin in the flesh, because when He was tempted, He never sinned. For this reason God gave Jesus power over sin in the flesh for anybody who would obey Jesus' teaching. When a person says that they can't help for sinning, it is because they have not received the teachings of Jesus Christ. For as many as received Jesus Christ He gives them power to become the sons of God. You cannot become a child of God until you are sin-free.

Subject: Beware Of The Spirit of A Hypocrite:

The worse spiritual condition that you can be in is the spirit of a hypocrite. There is no plan that God has for a hypocrite to get into the kingdom of heaven. A hypocrite is a sham or pretense of a saved person who enjoys being a false representative of God. When you are saved, God will not allow you to worship in the congregation of hypocrites, because their spirits are contagious. Hypocrites are enemies of the cross of Christ.

Subject: Take Your Sins To The Cross By Means Of Repentance:

Sin would love for you to be its servant. If you obey sin you will die eternally. If you obey righteousness you will live eternally. Now by one man's disobedience sin came into the world to look for servants; but by the obedience of Jesus Christ at the cross we have the right to be servants of righteousness. The cross that Jesus died on gave righteousness more power than sin.

When you repent of your sins, the righteousness of Christ causes all of your previous life of sins to be cast into a sea of forgetfulness. When the cross of Jesus

is honored, your prior life of sin is dishonored. Now when you take your sins to the cross, God does not give regard to your prayers, singing, shouting, preaching or speaking in unknown tongues; He only honors your repentance or your turning from a continuous life of sin. You can enter into righteousness without going to church to pray and shout.

You become a worshiper of God when your life is sin free, then you can assemble and pray, cry, shout and sing praises to God. If you speak in unknown tongues God will regard your praises as foolishness, and will reject your worship services. You can only honor and serve God according to the scriptures. The scriptures give an acceptable means by which you can praise God. Anything different from what the scriptures teach is a mockery to God. Listen to I Corinthians 14:11:

Verse 11 - Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.

Subject: The Last Enemy:

Listen to what Jesus is going to do to death in I Corinthians 15:25-26:

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.

‘He’ refers to Jesus. Death is an enemy of God and man. There are many people who are under the impression that God takes their loved ones when they die. God did not put death into the world, sin put death into the world. God is the giver of life, and death is against God and man. Death cannot trespass the presence of God. If a person is a sinner, death has access to them, because God is not in the life of a sinner.

Man is warned about sin so that he can stay out of the shadows of death. The reason that people die today is because they are born in sin. If the people of the earth were not born in sin, they could live forever. So, God worked out a plan where man could be born again being made free from sin, which would entitle man to eternal life. Though his physical body dies, his soul would live forever and be given a new body.

CHAPTER 5

***YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN
TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE***

Subject: Why Was Jesus Born?

The birth of Jesus was revealed to the prophet Isaiah hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Isaiah was called an eagle-eyed prophet because of his gift to see far ahead. Jesus was born into the world because God wanted to undo what the first man Adam had done to the world. God is holy, and everything that is going to be a continuous part of God's creation will have to be holy also. If the life and existence of people cannot be holy, they will not continue to exist.

It is the will of God that the life of everyone in the creation be continuous if they are willing to obey Him. So, God sent Jesus into the world to present a plan to the world whereby all who received the plan could have everlasting life. So the plan of God teaches us that we must be born again or else we will fall under the sentence of death to be separated from God and His plan for man.

So God sent Jesus into the world for one purpose, and that is to teach you and me how to be born again. Our second birth must not be of the flesh, but of the Spirit. A spirit cannot die whether it is a good spirit or an evil spirit, but evil spirits cannot continue to live in God's creation. So when we are born again of the Spirit of God, we will also acquire the holiness of God.

The Spirit of God is found in the word of God that Jesus brought to the earth. When a person believes the words that Jesus spoke, the Spirit of God will come into the person's mind and give the person the new-birth. Under these conditions, the person would be born again, not of a corruptible seed, but of an incorruptible seed (I Peter 1:23).

Subject: The Mystery Of Being Born Again:

A conversation was held between Jesus and the ruler of the Jews named Nicodemus. Jesus was teaching Nicodemus that when you are born of the flesh, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven after your life on earth ends. Heaven is a spiritual environment. So Jesus is teaching Nicodemus that in order to live in heaven, you must be born again of the Spirit of God. When you are born again of the Spirit of God, you will acquire a spiritual mind, which is a righteous and holy mind that will cause you to live a righteous and holy life while you are living in this present world.

Nicodemus was a Pharisee from the upper class of the Jews. He had seen some of the great works that Jesus had done, and had heard His teaching concerning the kingdom of heaven. Nicodemus told Jesus that He must be sent

from God, because he had never seen anybody do the kind of works that Jesus had done. So, Nicodemus considered that anyone with that much wisdom and incredible works had to be a representative of God. But, Jesus was not flattered, and He proceeded to teach Nicodemus about the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus knew that if He had taught Nicodemus about His power and ability to do the works that He had done that Nicodemus would have been confused and not understand. So, Jesus began to teach using the example of the wind, which most people were familiar with. Jesus compared the wind with the way the Holy Spirit gives you the new-birth. Listen to St. John 3:7-8:

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

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

The birth of the flesh is a mystery, and the birth of the Spirit is more of a mystery. So, Jesus is using an earthly example of the wind to explain the birth of the Spirit.

Subject: The Purpose Of The Miracles That Jesus Did:

There are millions of sons of God in heaven; they are angels. They are ministering spirits to do work for God in His creation. When you are born again some angels are assigned by God to assist and watch over you. The plan of God is that each person who desires to be saved can be redeemed from sin, and assisted by angels along with the Holy Spirit to guide them until Jesus comes.

When you are saved you are born again of the Spirit of God. The word of God that was brought to the earth by Jesus will teach how to live a spiritual life. You can only live a spiritual life when you are born again of the Holy Spirit and the word of God. Our first birth is the flesh that causes us to live after the flesh which is a sinful life. When you are born again of the Spirit of God you will live a contrary life to that of the flesh. The Spirit of God is different from the spirit of the flesh. When you are born of the Spirit of God you will be amazed at how different your life will be. Jesus' works were of the Holy Spirit.

Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a ruler of the Jews who came to Jesus one

night after observing Jesus' works. He had also heard Jesus' teachings, and he told Jesus that He must be a man from God, because he could not conceive that anyone with that much wisdom and incredible works could be non-other than a representative of God. Jesus did not accept the words of flattery from Nicodemus. He was simply using His works to get Nicodemus' attention on the necessity of being born again to get into the kingdom of heaven.

The new-birth that Jesus proceeded to teach Nicodemus about was a miraculous change that would take place in a person's life by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the miracles that Nicodemus had seen Jesus do were to motivate Nicodemus to believe that Jesus could by the same power of the Holy Spirit that did the miracles also give Nicodemus the new-birth.

Subject: The Spiritual Birth Can Save A Person From Condemnation Of The Physical Birth:

When you are born again of the Spirit of God a mysterious work has been done in your life. Your first birth of the flesh is also a mystery. Human life comes into existence completely arranged and organized by God. The first birth of flesh and blood is physical and humans immediately began to develop into a physical form so that they can be physically active.

The second birth of the Spirit is also mysterious because it takes control of the physical body causing its actions to be sin-free. Without the spiritual birth following the physical birth, the actions of the person would bring the person under condemnation of sin and death. So God arranged the spiritual birth to save us from the condemnation of the physical birth.

Subject: The Joy Of The Lord:

After you are born again of the Spirit of God, you will no longer enjoy pleasures and entertainment of the world. When you are filled with the Spirit of God you will have fellowship with God through His Spirit. The Spirit of God is an intercessor between man and God after the person has been born again. It is a mistake to try to have fellowship with God if you have not been born again.

One of the fruits of the Spirit is joy. The joy of the Lord will be different from the fun you had in the world before you were born-again. When you are born of the Spirit, you will have seasons of joy, and times of trials.

After your experiences of living with the Holy Spirit in this present world, you will later be caught up to live with God forever, not having any more trials, but continuous joy throughout eternity. The Spirit of God will only give you a taste of eternal joy while you are living in this present world. You will feel the full effects of eternal joy after you get into the kingdom of heaven by the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Our First Life Was Not Spiritual, But Natural or Sinful:

Jesus was sent into the world to beget children after the Spirit of God, to adopt children into the family of God by the Spirit of God. This adoption process means that such people would be born of God by the Spirit of God. This is a spiritual birth, and not a birth of flesh and blood. The Bible teaches that if you believe that Jesus died and rose again, and if you follow His instructions, you will become a saint, which is a certified child of God.

Your first birth of the flesh is not acceptable to God to adopt you into His family; the adoption process must be of the Spirit of your heavenly Father, just as your parents gave you a birth that was earthly. Your first life was of the earth which was earthly or sinful; but the spiritual birth will give you a life that is heavenly. Listen to I Corinthians 15:47:

Verse 47 - The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

The second man in your life will be of the heavens when you are born again of the Holy Spirit, which is the power of God from heaven. When you are born in sin you are sown in dishonor, but when you are born of the Spirit of God, you are raised in power. Listen to I Corinthians 15:43:

Verse 43 - It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

The first man Adam caused us to be born in weakness of the flesh; but the last Adam who was Jesus was made a quickening Spirit with power to save us from corruption, verse 45:

Verse 45 - And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a

living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Under these conditions our first life of the first Adam was not spiritual, but carnal or sinful, or that which is natural; and after we are born again of the Spirit of God we acquired a life which was spiritual.

Subject: Our Second Birth Entitles Us To An Inheritance In Heaven:

Jesus was born in the womb of a virgin and conceived of the Holy Ghost. When we are saved we are born again of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost will conceive Jesus in the minds of those who are born again. The Holy Ghost gives you a holy birth of a new mind. When we are born again of the Holy Ghost it brings us into the family of God to receive an inheritance that is undefiled and reserved in heaven for us. All of this was made possible by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Listen to I Peter 1:3-4:

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

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

Subject: This Is How It Feels To Be Free:

Jesus came to save us from that which condemns us. When you have been saved from sin by the power of God, something happens on the inside of you, and no matter what kind of sinner you have been the devil will not be able to condemn you. What you used to be as a sinner will have no effect on what you are today. Your new life will be by the power in Jesus' resurrection which would have taken place in your life. The power of Jesus' resurrection is a continuous resurrection that cannot be defeated nor prevented from taking place in the life of a repenting sinner.

When a sinner repents, the character of Jesus is resurrected in their life. The Holy Spirit will then accompany the character of Jesus causing the repenting sinner to be able to live a new life according to dictates of the Holy Spirit. The sinner will no longer be a sinner after being liberated by the power of Jesus' resurrection. This is how it feels to be free.

Subject: Obedience To The Teachings Of Jesus Christ Makes You Free From Sin:

If you obey the teachings of Jesus Christ, you will be made free from sin, and you will become a servant of righteousness. Listen to Romans 6:18-19:

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

Verse 19 - I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

Though you were born in sin, but as you have yielded your members; hands, feet, tongue, eyes and legs unto things that were not clean from one sin to another; now you can yield those same members unto the things that are free from sin by obeying what God has commanded you to do unto holiness.

For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants of God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Subject: What Is Living Above Sin?

Living above sin is just doing that which is right. This means that you won't conceive any plan or program that would require you to do wrong in order to put it over. Whatever you lose in order to live above sin, God will make it up to you. You will receive joy, peace, and contentment as great rewards that no power but

God can supply, and these are freely given to those who live right. You will have God to help you acquire victory when the devil tries to subdue you.

Subject: The Trinity:

The Trinity is God the Father, God the Son who is Jesus, and God the Holy Ghost. They are three in one. You cannot believe in one member of the Trinity and not believe in all three. There are some who believe in God only, then there are others who believe in Jesus only, and there are others who don't know whether there be any Holy Ghost or not. God sent Jesus to the earth to represent grace, and the Holy Ghost was sent to represent guidance.

God chose a virgin by the name of Mary and put His word, who was Jesus, in the mind of Mary. God changed the course of nature by causing the virgin to conceive Jesus in a human body without the aid of a man. God allowed the third part of His Trinity, which is the Holy Spirit to cause the virgin to conceive the second part who was Jesus. All of this was done that God might present grace to the world. We can only be saved by grace.

Though we were born in sin and shaped in iniquity, God arranged that we might be born again and excused from all of our transgressions on one condition, and that condition is that after we have received grace, we would go in peace and sin no more. All of this was done by means of God's Trinity. God allowed every member of His Trinity to be a part of our salvation. Jesus stayed on the earth for 33 years learning our dispositions and ways, then He began to preach the gospel of the kingdom. Jesus brought grace to the world.

Under the existing law prior to God sending Jesus, all who sinned were dead and damned having no hope from the curse of sin and death. So, Jesus offered the plan of God to the world, inviting us to receive grace. Jesus came to teach us how to get into the kingdom of heaven by giving instructions to His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel that He taught, and those who believed and were baptized could be saved.

Prior to Jesus' arrival to the earth, He was with the Father in heaven, and he was known as the word of God. It was Jesus who spoke everything into existence. Before Jesus left the earth to go back to heaven, He said that He would send the promise of the Father, which would be the Spirit and power of the words that Jesus taught, so that we would have something to guide us into the truth that Jesus taught.

The Holy Spirit brings about what God says to those who believe the word. The Holy Spirit is the power that activates the word. The Spirit of God will bear

witness that those who believe the word are saved. The Spirit of God causes the word of God to give you the new-birth. When the Spirit of God comes into your life, something will happen to you. The entry of the Spirit of God into your life is the finality of your salvation, and it will eventually prepare you to meet Jesus when He returns.

After you have received the Spirit of God, the complete work of grace would have taken place in your life. The Trinity of God would have made an entry into your life, and all three parts of God will be a permanent part of your life forever. All of this happens when you hear and believe the word of God. Your belief in the word of God will cause the new-birth in your life. The new-birth will completely turn your life around. It will give you peace where you once had confusion, and satisfaction when you were once dissatisfied.

The word of God that was made flesh by the Spirit of God and conceived in a virgin is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes it. No matter what your problems are in life, God is the answer. The Spirit of God will quicken your body, or revive your body to live free from sin.

The blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on Calvary was ordained by God to give spiritual power to everybody who believes His gospel. Just as your blood gives life to your physical body to live a physical life, the blood of Jesus will give spiritual life to cause your physical body to live a righteous life. You cannot live a righteous life by bread alone, but by the word of God.

Subject: The First And Second Birth:

The knowledge that I am writing about did not come from any institutions of learning such as a college or a religious seminary. I learned this knowledge from the word of God by the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit is a great teacher sent from God to inform us on what is required to be saved. If you receive this knowledge you will be blessed.

The word of God is informing us that there are two births that we must have knowledge of, and two lives that we must live while here on the earth if we are to be saved. There are also two deaths that we must have knowledge of. If we do not experience the second birth which God is offering, we will experience the first and second death. The first death will be the death of the physical body, and the second death will be the death of the soul or mind.

Now there will also be two resurrections, one will be for the saved people, and the other will be for those who did not get saved. Those who are saved will be

in the first resurrection to be taken to heaven to live forever with God. Those who are unsaved will be in the second resurrection that will take place a thousand years after the first resurrection, and will be classified as wicked to spend eternity in a lake of fire and brimstone.

Concerning the first birth, a person is born of their mother in a flesh and blood body. Under these conditions the person is born in sin and shapen in iniquity. This is what causes a person to be a sinner. The second birth is not of the flesh, but of the Spirit. The birth of the Spirit comes from God, and it is what saves your soul from the first birth of sin.

The birth of the Spirit was taught by Jesus using an example of how the wind blows (St. John 3: 7-8). The wind blows where it pleases and you cannot see it; you only see the effects that it has on things around it. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit. You cannot see the Holy Spirit, but you can see the effects that it has on the person that it gave the second birth to.

In order to receive the second birth you must be willing to receive the invitation of Jesus coming into your life to give you the new birth. The invitation to receive the second birth is offered by Jesus. When you accept the offer, the Holy Spirit causes the word of God to be implanted in your mind giving you the birth of a new mind making you a new creature in Christ.

Subject: The Seed Of Death And The Seed Of Life:

Adam's sin caused all humans to be born under the sentence of death. Adam was the first man created, and he caused all humans who were the fruit of his seed to receive the wages for sin which is death. Today humans die because they are being paid for Adam's sin. The fruit can be no different from the seed. If Adam had stayed sin-free then nobody would have to die.

