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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

Are you looking for true happiness? Only the Spirit of God can give you true happiness. In order to experience true happiness in this world and in the world to come, you must be filled with God's Holy Spirit.

In this and other volumes of Elder Kilgore's books "Saved from Sin", he expounds on the processes of salvation. He teaches what is necessary to be saved from sin and filled with God's Holy Spirit or to experience the new-birth in Jesus Christ. The teaching given in this and other volumes of Elder Kilgore's books will save you if you receive it with an indiscriminate, honest, and good mind.



INTRODUCTION

The Harvest Will Soon Pass:

The period of grace that God is giving the people of the earth is like the time of harvest when the crops are ready for the farmer to reap. The harvest time will soon end, and if the farmer does not reap his crops during this time, the crops will go bad.

When the grace period that God is allowing people to be saved passes, nobody will be able to get saved. The Bible gives no other invitation for salvation after the grace period ends. The Holy Spirit is now moving upon the earth looking for a repenting sinner. The Holy Spirit will offer a repenting sinner the complete process for being born again. The new-birth that the Holy Spirit is offering is required of every person who wants to be saved.

This operation by the Holy Spirit will be a spiritual change in a person's life. It will destroy the nature or desires to commit sin, and install a holy or righteous nature in the person making them able to live free from sin. This is a process of spiritual baptism, which will cause the person to come forth as a new creature like a newborn baby to live the life of Christ.

A Spiritual Life:

Unless you are born again, the teachings of the kingdom of heaven may sound a little strange to you. The gospel of Jesus Christ is a spiritual teaching that is only compatible with a spiritual mind. Your intelligence and education will not be of much help when you are trying to understand the gospel. The Spirit of God is everything you need in life to qualify to get into heaven. It will give you spiritual blessings, spiritual knowledge and material blessings.

A spiritual life is different from a natural life. When you have a spiritual life you live according to the commandments of God. The commandments of God will direct you on a different course in life that most people do not go on. On the course that it leads you, blessings will be all along the way.

Is Your Name In The Book Of Life?

God has a plan and that plan is for the salvation of man. Jesus is coming back to the earth to redeem man from the curse of sin. After man has been redeemed, God will give him a glorious body that will be fashioned like His own glorious body. This will deliver man from all kinds of suffering and sickness so that he can live forever.

When you shall see the abomination of desolation, as was spoken of by Daniel in St. Matthew 24:15, the time for Jesus' appearance is getting near. The abomination of desolation means a time of trouble like the earth has never experienced before (Daniel 12:13). Daniel also prophesied concerning the fall of Jerusalem when it was the religious capital of the world. He spoke before it was established, and said to the people that one day the old sacrifices should be taken away. He also said that in the last days, this same city should be compassed about with armies. So watch to see what is happening in Israel.

Daniel also prophesied that the time will come that there will be distress of nations, a time that will be perilous, such as there never was since there was a nation. Daniel 12:1-3 reads as follows:

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.

Verse 2 - And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Verse 3 - And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Michael is the angel in heaven who is the commander-in-chief of the angelic forces of heaven. During this time, Daniel is prophesying that Michael shall stand up to deliver those who are saved.

This will happen upon Jesus' second appearance. Regardless of the trouble that may be upon the earth at this time, the word of God is saying by the mouth of Daniel the prophet that God's people will be delivered. Everyone whose name is

written in the book of life will be delivered. God is a very accurate bookkeeper. God has the record of every individual that lives on the earth. God has a record of those who have done evil, and those who have repented of their sins and have done good.

The New-Birth:

Born again believers get joy and pleasure by living so that others will learn what God has taught them. Jesus came according to the purpose of God, and His purpose is in the born again believers of today. The angel Gabriel sent the message of Jesus' coming into the world to Joseph to whom the Virgin Mary was espoused, so that Joseph might not put her away because she was found with child before they were married.

Joseph thought that Mary had been untrue. However, it was the plan of God that He would bring a Son into the world, not by the will and assistance of a man, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. So when Joseph found Mary, his espoused wife, with child prior to their marriage, the law said if a woman has been untrue to her espoused husband, she should be stoned.

Because Joseph loved Mary, he did not want her stoned, and yet, he didn't desire to be the husband of an untrue woman. Therefore, Joseph sought to put her away without it being known why he did it. The scriptures teach in 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.

The angel was informing Joseph that the child that was conceived in Mary prior to their marriage, was not by the cohabitation of her with another man,

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 was conceived in the womb of Mary by the Spirit of God. This was to be a pattern, and foundation for everybody who would later receive Jesus Christ.

Just as Jesus was conceived of the Holy Ghost, everybody who received Jesus' teaching would experience the birth of a new mind that would be conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Emmanuel:

The name Emmanuel means that God is with us. When you are born again it means that God is with you. God dwells with us by means of His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third part of God. When we are born again, God fills us with the Holy Spirit making a permanent abode in our lives.

When God is with us, He will never leave us as long as we are willing to obey His word. God can see our intentions to obey Him before He fills us with the Holy Spirit, and He will not come into our lives when we have no continuous intentions to obey Him.

Jesus Came To Destroy The Works Of The Devil (I John 3:8-10):

After Adam sinned, the works of the devil were established in the minds of the people that were born into the world. When Jesus comes into a person's life, He comes into their mind. The mind is the soul of a person. The life of the body is produced from the mind. When Jesus comes into your mind He destroys the works of the devil in your mind, and a new life will be produced in your body functions as a result of your new mind.

When you are born again, you will receive the birth of a new mind that will give power to your body to live free from sin. After you are made free from sin, your life will produce the fruit of holiness. Such things as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, patience, humility and kindness will be produced from your new life.

We Must Accept The Life Of Christ:

Regardless of who you are, if you do not accept Christ's life, you shall not live again with Him in the kingdom of heaven. Christ is our Passover. He has delivered us from the power of death, which the devil himself possesses.

Easter is more than just a day to put on fine clothes and roll Easter eggs. Christ became the sacrificial lamb for our sins by shedding His blood on Calvary. Christ died so that death would have no terror for a child of God. Everyone who has been redeemed from death shall live again, but it is all through the sacrifice of the body of Christ on the cross at Calvary.

Today we can rejoice because Christ rose triumphantly. The blood of Jesus that was shed on Calvary opened the fountain in the house of David for sin and uncleanness. Today anyone by faith can plunge beneath that blood and be saved from eternal destruction. If you have accepted the death of Christ, whose blood was shed for your life of sin, you have salvation in Jesus Christ.

The Power Of Jesus' Resurrection:

Death is a bitter enemy. Most everybody dreads and hates death. Though many know that death is coming, they do not like to accept the reality of death. The Bible gives a record of only two men who have escaped the appointment of death; they are Enoch and Elijah.

Death separates loved ones, and strikes terror in the hearts of those who die and have not been saved. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives born again believers the hope that though we die physically, Jesus has conquered death, and as a result, we can escape the second death, which will be everlasting torment for the unsaved. In St. John 11:25-26 Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"*

Those who are saved and alive when Jesus returns will never experience the first or second death. Jesus has taken away the sting of death for those who are saved. The sting of death will be the terror, horror, agony, and misery of death for the unsaved. Satan's power over man had to be broken in order for us to be brought to God. Satan's primary power over man allows death. It is only by means of sin that death can have power over man. When sin is removed from the life of a person, death will have no more power over the person.

Satan has deceived many Christians today making them believe that they can be continuous sinners, and be saved when they die. The wages of sin is eternal death, which means the person will spend eternity in hell if they die as a sinner. When you die, and have not been saved from a life of sin, the opportunity to be saved will be gone forever. There is no other chance to be saved if you die in your sins. The Bible does not give any teaching about a place called "purgatory".

The way to eternal life is through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You become partaker of Jesus' resurrection when you believe and obey the gospel. The

resurrection of Jesus provides the believer with eternal life. The resurrection of Jesus shattered Satan's power, and delivered the saved person from death. When we give our lives to the conqueror of death, death will not intimidate nor threaten us.

Jesus Is Always Present With Those Who Trust Him:

Though Jesus is invisible, He is everywhere at the same time. Jesus was given a spiritual body after the resurrection that has unlimited power to be everywhere and is able to accomplish any task. Though we cannot see Jesus, if we obey Him, He will be present at a time of need. You can trust and depend upon Jesus no matter where you are. Your faith and obedience is the line of connection with the presence of Jesus. If you trust Him, He is with you under all conditions.

CHAPTER 1

THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IS NEAR:

Subject: Are You Ready For Eternity?

Just as sure as you are living, your life will end one day. Unless you are born-again and living when Jesus returns your present life will end. It will be a good thing to learn about the end of your life just as you know about your present life. There are many who do not give a lot of concern about the end of life. They acknowledge it like it is something that may never happen. You have to be prepared for the end of your life just as you were prepared for your present life.

The preparations for your life's end must be spiritual preparations, because it will determine where your soul will spend eternity. Eternity will never end, so preparations must be in harmony with eternity. Your soul is the part of your existence that will go into eternity. Your soul is the spiritual part of your existence; it is your life.

Only the Holy Spirit can carry your soul into the better part of God's plan to spend eternity. If you allow the Holy Spirit to guide you through this life, it will also be with you in eternity to be with God. Eternity will be prepared for the wicked and the righteous person. A wicked person will not enjoy the preparations for them in eternity; but the righteous person will have continuous joy in the Holy Ghost.

Subject: A Contract For Eternal Life:

If you obey God while you live in this present world, He will give you the new-birth that will enable you to live eternally in the next life. *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life.”* (St. John 3:16). This scripture is a contract to those who obey God.

This contract was certified by Christ on Calvary, and nothing can annul this contract. You are guaranteed to get eternal life if you obey God. This contract was given by God through the Holy Spirit because God never planned that man should die. God gets no glory out of those who die unsaved. God will only be glorified by those who will get up in the first resurrection and live with Him forever.

Subject: Judgment Day:

The prophet Daniel prophesied of the judgment day. Daniel spoke and said that he saw a vision by night, and that a fiery stream issued and came forth before him, and that he saw thousand thousands ministering unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set and the books were opened (Daniel 7:10). God had revealed to Daniel the Day of Judgment, and it was such an awesome day that it grieved Daniel in his spirit and body (Daniel 7:15). The judgment of God will be based upon the records in the books that have been recorded against the unsaved. Listen to Revelation 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.

God has assigned angels that are presently recording every sinful deed of those who are not saved that will be presented against the unsaved in the judgment that Daniel saw in a vision. The thousands that Daniel saw in the judgment were ministering spirits, or the angels of God preparing the judgment. The judgment of God is an appointment that every unsaved person is going to keep. Listen to Hebrews 9:27:

Verse 27 - And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

After the unsaved people die, the judgment is the next event that is prepared for them to hear from God. No unsaved person will be excluded from the judgment seat of Christ. Daniel saw in a night vision the return of Jesus Christ who came with the clouds to prepare for the judgment of the world (Daniel 7:13). Every unsaved person will stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of the deeds that were recorded against them in the books. Listen to II Corinthians 5:10:

Verse 10 - For we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Those who are saved will not be in the judgment of the unsaved, but they will be witnesses to the judgment of the unsaved. The saints or born again believers will also judge angels that rebelled against God. Listen to I Corinthians 6:1-3:

Verse 1 - Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?

Verse 2 - Do ye know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

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

Those who are saved will be exempted from the judgment of the unsaved, because they will use the word of God to judge themselves while they are living in this present world. Listen to I Corinthians 11:31-32:

Verse 31 - For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

Verse 32 - But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

Subject: The Day Of Jesus' Return Will Not Be A Day To Be Saved, But A Day To Be Delivered:

Upon Jesus' return, things will happen so quickly that an unsaved person will not be able to discern what is happening. At the sound of a trumpet, born again believers will disappear so quickly with little children that the unsaved will go into a state of shock and confusion. They will not be able to understand what has occurred.

At such time, the dead in Christ will be raised from their graves, and the saved people that are alive will be changed with the little children seven years and younger. The unsaved that are living will go into a state of mass confusion and fear. They will be experiencing something that the world has never experienced

before having no knowledge of how to deal with the situation. This event for the saved people and the little children will happen in a moment, as quickly as you can blink your eye (I Corinthians 15:50).

