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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

If you have a desire to enter into the kingdom of heaven one day, Elder Alonzo Kilgore's series of books, ("Saved from Sin") can be used as a guide to get you there. In Volume X, Elder Kilgore teaches the basic principles for what is necessary to be saved from sin. He also gives in depth information about being filled with the Holy Spirit or being born again, which is necessary to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Every principle taught in Volume X is based upon what the Bible teaches (The Original King James Version). You don't want to gamble with your soul and think that you will be lucky and go heaven. You must have the correct knowledge from the word of God, taught by a Holy Ghost filled, God-sent preacher. Elder Kilgore is such a preacher, and he has experienced the processes of salvation explained in this book. You will be blessed if you read this information with sincerity of heart, and are able to apply it to your everyday living by the grace and help of God.

INTRODUCTION

Christ Is The Only Means Of Deliverance From Sin:

God through the Holy Scriptures has given us a thorough outline of His plan in creating this world. Inclusive in God's plan is the redemption from sin for those who are willing to repent, and the final judgment for those who fail to repent. Sin has become such a habitual part of man's life that there is no means of deliverance except through Christ. Sinful habits develop when we lean toward satisfaction of the appetites of the flesh. Man seeks to satisfy such appetites rather than to believe all that is written for our learning in the scriptures for deliverance from such desires.

When Christ came to bring us a solution for our sinful habits, He started by teaching what Moses taught, and further expounded upon all that the prophets taught concerning the plan of salvation for sins. In St. Luke 24:27 it teaches that Jesus went back to Moses to whom God gave the law on Mt. Sinai. Jesus noted certain prophecies regarding His own coming. Today many have failed to understand the scriptures much like the people did during Jesus' ministry. The scriptures were very clear, but the priests and Levites had translated them to the people in a misleading and confusing language, much like many preachers of our day are doing. People today have shown no significant interest in understanding what the scriptures teach; they simply accept everything that preachers teach.

The initial purpose of the law given to Moses on Mt. Sinai was to help man understand that when sin began to fill his life, it separated him from God, and caused him to destroy himself. Sin distorts the judgment of man, causing him to make unwise decisions that will eventually cause suffering and death. If man fails to accept the instructions in God's word, he will do that which will destroy him. God is love, and for this reason, He warns and instructs, telling man what the end to a life of sin will be. When a person takes in God's instructions, he will be able to see and forecast that sin corrupts the mind, and destroys the body and soul.

The People Were Slow Of Heart To Believe God's Warnings From The Prophets:

Men of past times who spoke as prophets of God were moved by the Holy Ghost to tell men the results of sin. Later, God sent Moses to give the law to further expound upon what the results of sin would be if man continued to live in

sin. God continued to send prophets to warn the people who had disregarded the Law of Moses. The prophets that followed Moses did not make new laws, but simply continued to remind the disobedient people that their continued disregard for the law would surely bring damnable consequences. In some instances, the messages of the prophets were heeded, and many were saved, such as the people of Nineveh during Jonah's time.

Up to this present day, millions through the ages have hardened their hearts, and stiffened their necks, boldly rejecting and ignoring the warnings of the prophets. The attitude of the Jews during Jesus' ministry towards the Law of Moses was outwardly in the appearance of obedience, but they failed to keep the significant truth of the law contained in the word of God. Therefore, when Jesus took their minds back to all that Moses and the prophets had taught, Christ called them fools and slow of heart to believe. Listen to St. Luke 24:25-27:

Verse 25 - *Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:*

Verse 26 - *Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?*

Verse 27 - *And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*

Every Word Of God From Moses To Christ Is Faithful And True:

In spite of man's pride and conceit through the ages, it is clear that every word of God revealed through Moses and the prophets is faithful and true. Men of times past carefully weighed the words of Moses and the prophets before the birth of Christ. Ancient prophecies have been fulfilled in letter and in spirit.

Today any honest person, with an impartial spirit and an open mind can take the words of God contained in the Law of Moses and the prophets and put them to an acid test, and will find that they are true and faithful, and can be believed. Whether the people of any given period of time believe the word of God or not, the word of God is true. The judgments of God are sure, and it will come to pass that God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil (Ecclesiastes 12:14). Man's belief or disbelief will not alter the power of the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Nevertheless, it will be good for those who believe, because the Lord said, those who believe shall be saved, and those who do not believe shall be damned.

The glory of God shall bring to an end the entire world that man has marred. The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Afterwards, God will create a new heavens and a new earth where will indwell nothing but righteous saints, who will make the decision that they want to be righteous while they live in this present world (II Peter 3:10-11).

Christ Is A Minister Of Righteous People:

Christ is not a minister of those who are living in sin. Listen to Galatians 2:17 that will support this statement:

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

If Christ was sent by God to save us from our sins, and after that we say we are saved, we continue to live a life of sin, then our testimony would be contrary to Christ's purpose, because Christ is not a minister of sin.

When Christ comes into your life, the old man that was a sinner is crucified after the manner that Christ was crucified. The things that Christ did to save us were done to have a spiritual effect in our lives. Christ suffered and sacrificed a flesh and blood human body that we might experience the spiritual effects in our lives. Just as Christ was crucified in a physical body, when we receive Christ our reception of Christ allows our spiritual life of sin to be crucified. When the spiritual nature is crucified, the body of sin dies.

Christ was crucified in the physical so that our sinful nature is crucified in the spiritual. Listen to Romans 6:6:

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

If we seek to be justified by saying we are saved, and yet continue to live a life of sin, we make Christ a minister of sin. Christ is not a minister of sin, but a minister

of righteousness. You cannot have Christ in your life and be a sinner at the same time. If you testify in this manner, your testimony will make Christ a liar.

Now many Christians believe that everybody sins. That is their belief, and not the belief of the people who don't sin. Now to believe that everybody sins due to their ignorance is a belief that must go through the valley of the shadow of death with them. A religion is not of much good to a person if they use it to contend with other people who have different beliefs. An effective religious teaching will deliver a person from the power of death, because death is the enemy that sin brought upon man.

I don't contend with anybody who has a different religious belief. I simply share my knowledge with those who are interested. An effective religious teaching should have power to deliver a person from the fear of death. If your religious teaching does not have power to deliver you from the fear of death, then the strength of sin is in your religious teaching. Listen to I Corinthians 15:56:

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

Paul was teaching that the law was continuously used by many after Christ came, because the law permitted sins that the Jews made sacrifices for. By allowing sin to be a continuous part of their religious teaching after Christ came to fulfill the law by removing sin, the strength of sin for those who rejected Christ was in the law, or their first religious teaching. The law allowed sin to take an occasion with continuous sacrifices of the blood of bulls and goats.

Listen to Hebrews 9:11-14:

Verse 11 - But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

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

Verse 13 - For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

Verse 14 - How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through

the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The Law of Moses allowed sacrifices for sins permitting the people to still commit sin. In the teachings of the Law a more perfect sacrifice was introduced that would remove sin once and for all of those who received Jesus Christ. Christ was the more perfect and final sacrifice for sin causing the sacrifices of bulls and goats to be outdated and no longer acceptable to God. Listen to Hebrews 10:12-14:

Verse 12 - But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Verse 13 - From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

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

The Importance Of A Child:

There are two ways that you can help children. You can help children by example and by nature. After children are born, parents can demonstrate how a righteous life is better than a life of sin. Before children are born, parents can make it possible for the children to inherit a righteous nature. This can only be done by parents who are born again.

All other means of correcting and training a child are not substantial. If parents drink beer and whiskey, they will be wasting their time trying to teach children that illegal drugs are wrong. God is the only sure help for a child who is born into this world. If parents are not born again when their child is conceived, the child will be born with the nature to be wicked. Now parents can try all kinds of intellectual and psychological ways to train a child, and think that they are getting somewhere. However, unless they train up a child the way that God's word teaches, the child will be vulnerable to the wicked devices of the world that they will not be able to deal with .

Now man has conquered the air, the sea and he has subdued the earth and brought the earth to be at his aid. These things have been done well, but the most sacred act that man needs to work with God in doing is to continue with the human life cycle by preparing a future generation to replace the passing generation.

The hope of a nation depends upon how adequately man can do this. This is based upon the conception of a child, and preparing the child to take on a proper functional place in a changing world. Unless God helps a man to do this, the world will get worse before Jesus returns for the final judgment.

Will The World Be Ready For The Next Appearance Of The Messiah?

Jesus' birth was on time. His birth was at the fullness of time when all connecting events matured to produce a single event of His appearing. At the time prior to Jesus' arrival, three significant groups of people made unconscious contributions. They were the Romans, the Greeks, and the Jews.

The Romans were instrumental in making travel and communication more accessible. The Greeks gave a common language that made it possible for universal messages. While the Jews were under the rulership of the Romans, they were allowed by the Roman government to put synagogues in almost every Roman city. In these synagogues the Greek version of the Old Testament was read. This gave knowledge to the people that a deliverer was about to appear (St. Luke 3:15).

The appearance and proceeding movements of the Lord in His dealings with men at different times were always perfectly timed. There will be another appearance soon to happen, and it will be perfectly timed according to the scriptures. The world has been given knowledge of the next appearance; will they be ready?

CHAPTER I

**HEAVEN:
A PREPARED PLACE FOR A
PREPARED PEOPLE**

**Subject: You Must Qualify To Get To Heaven
(St. Matthew 5:17-18):**

I would not preach a sermon to carry a person to heaven with excitement and then have to bring them back by showing them that they are not qualified to go to heaven. It is better to get right before you get excited about going to heaven. It is a waste of time to think that you are going somewhere, and you are not able to qualify, nor afford to go.

If you are going to be saved, you can only qualify when you learn what the qualifications are. It is your own actions that disqualify you to get into heaven. God gives a continuous invitation and instructions on how to qualify. The gospel of Jesus Christ lays out a plan for man to know what is required to be saved. The first part of the plan to be saved was given in the law that Moses brought, and the second part was fulfilled by Jesus Christ. Jesus was sent to help us to be delivered from the restrictions in the law that could keep us out of heaven. The law was very strict, and all who did not accept Jesus' fulfillment of the law could not qualify to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Because the law was so strict and easy to break, God raised up Jesus who would give wisdom, knowledge, and power to qualify a person to go to heaven in spite of the law. The law was given to show those who wanted to be saved a need for a Savior to help them to qualify to go to heaven. The Law of Moses brought the knowledge of sin and Jesus brought the power to live above the law that provided a means of escaping the condemnation of the law.

Jesus taught that a person must acquire the fear of God that would motivate them to repent of their sins. This kind of fear is created by love, a fear that a person might acquire disfavor by continuing to commit sins that the law forbids. This fear of God would be respect for God rather than to be terrorized by the law.

Subject: Divine Love Has More Power Than The Law:

You can only be saved by hearing and believing the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. The gospel of the kingdom of heaven teaches righteousness. It can only be preached and taught by the power of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit uses a preacher to preach the gospel of the kingdom of heaven, it infiltrates the minds of the listeners to give them power to be born again.

The gospel of the kingdom of heaven has power to overwhelm the carnal mind and convert it to a spiritual mind. The gospel of the kingdom of heaven carries the power of God unto salvation. When you are converted by the gospel of

the kingdom of heaven, it takes down the carnal operations of your life and sets up new spiritual operations. The gospel of the kingdom of heaven is directly contrary to the way that the kingdoms of this world operate.

The kingdoms of this world operate by laws and law enforcement that its citizens are forced to obey. The kingdom of heaven operates by love, which is empowered by the Holy Spirit to cause its citizens to desire to obey God. If you become a citizen of the kingdom of heaven, you will not be forced to obey God. You will be inspired to obey God by the power in the love of God. The love of God carries power that is greater than the laws of this world, and can generate an overwhelming desire to obey God.

The gospel of the kingdom produces a civilization of people that will have conduct above human behavior patterns that we see in this present world. The love of God allows people to live in a holy society where no disciplinary measures are needed. This is because ill conduct will not be in the nature of its citizens. Such citizens will possess holy conduct produced by their holy nature. Such nature will be the divine nature of God living in all of its citizens by the power of the Holy Spirit.

When you are born again, you can live without a law to force you to do right, because you are moved by divine love that makes you reject sin so that you will please God. Therefore, He gives you power that takes away all appetite to sin.

Subject: A Sinner Has A Chance To Be An Heir Of The Kingdom Of Heaven If He Repents:

When you are born again, you will accept the teachings of Christ, and become a citizen of the kingdom of heaven. Though you may live on the earth as other citizens, you will obey God in all that you do. To be a citizen of heaven while you live in this present world will entitle you to the benefits of heaven after this world ends. The thing that God requires while you live in this present world is good behavior according to the teachings of the kingdom of heaven. Being a citizen of the kingdom of heaven is authenticated by your behavior while you live on the earth.

Christ came into the world to make the knowledge of the kingdom of heaven a reality in our lives. Christ preached the gospel of the kingdom of heaven while He was on the earth, and established the knowledge of the kingdom in the hearts of many allowing Him to be crucified. He rose again to show the world that He had power to defeat death, hell, and the grave that those who believe might become citizens of the kingdom of heaven. All power in heaven and the earth was given to

Christ that those who believe might be saved. Christ taught that if we live in harmony and peace with each other here, we might establish our right to citizenship in the kingdom of heaven hereafter. But if we live in envy, hate, spitefully using one another, and seek to destroy each other, we are not worthy to be heirs in the kingdom.

Because Christ died, everybody will live again. This includes the saved and the unsaved, but there shall be a separation of the saved and the unsaved. God will not allow the saved to suffer with the unsaved at that time. In this present world, the righteous will suffer persecution from the wicked, because they have to work with one another and do necessary business with the unsaved. However, when the separation comes, the wicked will not be able to get to the saved for there will be a great gulf between them which neither will be able to bridge to reach one another.

Christ's death brings another benefit to give the sinner an opportunity now to put away his sins and become an heir in the kingdom of heaven. The invitation is presently being extended to the sinner. The sinner can repent of his evil ways and he can be saved, no matter how many sins he has committed. The blood of Jesus has power to cleanse the sinner, and the Holy Spirit will sanctify him to sin no more. The sinner can make the choice; he can remain a citizen of hell, or he can become an heir of the kingdom of heaven while he is yet in this world. There will be no other chance after he dies or when Jesus returns for the first resurrection.

Subject: What Are The Requirements To Become A Citizen Of The Kingdom Of Heaven?

To become a citizen of the kingdom of heaven, one must follow the constitution of the kingdom as it was given by Jesus Himself in His sermon on the mount. In St. Matthew 5:1-3, it 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.*

A person who desires to follow the constitution of heaven must first take on a humble and meek spirit, one that is not willing to fight back or be at variance

against those who oppose them. He or she must not be boastful or proud, but lowly in spirit. If you acquire this spirit and attitude, the Lord says that the kingdom of heaven shall be yours (Verse 3). You won't find any big, high-minded people in the kingdom of heaven.

Since the angel Michael cast out the devil, such high-minded spirits have not been in the kingdom of heaven. God will never have people in the kingdom trying to exercise authority over others that are there. If some Christians while living on the earth today think they are greater because they have more than others do, such Christians will not be accepted into the kingdom of heaven. When you are greater than others are in knowledge and wealth, you should allow the Holy Spirit to help you to be a greater servant to others, and then such a servant is acceptable to God.

When you have received more blessings than others have, they were given to you that you might use them to be a blessing to others who are not as blessed as you are, because of their inability to manage. If you desire to be a citizen of the kingdom of heaven, God will teach you. After learning, God's Spirit will keep you doing according to what you learned. God's Spirit and His word will make you pure in heart to qualify further to be a citizen of the kingdom. When you are pure in heart, you are qualified to see God after entering the kingdom. Listen to St. Matthew 5:8:

Verse 8 - *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

A pure in heart person is genuine, true, loyal, and faithful. The pure in heart person is as he or she appears to be. What is seen physically is the same spiritually. The good spiritual qualities you see on the outside are also on the inside. Their good qualities are solid, and not superficial. They are far from hypocrisy, or being false pretenders of a righteous person. You will see everything on the outside that God sees on the inside. Listen to St. Matthew 5:9:

Verse 9 - *Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

You must also be a peacemaker to qualify to be a candidate for the kingdom of heaven. A peacemaker is one who can come into the midst of a disturbance and make peace. A peacemaker is not necessarily one who keeps the peace, but one who brings peace out of confusion. When the peacemaker steps in between two troublemakers, he does not step in and take sides with one against the other; that would only deepen or intensify the brawl. The peacemaker would be able to get both sides together to restore their fellowship, and cause them to dismiss further disputing in the matter.

Subject: The Byproduct Of Sin:

In the kingdom of heaven there will be no sickness, nor diseases, simply because there will be no sin. Sin is the cause of sicknesses and diseases. Sicknesses are the byproduct of sin. Though we may be saved today, the results of Adam's sin is nevertheless a part of the human life cycle in the form of sickness, concluding with death of the physical body. God will not always remove the by-product of sin though he does provide grace to bear it.

The born again believer not only longs for a home of eternal peace in God's kingdom, but he also looks for redemption of the physical body from sicknesses. At such time, Christ will be on His throne of glory, and all diseases will be banished for His people. The full blessing of the work of the cross will then apply, and eventually there will be a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

CHAPTER II

THE END IS NEAR

Subject: By The Word Of God All Of The Creation Came Into Existence:

God will never allow anything to come upon a nation or people without first warning them. A minister of God when giving warning to the people will not preach in an orthodox style, or like most preachers preach. The minister of God will give the people facts that are built around the word of God. Such a minister will tell the people specifically that sin is a violation of God's law, and unless they repent, they will perish. No compromise will be in the messages that a minister of God preaches. Such ministers will not look for approval of the people for what they are preaching.

The minister of God is trying to please one person and that is God. In giving warning to the people, God is very fair and does not desire that any should perish. God gives timely warnings of judgment with the hope that people will change their course and escape the judgment. God warns the people by showing signs indicating very clearly that the dangers He speaks of will overtake those who do not heed the warning.

Five hundred and twenty four years before Jesus was born into the world, God gave us the warning of the end. We are now living in the end of time. The beginning of the last days started when Christ was born in Bethlehem. God sent Jesus here more than nineteen hundred years ago to prepare us for the end. Jesus taught how we could be saved if we obeyed His gospel and what to expect if we disobeyed.

Now, the last days are upon us. The first resurrection for the saved and final destruction for the unsaved could be any day now. If you are saved, God has planned that you will live again after this earth has dissolved and you will never die. It was by the word of God that all of the creation came into existence, and the same word has prophesied how this present world of sin will end.

Subject: You Want To Get Saved Before The First Resurrection:

Jesus is the only one who can go with you through the valley of the shadow of death. Jesus has power to help us against the enemy that we are so helpless to defend ourselves against, and that enemy is death. We have no defense against death, but Jesus conquered death. God gives us His Son that we might have everlasting life. Satan uses the deceitfulness of sin to kill us. Jesus gives us understanding of the devices of the devil, and shows us how to escape sin and the second death.

When we get saved, Jesus ransoms us from the power of the grave, and redeems us from death. Nobody can take away the power of death but Jesus. We are born under the shadow of death. It is not the will of God that death has power over us. Why would God want us to be born to die? Death is God's enemy. God is a giver of life. Everything that lives today got its life from God. Death is a reward for sin. When sin is removed, the reward will be everlasting life. Death is a cruel monster that makes families very unhappy. God created the world that man might be happy, therefore, death is not the product of God's creation.

The hope of all who are saved is the resurrection. The resurrection means victory over death. You can be a beneficiary of the resurrection when you are born again. You must be born again while you live in this present world. Those who died saved before the resurrection are asleep in Christ. They are resting in paradise waiting for the first resurrection.

When Jesus administers the first resurrection, those who are asleep in Christ will get up first, and those who are saved and living will meet them in the first resurrection. Those who are not saved upon Jesus' return will experience the first and second death. The first death will be the destruction of their physical bodies, and the second death will be continuous torment in a lake of fire and brimstone. It will be a good thing to get saved before the first resurrection so that you will not have to experience the second death.

Subject: Jesus Is Coming Quickly:

You can't build a house for God and think that He is going to be there. There's no need to go to a church to find God, because He doesn't live in buildings made of bricks and wood. God dwells in the temples of human bodies by means of His Spirit. The only way that you can get God to go to a building is you must take Him there.

Now the only way that you can be ready for God when Jesus returns is that you must walk with Him in your everyday life. Jesus is coming in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye (I Corinthians 15:52). If you are not ready when the trumpet sounds, you will be left. When the trumpet sounds the dead in Christ will get up, and those who are born again and are ready will be changed from their corruptible bodies into incorruptible bodies, and quickly taken to meet Jesus. All this will be done by the Holy Spirit or God who will be already in the saints. You can't get ready for this event at the last minute, because it will take place too quickly.

If you are a sinner, you will be classified as filthy in the sight of God and He will let you remain filthy. Listen to Revelations 22:11-12:

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

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

Subject: The Books:

God keeps a record on everybody that lives in His creation. The records will be kept in two books. One is the book of life and another will be a book with the names of all who were not saved. In the book of life every name written in it will be for those who are saved with records of their good works. The book of the condemned will be opened after the second resurrection with names and the sinful works of the unsaved. Listen to Revelations 20:12:

Verse 12 - And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

The book of life will be opened prior to Jesus' return to administer the first resurrection. Its purpose is to deliver the saved people from the earth prior to the destruction that will come upon the earth. Listen to Daniel 12:1:

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

On the day that you are born again, God takes your name out of the book of the condemned, and places it in the book of life. Every record of your sinful deeds will be blotted out, and not held against you. When God saves you, He makes it official. Listen to Colossians 1:21:

Verse 21 - And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.

As long as you desire to continue in the faith your name will stay in the book of life. No other power on earth can take your name out of the book of life as long as you want it in there. Listen to Colossians 1:23:

Verse 23 - If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

When you are born again, you are cleansed by the blood of Jesus that was shed on Calvary, and Calvary's cross has the power to keep your sins nailed to the cross. Listen to Colossians 2:13-14:

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

Verse 14 - Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.



CHAPTER III
SIN & REPENTANCE

Subject: Are You An Ally Of Sin?