God with love and mercy toward man set up a plan in Christ whereas we could receive another birth that would make us sin-free. Adam's seed became corruptible after he sinned, which means it could only produce humans to have a corruptible life for a short period of time.

Sinful things are corruptible that lead to death. God sent Jesus as His word to give the world an incorruptible seed. The word of God is an incorruptible seed, and when a person believes and obeys the word they can be born again of an incorruptible seed. This would save the person from the death that they would receive from a corruptible seed. When you receive the word of God you are born again of an incorruptible seed. Listen to I Peter 1:23:

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

Subject: You Have To Be Born Again To Know God As You Should:

When you are born again and know God as you should, there is joy within that surpasses all other pleasures that you ever found in sin. Sinful pleasures can only be enjoyed for a season. When things are going well and you have plenty of money, and many friends are coming around, sin might seem to be very enjoyable. However, when the day of adversity comes and troubles begin to set in, you will find that friends will thin out, and you will see then that the pleasures of sin are deceitful, and that God is your only safe assurance in life.

God gave us a redeemer and friend that will give us peace of mind in the day of trouble, and will bring a kind of consolation that can't adequately be described to those who have not experienced salvation in Jesus Christ. Those who have been born again of the Spirit of God realize that when things get tough and darkness seems to hang around, there will be a little light that will direct you to salvation and deliverance.

Subject: The New-Birth:

Though you are born in sin and shaped in iniquity, your faith in the word of God can cause you to be born again. Those who profess to be followers of Christ and yet are committing sin are not born again. When a person has not been born of God, the person is born of a man and you can only acquire the nature to be a sinner from a man who is not born of God.

Jesus told Nicodemus that he had to be born again to enter the kingdom of heaven. Nicodemus did not understand the second birth, therefore Jesus proceeded to explain to Nicodemus using the examples of how mysterious the wind is. Jesus taught that the new-birth is a spiritual birth, and that you can't tell where it comes from or where it goes. However, like the wind, you can tell that you have received the new-birth by the changes that it makes on you, or the person who receives the new-birth. You know that the wind is blowing by the effects it has on the things that you see.

Subject: You Are Right When You Do Right:

To be right means that you have to be born again. You are right when you can do right. To do right means to live above sin. Listen to I John 3:7:

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

According to the word of God, the person who does the right thing is right. The person is just like God, according to the scriptures.

Now you are not right just because you are working in a church, or because you are giving your goods to the poor. Now you can talk, sing, preach, or pray, but if you don't do the right thing, it will profit you nothing.

Subject: Temptations Are A Part Of The Preparation Process To Receive Jesus:

After you get to know God, you will learn that temptations will be a test presented by the adversary of God and man to try you. Such temptations will show you the truth of your salvation. Now temptations can bring fear, suffering, and make you pray and run for shelter. Temptations will make you seek the Holy Spirit, and obey the timely warnings of the Holy Spirit. Temptations do not come from God, but from the devil.

God will suffer us to be tempted since it is the only way that we might be perfected and prepared for the spiritual life that we hope to live in heaven. The Holy Spirit must give you a level of perfection while you are living in this present world to be qualified to receive the change that Jesus will give you upon His appearance. The change that Jesus is offering will only take effect upon those who have been born again and living a life of righteousness that will be compatible with the final change that Jesus will give to live in the kingdom of heaven.

Temptations given by Satan are a part of the preparation process. To be born again means that your salvation is in part until He who is perfect shall come to complete your readiness to be made perfect physically to live in the kingdom of heaven. Your spiritual perfection must take place while you are in this present world, but your new physical body will be an incorruptible body that will make you perfect to live in the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: The Pleasure Of God Is That We Live Forever:

The pleasure of God is that we live forever. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that we could have everlasting life. God brought us into the world for the purpose of giving us eternal life. God is a God of life and not death. Though we die because of sin, God has made arrangements that we might live again. Those who have been born again have a testimony praising God for the chance to have life more abundantly.

When you have the gift of the new-birth in Christ, it will rejoice your heart. To be born of the Spirit is an introduction to what God is going to do for you later. Your rejoicing in the Lord will be because God has given you a spiritual blessing to qualify you for the eternal blessing in His kingdom. Listen to Ephesians 1:3-5:

Verse 3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Verse 4 - According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Verse 5 - Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

Subject: Is Christ A Sinner? (Romans 6:6):

Folk who go to church and sin will agree with one another. They will not agree with you if you do not sin. When you tell them that you do not commit sin, they will unite against you. If you use the scriptures to support your point of view, they will say that the scriptures do not mean what you are saying. If you say that Christ has come into your life and saved you from sin, they will make Christ a sinner before they allow you to be sin-free.

Subject: Two Works Of Grace:

Grace means unearned favor that God is extending to the world. The Bible teaches that there are two works of grace which many churches have failed to teach. One work of grace is forgiveness of sin, and the other is the power given to help the person to sin no more after that the person has been forgiven. Forgiveness for an offense has very little meaning when the person continues to commit the offense.

The baptism of water is a sign that a person has been forgiven, but the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the power given to the person to sin no more. You don't have to be baptized in water to get to heaven, but you must be baptized with the Holy Spirit to get there. The baptism of water is a symbol of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It represents that you have been buried in sin, and raised in righteousness.

While Jesus was being crucified, there was a thief on His right who asked Jesus to remember him when Jesus came into His kingdom. The scriptures teach that Jesus responded by saying, "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise". The thief never had a chance to go down to the Jordan River to be baptized, but right then and there the Holy Spirit overshadowed him, and though he had been a criminal for many years, all the condemnation rolled away and his faith justified him in the sight of God.

Subject: The Milk Of The Word Is For Beginners:

It doesn't matter what confronts you, Jesus is able to save you if you come to Him. Your approach to the throne of grace should be initiated by your repentance, and you will be saved by receiving the instructions given by Jesus. The Holy Spirit will follow your conversion, giving you strength to resist the temptations to continue in a life of sin.

A sincere repentance is a request for help to be saved. You will first be given the milk of the word that you may grow slowly. When you first start out to follow the word of God, you are like a baby who drinks milk rather than to be given meat. Listen to Hebrews 5:13-14:

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

Verse 14 - But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full

age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Subject: Shun The Appearance Of Evil And God Will Sanctify You:

After you confess that you believe God can keep you living above sin, and you begin to shun the appearance of evil, God will then sanctify you. You can then ask God for the Holy Spirit and He will give it to you. After God gives you the Holy Spirit, there will be something within you that will give you a zeal to lift up a standard of righteousness when the enemy comes upon you like a flood.

Then Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith will teach you how to live a continuous life above sin by the gospel that is in the Bible. We must study the scriptures and put the teachings of Jesus in practice daily. When things appear to look hard to do, the Holy Spirit will be there to help you. When the Spirit of the Lord is assisting you, the devil will flee. The devil is no match for the Spirit of God.

You can then praise God with sincerity of heart, because you will know that God is with you, and will deliver you during the times of temptation and harassment from the devil. Whenever you call upon God, the Spirit of God will come upon you and give you victory over sin and power to win. At this point in your salvation you should look to Jesus who is the author and finisher of your faith, and consider Him who endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself.

Later as you go on living a righteous life, and you begin to talk about how God has blessed you to be able to live above sin, church sinners are going to contradict you. Those who claim to be Christians, but don't believe you, are going to argue with you and dispute your claim that you are living a holy life free from sin. Your life will condemn them, and the devil in them will cause them to vigorously oppose you. If you continue to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ line upon line and precept upon precept, God will prove Himself exceedingly able to do more for you than you ever thought to ask.

When you could not last one day with ordinary human strength, God can give you power to last until Jesus comes to administer the first resurrection. All you have to do is to hold on to God's unchanging hand, and remember that you are holy and are called by His name.

Subject: The Redeemer:

Jesus presently sits at the right hand of God, and will be there until every enemy is subdued. Jesus will be the destroyer of death, and when death is destroyed, the last enemy will be conquered. 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.

Those who died saved shall be ransomed from the power of their graves, and they will be redeemed from death. This does not sound like a God who would work against Himself. He would not kill people and then save them from death. Sin is the killer and God is the redeemer from the works of sin. God is not a destroyer, but a Savior and giver of life.

God loves the people of the world. Nobody can destroy that which they love. God loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son that the world might be saved. When we are saved, we are saved by the power that is in God's love. When you are born of God, you are born of His love. 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.

When you are born again, the Spirit of God brings the love of God into your heart, and you will love those who don't love you. When people don't have love for one another, they are not born of God.

Subject: Live In The Spirit Of God:

Life for the born again believer consist of Joy, peace and happiness in the Spirit of God. When you don't have the Spirit of God, you are not living with God, and the least sin that you commit will condemn you. Only life in the Spirit of God will cause you to live free from the things that will condemn you.

There is no relief from the condemnation of sin when you don't have the Spirit of God. When you live in the Spirit of God you will become a saint. A saint is a person who has been born again and has been adorned with the nature of God. Holy men and women have been called saints of God ever since the fall of Adam. God's command to a saint is to be holy. When you are holy, you are free from sin.

The first man that God created was holy. Adam was a holy man until he disobeyed God and became alienated from the commonwealth of heaven; afterward those who were begotten of Adam came into the world as sinners; but God arranged that those who wanted to be restored with the nature of God might be born again to be holy. After man receives the second birth, he is born again to be a saint. Man's first birth of his parents was of the flesh which caused him to be born with the nature to commit sin; but the second birth that God offers is of the Spirit which causes man to be holy.

When you are born again you become a new creature, and all old sinful ways will be done away with. Your entire way of life will be new being under the power and influence of your new nature which will be holy. Your nature will send holy desires and orders to your mind causing your actions to be righteous.

Subject: Watch And Be Sober:

God's love allowed Him to let His Son be a sacrifice in order to make salvation available to mankind. This opportunity to be saved is not limited to any particular time. It is available now to all, and the mercy of God extends the time. Many have had a whole lifetime to repent of their sins and accept the gospel. There are two events that could prevent you from being saved. One is that you could die at any time, and the other is that Christ could make His appearance the second time without any further warning.

The fact that these choices are available to you is evidence that your destruction will not be so sudden that you will not have any complaints. By hardening your heart and rejecting the overtures of God that are available to you, you will bring destruction upon yourself by sealing your own doom.

There are many today who have hardened their hearts against the warnings of God's word, because they think that God will not suffer them to be destroyed. Their continued disobedience and disrespect will cause their hearts to be hardened against God. This will allow them to be vulnerable to sudden destruction at any time. Another day is another day of grace to those who are not saved, and another opportunity for them to repent of their sins so that they can watch and be sober.

The message from the word of God is that there is light so that the voice of God can be heard. For those who desire to continue in a life of sin there is darkness. Darkness means ignorance, and to not be awakened to the reality of your existence. Such people who are in darkness are uninformed and out of reach of the source of information that could lead them to safety. To not be acquainted with the word of God is ignorance and darkness. We were all once in darkness, but when the word of God was preached, it gave a vision with light.

When we believed the gospel, the word became power that lifted us out of darkness, and we became the children of light. When the light came, we began to understand that God is against all sin, and that sin will make us vulnerable to destruction. We then learned that we had to be completely separated from sin in order to be saved. As we continued to believe and learn the word of God, it gave us more knowledge and power.

The word of God was followed by an entry of the Holy Spirit. The word then opened deep, mysterious and vital truths about life and God. As the light became brighter, we began to see clearer how to enjoy life in the Holy Spirit, and to live to please God. The word of God has a deeper meaning and gives us peace and joy under every possible condition of life. The warnings of the scriptures that are given are readily heeded by the children of light. It is a blessing to be warned.

The warnings of God that are given through the scriptures tell of various dangers that threaten the safety and wellbeing of those who are saved, if they go contrary to the directions given in the scriptures. Though we are delivered from sin, and have the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that is no indication that we are safe if we fail to watch and not sleep as the unsaved are doing. To avoid such dangers, the saved person must on all occasions be wide awake with spiritual vigilance to be watchful and sober.

Subject: Watch Your Imaginations:

When you are saved, the word of God is to be obeyed, not your imagination. Your imagination is powerful, but deceitful. The devil can deceive you by filling your imagination with thoughts that can be far from God. You can only discern

when your imagination has intervened when you use the word of God to compare your thoughts with the word of God.

It is obedience that carries the accuracy of your thoughts. You must obey the word, and all other thoughts will be powerless if they are of God. When God gives you instructions, they will have power over things that are of no spiritual value.

Subject: A Sure Foundation:

If you are born again you should be rejoicing in the Lord. If you are a little slow about rejoicing, the Holy Spirit will help you. You should have joy of heart in knowing that one day God will give you rest that will be in an everlasting habitation. Your hope for eternal life should be built upon the principles of righteousness that Christ taught. This will be a sure foundation for your hope to be constructed on.

Subject: Are You Qualified To Walk With The Redeemed Of The Lord?

The Lord said, “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power...” (Revelation 20:6). Everyone who has taken a stand to walk with the Lord has given the devil’s kingdom a great blow, and they are qualified to walk with the redeemed of the Lord. Such people should get on their knees regularly and thank God. They should ask for continuous strength and power to stay in the crowd that is going to heaven.

They will be tried by the devil, but the reward that they get is worth any condition that they will have to suffer in order to hold their seat in the congregation of the righteous. The scripture teaches in I Corinthians 2:9 that, “... Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him”.

The more you talk to God in prayer and receive instructions from the word, the stronger you will be to maintain your stand in righteousness. You should thank God that His Spirit moved you to accept salvation the day you heard His voice. You should thank God for giving you boldness to break away from sin and follow after righteousness. It takes boldness from the assistance of the Holy Spirit to forsake sin and follow Christ.

There are many sinners who would give anything to be able to break away from sin and follow the Lord, but they can't because the devil is fighting them. The power of evil is too strong for them to break away from sin unless God commissions the Holy Spirit to assist them. You have to be ordained by God to be saved. Those who are not given grace by the Holy Spirit will die without hope, and without tasting the joy and peace that has already been given to those that God has saved. They will never be able to break away from sin unless the Holy Spirit helps them.

When you stand up in the congregation of the righteous and confess that Jesus is the Christ, and that He is able to keep you living a life above sin, you marry Christ, and from that moment you must continue to live the life of Christ. You must then refuse to fellowship any longer with sinners, and get rid of everything that you have in your possession that would defile your body, such as tobacco products, and alcoholic beverages. You must abstain from any practice or habit that would bring condemnation or induce you to disobey the word of God. You should establish a warm acquaintance with God through prayer and meditation. You must further seek to actively engage in gospel or missionary work that would be the means of expanding the church's work to bring others to Christ.

You should have a testimony to tell all about what the Lord has done for you so that others will know that God can save a person from sin. You would then be encouraging others who are struggling to live above sin also. This testimony will broaden your capacity to help others, and strengthen your ambition to serve God. This will give you valuable experiences though the devil will try you, but your tests will give you more strength to maintain your stand with the Lord.

Subject: Those Who Are Saved Are Sons And Daughters Of God:

God had many created sons which were angels, but He had only one begotten Son who was Jesus. This means Jesus was a part of God. Today humans of the earth have to be born again to become sons of God. Jesus was the word of God. God took His word and wrapped it up in a human body, and we beheld the glory of the only begotten Son of God full of grace and truth (St. John 1:14).

Jesus was filled with favor for everybody and told everybody the truth. After Jesus taught the truth, He extended a hand and said, come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and you shall find rest for your soul.

Jesus offered a process of regeneration to give us the new birth that we

might be adopted into the family of God to become sons of God. After receiving this offer we would no longer be blinded by our sins, and our spiritual eyes would be opened allowing us to see and understand the word of God.

Subject: The Counselor:

There is going to be a day of judgment when all the secrets of men and women shall be manifested. You can rejoice about the day of judgment when there is no condemnation in your life. When you are forgiven of your sins and are presently living a sin-free life you will be happy to know that there are no accusations against you that will stand in the judgment. Your confidence will be in the fact that you have been vindicated by the death of Jesus Christ.

From the day that you repented, Jesus has been your counselor so that your judgment will not be in the next life, but God has accepted the plea of your counselor who has helped you to correct your former life of sin. So while you live in this present world you can lie down at night and rest.