The solution to be on the better side of this event, which will be the first resurrection, will be to repent and believe the gospel today. Today is the day of salvation. The day of the first resurrection is not a day to be saved, but a day for those who are already saved to be delivered from this world that God is going to destroy.

Subject: The Books (Daniel 12:1):

When God sends destruction to the world the people that will be delivered from the destruction are those whose names are in the Book of Life. When you are born again, your name is written in the book of life.

There are two books kept in the kingdom of heaven. One contains the names of the saved people (born again) and the other book contains the names of the unsaved or wicked, and a record of their wicked works (sins).

God has angels that are assigned to record every evil deed that people do on the earth. If a person gets saved, their evil record will be blotted out and their name will be placed in the book of life. Prior to the destruction that comes upon the earth, they will be delivered to safety just as Lot and his family were delivered out of Sodom before the fire fell.

Subject: Jesus' Appearance:

Sin is deceitful; it will cause you to do things to your disadvantage at a time that you need help the most. When Jesus appears for the first resurrection, sin will cause many people to do things that they will not be able to correct at the last minute. Sin will cause people to be committing adultery, drinking liquor and participating in gambling games at casinos. There will be politicians telling the biggest lies to people.

Now for those who are saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, Jesus' appearance will be sweet for them. When a person is filled with the Holy Ghost,

they will take on a way of life whereas their conduct will be a reflection of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Upon Jesus' return, their way of life will be compatible with the gospel that Jesus left on record.

Those who desire to be ready can receive assistance from the Spirit of God to be ready. They will have their minds on the teachings of Jesus Christ waiting and watching for His appearance. Such people will pray, meditate and read scriptures on a daily basis. They will assemble at worship services that will be conducted by a Holy Ghost filled pastor.

Subject: The Promised Land:

The Promised Land on earth is commonly called Canaan. It was the land that God promised the children of Israel, who were the seed of Abraham when they were in bondage of the Egyptians. God sent Moses to lead them from that bondage to a land that flowed with milk and honey. This was a land given to them without money. God drove the heathens out of that land called Canaan, and established unto Himself a people who would obey Him. God gave this land to them keeping a promise that He made to Abraham. Though Abraham has passed on, God suffered his children of Israel to go on to this land and possess it, and that if they continued to obey God they could have it forever. Their obedience to God would help them to keep the land, and their disobedience would cause them to lose it.

Today Palestine is a part of that land that God gave them. Now the Jews were settled there to wait for the second coming of Christ who would be their Messiah. Before Jesus left the earth He said to His disciples who were Jews of the seed of Abraham that He was going to prepare a place for them in His Father's Kingdom, and that He would come again to receive them unto Himself.

Jesus taught them that this world would not be their home until after it had been made a new creation because in its present state it had been cursed by sin. Jesus told them that He would take them to the final and eternal promised land, which is called heaven, and not them only (the Jews) but everyone who believes in Him. This will consist of Jews and Gentiles.

Jesus further taught that one day we shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; the place where God rules and no sin can come in, and death will have no entry. Today all who are born again are bound for the promised land in heaven rather than for the land of Canaan or Palestine.

Subject: Life In The Kingdom Of Heaven Will Be The Complete Works Of The Holy Spirit:

Life in the kingdom of heaven will consist of the complete works of the Holy Spirit. It is very important that those who want to be saved be filled with the Holy Spirit while they are living in this present world. The Holy Spirit will only take to heaven those who have been renewed in the spirit of their minds by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will give new converts the new birth in their minds while they are living in this present world.

Upon the appearance of Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost will give those who are already renewed in their minds a new body so that they will be able to live in a heavenly habitation. Our flesh and blood bodies cannot live in a heavenly environment, because life in the kingdom of heaven is only designed for incorruptible beings such as angels are.

The joy of the kingdom of heaven will far exceed any earthly pleasures of this present world. Such joy will be given by the Holy Spirit. There are no words in the English language that can express the joy that will be given by the Holy Spirit in the kingdom of heaven. Listen to I Corinthians 2:9:

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

Subject: Heaven Is The Dwelling Place Of God:

God's basic command to the people of the earth is to love one another. When we learn to love one another, we have learned the will of God. God gives us an example of love by the things that He does for us in spite of us living contrary to His will. God has filled the earth with His goodness. He has given man wisdom and understanding of how to use the natural resources of the earth for his comfort and survival.

Man has failed to take in the lessons that God sent Jesus to teach on how to love one another. Jesus came to teach the people of the earth principles of the kingdom of heaven. Life in the kingdom of heaven is an enjoyable life, consisting of joy, peace, and happiness in the Holy Ghost. The kingdom of heaven consists of common wealth, which means there are no low economic classes of people and

high classes that control the wealth of heaven. In heaven, every spiritual being is happy. Heaven is a habitation of holy angels that are presently making preparations for saints who will be arriving soon.

Jesus was sent to the earth to prepare a people to live in the kingdom of heaven. You cannot go to heaven merely because you die and have a funeral service at some church. You must be prepared to live in heaven. The preparation process must be administered by Jesus Christ while you are on the earth. Jesus teaches us how to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts that we might live soberly and godly in this present world.

The Holy Spirit that controls the atmosphere in heaven is also available on the earth to help us to be prepared for an eternal life in heaven. All of God's blessings are eternal. Heaven is the dwelling place of God where the blessings of God originate. Such blessings are everlasting in heaven, and will be extended to the new earth that God is going to create.

Subject: Obedience To God Will Get You Into The City That He Is Preparing:

I am looking forward to one day living in a city whose builder and maker is God. The prophets, apostles, and all the saints of God sought that city. Obedience to God's word is the key that will unlock the door to that city. The word of God reveals a plan and directions that will get you into that city. Now, you cannot pray your way into that city; you must obey the way that God's word teaches to get into the city. The Spirit of God and the word of God will get you into that city. Listen to Proverbs 1:23:

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

If you are willing and obedient to God's word, you will enjoy life in this city. However, if you refuse to obey, and rebel against God's word, you will be devoured by the sword. You must hear the word of God, and follow as dear children follow their parents.

Subject: Eternal Life:

Eternal life is what you want. Do you know where you will spend eternity? Eternal life can only be obtained from God. There are two sources by which you can obtain life. Your physical life came from your parents, but eternal life is spiritual, which must come from God. God's wondrous blessings have been extended to the earth in Jesus Christ to offer everybody eternal life. God is not partial; He offers eternal life to every race of people. God will give you a witness to the reality of His offer if you repent and believe the gospel.

If you obey God's word and desire His presence to be with you, because you want to know about God, all you have to do is to humble yourself, and though He dwells in a high and holy place, He is with those who are of a broken and contrite spirit. When you humble yourself, God will come down and manifest Himself to you. You will not be able to see God with your natural eyes, but you will feel His presence.

The Holy Spirit will come down, and be with you by giving you a spiritual blessing. When you receive a spiritual blessing, you will be filled with praises. When the Spirit of God falls upon you, you will be lost for words to express yourself. So, if you want eternal life in the kingdom of God, let God's will be done in your life while you are on the earth, and you will later experience such joy as you have never experienced before.

The breath of God breathes His Spirit upon you. Now you have to be born again to receive such blessings from God. When you are born again, you are born of the Spirit of God, and it brings a holy and joyous atmosphere around you. If you desire this blessing, repent of your sins, clean yourself up from all bad habits such as smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, using profanity, and limit your sex life to your spouse, then ask God to let the breath of the Holy Spirit breathe on you, and something will happen.

Such a prayer request is a petition, and as surely as you set your heart to obey God, your prayer will be answered. When God visits you, your room will be filled with His presence and others who are near will know that someone else is in the room besides you.

Subject: Jesus Defeated Death:

Suffering is a part of God's plan for man. Jesus suffered as our example. You might wonder why it is the will of God that man suffers even after he is saved. In the beginning, God commanded man to obey certain things, and God told him

what would happen if he did not obey. The commandment was that the day you do that which I have commanded you not to do, is the day that you shall die. The day that man disobeyed the commandment, death entered the life cycle of man.

Death can be a slow process. It is only sudden during accidents, or in actions of war. In actuality the day that man enters the world, he begins to die. The corruptible life of the flesh and blood body brings about suffering from sicknesses, old age, and eventually death. Life in the flesh and blood body can be deceiving during the earlier years of a man's life. When a man is young and appears to be healthy, he thinks he is beginning to live, but death is like a sleeper cell that is awakened at an appointed time for man.

Jesus was sent to reverse the process of death and suffering. When you suffer for obeying Jesus' gospel, suffering will make you perfect in righteousness, and defeat the second death. This will cause the first death to be a peaceful rest of relief in paradise until Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection. All the saved souls in paradise shall get up to meet Jesus, where death will have no more dominion over them.

Subject: Disobedience Will No Longer Be An Option In God's New Kingdom:

The sins of man marred the beauty and perfection of the earth as it was in the beginning, causing sicknesses, diseases, and death. All life sources that are created by God can only be sustained and healthy by man's obedience to God.

God created man, plants, and animals perfectly, and He created the Garden of Eden and called it paradise. He caused every tree to grow and bear fruit, He caused flowers to bloom that were pleasant to look upon. God instructed man that He was planting a tree in the midst of the garden that was especially forbidden, and that under no conditions should he eat of that tree.

Man was given the choice to obey God and live forever, or to disobey and die. Man was very much familiar with life, and the joy and happiness that life offered, but man was not familiar with death. Death was a very mysterious venture for man. The knowledge of death was concealed from the mind of man, and the only way he could learn about death was to disobey God, and experience death.

God also planted another tree in the Garden of Eden known as the tree of life. The tree of life was just the opposite of the tree that would bring death. This tree would cause man to live and to be healthy. The very substance of a leaf on the tree of life would give man strength and fresh vigor. However, if man disobeyed,

and did not follow the instructions that God gave, he would be sent out of the Garden of Eden, and no longer receive assistance from the tree of life. He would have to till the soil, and earn food from the dust of the earth until his death. (Genesis 2:16.)

It was not the will of God that man learn about evil. When God establishes a civilization of saints and angels in the new heaven and earth, evil will be eradicated completely from the minds and memories of the family of God. Holiness will be the fruit in the minds of the new citizens. Only disobedience to God will produce evil. Disobedience will no longer be an option in God's new kingdom. The saints and angels in the new kingdom will be sealed with the Holy Spirit, and evil will not have power to penetrate their minds. Their hearts will be filled with the righteousness of God, and joy of the Lord will be the strength of their minds.

Subject: It Was By One Man That Sin Entered The World:

When man disobeyed and ate the forbidden fruit, his understanding became keen and he realized what was good and what was evil. His conscience was awakened to the knowledge of evil. While Adam was away, the tempter came to Eve, and asked if she could eat of the tree? Eve replied, "No, but God forbade us to eat of it, if we do not want to die". The devil replied by saying, "Ye shall not surely die". That was the biggest and most important lie that has ever been told since the origin of man.

The devil further added to the lie that if Eve ate of the tree that it would make her as wise as God. Though Eve was the first one to eat the forbidden fruit, her disobedience was irrelevant or meaningless. It was Adams disobedience that caused sin and death to enter the world. Eve got caught up in Adam's disobedience, and Adam was the cause of her death. The commandment of God was not given to Eve, and neither was the charge of disobedience placed upon her. It was by one man that sin entered into the world, and death by sin.

Subject: The Guilty Will Not Be Able To Face Jesus:

After Adam and Eve had eaten of the forbidden fruit, they waited for their usual visit with God in the cool of the evening, not knowing what to expect from

God. A change had come over Adam and Eve, and for the first time, they were ashamed to meet God. They had a guilty conscience, and the guilty cannot face God.

When Jesus returns to the earth, it will be like a visit to the people of the earth. All who have failed to repent of their sins will have a guilty conscience and will not be able to face Jesus. As the time drew near for God to visit Adam and Eve, they became more ashamed. As time draws near for Jesus' return, the people of the earth will become more ashamed and condemned by their sins.

Sin gets progressively worse. So Adam and Eve made aprons of fig leaves to hide their nakedness. The more they attempted to cover themselves, the worse they felt. About the usual time that God came, He found that Adam and Eve were not waiting at their usual place. Sin causes you to be out of place when God appears on the scene. The presence of God is a 'Holy Place'. It is most unfortunate to be out of place when God comes. God instructs us to stand in the 'Holy Place' until He comes. The 'Holy Place' is obedience to God. It behooves us to stay away from forbidden things that make us ashamed to face God. We are now living in the cool of the day, and we can expect God at any time now.