We should never be in favor of sin. Sin is to blame for all the sad conditions of the world today. Many today are in favor of sin, and they support it when they commit sin. Sin is very deceitful; you can support it, but it will not support you. If you commit sin you are an ally of sin, but it is not in alliance with you. You can only commit sin by disobeying God. It is impossible to commit sin and be in favor with God, because sin is an enemy of God. Sin is contrary to the principles of righteousness that God's word teaches. To live above sin is to live free from sin. To live above sin is to live above the condemnation of God's law. The law of God was given to Moses for the unrighteous person.

An unrighteous person is a sinner. An unrighteous person has to be ruled and governed otherwise such a person will violate the rights of others. When you live above sin, you are not condemned under the law, because you are under grace. When you are under grace, the love of God is controlling your life. The Holy Spirit brings grace into our life, giving you the ability to live above sin and the law. To live above sin and the law will lift you from the condemnation of the judgment of God that will take place after your life on earth has ended.

In the judgment, the law will be brought forth against everybody who was a sinner. All sinful acts that they committed will be presented against them. They will be judged according to their sins and the sentence will be eternal separation from God in a lake of fire and brimstone. Those who repent of their sins while living in this life will not have to face the judgment of the last days. They will be cleared of all sinful violations by accepting Jesus Christ into their lives.

Subject: You Can Only Be God's Child When You Are Saved From Sin:

Jesus came to the earth to save His people from their sins (St. Matthew 1:21). If you are not saved from sin, you are not one of Jesus' people. Nothing has the power to prevent Jesus from saving His people from their sins. If a person believes the teachings of Jesus, power from God will deliver them from a desire to commit sin. Sin leaves a person's life when they no longer desire to commit sin. When sin leaves your life, you are right. When you are right, you will live a righteous life. Only righteous people are the people of God.

The kingdom of heaven is designed for righteous people. If people went to heaven and were not righteous, they would leave heaven, because an unrighteous person would be unhappy living around people who are righteous. Such

unrighteous people would be miserable living in an environment where there would be no smoking, drinking liquor, committing adultery, homosexuals, using profanity, gambling, stealing, fighting, and lying. Those who are unrighteous would want to live in a sin practicing environment, because their churches teach that such an environment is alright for Christians.

Subject: You Can Overcome Sin As Easily As You Can Submit To Sin:

Human beings are born with weak and faulty tendencies. They come forth into life with the nature to make mistakes. Institutions of learning are programmed to help correct mistakes of the students along with teaching procedures for success. When a person learns the wrong way and puts forth an effort to do something the correct way, they can become perfect by doing it the correct way.

A person who was previously an alcoholic, and has recovered for 10 years or so would have acquired perfection over alcoholism for the period of time that they remained sober. They can do the same thing when it comes to adultery and fornication. It is by their willingness of mind to overcome such sins that they can reach a level of perfection.

If a person goes back to drink alcohol and to commit adultery or fornication it will be their willingness to satisfy such sinful cravings that caused them to go back rather than a desire to overcome such cravings that could have given them a level of perfection over the cravings. You can be perfect in overcoming sinful desires as easily as you can submit to sinful desires. It all depends on what you want.

Subject: You Must Watch Worldly Pleasures:

The enticements of sinful pleasures in this world can be very deceiving. They can make you think that you will be in this world forever. With this frame of mind, you will be unprepared to leave here when the time comes. It is a sad thing to enter life in eternity unprepared. This happens when a person is overcharged with the pleasures of this world. Sinful pleasures can hold your desires in bondage, keeping you as a servant of deceit. You must be careful of worldly pleasures, because they are not compatible with eternal life.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Is More Powerful Than Sinful Desires:

Desires are very powerful. Human nature is controlled by desires. When a person desires something, they will put forth every possible effort to get it. When you are a sinner, you will desire to commit sin. Such desires will be so overwhelming that you might think you can't help from doing it, but the idea of doing it is coming from a desire to do it. If the desire was removed or reversed, the urge to do it would no longer be there.

When God saves a person, He gives them the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the power of God that goes to war against sinful desires. It defeats sin by removing the desires to commit sin from the human nature. It has power to reverse the course of nature in human beings. The Holy Spirit will not initiate this assistance to humans. Humans must desire to repent of the sins that they previously desired to get pleasure from. When their repentance is sincere, the Holy Spirit will find them and enter their nature with power to reverse their sinful desires.

The Holy Spirit is the power of God with unlimited knowledge and abilities to control and to defeat all evil forces that exist in the universe. It is very timely and precise, and is successful in everything that God commissions it to do. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit you have unlimited power at your assistance.

Subject: The Flesh:

The flesh is referred to in the Bible as the sinful nature of humans. The flesh is contrary to the Spirit of God; they can never be reconciled. The flesh produces desires to commit sin and the Spirit of God produces desires to obey God. To be in the flesh means that you are not saved. It means your desires and purposes are contrary to the teachings of God's word. To be in the flesh means you are carnally minded. The flesh makes many demands on you to satisfy the sinful desires that it produces in your life. You cannot please nor satisfy the flesh unless you commit sin.

Now you may be a church going Christian, but if you are in the flesh, God does not accept nor acknowledge any of your church works because you would be doing such works with the enemy of God assisting you. You cannot please God in the flesh under any conditions. The flesh carries overwhelming lust that is so powerful that you are forced to honor such lust. The flesh can use the religious teaching that you have to reject the true teaching of God's word. The flesh is so

deceitful that it can use a little bit of the wrong religious teaching to reject the true teaching that brings salvation.

Subject: They Fell From Grace:

There is nothing in this present world that is as beautiful as the garden that God placed Adam and Eve in. God created man with a perfect body, and placed him in the garden and called the garden Paradise. He caused every tree to grow and bear fruit. He caused flowers to bloom that were pleasant to look upon, and He instructed man that He was planting one tree that is especially forbidden. He also gave man freedom of his will that he might choose to obey, or choose to disobey. God carefully explained that if man chose to disobey that he would die.

Death entered the world by man's choice. Since this event, death has obtained rulership over man by means of sin. Today no matter how intelligent, famous, talented, wealthy, and influential a man is, death will have the last word over his life.

When man disobeyed and ate the forbidden fruit, his understanding became keen, and accurate; he then realized what was good and what was evil. Satan was correct when he told Eve that the forbidden fruit would make her wise. However, he failed to tell her that her wisdom would bring her understanding to the realization that she had fallen from grace. What good is being wise when it leads you to your death?

Subject: Don't Be A Hypocrite Because Their Hope Will Perish:

Religious hypocrisy is very prevalent in our Christian churches of today as it was among the scribes and Pharisees during Jesus' ministry on earth. Whatever spiritual condition you are in, don't let it lead you to be a hypocrite. A hypocrite's hope shall perish. There are no conditions by which God will acknowledge or hear the prayers of a hypocrite. Please don't pray as a hypocrite, such prayers make a mockery of God.

Hypocrites are those religious practicals who pretend with the intention to impress their fellow church members. They have no reality of the presence of God in their worship. If others were not in their assembly to see and hear their ways of worshipping, they would not worship at all. All of a hypocrite's faith and religion is produced from their imagination. Such people are more important to themselves

than to God. Hypocrites believe that God is manifested to them by means of wealth and prosperity. Their wealth and high class of living cause them to segregate their churches from the poor and underprivileged.

Hypocrites like to be seen and to be praised, honored and respected as one who is faithful and good, and who stands high in the esteem of the people, being looked upon as a model Christian with a sophisticated life of sinful practices. Hypocrites drink liquor, commit adultery and fornication in moderation, and very properly make confessions asking God for continuous forgiveness with no intention of repenting of such sins.

Subject: Hypocrisy Is Vain:

Today churches are full of hypocrites, because it is easier and more convenient to be a hypocrite than to be truly saved. You don't have to repent of your sins to be a hypocrite. You can continue to commit adultery and sing on the choir at the same time. You can be a prominent, famous preacher and be a hypocrite at the same time, and many will follow you.

Hypocrites are very popular in churches of America. Hypocrites are false pretending church folk who hide behind the excuse that "I can't help it". They think that nobody can live without committing sin. The truth is you cannot live without committing sin unless God helps you. God must help you to live free from sin. If you are a hypocrite, you will be afraid and lonely when you get ready to die. Hypocrites have no true fellowship with God that will help them in a crisis.

Hypocrites give God credit for things that they do for themselves in life, but when death approaches, a hypocrite will be helpless. You have to be prepared for death, and only God can prepare you. When you approach the end of your life, you will acquire confidence in God being with you based upon how much he has helped you through the tests and trials of life.

Subject: It Is Better To Obey God:

Eve was caught in Adam's transgression. God did not give the command to Eve. She was instrumental in motivating Adam to sin. Adam learned the hard and costly way that no relationship was worth disobeying God to maintain. Adam had chosen to be in sin and die rather than to be left alone without Eve. It was for Eve's sake that he ate of the fruit. If Adam had chosen to make a stand with God,

he and Eve would both still be alive today. Eve's choice to eat of the fruit was irrelevant to God, because the command was not given to her. God was only interested in Adam's devotion to Him. Eve was caught up in Adam's transgression.

If Adam had loved and respected God like Abraham, sin would not have entered the world. Abraham was not influenced by his love for his son to disobey God, even after God had promised him a son. Abraham was willing to kill him at the command of God. Abraham considered in his heart that if God promised him a son, and later commanded him to kill his son, that God was able to raise his son back up to live again. Therefore, Abraham obeyed God at all cost.

Subject: Shall We Sin When We Are Under Grace?

Listen to I John 3:9, which reads as follows:

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

Now personally, if I was a sinner, I could not say that I was born again, because I would not want to call that scripture a lie. If you call God's word a lie, you are calling God a liar. I would not want God to call me forth in the judgment for calling Him a liar.

As a sinner in this present life I would want God to help me to learn how not to be a sinner. As a sinner, I would not want to go to some local church on Sunday and say that I am saved and this scripture says that I am not saved. I would be very much concerned about what is going to happen to me if I were to die and be in contention with I John 3:9.

Now there may be other scriptures that are used by Christians that they feel are teaching that they can be saved and be a sinner at the same time, such as Ecclesiastes 7:20. Now some may say the Bible contradicts itself. The passage of scripture in Ecclesiastes 7:20 says "For there is not a just man upon earth, that sinneth not". This is a quotation of Solomon, which was applied in the day that the people lived under the law. This was before Jesus was born into the world to bring grace to lift a repenting sinner from the condemnation of the law.

After Jesus went to Calvary to be a sacrifice for sin, His sacrifice was to keep men from continuing in sin, because the sacrifice of the blood of bulls and

goats under the law did not have power to do so. Such sacrifices under the law could not take away sins. Listen to Hebrews 10:11-12:

Verse 11 - And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

This is what Solomon was referring to under the law. However, listen to what Paul is teaching about grace in Christ:

Verse 12 - But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

This is what Jesus was sent to do, to take away our sins forever. Jesus lifted us from the condemnation of the law. Listen to Romans 5:20:

Verse 20 - Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

The law entered by Moses and condemned all sinners, even when they made sacrifices for sin; but grace came by Jesus Christ and lifted the condemnation of the law. Grace had more power than the law and it abounded more than the condemnation of the law. Grace was greater than the law, to the extent that when a person received grace, they were no longer condemned under the law. When grace abounds, sin has no more dominion over you, for you are not under the law, but under grace. Listen to Romans 6:14-15:

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

Under these conditions, you don't have to be a sinner, because you are free from sin.

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

When you are free from sin, you are no longer condemned under the law. Listen to Romans 6:17-18:

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

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

Subject: The Laws Of The Church Versus The Laws Of Your State:

When the laws of your state are more righteous than the laws of your church, you should leave your church. A church that won't keep its members from breaking the law of God is no better than the laws that the state gives. The laws of New York forbid the practice of fornication, but the laws of many churches allow fornication to be a continuous practice. Churches should teach repentance, and not a continuous practice of sins to be forgiven.

Forgiveness of sin is for the unlearned person who first comes to Christ. When a person has been taught the knowledge of salvation, and he or she continues to seek forgiveness, the Bible teaches that there are no more sacrifices for their sins. Christ will not go back to the cross again to be a sacrifice for those who have been taught the knowledge of the truth and continuously practice sin.

Subject: You Can Defeat Sin With The Help Of God:

God is for a sinner, but He is against sin. God desires to separate a sinner from sin so that a sinner can become a saint. When you are sin-free, you are a saint. God has power to separate a sinner from sin. A sinner is a person who commits sin by violating the teachings of God's word. A sinner can be a pastor of a church, a politician, doctor, or mechanic.

In order to be saved, you have to be saved from sin. Sin is the only thing that is a threat to human existence. Sin is a bigger enemy than Adolf Hitler was, because sin not only destroys the body, but the soul also. Sin makes you its friend when at the same time it is destroying you. Sin is so deceiving that you can't see how it's destroying you until it is too late.

Sin can be as effective in your church as it can be in your private life. The word of God teaches you how to live above sinful practices. When you live above

sin, it loses its effect upon you. The Bible gives a listing of every sinful act. When you repent of such sins, it leaves your life and you will become sin-free. To repent means to stop committing sins that you know of. After you repent, the Holy Spirit will come in and give you power not to desire sin anymore.

Subject: Hate And Murder Are The Same Before God:

It does not matter what man accomplishes on the earth, there is only one blessing that God only can provide for the future of the world, and that is the gift of a child. A child properly trained according to the scriptures is a gift to the world. The survival and comfort of the world depends upon the quality of training that the children of today are receiving.

Many may have been trying to hit the lottery, but the fruit of the womb is where the true reward will come from (Psalm 127:3). If parents fear God and obey his commandments, God will bless their seed and prolong their days. Children have to be prepared for life by means of holy principles from God to be a blessing to the world. This can only be made possible by means of godly parents.

If the mother is ungodly, the child will be born ungodly. It is difficult for parents and the judicial system to figure out why some children can cause so much trouble. The trouble is in the nature of a child, and it was put there by ungodly parents. When trouble develops through the years, it comes forth in different forms. A mother who carries a little hate in her heart does not realize that hate can be passed on to a child and develop into murder. Murder is an undeveloped form of hate that cannot be seen when it is in an undeveloped stage. So the Bible very carefully teaches that hate and murder are the same. Listen to I John 3:15:

Verse 15 - Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Subject: God Can See The Future As Well As The Present

When a person goes to church on Sunday to repent and confess their sins, God does not regard their confessions in church on Sunday. He looks at what they will do on Monday. Their actions on Monday determine whether or not God will

regard their confessions and repentance on Sunday. A Sunday repentance is not acknowledged by God when He sees that sinful practices will continue on Monday.

God can see the future as well as the present. God judges the intent of heart rather than Sunday morning confessions. You cannot be impressive to God in church and not impressive in your daily life. Your daily life must show indications that your church services are sincere.

Subject: My Conversion Was With A Godly Repentance:

To repent means to be sorry, but godly repentance is different. Godly repentance means that you are so sorry for your sins that you will develop such a strong resentment to sin that you will never repeat such acts of sin again. The Holy Spirit will assist you with godly repentance. It will change your nature or desires to commit sin to the extent that sin will not be a part of your social agenda. The Holy Spirit will help to re-program your life's agenda so that righteousness will be the main theme.

Your repentance being godly will be an outward change or turnabout; however, it will result from an inward conviction that makes it true and sincere. Godly repentance will originate from the heart though it will be seen in your physical and social life. If your prior church life was insufficient for salvation, your godly repentance will be seen as you turn from such prior church affiliation.

Godly repentance is not just some church membership, but a deep, spiritual revolution that will make you abhor your prior life of sinful ways and abandon them completely. Godly repentance followed by a filling of the Holy Spirit will cause you never to consider returning to a life of sin. Your repentance will be with such determination that your former associates will never think of trying to get you back into your old social crowd. Such former associates will be as much impressed as you are, and will give you the highest respect and honor.

During the years prior to my conversion, I had some of the best friends and associates who enjoyed a life of sin, just as I did. After my conversion, they showed the highest amount of respect for my repentance and never at any time did my former associates attempt to influence me to turn back to my former life of sin.

Subject: If You Repent Of Your Sins You Can Pray And God Will Hear You:

The gospel of Jesus Christ exposes the works of the devil that have deceived the people of the world. It is sinful works of the devil that keep people burdened and unhappy. Many are not aware of the devil's tricks of deceit, so God sent the gospel to reveal such deceitful works of Satan. Sin was initiated by the devil. Sin did not start with Adam; the devil was the first sinner who deceived man into sinful pleasures. In order to get sin out of a person's life they must get the devil out. This can only be done by the power of the Holy Spirit that has been commissioned by God to remove the devil from the lives of those who repent of their sins. If a person repents, they can pray to God for the Holy Spirit. To repent means that a person has stopped committing every sin that they have knowledge of, and then they can pray.

Subject: If You Repent The Holy Spirit Will Reverse Your Desires To Commit Sins:

If you desire to be a part of God's plan for the saved people you must first separate yourself from all that you know is wrong. This kind of social separation will bring you into closer communion and fellowship with God and the people of God. This separation is called sanctification. This must be done right along with your repentance, which is turning from your sinful practices. When you do this it is evidence that you believe the gospel and God will give you the Holy Spirit to help you not to go back to those former sins.

Now the Holy Spirit will give you strength, understanding and power so that you won't be overwhelmed with a desire to commit sin anymore. When you get the Holy Spirit, you will develop a distaste for sins, just as you had a desire for sins before you received the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost reverses the course of nature in you. It causes your natural desires to commit sin to be reversed to desires not to commit sin.

Subject: The City Of Nineveh Repented And God Spared Them:

God called a city in the Bible named Nineveh to repent by sending the prophet Jonah. Repentance is very important, because it is an effort of turning

from your sins as an apology to God. When you sin, you sin against God. Sin is against God's holiness. It is by means of God's holy ways that His love was extended to the people of the earth to offer salvation. This is a part of God's character, and He does not change.

Sin was initiated by the devil, and the devil's purpose was to get the people of the earth to rebel against God's law. When you sin, you are not acceptable to God unless you repent. When the people in the city of Nineveh heard Jonah preach against their sins, they repented and God granted the entire city a pardoning. If a preacher is not preaching against your sins, you will have no knowledge of repentance, which will result to you having no chance to be saved.

Subject: God's Mercy:

America is a great country, but the people of America should be very careful not to exalt themselves. The greatness of America was not established by the people, but by the blessings of God. The greatness of God's power and blessings was extended to America that America might be a blessing to the world.

No nation is indispensable, no matter how great they appear to be. When a nation or people come to the realization that they have erred from the spirit of humility and obedience to God, their wisest decision should be to repent upon receiving this knowledge. When the people of a nation have gone wrong, repentance is always acceptable to God when it is done in sincerity. If such a nation is being led by the influence of the Holy Spirit, they will be led to repent.

The Old Testament teaches that Nineveh was a great city similar to our nation's capital. The record in the Bible tells us that the prophet Jonah entered that great city and cried as God commanded him, warning the people to repent of their sins. Jonah prophesied that in forty days Nineveh would be overthrown. So the people of Nineveh proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth and ashes from the highest leaders of Nineveh to the lowest of the people.

The king of Nineveh also took part in the fasting and repenting of his sins. The people did as the king did. The king of Nineveh got up from his throne and laid aside his royal garment, and covered himself with sackcloth and ashes. He had the fasting to be published throughout the whole city of Nineveh. He commanded that neither man nor herds and flock eat anything. The king told the people of Nineveh to stop all of their evil ways and turn from the violence that they were committing. He said who can tell if God would turn from His fierce anger, and have mercy on us that we perish not?

God looked down from heaven and saw their humility in that they had turned from their evil ways, and God repented of the evil that He said He would do to Nineveh. God allowed Nineveh to be an example of how His mercy can be extended to any nation, even up to this present day, if they repent of their sinful ways. However, if a nation continues in their evil ways failing to repent, then God also has an example in the Bible of how He dealt with such people in the city of Sodom.

Subject: Sin Requires A Spiritual Operation To Remove It:

You can repent of some sins that you have knowledge of, but you cannot remove the nature of sin. Only Jesus has the power to remove the nature of sin from our lives. Jesus gives us a spiritual operation to remove sin from our nature. Doctors of medicine give us physical operations for our medical needs.

Sin is a defected spiritual condition that was put into the human nature by Satan. Unless you obtain a profound knowledge of the curse that was given to mankind by Satan and sin, you cannot understand how it is possible to be free from sin. When God created the first man, sin was not a part of the human nature. Man lived in the presence of God with a sin-free nature. It was by means of man's willful transgression that sin entered his nature. In Christ, human nature can be reversed back to its original state.

In order for God to do such a spiritual operation for man, it must be done according to God's holiness. God's holiness requires a sacrifice for sin. The sacrifice must be holy, undefiled, and sin-free in order to execute the reversal of the sinful nature. Sin is a very powerful force and can only be removed by an operation that is more powerful. Man's willingness to repent of some sins is not a solution to the sins of the nature, but it is a message to God that the person desires the operation.

Subject: You Don't Have To Confess Your Sins: Just Stop Committing Sin:

It does not matter what church you belong to, if you commit sin, you are not working for God; you are working for the devil. Sin is the works of the devil. A man who extorts and lies is not working for God, but the devil. A person who

hates others without a cause is not connected with God; God is love. When the teachings of a church are not against sinful practices, then such a church is corrupt.

A church does not have to be a place where people go to confess their sins. God already knows about the sins of the people. A church needs to help people to stop committing sin, and there won't be any need for confessions. If a person goes to church and continues in a life of sin, they will wake up in hell one morning separated from the presence of God.

Subject: God's Forgiveness For Sin Is Forgetfulness For Sin:

The people of the world are not like God when it comes to forgiveness of your sins. People of the world will remember everything you did that was sinful, and if they could, they would use it for a personal advantage. They will remember your sins even if you have forsaken such sinful deeds and haven't done them in years.

The moment you are willing to turn from your sins, God is willing to forgive you and remember it no more against you. If you were an adulterer, God will never see you as an adulterer again. He will see you as a person who never committed adultery. God's forgiveness is forgetfulness. God will not remember the sins that brought you to shame, provided you go in peace and sin no more.