Subject: Pick Up Your Cross:

The people of our nation should be more concerned about their relationship with God than to be worried about what is going on in the country. When people have a good relationship with God, God will not allow the evil things that are happening in the country to be a threat to those who are obeying the word of God. Listen to Psalm 37:1-2:

Verse 1- Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

Verse 2 - For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

We live in a world that is not right, and there will always be trouble in the world until God cleans the world up. The majority of the people of the world will use any means to acquire prosperity and pleasure, even at the expense of their fellow man. It appears to be very difficult to make it when you are trying to do right.

Doing right means to be obeying what God's word commands you to do. You must be sanctified from doing wrong, which means not to be a part of anybody else's wrong. This will often times create a hardship on you, but remember, the cross that Jesus carried for obeying God was also a hardship.

Jesus Himself had a hard time because He numbered Himself with the transgressors. Jesus took the punishment for transgressors, because He was given power from God to prevent the punishment from being severe to His purpose, as it would have been to the transgressors. Jesus allowed the power of God to use Him to die for transgressors.

Subject: Don't Worry About Who Will Be President, Worry About Your Conduct:

We should not worry about who will be in the White House. We should be more concerned about our conduct being pleasing and acceptable to God. All through the centuries, God has given the people of different nations a leader according to how the people pleased God. If a bad president gets in office it will be because the people have displeased God. If a good president gets in office it will be because the people are pleasing to God.

God will never relinquish His power over the earth to be controlled by mankind. God suffers the devil to do evil activities on the earth for a while so that those who want to be saved will reject such evil and are willing to suffer for their decisions. The devil cannot prevent the servants of the Lord from prospering and maintaining their stand for God. God has never made animals that He would not provide for, and He will always provide for His people who are willing and obedient.

Subject: Holiness Will Make You Heaven Bound:

When you are made free from sin you will have the works of holiness at the control of your desires. The Holy Spirit will then dominate your desires giving you desires to obey God that will have far more power than your previous desires to commit sin. Your previous desires to commit sin will be repulsive to you. Such desires will be downgraded to a level of rejection to the extent that they will have no power to compete against your desires to obey God.

The Spirit of God will give you motivation and a strong overwhelming

determination to obey God. The kingdom of heaven will be in your view so strong that no other distractions will be able to change your course. You will be heaven bound. The Holy Spirit will give you such previews of your future life in heaven that nothing in this present world will be able to interfere with your determination to get to heaven.

Subject: Love Is The Foundation For Salvation In Jesus Christ:

When we were alienated from the commonwealth of heaven and knew not the Lord, it was His mercy that brought us into a covenant or an agreement with Him, which He will never fail to keep. We may break our part of the agreement, but God will never do it, because He is rich in mercy. God loved us when we were living contrary to His commandments, and He worked out a plan for us to receive grace and mercy.

Those of us who have accepted the grace of God are quickened, made alive, and brought together by our faith in Christ. It is not by our words that we are born again, but by grace that we are saved. God by His Holy Spirit has given the same mind and the same spirit to everyone throughout the world who believed in the teachings of Jesus Christ. He gives it to the white, black, brown, rich or poor. When you have God's Spirit you will love one another. You won't see the color of the person's skin, poverty, wealth, or the intellect of the person; you will see faithfulness, honesty, integrity, love and obedience.

When you have the Spirit of God, you will recognize God's Spirit in another person whenever you see it in him or her. You will not see the person as being ordinary; you will be able to see that the person is unusual. Nobody who has God's Spirit is ordinary. When you get together to talk to one another, it will be a heavenly place in Christ Jesus. The foundation of all the principles of righteousness that the word of God teaches is to love one another.

Subject: Wait On The Lord:

Upon the next appearance of Jesus Christ, those who are saved will be made like Him. Listen to I John 3:2:

Verse 2 - Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not

yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

When we are born again we are adopted into the family of God, and are therefore made sons of God; being sons we become heirs of God, and if we are heirs of God, we are a joint-heir with Jesus Christ. Listen to Psalms 37:7-11:

Verse 7 - Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Verse 8 - Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

Verse 9 - For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

Verse 10 - For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

Yes, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

Verse 11 - But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

God is going to give everything that He has created to those who are saved. When you are born again you are a rightful heir of God, and such heirs shall one day come into full possession of all that God has created. The kingdoms of God shall be given to the saints.

God is now teaching us how to rule ourselves, and if we endure some suffering, we will come into possession of that which God created in the beginning for the upright and holy person.

Subject: The Presence Of God:

The ultimate gift of joy, peace and happiness is presently being offered by God. Jesus is the carrier of this gift and the Holy Spirit is the installer of the gift. This is the gift of eternal life. Your mortal or limited life in your flesh and blood body was given to you by your parents; but eternal life can only be obtained from God. The gospel of Jesus Christ has been given to the world that you may know how to receive the gift. When you come to the throne of grace with the mind to receive the gift of eternal life, God's wondrous love and blessings will abound toward you. God's Spirit will meet you at the throne of grace. Your approach of sincerity, inclusive with repentance of your sins will invite the Holy Spirit into your presence.

When you obey God's word and desire His presence all you have to do is to humble yourself; and though God dwells in a high and holy place, He will receive those with a broken and contrite spirit. God will then come down and reveal himself to you. You will not be able to see Him with your eyes, but God has given you five senses; inclusive with these senses is the sense of feeling. When you feel a thing it is just as though you see it. The presence of God is manifested to be just as real when you feel it as it would be if you saw God. The Holy Spirit will bring the presence of God before you, and you will feel His presence.

Subject: God's Plan And Purpose Will Be Fulfilled:

Though we were born in sin, condemned under the law of sin and death, God has arranged a plan to set us free through faith in the teachings of Jesus Christ. If we accept the offer we can be made free from sin, and no longer condemned under the law. The plan is not available for those who do-not accept it and believe that Jesus can save them from their sins.

The purpose of God's plan is to establish righteousness for us to live forever in a heavenly habitation of righteousness. When a person can see and understand the plan of God they will understand that God is a reality. They will be able to see that the plan of God is working for those who repent and believe the gospel.

The presence of God will be with those who obey Him and keep His commandments. His goodness will go before them in life to bless their purposes and movements. Though they may be little humble servants, they will keep the commandments of God, and will be promoted from a position of trust to a royal priesthood. God exalts those who obey Him.

To every true born again child of God, there are two things that God has promised; one is eternal life and the other is the inheritance of the new earth. The day will come when God will fulfill His purpose within us. In the new heaven and earth the saints will have self-control by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Today the devil is trying to keep the people of the earth from learning about the plan of God by filling them with envy, strife, hatred, variance and everything that is contrary to what the commandment of God teaches.

CHAPTER 6

THE WORKS, MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Subject: You Must Understand The Trinity:

You must understand the Trinity to understand God and His way of doing things. The Trinity is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. It is difficult to understand how three people can be one person unless you understand how they function. When you experience salvation in Jesus Christ, you will also experience how the three members of the Trinity work.

Jesus who is the word of God brings the knowledge of salvation to your mind, and when you receive what Jesus brings, the Holy Spirit gives power to the word of God, and causes it to be implanted in your mind like a farmer plants seeds in the ground. The entire operation is approved of by God the Father who is the administrator of the operation.

After you receive the implantment of the word of God, the Holy Spirit will be your teacher, counselor and guide showing you how to live by the word of God. The knowledge of the word of God will not be of any assistance until the Holy Spirit comes in and activates the word. The Holy Spirit causes you to be born again by giving life to the word of God that you received in your mind. You are then born again of the word and the Spirit.

The baptism of water is an open testimony showing what you have experienced that was not visible. All of your experiences of the new-birth will be spiritual changes effecting your desires and ways of living. Your entire life will be changed from a carnal way of living to a righteous way of living. The righteous ways will be based entirely upon what the Bible teaches.

Subject: The Importance Of Being Filled With The Holy Spirit:

I cannot over emphasize how important it is to have the Holy Ghost. You have got to have the Holy Ghost in order to get into the kingdom of heaven. Without the Holy Ghost you will not know how to get into the kingdom of heaven. The Holy Ghost is a teacher that teaches you how to get into the kingdom of heaven. Listen to St. John 14:26:

Verse 26 - But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Ghost is a teacher, and it helps you to remember the gospel that Jesus

taught. After you have been taught the knowledge of the word of God, you later have to go about your daily work, and get involved in business that is not related to what you learned from the gospel. However, the Holy Ghost will remind you when you are confronted with situations that require spiritual knowledge to keep you from doing wrong.

When you obey the word of God you will receive continuous counsel and instructions from the Holy Ghost reminding you of what you need to know to please God. The Holy Ghost gives you power along with victory when you obey the instructions that it gives. You cannot continue to follow Christ without having a teacher bringing instructions and reminders of the word of God. The Holy Ghost can use many different means to remind you. It could be from a song, scripture, sermon, or another person's testimony.

Subject: The Holy Ghost:

There are many church folk today that have never heard that there is a Holy Spirit that is available to give them the new birth in Christ. The Holy Spirit is invisible, but its works are very visible in those who are born again. The Holy Spirit makes you whole-hearted and holy in every aspect of your life. It makes you kind, gentle, good, pleasant, easily entreated, longsuffering, faithful, peaceful, friendly, and full of joy. It can give you happiness when other conditions of life are trying to make you unhappy.

It is surprising to know that many people who are in churches don't know anything about the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God. It is the third part of God that was sent to the earth after Jesus left to give the new-birth to those who have received Jesus' gospel. The Holy Ghost will only come into the life of a person who has received the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit only honors those who honor the word of God. You can only learn about the Holy Ghost from the words that Jesus taught. The Trinity of God consists of three parts, which are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is God's Spirit that He wants to give you to keep you, guide you, and direct you. The Holy Ghost is a teacher that gives you an anointing that helps you to receive instructions from God.

The Holy Ghost is an intercessor between man and God that improvises for our infirmities. If you want the Holy Ghost all you have to do is to repent of your sins and obey the word of God, and it will come into your life and give you the new-birth. When John was baptizing at the River Jordan, he looked up and saw

Jesus, so John stopped baptizing, pointed to Jesus and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (St. John 1:29).

John further told the multitude, “... but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (St. Matthew 3:11). The Holy Ghost carries holy fire with it that does not bring pain, but is a process of spiritual purification. The fire of the Holy Spirit is a zeal that burns up every base desire to commit sin. It destroys the nature of sin. When you receive the Holy Ghost, it will give you power to resist the temptations of the devil.

Subject: The Lamb Of God:

When Jesus was thirty years of age, He appeared down on the banks of the River Jordan where John was having a baptismal service. John had never seen Jesus before, but when He appeared, God had already spoken to John concerning Jesus’ appearance. While John was baptizing, he looked up, and there stood in the midst a man who in appearance fulfilled the description which the Holy Ghost had made him to know that it was Jesus.

So, John stopped baptizing and pointed to Jesus and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (St. John 1:29). John had already taught those who were at his baptismal service that there would be coming one after him who would baptize them with the Holy Ghost and fire (St. Matthew 3:11).

The fire of the Holy Ghost is holy fire and it has a zealous power that burns up every desire in the human nature to commit sin. It gives you power to withstand evil temptations. The Holy Spirit is a gift that God gives those who ask for it with the intent of heart to obey God. When you receive The Holy Ghost, it removes all condemnation that sin brought into your life. You will be justified by the law of the Spirit of life that will make you free from the law of sin and death.

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

You have to become acquainted with the Holy Ghost through the correct teaching of the word of God. You must first be converted and repent. The baptism of water is not the baptism that gives you the Holy Ghost. The baptism of water is a symbol of the burial and resurrection of Christ. After being buried in the water,

you come up out of the water, which symbolizes Jesus' resurrection. It is not practical that you be buried in dirt to come up and live.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an entry of the third member of the Trinity into the mind of a person, which renews a person in the spirit of their mind. It also replaces the nature of the person with the divine nature of God. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is actually God entering a person's life to make a permanent abode in the person. The person will then be regenerated from a generation of sin to a holy generation of righteousness being made a permanent member of the family of God. God will live in the person forever starting with the person's life on earth, and into the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: Every Eye Will See Jesus:

Upon Jesus' return the scriptures declare that every eye shall see Jesus, even those that pierced Him, but only those who are saved will see God. The saved people will be like the five virgins that had their lamps filled with oil. Listen to St. Matthew 25:1-4:

Verse 1 - *Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.*

Verse 2 - *And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.*

Verse 3 - *They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:*

Verse 4 - *But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.*

Jesus taught nothing without a parable. The oil in the lamps was symbolic of the virgins being filled with the Holy Spirit. So the Lord tells us in a parable that we must keep our lamps trimmed and burning, and our vessels filled with oil. The parables are presented so simple and plain to keep us from being deceived.

The Holy Ghost keeps you enlightened so that you won't be in darkness and ignorant of what is required to be ready when Jesus returns. The Holy Ghost will allow us to walk in the light as Jesus is in the light.

Subject: Words Are Spirits:

Words are spirits: you learn about the Holy Spirit from the word of God that Jesus taught. The word of God teaches that you can receive the new-birth from the Spirit of God when you believe the word of God. If you want the Holy Spirit, believe the word of God and obey it, and the Spirit of God will find you.

The word and the Spirit are one in administration, and they work together to give you the new-birth. It is the will of God that we know about His Spirit and how to receive it to be born again. If you have not received the Holy Ghost since you joined the church, it means that you have not been born again.

When you are born again, you are born of the word and the Spirit of God. God will give that gift of the Holy Spirit to those who repent or turn from their sins. If your church is not giving you knowledge of the Holy Spirit and its works, then you are wasting your time in such a church.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Does A Complete Work Of Grace:

Salvation is found through repentance. Repentance means to turn from your sins. Your prayers will not reach God until after you repent. 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.

You are not saved until you receive the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost is not given until you repent. The Holy Ghost completes your repentance by purging sin from your nature. You can only repent of some sins, but you cannot remove the nature of sin, because the nature of sin is inborn, and a part of the human make-up. However, when you receive the Holy Ghost, it brings holy fire with it to burn-up your nature of sin, and it replaces your nature to sin with the divine nature of God. This gives you a complete work of salvation to be born again (St. Matthew 3:10-11).

Subject: Are You Filled With The Holy Spirit?

You must receive the Holy Ghost after you are converted or begin to turn from your sins. Before the Holy Ghost is received, people still remain under the influence of the world though they are converted. It is for this reason that they have no power to deliver themselves from sin, though they may desire the true teaching of the word of God.

After a person is converted, they must be taught how important it is to follow through with a filling of the Holy Spirit. They must understand that their conversion is meaningless unless they quickly seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit. To escape the sinful influence of the world a person must accept the gift of the Holy Spirit as soon as they attempt to live a sin-free life.

To be converted is to be convinced that the gospel leads to salvation, while the ways of sin lead to death. When a person is convinced and makes this conviction known, then they are converted. Next will come the Holy Spirit and they will be born again. The conversion gives a direction out of a life of sin, and the Holy Spirit gives you the new-birth.

There are many people who think they are born again when they first come to God. You are born again only after the Holy Spirit enters your life and makes you a new creature in Christ. You will experience a conversion of your nature and a new mind that desires not to commit sin. Your old nature will be replaced by the divine nature of God. There is only one thing that keeps you from sin and that is the Holy Ghost.

After you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you will have no use for the world, and you will lose your attraction for the sinful pleasures of the world. They will become repulsive to you. This is evidence that you are filled with the Holy Ghost and born again.

Subject: How To Become Holy:

Humans have no control over their morals. You can't make yourself good or evil. The devil made us evil by the sin of Adam, and only Jesus can make us good by the power of God. God sent Jesus for the purpose of making us good. The instructions that Jesus brought are in the Bible. If a person wants to be good, all they have to do is to follow the instructions and the Holy Spirit will help them to be good. To be good is to be holy like God is holy. Listen to I Peter 1:16:

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

The way that you become holy is to obey God. The first thing that you have to do to become holy is to believe the word of God, and you will be justified and holy by your faith. Now being holy and good will not all come to you at one time, but if you believe God's word, it will come to you day after day, and the Holy Spirit will be there to lead you each day so that God's word will be fulfilled in your life making you holy.