CHAPTER 2

THE WORD OF GOD:

Subject: The Sword Of The Spirit (Ephesians 6:14-16):

Satan can be defeated by the word of God in any situation. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit. When the word of God is empowered by the Spirit of God, Satan does not have a chance in defeating a person who has the Sword of the Spirit. You must be filled with the Spirit to use the sword of the Spirit. When you are filled with the Spirit you are a born again child of God who is equipped with the word of God to defeat Satan.

When you are filled with the Spirit you are shod with the preparation of the gospel. This means you are ready for the devil in any situation that he opposes you. When you are ready for the devil this means you must know the word of God. Satan defeats people primarily through deceit and ignorance. The Spirit of God gives you knowledge of the word of God that makes you able to adequately deal with Satan.

You must have the knowledge of the word of God in your heart as well as in your hand so you can deal with the devil. Satan is no threat to a born again child of God. When you have the word of God in your heart with knowledge of how to use it, you will be successful against the devil.

Subject: Workable Knowledge From The Spirit Of God:

The teachings of the scriptures are based upon one principle, and that is living in this present world free from sin. It is based upon living a righteous life. All that is written in the Bible is predicated upon doing right. The Bible is a spiritual book that gives knowledge from God on what is right and wrong, and how to do right when we are tempted to do wrong. The Bible is the truth from God that will give us deliverance from the deceitful devices of sin that the devil has put in the world. There are many who have confidence in telling lies, trying to overcome the truth, but they cannot overcome God who is the truth. Along with the truth of God's word, He has also established love. God is love and the love of God cannot be destroyed or overcome by lies.

The best thing that those of us who desire to be saved can do is to let nothing separate us from the love of God. The thing that separates you from the love of God is disobedience to His word. The commandments of God are not grievous. If you obey them, you will find that they will bring you joy, peace, and happiness. If

you keep God's commandments, then you can pray and ask God for what you need and He will give it to you (St. John 14:13-15).

Now when you initially go to God, you do not know how to pray as you ought, but if you choose to obey God's commandments, God will give you the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of God in you will ask God for the things that you need. You will hear yourself asking the request, but it will not be you, it will be the Spirit of God in you. The Spirit of God will let you hear the sound of your request so that you will have confidence in your relationship with God, based upon your obedience. This is so that you will realize that you are blessed with the privilege to ask God for what you need because of your obedience.

Subject: An Understanding Must Be Inclusive With Knowledge:

You are saved when you walk in the light of God's word. Understanding God's word is light. Knowledge can be just information, and is a wonderful thing to have, but without an understanding, knowledge will not be of much benefit. Without an understanding you will not know how to use knowledge.

If you read a book about how to repair an automobile, and you do not understand how to use what you learned to repair your automobile, what good is what you learned? There is not much profit in studying the Bible and learning to quote scriptures and not be able to use the knowledge of the scriptures to improve the spiritual condition of your life. The purpose of the scriptures is to give you knowledge on how to escape the miseries that sin can bring upon your life.

If you are learning the scriptures and your sins are making your life miserable, it means you lack understanding of what the scriptures are teaching. So then, God has commissioned the Holy Spirit to help give us an understanding of the scriptures. The Holy Spirit will only help those who are willing to repent of their sins by turning from everything that they know is wrong. So then, it is a wonderful thing to have knowledge, but it is better to have an understanding of how to use knowledge also.

Subject: Knowledge Is Given By Revelations And Not Interpretation:

In the kingdom of heaven, all things will be eternal. Nothing will have to be repaired, replaced or destroyed. It will be an infinite kingdom where-as all things will be new and never get old. It is time that makes things old, but in the kingdom, time will be no more. The knowledge concerning life in the new kingdom is given by revelation and not by literal interpretation of the word of God. By means of the Holy Spirit using the word of God, it reveals the mysteries of God to a Spirit filled mind.

If you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, you can study the Bible for a hundred years and acquire nothing but confusion. The things of God are given to the humble, meek, and obedient person. A person can only take on these qualities when he or she is filled with the Spirit of God.

Subject: There Is Power In The Word Of God:

Let us listen carefully to St. John 14:14-15:

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

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

There are three in the God head or trinity. The Father who is called God. The Son who is called Jesus, and the Holy Spirit who is called the comforter. Each part of the trinity has a different office; yet all three work together in one Spirit under the directions given in the word of God. When a person receives the instructions given in the word of God, they will also receive the Spirit of God. When they receive the Spirit of God, they will also receive God thereby receiving a new birth with God's nature replacing their carnal nature.

When you believe the words of a person you will also take on the spirit of the person. When you receive the Spirit of God, you also receive God. Listen to St. John 1:1-2:

Verse 1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Verse 2 - The same was in the beginning with God.

A man's word is the man if he keeps his word. God never fails to keep His word. When you obey the word of God you will have God with you everywhere you go. God is known through His word; for God backs His word, and authenticates His word for those who obey it. God's word is the truth. The world was created by the power that is in God's word. The power of God's word is manifested in the lives of those who obey His word.

Subject: Holy Power:

God's word has controlling power that is greater than all the forces of evil. The unity between the word of God and the Holy Spirit is not subject to deterrence. Such power has unlimited stamina. As long as a person is willing to obey the word, and keep God's word in their mind, no forces of evil can make the person go wrong.

The power in the word and the Holy Spirit can completely improvise for human weaknesses. When humans are weak, the power of God is strong. Such power is designed to carry human nature to a level of obedience and perfection that the works of the devil will not be able to reach.

Subject: The Simplicity Of The Word Of God:

The understanding of the word of God is hidden from the wise and prudent person, but is revealed to the humble person who will become as meek as a child. The things that are made known to you are things that you can understand in simplicity, because they are revealed by the Holy Spirit. Listen to St. John 1:14:

Verse 14 - And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,
(and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only
begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

In order to understand God's plan, it was simplified in the life of Jesus Christ. God made His word into a flesh and blood body, and as Jesus taught the

word of God, He also lived it so that we could see and understand the word of God in human form. God used Christ to give us written knowledge and an example of what was written in human form.

Jesus came to tell men and women about their sinful conditions. After telling them in words, He said that He would be an example by living and doing the works of God so that people could see the word operating in the physical and not just hear it in the spiritual.

Subject: What Does The Bible Teach?

The Bible is the only book that tells the truth. The Bible does not glamorize the men that wrote it. The purpose of the Bible was to reveal that the end of a life in the carnal nature will bring death. The Bible also teaches how you can be delivered from the carnal nature, and be saved from the second death. The Bible brings knowledge concerning the grace of God that has been extended to the people of the earth.

The Bible reveals that ungodliness and worldly lusts can be removed from the life of a person who repents and believes the gospel. The Bible does not glorify, or glamorize anyone but the person who lives above sin. If you are a sinner, you cannot escape the condemnation of the Bible. In Hebrews 2:3, it teaches: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation"? Salvation means to be delivered from sin, and death that follows sin. God offers salvation from the condition that you are in today, and the instructions are in the Bible.

Grace, which is favor from God, has been presented to all men if they deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and put forth an effort to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world (Titus 2:11-12). The grace of God is available to all men. It is available to gamblers, drunkards, harlots, thieves, and liars. The wages of sin is death, but grace can deliver you from the penalty of sin, and give you everlasting life.

Grace comes by Jesus Christ. God sent His Son into the world that you and I might not experience the death of the soul, which is eternal separation from God. God bestowed this grace upon us because of His love for the world. Listen to 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.*

Subject: The Bible Teaches The Truth:

The Bible is the only book that tells the truth. The Bible tells the truth about the origin and destiny of man. In many books that are written, they teach about things that are glamorous that men and women accept that are not always the truth. These things are written so that the books sell on the market. The Bible does not sell itself to the public based upon what the public would enjoy reading. The Bible tells you how your life will end if you continue to commit fornication or adultery. The Bible clearly informs you about what a life of sin will do to you.

The Bible gives instructions that offer salvation from the conditions that sin has brought upon the human race. The Bible teaches that you cannot escape the consequences of sin if you fail to repent. The Bible presents the grace of God to the world, which brings salvation to all who are willing to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. The grace of God has appeared to all men according to the instructions in the Bible.

Subject: The Truth Can Make You Free:

Though the Bible condemns a sinner who fails to repent, God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world. God sent Jesus that the world through Him might receive knowledge of what to do to be saved from eternal death. There are two deaths. There is the death of the natural flesh and blood body, which will be quick, but there is also the death of the soul or mind, which will be continuous torment in a lake of fire and brimstone.

God sent Jesus to save us from the eternal death, though we might experience the death of our physical bodies, which will be none other than a peaceful rest if we are saved. The Bible gives you knowledge of where you will spend eternity. The Bible awakens you to the fact that if you neglect the plan of salvation which God has presented to you to escape damnation, you will receive what the book declares that you shall receive.

The Bible is the truth. No false information has the power to make the truth void or ineffective. The truth carries more power than all other sources of information on earth. The truth will not pass away, though the earth will pass away. If you obey the truth, it will carry your soul into eternity to live forever. The truth will make you free from the condemnation that sin brings. When you obey the truth, you will receive what the truth promises in the Bible.

Subject: The Bible Is A Spiritual Book:

If you read the Bible with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, you will find that everything it says is true. You cannot read the Bible to learn the truth with a mind to evaluate the teachings of the Bible. You must have an indiscriminate mind, and be willing to accept the knowledge without any attempt to personally interpret the Bible. The Bible is not given as the result of personal interpretations of the men that wrote it. These men were moved by the Holy Ghost to write the Bible. The same Holy Ghost that moved them to write must assist you to understand the Bible.

The Bible is a spiritual book that is against all carnal ways of humans. Unless a person repents of their sins and carnal ways, the teachings of the Bible will be against them. The Bible is a spiritual book that can only be received by a spiritual mind. A spiritual mind is a mind that has been born again of the Spirit of God. When you are born again with a spiritual mind, the Holy Ghost gives you an anointing, which will assist you in being able to learn the things of God.

The Holy Ghost will then become an intercessor between you, and God. It will be your teacher and guide into the knowledge of God. The knowledge of God is heavenly knowledge that is not compatible with the knowledge from the world. In order to receive heavenly knowledge, you must have a heavenly teacher, which is the Holy Ghost.

CHAPTER 3

SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES IN YOUR LIFE:

Subject: Sin:

Some people who attend church believe that living as a sinner is the right thing to do. They believe that living unrighteous is righteous. All unrighteousness is sin. You cannot be unrighteous as a sinner and righteous as a saint. Righteousness and unrighteousness are contrary to one another. Unrighteousness is of the devil and righteousness is of God.

You are not born of God unless you are living a righteous life. Listen to I John 2:29:

Verse 29 - If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

If you commit sin you are not doing righteousness. All unrighteousness is sin. Listen to I John 5:17:

Verse 17 - All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

Subject: Are You Under Arrest By Sin?

When you are a sinner, you are like a person who has been arrested by the sheriff. You would have handcuffs on, and you would not be free to do what you want to do. It is the same way when you are in sin; you are arrested by the devil and you are not free to do right, because when sin has you in handcuffs, it makes you do wrong.

Once I was a prisoner of sin, and I could not do right even when I wanted to do right. Then one day, Jesus found me in that condition and freed me from the captivity of Satan and sin. After I learned that being free from sin meant that my freedom would yield unto me the peaceable fruits of righteousness, I learned that it was because there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. Such people were set free from walking after the flesh, but are now walking after the Spirit. When Jesus sets you free, the handcuffs that sin had on you will be taken off.

Subject: Have You Lost Your Appetite For Sin?

Have you ever tried to eat something that you had no appetite for? An appetite for eating is a very necessary part of eating. It must precede your consumption of food. An appetite is a desire to partake of something that is very vital before the participation of the act. It does not matter how inviting and enticing food may appear, if you don't have an appetite you won't eat.

When God saves you He takes away your appetite for sin. If you committed adultery prior to God saving you, adultery will be appalling to you after God saves you. You will have an itemized listing of things in your life that you at one time enjoyed, but you presently detest. It will be things such as adultery, fornication, lying, drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking cigarettes, using profanity, stealing, hatred, malice, envy, strife, being dishonest, idolatry and associating with people who do such things.