CHAPTER IV

**THE HOLY SPIRIT & BEING
BORN AGAIN**

THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Subject: A True Description Of The Holy Ghost:

The minister that is sent by God will inform the people that they must first repent of their sins and after their repentance they will experience the power of God which is the Holy Ghost to give them the new birth. When they receive the Holy Ghost it will not be a spirit of foolishness that will make them put on shameful exhibitions such as speaking in unknown tongues, or falling out as a sign of the Holy Spirit. Such exhibitions are signs of religious ignorance.

The Spirit of God will administrate power to the human nature giving people the ability to live free from sin. Those who receive the Holy Spirit will not be a show-off. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of humility, meekness, and it will not magnify itself, but Christ. The Holy Spirit will bear witness of Christ in the life of the person who receives it. The person will not exalt him or herself, but Christ.

It will make its recipient a light in the community and in the world so that others will see Christ in the new convert. The light that is manifested will be a reflection of a greater light, as the moon gets its light from the sun and becomes a reflector of sunlight. So is it also with those who get light from the Holy Spirit. The power and the glory, which the Holy Spirit bestows upon an individual belongs to Jesus Christ.

If the church does not give an accurate teaching of the Holy Ghost and a description of its effect upon the people, then the devil will send a spirit in the church to give false signs, and a foolish description of the Holy Ghost.

Subject: The Mission Of The Holy Spirit:

It is the Holy Spirit that saves a person. The Holy Spirit gives the new birth to a repenting sinner. The Holy Spirit brings Jesus Christ into a person's life. This is done by a process of regeneration. Regeneration means a person's human nature has been upgraded from the generation of sinful desires in which they were first born. Such a person is upgraded to a level of holiness that saves them from the condemnation of the nature of sin.

The saved person will at this point enter a generation of righteousness that is referred to as an highway or elevated way of life that is free from sin. Listen to Isaiah 35:8:

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.

This process of regeneration is a renewing of the Holy Ghost. Regeneration is a mission of the Holy Ghost that God ordered to deliver us from the generation that our parents produced us in to be sinners. This process of regeneration reproduces us to a level of holiness to be saints.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Works According To The Will Of God (St. John 3:8):

The church or those who desire to be saved need to learn about the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the power of God that moves upon the earth in a mysterious way. Jesus taught that it moves like the wind. You can't tell where it comes from or where it goes, but if a person repents at the preaching of the gospel the Holy Spirit will find the person and give the person the new birth in Christ. The Holy Ghost has infinite power and nothing can prevent its purposes from being accomplished.

It is the third part of God that operates in accord to the mind of God. Whatever God desires to be done, the Holy Ghost knows it and will do it according to the will of God. Listen to I Corinthians 2:11:

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

Subject: When The Spirit Is Not Present Sin Will Be Present:

Unless the church members are filled with the Holy Ghost, there is no saving power in the church. The Holy Ghost keeps the spirit of the devil out of the worship services. When the members are not filled with the Holy Ghost the devil will cause the members to do foolish things in the assembly such as speaking in unknown tongues, and falling out right along with their sinful practices such as fornication and adultery.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Gives Stamina:

If the religious leaders of today fail to indoctrinate the people on the importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit, this will result to the excitement and enthusiasm of their worship services dying down after their church meetings and the people will go back to a life of sin. The Holy Ghost gives stamina to the members and they will be unmovable from the teachings of Jesus Christ even after the worship services have ended.

The righteousness of the Holy Ghost will go with the members into their personal lives giving a continuous life free of sinful practices. The Holy Ghost sanctifies the members in a life of righteous living that the devil cannot disrupt. The Holy Ghost will separate the members from sin and sinners so that they will have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. Though the members live in the world, they will be separate from the sinful practices and ungodly pleasures of the world.

Subject: Sinners Cannot Stay In The Congregation Of Holy Ghost Filled Members:

The Holy Ghost will condemn sinners if they don't have a mind to repent and will not allow a sinner to be comfortable in a congregation of righteous people. Holy Ghost filled people will be able to work with sinners and ride public vehicles with them, but the righteous will not worship nor attend social parties and affairs where sinners drink alcoholic beverages and enjoy lustful pleasures. Listen to Psalm 1:5:

Verse 5 - Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Listen to Psalm 26:4-5:

Verse 4 - I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

Verse 5 - I have hated the congregation of evildoers; and will not sit with the wicked.

Subject: The Works Of The Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit is not a demonstration of vain religious behavior. It is the power to live above sin. It is not foolishness or acting unseemly in worship services. It is not necessary for church folk to demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit by speaking in unknown tongues. The Holy Spirit will manifest itself in your life without any effort on your part. It will help you to know your spouse from other spouses and teach you how to talk without using profanity.

It will teach you how to spend your money at the grocery store to buy food rather than beer, wine, whiskey or lottery tickets. It will teach you to stay away from the Christmas party on the job this year so that you won't get drunk this year. It will teach you that the members of your church are not such good company because they drink liquor and commit adultery like folk who don't go to church. It will teach you not to give false information on your income tax return.

It will teach you to pay your tithes and offerings. It will teach you how to recognize a godly church assembly from an ungodly assembly. It will teach you not to lie or be malicious to those who mistreat you. It will teach you not to carry envy, strife, or contentions in your heart. It will teach you not to be covetous. It will give homosexuals power to go straight. It will remove all idols from your life. It will teach you not to be an emulator. It will teach you not to be a seditious person, but to be kind, fruitful, good, humble, meek, patient, forbearing, temperate, easily entreated, not hypocritical or partial, but liberal, charitable, peaceful, longsuffering, gentle, full of love and mercy.

Subject: The Spirit Of God Brings Joy:

If you are born again, the Holy Ghost will be with you for the remainder of your life on earth. When the Holy Ghost is with you, it indwells within your mind and your nature. It will keep you from desiring to commit sin. When the Holy Ghost indwells within you, it means God is living in you. When God lives in you, He will be your friend, companion, associate and guide everyday of your life.

You will not be able to find a better friend than God. God helps His children in everything they do. Nothing or nobody can be a successful enemy against you when God is in you. God will teach you how to love, and to be kind to everybody including your enemies. However, if they rise up against you, they will surely fall. The Spirit of God in you will not allow you to rejoice at the fall of your enemies, but to pray for them that they might receive mercy.

If you have not experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, you have surely missed a blessed privilege. When the Spirit of God falls upon an individual, he or she is lost for words to express the power of the joy that it brings. This benefit of being filled with the Holy Spirit is available during this period of time that is called the grace period. If you desire the presence of God, just let His will be done in your life while you are on the earth, as it shall be done by you if you reach the kingdom of heaven, where you'll experience such joy as you have never experienced before.

Subject: God's Spirit Gives You True Happiness:

People are seeking a means to bring themselves happiness everywhere; happiness is what everybody is seeking. Unless the Holy Spirit makes you happy, you won't be able to identify true happiness. Happiness in the world is not true happiness. Happiness in the world comes from artificial sources that don't last. The happiness that the Holy Spirit gives is infinite. It will take you from this life to eternal life.

The Holy Spirit will remove from your life everything that will make you sorry. When you are filled with the Spirit of God, you become a part of God, and God will not allow any part of His administration to be deceived by false things of this world.

Subject: The Spirit Of God Will Not Sin Against God:

If you have the Spirit of God, you will not break the law of God, because God won't break His own law, whether He is in heaven or is in a person on the earth. The Spirit of God is God. It is the third part of God. When a person testifies that they are filled with the Spirit of God, and commit sin, they are testifying that God is sinning against Himself. When you have the Spirit of God, it has full control over your life. The Spirit will mortify, or discipline all the members of your body to keep you from committing sin (Colossians 3:5).

Subject: The Holy Spirit Will Cause You To Lose Your Attraction For Sinful Pleasures Of The World:

Though you may have repented of your sins and have been converted to a righteous way of living, unless you receive the Holy Ghost you will still be vulnerable to the influence of the world. Unless you get the Holy Ghost, you will have no power to deliver yourself from many sinful things of the world. Your conversion to some righteous ways will be meaningless unless you quickly seek the filling of the Holy Spirit. You are not born again until you are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings the new birth into your life and makes you a new creature.

To be converted is to be convinced that your prior sinful ways of life will lead you to damnation; therefore, you would put forth an effort to turn from your previous life of sin because the knowledge of God's word has convicted you. When this conviction is from God, He will also give you the Holy Spirit. When you are converted, it is very important that you be under the influence of those who are already filled with the Holy Ghost so that your influence will be secured from the influence of the world.

Worldly influence can take a new convert back to a life of sin. You must be under the influence of the correct teaching of salvation by a Holy Ghost filled teacher in order to escape going back to the world. Such good influence will keep you on the right path until you are filled with the Holy Ghost. You will know when you are filled with the Holy Ghost because you will lose all of your attraction and desires for the things of the world that you at one time enjoyed. When you have desires for sinful pleasures and activities in the world, you are still of the world. In order to be truly saved, you must lose your attraction for the things of the world. Things of the world will prevent you from holding on to a life of righteousness unless you have power in you that causes you to be repulsive to the things of the world.

All that is in the world is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life (I John 2:16). These things lead you away from righteousness, and away from God. They will retard your energy and desire to live right. You have to be in the world, but you don't have to have affections for the sinful pleasures of the world. When you get the Holy Spirit, the pressures that come through the forces of evil in the world will have no influence over you. After a person has been filled with the Holy Spirit, the individual will have no use for the world, and the pleasures and lusts of the world will not have an effect upon them. Such a person will have power over the lust and pleasures of the world for which they will lose all of their attraction. They will be revolting to the individual.

Subject: If You Are Saved You Are God's Workmanship:

When you are saved by grace, the activities of your life are no longer produced by you. The power of the Holy Spirit not only gives you power to live righteous, but to live period. To be saved means that all of your life's operations and actions are generated by the Holy Spirit. Your life is being re-programmed by the powers of heaven. At this point, you are neither no longer in charge nor the producer of your life. Your old life is dead, and the power of God has regenerated a new life to live in the same body.

The Law of Moses condemned your old life of sin, and the power of the Holy Spirit destroyed your nature to commit sin. Your old nature and spiritual life were destroyed by God after the law of sin and death condemned you. Listen to Galatians 2:19-20:

Verse 19 - For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

Moses' law gave your life of sin the death sentence, and Christ gave you a new life. Your old life was crucified with Christ.

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

When this happens, God is totally in charge of your new life. All of your purposes, ambitions, and decisions are under the influence of the Spirit of God. You are no longer your own, but you are God's workmanship, and you have been made a new creature in Christ to do good works in Christ. Listen to Ephesians 2:10:

Verse 10 - For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

If these things have not happened in your life, it means you are not saved.

Subject: Joy In The Holy Ghost:

You can only get eternal life from God. You receive your physical life of flesh and blood from your parents, but if you receive eternal life, it must come from God. The Holy Spirit gives the new birth to that part of your spiritual being that can receive eternal life. Your flesh and blood body cannot receive eternal life because it is corruptible, but your soul is designed by God to receive eternal life.

When the Holy Spirit gives your soul eternal life, you will receive joy unspeakable forever. Eternal life is everlasting joy in the Holy Ghost. You will live with this joy in the kingdom of heaven. Heaven is a spiritual habitation where God and Jesus reside with a company of angels that cannot be numbered. In heaven, they live to rejoice in the Holy Ghost.

There is no unhappiness in heaven, only continuous joy in the Holy Ghost, and this joy will last forever. When you go to heaven, everyday will be a happy, peaceful, and joyful day and one day could be a thousand years. This is what God is offering when He gives you eternal life. This will be difficult to believe unless you receive some joyful experiences with the Holy Ghost while you are on this earth. If you have been born again, the Holy Ghost will give you a taste of joy today in your present life. When the Holy Ghost brings this joy upon you, you will be lost for words to express your joy.

BEING BORN AGAIN:

Subject: The Most Important Lesson In The Bible:

The lesson that Jesus taught Nicodemus concerning being born again is the most important lesson in the Bible. There is no other way to come to God except by being born again. The second birth is entirely spiritual. Your spiritual life is invisible, but it is very important, because it is the control center that produces your moral actions, and desires. It produces desires to do right or wrong. To do right is to obey God, and to do wrong is to commit sin. These signals come from your spiritual being, or your soul. These things will determine where you will spend eternity.

When you have been born again, your spiritual control center receives power from the Holy Spirit to be a control center for a righteous life that will be acceptable to God. God in turn will reward you with eternal life. This will be a gift from God, because He would be rewarding His own righteousness in you.

When you are born again, you will be partaker of the nature of God, which is sin-free. This will make you eligible to be a child of God. You will have a great advantage over others who fail to see the need for receiving the second birth.

After you are born again, you might experience the first death, which will be a peaceful rest that God has prepared, but you will never taste the second death. The second birth will prevent you from experiencing the second death. For a saved person, the death of the physical body is relief from the burdens of this life. However for the unsaved, the second death is permanent separation from God.

Subject: The Resurrection Of A New Creature:

I believe that Jesus died and rose again based upon the new life that I have experienced, that is in like manner of His teachings. A description of my personal experiences of being saved is just like the gospel that Jesus taught. When I first experienced a change in my life, I had no understanding of what had happened. Later, I was advised to listen to the gospel of Jesus Christ being taught, and I learned that my change of life was just like the description in the gospel. I learned that the new changes in my life were the result of a new creature being resurrected in my life after the example of Jesus' resurrection.

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

If your church organization is of God, and you are a faithful member you should be born again. If you are born again and the Spirit of God is the administrator in your church, you should be born of God. When you are born of God, it means that God lives in you. Now God is not a sinner. God does not commit sin. If you are born of God, you should not be committing sin. Listen to I John 3:9 in the Original King James Version of the Bible:

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

God's seed is His word. You are born of God when His word has been implanted in your mind by His Spirit. The Spirit of God does the implantment of the word of God. When this happens, it means that God is living in you. When

you are born again your life is of God. When you are of God the power of God in you is greater than the power of the devil that makes people sin. I John 4:4:

Verse 4 - Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

If a person cannot accept this principle of righteousness then it means that the person is not of God, because they cannot hear the word of God. A person can only hear the word of God when God is in the person. If God is not in the person it means they have not been born again of the Spirit of truth. I John 4:6:

Verse 6 - We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Subject: Special Conceptions Of A Child Are Ordered By God:

Unless God orders the conception of a child for a special purpose, such as John the Baptist and the prophet Jeremiah, such a child will be born in sin. It is natural that people are born in sin, because the program was set by Adam, who was the originator of sin for humans. The devil was the originator of sin for angels.

When you are born in sin, it is not natural for you to be righteous. Unless a person has been born again, their natural course of life would be against the law of God. God has arranged and planned that though man was born in sin, he might be born again being conceived of the Spirit and word of God.

The Spirit of God will implant the word of God in their minds causing their nature to lead them to be righteous. Under these conditions, they will no longer be a sinner though they were conceived in sin from their first birth. The spiritual birth that God gives will lift a person's mind above sinful desires. The prophet Isaiah referred to it as being a highway, or an elevated way of life that is called holiness.

The word of God is the seed of God that changes your nature when you are born again. The word remains in your mind and nature for the remainder of your time on the earth. God sent Jesus into the world for the purpose of instructing man on how to be saved from the sinful conception to a spiritual conception.

God does not charge us for being a sinner, because we were born in sin, but we are charged for continuing in sin after learning that sin is a violation of God's law. After you are born again, you won't walk after the flesh anymore. This

means your movements and purposes in life will not be motivated to please sinful desires, because you won't have any sinful desires. We act upon certain events in life because we desire to do it. When the desire is no longer there, we will no longer act upon such things.

Subject: God Is Everywhere:

If you have been born again, you don't have to look to the sky for God, because He is in you. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, God lives in you. Many are under the misconception that God is in the sky. God is everywhere. Wherever God's Spirit is, is His dwelling place. Though God's habitation is called heaven, His presence is everywhere. God fills the heavens and the earth. If you have a godly home life, you will find God in your home.

You must get to know God in your everyday life. If you have His Spirit, you should know Him on your job, on the street, and everywhere you go. If you don't know God in your personal life, you won't know Him when you see Him in the sky. You cannot confine God to one place; He fills space everywhere.

God is like lightning when it flashes from the east to the west. It is done so quickly that we can't monitor it. The word of God teaches that Jesus is coming as the lightning shines from the east to the west. For those who are living in sin upon Jesus' return, they will not have time to repent to be ready to receive Jesus. For in the moment they think not is when Jesus will appear.

Subject: Only A New Life Means That You Are A New Creature:

Now the only sure way to tell if you are saved is that you must be living above the low, contemptible things that you lived in before you professed being a follower of Christ. You must be able to see that your life is different from the way it was previously. There is no spiritual profit in joining a church being the same old devil in new clothes. When you do this, you are just leaving one crowd going to another, and doing the same sinful acts. Changing places and social groups does not mean that you are a changed person. You must have a change of heart to be a new creature in Christ.

When you are born again, God will give you a new heart with the Holy Spirit. The new life you live will bear witness to the new heart that you have. The

Spirit of God in your heart will cause you to walk according to the teachings of the gospel. Listen to Ezekiel 36:26-27:

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

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

Subject: The New Birth Gives You A New Mind:

When you are born in sin, your heart (mind) is your enemy. It is the enemy of your existence. Your mind is the central headquarters for your actions. After Adam sinned, the devil placed the enemy of man in his mind. The devil cursed the human mind so that it would produce evil thoughts and desires forcing man to act upon them. Listen to Mark 7:21-23:

Verse 21 - *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,*

Verse 22 - *Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:*

Verse 23 - *All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*

When God saves you, He renews you in the spirit of your mind, which will enable your mind to produce righteous thoughts so that your actions will be righteous. Your first mind that you were born with was corrupted by deceitful lusts for sinful pleasures. When you are born again, the Spirit of God destroys the desires that were produced by your mind and it gives you a new mind. Listen to Ephesians 4:22-23:

Verse 22 - That ye put off concerning the former conversation

the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

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

Subject: You Are Saved By The Power Of God That Changes Your Mind:

After God created the Garden of Eden, He set a tree in the garden, which was no different from any other tree, but it served as a line of demarcation between God and man. God had given man everything to enjoy, but the one thing He wanted man to do was to obey Him that he might continue to live, and enjoy the paradise that God had created for him.

The kingdom of heaven is being prepared now to be a paradise for the saved people to enjoy. God gets pleasure out of making those who obey Him happy. God knew that when man committed sin that he wouldn't be able to control sin, which would result to man being very unhappy. If people of the world are unhappy today it is because of sin. The only way to escape the unhappiness that sin brings us is to be born again.

Until we are born again, the same sin that made Adam unhappy and caused him to be cast out of the Garden of Eden has separated sinners from God today causing them to be unhappy. The nature of Adam is in every human until he or she is born again. When a person is born again, the nature of Christ replaces the nature of Adam.

The new birth in Christ is a spiritual change in the minds of humans. The mind is changed by the word of God, which causes a person to live, and abide in Christ forever. The life that Adam gave up for sin, those who obey God will regain for eternal life in Christ. When you hear the word of God that is given by the Spirit of God, it will change your mind from a carnal purpose to a divine purpose.

The babe, who was born in Bethlehem and given the name Jesus, was begotten by the Holy Spirit, and He became God with us. When you are born again of an incorruptible seed by the Holy Spirit then God is with you, and you are saved from the disobedience that Adam started. Adam destroyed the human family making them subject to death, but God restored it in Christ that we through Christ might be born again.

When the angel Gabriel left Joseph after having appeared unto him in a dream, he went to Mary in person in the form and likeness of a human being.

Angels can take on the natural appearance of a man. They are created just as humans are created. The things that humans do are done by the power of their minds, and the things that angels do are done by the power of God being with them wherever they go. Humans move by the power of their minds, but angels move by the power of God. When we get saved and are filled with God's Spirit, God will then control our minds as He does angels that we might do his will.

**Subject: When You Are Born Again God Gives You
A New Heart (Mind):**

The only knowledge that can be used to determine the intent of your heart (mind) is the word of God. Your heart has such a mysterious function that only the word of God can project what thoughts can be produced from your heart. There are two parts of your heart. There is the conscious mind, which reveals thoughts to you, and there is your subconscious mind, which will keep thoughts in secret from your conscious mind.

Your subconscious mind has independent functions that are separate from the conscious mind. Now the conscious mind and subconscious mind carry desires in its thoughts. The conscious mind carries desires that you know about, but the subconscious mind can carry desires that you don't know about. Desires can be good or bad. When they are bad, they are sins. You must have knowledge and experience in order to learn to control your desires. You can do this with desires that are in your conscious mind, but it will be almost impossible to control desires that come forth from the subconscious mind.

Only God can help to control desires that come from the subconscious mind. Only God knows the secrets of your subconscious mind, because the heart (mind) is deceitful and desperately wicked if you have not given your heart to God. Listen to Jeremiah 17:9-10:

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

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

When God saves you, He gives you a new heart that will receive new power by the Holy Spirit to do good. The new heart will reserve righteous thoughts that will

present righteous orders to the conscious mind and cause you to do good before God. You must be born again to receive a new heart from God (Ezekiel 36:26).

Subject: Are You A Saint?

You may not be mindful of it at this time, but heaven is where you want to go when you leave here. God who is aware of where we want to go is offering us an invitation. God is calling us to a life of righteousness. He wants to make us saints, because sinners cannot go to heaven. You have to be made a saint while you live in this world. When you are born again, you are a saint. If you think that you have been born again, and are not living a righteous life as a saint, you have been deceived. To be a saint means to be separated from a former life of sin and consecrated to a life of righteousness.

The apostles in the New Testament such as Peter and Paul were examples of how a person is converted from the life of a sinner to the life of a saint. Peter lied when Jesus went to Calvary, and Paul persecuted the saints who followed Jesus. They did these things when they were sinners. After they were filled with the Holy Ghost, they died for the testimony of Christ.

Subject: A Born Again Child Of God Is Not Intimidated By Death:

During Jesus' day on earth, He spoke the truth in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. Jesus made the people to know that though God had promised death to mankind because of the sin of Adam, God's love had moved Him to change the condemned program for mankind to a program of salvation by allowing His Son to be a sacrifice for the sins of man (St. John 3:16).