Subject: Learn The Will Of God:

If you trust and obey God He will do anything for you if what you ask for will not be to your disadvantage in maintaining your salvation. To obey God means you must learn His will and keep His commandments. Listen to St. John 14:14-15:

Verse 14 - *If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

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

There are very few people who know how to pray because they don't know the will of God. The word of God teaches what is acceptable to God. Unless you have knowledge of the word, you can't know the will of God, and this will cause your prayers not to reach God. Now the way that you learn the will of God is by having the assistance of the Holy Ghost, which is a teacher of God's word. Listen to St. John 14:25-26:

Verse 25 - *These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.*

Verse 26 - *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

The Trinity of God consists of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. They all three work together in one spirit under the influence of the word of God. The word of God gives knowledge or information on the will of God, and the Holy Spirit gives an understanding of what the word is teaching.

The Holy Spirit serves as a teacher, and it administers a preparation process that is called an anointing to prepare your mind to receive and understand the word of God. When your knowledge is at the beginning stage, the Holy Spirit will be an intercessor or negotiator for you by presenting your prayers to God according to what you need.

You must be born again, or filled with the Holy Spirit in order for assistance from the Holy Spirit to be available to you. You get the Spirit of God by believing and receiving the word of God when you hear the word. The Holy Spirit will not make an entry into your life prior to the word of God.

Subject: The Assistance Of The Holy Spirit:

That old serpent called the devil and Satan is the instigator of temptations, and he is busy day and night preparing them for every man and woman who is in their right mind. Now, the devil knows that temptations are good for those who are born again if they overcome, but he also knows that they are very damaging to those who do not overcome. Therefore, he dishes them out with the chance that we might not overcome.

Temptations are distributed by the devil to work on the weaknesses of the saved person. You cannot be tempted to do something that you have no taste or desire for. You can only be tempted to do that which you have a great desire or fitness to do. Now the act must be sinful or something forbidden of you. It must be something that God's word instructs against, or something that the Holy Spirit advises against, or something you know you cannot do and maintain your standing with God.

Temptations that usually beset the saint are inducements that lead to gratification of the flesh. The main reason that they are forbidden by the word of God is because they nourish and strengthen the carnal nature. When you are born again, the carnal nature is brought under subjection to the Holy Spirit that gave you the new birth, but such carnal desires can be awakened if you choose to give into the temptation that in past times satisfied your carnal nature.

The Holy Spirit will only give you power to keep the carnal nature under check when you desire to maintain this state of righteousness. If at any time you decide to give into the old desires to please the carnal nature, the Holy Spirit will not assist you contrary to your will to accept its assistance.

Subject: The Intercessor:

There is no need to bring your problems to God and try to solve them yourself. It is important to understand that God is God, and He is a rewarder of those who will diligently seek Him. When you are seeking God's help you must do it with honor and reverence to God. You must believe that God is a reality. When you seek God without reverence, your contact with God will not be established. It takes the Holy Spirit to establish a contact with God, but it must first establish your knowledge on the reality of God.

The Holy Spirit will give you knowledge on how to make adjustments in life that will allow you to follow the proper channels to make a request to God that will be received by God. You must first be filled with the Holy Spirit or born again, and the Holy Spirit will be your intercessor, or negotiator between you and God.

Now the Spirit must bring your attitude up to an acceptable countenance that God will receive. You cannot go to God with an unacceptable attitude, with the spirit of sorrow and disappointment. You must go to God with a feeling of certainty that God is going to grant your request. When your life is sin-free you have God's attention, but your confidence in God must be up to an acceptable level of certainty that will cause God to give your problem or request some consideration.

Along with your efforts to live above sin there must also be an effort of presenting your request to God that is above doubt. You must feel confident in the fact that God can help you at any time regardless of the conditions, and though other personnel may be available to help you, you must understand that it is God who is behind them to help you.

Others who are available to help you may have limitations in their means that will prevent them from reaching far enough to supply the necessary help at times, but there is no limit to the power and the love of God. Understand that when you receive human help it is God who gives the necessary power and knowledge to be successful for your needs. So have faith in God and don't give in to fear.

Subject: Only The Holy Spirit Can Give You True Happiness:

There are those who drink alcoholic beverages and take illegal and legal drugs because they want happiness. A person who is intoxicated appears to be happy for a while, but it is false happiness. It is happiness that everybody is looking for. Unless the Holy Spirit gives you happiness, you won't know what

happiness is all about. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth and everything that it gives you is true.

Only the Spirit of truth can give you true happiness. Forty years ago God filled me with the Holy Ghost and I have been receiving joy and happiness from the Holy Spirit for forty years. The joy from the Holy Ghost never gets old, neither does it expire. Such joy has always been present in my life by means of spiritual blessings from heaven.

The Holy Ghost has infinite ability to do things, and it will stay with you forever if you are born again. When you are filled with God's Spirit, you become a part of God, and God won't allow you to be unhappy; He will continuously share His joy with you.

Subject: False Joy Versus True Joy:

When folk go to church they are pure and clean, because they believe that God is in the church. They get happy when the choir sings an exciting song. They get holy when they are in the church. Holiness rejoices their hearts when they are in the church. If their joy and holiness does not go with them when they leave the church, then it was only for a season.

Seasonal religion is not true salvation. It is a religion of excitement that will only last for a while. Only the Holy Spirit can give you continuous joy that will go with you after you leave the church assembly. If your joy of worshiping in a church doesn't go with you into your private life, it is false joy. False joy does not come from the Spirit of God, but from the world.

True joy from the Holy Spirit brings the fruit of the Spirit with it that will be a continuous part of your life. Galatians 5:22 teaches that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Gives You Unspeakable Joy:

The Holy Ghost is what gives you the new-birth in Christ. You invite the Holy Ghost into your life through your obedience to the command of God. If you obey God's word and desire His presence to be with you, all you have to do is to

obey God, humble yourself, and though He dwells in heaven, He is with those of a humble and contrite spirit.

When you humble yourself, God will come down and manifest Himself to you. You will not be able to see Him with your natural eyes, but God has given us five senses. One of your senses is the sense of feeling. Each of your senses is accurate, and when you feel a thing, it is just as though you see it. When the Holy Spirit comes down to be with you, you will feel the presence of God. The presence of the Holy Spirit is joy that no word in your vocabulary can completely describe. You will then praise God with what words that you have.

When you are born again, this relationship with God will be given by the Holy Spirit. If you want this blessing, let God's will be done in your life while you are on the earth, and it will also be done for you when you get into the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: The Joy Of The Lord:

When you are born again the Spirit of God will bring Holiness to your heart. When holiness is brought into your heart nobody will be able to suppress it. You will experience holy peace and quietness. Holiness in the heart rejoices the heart, and then give you expressions of joy.

You will then be living in a heavenly place right here on earth. The fruits of the Holy Spirit will have complete control over your emotions. This experience will not be continuous, but God will allow His Spirit to pay you a visit when you need a spiritual refreshing. The company of the Holy Spirit will take your mind completely out of this world, and you will be rejoicing in the presence of the Almighty God.

Subject: It Will Be Worth It All:

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit you can sing praises to the Lord. The Holy Spirit gives you joy when you sing praises to the Lord. Those in the world think that they are getting joy at rock concerts with jazz that appeals to the emotions, but such music gives false joy that won't last. Lasting joy comes to the heart that is Spirit-filled. Such a heart is pure that sings praises of God.

The moment you begin to praise God, He gives joy to your heart and your spirit is lifted. When the Holy Spirit brings the knowledge of God into your heart,

you will learn that one moment in glory will be worth all the suffering you may have had to make it in. Any sacrifice that you have made that has brought about an inconvenience or suffering to make it into the kingdom of heaven will not compare with the reward you will get in heaven.

Subject: There Is Only One Spirit To Help You:

The Bible is a book that everybody should take seriously more than any other source of knowledge. Everything that was spoken by the prophets that the Holy Ghost overshadowed and caused to speak is being fulfilled during this present time. The word of God warns us and tells what will be the results of that which we do which is contrary to the instructions that God gives us. There is only one source of help for many and that is the Holy Ghost. The same Holy Ghost that moved on the prophets to give instructions in the Bible is also available to help us to follow the instructions.

When you are overshadowed and filled with the Spirit of God or the Holy Ghost, you will have protection from the things that will destroy you which is sin. The Holy Ghost is the only means of assistance that can lift up a standard against the things that can destroy us.

God does not trust a church organization to help those who want to obey His instructions. God uses the Holy Ghost to work with the consciences of such people. God has put into every person a conscience, which is a means of warning them against the things that are harmful. The moment that you are tempted to do something that is not right, your conscience gets the message from God that you are being tempted to go wrong. When your conscience gets the message your thoughts will accuse you. When your thoughts accuse you, your conscience will condemn you because the message is coming from God.

It does not matter what part of the world you come from or what your language is, everybody can understand when God speaks to the person by means of their conscience. Your only help to save you from condemnation of your conscience is the Holy Spirit. There is only one Holy Spirit that works for the people all over the world. Listen to Ephesians 4:4-6:

Verse 4 - There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Verse 5 - One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Verse 6 - One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Subject: You Are Called Into The Unity Of The Holy Spirit:

There may be many different religious denominations and teachings, but if such teachings are not in accord with the teachings of The Original King James Version of the Bible, such teachings are false being administered by false preachers.

There is only one teaching for salvation that includes the unity of the Spirit that is given in the bonds of peace. Such teaching of salvation administers a calling for those that are saved. They are called out of a life of sin, and they are given power by the Holy Spirit that they might be worthy of the vocation wherein they are called. Such people are called to be saints, and they will with all unity of the Spirit take on meekness, longsuffering, and forbearing one another to maintain the unity of the Spirit.

Subject: The Atmosphere And Presence Of God:

The Holy Ghost is the very breath of Jesus that brings the atmosphere and presence of God to those who are born again. The word and the Spirit work together to bring a person into the company of God. When you obey the word of God and the Holy Ghost gives you joy because of your obedience, you are then in the company of God by means of the holy atmosphere that the word and the Spirit gave you.

Subject: The Joy Of The Holy Ghost:

The presence of the Holy Spirit brings joy unspeakable. It fills your mouth with praises to God. It is difficult to find words to express yourself when the Holy Spirit falls upon you. Can you imagine living in the kingdom of heaven where the Holy Spirit will give you joy forever? If you allow God's will to be done while you are living in this present world; it will be done in you when you get into the kingdom of heaven.

When the Holy Spirit is in your presence you are in the atmosphere of God.

This is a holy atmosphere that God gives to those who obey Him. Now you have to clean your life up of all sinful habits, and the Holy Spirit will first give you the new-birth, and after you start out with God, the Holy Spirit will give you showers of blessings.

Along with guidance, counsel and instructions in righteousness, the Holy Spirit will include spiritual blessings that will ignite joy in your heart more powerful than any form of joy that you can imagine.

When you learn to walk (live) in the Spirit of God you will have the blessings of God. You will then have the privilege to pray. When you become a worshiper of God, He will hear your prayers. You cannot be a worshiper of God and a sinner at the same time. God doesn't hear sinners pray (St. John 9:31). God's ears are only open to the righteous person.

Subject: Everything Will Turn Out Alright For You When Your Hope Is In The Lord:

When world leaders cannot see the way of righteousness, the world will be in gross darkness. The judgment of such leaders will be cloudy. Only the word of God can give light to the right way. If the leaders have confidence in anything other than the Lord, they will have no sure foundation to stand on. However, there is hope if they will but seek to know the source of that hope.

It doesn't matter what happens, everything will come out alright in the end for those who put their trust in the Lord. As long as your hands are clean and your heart is pure you are safe. Psalm 4:8 teaches, "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety".



CHAPTER 7

***SALVATION:
GENERAL TOPICS***

Subject: Grace:

It is by grace that you are saved. Grace means favor from God. The grace of God hath appeared unto all men, teaching them to deny ungodliness, and to live soberly and godly in this present world. Grace is favor that God is offering that we do not deserve.

Jesus brought the favor of God down and bestowed it upon those that were in darkness, that they might receive an understanding to make them know the things that they should do to receive grace, and that was to repent and believe the gospel.

The grace of God invites you to yoke up with Jesus and to be saved. When you receive grace, it will carry you through life being assisted by the Holy Spirit, and things that were one time difficult will be easier with grace.

Subject: The Star:

The word 'star' is used to magnify the fame and prominence of a person; we have movie stars and sports stars. However, there was a star that rose in Bethlehem that gave direction to a baby that was born, and brought light to the world that presented salvation to the world. This was a bright and morning star that shines so brightly in our hearts that it illuminates us with directions on how to get into the kingdom of heaven.

A baby that was born of a virgin and laid in a manger was the means of production of this star, and it gives a light that can lead us to see God. If we follow this star we can be saved.

Subject: You Can Choose Your Own Religious Faith:

To be a religious person in America is a privilege given to us in the Constitution. The privilege to be religious allows you to be able to choose your own religious faith. You can choose your own religious denomination to be in, but your choice of a religious denomination may not be a denomination that God has given to offer you salvation. You cannot interpret the word of God from some religious denomination to be saved.

You cannot establish yourself in righteousness. Salvation is a gift from God.

There may be many religious denominations and church organizations that seem right, but if it is not according to God's way, it will be the way of death. The council of heaven was detailed and ordained for a significant purpose that leads to salvation. Unless such council has been used to establish a religious denomination, then those who are a part of any denomination will not be saved.

To acquire salvation in Jesus Christ, instructions from the Holy Spirit must be observed according to the directions that are given. There are many who follow religious rituals in a church such as speaking in unknown tongues, and allowing water to be sprinkled on them for baptism. Such vain church rituals do not offer salvation. The procedures to be saved are outlined in the scriptures and must be observed for the salvation of those who are worshiping to be true.

Subject: The Name Of Jesus Has Power To Save You:

It does not matter how many church names and religious denominations are set up for worship services, there is only one name by which you can be saved. Listen to Acts 4:11-12:

Verse 11 - This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

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

You can only be saved from sin by obeying the gospel that the name of Jesus brought into the world. Any other religious teaching under a different name will not be supported by the Holy Spirit to save you.

Subject: What About Your Existence?

Now there are some people who are materialists who don't believe that they have a soul. When they die, they believe that will be the last of their existence. The reality of God is declared by His handiwork. Listen to Psalm 19:1:

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

You can see evidence that there is a God in the sun that was set in place and is regulated by a power that is greater than the sun to control the heat that it generates. If a person doesn't believe that they have a soul it is because they don't know what a soul is.

A soul is the mind of a person; it is the controlling force of human existence that tells a person's body what to do. A human body would know nothing if there was no soul to give it orders. Just as God gives the sun orders to be cool in the winter and warm in the summer, so does the soul give orders for the body to adjust to the temperatures of different seasons. The soul tells us to wear cool clothing in the summer and warm clothing in the winter. If a person believes that they have no soul, they believe that they are a living dummy.

A person by means of wisdom of the world can learn the things of the world, but you can only know God by revelations. When you begin to deny God you become a fool no matter how much worldly knowledge you have acquired. God reveals Himself to those who believe in Him.

Jesus demonstrated the power of God by raising Lazarus from the dead. Those of us who have the Spirit of God have a witness that what Jesus did was by the power of God. The Holy Spirit causes the works of God to be a reality in the lives of those who believe the works of God. God reveals the reality of His works by His Spirit that He gives to us. The soul of man is life; the body is going back to the dust. Listen to St. Matthew 16:25-26:

Verse 25 - *For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*

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

Subject: The Spiritual And The Physical Can Be Separate:

God gives us witnesses of the things of the next life while we are living in this present world. There may be many who don't believe that we have souls. Every time we lay down to sleep at night and have a dream is evidence of our souls being a reality. The soul is the spiritual part of our existence that does not have to be a part of our bodies. The soul can live completely separated from the body as it does on many occasions when we have dreams while sleeping. You can only know God by revelations.

When we deny God we become fools. God reveals Himself to those that believe in Him. You cannot learn the reality of God by your intelligence or being smart. You can only learn the reality of God by faith. The knowledge of the word of God was given by revelations from God. Any knowledge that is contrary is erroneous. The soul of man is life. The body is dust from the earth.

Subject: The Choice Is Ours To Make: The Origin Of Sin:

When God allowed the penalty of death it wasn't because He intended to send man to hell, but because He wanted to test man's devotion to Him. Man chooses his own fate. God created man with the freedom of will and He won't take it away. God tells us beforehand that if we do certain things, what we must expect as a consequence. The penalty would be the result of our choice. The plan of salvation was given by God for us to have an understanding of how to make the right choice.