You will acquire a new appetite for life, that will include love, peace, goodness, faith, joy, patience, longsuffering, being easily entreated, forbearance, humility, temperance and gentleness.

Subject: You Must Give Attention To Death:

God is the beginning and the ending of everything. Now, most people realize that they have to die, but they don't know when; therefore, they accept death very loosely. They do not make serious preparations for death.

Basically all people have the same knowledge, fear and understanding about death, but most people fail to recognize what a serious event it is. Such a loose attention given to death can put a person in eternal danger.

Subject: Repent And Pray:

There are many people who complain about the conditions of the world today that are brought about by sin. Sin is the cause of all sorrow, sadness, wars, and suffering. Unless people of the world turn from their sins, all these conditions will get worse.

There is no need for religious leaders to pray and teach the people to pray unless people are taught to repent first, because God does not hear the prayers of sinners. When people sin, they cause God to withdraw from their worship services. Repentance means to turn from sin to seek the holiness or righteousness of God. The Holy Spirit will then make intercessions for such prayers and present the request to God.

The Holy Spirit will not assist the prayer request of those who are continuously sinning and praying. Unless a church has been taught to repent of their sins, God does not acknowledge such a church's worship services, and the Holy Spirit will not be present. Without the help of God, the world has no protection against the devil who is the instigator of acts of sin.

The devil deceives people into the acts of sin that are not apparent to them. Sin is incorporated with pleasures that people enjoy. Only the presence of God can restrain the devil and allow people to live in safety. When the presence of God is not with people, sin has free course to deceive and to destroy them.

Sin is a transgression of the law of God. It violates every principle of righteousness that the word of God teaches. This allows every violation to have a miserable effect upon those who violate. When a person lives above the violation they will then be living in the presence of God, and the power of God will protect them from the miseries that the violation would bring if they were in the transgression.

Repentance has to be the result of an inward revolution against sin, with the intent to never commit sin again. This will be acknowledged by God as a godly repentance. Repentance is not a church game. It is serious business, and the person's heart must be seriously set against every sin that they know about. God who sits in heaven and sees the hearts of every person on the earth will only be moved by a sincere repentance.

Subject: He That Committeth Sin Is Of The Devil (I John 3:8):

The Bible teaches in the book of I John 3:8-10 that he that committed sin is of the devil. When you are of the devil, you are not saved. If you die while you are of the devil, you will go to hell to be with the devil forever. To be of the devil means that you are a product of the devil, being under his influence. The devil's influence will have complete control over your life. The devil will make you do things that will deceive you into believing that such things are best for you, but

they will be sinful.

The devil sinneth from the beginning. He was the first sinner; and he is not in heaven anymore, neither will he be there again. If the devil can get the people of earth to be sinners, neither will they be in heaven. Any church organization or preacher that teaches that sin is okay, and that you can be saved remaining a sinner, is of the devil.

Subject: What Does Sin Do To A Person?

Sin is to blame for all sorrow, defeat, sadness and conditions of the world that bring suffering. Jesus was sent to the earth for one purpose, and that was to save us from our sins. There is presently no sin in the kingdom of heaven, because Satan who is the originator of sin was cast out of heaven.

When you sin, you cause God to withdraw from you, leaving you with the difficulties that sin causes. Without God, you have no protection against sin and the devil. Sin is a transgression of the law of God. When you give your life to Jesus Christ, the presence of God will be in your company. You will then become a friend and an associate of God. God's love will cause Him to restrain the devil, and keep you in peace and prosperity. Under these conditions, you are no longer a violator of God's love, but you are under grace.

Grace means that you are receiving favor and blessings from God. The grace of God brings salvation to all who receive Jesus Christ, teaching them to deny ungodliness, and worldly lusts, that they should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.

Subject: The Way Of The Transgressor Is Hard:

It is the will of God that man understands His plan in reference to man and God. Unless the plan of God is revealed to man, he will be in darkness and alienated from God. Grace and truth were sent to the earth by Jesus Christ so that the plan of God might be made known to man.

Anything that you learn in regards to the truth had to come from God. A lie keeps you in darkness, and it will cause you to follow a way of deception. A lie is given by the adversary of God, who is the devil. Darkness from the adversary is a

way of lies that is a way that seems right to many, but the end of that way is death (Proverbs 14:12).

When you have not been following the truth, the truth could be against your way of life. The plan of God is given so that man will understand that wickedness reproaches him, while righteousness exalts him. After a man finds out that wickedness fails, he will be wise if he looks to God for help. God will show him that the way of the transgressor is hard, but the way of the righteous will get brighter.

Subject: Who Can Trust An Adulterer?

It is much easier to be a saint than a sinner. It is easier to have one wife than it is to have a wife and another woman on the side. You can get killed living as an adulterer, but folk trust you when your life is holy. When they hear that you have been committing adultery, they don't want you around their homes, because they won't know your purpose.

Adultery is a degrading way of life that reduces your character to the level of animals in the wild. Such animals will mate with the first female that's in heat and is available.

Subject: Whoremongers And Adulterers God Will Judge (Hebrews 13:4):

The purpose of marriage between male and female is to reproduce other humans. Marriage was not instituted to be for the mere satisfaction of sexual desires, because sexual desires can vary, and are not always confined to the opposite sex. Sexual desires can be for someone of the same sex, and in such cases, marriage is not applied to those involved.

Marriage cannot be re-instituted by people to satisfy sexual desires between same sex couples. God in the beginning made male and female, and ordained the institution of marriage to become the foundation of civilization. Sex between those of the same sex is uncivilized. Nowhere in the Bible does it teach that such sexual practices between male and male, or female and female are acceptable in the institution of marriage.

The first union for marriage was created by God between a man and a woman, and He commanded that no man or woman should put asunder or separate what God has joined together. God never gave a command for same sex marriages. Any kind of marriage outside of the command that God gave for marriage means that the bed or sexual relations is defiled. Listen to Hebrews 13:4:

Verse 4 - Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled:
but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

Marriage is honourable to all who obey the commands that God gave for marriage. When the commandments for marriage are not obeyed, then in the eyes of God such a union is not a marriage. Those who are a part of such will be classified by God as being whoremongers or adulterers, and their sexual relations will be defiled.

Subject: Life Comes From God:

Evidence of the kind of spirit that you have will be revealed in the deeds that you do. If you have a bad spirit, you will do evil things. If you have a good spirit you will do good things. When you do good things, your flesh is under the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can mortify or discipline the flesh and make it do good deeds. This will only happen when you are born again, or you are filled with the Holy Spirit.

If for any reason children are destroyed, such an act would be considered as an evil deed before God, disrupting the plan of God. Life is a part of the plan of God. God is the giver of life and when human life is destroyed, such destruction is against the will of God. Those who are guilty of such will be judged by God as murderers.

Subject: Flee From Idolatry:

Elijah, the prophet of God in the days of King Ahab came unto the children of Israel and said, "How long halt ye between two opinions?" (I Kings 18:21). The

children of Israel had built an idol and set it up as a God to worship. They had drifted into idolatry through the influence of Jezebel. Jezebel was a very wicked heathen woman who had married Ahab, the king of Israel.

The people had become so enthusiastic in their worship of this idol that they had completely forgotten the true and holy God who had brought them into the Promised Land and had blessed them. So, God sent Elijah to them to warn them that the judgments of the Lord would fall upon them if they did not immediately turn from idolatry. Prophets were sent to warn the people who had been taught the ways of God initially, and had turned from God.

The people of Israel had been given knowledge of God previously, but they thought it would be more exciting to worship a different God. When the devil presents a religious way of worshiping in the form of idolatry, it will always be a more exciting and entertaining way than the true way of worshiping. It could be excitement in a church such as speaking in unknown tongues, falling on the floor, running and shouting along with music. The devil can use many spirits of idolatry by giving the people more interest in such than their interest in God.

Today many people would rather be at a sports event than in a church assembly on Sunday. Such sports events can be idols for those who are participants, and honor such events more so than God. Many people will give God a very loose honor, because God is not a reality to them. To such people God is just a name used for convenience when they find time to go to church. These type worshipers do not think on God with a sincere heart. They will not sacrifice and deny themselves of sinful pleasures, and surrender their lives to God in order to be true worshipers. True worshipers must worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Subject: Your Breath Is The Spirit Of Your Physical Life:

I receive joy from those who have received the word of God as a result of my labor in the Lord. Such believers of the gospel will receive eternal life just as I will, because God's promise is eternal life to all who obey. Though our bodies may die before Jesus returns, our souls will never die. Your soul is your mind. In order to accept this principle you must have the Holy Spirit to help you.

Everything physical made of flesh and blood will have an end to its existence. Man that is born of a woman is of a few days, and sin gives them trouble. You do not have to do anything but be born to have trouble, because sin is in the nature of humans. When you die in the Lord, or are saved, though your physical body will cease to exist, your mind or soul will receive another body

in the first resurrection. Your body will be like the body that Jesus had when He came forth from the grave.

The Lord who gave you the life which you now possess has given you the promise that if you walk in His statutes, and keep His commandments, though you die, you shall live again. God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish because he or she dies, but that he or she might have everlasting life. Now, some people do not believe in life after the physical body dies. Such people will simply live to enjoy this life, and will do nothing to prepare for where they will spend eternity.

This kind of belief will cause them to spend eternity with the damned, and not receive any benefits from Jesus' sacrifice. Death is not a part of God's holiness. God never planned for man to die when He created him. God is the creator of life, and is glorified by those who will receive eternal life. God gets no glory out of the dead. The dead cannot praise God. Now your breath is the spirit of your physical life; it is not the Holy Spirit, but a spirit from God that gives physical life. The Holy Spirit gives you a spiritual, or righteous life.

When you receive the spirit from God for your breath of life, you can still be a sinner, or unsaved unless you receive the Holy Spirit to be born again. Listen to Ecclesiastes 12:6-7:

Verse 6 - Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

Verse 7 - Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

When you die, your physical body goes back to the dust, but your breath is the spirit of physical life and it shall go back to God who gave it.

Subject: The Wages Of Sin Is Death:

Now there are two parts to the end of your physical existence, but God also gave man a soul. Your mind is your soul, which is the third part. You can lie down on your bed at night and your body can be asleep, and seemingly dead to the world, but your soul does not sleep. It can take a trip to another city or town by means of a dream.

After your physical body dies, and is buried by the undertaker in the earth, your mind will live on continuously. It is difficult for us to believe heavenly things unless God gives us earthly examples. The experience of a dream is an example of how your mind or soul will live continuously after your body dies. Though your breath is loaned to you by God to give life to your physical body, your soul can live independently from your body and breath. Your soul is a gift from God that is self-sustained, or entirely yours.

When you repent of your sins, God will not give eternal life to your body, and He is going to take your breath, but your soul (mind) was given to you to live forever. Your soul can live forever in God's kingdom if you are saved, or it can live forever in hell, being tormented, if you are not saved. God created man to live forever. Man dies because of his disobedience to God. The word of God teaches that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life (Romans 6:23).

Subject: The Characteristics Of A Hypocrite:

A hypocrite is a pretense of a born again person. Hypocrites are church oriented, who love to be seen conducting church procedures and programs. Hypocrites are not saved from sin. They might commit adultery or fornication and drink liquor like folk who do not go to church. Hypocrites have no relationship or connection with God. God is not a reality to a hypocrite. Such church folk will commit sin and it will not disturb their conscience.

Hypocrites think God is manifested in the prosperous conditions of their lives. They think that their wealth is evidence that God is with them. The teaching of the true gospel is very uncomfortable for hypocrites, and they will not attend a church where the truth is being preached. Hypocrites think that everybody is a sinner and that God is going to welcome sinners into the kingdom of heaven at the end of their lives on earth.

Subject: The Importance Of Baptism And Repentance:

God commanded John the Baptist to go and preach repentance to the people. When they showed fruit indicating that they had repented, John was instructed to

baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. This was essential during John's day as well as today.

The redemption process that was to follow John's ministry of repentance and baptism would go into effect after Jesus came, was crucified, and resurrected on Calvary. This was for all who received the baptism that John administered, and who repented. Their baptism by John would be a symbol of the burial and resurrection of Jesus who would redeem them from sin and death.

When a person is baptized and repents of their sins, they commemorate the death and resurrection of Christ. After which, the Holy Ghost will continue to keep John's ministry effective to this present day for those who have honored the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ by baptism and repentance.