Though the condemnation for sin was initiated by one man and passed down to all men, Jesus brought hope not just for one man, but also for all men. Up to this present day, many of the Jews doubt that Jesus ever rose from the dead, but many did believe. The message was carried by His disciples who were Jews, and as a result, we have received it.

The day of the resurrection of Jesus was the brightest day the world has ever known. All of this was done so that those who desire to be saved might rejoice in knowing that we have salvation, and are delivered from the terror and sting of death. Death is only a dream and a sweet rest to a child of God. Saved people do not worry, nor are they intimidated by death.

CHAPTER V

SALVATION-
GENERAL TOPICS

Subject: God's Plan:

God has a plan whereas He is going to set up a new civilization in a habitation of holiness where no disease, germs, sickness, or wars will ever enter. Such sins as hatred, malice, envy, strife, emulations, variance, or contentions will be eradicated from existence. Those who live in this new society will never be tempted to take on such evil ways because the initiator of these sins will be removed from God's creation and cast into a lake of fire. Today if anyone decides to be saved from such ungodly ways, God has a plan whereby they can receive grace to help them. It is the will of God that anyone who desires to be partaker of His holiness can live in this new society. Righteousness will be the culture in this new society, and love will be the spirit of influence upon all who live there.

Now you have to be made ready for this new civilization today while you live in this present world. The gospel that Jesus brought to the earth gives you warning and understanding of how to be ready. If you neglect this warning and reject this opportunity, you will be left behind; but you will remember the warning and wish you had heeded. Why take a chance on missing this opportunity?

Subject: Good Common Sense Can Be Your Greatest Asset:

Spiritually speaking the world is in worse shape now than it has ever been in since there was a nation of people on the earth. All these evil things have come upon the world because of the times and the season. The word 'season' means that things have matured to a higher level of existence. The evil of the world is at a much higher level than it has previously been.

If you are saved, you don't have to worry because your name is written in the book of life; and everybody who is written in the book shall be delivered from what will be coming upon the earth. The people who learn what a great favor God is granting by warning them and giving them a chance to correct their errors are wise. Their good common sense will be their greatest asset.

Subject: The Last Invitation For Salvation Is Now Available:

If you have a mind to accept the teachings of God's word, the secret things of God concerning your salvation will be revealed to you (Deuteronomy 29:29). The gospel that is now available for salvation is the last gospel and the last chance

for the people to be saved. The opportunity to enter the kingdom of heaven is now being offered. The door to salvation is opened. When you repent of your sins, you are knocking on the door. Grace is being extended to reconcile God and man. The time to accept the invitation is rapidly coming to an end. The devil is busier and the pressure of sin on the people is greater. Children are more delinquent and difficult to manage. Human life has lost its value by means of brutality and ruthlessness, which results to murders being committed by young and old for the most senseless reasons. Gays are out of the closet and are bold to accomplish their place in society without shame.

It is difficult to find a preacher of righteousness who will cry out against sin. The purpose of the last gospel is to gather together every pure heart who desires to obey. God will be extending this opportunity to every nation of the earth that some might be saved.

Subject: If You Receive The Witness Of Man The Witness Of God Is Greater:

It is not as difficult to understand the word of God as it is to accept it. To not understand something is the inability to apply the knowledge that you don't understand to knowledge that you are familiar with. To not accept knowledge is to disagree with the knowledge. The God sent minister is not responsible for getting people to accept the knowledge sent by God, but it is His responsibility to make the knowledge available.

Knowledge of salvation is sent by God for two purposes. The first purpose is to make available a plan for people to be saved. The second purpose is to serve an early warning of the judgment of God, so that the people who reject God's word will be judged according to what they rejected. Indications that a person has a mind to accept the word of God is perceived by the Holy Spirit upon presentation of the word to the person. When the person has a mind to accept the word of God the Holy Spirit is on the scene to help the person to receive and understand the word. The Holy Spirit will be a greater witness to the person than the messenger who brings the word. Listen to I John 5:9:

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

Subject: Jesus Was Sent For The World To Be Blessed:

The problems and troubles of the world today are because people have failed to obey God. They have failed to love one another. To learn to love is to learn the will of God. The way for happiness, comfort, prosperity, and joy is the way of God's will. When we do God's will, it leads us to the way of happiness. God has filled the earth with His goodness and He has blessed us with everything we need.

God sent Jesus to teach us the principles of the kingdom of heaven so that the people of the earth can be happy as the angels in heaven. The joy that Jesus introduced to the world was incorporated in the gospel that He taught. Those who have obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ have learned to live so that they will cause someone else to know what the gospel has taught them.

Jesus came according to the promise of God. The message introducing Jesus' appearance was sent by the angel Gabriel to Joseph and Mary who were espoused. Joseph was informed not to put Mary away privily when she was found with child, because the child was conceived of the Holy Ghost. Joseph thought that Mary had been untrue, but it was God's plan for the child to be born without the aid of a man.

Joseph found that Mary was with child, and the law said if a woman has been untrue to her promise she was to be stoned. However, because Joseph loved Mary, he did not want her 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 so. The scriptures teach that while Joseph thought on these things, he fell asleep, and an angel paid him a visit. Listen to St. Matthew 1:20-21:

Verse 20 - But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, 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.

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.

In order for the people of the earth to be blessed, they can only be blessed through the commandments of God when they obey. Sin is disobedience to the commandments of God, so God sent Jesus to save us from sin so that we can be blessed. When Adam sinned, the blessing and joy that God wanted to give to the

world were blocked, so God sent Jesus to open the door for the world to be blessed.

Subject: True Religion:

True religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ should give you true confidence in God. If you have a religious teaching that you don't have confidence in, you should leave it at the church that you got it from.

When troubles of life began to bear down too heavy on you, true religion should be there to support you. The world is in an awful strain today. Without God, no man or woman can go very far. If you make any substantial progress at all in life, it will have to be Christ working in you to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Subject: How Can A Person Live Right:

Some might say, "How can a person live right when there is so much temptation to go wrong?" This is a good question, which many might seek the answer to. To perceive that there is so much temptation to go wrong is only a perception of going wrong. When things appear to be difficult, appearances are not always accurate. What will help you to go right is more motivation and confidence to go right. When you decide to go right in life you will receive assistance to go right. You cannot live right with human ability but so far.

When God sees that you are sincere in your heart to do right, the Holy Spirit will go before you to prepare a course in life for you to live right. At the same time, the devil will distort your vision of how you can go right causing it to appear that living right is almost impossible. If you take one day at a time, you will see the way of righteousness opening for you, and day by day, it will get easier as you go along.

After a period of time or so, you will be able to look back and see how far God has brought you, and this will motivate you to go on, and not give so much attention to how difficult it might appear. You will learn by experience that difficult appearances are not a deterrent against the power of God that is working in your life.

Subject: There's Victory In Christ:

When the government of heaven and the power of the Holy Spirit are controlling your life, you then become a product of heaven. When you are a product of heaven, no powers on the earth can defeat you. Jesus was the product of heaven in the earth and when He went down to the grave, it could not hold Him. His flesh did not see corruption. Jesus came forth from the grave shouting the victory, which He had gained over it. He was declaring that He had the key of death and hell for the purpose of lifting our minds and giving us hope that we might not grieve as others, but that we might have hope.

Subject: Jesus' Light Is Life:

The church that the Spirit of God is in should have a light to direct people into the channels of salvation. When people are born again, they should be able to see where the light of Christ has directed them from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. The light of Christ is a new life of righteousness that leads people from the darkness of sin into the light of salvation. Jesus is the light that gives the people life in him. Listen to St. John 1:4:

Verse 4 - In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

When a church does not have the light of Christ, nobody will be able to acquire life in Christ. Life in Christ is salvation; it is eternal life. People cannot find their way to God except there be a light to lead them. The light should be in the church. Light means righteousness. If the church is not exempting the light of righteousness, then the people will remain in darkness. The light of righteousness should show men and women their sinful deeds so that they can escape the sinful pollutions of their worldly lives.

**Subject: He That Believeth Shall Be Saved
He That Believeth Not Shall Be Damned:**

You will know that a man is a prophet of God when you see his prophecy come to pass. There were many during the time of the prophet Isaiah who disagreed and rejected his prophecies concerning the coming of Christ. Today

Christ is alive in everybody's life who has received Him. Those who rejected Isaiah's prophecy are on their way to hell after their judgment. When you hear of the prophecies that God sends, you have to accept them by faith to avoid the damnation that will follow for those who don't believe the prophecies.

Only by faith can the advent of Jesus Christ be made a reality to those who hear the prophecies. The prophecies of the coming of Christ will also tell what Christ will do for those who believe His gospel. Our witness to Isaiah's prophecy of Christ's coming is that we are saved. Those who don't believe the prophecies of God's word were damned before the prophecies were given, and they will continue in damnation after the prophecies are given. It is by the prophecies that you can be saved or damned.

Subject: If Your Religious Teaching Is Erroneous Christ Is Of Non-Effect To You:

Because of Adam's sin, we received a death sentence simply by being born. Unless we are born again, the verdict will go with us until the end of our lives on earth. We can do nothing to escape the penalty for being born, except to receive Jesus Christ to give us the new birth. Unless we acquire a replacement birth of righteousness, we were born to perish because the sentence of death has already been passed down to us by Adam.

Christ is our liberator. Christ has granted liberty for us to be free from the death sentence. After we receive Christ, we must stand fast in this liberty that Christ has made us free in. Listen to Galatians 5:1 and 4:

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

If your religious teaching has not set you free from sin, it is doing no more for you than the Law of Moses is doing for Jews. If you justify yourself as being saved and are still in your sins, though you use the name Jesus in your religious teaching, Christ is become of non-effect unto you.

Verse 4 - Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever
of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

When you use an erroneous religious teaching to justify your sins, you are like the Jews who used the law after Christ came to declare themselves saved; such hypocrisy caused the Jews to come short of obtaining grace from God.

Subject: Life Is Deceiving Without God:

Life and the human nature are so deceiving that folk don't know that they need God. Their conceptions and ways of thinking make them believe that they can survive in this world without divine assistance. They have no understanding of how deceitful the events of life are. They try to make themselves content by drinking alcoholic beverages and using drugs, legal and illegal. The people of the earth pacify themselves with substances that will later destroy them. However, when a person finds God and learns about how He can bless and be of assistance to them, they will also see how vain their previous ways of thinking and living were.

Subject: Why Take A Chance On Your Soul?

Now many people desire to have God present when they are on their sick bed with death approaching. I would not put a lot of confidence in trying to get saved when I'm dying. God is reciprocal; what you render to God, He will in return give assistance to you. If you have given your life to sinful practices, it is not likely that God will reward you upon your death with eternal life.

In order to receive salvation from God at death, you have to give God some service while you live. Now some may say what about the dying thief on the cross, and that Jesus saved him at the last minute. If you want to gamble, you would be better off to go to the casino. If you gamble with your soul, you are putting up high stakes, and you don't know what your return will be, but you know what you can lose. To take a chance to be saved like the thief on the cross is a big chance.

Subject: Salvation Is An Invisible War Against Evil:

If you desire to know whether or not the teachings of Jesus Christ are true, start by obeying what it instructs you to do and you will find that God will help you. As you go along you will see yourself obeying principles of righteousness that you previously thought were impossible to obey.

The devil will set up all kinds of temptations to stop you, but he can't make you sin, nor prevent your progress in the Lord. As long as you don't have the mind to yield to the temptations that the devil presents the power of God will carry you on. The Holy Spirit gives you strength to resist temptations when you have a mind to resist. Jesus' purpose for coming to the earth is to help those who want to be saved. Jesus will minister righteousness to a repenting sinner to help the person to overcome temptations.

When you get saved, you enter a war against evil. Before you got saved you were a prisoner of evil. As a sinner, you are held in a spiritual P.O.W. camp by the devil. To be in a spiritual war is to fight against evil and spiritual wickedness in high places that are invisible.

Subject: Life Can Be Deceiving:

Life can be very deceiving. When you feel healthy and strong it makes you think that you are going to be living in this world forever. You may be having a good time and feel that nothing can prevent your progress. There were probably people living one hundred fifty (150) years ago who thought the same way. Whatever worldly pleasures they were having came to an end. The Bible gives us the best advice about life, and it is given for people of every generation. Listen to Ecclesiastes 11:9-10:

Verse 9 - Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

Verse 10 - Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.

Subject: You Can Make Arrangements For Where You Go After You Leave Here:

Modern medicine has done a lot to improve on the length of days that we might live. There are two events that are appointed to humans, and they are the day we are born, and the day that we die. It will not matter how good the conditions of life are for us, when the time comes for us to leave, nothing will have power to keep us here.

Since we can't escape having to leave here, it will be a good thing to make advance arrangements for where we are going when we leave here. Now some may say, "Who knows where we are going"? Where you are going will depend upon the arrangements you make. If you repent of your sins and obey God, you would be arranging to go to that city whose builder and maker is God.

Subject: Jesus Is Coming Back For A People Without Spot Or Sin:

When God saves a person, He makes all the arrangements and preparations for the person to be saved. God will lead such people to a leader by means of a group that is already saved or using literature prepared for the person. Most secular church organizations are of the devil, and nobody will be saved in such organizations.

If a person has clean hands and a pure heart, God will use the Holy Spirit to lead the person to where he or she can be taught what is required to be saved. It will most likely be a home assembly with a few people who are already saved. In a church organization where there is contention, divisions, disagreements, fornication, and adultery taking place God is not a part of such, and the Holy Spirit will not be there.

When God prepares a leader, his life will be sin-free; otherwise, God did not prepare him. The leader sent by God will speak and teach according to the word of God. The Lord is coming back to the earth for a church or people without sin in their lives. If a person would accept the teachings of the word of God, it will purge their mind of all bitterness, hatred, malice, envy, and strife that they might live a life that is acceptable to God.

Subject: You Will Be Saved When You Believe God's Word:

The minute you believe with a sincere heart that you can live free from sin, you will find your life making a complete turnabout. God is quicker than our belief and repentance. The Holy Spirit is on stand by and can find a repenting sinner quicker than we can repent. The word of God can find its way into your mind and clean up your way of thinking and no evil thoughts will be able to motivate you to commit sin. Evil thoughts will be presented to you by the devil, but they will be rejected by the power of God.

Subject: The Presence Of God Is Revealed To Those Who Believe In God:

We as humans live in an existence of limitations. We can only do so much with our human abilities that we have to prepare for short falls. The word impossible applies to most of the conditions that we meet in life. When we learn about the reality of God, we learn that He is a God of impossibilities with no infirmities. God is an infinite God with no limitations. The knowledge of God's infinity is revealed to us by means of His word. God presents His knowledge to us by means of things that seem to be impossible to us. Listen to Hosea 13:14:

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

No doctor or scientist of our time can do this for us. This appears to be an impossibility, which the human mind will not be able to accept. The human mind needs assistance to believe this statement from God. God has sent the Holy Spirit to help us to believe this statement, because the human mind has infirmities that cause us not to believe the infinity of God's power.

When the Holy Spirit fills your mind, it broadens your ability to believe God's word. Unbelief keeps us alienated from the reality of God. Our belief in God's word allows us to live in the presence of God. This can only be done when we are born again and filled with the Spirit of God.

Subject: Spiritual Food For Everyday Life:

Proper knowledge of the scriptures to apply to everyday life of a saved person requires constant reading and meditation. It may also be necessary to have a spiritually qualified instructor to help rightly divide the word of truth.

A saved person cannot live by bread alone, but it is necessary that spiritual food be a part of their everyday diet. Principles of righteousness have to be spiritually discerned, which means one must have the Holy Spirit to help identify relevant principles of righteousness that can be applied to everyday life.

Subject: God Speaks To You Through Your Conscience:

Having a lot of churches in America does not impress God at all. God looks at the hearts of everybody who goes to church. In order to be acceptable to God, the hearts of the people must have pure intentions. A person can initiate the purity of their heart without assistance from God. This can be done by means of repentance.

When Abraham was a sinner, the Lord commanded Abraham to walk before Him and be perfect. Abraham immediately left his life of sin and his family environment and obeyed God. When we step out with God as Abraham did, God will help us to leave our sins. Your only means of escape from a life of sin is to be born again. God reasons with every individual through his or her conscience. The conscience is the means by which God will talk to a person.

Subject: Jesus Is The Way:

When you get saved, the Holy Spirit takes your mind out of a church denomination and puts your mind in Christ. There is a difference in having an interest in a church denomination and an interest in Jesus Christ. You can be in a church denomination and not be in Christ.

When you have an interest in Christ, you will be following the way He leads. Christ leads a different way than most churches are going. Christ leads you in a way that will help you to repent of your sins and sanctify you from sin and sinners. Christ will lead you to love without respect to persons, free from envy, strife, hatred, malice, adultery, fornication, and liquor drinking.

Subject: When You Serve God You Are Living Free From Sin:

You cannot serve two masters especially when the work each master requires is completely the opposite. You can't serve sin and God at the same time. When you serve sin, you are working for the devil. To become a servant of God, you must be free from sin. When you are free from sin, your work is unto holiness. If you think you can't live free from sin, you are giving the devil credit for being more powerful than God is. There is nothing impossible for God who can clean your life up, and give you power to live free from sin.

Subject: To Be Made Holy Is To Be Made Sin-Free:

God is a holy God. When you are born again, you are adopted into the family of God by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will fill you with the righteousness of God making you a holy child of God. You can only be connected with God when you become holy. Only the Holy Spirit can make a person holy. The Holy Spirit redeems you from being carnal to be holy.

God sent His Son into the world for the purpose of redeeming a people to make them holy. When you are saved, you will worship God in Spirit and truth, and you will be called by His name, which is "Holy". You can only be identified with a family when you have the family name. When you were born in your mother and father's family, you were identified with the family by being given the family name.

When you are born again in the family of God, you are identified with God's family by being given the family name, which is "Holy". The way you were born to be a "Jones", "Williams", "White", "Johnson", or "Douglas" is by receiving the name of your father. The way you receive the name "Holy" is by being made sin-free.

Subject: Holy Is His Name:

Names are given because of differences in people or things that we have to identify. When there are different names for different people, we can make distinctions in people. If everybody had the same name, we would have a difficult time trying to identify one from the other.

Now there are some who say names are not important. Try buying a house in somebody else's name. Church names are important also. A church name identifies what church you are a member of. God's name is not Methodist, Baptist, Catholic or some other church name. God's name is Holy. If you want to belong to God's church, you have to be sure that you are in a church with His name. Listen to St. John 17:11:

Verse 11 - ... keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Listen to what name Jesus is referring to in St. Luke 1:49:

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

God is holy and all the angels in heaven are holy. Everything that God has is in His name, which makes them holy. If you are God's people, you are called holy.

Subject: Man Is Precious To God:

It is not the will of God that man should perish. God has made a lot of preparations for man to be saved. God loves the souls of men and He desires that they be given eternal life. God sent Jesus to restore man to the state of perfection, and loveliness that he possessed when he was created. Today, man is still precious in the sight of God. God did not make man to perish. He intended for man to live forever. Having the power of immortality in Himself, God imparted it to men who believe and obey His gospel.

The man who dies in the Lord is not dead for real; he is merely asleep, waiting to be awakened by the voice of God. When the time arrives for the person to be awakened, God will call and the person will get up. It is certain that no matter how deep a sleep the person may be in, when the voice of the Lord sounds in their ears, they will get up. They will first be introduced to the sound of the trumpet, which will later be followed by the voice of the Lord.

Those who have fallen asleep in Christ shall awake to see Him as He is. Christ has planned that the grave should not destroy His people. When man finishes his life in time, he will enter into eternity.

Subject: The Blood Of Jesus Will Never Lose Its Power:

God's holiness required a sacrifice for sins. Nobody can be a part of God's new society of holiness unless a person's sins are carefully cleansed. When God saw that there was not one just man upon the earth who was worthy to be a sacrifice, God decided that He would bring His only begotten Son into the world. God's only begotten Son was His word. So, God took His word and wrapped it in a human body and called His name Jesus.

Jesus came to the earth and ministered righteousness to the people of the earth. In addition, He was tried by the devil, yet He never sinned. When Jesus maintained His righteousness before the people of the earth, God suffered the ungrateful people to take Him to Calvary to be offered as a sacrifice for the sins of man. The entire contents of the prophets in the Old Testament prophesied of the coming of Christ, and it prophesied of how He would save His people from their sins.

The scriptures taught that Jesus would bind up the broken hearts and deliver man from the power of sin by demonstrating in His own life that a person could live above sin in the flesh and blood body. God seeing that Jesus' body and blood would be so pure, holy, and separate from sin, made plans for Jesus' body and blood to be an acceptable sacrifice for the sins of the world on a place called Calvary.

Today, no matter how vile a person has been in a life of sin, such a person can come to Jesus, and the power of His blood can cleanse the person from a life of sin. Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary carries spiritual qualities that will never lose its power. It was only necessary for Jesus to die one time for sin and it is still effective for a repenting sinner today. Hebrews 10:12 reads as follows:

Verse 12 - But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God.

Subject: The Power Of God Is Sufficient To Save:

The power of God is sufficient not only to save a person, but also to keep the person saved. If a person says that he or she is saved, and periodically returns to a life of sin, then such a person has not been born again. The blood of Jesus Christ was established by God as a cleansing fountain for the sins of those who come to Christ. When a person has been sanctified by faith in the blood of Jesus, it

separates the person from practicing what sinners practice. When the person believes that God can sanctify and cleanse them from sin, something comes upon the person and overshadows them, and they will receive the new birth.

There is a fountain still filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins, and when a repenting sinner plunges beneath that flood, they will lose all of their guilt and stain. When you believe the word of God, the Spirit of God overshadows you just as it did the Virgin Mary when she believed the message from Gabriel. The Spirit of God gave Mary a new birth in her womb without the assistance of a man, and it will give believers today the new birth in their minds.

Subject: Angels Assist Saints From Invisible Enemies:

The average person is ignorant when it comes to the knowledge of God, because they have been deceived, and taught erroneous principles of salvation. False prophets do not know God and are not in touch with God.

When people of the world violate the rights of their neighbors, and commit acts of dishonesty and abuse of their fellow man, it is because they have no fear of God. They feel that if they can avoid being caught by law enforcement, they will be successful. They have no understanding that the eyes of the Lord see everything. The Lord predicted in His word that in the last days the conditions in the world would be as it is now. Prophets through the ages have proven through prophecies that have come to pass that God is real, just, holy, merciful, and loving.