Sin did not enter the world by force, but by invitation from Adam. The sentence of death was a package deal that came with sin. While we did not participate in the first sin, after sin made its entry it had power to be passed down to every person. We were in the loins of Adam who committed the first sin, and we thereby became subject to death through Adam's open door policy for sin.

Lucifer was the first sinner that was cast out of heaven because his heart was lifted up in pride, and his pride caused him to acquire the spirit of rebellion against God. Listen to how Satan fell in Ezekiel 28:14-17:

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

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

Verse 16 - By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Verse 17 - Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

The devil was cast out of heaven into the earth, and He is not in hell yet.
Listen to Revelation 12:9:

Verse 9 - And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Today the devil never presents himself in the form of a devil as most people would perceive the devil to be. He comes as a friend as he did to Eve. He presented himself to Eve as a pet serpent. He comes as a friend with a proposition that seems acceptable, but it will eventually lead to sin. He comes with the voice of a friend, and the sympathy and interest of a friend.

If you listen to the proposition of the devil, he can persuade you to accept his proposal. Your defense against the proposal from the devil is to know the word of God. He has no power against the word of God. The word of God exposes the devil, and he cannot conceal himself against the power in the word of God.

Subject: The Goodness Of God:

To be blessed means to live a prosperous and happy life. You cannot obey the word of God and not be blessed. God has no respect to person; He will bless whoever obeys His word. When you obey the word of God, God will come into your life by means of His Spirit and live in you. Your life will then become God's life. You will then have a continuous fellowship with God forever. The fellowship will start while you are in this world and continue throughout eternity in the kingdom of heaven. The goodness of God far surpasses our understanding of goodness.

Subject: The Words Of Prophecy:

Words are used as a means of communication. Words give an understanding of what actions will be doing. Without proper words being used, folk won't know what the intentions are before the actions are implemented. Each word that is spoken can cause others to see the position you had planned to take.

Jesus was the word of God given to the world that the world might see and understand the plan of salvation that God was offering. The word of God far surpasses the power in the words that man uses. Every event that the word of God predicts will come to pass. The word of God has power to see into the future and correctly determine when the events of the future will come to pass.

The word of God gives a correct and an accurate account of past, present, and future events. God has used prophets to reveal His word concerning events that will take place in different generations for the benefit of the people of those generations. If this present generation has received messages from the prophets of God, then they can have knowledge of what to expect according to the words of the prophets.

Subject: Take Heed To The Forecast:

The conditions of life can be deceiving. You can need help in life though you may not be having trouble. Life can be like a storm that is coming, and there can be no indications that the storm is on the way unless the forecaster detects the storm. The forecast may be given two or three days prior to the storm arriving.

The word of God works the same way. It gives early warnings of what is going to come to pass. You may not see any immediate danger, but if the warning has been given, the event will surely happen. God gives us warnings in His word so that we can be ready for the event.

Subject: The Plan Of Salvation Must Be Accepted As God Has Arranged It:

The plan of salvation is for the benefit of everybody, but it must be accepted as God established it. It cannot be changed to suit the carnal aspects of a person's desires. God is merciful and longsuffering, and He is not willing that any should

perish, but He will not alter His plan just to satisfy the carnal aspects of those who won't accept it as it has been arranged.

Though the plan of God may not be acceptable to many, the entire operation of salvation has been prepared for the benefit of those who are willing to repent and accept it.

Subject: The Presence Of God:

When you commit sin, you will cause God to separate from your presence. When God is not in your presence, you have no protection against the devil who is your silent enemy. It is God's presence which restrains the devil and keeps you in peace and prosperity.

When God is not in your life, you lose your peace, and eventually your prosperity. God's withdrawal from you will also have an effect upon you. You will become indifferent towards associates that you were at one time very pleasant around. You will become socially reckless in a manner that you will less likely desire to live right.

When God is in your life, you will live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. God will give you the Holy Spirit when you desire to live continuously in His presence. You will then be living above sin and God will be pleased to dwell with you on a continuous basis.

Subject: Jesus Came To Bring A Sword:

If you are not separate from the religious and social life of sinners, the ministry of Christ means nothing to you. Though you work beside sinners, your mind can be separate from their social involvements. Jesus didn't come to bring peace, but a sword to separate the saved from the unsaved.

The sword, which is the word of God, can divide the spirit and the soul. It can separate the spirit of the devil from your soul, and the Holy Spirit will come in to give you the new-birth. The Spirit of God is the breath of life by which you can be connected to God.

The Spirit of God gives you physical life and spiritual life. The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, enters the war between right and wrong. The Spirit and the word enter a spiritual war to give you victory over evil.

Subject: The Instigator Of War Was Rejected From Heaven:

Heaven is the most pleasant place in all existence today, but at one time there was a war up in heaven and Michael and his angels fought against the devil and his angels (Revelation 12:7-12). The devil fought and lost, neither was his place found anymore in heaven. After Satan was cast out of heaven, he made his abode on the earth, and since that time he has deceived the whole world.

Today the people of the earth that have not been saved by Jesus Christ are under the power of Satan's deception. To be born in sin means to be under the influence of Satan, and not being able to see the truth about your existence. The human race was cursed by Satan after the first man sinned. To born in sin is to be separated from God, living under the power of darkness that Satan has cast over the world. In Revelation 12:9-10, it teaches that the devil, which deceiveth the whole world, was cast into the earth and his angels were cast out with him.

It doesn't matter how many conferences and peace agreements that the nations of the earth establish, as long as the devil is in the earth, we shall have wars. The devil started a war in heaven where the Prince of Peace dwelt, and there is no doubt that he is the instigator of wars on the earth today.

In heaven, Satan had to deal with Michael who was created by God to be a superior warrior against the forces of evil. Michael stood in the presence of God receiving orders to kick Satan and his angels out. Satan enjoyed life in heaven, and he desired to set up a kingdom on the north side of heaven, but he was disappointed when the orders came down for him to be rejected from heaven.

Today those who continue to follow the spirit of Satan, and have refused to accept Jesus Christ will be rejected from entering heaven after their life on earth ends. So, Michael and his angels confronted the devil and his angels. Although the devil fought to overwhelm them, Michael and his angels prevailed. After the devil and his angels were thrown out of heaven, the peace of God was restored in heaven. Since peace has been restored in heaven, there has been no peace for the inhabitants of the earth.

The devil has been very angry since he was rejected from heaven, because of the great defeat he suffered after his rejection, and he has kept men fighting each other since that time. The devil started the first war between Cain and Abel, and today nations are at war by the deceitful works of Satan. Today, those that are in the world, and have not been saved by Jesus Christ are ready to fight at any time.

The nations of the earth train their armies, and they equip them with arms and weapons that are suitable for aggression. They send spies into foreign countries to seek confidential information that will give them an advantage over the enemy in the event of war. They maintain vigilance to guard their borders and preserve the security of their territory. They keep men constantly in training that

they may be fit for the most severe test of hostility. All of this was initiated by nations of the earth, because Satan was cast down from heaven to be an instigator of war.

Subject: The Solution For Sin For The Broken Law:

God gave the law to a mediator who was Moses. Later, He brought another man into the world who fulfilled the law who was Jesus Christ. Moses brought the law that was very difficult to obey, so Jesus Christ brought grace and truth, which gave power to those who received Jesus' teaching to live above what was forbidden by the law. When a man broke the law it brought the curse of death upon him.

The sentence of death came upon man when Adam broke the first law that God gave him. If Adam had obeyed the first law, which was not to eat the forbidden fruit, Adam would have had a continuous life. So today all humans have to die because of the broken law that brought death. The broken law caused humans to be born under its curse with the desire to commit sin. Jesus is the only solution for the curse.

Death passed upon all men, because all have sinned. So the Lord ordained that if one man had broken the law, and brought the sentence of death upon all men, He would raise up another man who would deliver all men from sin. If the proposal of the other man was received, then all of the sin and iniquity that was against those who received the offer would be abolished. Though Moses brought the law to bring man to the knowledge of sin, Moses had no solution for the problem. The sacrifice of bulls and goats did not solve the problem.

Now the proposition that Jesus is offering is that you must willingly go and sin no more, and the power of the Holy Spirit will be with you. Now don't let your church attendance mislead you. It is not your songs, prayers, sermons you preach, nor how much you shout and cry in your church, but your willingness to turn from your life of sin.

You will learn the secrets about the power of God by obeying Him. Now you must acquire the kind of fear that was created by love. This is fear that you might lose your respect for God by some wrong act or words you use. So be careful of how you walk, and talk to others, and don't let them provoke you to the extent whereas you will have anything but pity for them, because if they treat you wrong without a cause, great will be the judgment of the Lord upon them.

So keep your hands clean and your heart pure, and God will attend to the problems that others present. When God takes care of the problems, nobody can call Him into question. Do not allow anybody to cause a root of bitterness to

spring up in you, because when you are bitter, your senses become dull. Under these conditions, you will not be able to hear, feel or speak in a way that will glorify God. Bitterness takes away your ability to reason. When God saves you, He is calling you to perfection.

Subject: A Divided Kingdom:

Adam relinquished the rulership of the world to Satan; and the birth of Jesus was a setback for Satan's rulership. God sent Jesus into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil. After Adam sinned, the works of the devil were implanted in the minds of all humans that were born in sin. Jesus came to the earth with the gospel from heaven to divide Satan's kingdom in the hearts of those who would receive the word of God, and establish salvation in their lives. Listen to St. Matthews 12:25-28:

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

Verse 26 - *And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?*

Verse 27 - *And if I by Bē-ěl'-zě-bŭb cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.*

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

Whenever the devil hears the name of Jesus from a Holy Ghost filled child of God he gets angry and trembles, because he knows that the power of the Holy Spirit is behind the name, and that he is no match for the name. It is by the name of Jesus that the people of the world can be saved from the miseries that Satan brought into the world.

It is because Jesus was born that we celebrate Christmas to honor the victory that Jesus gave us over our sins. The miseries that Satan brought into the world can only be effective when sin is committed. When sin is removed from our lives,

Satan has nothing in us to make us miserable. Everybody who celebrates Christmas with a pure heart that is free from sin makes the devil angry. Those who are born of the Spirit of God are glad and can rejoice.

Subject: The Spirit Of Obedience Started With Abraham And Isaac:

The scriptures give an account of why Jesus was born. Listen to Genesis 22:8:

Verse 8 - And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering...

When God commanded Abraham to take His only son Isaac, and offer him as a sacrifice, and they came near the place of the sacrifice, Isaac asked his father Abraham, where is the lamb for a burnt offering? Abraham said, my son, God will provide himself a lamb.

Abraham and Isaac were a symbol of how God would later send His only begotten Son to be a sacrifice for the sins of the world. Abraham's obedience was in the spirit of Jesus' obedience. Isaac's obedience to Abraham was also in the spirit of how Jesus would obey God. It was because of Abraham's and Isaac's obedience that God set up a plan for the world to be saved. Listen to Genesis 22:12, 17 and 18:

Verse 12 - And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

Because of Abraham's obedience, God made salvation available to the nations of the world.

Verse 17 - That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Verse 18 - And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. because thou hast obeyed my voice.

The purpose of God trying Abraham was to find out whether he would be the proper soil out of which to bring the “Seed” that would bless the nations of the world. Isaac manifested the spirit of obedience to his father, and Abraham in the same manner that Christ would manifest His obedience to God. Abraham’s obedience did not exceed God’s love for the world.

Subject: Continuous Life:

When God created the earth, He planted a tree in the eastern part of the Garden of Eden. He created a man that would be subjected to death unless he obeyed the commandment of God. Man had two means by which he could continue to live, which were he could eat of the tree of life, and he could obey the commandment that God gave him.

Man was taught initially by God that life could be continuous by his obedience to the command of God. This principle for a continuous life is still effective today. Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeded out of the mouth of God.

Subject: A Blessing And A Curse:

Today, we see Jesus as He came through forty-two generations down to the Virgin Mary of the seed of Abraham, a pure, holy daughter in Israel, undefiled by man, clean and virtuous. Now all of this was done that God might fulfill His promise, which He spake through the prophet Isaiah when He said a virgin shall conceive.

It was no strange thing for God to bring from the earth His first son, Adam. The earth was the mother of the first man. Today it is the earth that feeds and provides for man until death overtakes man. The earth is a blessing to man, and disobedience to God is a curse. Because of man’s disobedience, the earth will receive man back from which He came, and hell will receive his soul. Obedience to God will give man’s soul a place in God’s kingdom though his body will return to the earth.

Subject: The Love Of Money:

One day while Jesus was sitting at dinner, a woman whom He had blessed and saved from being a harlot bought a box of precious ointment, broke it, and anointed Jesus with it. It was so strong that the odor could be detected quite a distance. Judas was there when she did this, and he said, look at the waste of the expensive ointment.

Judas responded by saying the money that bought the ointment should have been given to me instead of wasting it and that he, being the treasurer of Jesus' ministry, could have given the money to the poor. Jesus said the poor you will always have with you, and that He would be with them only for a few days. Judas loved money. He was covetous, and he used Jesus' ministry as a means to get money not just for the ministry, but for himself also.

Later, Judas went out and made a bargain with the chief priest, and elders for 30 pieces of silver to betray Jesus. Judas never thought that Jesus would really be crucified. He thought that this would be a chance to make some easy money, because he knew the leaders of the Jews did not like Jesus. So rather than to use the ministry and teachings of Jesus to acquire salvation, Judas went for the money. The gospel that Jesus taught could have given Judas eternal life, but the money that Judas went after caused him to hang himself, and to receive eternal damnation in hell.

Subject: Give God Time In Meditation:

It is not a good thing to allow the enticements of this present world to deceive you by making you think that you will be here forever. Pleasures of the world are very powerful and deceiving. Such pleasures can distort good judgment about your stay in this present world.

If you allow God to give you the Holy Spirit, it will help you to lift your mind up to heaven and be with God in spirit though you are on the earth in body. Moments spent in meditation with God carry more power than the influence of pleasures of the world, and such meditation will keep you from being deceived by the pleasures of this world that are limited.

Subject: Let Us Talk About Christians:

The first time the apostles were called Christian was at a place called Antioch. The name 'Christian' was actually given to the followers of Christ in ridicule, because they were faithful to the teachings of Christ that was considered to be a new movement at that time. Today it still means followers of Christ, but it is now a title of honor and esteem, and it should be used only to refer to those who are followers of Christ of a truth.

It should not be used by church folk who have their names on the church roll, and are not obedient to the teachings of Jesus Christ. It should not make reference to people who contribute large sums of money in support of the church just because they are supporters of a church.

The name 'Christian' should make reference to those who live a sin-free life, and those who live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, just as the followers of Christ did during Jesus' day. Christians should refer to those who believe in God, and walk with Christ in the beauty of holiness, and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. True Christians are the nicest people that God has ever put breath in. For those who are true Christians, the name has honor, dignity and power.

True Christians are born again of the Spirit of God, and they live by the teachings of the word of God. Such people are Holy Ghost filled, and you won't find any better quality of character anywhere on the earth. Such people will be those that will meet Jesus in the first resurrection to be taken to heaven to make up the population of heaven, consisting of saints, angels, and little children. The Christians will be holy and acceptable to God throughout eternity

Subject: Saints:

Now though the people during the days of Jesus and His apostles were called Christians, God actually named His people Saints. Christ was actually considered as an insurrectionist during His ministry, and was referred to as being of those who were radicals. The true name that came from heaven given to the followers of Christ by God was Saints. The Saints proved by their accomplishments that Christ was the Son of God, the Messiah of God; so, they were not only called Christians with all of its sublime meaning, but also Saints.

Now some may say that you can't follow Christ without being a Christian. A Christian can go under the name Christian and also be a hypocrite. Judas Iscariot followed Christ as a Christian, and was a traitor. A Saint is a Christian of a

higher level; the highest level of holiness that a person can acquire while here on earth is a Saint.

God has placed the people of the earth in two classes: one is saints and the other is sinners. God has not classified the name Christian, the people have done this. God does not recognize any religious denominations, race, or nationality. To God, we are Saints if we live in righteousness, and sinners if we don't live righteous.

There will be in the last days upon the return of Jesus Christ those from every nation, kindred, and tongue who will be washed in the precious blood of Jesus Christ, and be received in that number into heaven and throughout eternity; they will live as Saints.