CHAPTER 4

THE NEW BIRTH IN JESUS CHRIST:

Subject: Jesus Offers The New Birth:

God sent Jesus into the world that you and I might be born again. The problems that we have in the world are the results of the nature of our first birth. In order for men and women to be saved from the problems that sin produced, we must receive another birth that will give us the nature to be free from sin. Your first birth was of the flesh, which presented you to the world in a flesh and blood body, which had the nature and overwhelming desires to commit sin.

The birth that Jesus offers is of the Spirit of God, which has power to give us the ability to live without being overpowered by desires to commit sin. When we receive the birth of the Spirit, we can then be made free from sin, which will entitle us to receive everlasting life at the end of our lives in this present world. After that you are born again you are redeemed from death which entitles you to a life beyond the grave.

This power for the new-birth comes to everybody who receives Jesus Christ. You receive Jesus by believing His gospel and putting forth an effort to obey it. As a result of you receiving Jesus, He will give you power by the Holy Spirit to become a child of God delivering you from the conception of the first birth that you received from your parents. This birth will not be of blood nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God (St. John 1:12-13).

Subject: The Process Of Salvation Starts With Repentance:

When you come to God, you must repent, which means to turn from your former life of sin. If at any time you go back to your life of sin again, it means that your repentance was not acknowledged by God. The gospel of repentance started with John the Baptist, who introduced repentance as a new covenant, and it has become the foundation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The process of salvation begins with repentance when the sinner, upon hearing the gospel, falls under conviction. In order for repentance to be sincere, there must be an inner conviction that comes from the heart. Along with turning from his or her sins, the sinner will believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and by His death, redemption from all sin is accomplished. The sinner is then saved by grace, and will be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Now baptizing will not bring about any miraculous change in the sinner. It will simply be an outward demonstration in the presence of others revealing the inward works of the effects of the sinner's repentance. Baptism in water will represent that the old life of sinful practices and carnal nature of the convert are being buried, never to rise again to be a part of the new life of the convert.

The old life of the sinner is taken down under the water and the new life of a new creature in Christ is symbolized when the convert is brought up out of the water. Upon the convert being brought up out of the water, the Holy Spirit is on stand-by ready to indwell the new creature. When the convert invites the Holy Spirit in, the process of salvation that started with repentance will be complete.

Subject: You Are Either For God Or Against God:

Now you have to be either for God or against God. To be for God is to be like God, which is to be righteous. When you are righteous, you are holy or sin-free. When you are unholy, you are a sinner, which means you are like the devil. In I John 3:8, it teaches that, "He that committeth sin is of the devil". It does not matter if you are a preacher or a priest; if you commit sin, you are a disciple of the devil.

You can only be a minister of God when you are sin-free. When you live a righteous life, it will be manifested to you that you are a child of God. This means that you are born of God. When you are born of the Spirit of God, the word of God teaches that you do not commit sin (I John 3:9-10). When you are under the influence of the Spirit of God, the power of God is at your assistance. The Holy Spirit will then guide, instruct, and strengthen your nature against temptations to commit sin.

Subject: Being Born Again Is The Birth Of A New Mind:

Failure to obey God is failure to hear God and this results to suffering. When you suffer for your disobedience, there is no relief. God offered a plan of salvation to the world because being born in sin was not our fault. However, to remain in sin after we are offered a plan to be delivered leaves the condemnation upon us by means of our choice.

The only means of escape from eternal damnation is to be born again. To be born again is to receive a new mind, the mind of Jesus Christ who was obedient to God even down to the death of the cross. When you acquire the mind of Christ, it means that you are born again. You would have experienced the birth of a new mind. You would have changed from the carnal state to a spiritual state of mind. This will cause you to have desires to live righteous rather than unrighteous. No other means on earth can give you a new mind; it must come from God. The new mind is a gift from God that you could not acquire by any qualities of life that you have.

Subject: A Child Of God:

It has to be manifested to you that you are a child of God. You cannot know that you are a child of God just because you go to church. Listen to I John 3:10:

Verse 10 - In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

The scriptures are teaching that a child of God is manifested when the person does not commit sin.

When you are born of the Spirit of God, the scriptures teach that you do not commit sin (Verse 9). You are then under the influence of God that is more powerful than the influence of the devil. Whenever the devil tempts you to go contrary to the will of God, the Spirit of God will make it known to you, and it will give you power not to yield. Though you may be tempted many times during the day, the Holy Spirit will be there to assist and direct you in righteousness. When the Spirit speaks to you, you will have the mind to obey it.

Subject: The New Convert:

When a person receives salvation in this present world, it may not mean much to the people that know the person. The friends and relatives of the new

convert may not be impressed with the changes that have taken place in the new convert's life. However, the angels in heaven will have a different attitude towards the new convert. The angels in heaven will put on a dress parade, and celebration for the new convert. All of the citizens of heaven will rejoice over the new convert, because it is something that brings glory to God.

It is for this purpose that Christ died. The devil's purpose is to keep the sinner from accepting the salvation which the death and resurrection of Christ have made available for the unsaved. Every time the devil loses another soul, the glory belongs to the Lord, and the angels in heaven rejoice. There is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repents than over the praising of ninety and nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

The celebration in heaven over a repenting sinner is a confirmation that the sinner has been saved of a truth. Heaven does not make a mistake about who is truly saved. The angels will bear witness in heaven of the new convert's salvation being true, and the Holy Spirit will bear witness on the earth.

A new convert on the earth will be classified in heaven as a saint who was saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. Heaven will give the highest class of honor to the saints of the earth. God is so pleased with the saints who are saved by the blood of Jesus Christ that He will give the saints a mansion in heaven, and an inheritance of the new earth.

When the saints are saved by grace, they will be considered as blessed and holy. They will have part in the first resurrection, and the second death will have no power over them. Every new convert who has taken a stand to walk with the Lord has given the devil's kingdom a great blow, and is now qualified to walk with the redeemed of the Lord. Such people should pray and thank God for strength and power to stay in the crowd that is going to heaven.

Subject: The Functions Of The Holy Spirit In A New Convert:

When you understand God's plan for salvation, it will make you a very happy person. So few people today have been taught the correct knowledge concerning God's plan of salvation. Something happens to a person that believes the word of God that cannot be explained completely by their testimony. Others must observe the new converts life for a period of time, to see the works of God in the person's life to get a clear understanding of their new-birth in Christ.

Only God has the answer to His work of salvation in a person's life. Such a person who has been born again will have the Spirit of God giving them a new life

of righteousness, just as blood runs through their veins to give them a physical life. The Spirit will cause your body to live a sin-free life, just as blood causes your body to have physical actions.

Such operations of your new life by blood and the Spirit will not be in conflict with one another. The Holy Spirit will be the dominant power causing the life that your blood gives to have actions that are under subjection to the Spirit of God. All of your actions and desires will be holy and righteous being under the directions and power of the Holy Spirit.

Subject: You Are Saved For A Purpose:

If you want to be ready when Jesus returns, you must let the Holy Spirit fill your vessel. The word of God and the Holy Spirit are one in administration, and they will give you the new birth. When you are born again, there will be no condemnation against you. When you are in Christ Jesus, you will no longer walk after the flesh, but after the Spirit. This means the Spirit will guide you through life, keeping you from being condemned from the flesh.

The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus makes you free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:1). The Holy Spirit is given by God in measure to regulate your spiritual needs, and gives you assistance according to your needs. When you are saved, God gives you the Holy Spirit according to the grace needed for the work that He has for you to do. God does not save anybody to do nothing. The Holy Spirit will also provide for your material and financial needs for you to do the work that God saved you to do.

Subject: A Spiritual Life Must Have Preference Over Everything:

If you want to be saved, your concern above everything should be to have a spiritual life. A spiritual life is a righteous and holy life. The spiritual life must begin in your mind, because everything that you do is governed by the thoughts that enter your mind. When you have holy and righteous thoughts, your deeds will be holy and righteous. All such ways of living are produced by the Holy Spirit that has given you the new-birth.

The new-birth, which is a spiritual birth, starts in your mind, and is followed by a new way of living, which will also be spiritual. A new spiritual mind will be connected with God to the extent that you will seek to obey His commandments, and do that which is right in His sight.

Subject: God Must Be A Part Of Your Daily Life:

When you are born again, the Holy Spirit brings God into your mind. If the members of a church assembly do not have God in their mind, neither is He in their assembly. If the preacher in the pulpit has his mind on women in the church for social pleasures, God is not in the preacher.

God is represented by His Spirit that chooses people to be His workmanship. People must carry God to an assembly by means of His Spirit. This means that they must be filled with the Holy Spirit, and living a sin-free life on a daily basis. After which they can go to an assembly and God will be there with them by means of His Spirit that has been a part of their daily lives. The people must be as holy in their daily lives as they are in their assembly to worship God.

Subject: The Light:

The church that the Holy Ghost establishes is supposed to require those who follow Christ to be true and faithful examples of all that Christ stood for. Prior to completing His job on earth, Christ instructed the church, or His disciples to be the light of the world, and not to keep that light under a bushel, but on a candlestick so that it might give light to all that are in the house. This means that those who are saved should not confine themselves to their personal purposes in life. They should go forth into the community to help, assist, and be a light of righteousness to the unsaved world.

They should let their lights so shine before men that they might see their good works and glorify their Father, which is in heaven. People cannot find their way to God unless there is a light to lead them to God. Salvation for the sinner relies completely on the work that saved people do to bring them to Christ. People cannot find Christ except there be a guide to show them the way to Christ.

Those who have the light must be able to show a distinct contrast between the evils of the world and the righteousness of God. The light must be able to

show evil and false religious teachings by comparing them with the true teachings of Christ, and what Christ has to offer in comparison to the failures of false religious teachings.

Subject: Few Are Chosen To Be Servants Of God:

When you start out with the Lord, you are going to be tried by the devil, but the reward that you will get if you overcome is worth any condition that you will have to suffer in order to hold your seat in the congregation of the righteous. The scriptures teach that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, and it has not entered into the imagination of a man what wonderful things God has prepared for those who overcome (I Corinthians 2:9).

A saint should thank God that His Spirit moved them to accept salvation in the day that they heard His voice. Saints should thank God on a daily basis that His Spirit gave them the boldness to receive Jesus Christ into their lives. It takes the Holy Spirit to break away from sin and follow the Lord.

There are many who would like to live a life of righteousness, but the Spirit has not called them out from a world sin. Many people may go to join a church, but few are chosen to be servants of the Lord. It is impossible to break away from a life of sin unless the Spirit of God helps you. Unless God helps a sinner, they will be without hope. Such sinners will die without hope, and without tasting the joy and peace that are given to those who are saved.

Nobody can break away from a life of sin unless the Holy Spirit helps them. They must be willing to surrender completely to the Holy Spirit with no intentions of retaining any sinful or worldly ways and be willing to die trying, and Christ will give them a new life. They must be willing to have their old life of sin crucified just as Christ was crucified on Calvary. The Holy Ghost will help them using holy fire to consume their sinful nature.

Subject: The Birth Of A Saint:

A saint is a person who has been born again, and has adorned the nature of God. A holy person has been called a saint by God since the fall of man. When God saves a person to be a saint, they will become holy by the power of God's

Holy Spirit that God will give the person. To be holy means to be righteous or sin-free. To be born again is to be born of the nature of God by the Spirit of God to become a saint.

God created the first man holy. Adam was a holy man until he disobeyed God, and became alienated from the Commonwealth of Heaven. Then those who were begotten of Adam came into the world as sinners, but God arranged that man who had lost the holy nature of God might be born again in Christ. The first man (Adam) had all men born separated from God, but the second man (Christ) gave us a chance to be reconciled to God.

Christ offers the second birth for man to come back to God to regain the holiness that was lost in Adam. Your first birth of your parents was a conception produced from the seed of Adam, but your second birth in Christ is produced from the seed of God, which is the word of God that we believed when we heard it. Your first birth was the birth of a physical body. Your second birth in Christ is the birth of a new mind that will administer power to your physical body to live a sin-free life.

Subject: The Saints Will Experience A Renewing Of The Holy Ghost:

During these last days, God is presently calling Saints together. Listen to Psalm 50:5, which teaches what God is going to do in the last days:

Verse 5 - Gather my Saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

Saints are those who will present themselves to God as living sacrifices. Listen to how the book of Psalms is articulated with the book of Romans 12:1. David is prophesying in the book of Psalms what the saints will do in Romans 12:1.