Today, God will make himself known to anybody who is true and desires to repent of his or her sins. God's Spirit will overshadow such a person. Angels are sent by God to protect saved people when wicked spirits surround them to lead them astray, or to destroy them when they try to stand for righteousness. All born again believers have a guardian angel that is ordered by God to protect them from wicked spirits that they cannot see. You cannot see your invisible enemies or your guardian angel unless they are revealed to you by God.

Subject: A Saved Person Should Seek To Make Others Happy At All Times:

There should be no special seasons for making people glad. Some will make others glad on Christmas, or on their birthday, and not do anything for anybody the remainder of the year. As a child of God, we should always strive to make the

hearts of those that we deal with glad at all times. We can do this by carrying the spirit of good will and good cheer along with us at all times, and let it radiate when we approach others and deal with them. Jesus came to illuminate the hearts of men with good tidings from heaven. Though there were things He did and said that many did not understand, when they learned to obey Him, they were glad.

Today those who have His Spirit might also be misunderstood when they stand by the principles that He taught, but as they show love and compassion as Christ showed, they will win people over and make their hearts glad.

Subject: God Does Not Work Through A Novice:

Wisdom comes from God and understanding comes from experience. Young people of today won't get far in life unless they listen to the counsel of older people. Though young people may have a lot of education and intelligence, it won't be worth much without the benefits of experience. In the military, the most valuable soldiers are those who have had combat experiences.

Experience gives a person the understanding of how effective their knowledge is in different situations. An experienced, saved person knows how the tactics of the devil will affect those who are not guided by the Holy Spirit. When a person is not directed through life by the Holy Spirit, the devil can use their education, and zeal to work against them. Their good qualities that they have so much confidence in will be to their disadvantage.

Experience that is governed and implemented by the Holy Spirit can defeat the forces of evil on every level. The Holy Spirit gives you wisdom that is deployed against the devil by God according to the knowledge you have acquired through your experiences. If you are young, the Holy Spirit will direct you to follow someone who is older with experiences. God does not work through a novice.

Subject: What Does It Profit To Gain The Whole World And Lose Your Soul?

It would be a good thing to have your ambition and desires in line with the kingdom of heaven. To be overcharged with the things of this life will be vain when the conclusion of this world takes place. Everything that is not in line with the teachings of the word of God will be a waste of time.

What will it profit you to gain the whole world and lose your soul? There are about 300 million people in the U.S. and a hundred years from now not one of them will be living, no matter how much wealth they acquire. Wealth will not give you eternal life. No matter how much a man labors, and what he may accomplish on Wall Street, he will not take one thing with him when he leaves here.

True happiness and security comes by believing the promises of God's word. It will be by experiences in this present world that you will learn that the promises of God are true and accurate. Through such experiences, you will put your hope in the promises of God rather than the gains of this world. When your happiness comes as a result of the promises of God, nothing in the world will be able to move your happiness.

Subject: When You Are Saved The Word Of God Washes You:

You don't have to be lost just because you are a sinner. You can be washed of your sins. Listen to I Corinthians 6:11:

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

You are washed spiritually when you allow the word of God to cleanse you by washing out of your mind the desire to commit sin. When something has been taken out of your mind, you are washed of it. When you believe the word of God, it takes everything out of your mind that is contrary to the principles that it teaches.

The word of God teaches righteousness; when it washes you, it cleanses you of all unrighteousness. You are cleansed in two ways. The first is your mind, and the second is from the unrighteous company you kept. To be separated from unrighteous company means you are sanctified, just as you separate clean dishes from those that have not been washed.

Subject: Spiritual Metabolism:

Metabolism is the breaking down and building up of body tissues that life in the human body might be sustained. To be born again a person must experience a spiritual metabolism whereas the carnal nature must be broken down and the

divine nature of God is built up. When you are born again of the Spirit of God, the divine nature of God replaces the carnal nature of sin. The carnal nature of sin is crucified after the example of Christ's crucifixion on the cross.

Salvation in Christ means that we are partakers of Christ's crucifixion. Listen to Galatians 2:20:

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

When the carnal nature is crucified, you become partaker of God's divine nature, which is sin-free. Listen to II Peter 1:4:

Verse 4 - Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Subject: A Pure Heart (St. Matthew 5:8):

Don't be deceived and think that because you're a member of a church and your name is on a church roll that you are worshiping God. No one can worship God unless he or she has a pure heart. A pure heart is a heart (mind) that doesn't produce desires to commit sin.

Singing songs, testifying, and preaching in a church do not mean that you have a pure heart. A pure heart is a gift from God. When you repent of your sins, God gives you a new heart. This is done by the Holy Spirit. A pure heart makes your worship services true and God will accept you as being a true servant.

When you have a pure heart, you can keep your mind on God. When your mind is on God, He will be right near you, walking with you, talking with you, and you'll hear Him and enjoy being with Him.

Subject: Everyday Should Be Sunday For A Saved Person:

A preacher of the gospel should not prepare a sermon on Sunday that is dressed up so that when the congregation goes home they can regress back to a life that is not so dressed up. The preacher should preach in accordance to the way the people should live when they go back into their private lives; otherwise, they will conclude that his sermons are for Sunday, but the way they live is for Monday. Sunday should be every day for a saved person. A saved person's standard of righteous living should be so high that going to work should be like going to church.

Subject: Surrender Your Will To God:

God is Spirit. He is strictly for righteousness. Any spirit less than a spirit for righteousness is the spirit of the devil. When a person doesn't want to do right in any given situation, then the devil is in what they want. The evidence that God is in your life is when you desire to do right, doing right means to be holy. Holiness cannot be compromised with doing wrong; if it is, then it becomes hypocrisy. When any religious teaching makes friends with doing wrong, it is hypocrisy.

The devil will influence all the Christian churches to allow doing wrong into their religious teachings, to bring them under subjection to his will. The only means of escape from the seduction of the devil is to surrender your will to God.

Subject: You Can Only Have Fellowship With God When You Have Fellowship With Your Church Members:

Prior to Jesus' arrival in the world, the people of the world walked in darkness. To be in darkness means to be alienated from the righteousness of God, to live ignorantly in sin. Jesus' gospel brought light to mankind showing them that sin was against God, and as long as they walked in darkness of sin that they could have no fellowship with God.

In order to have fellowship with God, you must walk in the light. If we say we have fellowship with God and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. But if we live in the light by obeying His word, we are walking in the light having fellowship with God. The fellowship with God is proven when we have fellowship

with one another. This means that the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed us from all sin.

If the members of Christian churches claim that they have fellowship with God and fail to have fellowship with one another they are lying. You can only have fellowship with God when you have fellowship with your fellow church members. This means the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed you from your sins.

Subject: Your Troubles Will Come Based Upon The Way You Carry Yourself:

After you become saved, God teaches you how to live so that you won't have a lot of trouble. Everybody is going to have some trouble whether they are saved or not saved. You will be able to avoid a lot of trouble based upon the way that you carry yourself. Most people who have trouble are the cause of their troubles. God will teach you how to conduct yourself so that you won't have a lot of trouble. Pride, selfishness and high-mindedness will cause a lot of trouble because these things will cause people to contend with you. They will contend with you on your job, in your social life and in business dealings.

The above characteristics will cause people that could help you to dislike you. People don't like high-minded, selfish, and proud people; they will look for ways to defeat you in life. On the other hand if you are humble, submissive and willing to be a servant to others, they will like you. When you assist people, they place more value on their association with you than they would when you try to know everything. In addition, they will accept your association according to what they see that you have to offer. This will result to them giving high regard to you, which will minimize your troubles.

Subject: God Is A Rewarder Of Those Who Diligently Seek Him:

Many people don't believe that God is aware of everything they say and do. Many believe that they have God's attention when they receive a material or financial blessing. They believe that God is watching over them when they are successful. They don't believe that God is listening when they tell a lie on somebody. When they are successful as a result of dishonest dealings, they give God credit for their success. When somebody else is successful for dishonesty they give the devil credit.

God keeps a record on every dishonest or wicked deed that is done, and He does not reward the wicked person for such deeds. God is only a rewarder of the righteous and honest person who diligently seeks to please God. A wicked person should not talk about God; such talk makes a mockery of God.

Subject: God Knows What Is In Your Mind:

You can't hide anything from God. You can hide your thoughts from other people behind a smile or a frown. God knows your thoughts before they come to your mind. The words that you speak are not always an intention of the actions you plan to do. God is able to separate your thoughts from your intentions.

When you are born again, the Holy Spirit will make your mind free from hate, envy, malice, deceit, and jealousy. Under these conditions, your thoughts will be acceptable to God. God calls these sins iniquity, if you hide iniquity in your heart, God will not hear your prayers. If you surrender your mind to God, He will give you the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit will renew your mind, causing your thoughts and intentions to be acceptable to God.

Subject: Lovers Of Pleasures More Than God:

Though America is possibly the youngest nation on earth, we are the wealthiest, but like nations of past times, wealth has turned our heads away from God. Instead of loving God, we love pleasures. There are more people attending sports events on Sundays than churches. Those who attend church have become so formal in their worship services that there is no spirit in it. They make more noise at the ballparks than at some churches.

When the Holy Spirit falls upon you in a worship service where folk obey God, you can't keep your mouth shut; we should enter God's courts with thanksgiving and joy of heart. If you would go into an orthodox church, you would excite the preacher if you said amen too loud. Wherever the Spirit of God is there is liberty.

We are living in the last days now, and if we don't have God to help us, we will be absolutely overcome by evil events of the times. Today most people are thinking of nothing but pleasure. The pleasures of the world are sinful. We can get pleasure from the Spirit of God, which is holy pleasure. Such a spirit will give us joy rather than sinful pleasures of the flesh.

Subject: An Incorruptible Seed (I Peter 1:23):

When you hear the word and don't understand it, the devil will come and take what you heard out of your mind (St. Matthew 13:19). The word that was preached to you was like a seed that the farmer planted, but it did not fall on the cultivated ground; it fell by the wayside.

Jesus chose this example to help us understand the spiritual things by comparing them with the natural things. Planting seeds to bring forth crops is a common everyday practice. This is how simple the process of salvation works also. The seed is like the word of God. When it is received in a good mind that is hungry and thirsting after righteousness, it is like a seed that the farmer planted that fell on good cultivated ground rather than by the wayside. The difference is that the word of God produces righteousness and the seed that the farmer sowed produces food.

When the word of God makes contact with a good mind it will cause such a mind to change its way of thinking. The mind will produce good righteous thoughts that will cause the body to produce righteous actions. When the word of God takes root in the mind, a new mind will be born again. The word of God is an incorruptible seed that will never go bad nor die. The mind will also acquire this same source of life because the mind would have been born again of this kind of 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 forever.

Subject: While Men Slept An Enemy Sowed A False Gospel (St. Matthew 13:24-25):

Now after you hear the word of God it is very important that you pay close attention to what you heard. If you allow your mind not to be attentive, an enemy who is the devil will come along and mix what you heard with other knowledge that will confuse you and cause your understanding to be distorted. Listen to St. Matthew 13: 24-25:

Verse 24 - Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, *The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:*

Verse 25 - *But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.*

When the enemy sowed tare with the good seeds, the tare was like weeds, not good for anything; it simply took up space and distracted the attention of the farmer from the good seeds. When God sent Jesus to preach the gospel, an enemy or the devil sent false preachers to mix unprofitable religious teachings with the gospel to take the attention off the true gospel, and allow heresies or false teachings to mix with and to adulterate the gospel in the minds of those who were not careful listeners. The enemies sowed tares or a false gospel while men slept and did not give careful attention to the true gospel.

Subject: The Good Seed Is The Word Of God And The Children Of God:

The good seed is the word of God and those who receive it into their hearts are children of God. The devil sows tare, which is evil and wickedness. Those who receive evil and wicked thoughts are the children of the devil. The good seed will separate the children of God from the children of the devil. Though they may live in the world together and work on jobs together, they will not carry the same evil thoughts. The hearts of the children of God will be sanctified from evil. The children of God will be separated unto the gospel of Christ, which is the good seed. Listen to Romans 1:1:

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

Listen to I Corinthians 1:2:

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

The good seed sanctifies the minds of the children of God, while the devil uses tare to defile the minds of the unsaved. When the devil fills the minds of the unsaved with evil thoughts they will grow up to be like tare that grows with wheat.

When Jesus fills the minds of the children of God, they will be like wheat because their minds will be filled with the word of God.

At the end of the world, God is going to send His angels to separate the wheat from the tare, or the children of the devil from the children of God. Listen to St. Matthew 13:38-42:

Verse 38 - *The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;*

Verse 39 - *The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*

Verse 40 - *As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.*

Verse 41 - *The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;*

Verse 42 - *And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

Subject: A Witness:

It is our duty as a born again child of God to be a witness to others of the saving power of God. We should witness verbally, and by the way that we live, so that others will see an accurate demonstration of salvation in our lives. As we speak the truth to others, our lives should be a visible demonstration of the truth that we are speaking.

Those who do not accept our witness will be ashamed in the presence of the Lord on the day of His return. In the day that God will judge the unsaved, those to whom we had a chance to witness will then be made aware that they received an accurate and true witness that could have saved them. By rejecting our witness, they will be rejected by God.

Subject: God Knows How To Deliver The Righteous Out Of Temptation:

When you are trying to obey God there will be times when you will be discouraged, because you may feel that you are not making any headway. There will be times when the enemy will try your patience, love, faith, and zeal to work for God. It doesn't matter what your temptations may be, the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations before the enemy can overcome you.

You must be sure that your hope and confidence is in the Lord, and you must not turn away from God to seek help from some other source. If you will endure, God will send you help, but don't turn away from God for help. Don't worry about those who are giving you a hard time, the Lord knows how to reserve the ungodly until the day of judgment that they might receive their just reward.

Subject: Temptations Will Prepare The Saints For A New Body And Spirit To Live In Heaven:

If you are born again, you will receive timely warnings from the Holy Spirit when the devil is approaching you with temptations to commit a sin. God does not tempt us, but He allows the devil to tempt us. This is the only way that we might be perfected. Satan is allowed by God to tempt us to make us as God desires for us to be.

Temptations help to make us ready for a spiritual life in heaven. Satan is constantly preparing temptations for everybody who is in their right mind, including the saved and unsaved. However, only the born again person will be able to resist the temptations of Satan. Nevertheless, Satan takes a chance tempting saints with the hope that they will be overcome by the temptation. Temptations are distributed by the devil appropriate to work on the weaknesses of the individual. A person can only be tempted to do something that he or she has a great desire to do. The act must be sinful or something forbidden that God's word instructs against. It will be something that the Holy Spirit will give timely warnings not to do.

Though a person is born again, they are still subject to the desires of the flesh if they decide to give in to the temptation. The flesh will only be destroyed completely when the saints get into the kingdom of heaven. Those who are filled with the Spirit will have their souls taken to heaven to live with God because they will be like God. God will give the saints a new body, immortal and glorified in

every aspect, similar to the body we now live in. The new body and spirit will live with God in His kingdom forever.

Subject: Why Was Christ Tempted?

Jesus in His prayers often referred to the time that He was with the Father before the world came into existence. When Jesus entered the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, He didn't have an accurate, positive recollection when He entered the wilderness. Jesus' knowledge of His existence in heaven was acquired from the scriptures. The Bible teaches that the word was made flesh, and that God prepared a body to wrap around His word in the beginning, before the creation of this world.

It teaches that the word was with God and the word was God. Jesus was known in heaven as the word of God; "Jesus Christ" was His earthly name. The only evidence that Jesus had that He was with God in the beginning was the scriptures written by the prophets foretelling of His advent. The scriptures were confirmed by the events of His birth and early life as they were told to Him by His mother.

Jesus' temptations from the devil consisted of an inducement by the devil to get Him to doubt that He was the Messiah, having the right to use the powers of heaven to do the works of God in the earth, and that He was really the Son of God. He had to be alone and undisturbed by other human beings, or by the events of life to review the scriptures and to strengthen His faith. He had to know first that He was the Son of God before He could induce others to believe He was.

Every day for forty days, Jesus struggled with this temptation, dispelling all doubt as to His Deity and mission. Jesus was so deeply absorbed in His struggle that He was not even aware of His physical need for food until the end of the period. At last, He became certain that He was with the Father in the beginning, and that as the word of God; He played a vital part in the creation. In addition, he became certain that He was chosen of God to be the Messiah, and that His mission was to redeem man from the curse of sin by paying the penalty in the flesh, and finally that He would return to God to be a mediator forever, according to the word in the scriptures.

Subject: Offenses Must Come:

The purpose of the law is to keep people from offending and violating the rights of another person. There are many things a person can do to offend another person that are against the law. Now, there are people who will get offended because of the righteousness that some people exercise. When an unsaved person is not living a righteous life, they will get offended by others who are righteous. The unrighteous will get offended because righteousness exposes unrighteousness to be at a very low level of human conduct. Sometimes this will provoke the unrighteous to persecute the righteous person.

In St. Matthew 18:7, Jesus taught that offenses must come, but woe unto the ones who bring them. It is a good thing not to be involved in the dangerous business of offending one another. This is because God has vowed to protect the innocent, and His fury rages against those who offend.

Subject: Yielding To Temptations Is Sin:

Temptations are not sins. When you are being tempted, you are not committing sin. Yielding to temptations is sin. You commit sin when the idea is presented to you, and you decide to do it. Yielding to temptations is sin. If you reject the idea to commit sin you are not a sinner neither have you committed sin.

Now you will need help when temptations are presented, and the Holy Spirit will be there to help if you don't yield. As you go along the Holy Spirit will change your appetite for the temptations that you previously had, and this will cause the temptations to be undesirable to you. When the devil sees that the temptations are not to your liking he will not waste time on you with something that he knows you don't like. You cannot be forced to commit sin; it must be your choice to do it so the devil will leave you for a season or so and come back at another time with another proposition to commit sin.

The first time the devil came to Jesus he presented Jesus with a chance to acquire the wealth of the world. When that didn't work, he came back the next time to tempt Jesus while on the cross with a desire for vengeance against those who crucified Him. When that didn't work, we got victory in Christ and salvation was made available to the world. Today the strength of Christ's victory on Calvary is available to anyone who is tempted to commit sin, and if we are determined not to yield, we will be saved. If the devil had known of God's plan to save us, he never would have crucified Christ.

Subject: You Are Saved From The Company Of Unsaved Worshipers:

The knowledge of salvation is a mystery that has to be revealed to the human mind. You can only learn the secrets and mysteries of salvation by obeying God. A failure to repent of your sins and put forth an effort to obey God will result to you learning an erroneous teaching of salvation. Most churches teach an erroneous teaching of salvation.

The knowledge of the word of God is given to individuals and not church organization. The knowledge is designed to save a person, and not groups of people in a church. God chooses a person out of churches to save them. Listen to II Corinthians 13:5:

Verse 5 - Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

God calls His people out from among the majority. Listen to St. Matthew 20:16:

Verse 16 - *So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.*

God will only save His people from a large church congregation, and not in a large church congregation. 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.*

God admonishes those who are called to be saved to come out from among those that He does not call. Listen to II Corinthians 6:14-17:

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

unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

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

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

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

God separates His people unto the gospel of Christ. You cannot be saved unless you are sanctified from unsaved worshipers. Listen to Romans 1:1:

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

When you get saved, the Holy Spirit calls you from among the unsaved and sanctifies you in Christ Jesus. You cannot be in Christ unless you are sanctified by the Spirit of God. Listen to I Corinthians 6:11:

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

Subject: You Walk With God By Faith:

You can't walk with God by sight; you must walk by faith. You must establish confidence in what God's word teaches, and not in what you see. The word of God will teach you things that God will do for you that you won't be able to see how it will be done, but when you believe the word of God, you will be walking by faith.

God will bless those who walk by faith. There was a man in the Bible named Enoch. The Bible teaches that Enoch walked with God and one day, he was found no more upon the earth. God was so pleased with Enoch's faith that He took Enoch from the earth that he would never see death. You can only please God by faith.

To please God, you must have faith in God's word, and have faith in what it promises. Your belief in God's word is substantiated by your obedience to the word. If you walk with God by faith, He will keep every promise that He has made to you.

Subject: Your Faith In God Activates Assistance From God:

The world around Daniel at the time that he was thrown in the lion's den knew it was only by the power of God, which was activated by Daniel's faith in God that locked the jaws of the lions that night, and kept them away from Daniel. It is your faith in God that activates assistance from God during a time of need.

Though you may not be thrown into a lion's den, you might be exposed to circumstances equally as dangerous and sensational and you might need Daniel's faith in order to be delivered as Daniel was. The same God that helped Daniel will be standing by to help you if you have the same faith that Daniel had.

Subject: Temptations Only Come To Test Your Faith And Not To Defeat Your Stand With God:

Now, when the devil is trying to make you stop trusting God, he will make you think the test is impossible to be delivered from. If we contend for the faith and please God, nothing can harm us. It is fear that contends against your faith. If we obey God, His presence will help us to overcome all fears. Hold on to your faith and never give in to threats from the devil. If you love God, He will not forsake you, because perfect love casts out all fear.

When you live right you should not worry about temptations, they only come to test you and not defeat you. If you don't faint or give up, God will deliver you. You should just follow peace when the devil is stirring up contention.

**Subject: Christ The First Fruits And Every Man In His Order
(I Corinthians 15:23):**

God will only receive a person who has a desire to be humble. You must desire to be under the spirit of subjection to get help from God. Jesus is our example who obeyed God even down to the death of the cross. The death of the cross was the lowest and the most dishonorable form of death that one could receive at that time. The death of the cross was the death of a malefactor, or that given to thieves and robbers.

If anybody is to be saved, he or she will have to take on the spirit of humility as Jesus did. In order to be saved, you must come by the way of the cross. The death of the cross was the most humble expression of obedience to God that one could give. If we are going to be saved, we must go the way of the cross, by suffering in the flesh. This means to deny ourselves of sinful pleasures and bear our little crosses that will lead us to God.