Subject: There Are Songs For Every Problem:

Music coming from the heart will connect with God, and cause His Spirit to come down and work for you. When the black slaves of America began to sing "Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home", they trusted God and believed He would not allow them to suffer much longer. The slaves sang the hell out of their cruel masters.

Their songs eventually reached heaven, and moved God to raise up an emancipator to give them deliverance. There are songs for every problem. Eventually, God turned the white brothers of the north against those in the south, which resulted to the Civil War. God gave victory to the Union soldiers, because they were fighting for deliverance, and the slaves walked free.

Today if you obey God and have a problem, the Holy Spirit will give you a song relative to the problem and you can sing yourself to be free of the problem. When songs come forth from a pure heart, they will have power to move God, and God will deliver you.

Subject: You Cannot Serve Two Masters:

Idolatry can cause you to forget the true and holy God who has blessed you. Idolatry is when your interest has been distracted from God to other things of interest that cause you not to worship God. God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt into the Promised Land and blessed them, and not long after they enjoyed the blessings of God they lost interest in God.

The devil had a woman named Jezebel, a wicked heathen woman to have great influence over Ahab, the king of Israel. So, later God sent the prophet Elijah to them to warn them that the judgments of God would fall upon them if they did not immediately turn from idolatry. You cannot serve God and idols. You must reject one to serve the other. Listen to St. Matthew 6:24:

Verse 24- *No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mān'-mon.*

Subject: A Message From God:

In St. Luke 1:35 it teaches that Jesus, the begotten Son of God, was born of a woman who was a virgin.

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

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to Mary with the message informing her that she would become the mother of the Son of God. Gabriel is bringing Mary a message that has so much power in it that nothing can prevent the message from accomplishing what it is saying. As the message is received by Mary, the power in the message will cause it to be fulfilled. Of all the women in the world Mary was God's choice to receive the message from God. Listen to St. Luke 1:28:

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

The message is telling Mary that God is with her and that she is highly favored. When God tells a person that they are highly favored there is nothing that can discredit the person. When God is with a person all who are against the person will amount to nothing.

Subject: Joseph Had To Be Given The Light Of God's Plan:

God has given many blessings to man for his comfort and survival, but man has failed to take in the lessons that He sent Jesus to teach, and that is how to love one another. Jesus came teaching the people the principles of the kingdom of heaven. The Spirit of the principles that Jesus taught is how to deny ungodliness, worldly lusts, and to live soberly and godly in this present world. Those of us who are saved should be thankful for the gift of knowledge that Jesus brought to the earth to deliver us from sin. When you have experienced salvation in Jesus Christ, your pleasure and joy in life will be to help somebody else to know God, based upon what He has done for you.

Jesus came according to the promise of God who, through the angel Gabriel, sent the message of His coming into the world to Joseph to whom the Virgin Mary was espoused, that he might not put her away, because she was found with child. Joseph thought that his virgin had been untrue, but it was the plan of God that he would bring a Son into the world, not by the help of man, but by the Holy Spirit. So, when Joseph found Mary, his espoused wife with child, he knew the law of the Jews stated that if a woman has been untrue to her promise, she is to be stoned. However, because Joseph loved Mary, he didn't want her to be stoned, and yet he did not desire to be the husband of an untrue woman. Therefore, he sought to put her away without it being known why he did it.

St. Matthew 1:20 teaches that while Joseph thought on these things, an angel from heaven came to him after he fell asleep and said, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost". The angel is explaining to Joseph that the child Mary is carrying was not conceived by cohabitation with another man, but that the conception was by the Holy Ghost. Verse 21 teaches, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins".

Unless God gives you an understanding of the plan of salvation, you will be in total ignorance going the wrong way. Joseph had to be given the light of God's plan in order to receive benefits from the plan. Jesus was put in the family of Joseph for him to be Jesus' Godfather so that Joseph could be saved from sin.

Subject: The Name Of Jesus:

Faith is confidence and strength. When you have no confidence any little problem can separate you from what God is offering. God has given one name wherein we can have confidence. God has established that name by putting power

behind it that can deal with the problems we have in life. That name is Jesus.

In the name of Jesus we can overcome any problem. Jesus cannot be rejected; He can only be accepted, because He is above all things. The character of Jesus is Holy and superior to any adversities of the world. Jesus was established by His character and deeds. God got behind His deeds and manifested Him as His word. He was true and so faithful to God until He was not ashamed to let men know by means of His deeds how much God loved the world. Listen to Philippians 2:10-11:

Verse 10 - That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Verse 11 - And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Subject: The Blood Of The Passover:

Very few people know that Lent is the forty day period before our Lord and Savior was crucified. Lent represents the forty days of fasting that Jesus went through in the wilderness while being tempted of the devil after He was baptized (St. Matthew 4:1-4). In the book of Exodus Chapter 12, Verse 13, it teaches how the symbols of Christ's crucifixion were arranged to be completed centuries later at a place called Calvary:

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 was symbolized in Egypt when the children of Israel were in bondage. The blood of the lambs that was placed on the door posts of the Israelites' homes was a symbol of how the blood of Jesus that would later be shed on a cross at Calvary would be for those who are saved by deliverance in the last days, just as the death angel passed over the Israelites in Egypt.

Jesus taught His disciples to take Communion to commemorate the Passover in Egypt because commemoration would also be honoring how Christ would be our Passover in the last days when God destroys the world. 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:

Today if your life is sin-free, you should take Communion to commemorate the Passover that was in Egypt, and honor the Passover that Jesus is going to give to those who will be saved to be in the first resurrection.

Subject: The New Covenant:

The blood of Jesus Christ was the blood of the new covenant that was symbolized by the lamb slain, and eaten by those who were preparing to depart from Egypt. The new covenant was another plan set up by God to deliver us from sin and destruction. Jesus was the lamb slain under the new covenant, or agreement that God would honor in the last days to deliver those who have accepted Jesus Christ.

The blood became a symbol of deliverance as Jesus preceded with His disciples administering the last supper, which we refer to as communion services today. Jesus said this is my blood of the New Testament which shall be shed for many that they might not be destroyed. Jesus is teaching that His blood will atone for your sins and save you from the wrath of God in the last days, just as the blood of the sacrificial lamb in Egypt saved the children of Israel from the destroying angel.

Jesus concluded by saying that He would not drink with them again the fruit of the vine until that day when, "I drink anew around the throne of God in my Father's kingdom".

Subject: More About The Sacrificial Lamb:

At the very time of year that the sacrificial lamb was offered in Egypt, the body of Jesus was later offered on Calvary for those of us who would be saved that we might not be destroyed in the last days. When Pilate heard the accusations against Jesus, he had Jesus brought forth for a hearing. The crowd said to crucify Jesus, and though it was a cruel decision, it brought salvation to the nations of the earth.

If we obey the gospel that Jesus taught, His death will not be in vain, and our salvation will be sure. The only thing that you and I have to do is hide beneath the blood. It is the blood of Jesus Christ that atoned for our sins. The atonement means that the blood will turn the wrath of God from us and offer us exemption from our sins. God will forgive us just as the lamb slain in Egypt caused Him to command the destroying angel to pass over the Israelites.

It was the innocent lamb slain that caused God to grant an atonement for the sins of the Jews, and to deliver them from destruction. The lambs were innocent creatures that would symbolize the innocence of Jesus Christ who would later be slain on Calvary. Christ would be our Passover that would be sacrificed for us. The lamb in Egypt was the symbol of the coming of Christ to die for us. Every time we gather together in the church and partake of the bread and the wine, we are eating the Passover just as Israel did with the lamb in Egypt.

Subject: What Really Happened On Calvary? The Blood Of The New Testament:

God did a miraculous thing on Calvary. Initially blood was given to humans to have a limited life. Blood was a corruptible substance for humans that would cause life to be short-termed. The life source from blood causes humans to live 70 or 80 years and eventually die. God decided that He would change the life source in blood, and cause the blood of Jesus to be empowered to allow the limited life of humans to be unlimited. God would regenerate power to the blood of Jesus causing those who believe the gospel of Jesus Christ to receive a washing of regeneration by the blood of Jesus to receive eternal life rather than a short-termed life of 70 or 80 years.

The blood that was spread on the door posts of the Israelites in Egypt was a symbol of the blood of Jesus that would be the blood of the new testament, which would have power to take away sins completely. When sin is taken away by the blood of the new testament, then life for those who believe the gospel would be everlasting because it is sin that brings death. Listen to St. Mark 14:24:

Verse 24 - And he said unto them, *This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.*

Listen to Romans 3:25-26:

Verse 25 - Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Verse 26 - To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Listen to Romans 5:9:

Verse 9 - Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Subject: Jesus Is Alive:

Jesus died in our stead, and today He lives to save us from the power of death. Regardless of who you are, if you accept the gospel of Jesus Christ, you can live again with Christ. Christ is our deliverer from the second death, which will be eternal death for those who do not accept Christ. Christ suffered on the cross, and became our Passover by the shedding of His blood as a sacrificial lamb for our sins. It was through Christ's death that he destroyed the power of death administered by the devil. Listen to Hebrews 2:11&14:

Verse 11 - For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Verse 14 - Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

Jesus died so that death would have no terror for the child of God. Every one who is redeemed from death shall live again, but it is all through the sacrifice of the body of Christ from the cross.

Today we can rejoice knowing that in the very hour that Jesus suffered for our sins, it was the blood of Jesus Christ that opened the fountain in the house of David for sin and uncleanness, and anyone by faith can plunge beneath that blood and be saved from eternal destruction. We thank God for the Easter season, which gives us the symbol of the resurrection. The Lord is going to return to take us home with Him real soon.

Subject: There's Power Behind The Name Of Jesus: What Really Happened At The Cross?

The name of Jesus has power behind it. It has so much power that the devil trembles when he hears the name of Jesus. Jesus was established by His character which was manifested in His deeds. God got behind the deeds of Jesus and manifested Jesus as His word. Jesus was so true and faithful to God that He was not ashamed to die the death of a malefactor (thief or robber). So then the name of Jesus brought glory to God even down to the death of the cross. Listen to Philippians 2: 10-11:

Verse 10 - That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Verse 11 - And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

God brought Jesus into the world to be a glory and a praise to Him. In order to do this, God established His name with power to resist and defeat all the forces of evil. God allowed the death of the cross to give victory to Jesus' name. What happened at the cross was a glorious victory over evil. Jesus' death at the cross brought sin and death under subjection to the power in His name. Today those who believe the gospel of Jesus Christ are saved from sin and death.

At the cross, the power of death was changed to a peaceful rest for all those who received Jesus Christ as their Savior. All who repented of their sins have their sins nailed to the cross, no longer being charged against them. Victory was given at the cross so that all transgressions would be blotted out against those who received Jesus. The name of Jesus has power.

Subject: You Must Worship God With An Understanding:

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not a religious ritual of vain babblings, or speaking in unknown tongues. The Holy Spirit brings messages from God that can be understood relating to the spiritual conditions of those that it is presenting the knowledge to. God is Spirit and those that worship God must worship God in Spirit and in truth. The Spirit brings the knowledge of the truth. Listen to St. John 4:24:

Verse 24 - *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and truth.*

Those that speak in unknown tongues do not know what they are worshipping.

Verse 22 - *Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*

The words that Jesus is speaking is the Spirit of God. Listen to St. John 6:63:

Verse 63 - *It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

The Holy Spirit speaks words that can be understood (I Corinthians 14:9). Any religious rituals of vain babblings are words spoken into the air. 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.*

Words that are spoken by the Holy Spirit are with signification.

Verse 10 - *There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.*

If we don't know the meaning of the voice we will be like barbarians to one another.

Verse 11 - *Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I*

shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.

Whatever we do in our assembly, whether it be testifying, praying, singing or preaching, it should be done with an understanding.

Verse 15 - What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

Subject: Faith:

To have faith in God is to put your trust in God. You must have belief and confidence that God will do that which He has promised to do. Having faith is the result of a progressively holy life. You cannot live a holy life by sight only, your faith must be a part of your salvation. Faith is very important and necessary, because it is evidence of your belief in the reality of God. If you have visual assurance of everything in life, there would be no need for faith, so God will keep some things from you until He is ready to reveal and give you those things. So, evidence of your salvation being true is when you follow God by faith. You will then trust God for guidance, being confident that the way God points out will eventually lead to eternal life.

Now when you follow by faith, you will not worry about the provisions for life. You will depend trustingly upon God and be confident that the provisions for life will be available when you need them. Your daily communication with God should be prayer and reading the scriptures. Obedience to God will be your manner of respect and honor to God. God will then be as real to you as a member of your family. You will then learn to walk with God according to the dictates of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will be your source of power and guidance to maintain your position of righteousness. All of this can only be made possible by your faith in God.

Subject: Your Faith Can Save You:

It is very important to learn the Holy Scriptures through a Holy Ghost filled teacher or preacher. The Holy Scriptures are your guide into the kingdom of heaven. The word of God declares that no matter what condition sin has caused a

person's life to be in, learning and obeying the scriptures will deliver the person. Listen to Romans 5:19:

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

The thief on the cross beside Jesus had no hope of deliverance from the awful situation that sin had put him in, and he was about to die and go to hell. However, at the last minute his faith in believing that Jesus was the Son of God saved his soul though his body died. The moment the thief believed that Jesus was the Christ, confessed it, and asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His kingdom, the thief became a saint by means of his faith in Jesus.

Subject: Your Faith Will Cause Your Prayers To Reach God:

You need more than a sin-free life in order for your prayers to reach God. When you go to God in prayer, you must believe sincerely that you are talking to God as if He is in hearing distance, and that He has an understanding, and is sympathetic to your condition. You must have faith to believe that on the strength of His word He will grant your request in His own way and time according to the faith that you have. You should believe that whatever God will do to relieve you of your difficulties, He will do.

It must be as a result of our belief that we are praying and asking for help. The fact that we pray should show that we have a degree of faith. We must also have a strong, conclusive, unalterable conviction that our answer and solution for our problem will be granted. There must be a feeling of certainty as strong as that in a child who comes to the table for dinner knowing that mother will serve dinner.

You should never believe that you are in such bad condition that it would be too costly or too difficult for God to solve your problem. Your prayer would then be considered as mockery, and not regarded by God. You should believe that when you come to God, He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. This will be evident that you believe God is a reality. Faith must always precede your prayer request. When you obey God, You are considered to be righteous, and His word is in support of your life. Listen to Psalms 34:15:

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

Subject: Are You Willing To Stay With God?

The scriptures teach that the person who lays his hand to the gospel plow and looks back is not fit for the kingdom of heaven (St. Luke 9:62). When you start serving God and for some reason decide to stop, you are not fit to enter the kingdom of God and receive everlasting life.

There is no possession that you can acquire in life that is more precious than a true fellowship with God. It is important to have an understanding of why serving God is your best choice. When your understanding of how the offer that God makes is far better than anything the world has to offer, you will not allow anything to make you regret that you made a start with God.

I personally would not go after anything in the world that would require me having to reject my fellowship with God. The safety for your soul is worth more than anything the world has to offer. What would it profit to gain the whole world and lose your soul?

Now if you are not sure that you want to stay with God, ask God to arrange a situation for your faith to be tried so that you can see where you stand with God. God will give you a little job like He gave Abraham when He commanded Abraham to offer up his only son as a sacrifice. When you go through a test and maintain your fellowship and obedience to God, the Holy Spirit will bear witness, and others will be able to see without a doubt that the way you have chosen is the way of holiness.

Subject: Don't Let Adversity Stop You:

Now as you start with the Lord you will meet many who won't appreciate you. This is when you need understanding and light in your soul to live as an individual. If you are going to fret because of evil doers, or workers of iniquity, then you may look back and wish that you had not started with the Lord.

As you go along this way of holiness you will see those who are falling all around you like soldiers on the battlefield. As the conditions of the world get bad, so will the conditions of those who profess godliness and their hearts are not pure. When folk don't understand that God is their leader, they will stop. They have to learn that only God can make them dwell in safety.

Subject: Prayer Is A Mighty Force:

Prayer is a mighty force if your life is sin-free. God will not ignore a prayer of a holy person whose life is sin-free. Prayer carries a lot of power and can cause things to change. Elijah was just an ordinary prophet who was subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. Elijah prayed again, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth fruit.