Verse 1 - I Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Verse 2 - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may

prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

When you become a sacrifice to God by means of a covenant, it means that you will not be conformed to this world, but that you will be transformed by a renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

When you are transformed by a renewing of your mind, it means that you have been renewed in the spirit of your mind by a washing of regeneration, which is a renewed work of the Holy Ghost. Listen to Ephesians 4:22-23:

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

Verse 23 - And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

This is a renewed work of the Holy Spirit. Listen to Titus 3:4-5:

Verse 4 - But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

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

Subject: If You Are Born Again Your Life Should Be Sin-Free:

When you are born again, the Spirit of God runs through your veins just as blood runs through your veins. The Spirit of God will purge, or clean your life mentally so that your mind will acquire a desire to live righteously. Blood will simply give your body healthy, physical functions, but the Spirit of God will give your mind righteous desires that will cause your physical functions to be sin-free.

The blood of Jesus that was shed on Calvary administered power to everybody who believed His gospel to purge and purify their minds so that their actions would be sin-free.

Subject: The Accuracy Of The Scriptures Is In The Power Of Jesus' Resurrection:

The resurrection of the saved person is the ultimate blessing of salvation in Jesus Christ. The basics of the teachings of the New Testament is that Christ rose from the dead, and that all who believe in Him would also be resurrected upon His second appearance to the earth.

By the grace of God, saved people have been united to the resurrection of Jesus Christ to the extent that one could not take place without God honoring the other. If there be no resurrection for saved people, then Christ is not risen. Listen to I Corinthians 15:12-14:

Verse 12 - Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

Verse 13 - But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

Verse 14 - And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

Evidence of Christ's resurrection is our testimony that He has been resurrected in our lives. If we are born again as new creatures in Christ, it means that Christ has been resurrected in our lives. The heart and soul of the gospel message is that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. The accuracy and witness to the power of the scriptures is revealed in the lives of those who are born again.

If there had been no resurrection, the great evils of sin would still be in the lives of those who say that they are saved. When these great evils are removed from the lives of born again believers, it is a witness to the accuracy of the scriptures and the power of Jesus' resurrection.

Subject: True Fellowship With God:

If you have confidence in anything or anybody other than the Lord, you have no sure foundation to stand on. However, there is still hope if you will but seek to know the source of that hope. When you learn to walk (live) in the light of God's word, and put your trust in God, everything will come out all right. As long as your hands are clean and your heart is pure, you are safe. You can then do as Psalm 4:8 teaches:

Verse 8 - I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

When your life is in line according to what the word of God teaches, you are safe. The only hope for man is in the Lord, and no matter what the conditions of the world are, you can lay down and sleep peacefully. When you obey God, your life is hid with Christ in God.

Now when you start serving and obeying God, do not look back or consider your previous life of sin. Press for the mark of the high calling, which is in Christ Jesus. There is nothing that you left in the world that is more precious, or more to be desired than true fellowship with God.

Subject: A Continuous Fellowship With God:

When you are born again you are dedicated to the Lord. Under these conditions, the Lord will be with you day and night. You will give your strength and body to the services of God. God will see to it that you are able to serve Him by supplying the necessary things that you need. Your soul will then have confidence in the presence of God. This will be a continuous fellowship throughout eternity because your soul will never die. God will assure you that your soul will be given another body that will be able to live in eternity with Him after your life on earth ends.

Subject: God Is Love And God Is Life:

If you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, you will not be able to recognize God when you see Him. God lives in everybody who is born again. Born again believers are ambassadors for God. When you meet a true born again person you would have met God.

God is love, kindness, patience, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, mercy, humility, meekness and charity. Born again believers are filled with the Holy Spirit, which has installed these virtues in their lives, and such people are true representatives of God. Their bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit and God lives in them. They have dedicated their lives to do the work of the Lord. God is love and God is life.

Subject: The Saint:

A saint is a person who has been born again and has taken on the nature of God. A saint is filled with the Holy Ghost. The saint is a holy person who is set apart from the sinful programs and practices of the world. A holy person has been called a saint since the fall of Adam. A saint experiences the birth of a new mind or soul. He or she is born again by the power of the Holy Spirit which gives them the nature of God.

Adam was a saint or holy man until he disobeyed God and became alienated from the commonwealth of heaven. All who were born after Adam inherited his nature of disobedience, and were born as sinners. God has arranged in Jesus Christ that man might regain his lost holy nature resulting from Adam's sin by being born again.

After man receives the second birth, which is holy, he is born of God. Man's first birth of his parents was in the flesh and sinful, but his second birth which is of God is the birth of a new mind which is spiritual. The new mind or soul will then have the power to discipline his body members leading them to do right. When this happens, man is a new creature in Christ and all old sinful ways of life will be done away with. All things will be new.

As a new creature in Christ man will then be able to walk worthy of the vocation wherein he is called. His life will then be under continuous influence of the Holy Spirit. He will then walk or live with all lowliness and meekness that will be different from his first life of sin. All previous acts of sin will not be seen in his life anymore.

Subject: A Truly Saved Person Will Be Labeled By The Unsaved As Being Anti-Sociable:

During the earlier years of Jesus' life when He was twelve years of age, His parents took Him on a day's journey. His parents thought that He was in their company, and when they missed Him, they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances, but He was not found. After looking for Jesus among His relatives, they finally discovered that He was not with the relatives.

After going back to Jerusalem where they had previously gone in celebration of an established Jewish custom, they found the young Christ in the temple among wise men answering and asking questions concerning the Law of Moses.

When God saves a person today, they might be found among their relatives, but the saved person will be about their Father's business. A truly saved person will be a social misfit around their former friends and relatives. They will be like the stone that the builders rejected. A saved person will be odd and peculiar to the unsaved that they previously associated with. The unsaved will discard them from many social affairs and label the saved person as being anti-sociable.

Subject: A Peculiar Person:

The way that you can know that you are a child of God is that you will be able to see a change and a difference in your life from other people. When you get saved, you will not be an ordinary person; you will be a peculiar person to those who are not saved.

Folk who previously knew you will without a doubt know that you are different. Though they may not agree with your new way of living, they will see that you have changed, and are different in character and conduct. If they are properly taught the word of God, they will realize and acquire an understanding without a doubt that the way you have chosen is the way of holiness.

Now understand that you will not escape suffering. If Jesus did not escape suffering, how could we escape if we are following His gospel? Never fret because of evil doers or workers of iniquity, because you will meet many who will not appreciate you. When days of persecutions and suffering come, God would have prepared you with strength, understanding, and spiritual light to live as an individual. You will later be able to see that everybody who is professing

godliness around you or in the church where you are worshiping will be falling from the teachings of the gospel.

As the conditions of the world get bad, so will the conditions of those who profess godliness, if their hearts are not pure or they are not truly saved. A false worshiper of God will not stand on days of adversity. Only those who are truly born again will receive help from God during times of adversity.

So, don't let anything stop you, for if you look back, you are not fit for the kingdom. You must believe in your heart that if God is your leader, you will live with those around you or without them. Remember, all that will live godly must suffer persecutions. When you become godly, you must understand that God has set you apart for Himself. Listen to Psalm 4:3-4:

Verse 3 - But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

Verse 4 - Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Subject: God's Family:

When you become a member of the family of God, you are adopted into God's family by the Spirit of God. Jesus did not beget a child because it was not His purpose. In Christ, you become a member of God's family when you are born again of the Spirit of God. If you believe that Jesus died and rose again, and repent of your sins as evidence that you believe, you will be born again by receiving a new life in Christ that the Spirit of God will give you.

Your first birth was of your earthly parents, but your second birth in Christ will be of your heavenly parents. Jesus was divine as well as human. Jesus was begotten by the Holy Ghost, which made Him divine. He was conceived by a woman after the flesh, which made Him to understand the divine nature of God His Father and the earthly nature of humans.

The divine nature is holy, and the human nature is carnal. Jesus could teach the gospel giving the people a clear understanding of how the divine nature had power to discipline the human nature giving humans the ability to live righteous.

Subject: A Family:

God, who made the earth, sun, moon, and stars can do anything. If you are born again, you should not worry about anything. God made little hills to be with mountains. He made little trees to be in the forest with big trees. He made little animals in the forest to be watched over by older animals. The hills are the children of the mountains, and the little trees are the children of the big trees. The young animals are the children of the older animals.

God does everything on the basis of a family. A family is the greatest part of God's creation. When you get saved, God adopts you into His family to be His child. Oftentimes, families of the world will not take proper care of their children, but God will never fail to take care of His children.

Subject: There Remaineth A Rest For The People Of God:

There remaineth a rest for the people of God. If you are born again, God has prepared a time and a place for you to rest if you die before Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection (Hebrews 4:9). God is going to give those of us who have labored in the vineyard a blessing at the end of our journey in this world.

At the end of our life in time, we have to spend eternity somewhere. Those of us who are filled with the Holy Ghost can rejoice in our hearts knowing that one day God shall give us rest that will be everlasting.

Subject: God Is The Same Today As He Was In Biblical Days For The Born Again Believer:

A person who is born again can give a detailed description of the works of the Holy Spirit in their life. Such a person will be a witness that the same way the Lord manifested Himself to those who believed in Him in biblical days; He has manifested Himself today. They will testify that God saves, blesses and keeps you by His power today just as He did in past times. They will bear witness that God hears and answers prayers, and is a present help in time of trouble today like He was then.

This helps us to know that the word of God is right, and gives us faith and courage, which reinforces our determination to stay with the Lord under all conditions of life. This encourages us to be faithful, true, and to lean upon His word. We hold the word of God to be so important in our lives that we rely upon it for guidance and strength while we live in our physical bodies. When you believe in the word of God you will go regularly to the throne of grace in prayer and confidently make your request known unto God.



CHAPTER 5

THE WORKS AND MISSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Subject: The Spirit Of Truth:

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. The world cannot receive the Spirit of truth to be a part of their systems of operation. There is so much dishonesty in the world that people are required to give bonds, take oaths, have sureties, contracts and guarantors so that their business operations may be transacted with an appearance of honesty and equity. However, where the Spirit of truth is, there is no need for a bondsman. This is because the Spirit of truth is faithful and true in all of the ways of its presentations to those who desire to be saved.

The Spirit of truth will speak the truth and do that which is right, and never mislead or deceive those that are partaker of it. Jesus said the world cannot receive the Spirit of truth, only those who live by the teachings of Christ; those who are in the world, but not of the world.

Subject: The True Worshipers Of God Must Worship In Spirit And In Truth:

If you assemble with a group of people that live free from sin, you can worship with such a group in Spirit and in truth. The spirit that you are worshipping in will be authenticated by the correct teaching of salvation, which will be the truth. When a religious teaching is incorrect, then the spirit that those who are worshipping in is the spirit of error. Such a spirit will be the spirit of the devil. Those who worship God must worship in Spirit and in truth. God is looking for such people to save. Listen to St. John 4:22-24:

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

Verse 23 - *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

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

Subject: Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God And His Righteousness:

It is difficult to understand the knowledge and works of the Holy Spirit unless you are born again. The language concerning salvation and the works of the Holy Spirit is heavenly knowledge, and it is not compatible with knowledge of the earth. It is necessary that earthly people repent of their sins and seek to know God. It will then be by revelations from God that they will acquire knowledge. Such revelations will be administered by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a teacher and intercessor for the people of the earth who desire to learn about God. It will give such people an anointing, which is a preparation process to help the human mind to comprehend the knowledge of God. After that you have been anointed, you can ask God to revive you from time to time and He will do it.

When you receive the Spirit of God you will become illuminated just as the sun illuminates the earth when it rises upon the clouds. When your life is above sin the Spirit of God will light up your life with joy.

When you pray you are asking God for a spiritual blessing. Afterwards the material blessings will overtake you. When you are seeking a life in the kingdom of heaven, all of the things that you need on the earth will overtake you. Along with peace, joy and happiness, God will bless you with the material things that you need also.

Subject: An Atmosphere Of The Holy Spirit:

When you are in the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit, you will experience the presence of the Holy Spirit. A sin-free life allows the Holy Spirit to come into your life creating an atmosphere of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus was on the earth, He breathed upon His apostles and brought the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit upon them.