The cross is an emblem of suffering and not a requirement for those who are saved, but a symbol of suffering that each saved person must experience in different ways in their personal lives. Christ was the first fruits of salvation, and everybody else will be saved in a lesser order, on a lower level of suffering (I Corinthians 15:23).

Subject: The Goodness Of God Leads To Perfection:

When you see a person that is good, their goodness did not originate from them. The goodness in men only comes from God. Man's goodness is only a reflection of God. If man stays out of the shadows of sin, the goodness of God in him will direct others to God.

When Christ was on the earth, He refused to accept compliments for being good. Christ taught that He was good because of God in Him. It is not possible to be perfect or good with human efforts alone; man must be filled with the Holy Spirit to be good and perfect before God. Whenever God's word teaches a man to be perfect and good, God is admonishing the person to allow His goodness to come into their life. Man simply extends an open heart for the Spirit of God to come into his heart and allow the goodness of God to abide in him.

All holy qualities of character come from God. Human qualities of character are weak, carnal, and lead to failure and disappointment. Humans came forth in life to have qualities of character that are of the flesh. Fleshly qualities are earthly,

sensual, and ungodly. People of the earth must repent of fleshly qualities in order to receive the goodness of God that will lead to perfection.

When the goodness of God maintains its position of control, in spite of the yearnings of the flesh, you will be able to deny the flesh of such things that will satisfy its sinful cravings within due bounds of good behavior. The results will be that though you are a human being, you will quickly measure up to the stature of the fullness of Christ. Consequently, you will be perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect (St. Matthew 5:48). The goodness of God makes you perfect through correcting your behavior pattern from fleshly ways to righteous ways.

Subject: We Should Correct Our Sins Rather Than Justify Them:

You should strive to be perfect if you want to be saved. Not many people believe that human beings can be perfect. They have accepted the idea that nobody is perfect. So this allows them to find comfort and complacency in their sins and mistakes. They take a chance on the conception that St. Matthew 5:48 is a mistake, and is not intended for humans to obey.

God understands human nature better than humans understand it. God knows when we are justifying our sins rather than trying to correct our sins. When we put forth an effort to correct our sins, God gives us credit for being perfect.

Subject: Ask According To God's Will And It Will Be Given:

Live right and then ask God for what you need, and it will be given to you. Be careful of what you ask for. Make sure your request is not motivated by greed or selfishness. A spiritual minded child of God doesn't ask God for everything. The spiritual minded child of God will seek to know what the will of God is, and whatever is in accord with the will of God, he or she will ask for. If you keep God's commandments, you cannot ask out of 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.

To lust is a sin. God commands us not to lust. Lust means to satisfy a desire for greed or covetousness. If we ask according to God's will it will be separate

from lust, and it will be granted. If we fail to keep God's commandments and ask, it means we are asking amiss, that is, we will ask for it and miss because we ask that we might satisfy our own lust. If there is no lust in your heart, God has promised to supply according to your needs. All you have to do is live right and God's grace is sufficient for all your needs.

Subject: The Intercessor For Prayer:

A child of God does not really have to prepare for prayer. All a child of God has to do is lift his mind heaven ward, and start talking to God. Though God is the most important person in the universe, a child of God does not have to make arrangements, or an appointment to talk to God. The righteous life of a child of God gives him immediate and direct access to God. A born again child of God is filled with the Holy Spirit that gives him a direct line of communication to God.

The Holy Spirit is the third part of God that also abides in a born again child of God and keeps a connection between God and His children. The Holy Spirit serves as an intercessor and counselor for a child of God to present petitions or requests to God that will be acceptable to God.

The Holy Spirit knows what request from a child of God that God will answer, and will only make such request to God. When a child of God does not know what to ask for in prayer, the Holy Spirit that is an examiner of the needs of a child of God will compose a petition to God that God will honor even though the child of God was ignorant of the request.

Subject: Prayers Should Not Be A Show Off But A Petition To God:

Prayer is a petition to God, and not a show to the world. When folk like to pray in a church with a loud tone of voice, such prayers are to impress their fellow church members and not God. God can discern spirits that like to show-off and to be heard to attract the attention of others, and He can tell when a person is sincere. So the word of God teaches us since it is supposed to be a conversation between the person and God, they should go into their secret closet and close the door before they start praying. That means to pray in secret rather than to show-off before others. Listen to Matthew 6:6:

Verse 6 - *But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*

God can hear through a door, and He sees the condition that inspires the prayer. He is quick to discern that the person is either a saint or a hypocrite. The reward or answer will come either openly or not at all.

Now remember when you present your petition to God, He is already fully informed. Your prayer is not a news flash to God. He knows what you are going to ask for before you ask. God is aware of the conditions that moved you to pray, and the motive behind your prayer. So, you don't have to yell at Him, He is not hard of hearing. If you have been obedient, He is standing by, ready to deliver and bless you, if you are a hypocrite He is further away than your voice can carry.

God is not moved by fancy language and eloquent phrases. The fellow in the Bible who said, "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner" was far more justified, and more worthy to receive the benediction of God than the Pharisee who used the best language in the dictionary to picture himself and his position of honor in the church.

Subject: Prayer Can Be Presented With Fasting:

It is always good to have a season of fasting along with prayer, which can be for a period of seven to ten days, during which time you will eat your first meal at approximately 4:00 p.m. each day. When you fast, the body, and the mind are prepared for communion with God, this preparation includes the emptying of the mind of emotions that are not consistent with the purpose for prayer. Then the purpose of the prayer is kept alive throughout the ten days by consistent rehearsal of the petition.

When this is done by a sin-free group of worshippers, the worshippers will be brought in personal touch with the Holy Spirit, and get a better knowledge of the power and effect of prayer. They will learn when to pray, how to pray and why to pray. They will learn that prayer is precious and vital to the saint, and is not available to the sinner, and if they lose their favor with God by committing sin, they will lose their privilege to pray. They will also learn that the Holy Spirit helps them to pray, and that the Spirit maketh intercessions to God with a language that they don't have knowledge of how to use (Romans 8:26-27).

Subject: The Holy Ghost:

The Holy Ghost is the third person in the trinity; it has different duties from that which the word of God has. It is the Holy Ghost that helps you to pray. Your prayers won't reach God unless the Holy Ghost carries them to God for you. You must be filled with the Holy Ghost to get the assistance that it offers. The Holy Ghost was commissioned by God to be an intercessor for those who are born again. There are many things we are not able to do unless the Holy Ghost helps us.

Praying is very important because it is a line of communication between man and God. God is Holy, and we cannot adjust our knowledge to the level of holiness that God accepts, therefore the Holy Ghost was given to help us. Without the assistance of the Holy Ghost we can't do very much that will be acceptable to God and that includes praying. There are many who pray and don't get an answer; that is because they don't have the assistance of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost knows the will of God, and when it takes a prayer to God for us, it will only take prayers according to the will of God. When we don't know what to pray for it will make a request for us according to what God will grant. Sometimes we ask for things in prayer that will be to our disadvantage, so the Holy Ghost will disregard such prayers.

When you ask according to the will of God, you will get what you ask for, because you will be asking in Jesus' name. If you ask for a selfish purpose, you will not get what you ask for because that will be in your name. You are asking in Jesus' name when you ask according to what he teaches, to be used for the benefit of somebody other than yourself. When you ask in Jesus, name, you will do what He tells you to do with the blessings. There are no limitations to what God can give you, but there are limitations to your ability to manage.

The Lord will not withhold a blessing from you if you ask it in His name, but He knows your heart. You cannot lie to God in prayer about what you want a blessing for and use it for something different after you get it. It does not matter how loud you pray or moan or the fancy words you use in your prayers. You have to be led by the Spirit to pray.

The Lord's Prayer is always in order. The Holy Ghost makes utterances within you which the Lord interprets into a language (Romans 8:26). Unless someone who has the Holy Ghost prays for you, you have no help because your prayers won't go through. If your prayers are directed to God that you might be able to accomplish something to the glory of God, and not to your own glory, then God will hear you. If you keep God's commandments so that He abides in you and you in Him, then you may ask what you will in His name with intentions of keeping it in His name using it to His glory, you will get what you ask for.

Subject: The Peace Of God:

A minister sent by God will encourage his listeners to live peaceably with their fellow citizens. Any religious or political leader who incites hatred and causes discord among people is not a minister of God.

Jesus came into the world to bring peace on earth and good will from God. Men who speak with words of strife and hatred are working against God. Wherever there is peace on earth between people of a given society, nation or church, it is glory to God in the highest. Therefore, those who want to be saved in the day of the Lord's return should be sure to work with Christ and bring peace on earth and good will to his fellow man. If a person has accepted Jesus Christ into his or her life, they should have Jesus' peace in their life. Listen to St. John 14:27:

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

The peace that Christ gives is not as the world gives. Christ's peace cannot be moved by any force of evil outside of your mind. Christ's peace is the fruit of the Holy Spirit, which is more powerful than all the forces of evil. It is steadfast, permanent, and fortified by the grace of God. Peace that the world gives is partial and limited, and can easily be removed. When the peace of God comes into your heart or mind, you can have peace in the midst of confusion.

One day those who are saved will live in the kingdom of heaven, and they will be blessed with an atmosphere of unlimited peace. There will be continuous peace in everything that is done, and everywhere we go. Peace will be one of the greatest blessings in heaven. The character, nature, and conduct of the citizens in heaven will be consistent with peace.

Make no mistake it would be impossible for God to allow any manner of conduct or character into the kingdom of heaven that is not in harmony with the peace that will be there. Heaven's particular blessings will be shared only with people who are eligible to become citizens of heaven. Such eligibility must start while they live in this present world. They must deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. They must have a heart that is steadfastly obedient to God.

Subject: Jesus Came To Teach Us How To Have Peace:

While Jesus was on the earth, He walked in the presence of His enemies so as not to provoke strife. Of course, He angered them because the doctrine He taught was too strong and inflexible to be mentally absorbed by them. Nevertheless, He was gentle, kind, understanding, and forgiving. He consistently went about doing good among them, healing the sick, raising the dead, and feeding the hungry. Christ would tell them when they were wrong and suffer their rejection. This won respect and love from some who were sincere, though it also aroused the bitter resentment from the leaders of the Jews.

Christ taught them that love was the greatest force on earth, and if they would let it come into their hearts, it would conquer their enemies and give them great power with God. He said they should love their enemies and have great confidence that God would bring vengeance upon any foe that caused them to suffer. He taught that they should love God, and that love would make them perfect even as God is perfect. His doctrine that taught men to love their enemies would certainly not destroy peace, but would promote peace.

Prior to Christ's ministry, man would never consider that kind of approach to an enemy. He would consider what means he had for destroying his enemies, and he would use every possible artifice to bring about the destruction of his enemies. To this day, that is the common practice of the world, and that is a good reason why peace on earth is not a reality now. Wars come because leaders of nations are covetous, envious, and hateful. Jesus came to show us how to have good will toward all men and peace on earth. If the leaders of the world would take counsel from Jesus' teaching, they would have peace.

Subject: Be Careful That You Don't Reject Christ:

When Jesus was sent to bring peace and salvation to the world, the majority of the people during His day were so cruel and unthankful that they ignorantly destroyed Him and rejected salvation. Jerusalem rejected Jesus when He could have saved them. Jesus had power from God to give them peace and comfort when they had looked for a Messiah to bring it.

It was because of their spiritually blinded eyes that they rose up and fought against the one who could have been their deliverer. Through the centuries, the world has repeated itself. Today, people and nations of the world continuously blame others for their problems. Nations of the world try to bring comfort to their own nation by condemning others for their failures.

Peace on earth can only come through Jesus Christ, and not through war against a neighboring country. Unless the nations of the world look up and see that Jesus saves, the hope of the world will be gone.

Subject: Peace On Earth Is Given To The Minds Of Saved People:

Peace on earth can only come from the minds of those who are born again. When you are born again, the peace of God that rules your mind will be an atmosphere of peace everywhere you go. This peace is not for a wicked person. Unsaved people carry contention and strife in their lives.

The mind that is stayed on God has no worry, contention, disagreement, or variance in it. It does not have greed or covetousness in it and it does not seek after personal gain. Such a mind is content with whatever God blesses it with. This mind realizes that godliness with contentment is great gain. This mind knows that when the burdens of life get too heavy God will help it to bear the burdens.

When you have the peace of God in your mind, your thoughts will turn to the goodness of the Lord, and the wonderful love He has bestowed upon you. These thoughts will motivate you to love as God loves, and to let His goodness be manifested through you in your dealings with others. The presence of God will be so fixed in your mind that you will devote your attention to the duties of serving God without forsaking the peace that God gives you.

Subject: If You Honor God You Will Be Blessed:

You can only do something in God's name when you honor God's name. God's name is honored when His word is obeyed. You cannot honor God as you do a politician. You can only honor God with a pure heart, and good intentions to live as His word teaches. When you live contrary to the way the word of God teaches, you are dishonoring God.

God knows where to find those who intend to honor Him, and He will make special preparations to save such a person. God does not bother with all the people on the earth. His plan of salvation is set for those who are willing to honor Him. When you are willing to honor God, He will find you and do things for you. When God begins to do things for a person, He sets a course of life for them to go

through. The course will be fixed and the person who obeys God will receive blessings all along the way. Whatever a person needs, and many things that they desire will be on the course. The person's obedience to God's word will keep them on the course, and the Spirit of God will provide the blessings.

Subject: Spiritual Blessings:

Spiritual blessings are showers of joy from God. They are only given to the born again children of God. God sends spiritual blessings to revive, refresh and to encourage the saved person. An unsaved person will not receive spiritual blessings from God because such blessings would make the unsaved believe that they are saved. If an unsaved person is sitting near a saved person when the saved person receives a spiritual blessing, the unsaved might receive an illumination of the spiritual blessings that God sent for the saved person, but the unsaved will not receive a spiritual blessing directly from God.

God only sends spiritual blessings to the saved person. Material blessings can fall on the saved as well as the unsaved, but spiritual blessings are directed to the saved person only. The hand of the Lord is good upon the saved person to bless and to direct the saved person through life. The hand of the Lord wipes away all condemnation and removes the burden of sin from the saved person.

Subject: When You Bless Someone Else God Blesses You:

God blesses you when you have a mind to bless another person. You can't bless yourself, but you can bless another person. If you attempt to bless yourself, you will become a failure. God has placed within humans a mind that causes them to be very happy when they do something for somebody else. When you are blessed, you will receive joy of heart as well as some material or financial blessing. Joy of heart comes from God.

There is nothing that can rejoice your heart more than praise and thanks that you receive from someone for something you have done for them. Now to receive joy of heart from God you must be pure and honest in your purpose for doing it. So when you bless someone else, God blesses you.

Subject: The Goodness of God:

As a saved person, you must learn to identify the goodness of God. Nobody is good without the goodness of God in them. If they appear to be good and their goodness is not of God, their goodness won't last. It will be seasonal goodness. What makes peoples' good substantial is God in them. God's goodness doesn't change with the seasons or with a person's changing moods.

Subject: God Is Love:

God recognizes only two classes of people, and they are saints and sinners. If you don't consider yourself a saint, God recognizes you as a sinner. There is no middle class with God, spiritually speaking. Now, there is no purgatory for the middle class or not so bad person. You are either going to heaven or hell.

Sinners will go to hell. God doesn't send them; their own ways of living will send them to hell. Those who go to hell will go by their own choice. God loves sinners and saints. When sinners go to hell, they go with the love of God; God doesn't stop loving sinners because they go to hell. His love is impartial. So please don't charge God for sending people to hell.

Salvation is made available to everybody while he or she lives in this world, but they must choose to accept the offer. God is love and He gave His Son that we might be saved. That doesn't sound like somebody who doesn't love us. When a person goes to hell, they go in spite of the love of God.

Subject: Obedience To God Makes You His Servant:

It is whom you obey that will show you how you stand with God. No other religious qualities and rituals that you practice are worth anything when you fail to obey God. Obedience is better than sacrifices and offerings. Romans 6:16 teaches, "... that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey". If you obey your desires to commit sin, you are a servant to sin. If you obey righteousness, you are a servant to God.

You don't become a saint by praying, speaking in unknown tongues and dancing in the church, you become a saint by obeying the word of God. You enter into the Holiness of God by obeying God. You become a part of God's righteousness when you obey Him. When you disobey, you become a part of the

devil. There are no neutral grounds between righteousness and unrighteousness. When you fail to acquire righteousness, you become a servant of sin, and a child of the devil.

When you obey God, you are counted worthy of the inheritance of the saints, which is eternal life. After you learn to obey God, you are qualified to pray, and ask for assistance and deliverance during a time of temptations.

Subject: He Cares For Us (I Peter 5:7):

God has the ability to bear all of the burdens of everybody upon earth at the same time. The power of God controls the moon, sun, and stars that they might maintain a proper order in the universe without physical conflict. Such members of the heavenly atmosphere cannot return love to God. We as human beings can love and respect God, so surely He cares for us more so than the heavenly elements that have no life.

Subject: Cultures Of Different Races Are Good But The Love Of God Is Better:

The differences in people are in character and culture. The color of the skin and the texture of the hair have no significance. It is the character and personality of a person that gives the person spiritual distinction before God. When a person desires to be saved, God could care less about the culture, and He will change their character. Acts 17:26 teaches that God made all men out of one blood. All that God wants to see in us is a good heart, not one that pumps blood necessarily, but a heart that pumps love.

The separation of races is not because blood is different, but because cultures are different. Different cultures provide the distinction that makes it possible to identify the people. Today different races are becoming familiar with the cultures of other races, and they are integrating because of a desire for different cultures.

When God gives a person the new birth, they will accept other races not merely because they like the culture, but because of the love that God has put in their hearts. Cultures of different races are good, but the Love of God is better.

Subject: God Must Be A Reality In Your Life When You Use His Name:

Unless God is a reality in your life, you will not likely serve Him with fear or reverence. In order to acknowledge God with respect, God must be as real to you as a friend or relative. When God is not a reality to most professing Christians, they are most likely playing church games.

When you are serving God of a truth, you have to be as sincere to God as you are to your closest friend. God teaches the requirements for being saved and a truly saved person will meet those requirements just as a person who is trying to qualify for a job that they really want. You cannot use the name of Jesus for your personal advantage and expect to get God's attention. God will not respond to any level of hypocrisy.

Jesus' name is a popular name and everybody knows the name of Jesus. When the name of Jesus is used in sincerity and truth, you will attract the attention of people on earth as well as God in heaven. If you are doing business in God's name and you are not sincere, God will not support your purposes.

Subject: Pure Religion Is The True Love Of God:

True religion of Jesus Christ must be in your heart. If your religion is on the surface, any little temptation of the devil can remove it. When you have pure religion, it is undefiled and it makes you pure in heart. Only the Holy Spirit can give you pure religion. Pure religion will sustain you in every test so that the devil can't interrupt your relationship with God. When you have pure religion, you will talk about it. Hardly ever will a person have something good and not talk about it.

Pure religion gives you love for everybody you meet. To love people makes you happy. When love is in your heart you will carry it everywhere you go, and folk will know it by the way you greet them. Pure religion gives you mobile love that you can carry around with you. When you have pure religion and the love of God in your heart, you will feel good. If your religion is not pure then your love will be partial and limited to certain people. Such partial love will allow you to have good and bad moods. This love is not from God, and it will not endure. When your love is limited and partial you will find yourself changing friends all the time. Sometimes you will find yourself changing spouses.

Subject: God Is Very Fair:

In the eyes of God, righteousness exalts a person and not the high positions that they acquire in life. God does not give high regard to what people think or say about you if what they say is not related to the righteous life that you live.

When you are important in the eyes of God, He gives you an important assignment to do. God sends a man and assigns the man to show others how to escape the dangers of the world. This man is important to God because he would be showing the world how fair God is. Being fair is a part of God's holiness. Without fairness in what God does, His actions would not be a reflection of His holiness.

God's holiness consists of His love, patience, longsuffering, mercy, goodness, kindness, forbearance, and fairness. When God is going to allow something to happen, all of these qualities will be a prelude to the event.

Subject: The Goodness Of God (St. Matthew 19:17):

Whenever somebody does something good for you, along with thanking them, you should also thank God. All that is good in this life is of God. God's goodness reflects in individuals as the reflection of the sun is seen in the moon. The goodness in men is only a reflection of God, which men can keep shining brightly if they stay out of the shadows of sin. Christ himself would not accept credit for being good. Listen to St. Matthew 19:17:

Verse 17 - ... *Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God....*

Subject: Don't Shout In Church Unless Your Life Is Right:

A spirit that makes you feel like shouting, dancing, singing, and getting excited in a worship service does not have to be the Holy Spirit. It is not a good thing to shout in a church if your life is not free from sin. You shouldn't shout if you are not right. If you allow a spirit to make you think you are saved, and you have been deceived, you might not seek to get saved.

When Moses came down from the mountain after receiving the Ten Commandments, he met Joshua. Moses asked Joshua what the noise was that he

heard coming from the camp of the Israelites. Joshua said it is the people shouting. It was not the shout of praise to God. It was a strange shout that neither Moses nor God was familiar with. Soon Moses saw the reason they were shouting. The people had made a golden calf, which they were worshiping. They were dancing, singing, shouting, and worshiping an idol.

When you shout in a church, you should be sure that you are worshiping the correct God. The devil can send a spirit upon a people and make them shout praising an idol if they are not filled with the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God gives you knowledge of what you are worshiping. There are many who go to church to sing, and shout and they don't know what they are worshiping.

If you are not born again, the devil can make you worship anything. You can only worship and praise God when you have the Spirit of God. Nobody can say that Jesus is the Christ except he or she has the Holy Spirit. When you do not have a new heart in Christ, you can be quickly overtaken by a false spirit that will make you shout.

Subject: What Was Allowed For Jews Will Be Allowed For The Gentiles:

When a nation or people reject the teachings of Jesus Christ as it is given in the Original King James Version of the Bible, they are rejecting Jesus as being the Son of God. All who reject what Jesus taught will be charged by God as being partaker of Jesus' crucifixion. To reject Jesus' gospel means that Jesus was crucified for nothing for those who reject him. The purpose of Jesus' crucifixion was to save us from our sins (St. Matthew 1:21).