Prayer is a petition or request to God that He will give attention to. Prayer is respect for God and an acknowledgement to God that His power is above all else in the creation, and that God is able to do anything. Prayer must come from the heart of a person with complete and absolute dependency upon God.

When a person prays, God looks at the faith and sincerity of the person's heart along with the request. The emotions of the person's heart is just as important as the words of request. Faith, feelings of emotion, and sincerity of heart will carry the request to God to receive an answer.

Groans in place of words are accepted in prayers as a feeling of urgency and a desperate need for help. When you groan in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit will carry a message of need to God when your life is pleasing to God. God will answer your prayer according to the message of the Holy Spirit that you may not know about until you receive the request. You don't have to know good English to pray, your heavenly Father knows and understands your needs.

Subject: The Prayer That Will Reach God:

Prayer must be dictated by the Holy Spirit to the person to be presented to God. The Holy Spirit must speak through the person who is praying to God. The prayer will then honor God, and request a blessing upon another person as well as the person who is praying. The spirit in the prayer must cause the person to acknowledge their dependence upon God.

The person praying must understand that the very breath in their nostrils comes from God. When God is honored and a blessing is asked for others, such a prayer has been dictated by the Holy Spirit and not by the person praying. The Holy Spirit dictates all prayers that reach God; it simply uses the voice of the person praying.

Subject: The Power Of God Worked For Elisha Just As It Did For Elijah:

Prayer is the greatest medium that God has allowed man to use to ask for what he needs, and not everything he wants. A selfish heart is not acceptable with a prayer request. As the Spirit of God is moving upon the earth to give you the new-birth, it is honoring the medium of prayer. When prayers are properly presented, all things will be new in a person's life. Such a person will receive a new mind.

The story of Elijah upon Mt. Carmel gave the world a lesson of how ready God is to answer prayers. Anytime God shut up heaven to prevent the rain from falling on the earth, He will surely do things less momentous. God will do just as much for you and I if we are faithful and true. When Elijah became fearful because of the threat of Jezebel, God made preparations for Elijah to be evacuated. God does not want His people to have fear and torment; He wants you to know that you can reach Him in prayer. So God sent a chariot for Elijah and took Him from the earth, and his mantle fell on Elisha.

When Elisha came to the Jordan River on his return trip after receiving Elijah's mantle, he struck the water as Elijah had done previously, and the waters rolled back for Elisha just as it had done for Elijah. All the things that Elijah was able to do, Elisha was able to do. God depends on no one man; His power can work just as well in different men.

Subject: Live Right And Ask God For What You Need:

If you live right you can ask God for what you need, and it will be given to you. Now when you live right you will be careful of what you ask for. A child of God doesn't ask for everything; he or she will seek to know what the will of God is, and whatever is in accord with the will of God, they will seek to obtain.

If you keep God's commandments, you can't ask contrary to His will. Listen to James 4:3:

Verse 3 - Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

God commands us not to lust. If we ask according to His will, whatever we ask will be granted, but if we don't keep His commandments and ask, we will be asking amiss, that is, we will ask for it and miss, because we ask to consume it for

our own lusts, but if there is no lust, God has promised to supply according to our needs.

Subject: Temptation Is Not A Sin:

Temptation is not a sin; it is an enticement to commit sin. Christ was tempted in all points, but He did not yield. You need help when you are tempted, and if you don't yield the Holy Spirit will help you. You must call on God when you are being tempted, and ask the Saviour to help you; then you will receive extra strength that is more powerful than the temptations. The Holy Spirit will then guide you through a path of safety. Your knowledge of your limited strength will allow you to clearly see that you are getting help not to yield. When you are being tempted to sin such enticements are presented by Satan. Satan needs an asset in order to get you to yield to temptations, and that asset is your desire to yield.

Satan carefully studies your life to learn your besetting sins, and makes preparations to present such temptations to you accordingly. The competition that Satan will have is that you also know your besetting sins, and you will be able to see when the urge to commit such sins is being aroused. At such time you can call upon the name of the Lord and He will help you.

Subject: Why Are Temptations Necessary For The Saved Person?

If you have repented of your sins and you don't have the Holy Spirit, the devil is going to present temptations to entice you to go back to a life of sin. Temptations will make you seek the Holy Spirit for spiritual strength if you truly want to be saved. God will allow us to be tempted because it is the only way that we can be perfected and prepared for the eventual spiritual life that we hope to live in heaven.

Humans that are born as sinners are born in underprivileged conditions. A sinner's life must be completely upgraded to a spiritual life of holiness in order for the plan of God to go to work for them to prepare the sinner to live in the kingdom of heaven. Temptations from the devil are a very important part of this process. The process to be born again will only go to work for the pure in heart, and temptations will help in the purification process for the person to be made perfect in holiness.

Subject: The Record Of Job Is For Our Benefit:

Satan was able to go to God and have Him grant permission to bring upon Job the greatest catastrophe that any one individual has ever experienced by Satan. The record of Job's suffering and trials has been recorded in the Bible for our knowledge and strength that when we have trouble, tests, or trials we may look back at the record of Job's experiences and see that God stood by and watched over Job because Job was a righteous man.

The devil can work on the wicked person without restraint, but when he works upon the righteous, God restrains him, because God is the shield and buckler for the righteous. Nevertheless, God is willing to suffer Satan to try you to tempt you, and to prove to you that you might know that God's power is better in you than Satan's pressure is upon you.

Whenever a person is proven of God, no matter who he is, he will never yield to sin in the time of trouble. He will see the hand of God extended toward him, and he feels that though he is being tried by the devil, that he will come out all right in the end. It will be his faith in God that will give him victory.

Now the Lord wanted Israel to realize that no matter what the magicians and sorcerers of Egypt did, He could bring the children of Israel out of Egypt. Moses went to the Pharaoh and told him that God had sent him; the Pharaoh had no knowledge of God. Moses told the Pharaoh that God said, "I am that I am". When Moses began to work the miracles, the Pharaoh called magicians, and they did everything that Moses did. Finally, Moses was commanded of God to throw down his rod. The magicians also threw down their rods. Moses' rod was converted to a serpent or snake, and the magician's rod did the same, but the snake from Moses' rod devoured the snakes from the rods of the magicians. Afterward, God commanded Moses to pick up the snake that his rod was converted to, and Moses was reluctant, but when Moses obeyed God, the snake was converted back to a rod, and the rods of the magicians had been devoured by the power of God.

After observing the works of God, the Pharaoh's heart became harder. The Pharaoh did not realize that it was God who caused his heart to be harder and stubborn, and it was for this purpose that God had raised the Pharaoh up to be ruler over Egypt. The Pharaoh was prepared by God to be an instrument of rebellion against the power of God, that God would show to the world that His power is greater than the power of the devil. At that time, Egypt was the greatest nation on earth. The price that the Pharaoh had to pay would be the loss of his first-born son and his army in the red sea.

Subject: A Haughty Spirit Goes Before A Fall:

A haughty spirit goes before a fall. Watch folk who try to exalt themselves, they will eventually experience a fall. God has so fixed life that when folk begin to exalt themselves with pride, conceit, and a high-minded attitude, they will fall. God won't work with a person who thinks too much of his or herself. There are those who seek honor and praise for themselves. They are ignorant of the fact that such a spirit is against God.

It is wise to learn the knowledge of the word of God and to try your spirit to see if it is against God. Spirits can sometimes subdue you if they are contrary to what the word of God teaches. If you perceive that an evil spirit is trying to lead you wrong, you should go to God in prayer. No man can break a spirit, but the God of spirits is able to subdue any spirit. When God speaks, evil spirits of the devil will tremble and leave you.

There are many people who allow evil spirits to make them feel big. People are always ready to accept a spirit that will give them authority over other people. Those in positions of authority must humble themselves to God, and God will assist them to be humble as a leader of others. Humility must be inclusive with authority in order for God to help those in authority. The person that opposes God shall not continue. If you want the assistance of God, you should not exercise a spirit of self-exhortation, but a spirit of humility, which is the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Pride Goeth Before Destruction:

The good nature of a person is revealed in humility. Humility is a holy quality of character. You can only acquire humility when you receive the Holy Spirit. Humility is among the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22). Humility is true greatness. You are not great unless you are humble. All other aspects of greatness will not last. Humility is greatness that will last throughout eternity.

There are men of greatness who are very careful not to allow the splendor or magnificence of their greatness to cause them to disregard those who appear to be insignificant subjects under their authority. A great general in the military will give high esteem to the soldiers under his command. Such a general will then meet the qualifications of humility. Humility is not just a word, but a state of spiritual excellence that God acknowledges.

Jesus who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords came riding on the foal of an ass into Jerusalem at a time when His entrance was victorious. He received great adoration of the people, but showed humility by the choice of the beast upon which

He rode. Other kings of that day would have chosen a chariot driven by prancing horses with an escort of decorated soldiers wearing jeweled crowns and flamboyant robes.

Christ taught that greatest is humility. He taught that he who is greatest among you should be a servant. A haughty proud spirit goes before destruction. When you begin to feel magnificent about yourself, showing pride and splendor in self, you are headed for a fall. Such an attitude of pride and splendor is against God, and such people will surely fall.

Remember Hitler, Alexander the great, Napoleon, and others who came in power with pride and arrogance; they found out too late that glory does not come to one that is without humility.

Subject: Who Can Be Perfect?

It is not impossible for a person to be perfect; but they must first get the mind to be perfect. There must first be a desire to be perfect. Then the person must obey the instructions given in God's word to be perfect. Christ would not have preached the Sermon on the Mount to be perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect if it were not possible to be perfect.

Perfection is a gift that actually comes from God to those who believe that they can be perfect. Perfection simply means measuring up to the standard of righteousness that God's word teaches. If you can get a perfect score in school, why can't you get a perfect score in righteousness? It is the mind that you have to get a perfect score in school; if you acquire the same mind for getting a perfect score in righteousness God will help you.

The standard of perfection is set by God, not by man, nor by the church that you attend, neither by customs and traditions. There is no question about it, you're human and are therefore subject to make mistakes. This happens because of the flesh which makes so many demands upon you that you cannot gratify it without committing sin. Moreover, the flesh can demand your strength to be at its service when it is pampered, and will absorb the good that God put in you when you give in to it. When the good in you is dissipated by the lust of the flesh, you become so exhausted that you cannot see or hear when the good of God is sounding an alarm to warn you, so you make mistakes.

On the other hand when the good of God maintains its position of control in spite of the yearnings of the flesh, you will be able to deny the flesh such appetites of the flesh within due bounds of good behavior. The result will be that you, though a human being, will quickly measure unto the stature of the fullness of

Christ and consequently will be perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Subject: You Can Be Perfect With The Help Of God:

If God gives a command and that command is not obeyed by you, then you become a sinner. You must obey the command of God as it applies to your life in order to be free from sin. Everything that God tells you to do, He tells you how to do it. You will receive salvation and blessings when you obey God as He instructs. When you are willing to obey God, He will help to supply the strength when obedience is difficult. God must first see your will to do resulting from your efforts.

Many years ago when I started out with the Lord, I didn't see how a person could live in this world and not commit sin. It didn't seem possible that a person could be perfect. Later I learned the scripture in St. Matthew 5:48 that said, "*Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect*". I accepted the scripture and I believed it was possible, and started out trying to obey. At the time that I began to see myself becoming perfect, I did not realize that it was the power of the Holy Spirit that God had given to me that was helping me.

Subject: When You Are Saved, You Are Equal With God.

When you are born again, you are equal with God, because God will put His Spirit in you and a part of God will be living in you. You will then be perfect as God is perfect (St. Matthew 5:48). When you get the mind that Christ had, you are equal with God. Listen to Philippians 2:5:

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

Now you can't convince other people that you are equal with God, you can only convince yourself. When you are saved, God has called you up to a standard of perfection that makes you equal with God.

Subject: Love:

God is love and His love is available to anybody who is willing to repent of their sins. The thing that separates man from the love of God is disobedience to the commandments of God. The commandments of God are not grievous if you obey them. You will find that the commandments of God will bring joy, peace, and happiness if you obey them. You cannot return love to God unless you keep His commandments. God does not accept expressions of love from those who commit sins. Listen to St. John 14:15:

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

The Lord says, if you love me, keep my commandments. Church rituals are not acceptable expressions of love if sin is in the lives of those who are practicing such rituals. God ignores the church services of sinners. God's eyes are upon righteous people who obey Him, and He accepts their expressions of love.

When you acquire the mind to keep God's commandments, He will give you His Spirit to help you. The Holy Spirit brings the love of God into your life giving you power to continuously obey God's commandments. The love of God is the fruit of the Holy Spirit that will be with you forever. The Spirit of God is perfect love, and you will be able to extend this love to others as you go through life.

Subject: The Peace Of God:

My precious listeners and readers, hope that is not based upon what the word of God promises vanishes in the time of troubles. We hope for the day that God will bring peace on earth. When God sent Jesus Christ into the world to teach men righteousness, angels ushered Him in and they announced His presence to shepherds, saying, peace on earth, and good will toward men (St. Luke 2:14).

Peace from the kingdom of heaven is what Jesus came to bring. Such a request for peace was presented in the prayer that Jesus prayed requesting that the will of God be done in heaven, and in the earth. The introduction to peace is given to those who have received Jesus by means of the Holy Spirit giving the new birth.

When God creates the new heaven and the new earth, peace will be universal. Today you can have peace in your personal life if you obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every man and woman who hears, and accepts the gospel of Jesus Christ will have peace. When Jesus is in your life, you don't have to fear. You can laugh in the rain, smile at the storm, and hide your mind in the promises of

God. When you obey God's command you can stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

Subject: Peace Must Be In Your Heart:

When the peace of God comes into your heart or mind, you can have peace in the midst of confusion. Peace from God will remain with you in the time of trouble. This is the peace we need while living in this present world. Life without peace is not worth living.

The peace of God will keep you from worrying about things because you will be able to make your request to God through supplication and prayer. If you do this, the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your heart and mind through Jesus Christ.

Make no mistake, it will be of no profit to seek the world for peace. The world has no peace. The activities of the world are against peace. When you give God your heart, the Holy Spirit will bring the peace of God into your heart.

Subject: You Must Seek To Be Perfect To Manifest Christ In Your Life:

If you want to manifest Christ in your life, you have got to manifest Him through faith that you have in His word. You can only show Christ to other people by the way that you act. You must practice to be perfect whenever you are threatened or reviled; you must not seek revenge. When you have the peace of God in your life, you must hold your peace during the time of adversity.

Under no conditions should you speak to offend your opposers. If you want peace in your heart and good will toward all men, you must accept the teachings of the Prince of Peace, and practice them daily. You must wish everybody success and happiness out of the depth of your hearts. Peace on earth comes because men do not envy the success of others. War comes because people are covetous and envious.

Jesus came to show you and me how to have good will toward all men, and peace on earth. Christ, the Son of God is also called The Prince of Peace, The everlasting Father, The mighty God, Wonderful, and Counselor. If you take counsel from Him, you will have peace.

Subject: A Never Ending Story Of Blessings:

Abraham did not begin to do God's work until he was 99 years old. Moses was 80 years when he was called by God to go back to Egypt and deliver the children of Israel. So time is with man, but life is in God's hand. God has complete and absolute power over time and nature. Both time and nature have to respond to God's desires.

God has so much power over time that those who are saved and living when Jesus returns will never die. Death and time are a curse against man, and not against God, "From everlasting to everlasting thou art God". When you are filled with the Spirit of God you will also have the benefits of the infinity of God. This means that you will have unlimited blessings and works of God at your availability. God is going to give those of us who have labored in the vineyard the strength to live throughout eternity. Life in the kingdom of heaven will be a never ending story of the blessings of God.

Subject: When You Receive Wisdom From God, You Will Also Receive Blessings:

If you believe in God your hope will be that if you die you will live again receiving a life far more joyous than the life that you presently have. This is the hope that the resurrection of Jesus Christ has made available to those who believe His gospel. Your belief in the word of God will help you to know that if you die in the Lord you shall also live with Him. When you repent of your sins, God will give you the Holy Spirit to establish this hope in your mind.

When God gives you the Holy Spirit, He also gives you wisdom which comes from above, and excels all the wisdom that the world might be able to give you. Along with wisdom from above, you will have everything you need for your comfort and survival while you live in this present world. The wisdom that you live by will cause the blessings of God to overtake you.