If you repent of your sins, clean up your life from all sinful practices, and walk uprightly, you can ask God to let the breath of the Holy Spirit come upon you and something will happen. Your request to God would be a prayer or petition. If your life is clean your prayer will be answered.

When you are not feeling so happy, you can ask God to pay you a visit. When God visits you, your room will be filled with His presence and others in the

house will know that someone else is there besides you, and you will be able to tell them that the Lord has come by to visit you.

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

After having been established by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the early church was aflame in the world, and convicted the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. The Holy Ghost condemns and convicts everything that is wrong, and this includes false religious teachings.

Those who are truly filled with the Holy Ghost will be kept zealously proclaiming the gospel that the world might know that righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach. On the day of Pentecost, the hearts of the people were melted, and they came to God by the thousands. When the truth is preached today, and the true mission of the Holy Ghost is made known, thousands will come to God.

The people who want God to save them will yield to the influence of the Holy Ghost when the gospel is preached to them, but only when they have been taught the correct teachings of salvation. The distinct teaching of the scriptures is that after you believe, you must receive the Holy Ghost if you are willing to let the light of the gospel dispel the darkness of sin.

Your belief in the gospel is only effective when you are believing the correct teachings of salvation. It is the devil that keeps people in sin, and there is only one match for the devil, and that is God's Spirit. Your faith will justify you, but the Spirit will sanctify you, and that is the complete work of grace. The Holy Ghost will separate you from sin, and sinners to the extent that you will have no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness. You will be then be walking in the light as Christ is in the light.

Subject: The Spirit Of A Little Child:

God wants adults to be converted and become as little children so that they can enter the kingdom of heaven. God desires that adults acquire the spirit of humility as a child. The kingdom of heaven will have nothing but humble citizens there. Until a little child reaches the age of seven years, he or she is a little

saint. After that age, the child will begin to take on the ways of those around them. If a child dies before reaching the age of seven, the child will be covered by the blood of Jesus and saved. This is because the child would not have matured mentally to the extent that it was wise enough to work for Satan, and no evil would have entered the child's heart.

So God desires that the hearts of adults be converted to the hearts of children. This can only be done by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has power to regenerate an adult's heart, mind and nature back to that of a child, allowing them to maintain the intelligence and maturity of an adult, but their attitude and nature in regards to evil will be like that of a little child. Listen to St. Luke 1:17:

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

Subject: Is The Light Under A Bushel? The Holy Ghost:

The church is supposed to be the light of the world. When there is no light for the world to see, the world will be in confusion not knowing which way to go. Jesus taught His disciples that they had to be the light for the world. He instructed them in the way of righteousness so that they could exemplify the principles of righteousness, and be the light of the world as He had been.

Today those who follow the teachings of Christ should be true and faithful examples of all that Christ stood for. Prior to completing His mission in the world, Christ instructed the church to be the light of the world, and to keep the light from under a bushel and on a candlestick. When church folk are obeying the teachings of Jesus Christ, the light will be on a candlestick so that the world can see the way to go. When church folk are not obeying the teachings of Christ, the light will be under a bushel and the world will be in confusion.

The condition that the world is in today is an indication of how well the church is functioning as being a light for the world. The effectiveness of the church as a light can be evaluated by what is going on in the world, and in the cities of a nation. Today many have come to the church to escape the pollutions and troubles of the world only to find to their dismay that the church is no different from the world.

The light which God ordained that the church should have to shine for the world to find deliverance is gone out. Therefore, people have found that they are in worse condition in some churches than they were in the world. Many have heard the word of God and have been baptized with water, but they have not even heard of the Holy Ghost, which is the power of God that keeps the light in the church burning. Therefore, people will continue in a life of sin and the church is without power to perform its mission to the world.

John the Baptist came reproofing the world of sin, but he did not fail to tell the people who repented, and were baptized that there cometh one who shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire. Now when you are baptized with the Holy Ghost it is not a demonstration to appeal to the emotions of the crowd. The Holy Ghost is not given to put on a show in the church by speaking in unknown tongues or falling out on the floor.

The Holy Ghost is power given to the human nature to replace the carnal or sinful nature. It is power to live above your former life of sin. The Holy Ghost takes away a desire to continue to practice sin. It will remove the nature and desires to drink liquor, use profanity, smoke cigarettes, lie, steal, hate, commit adultery, fornication, and homosexual practices. You will no longer carry envy, hatred, strife, or malice in your heart. The Holy Ghost will replace these sinful ways with the fruit of its spirit, which are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Galatians 5:22-23). When you acquire these qualities, it means that you are filled with the Holy Ghost. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you are born again by having a new mind being conceived along with the in-born tendencies to live a sin-free life.

The Holy Ghost bears witness that Jesus is in your life, and has saved you from a life of sin. Whatever qualities the Holy Ghost brings into your life, it is done to the glory of Jesus, and not to any praise or credit to those who are filled with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost administers the complete work of the new-birth, making you a new creature in Christ. The Holy Ghost makes a person a light for Christ so that the community and the world will see the way to Christ.

Unless the people in the church are taught the correct knowledge about the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost will not be a part of their assembly. It will not come in the midst of people who do not have the correct knowledge concerning its works and mission. The Holy Ghost does not occupy the lives of church folk who have erroneous knowledge concerning salvation in Jesus Christ.

Subject: Have You Received The Holy Ghost Since You Believed?

“And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost” (Acts 19:1-2).

Many Christian worshipers today are worshiping under similar spiritual conditions. Today many worshipers have heard of the Holy Ghost, but they have no idea of the mission, purpose and works of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is God. It is the third part of God. Jesus is the second part of God that came to the earth in human form to bring the word of God to the earth.

Prior to Jesus leaving the earth, He taught the people that God would come again by means of His Spirit, which would be the Holy Ghost. God has been administering grace to the people of the earth who want to be saved by the power of His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit does a complete work of salvation in the lives of those that it saves. It comes into the person’s life with Holy fire that destroys, or burns up the nature of sin (St. Matthew 3:11).

Inclusive with this process, the Holy Ghost installs the divine or holy nature of God. The Holy Ghost will then abide with the person to be with them for the remaining of their life on earth. This is what is referred to as being born again. Such a person who has experienced an entry of the Holy Ghost into their life will then be able to walk, or live by the power of the Holy Spirit. They will not be living by the power of their biological organs that receive life by blood; they will be receiving life by the Holy Spirit.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Comes Like The Wind Blows:

In speaking of the first birth, man was born of the flesh of his mother. Such a birth was of a sinful conception, which leaves us short of being acceptable to God. Listen to Psalms 51:5:

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

Our first birth presented us to the world as sinners.

The second birth was extended to man by grace because he was not responsible for his first birth as a sinner. The second birth is that of the Spirit of God if a man repents of his sins. The second birth is a mysterious birth that comes upon a person unannounced and unnoticeable. It comes like the wind moves. Listen to St. John 3:7-8:

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

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

The Holy Spirit moves like the wind, and it comes to the person that God desires to be saved, and gives the person the new-birth. The way that you will know that you are born again will result from the change that will take place in your life. After the Spirit pays you a visit, it will leave you as a new creature in Christ. It will completely remove your old nature to commit sin, and leave a new nature to live free from sin. You will know this by the change in your desires to live righteous over your previous desires to live unrighteous.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Energizes A Person Into The Holiness Of God:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was without form or void and darkness was upon the face of the deep. The earth was like unsaved people are today. Such people are in darkness or ignorance of God's plan. When God saw that the earth needed help to receive His command, He sent His Spirit upon the face of the waters on the earth. The Spirit of God anointed the earth and gave it the ability to obey God's commands.

The Spirit of God was a preparation process that energized the earth into the holiness of God, making the earth one with God being united to the will of God. Today when God saves a person, He gives the person the Holy Spirit that will prepare the person to receive and obey the command of God. Without the Holy Spirit, the person would be void of understanding and not have the ability to obey

God. So, the Holy Spirit energizes the person into the holiness of God, giving the person the ability to obey the command of God.

Subject: The Gift From God: The Holy Ghost:

The gift of God is eternal life. You can only get eternal life from God, and the price for it has been paid. Now you receive your physical life in a flesh and blood body from your parents, but God is offering eternal life for your soul or mind. Your soul is the spiritual part of your existence. It is the part of you that will be able to see, hear, feel, and have emotions throughout eternity. However, God must make provisions for you to experience eternal life in a pleasant place such as has been prepared in the kingdom of heaven.

In order to receive this blessed gift, you must receive the birth of a new mind while you are living in this present world. God has commissioned the Holy Spirit to give this birth of a new soul (mind) to those who repent and believe the gospel. When you receive the new birth, the Holy Spirit will be with you while you are living on the earth and continue to be with you throughout eternity. You will receive continuous blessings from the Holy Spirit while you are in this world. It will give you joy unspeakable and you will be filled with praises to God.

When the Holy Spirit falls upon you, you will be lost for words to express yourself. You will make joyful noises of praises to God. So in order to get this joy from the Holy Spirit while you are presently living in this world, let God's will be done in your life now. Not only will you receive spiritual and material blessings while you are in this present world, but you will also receive the gift of eternal life in the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: What Does It Mean To Be Filled With The Holy Ghost?

When you are filled with the Holy Ghost you will no longer live to satisfy yourself. Your life no longer belongs to you; you are by the power of the Holy Spirit governed by the Spirit, which leads, guides, and teaches you a new way of life. The Holy Spirit directs your life according to the teachings of the scriptures. You will no longer be classified by God as a sinner, but a Saint.

You will be a peculiar person, and unusual to those who knew you previously. You will live above the law of God doing that which is right according to God's righteousness. You will be living a spiritual life in a physical body. Your physical body will have the same features and identification, but your spiritual life will be holy.

All of the transgressions that you did prior to being filled with the Holy Spirit shall not be mentioned by God, and you shall live in the righteous life that God has given you. Your name will be placed in the book of life on record in heaven as one who has gone through an official adoption process into the family of God.

Subject: A Spiritual Cleansing:

Now cleanliness is next to godliness, but you can be clean and not be saved. Prior to the Apostle Paul's conversion, he said that he was blameless concerning the law of God that was given by Moses (Philippians 3:6). Notwithstanding, while being blameless as touching the law, Paul was void of the Spirit of God. You are not completely saved until you are filled with the Holy Spirit. To be filled with the Spirit means that you are born again.

Paul being clean and blameless concerning the law also persecuted those who were filled with the Spirit of God. Now you can be clean in your body and habits and yet not have the Spirit of God. When you are clean by the word and the Spirit of God, you would have experienced a washing of regeneration. This would be a spiritual cleansing rather than a physical cleansing. A spiritual cleansing will wash you and make you clean from sinful practices, such as lying, drinking liquor, and committing fornication and adultery.

When you are a sinner, in the eyes of God you are spiritually unclean. When God saves you, He sanctifies you wholly in spirit, soul, and body. Listen to Ephesians 5:26-27:

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

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

Subject: Only The Spirit Of God Can Make You Ready To

Receive Jesus:

If you are truly born again, you are looking for Jesus with a sincere belief that He is going to deliver you from this present world. The Holy Spirit that abides in a born again believer will make them aware of all the things that point to the signs of Jesus' return. The Holy Spirit will educate a saved person on the things that they need to know about Jesus' return prior to His arrival, so that they will be ready to receive Jesus.

You can only be prepared to receive Jesus when you are filled with the Holy Spirit. If you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, the carnal nature will cause your attention to be totally on things of this world giving very little concern for the signs that indicate the coming of Jesus Christ is near. The carnal nature is contrary to the Spirit of God, and it will cause you to think that Jesus is not soon coming, and at the hour of Jesus' appearance, you will not be ready.

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you are delivered from the power of the carnal nature, and you are completely under the influence of the Spirit of God. To be filled with the Holy Spirit means that you are born again with a new mind that was conceived by the Holy Spirit. This new mind will be empowered by the Spirit of God to receive knowledge from God that will deliver you from being under the influence of knowledge of the world.

The Spirit of God is more powerful than the spirit of the world, and is able to secure a person's mind to have a continuous connection with God. Such a person's mind will be a heavenly place in Christ Jesus though their body still lives on the earth.