When the Jews of Jesus' day rejected him by rejecting what He taught, in addition to His low social class they were rejecting their salvation. All humans and nations of the earth have an enemy whose purpose is to destroy human beings. Jesus was the only means by which we can be delivered from such an enemy. When Jesus is rejected, then our enemy will have a free hand at destroying the people of the earth. This is what the enemy did to the Jews during Adolf Hitler's reign. Jesus prophesied that the destruction that Hitler brought to the Jews was by the enemy of the people that rejected His gospel. The purpose of the gospel of Jesus Christ was to save the people from their enemy who is the devil. 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.*

If the Christian churches of America fail to believe and teach that Jesus came to save us from the practice of sin, they will be in the same spirit of rejection as the Jews were towards Jesus' teaching. This could result to the Christians of America having a similar fate as the Jews had. The purpose of Jesus' crucifixion was to save His people from their sins. Listen to Matthew 1:21:

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.*

Jesus will only save those who will receive Him. Those who reject Him will receive the rewards for such rejection. Listen to St. John 1:11-12:

Verse 11 - *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

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

Subject: Be Careful Not To Disagree With God (Daniel 6:20):

Whenever a disagreement against the religious teachings of a child of God is forecasted, it is against God. When Daniel was cast into the lion's den, the decree that Daniel was accused of breaking was an insult to God. Truly saved people

represent the teachings of God's word to the earth. When accusations are brought against them, it is an insult to God.

God could have caused a national calamity to fall on Babylon at that time. God chose deliverance for Daniel, which means He suffered the decree to be put into effect. Deliverance was more sensational than a national calamity.

God fights in a mysterious way. He fights in such a way that everybody involved will see that this is God giving victory to His child. Prior to taking Daniel to the lion's den, the lions were hungry, but by the time Daniel landed at the bottom, the lions lost their appetite. Nothing but the power of God could do this. All the people saw it and said, "What a God"!

Subject: Idolatry:

The only alternative to serving God is idolatry. If you don't serve God, you will not have the wisdom, or power not to serve an idol. The devil overpowers those who are not serving God with deceiving tactics to get them to serve idols. Now, an idol can be anything. Anything that you give more time, interest and love to than God is an idol. An idol could be your career, car, home, or a loved one.

Elijah was a prophet who presented to the children of Israel an ultimatum that they could serve either God or their idols. God offers us a choice of whom we can serve. Listen to I Kings 18:21:

Verse 21 - And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

Elijah spoke these words to a nation of people who were chosen as the children of God. Today, America is a nation of people chosen as the children of God. America has drifted away from God just as the nation of Israel did during Elijah's day. Nations of people who leave God can become so enthusiastic in their worship of their idols that it causes them to forget completely the true and holy God who is able to save them.

God sent Elijah to warn the people of his day that the judgment of the Lord would fall upon them if they did not turn from their idolatry. Today, the same warning applies to the people of America. You cannot serve two masters. You cannot worship God and your money at the same time. You cannot worship sports events and God at the same time. You must reject one to worship the other

(St. Matthew 6:24). God must be your priority and all other things in your life must follow a lesser order of interest.

Subject: The Devil Is The Deceiver Of This World:

God does not rule the world; it is ruled by the fallen angel whose name is Lucifer, or the devil, which means the adversary of God. God initially created the world that man might rule it. It was because of man's disobedience that the rulership fell into the hands of the devil. The devil was the appointed cherub in heaven, but because of his rebellion in heaven, he fell to the earth and deceived the woman, and by Adam's transgression, he lost the rulership of the world to the devil.

In different generations, God will save a remnant, or a few people to represent God in the earth. Such people will not be of the world, but living in the world for God's purpose. They will not follow the things that the devil sponsors. They will follow the things that will make peace and holiness. Now Satan's main device in the world that he uses to create wars and conflicts is covetousness. The devil thought he could deceive Jesus by showing Him all the kingdoms of the world. Jesus was tempted just as we are. Listen to St. Matthew 4:10:

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

Now the devil has deceived many world leaders since Jesus was tempted. He deceived Alexander the Great, Hitler, and Mussolini, and caused such leaders to desire to rule the world. They all went for the fake, and Satan fooled them, because in the end they lost their souls. So what did it profit them?

CHAPTER VI

IDENTIFYING A TRUE PREACHER OR PASTOR

Subject: The Life and Course Of The God Sent Preacher:

It is very important that everybody who wants to be saved learn how to identify a God sent preacher from a false preacher. A preacher's prominence, popularity, education, and large following do not authenticate his calling. In fact, the above description could be applied to a false preacher as well as a God sent preacher. The literacy of a God sent preacher should be the result of his everyday life, previous business, or occupation. God calls a preacher from his previous career or occupation to be a minister. If a preacher has pursued a ministry for a career, God most likely did not call him.

The scriptures teach that Peter was a fisherman, Luke was a physician, Matthew was a tax collector, and Paul was an officer of the Roman army. All were called from their previous careers to be apostles of the gospel. A preacher of God cannot prepare himself to be a preacher of the gospel. It is God who ordains his course of life before and after he gets saved to learn what is needed to relate his worldly knowledge to the scriptures. Such a preacher can then be qualified to use the everyday knowledge of his previous and present life to teach the gospel in simplicity.

The preacher of God must have some ability to teach and not necessarily a previous career as a teacher. The God sent preacher's life is ordained by God, and his directions throughout his course of life were directed by the Holy Spirit before and after he is saved.

Subject: Salvation Is The Works Of God Through The Preacher:

You can only acquire salvation by means of a preacher that God sends. It doesn't matter how many churches we have in our nation, unless they are being conducted by a God sent leader, the Holy Spirit will not be there, and those who are members will not be saved. God has to set up a ministry for people to be saved; this cannot be done by the ambition of a religious leader. It must be God working in the religious leader to present the true teachings of salvation to the people.

Subject: A Good Orator:

It is not worth much to listen to a preacher who is a good orator, and does not inform his listeners about what is required to be saved. There is a difference in the gospel of salvation, and a good speech. A good speech can be inspirational, exciting and motivate the listeners to love the preacher; but such a speech can be void of the substance of salvation. Listen to I Corinthians 2:1, 4 and 5:

Verse 1 - And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

Verse 4 - And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

Verse 5 - That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

When the substance of a preacher's message has the power of God, it will turn the listeners from their sins into the direction of salvation.

Subject: The Leader Of A Nation Will Only Be Led By God To Seek Advice From The True Preacher:

Hell is not hot enough for a false preacher who deceives people in matters concerning their souls, and leads them to damnation. I endeavor to help people learn the knowledge of true salvation so that people can be saved. You can only be saved according to knowledge and not religious feelings, excitement, and vain church rituals.

My calling from God is an illustration of pure religion, which is undefiled. I have composed literature based upon the actual teachings of the scriptures. I teach against the works and deceitfulness of sin, and its effects upon the human nature. Prior to my ministry, God saved me according to the scriptures. I received counsel and instructions from religious leaders that were saved prior to my conversion; all such counsel was based upon the principles of righteousness taught in the King James Version of the Bible. My main counselor was Elder Lightfoot Solomon

Michaux. I have also studied literature of the Reverend Billy Graham, Oliver B. Greene, and Dr. Haley.

Men in responsible government positions, such as presidents or heads of state will never be led of God to consult or seek advice from a false preacher. When God is leading men of high position in government, they will receive an urge from the Holy Spirit to seek divine guidance in order to obtain wisdom in leading the people. Their judgment will lead them to one who is recognized as being true.

CHAPTER VII

IDENTIFYING A FALSE PREACHER OR PASTOR

Subject: God Is Nigh Unto Thee:

Many religious teachings and personnel are set up by the devil to fool people. Most religious programs that you see on television and hear on the radio are not authentic. They don't offer salvation. Most have the purpose of raising money, and drawing large followings. I will send my literature free of charge to anybody who desires to learn about salvation. There was only one price to pay for salvation and Jesus paid that price on the cross. Any religious programs that are out to raise money, you can be sure that Jesus is not a part of them.

When it comes to religion, people are easily fooled by shouts and demonstrations because they have not been taught the truth. You have to be taught true religion that gives you salvation in Jesus Christ in order to identify false religious teachings. The way that we know $2+2=4$ is because we have been taught it. When someone comes along and tells us that $2+2=5$, we know that it is false. If you have not been taught the truth about Jesus Christ, you can't know it. You don't come into the world with knowledge; it has to be given to you. When you are given the wrong knowledge, it will not work for you. The wrong religious teaching will not give you salvation, no more than $2+2$ will give you 5.

People are easily fooled by shouts and demonstrations when it comes to religion because they are ignorant of the truth, and they will gladly give their money and support such programs. Many church folk think that it is spiritual to yell at God as if God is far away in the universe and hard of hearing. God is near thee, even in your mind if you obey Him. You don't have to say words from your mouth to talk to God. You can talk to God with thoughts by meditation. It is uncivilized to yell at somebody who is near to you.

When God is presented to the public in an uncivilized way, it makes people ashamed of such religious rituals, and demonstrations. Many people won't go to a church where the people fall on the floor, speak in tongues, and foam at the mouth and act uncivilized. You cannot create a way to worship God. You can only worship God by respecting Him. Obedience to God's word is showing respect to God. When you obey God, you can sing songs, have prayer services, and teach others about His word.

Subject: The Mark Of A False Prophet:

A false prophet or preacher who is not sent by God is the most dangerous human on the earth. Most enemies that we know of can only destroy our bodies, but a false preacher is the enemy of our souls who can deceive us into experiencing

eternal death. Of all the things that Jesus taught during His ministry, He only taught of one human for people to beware of. Listen to St. Matthew 7:15:

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

In most cases, a false preacher does not realize that he is false. You can only know a false preacher by the description that the Bible gives. False preachers use their ministry for gain or filthy lucre. They like popularity, fame, recognition, influence, and prominence. Their preaching and church music are designed to spiritually excite, attract, entertain, and impress their followers that they are sent from God.

False preachers will preach sermons that are full of flattery rather than reproof. Hardly ever will they preach to rebuke and to correct their listeners of their sins. False preachers will never preach against the acts of fornication, adultery, and homosexual practices. They will never preach against liquor drinking or cigarette smoking. They will teach that there is continuous forgiveness for sins even when sins are committed intentionally.

False preachers will present themselves as the best friends of their followers, but their primary purpose is to make merchandise of their listeners. False preachers will do all that is necessary to draw a big crowd, because big audiences produce more contributions. Listen to St. Matthew 7:13:

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:*

False preachers love the excitement of a large following, and they consider that such a large following is an indication of a successful ministry.

Listen to II Peter 2:1-3:

Verse 1 - But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among, you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Verse 2 - And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

Verse 3 - And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

Subject: The False Spirit Versus The Holy Spirit:

It must be the choice of the people not to follow a false preacher. Jesus will only give a description of a false preacher. When a God sent preacher is preaching, he is preaching by the power of the Holy Spirit. This means the Holy Spirit first saved him, and then the Spirit taught him, which results to the words that he is preaching are being presented to the listeners by the Holy Spirit. When the listeners believe his words, they are then filled with the same Spirit that is preaching to them. The listeners will then be born again of the Spirit that is preaching to them.

On the other hand, if the people are listening to a false preacher, though his words may sound religious, they are coming by means of the Spirit of the devil. The listeners of such words will receive no change in their lives though they may believe the words of the false preacher. The listeners will not be born again or filled with the Holy Spirit. They will only receive a Spirit of deceit, which will give them a false conversion. A false conversion does not have power to keep the listeners out of sin. Such listeners may appear to be religiously excited and receive good feelings, but they will not retain a life of righteousness. They will eventually go back to a life of sin.

Subject: More About The False Preacher:

It may appear unusual for me to preach against preachers being that I am a preacher. I am moved by the Spirit of God to preach against the false. What I am teaching is inspired by the Spirit of God and it will not offend anyone who is true, faithful, and desires to be saved. There is more to being saved than merely going

to church. If you are going to a church where the pastor is a false preacher, you have no chance of being saved.

You must be skillful in the knowledge of the word of God to be able to identify a false preacher. Only the knowledge of the word of God can help you to discern the false from the true. If a person truly desires to be saved, a true preacher sent from God will give them messages from God that will have power to turn them from their sins. Listen to Jeremiah 23:21-22:

Verse 21 - I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

Verse 22 - But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

Subject: It Is The Sins Of The People That Are Destroying Their Lives:

There is nothing in this life that can be worse than a false preacher, because he deceives people along the lines that endangers their souls in eternity. When a false preacher has introduced a way of believing in your mind, there is very little hope for your way of believing to recover and find the truth. When a trusting soul is started off wrong by these deceitful preachers, it may not be possible to ever show such a person the true way and save him or her from damnation.

The Lord never sends a preacher who is self-motivated to pick up a Bible or go to some religious seminary to seek a career exploiting the ignorance of people who need salvation. Listening to false preachers who desire to encourage you with eloquent speech and exciting church music, but have a doctrine that does not offer salvation is deceitful and misleading to one who needs to repent of their sins that are causing their personal problems. Such people go to church to receive vain inspiration, and return to their personal lives to be destroyed by their sins that they were not taught about.

Subject: A True Preacher Represents God:

A prophet or preacher represents God if he is true. Now most false preachers will commit adultery, homosexual acts, and drink liquor just like the sinners who may be following them. Such preachers will hate, get divorces, and be dishonest like any unsaved person. A false preacher is not a born again believer in Christ. He is an educated, deceitful worker of Satan. Such preachers seek careers as pastors and religious leaders. They desire to make easy money, and be popular by having a large following. God never sends such preachers.

A preacher or prophet who represents God is true, but if he is untrue, he represents a ticket to hell. It does not matter how much a false preacher talks about heaven and the pearly gates. The preachers that represent God are ordained of God to carry God's message to the people to tell of the blessings of God to those who are obedient, and to warn of God's wrath that will fall upon those who are disobedient. In Revelations 20:10 God names three kinds of unsaved that will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, notice the three names:

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.

Subject: Deceitful Ministers Of Righteousness:

People who desire to be saved must follow God according to His word. You can easily be deceived by the words of false prophets whom God does not speak to and He did not send. You must know the word of God to avoid such deceit. False preachers are popular and very much respected by folk who are religiously ignorant.

It will not be possible to escape the deceit of false preachers unless you have been made religiously literate. You must be educated in the knowledge of the word of God to avoid being deceived. Deception is the most prevalent and popular trick of the devil, which he uses false preachers to implement, because people cannot be forced to follow a religious teaching. God has given to the people of the earth free will of choice to follow what they desire. Therefore, it is necessary for false leaders to use devices of deceit to fool people into making the wrong choices.

Deceitful religious teachings do not infringe upon a person's desires to commit pleasurable sins. Many sins bring pleasure to the human nature, and false

teachings work in tolerance of such pleasurable sins. These teachings are composed and prepared by Satan to be taught by false preachers who are willing to do deceitful works of a ministry to seduce, and deceive ignorant and unlearned people. Listen to II Corinthians 11:13-15:

Verse 13 - For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

Verse 14 - And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Verse 15 - Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

**Subject: If You Are Not Taught The Correct Way To Be Saved
You Will Be Misled:**

If you desire the correct procedures for being saved, you must learn and follow the scriptures carefully. The Holy Spirit must be your source of guidance by using a God sent preacher. There is only one way to obtain salvation and that is to obtain it the way that God has given it.

False religious leaders are drawing people today from the teachings of true salvation with enticements that give false joy and carnal religious satisfactions, such as speaking in unknown tongues, and religious excitement by the use of music in churches. Such false leaders have established many systems of worship designed to answer to the convenience of the people.

When you are not properly taught the correct way to do something, you are easily misled to do it the wrong way. When the truth is not given to you the way God ordained it to be given for your salvation, you will go wrong when the devil shows you a religious way of excitement and entertainment that will satisfy your carnal desires. Today many churches are conducting worship services that offer the same excitement that a rock concert offers. This is due to the fact that the carnal nature of people is seeking such pleasures because of their ignorance of the true way of salvation.

Subject: The False Preacher Is Also Deceived:

The word of God very carefully warns the people to beware of false preachers. False preachers are properly educated and prepared by Satan to deceive people. Deception must be the false preacher's primary purpose, because people cannot be forced to be sinners. They have a choice to repent and be saints. So the false preacher is equipped with tactics of deception to make the people want to be sinners.

False preacher's sermons do not bother a dedicated sinner who is a faithful supporter of his ministry. The false preacher's sermons are prepared to encourage, excite, and flatter his listeners. The false preacher impresses his listeners with the idea that he has wisdom from God by means of his eloquence and proper speech pattern. The false preacher replaces the knowledge of salvation and the knowledge of how to be saved from sin with eloquent speech to hold the attention of his listeners.

The false preacher is not intentionally deceiving, he believes his style of preaching is correct, and that folk can be saved just as he is saved. By means of his educational process, he has been deceived to believe that this style of preaching is more than adequate for salvation.

Subject: The Devil's Tactics Of Deception:

God has given man the freedom of his own will. Man has the privilege to obey God, or disobey. God is delighted with man when he obeys so that man can live eternally. God gets no pleasure out of the death of a man or woman. When a man or woman repents of their sins and gets saved, all the angels in heaven rejoice over such a choice.

Jesus was sent into the world to help motivate man to make the choice of being saved. The devil uses tactics of deception to make the people of the earth believe that they will be happy as sinners, and that there is no harm in being a sinner. This tactic of deception has worked quite well up to this present day. Because of the tactics of deception that the devil is using on people, they don't realize what a dangerous situation sin brings to the world.

Sin is seen in the world by most people as not being so serious or bad enough for folk even to learn what sins are. When a person gets saved, God opens the eye of their understanding and teaches them about the seriousness of sin, and what awful consequences it brings upon those who practice sin. A God sent minister who teaches the dangers of sin is not a minister who preaches theory, but

rather facts that are supported entirely by the word of God. The following scriptures will support the Bible's definition and description of sins: St. Mark seventh chapter, Romans first chapter, I Corinthians sixth chapter, and Galatians fifth chapter.

Subject: God Will Help You To Correct Your Way If You Are Sincere:

If you desire in your heart to learn the correct procedure for salvation the way God ordained, God will make the truth available to you to keep you from being misled. Many who follow false ways of worshiping would not follow the true way if they were taught it. When a person desires to follow the true way of salvation after they are given instructions as God has directed, they will eagerly follow the instructions. For such a person, God will make available a spiritual trail that will lead to salvation being directed by the Holy Spirit using a God sent preacher.

You cannot follow God's way with a perfunctory and careless way of worshiping, by merely picking religious styles that have no spiritual meaning. Everything that God instructs a person to do has a profound meaning. When you serve God without knowledge and understanding of the way that you are worshiping, it will be in vain. God does not teach, lead, nor deal with us in ignorance or vanity; such is the works of the devil. Whatever religious way of worshiping that is meaningful can only be given by God.

You can use the name of Jesus in your worship services, but unless the Holy Spirit puts it in proper order, it will have no meaning. I am trying to show you that everyone who does not worship God and live a righteous life according to the teaching of God's word would be worshiping in a spirit that would be rejecting the counsel of God, and have chosen to worship in the counsel of false leaders. However, if you love God and desire to be truly saved, it is possible for you to correct the matter and restore yourself in the favor of God.



CHAPTER VIII

SALVATION-
SPECIAL TOPICS

Subject: Your Baptism Must Be According To The Scriptures:

Your baptism in water must symbolize Jesus' death. This cannot be properly done by having water sprinkled or poured on you. When this is done properly, the purpose of the counsel of heaven would be instituted that we may be ever mindful of the death, burial, and resurrection of our Savior in bringing salvation to our souls for our sins.

As Jesus was covered in the grave, so should we be covered by water by being submerged under the water, or else our baptism is insignificant, and will have no approval by God. By baptism we are planted in the likeness of Jesus' death, and upon being raised out of the water, we are symbolizing His resurrection, after which we must live a new life that is free from sin.

It is important that your baptism and the new life you live be according to the scriptures. If you go to a church that does not meet these requirements for salvation, the spirit of the church is in error, and God will not honor your desire to be saved. If you and your church refuse to be baptized according as God has ordered, you will be rejecting the counsel of God and God will reject you from the plan of salvation.

Subject: Our Baptism Must Symbolize Christ's Death:

It is important that you follow me carefully as I give you instructions from the word of God. My messages are prepared by the Holy Spirit. Everything that I teach is based upon the word of God as it has been revealed to me by the Holy Spirit. My teaching is not based upon religious theories, and doctrines of men according to the trend of the times.

Those who believe that Jesus died and rose again know that He died for them. Jesus didn't die for any sin that He committed. It was for our sins. When you are saved and are baptized in water, you go down under the water to represent the burial for your sins as Jesus was buried after His crucifixion. You then will come up out of the water as a symbol of the resurrection after your sins have been buried with Christ during His death.

It is the death of Christ that removes and retains your sins on His cross. Your baptism symbolizes the burial of Christ who retains your sins on His cross. Your sins are nailed to Jesus' cross, and cannot be charged against you in the judgment. Christ's death has taken care of the charges that your sins brought against you. Listen carefully: These charges can only be removed from you by

Christ's death. When we are baptized in water, being submerged under the water, and being raised out of the water is our testimony of acceptance that we are a true beneficiary of Christ's death.

This cannot be symbolized as your testimony by sprinkling or pouring water on your head since Christ was actually buried. This must be done the way God instructed it to be done through John the Baptist. 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.

Our baptism must symbolize Christ's death. We should be buried under the water not sprinkled, or have water poured on us. Such rituals would not meet the burial requirements for Christ's death. When you fail to honor Christ's death properly, God will not give you salvation.

Subject: The Court Of Equity And Grace:

You can only speak the truth when God helps you. As a natural person, we will find it difficult to speak the truth because knowledge from the world is presented in the spirit of perverseness. When information is perverse from righteousness, it is separated from God. Prior to Jesus' arrival in the world, the people were perverse by means of their religious teaching. Satan taught them how to change the truth of the Law of Moses into a perverse religious teaching. It is difficult to tell the truth unless you have the Spirit of truth. Without the Spirit of truth, the truth can be made perverse or into a lie. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth that exposes everything that is a lie (St. John 16:13).