CHAPTER 8

TRUE PREACHERS VERSUS FALSE PREACHERS

TRUE PREACHERS: MINISTERS OF GOD **AND THEIR CHURCHES:**

Subject: The Church:

Without the power of the Holy Spirit being in a church, the church is carnal. Carnality is the absence of godliness. Carnality is sensual or earthly, and is not connected with heaven. There is only one power that can keep the church spiritual, and that is the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit is not in the church, there will be nothing there that will be beneficial for the worshipers to be saved.

The Holy Spirit brings us up to date on the principles established by God through the apostles so that we might not be carnal, and that the church is not a physical building made of bricks and cement, but a body of spiritual believers cemented together by love, and practicing the teachings of Christ.

When the church is under the influence of the Holy Spirit, the worshipers are members of the body of Christ. They are built together for a habitation of His Spirit that wherever they go, others can see that God's temple is not made of wood or stone, but of lively stones consisting of members that are filled with the Holy Spirit united in Christ.

Preachers today are supposed to be laborers together to help carnal people to be spiritual, so that the church may be the church that Christ established, which is "The Church of God". In I Corinthians 3:9 it teaches that "ye are God's building". God does not dwell in temples made with hands; He dwells in the hearts of people. God dwells in the spiritual heart, which is the mind of people. When God is in the hearts or minds of the people, then their bodies become His temple, and the people are "The Church of God". Such people will no longer be carnal, but spiritual.

Subject: A Description Of The True Church Of God:

A church that the Holy Spirit is ministering to would not let members reside there who create divisions, contention, arguments and disturb the peace of the members. Such members should be put away from the church if they cannot be restored or corrected. To tolerate the conduct of such members would be repulsive to the Holy Spirit of God, causing the spiritual direction and inspiration that the Holy Spirit would normally give to be curtailed.

A religious leader who is called and sent by God to preach would not be a leader of a church to which the Holy Spirit is not ministering. Such a church would consist of Saints and not merely Christians. The members of the church would be one in spirit, belief, and conduct. Such members would have perfect love one for another. They would possess the spirit of true humility, respecting their religious leader's counsel and instructions as if God himself had sent the instructions directly to the church.

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

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

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

Subject: You Must Have A God-Sent Preacher:

If you are not under the spiritual counsel, instructions and leadership of a God-sent preacher you will go wrong in life. It doesn't matter how much you think you are going right, you will go wrong. You cannot lead yourself in the path of righteousness, you must be led by God, and God will only lead you through a God-sent preacher. It doesn't matter how much you read the Bible, or how long you have been a deacon, trustee or Sunday school teacher in your church, you can't lead or teach yourself. You must be watched over and spiritually governed by a God-sent minister of the gospel. Your pastor must be a truly God-sent leader, or else you will nevertheless go wrong. The God-sent preacher is supposed to be an example of righteousness standing before his congregation that the light of

righteousness will shine in the midst of the people, and cause them to worship God in the presence of the Holy Spirit. For this purpose, God has sent the preacher to the people that are called to be the people of God.

Subject: You Will Know The True Religious Leader By His Fruits:

Take heed that you do not allow any preacher to deceive you, for many religious leaders will come in the last days (we are presently living in the last days) saying that God sent them, and they will deceive many people. No doubt, most of the religious people of today have been deceived and are following the wrong leaders. You will know the true religious leader by his fruit, not just the fruit of the Holy Spirit in his life, but also the fruit in your life also.

If your religious leader is false, you will be false also. Never lie to yourself and say that you are saved when your life is producing sinful fruit. A true religious leader will manifest the fruit of the Holy Spirit in his life, as well as in your life. You will always be able to tell a true leader by the good works that he is doing in your life. If you are a liar, thief, liquor drinker, adultery or fornicator and you belong to a church, this means that your religious leader is producing bad fruit.

You can know your religious leader by his fruit in you. You don't have to know the secrets of his life to know what he is; you only need to know the secret sins of your own heart. If you have malice, hatred, jealousy, strife, emulations, greed and a desire for vengeance in your own heart, this is what your religious leader has produced in your life. He is a failure and so are you.

FALSE PREACHERS AND THEIR CHURCHES:

Subject: How To Identify The False Religious Leaders Of Satan:

A religious leader that Satan sends will not put up a sign saying that he is a leader of the devil. He won't introduce himself by telling you he is the devil. You must have knowledge of the word of God to be able to identify and evaluate him as being a leader of the devil. You know a duck by the way it walks, quacks, and looks, though a duck could be dressed up; you would then call him Donald Duck, but he's still a duck. You learned that he was a duck by learning the characteristics of a duck. This is the same way you identify a false religious leader. You learn the characteristics of the false leader, and it doesn't matter if the minister is your brother, father or husband he is still of the devil, based upon the characteristics that fit him.

Such a minister of Satan will try to make you believe that you are his best friend, but he's your enemy when he fits the characteristics of a false religious leader. The literature that I have composed, by the help of God, will help you to identify the characteristics of false religious leaders. You would be surprised to learn that they are more common, and closer to you than a true religious leader.

Subject: How Is Your Church?

If some of the members are raising hell in your church, then Jesus did not build your church. In St. Matthews 16:18 it teaches that the gates of hell shall not prevail against Jesus' church. When you find many devilish, hellish people in your church, you must understand that Jesus doesn't have anything to do with your church.

If there are disagreements, discord, strife, divisions and confusion in your church, it is most probable that you are not getting any peace there. You are most likely being tormented there. Confusion belongs to those who are tormented. I have learned what I am preaching from Christians who go to their churches. If you belong to a hellish Christian church, you will not keep it a secret; you will tell it to others who are not members of your church. You can very easily learn that a church is inappropriate because of the substance of the behavior of its members.

Hell will be a place of torment with people whose behavior patterns are devilish. Such behavior patterns will begin in this present world, and if people do not repent, God will transfer them to a place called hell where everybody will have hellish behavior patterns. Such things as envy, strife, hatred, malice, confusion and evil communications will be pre-eminent in hell.

Today you have the privilege to turn from attending such hellish churches. With this mind, God will lead you to the church that Jesus built. Jesus builds a church using people, and not sticks and stones. The church that Jesus builds will consist of peace, love, joy, righteousness and good behavior among the members, because the gates of hell will not be able to prevail against it.

Subject: What Are Your Church And Pastor Doing For You?

The teachings of Christ give rules for human relationships that have the substance of good character, which cannot be excelled. If a man or group of people practices the teachings of Christ they will find many of their difficulties and problems of life being eliminated as they go through life. What good are your church and your religious teaching if they have not made your life any better?

Your church is no better than your automobile mechanic is if it can't solve your personal life's problems. At least your mechanic can fix your car. What do you need a pastor for, to merely preach your funeral? He won't tell the truth about you any way. Your pastor is just a figurehead. His counsel cannot solve his own marital problems, so what can he do for you? Has your church made a difference in your life? What is your pastor teaching that has helped you to be saved from your sins? Your sins are your problem. You don't need a religious sideshow to be saved from sin. You need to repent and receive Jesus.

Subject: Will Church Folk Be Able To Identify Their Day Of Visitation?

During the time that God decided to come to the earth and pay Israel a visit; the nation of Israel had established religious sects such as the Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, Essenes and Herodians. These religious sects had established themselves as being the influential and important people in Israel, and under no

condition would they accept another religious leader who was not a part of the established sects to impose a teaching on the people of Israel that would undermine their authority and reputations in Israel.

These established religious sects were so far from following the important principles taught in the Law of Moses that when God came to the earth in human form in the person of Jesus Christ, they did not recognize God, and they later had God crucified. The devil is the enemy of the people of the earth and he repeats his tactics of deceit.

If Christian religious leaders of today allow mega churches to have prominence, pride and lucrative ministries to cause them to take on the same spirit and attitude of hypocrisy that the leaders of the Jews did during Jesus' first appearance, then when God decides to pay the earth another visit, these religious leaders and all who follow them will not be able to identify their day of visitation from God. Listen to St. Luke 19:41-44:

Verse 41 - And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

Verse 42 - *Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes.*

Verse 43 - *For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side.*

Verse 44 - *And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.*

Subject: Church Services Are Vain For Whoremongers And Fornicators:

It is of no spiritual advantage to go to a worship service to honor God and commit fornication. Listen to Ephesians 5:3:

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

This is a command of God. Fornication is having sex with someone that you are not married to. Same sex couples that are married will also be charged for committing fornication. All sexual relations outside of the bonds of marriage between male and female are acts of fornication. God considers all such acts as being uncleanness.

Those who desire to be saved should not worship with folk who are guilty of fornication. Listen to Ephesians 5:5:

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

Subject: All False Preachers Will Go To Hell Along With Their Followers:

Never depend upon a preacher to acquire salvation by, but learn to depend upon the word of God. When this world catches on fire there will be more preachers going down than laymen. All false preachers, who fail to teach their people that they are required to live above sin to be saved, will be cast into the same lake of fire and brimstone that the devil and his angels will be cast in. Revelations 20:10 teaches us this:

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

These are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves as apostles of Christ. If you are following or attending a church with a false preacher as your pastor, there is no chance for you to be saved.

CHAPTER 9

SALVATION: SPECIAL TOPICS

Subject: God Sets Up Rulers Of Nations:

When Saul had been king over Israel, he got to the place that he thought his way was best, and that God did not have to be obeyed to the letter. Saul's decisions that were contrary to the command of God showed that he was disrespectful and defiant to God. So it was from the sons of Jesse that God had planned to raise up another man to rule in His kingdom.

God seeks and finds the person that he desires to rule and sets him up to rule. If the ruler rejects God's commandments, God rejects him just as He rejected Saul. God does not change His way of dealing with man through the centuries. The same way that God dealt with Saul, He will deal with leaders today. We may think that we are doing a lot when we nominate one of our choice to rule over us as president, but unless our choice is also God's choice, the person will be rejected by God.

The Lord ruleth in the kingdom of men, and setteth up over it whom He pleases, directing their course to the end that His common purpose might develop and materialize to the good of the people. All who fail to adhere to the words that God commands will come down from the throne and be replaced. God is interested in the welfare of the people. Those set up by God to rule must also be interested in the welfare of the people.

Subject: They Must All Have The Same Mind:

There are many who run for political offices who believe that they can hold the other person down while they acquire the higher positions. That is not true; the only way you can hold the other person down is that you have to be down with them. You cannot hold a person in the ditch unless you are in the ditch also. A pimp cannot undermine a prostitute because he is in the same business that the prostitute is in.

A political candidate cannot undermine other political candidates because they are all in the same business. If they all had a mind that was above trying to undermine one another then they would all try to lift one another up. There is no better quality of character that a person can have than the character that wants to upgrade the character of their fellow man or woman. You cannot love some people and hate others, because hate desecrates love. When you use words of hatred, folks do not see love in your life.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Sanctifies Your Marriage:

The great sins that separate men and women from God are fornication and adultery. Adultery is having sexual relations with someone other than your spouse if you are married. Fornication is having sex when neither person is married. In order to acquire desires that are free from fornication or adultery is to be married male and female, and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit sanctifies your sexual desires for only your spouse. Without having the Holy Spirit in your life and marriage, you will not be able to control your sexual desires to be limited to your spouse. To be sanctified means that your life and marriage is separated from sin and worldly pleasures. You are sanctified according to the teachings of the word of God. Listen to Hebrews 13:4:

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

Sanctification is the only way to prevent your sexual life from being defiled after you are married. Listen to I Thessalonians 4:3:

Verse 3 - For this is the will of God, even your sanctification,
that ye should abstain from fornication.

Subject: The Foreknowledge Of God:

God will show interest in a child when parents properly care for the child. Children are a gift from God. God planned the birth of the child to be a gift to the parents. Along with God planning the birth of the child, he also plans the career and future for the child before the child is born. God's plan for the child will only be successful when the parents properly rear the child according to the instructions that God gives.

Every child that is born into the world is born for a purpose. Parents can allow God's purpose for the child to be defeated by not working with God. If the parents work with God, the purpose for which the child was born will be fulfilled. A child is named by God before it is born. Time has no effect upon God's knowledge.

God knows about things before they happen, just as we know about them after they happen. So, God knows the child before the child is conceived. God

knows every child whose birth has been prevented because of abortions and birth control methods. Parents who are guilty of such will be judged by God unless they repent.

Subject: The Law Giver For God:

Moses was born for a purpose and the purpose was fulfilled by God in Moses because his parents saw that Moses was a fit child. Moses' parents looked at him and saw that he was a good and worthy child that should live, and they put their lives on the line so that Moses might live.

God has stamped an intuition in every child, when parents see the intuition and begin to train and watch over the child, God will get involved. God saw to it that Moses survived the decree of the Pharaoh to kill all the children 2 years old and younger. God had angels encamped around Moses and his parents, and Moses survived the decree. Moses grew up to be the law-giver for God to the people of the world.

Today, the world would have no knowledge of right and wrong had it not been for Moses' parents defying the decree of the Pharaoh so that Moses might live. Knowledge of right and wrong is necessary for the survival of the human race. It is the wrong deeds of people that kill them, just as the forbidden fruit killed Adam and Eve.

Subject: Instructions From The Originator Of The Plan Of Salvation Should Be Followed:

All trails lead from God when we disobey the word of God. When you follow instructions from God's word the Spirit will descend upon you and remain with you guiding you into the plan of salvation. God sent John to baptize. John had instructions and authority from the originator of the plan of salvation. The plan of salvation only works for those who follow the instructions given from the originator of the plan.

Today many religious leaders are administering rituals for salvation that are not according to the instructions given by the originator. Such religious leaders are sprinkling people with water to substitute for baptism by submerging under the water. Others are baptizing in the name of Jesus only when the instructions from the originator plainly teaches that the candidates for baptism should be baptized in

the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

The plan of salvation is from God. John did not institute the plan so he followed the plan of God as God commanded John to follow. John did not seek to please those who were candidates for baptism to make it easy for himself. John sought to obey God and therefore the people were blessed.

Those who did not follow the procedures for baptism according to the word of God have rejected the counsel of God, and have chosen to follow the counsel of men. However if they love God and truly desire to be saved, it is possible for them to correct the matter and to restore themselves in the favor of God after they have been given the correct instructions to receive a proper baptism.

Subject: Why Is Baptism Important And Necessary:

Baptism is a symbol and a memorial. It is observed that we might keep in mind the burial and resurrection of Christ. The only way that we can correctly symbolize Jesus' burial and resurrection is by being buried in the water and raised out of the water.

The instructions that are given for baptism are based upon the word of God as it has been revealed by the Holy Ghost. Those who have not been properly taught the word of God can easily be misled to follow incorrect procedures for baptism. When incorrect procedures for baptism are followed, such procedures will be administered dishonoring the burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This will result to such candidates for baptism to not be honored by God to experience the resurrection of Jesus Christ in their lives.

In order to be born again, Jesus must be resurrected in your life causing you to be a new creature in Christ. When the proper procedures for the new-birth have been dishonored, it means that such people have not received the new-birth in Christ.

Subject: More About Baptism: We Are Baptized Into The Death Of Christ (Romans 6:3):

Those who believe that Jesus died and rose again know that He died for them. He did not die for any sins that He committed; it was for our sins. So when we go down in the water for baptism it represents the burial for our sins, and when

we come up out of the water it represents a symbol of the resurrection after our sins have been buried.

The burial and resurrection of Jesus actually has power to bury our old lives of sins. When our approach to the throne of grace is sincere and we have properly followed the procedures for baptism, the power of Jesus' resurrection will bury our sins, and we will be able to live a new life in Christ free from sin.

We would have experienced the baptism of Jesus' death on Calvary causing the death of our old lives of sin to be buried with Christ. Listen to Romans 6:3-4:

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

Verse 4 - Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

AFTERWORD

The world is broken. It does not offer any contentment for the problems that people are having. Today the gospel of Jesus Christ is knocking at the door of your mind to come in and give you the new-birth. You must open the door of your mind to receive the offer that God is making.

Today we are living in the “Grace Age”, the period of time that God has given people of the earth to be saved through a God sent, Holy Ghost filled preacher, in preparation for the Judgment to come. However, God has given men and women their free will of choice, therefore, the choice is yours. You must take advantage of the offer while you are living in this troubled world.

The word of God tells us in Revelation 22:17, “...And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely”. Please do not hesitate or procrastinate; repent and believe the gospel. “Today is the day of salvation”.