Today people tell lies even in the court of law as if it is the truth. That is when the truth is perverse. When a lie seems as though it will bring praise or credit to a person, they tell the lie. Only a perverse person will tell a lie as if it is the truth. When a person fails to understand that a lie will not deliver them from an inconvenient situation, they will use a lie to try it. They will give a lie as much creditability as the truth.

When a person is in the flesh or sinful state, perverseness will be available to them. A lie is not in line with reality. A lie is backwards or incorrect. When folk tell lies, they will find that their judgment will be turned backward, and eventually they will begin to believe a lie as being the truth. The lie will then leave them in the spirit of perverseness. Listen to Isaiah 59:14:

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

There is a court called the court of law, and there is a court called the court of equity. The court of law will not always allow equity in every case, so in a court of equity, there will be actions of chancery to compensate for matters not reached in a court of law. When the court of law says that a person should be punished for a crime, and evidence brought forth in a court of equity shows that the person was led into the criminal act by deception, or that another person was responsible for the criminal act, the court of equity can show that the person should receive mercy that will prevent the harsh court of law from treating the person unjustly.

Now, God saw human beings in a sinful state and realized that the influence of Satan had led us into a life cycle of sin by deception. So God set up a court of equity in Christ, though we were guilty of sin. However, we could receive mercy because we were led into sin by deception. After that Christ was sent to show us the way out of sin, and we nevertheless decide to continue to be sinners, then the court of equity would offer no more grace.

Subject: The Danger Of Being Covetous:

God sets up leaders of nations. If the people of a nation please God, they will get a good leader. If the people have a wicked leader, it is because they have displeased God. A wicked leader is one who desires to rule the entire world as well as a nation. Hitler was a wicked leader who desired to rule the world. Such a desire is deceitful, and is inspired by the devil.

A godly leader will desire to serve in the best interest of the people rather than for his or her own ambitions. When we see a leader who is trying to help the poor, such a leader is godly. A leader cannot rule the world. When Hitler saw that he was foolish trying to rule the world, it was too late. In every generation, the devil will find some fool that he can deceive into trying to rule the world.

A person who is trying to rule the world is covetous. He desires to covet the possessions of the people in other nations. Covetousness knows no bounds. It is dangerous to allow yourself to desire ownership of that which rightfully belongs to another person.

Subject: Pray That God Won't Allow The Heathen To Rule Over Us:

When we as a people fail to obey God's commandments, God will allow the unsaved to have rule over our nation. God's commandments teach us how to live above sinful practices. We must fast and pray as a nation and ask God to spare His people from being ruled over by the heathens that our heritage won't be given to reproach (Joel 2:17).

If the Christians of America do as God commands then God will be jealous for His nation, and pity His people and no longer allow them to be a reproach for the unsaved to rule over His people. A heathen is one who doesn't know God. They don't recognize that there is a God. A heathen doesn't realize that there is a God who rules the heaven and the earth; and that the blessings, which man receives come from the hands of God. Such people are heathens. In Psalms 53:1, it teaches that a heathen is a fool who hath said in his heart there is no God.

Those who have knowledge of God and desire that God be their guide should obey His commandments and depend upon God. He is always on time, and you don't have to worry if your heart is right. God will take care of His people.

Subject: You Must Receive A Jump Start In Life From A Mother:

A mother is the greatest blessing a child can have. A father is okay, but a father's ability to love a child cannot measure up to the same level of a mother. One of the reasons that Adam sinned was because he had a limited knowledge of love. You can only learn love from a mother. Adam never knew the love of an earthly mother. Adam had a spiritual mother, which was the Holy Spirit, but without knowing the human touch as well as the spiritual touch, he was out of touch with love.

There are times when the natural inclinations of a person will separate them from the spiritual gifts of God. Therefore, a person will have to know the human

touch before they can be a blessing. God knew from the beginning of the creation that Adam would go this way, so He set up a long range back up plan to bring mankind back under grace.

A mother is a very important person that is why God chose a holy mother for Jesus. In order for a person to get anywhere in life they must get a jump-start from a mother.

Subject: If Your Spouse Leaves You, You Are Not In Bondage To The Marriage:

If a husband or wife leaves his or her spouse and takes on a relationship with another person, the one who is left is not in bondage to the marriage. Such a spouse who has been abandoned can get a divorce and marry another, and still be saved. Listen to I Corinthians 7:15:

Verse 15 - But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.

Subject: The Law Of Genetics Can Work For Salvation:

God is love, and He begot a son who was partaker of His nature. Jesus was a product of His Father's love. Children of today are partakers of their parent's nature, and unless their parents are born again, produced by the nature of God, they will be continuous products to commit sin. When a person is born again of the Spirit of God, they will take on the nature of God and will lose the nature of sin.

The nature of God is love. The only begotten Son of God could not hate nor retaliate against those who did evil against Him. He was the expression and reflection of His Father's love. Today the mystery of godliness is beyond the conception of the human mind; all of the planning for the salvation of man was done without the counsel of man. The reflection of God's love works through humans just as it did to produce the begotten Son of God.

If the husband is not saved and his wife is saved, she can cause him to be saved if she lives the life of Christ before him, no matter how she is treated by him when he is not saved. God's love in the saved wife has so much power that it can overwhelm the wickedness of his nature and convert him to the nature of Christ.

God does not defeat evil with evil, but He defeats evil with good. When Jesus endured the ridicule of the crucifixion, He defeated all the forces of evil. Evil has no power against the love of God.

After that the husband is saved by the power of God in the saved wife, they can produce children that are saved, such as John the Baptist was produced by Elisabeth and Zacharias. Children inherit the nature of their parents. When both parents are saved, the children will be born the first time with the Holy Spirit, and it will not be necessary for the children to be born again.

Subject: Natural Affections:

When the love of God is in the hearts of people, they will love each other no matter what their race or ethnic origin is. You can't segregate people who love each other. Love is more powerful than any effort to segregate. When black and white folk love each other, you would have to kill them to keep them separate.

It takes the power of God to separate or unite a people. When God separates a people, no power on earth can unite them. When God unites people, no power on earth can separate them. God can unite people by nature or by love. When God unites by nature, their natural affections will bring them together. When God unites by love the powers of heaven will bring them together.

Animals of different species are united by natural affections, and they cannot be separated. Ducks only mate and unite with other ducks of the same species. Crows only mate and develop social gatherings with other crows. Eagles only mate with other eagles. God united them by means of their natural desires. When natural desires unite a people, it works the same way. Such people will have social desires for others even when the ethnic origins are different.

Subject: The Heads Of State Are Set Up By God (Presidents):

The people of a nation should be taught to honor, and respect the nation's leaders such as governors, and presidents. Presidents and leaders of our nation are ordained by God. Listen to Romans 13:1:

Verse 1 - Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers.
For there is no power but of God: the powers that
be are ordained of God.

God ordains the leaders of our nation. God works through the minds of the people to vote into office the leader that is ordained to be the president or governors. To disrespect the leader of a nation is to disrespect the ordinance of God, and those who resist the commandment will receive damnation.

People have a right to disagree with the nation's leaders but not to disrespect them. People have a right to go to the polls to vote against what they disagree with. It is God who sets up rulers, and it is God who takes them down. Listen to Daniel 4:17:

Verse 17 - This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

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

Why did Judas betray Jesus? Judas Iscariot was working right beside the one who could give him eternal life. Keep in mind that Judas saw all the miracles, and works of Jesus that eliminated any doubt that Jesus was the Son of God. So why would Judas betray the one that he knew was of God? Judas betrayed Jesus because he was ordained to do so. Judas' betrayal of Jesus was one of the important links that would initiate the crucifixion. Judas' problem was that he did not have much love for Jesus. God perceived Judas' lack of love before the foundation of the world, and ordained that Judas be the one to betray Jesus.

David prophesied that one of the disciples would betray Jesus, and referred to him as the son of perdition. So Judas was chosen by God to fulfill this scripture (St. John 17:12). God knows everything before it comes to pass. He can tell you or me the way a certain thing will end when it begins. Whatever happens to you does not happen because God caused it to happen. Many things happen to people because of their own choices. God simply knows what is going to happen before it happens. God knew about Judas' love for money, and that such a covetous desire would cause Judas to betray Jesus. So God allowed Judas' greed to be instrumental in initiating the crucifixion.

If a person lacks love for God, and is affiliated with the people of God, then God's purpose will be initiated around that person's lack of love. Such was the case with Judas when Jesus told his disciples that someone would betray Him.

Judas desiring to be looked upon as being faithful as the other disciples asked Christ, "Is it I"? Christ answered, "Thou hast said". Judas became angry with Jesus because the Lord exposed him before the other disciples. When the wicked becomes rebellious, and hateful, with a mind to be deceitful, then the Lord will suffer his heart to be hardened. God allowed Judas' betrayal to show that no matter how powerful the wicked rises up to be, he cannot thwart the plan of God.

Judas was allowed by God to betray Jesus because God saw that he would be convenient for the purpose. Judas' act of betrayal was the result of his rebellion, and thus the scriptures were fulfilled by him. Anyone of the other disciples could have done what Judas did. Even though Judas betrayed Jesus, he did not have to be lost, because Jesus prayed for him as well as all sinners while dying on the cross. Jesus prayed to His Father saying, "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do*". Judas came in under that prayer, and if he had not let his sin get between him and God, he could have been saved.

Subject: The Love Of Money Is The Root Of All Evil:

It is a dangerous thing to sit under the word of God, and harden your heart. The purpose of the word of God is to correct our lives, because we were all born with the nature to go contrary to God. If a person fails to take correction from God, the word of God will pass judgment upon the person. The word offers two alternatives. The first is for salvation, and if the offer of salvation is rejected, it offers condemnation. There is no hope for a person who will not accept God's reproof. Judas Iscariot sat at the table with the eleven disciples, and he heard the teachings of Jesus and saw His works, but his mind was covetous. Judas was the treasurer who carried the moneybag.

It is a dangerous thing for a person without God to handle money. You will become hard, and you will be exalted in pride above all who have less than you do, because money has power to make you fall in love with it. When you have money, you can make some people who don't have God in them do most anything. The scriptures teach that the love of money is the root of all evil. When you love money, you will do anything to get it. Women will sell their bodies for money, men will murder for money, simply because they love it.

Subject: Judas Was The First Disciple To Die Because Of His Wicked And Covetous Heart:

Judas was as honest as the other disciples were when he first started working with Jesus. Judas was persuaded by Satan to get smart in his mind and find a way to profit from Jesus' ministry. If a person comes to God and gets smart on God, and conceives ideas on how to prosper being dishonest, the scriptures will not take any effect on such a person, and they will eventually be cut short as Judas was.

Judas was the first disciple to die by means of suicide. Judas had his days shortened because he was covetous. When God speaks to us by the Holy Ghost, He speaks according to His foreknowledge. God's word declares what will happen to the righteous and the wicked person. A person can be righteous as easy as they can be wicked, and the scriptures tell you what your results will be.

Judas was the only one among Jesus' disciples that wasn't right. Though he heard the teachings of Christ, in his heart he backslid. Because Judas' heart was not right, when the time came for Jesus to be betrayed, Judas was the one that was ordained by God to do it.

Subject: More About Judas:

The word of God talks to people collectively, and individually. If a person is not living as he or she should, they will conclude that the preacher of the gospel is talking to them, when the preacher doesn't have them in mind. It is the word of God that talks to the person and not the preacher. When Jesus said that one of the disciples would betray Him, Judas thought that Jesus was talking directly to him, but Jesus was talking to all of the disciples, Judas just happen to be the guilty one. When the word of God talks to a person, they can be forgiven of their sins if they repent.

Judas could have been forgiven but his guilt was so powerful that it led him to suicide. When one of the thieves that hung on the cross beside Jesus confessed his sins with a repenting heart, Jesus saved him. His sin was just as condemning as Judas' sin. The scriptures declare that all manner of sin shall be forgiven, except for blasphemy of the Holy Ghost. The reason why disrespecting the Holy Ghost will not be forgiven is because it is the only way to be led to God. The Holy Ghost is the only means that God has provided for a person to be born again and to be led to salvation. Therefore, when a person disrespects the Holy Ghost, they would have rejected their only means to be saved. St. Matthew 12:31-32 reads as follows:

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

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

Subject: When You Want Forgiveness For Your Sins Go To God And Not Your Pastor:

When Judas wanted forgiveness for his betrayal of Jesus, he went to the people that were as sinful and guilty as he was. Judas went to the chief priests and scribes and tried to acquire forgiveness by taking the money back. There is only one source of forgiveness and that is from God. The direction to God is by means of repentance. When you turn from everything that you know is wrong, God will be there to receive you.

Now Judas' sin was so big in his own eyes that he was ashamed to go to God. All manner of sin will be forgiven except for blasphemy of the Holy Ghost. Judas could not disrespect the guidance of the Holy Ghost because he didn't have the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God that comes to you to convict you, guide, and teach you the right way after you repent. All Judas had to do was to repent before God, but instead, he went to the chief priests and repented to them. Judas repented to the devil rather than God. There was no need to repent to the devil, because he was the one who caused Judas to betray Jesus.

It doesn't make sense to confess your faults to the one who is responsible for your faults. If your pastor teaches you that sin in a person's life is okay, why would you confess your sins to him? He is the one who is responsible for you committing sin. Such a pastor approved of your sins. You cannot obtain forgiveness from a person who gives approval of your problem.

Subject: The Son Of Perdition:

The Holy Ghost is the last thing that comes to a person to convict them of sin. God is the judge, Jesus is the mediator, and the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God, which convicts and convinces a person. It convicts a person of their sins, and convinces the person that obedience to God is the best way to live. If a person rejects the services of the Holy Ghost, that is called blasphemy or disrespecting the Holy Ghost. When this is done, there will be no other forgiveness for the person, neither in this world, nor in the world to come. Now all manner of sin will be forgiven, such as murder, adultery, fornication, lying, stealing, envy, lust, covetousness, idolatry, emulation, malice, strife, or the betrayal of a friend, such as Judas betrayed Christ, if the person makes up in his or her mind that they want to forsake such sins.

If a person becomes hard in their heart to the extent that God's word cannot reprove them, they will become like Judas. They will become so hard that nothing will affect them. Such a person then will be fit for God's word to be fulfilled in them as being the son of perdition. The word of God will label them as being the son of eternal destruction.

Subject: Judas Was Like A Cursed Tree That Produced No Fruit:

A tree is known by its fruit. When Jesus saw a tree that was supposed to be a fig tree, but it did not produce figs at the time of year that it was supposed to, Jesus cursed the tree and it died. The tree was of no value. It was not a fig tree because it had no figs on it.

If a person is supposed to be saved, and is very active in their church and is producing no fruit of the Holy Spirit, their religion is cursed. The only way a person can be called a true child of God is when they are producing the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their life. Such a person can be a preacher, deacon, or sitting in the congregation, but if he or she doesn't bear witness to the teaching of the word of God, they are like a dead tree.

Judas Iscariot failed to watch and pray during the initial days of his ministry with Christ. When Christ said that one of the disciples would betray Him, He was cursing such a disciple as He did the dead tree. You can be as honest and sincere as anybody else when you start with God, but salvation is given to the person that proves to be faithful and endureth to the end.

Subject: Resentment Toward Another Person Can Become Hatred:

The thing that caused Judas to fall so quickly was that he was playing the part of a deceitful person. Judas became angry when Christ exposed him. At such time, the scriptures said that the devil entered into Judas. If a person's evil spirit is exposed before others, that person will become resentful to the person who exposed them. Judas, being resentful towards Christ, got angry and went out to betray Christ.

When a person becomes resentful towards another, such as politicians do when they are campaigning, they will dig up dirt on their opponent, because what they thought was merely politics would have become hatred. When a person resents another person to this extent, they can't control their evil resentment against the other person.

Subject: The Spirit Of Judas Is Still Alive Today:

Judas was a deceitful person who pretended that he was with Christ. Throughout Judas' ministry with Christ, he had the spirit of hypocrisy. When a person is not sincere in their service for God, they will be overwhelmed by the spirit of hypocrisy. If God does not save a person who is church affiliated, they cannot help being a hypocrite. A hypocrite is one who hears the word of God, but chooses not to walk in the light of the gospel.

Today, if a person sits in a church and allows the spirit of Judas to overtake them, their conscience will condemn them. This is because a false religious spirit will not give them any relief from their sins.



CHAPTER IX

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Subject: What Bible To Use?

In some of the new revised versions of the Bible, two changes that have been made are disturbing to me. First is deleting the word “begotten” found in St. John 3:16. The second is the substitution of the word “virgin” found in Isaiah 7:14 with the words “young woman”. The Original King James Version reads as follows in St. John 3:16:

Verse 16 - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

The New Revised Standard Version reads, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son ...” The new revised version has deleted the word begotten, which is very important in that passage of scripture.

This statement contradicts other scriptures found in Job 1:6, Job 38:1-7, St. Luke 3:38, and Romans 8:14-15. In these verses of the revised version you will find a contradiction of their own statement, where they say that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. The contradiction is that they are saying “only son” in St. John 3:16, yet they are saying that God has other sons in Job 1:6, 38:1-7, St. Luke 3:38, and Romans 8:14-15.

So the revised version is saying “only son” in St. John 3:16, and yet states that God had other sons in other passages of scripture. God inspired holy men to write the Bible by the direction and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the most intelligent force of power in all existence. It has been in operation from the beginning of the creation. It would not hardly lead inspired holy men of God to make such obvious mistakes that an elementary school child would be able to identify. The Original King James Version of the Bible is the only Bible to use for salvation.

Subject: The Bible Is A Manifestation Of The Mind Of God:

A preacher that is sent by God will bring messages to the people from God. The word of the Lord will first come to the preacher by means of the Spirit of God. God will send it to the preacher’s mind, and the preacher will give it to the people. A preacher sent by God will make known to the people before he gives the message that he is not speaking of himself.

The messages will be about the true conditions of the times, and the dangers that will result unless the people repent. The latter days of the people of the earth

will be during perilous times and the preacher will bring messages from God warning of the dangers of the times. The messages will reveal to the people that if they repent, they can acquire safety, but if they fail to repent, destruction will be upon them.

The messages from God will by no means express the mind of a man. Such messages will bring no glory, fame, or praise for the preacher that brings the messages, because they will not be in favor with what most people approve of. The Bible is a book that was written by the Spirit of God that will manifest the mind of God.

Subject: The Scriptures Must Be Searched With The Assistance Of The Holy Spirit:

Scientists of today claim that man came from the common ancestry of an ape. Some believe that Cain, who was the first son of Adam and Eve, married a monkey and produced children. The Bible teaches that Cain went to the land of Nod and knew his wife. Many Bible scholars got the impression that she must have been already there in the form of some animal rather than some high intellectual being as a woman. If Cain's wife had been some type of lower animal, then man would be some kind of freak today.

The Bible teaches that God created man in His own image. When He commanded that they be fruitful and multiply, He gave them the nature and ability to mate with their own kind, and bring forth offspring after their kind. A dog cannot mate with a cat, or a cat with a dog. One kind of bird cannot mate with another kind of bird; everything in the creation mates after its own kind (Genesis 1:26-28).

The first son of Cain built a city. That doesn't sound like an ape or monkey at work. My precious ones, the scriptures are absolutely to be searched and must not just be read literally.

Subject: Your Life And Religious Teaching Must Be According To The Scriptures:

We have so many different faiths and religious denominations today because false religious leaders have come along and interpreted God's word to suit their carnal desires. Carnality is not compatible with the righteousness of God though it can be religious. To be religious means to have styles of worshiping, but it does

not have to be related to salvation. Salvation means to be delivered from sin. You can be religious and a sinner at the same time.

Only the scriptures can confirm a religious way of being to be the correct way. The life of a person must be in accordance to the teachings of the scriptures. When a person's way of living is not according to the scriptures, then the way they worship in their church is not worth anything. Jesus informed John the Baptist that all righteousness had to be fulfilled according to the scriptures, when John requested that Jesus baptize him. The scriptures prophesied that John was ordained to baptize Jesus.

The scriptures were dictated to holy men of God according to the council of heaven for a significant purpose that must be observed in order for the plan of salvation to be properly implemented. Procedures for salvation must be observed and we must endeavor to carry out the command of God, which Christ gave for those who believe and desire complete salvation. Listen to I Corinthians 15:3-4:

Verse 3 - For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

Verse 4 - And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

Whenever a person's life or religious teaching is contrary to the scriptures, it means that the person's salvation is of non-effect and has been implemented by the spirit of error.

Subject: God's Plan:

God has a plan and it is presented to the people of the earth in His word. When God speaks, He speaks through His word as it is written in the Bible. The plan of God may appear to be a thousand years away, but it will come to pass. What God speaks of, no one can hinder, nor prevent it from coming to pass. When God promises us something in His word as a result of our obedience to His word, nobody will be able to prevent His promises from being fulfilled in our lives.

The opposition of the devil will be to get us to deviate from obeying the word, because no opposer can prevent the promises of God from being fulfilled. If we hide the word of God in our hearts, we will not sin against God, and the word of God will take care of us according to the promises of God.

Subject: If You Go Down Obeying The Word You Will Rise Again:

The word of God cannot fail you if you obey it. When you obey the word of God, it becomes a part of your life. The word of God cannot die. When you obey the word, it abides in you and you will not die. The word of God is a protector from death. You might experience the death of your body, but it will only be a peaceful rest. The most important part of your being will live forever when you obey the word of God.

There are no fallacies or failures in the word of God. When Jesus came to the earth He was the word of God made flesh, and they tried to kill Him, but in three days, He was resurrected, walking the earth greeting His friends. If you go down obeying the word, just keep the faith and you will rise again. Whether it be financial or spiritual persecution, keep the word of God in your heart and you will surely rise from your conditions.

Afterword

As we close another volume of Saved from Sin. It is hoped that you have been further enlightened on God's plan for the salvation of mankind. It is a good thing if you have a desire to be saved according to the teachings of God's word, because God has made help available for you.

This is the grace age, which God has extended to the people of the earth. During this time, the Spirit of God is searching the earth looking for those who want to know the truth about being saved, and would repent and seek God for salvation if they were given the correct information. This is your opportunity, through Elder Kilgore's series of books, to acquire the knowledge necessary to be ready when Jesus returns to the earth for those who have been saved from sin.

Remember, today is the day of salvation! Tomorrow may be too late!