Subject: Ask God To Pay You A Visit: The Holy Ghost:

One day when Jesus met His disciples after having risen from the dead, He looked upon them and seeing their needs, He breathed upon them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (St. John 20:22). The very breath of the Son of God brought the atmosphere of the presence of God. The breath of Jesus brought the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.

Today you get the Holy Spirit by being under the teachings of the gospel of Jesus Christ by a minister who is filled with the Holy Ghost. When God sends a Holy Ghost filled preacher, it is not just for the preacher to be saved, but also for those who are under his leadership. The presence of the Holy Ghost will attract and

fill those with the Holy Ghost who will receive and follow the teachings of the leader.

All the followers have to do is to repent of their sins, clean themselves up and walk righteously. Then ask God to let the breath of the Holy Ghost breathe on them, and something will happen. Their prayer request for the Holy Spirit will be a petition to God, and it will be answered. They should ask God to pay them a visit. When God visits them, their room will be filled with His presence, and others nearby will know that someone else is with them.

Such a person would have experienced a visit from God by means of the Holy Spirit. They would then from that day be filled with the Spirit, or born again of the Spirit, and they will be a candidate for the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: Walk In The Spirit:

After you learn to walk in the Spirit of God, you will have the blessings of God. You must keep God's commandments, do His will; and whatever you need, He will pay the bill. Your heart must be pure and your hands clean. After you learn to do the will of God, He will grant your request according to His will. All who live godly in Christ shall suffer persecution that they might learn that no matter what adversities are against them, God will be with them and deliver them.

Subject: The Trinity:

There are many Christians today that are very much concerned about the Trinity. The Trinity consists of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. God is three in one. The three parts of the Trinity are the three parts of God. There are many church worshipers who don't understand the scriptures. The scriptures are a spiritual teaching. You can only understand the scriptures when they are compared with the natural.

Spiritual things are from heaven, and natural things are of the earth. There some church worshipers that believe in God alone; they do not accept the Immaculate Conception of the Son of God, or the virgin birth of Jesus. There other worshipers that do not know whether there be any Holy Ghost or not, because God represents the law to them.

The scriptures teach that Jesus represents grace, and the Holy Ghost represents guidance. You cannot have Jesus without having the Holy Ghost. God, who is above all, sent Jesus to the earth to bring His word, or the gospel. God later sent the Holy Ghost for guidance and the new-birth so that people could understand and live by the instructions given in the gospel.

It is virtually impossible to obey the gospel without the assistance of the Holy Ghost. If a person hears the gospel and does not receive the Holy Ghost, the gospel will eventually condemn them. The Holy Ghost brings grace into your life to help you obey what Jesus taught. God was very gracious to the people of the earth when He planned salvation for man.

In God's plan, He incarnated Himself in a body called Jesus. This was done by God putting His word in the mind of a virgin named Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Then God changed the course of nature and threw in reverse the way that man should come into the world, which was initially by co-habitation. God allowed His own Spirit, which was the third part of God, to cause the woman to conceive and bring forth a child, and He called His name Jesus for He was to represent grace.

We can only be saved by grace from God, and two parts of God's Trinity brought grace to the world. Though we were born in sin and shaped in iniquity, we are nevertheless important to God. Therefore, God has arranged that we be born again, and that we be excused from all of our transgressions on one condition. That condition is that after we have been forgiven, we must go in peace and sin no more.

Subject: A Mysterious Entry:

God sent Jesus to live among the people of the earth for 33 years. Jesus learned the ways, dispositions, and actions of the people. Afterward, He began to preach to them the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus presented a new doctrine for salvation that the people had never heard before. The only prior religious teaching that had been given to the earth was the Law of Moses, which left many people condemned.

Jesus taught that God was sending additional knowledge from heaven that would deliver them from condemnation. Jesus instructed the people on how to lay aside every weight and the sins that so easily beset them to rob them of their peace, and damned their souls. Jesus later gathered a little cabinet of twelve disciples and

commissioned them to go in all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and that whosoever believes the gospel and is baptized shall be saved.

Jesus taught that after He completed His mission on the earth, He was going back to heaven where He had been known in the beginning as the word of God. Prior to Jesus going back to heaven, He was crucified, and He arose on the third day by the power of God. Before Jesus left the earth, He said, “I am going to send you the promise of the Father”, which is the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of the gospel that Jesus taught that would continue to guide the disciples into the truth. The Holy Ghost brings about what God’s word teaches when you believe the word. The Holy Ghost is extra power that energizes the word, causing it to do what it teaches. In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the Spirit of God moved upon the earth, and caused the earth to respond to God’s command. The Spirit of God is the third part of God that will come into the lives of those who believe the word, and give them power to obey the word. The Holy Spirit gives the new-birth to a believer of the word.

When you are born again, all three parts of God will take up residence in your life. God the Father, God the Son, which is His word, and God the Holy Spirit will come into the life of a new convert to give the person the new-birth. The Trinity works in a very mysterious way, and modern science cannot evaluate its mysterious functions and movements. The Holy Spirit can find one who believes what the word of God teaches, and the Trinity will make a mysterious entry into the person’s mind, and give the person the new-birth.

The Trinity will completely turn the person’s life around from a life of sin to a life free from sin. It will give them peace when they once had confusion, and satisfaction where they were once dissatisfied. The word of God introduces the Trinity to a believing heart. It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes it.

Subject: A True Witness:

When you are filled with Holy Spirit you become a true witness of the Lord, not a Jehovah’s Witness. A witness is one who goes forth testifying. It is the Holy Spirit that has filled a true witness that testifies for the Lord. The Holy Spirit uses your voice, and your body to be a carrier of a testimony for Jesus Christ.

A true witness for the Lord will live a sin-free life. If a person is testifying that they are a witness and they are not living above sin, they are a false witness.

It takes God to help a person to live above sin. God is not glorified in Christ until you testify that the life that Christ lived, you now live by the help of God.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Gives You Extra Power:

You cannot save yourself simply by repenting. Repenting is a good start, but not enough to deliver you from the nature of sin. When the devil comes around to try you after you have repented, you can ask God to help you, and He will give you the Holy Spirit, which will be extra power to resist the temptations of the devil.

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you are born again of the Spirit of God, and the devil is no match for God who will be living in you. At this point in your salvation, you will have confidence in your obedience and submissiveness to God, knowing that extra power is in you to resist the temptations of the devil.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Can Perceive Good Intentions:

Jesus' gospel brought knowledge to the world of what was necessary for the people of the earth who were lost in sin to do in order that they might be saved from eternal death. When a person repents of their sins, the Holy Spirit will awaken the person to the opportunity that is available for salvation in Jesus Christ.

Sinners live in a spirit of slumber, having no awareness of what the gospel of Jesus Christ is offering the world. If a sinner has a sub-conscious intent to accept the gospel, the Holy Spirit will find the person and give the person a reviving. The sub-conscious intents will then be brought to the person's conscious mind by alerting them about the plan of God. After an effort to repent is initiated by the person, the Holy Spirit will enter the person's mind and give the person the new-birth.

Subject: Remember Your Creator In The Days Of Your Youth:

We did not just come into existence by the process of evolution, somebody created us. It is a good thing to learn about your creator when you are young. Older people become more conceited, unless they have the Holy Spirit to keep their knowledge and experiences under subjection to the word of God. It is hard to teach an older person something new. When you receive the Holy Spirit while you are young, you will become a very humble person always giving God's word preference over all that you learn as you grow older. Listen to Genesis 2:7:

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

God made man out of the dust. Adam was brought forth out of the dust, and Eve was created from Adam; they both originated from the dust. Adam was the seed of all humans, which means we all came from the dust. Your body came from the dust, but your soul or mind came from God who breathed into Adam's nostrils the breath of life.

There are three parts to man's existence; the first two parts are his physical body and his breath. The third part of man's existence is spiritual, which is his soul or mind. Man's body will return to the dust, and his breath will return to God who gave it. Man's body is earthy, and it will return to the earth. The third part of man's existence is his soul, which is heavenly. If your soul is saved, it will return to God in heaven.

Subject: Joy In The Holy Ghost:

You invite the Holy Spirit to come down and bring you spiritual blessings by your obedience to the command of God. If you obey God's word and desire His presence to be with you because you have kept His commandments, all you've got to do is to humble yourself, and though God dwells in a high and holy place He is with those who have a humble spirit.

When you are lowly in spirit, He will come down and manifest Himself to you, that you might know Him. You will not be able to see Him with your natural

eyes, but the Holy Spirit will cause you to feel His presence. When you feel something, it is just as real as what you see.

If you are born again you will be familiar with the presence of the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit of God comes upon you, it will give you a spiritual blessing that will be joy unspeakable. Spiritual blessings will bless your attitude and state of mind to receive joy from God. The Holy Spirit gives you joy of heart. You can have all the money you want, but if you don't have joy in your heart you will be unhappy.

In the kingdom of heaven, joy in the Holy Ghost will be continuous and everlasting. When the Holy Ghost falls upon you, you will be lost for words. If you want to experience this joy, let God's will be done in your life while you are on earth and the Holy Ghost will give you a little taste of the joy that you will experience in heaven.



CHAPTER 6

***SALVATION:
GENERAL TOPICS***

Subject: Salvation:

Salvation means deliverance from death. The only way that you can be delivered from death is to be delivered from sin, because sin opens the door to death. When you are saved from sin, you are also saved from the second death which is eternal death. If you are living when Jesus returns and are saved, you will be delivered from the first and second death. The first death is the death of your flesh and blood body and the second death is the death of your soul or mind. The second death will be eternal torment.

Most people know that they are going to die, and they realize that death is the debt that they must pay because of their sins. There are many things in life that you can rejoice over while you are living, but death will be the ultimate disappointment and conclusion for a life of sinful pleasures.

If you are saved, when you experience the first death the Holy Spirit will give you a peaceful rest in paradise. Such a relief will be a pleasant rest rather than a state of misery that the unsaved will experience. The ultimate purpose in Christ is to be delivered from the second death.

Subject: Salvation Is Acquired By Your Willingness To Obey God:

If you are willing to obey God, you will put forth an effort, though you may not have the ability. When God sees that you have the will to do, He will supply the ability and strength by giving you the Holy Spirit. Human abilities can only go but so far in righteousness, because humans are born with an unrighteous nature. God, seeing the limitations of humans, is willing to share His righteousness by the power of His Spirit.

When you desire to have a spiritual life (righteous life), the Holy Spirit will enter your life and produce spiritual thoughts and desires in your mind and give you power to live accordingly. The Holy Spirit will cause your mind to be on God to the extent that you will seek to obey His commandments and do that which is right in His sight.

The foundation of salvation is obedience to God. God has given us instructions and power to obey to establish us as obedient children. God has set a course for us to follow that only the Holy Spirit can help us to stay on. The course

He has set forth is necessary to restore us in His favor, and meet the requirements for regeneration.

God desired for us to be freed from the penalty of sin, and sent His only begotten Son to die for us. The moment that we believe and understand that obedience to God is profitable for salvation, and disobedience is damnable, we can become established in righteousness. We can then be buried with Christ by baptism in water, and will come up in the newness of life, and live a life above sin by following the teachings of Christ.

Being buried in water is a symbol and visible testimony of how our old life of sin has been buried by the power that was in Jesus' burial and resurrection. We would then be in the likeness of Jesus' resurrection by living a new life free from sin.

Subject: Jesus Is The Way To The Life:

There was a tree in the Garden of Eden called the tree of life. When Adam became tired or fatigued because of his human make-up, all he had to do as long as he obeyed God was to partake of the tree of life and he would be revived. After Adam sinned, God sent him out of the Garden of Eden and restricted him from the tree of life that he might not eat of the tree to live forever.

It was God's plan that man who lives in sin must die, because the evil nature that sin gives a man will get worse as long as he lives. "The wicked shall wax worse". Today death is sure to come to all men regardless to how good they feel in their youth. They may come forth in life like flowers; but they will be cut down.

Adam would never have died had he remained in the garden and obeyed God. Today Christ's gospel of salvation is a replacement for the tree of life. Obedience to the teachings of the gospel gives life. Adam was the only man who knew his way to the tree of life, but today Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

Subject: The Way You Live Determines Your Future:

Listen to what Jacob told his twelve sons when he was blessing them in Genesis 49:1:

Verse 1 - And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

Jacob first began to tell his sons what their dispositions were, and what spirit they had that would manifest the conditions of how their lives would be. Jacob could tell them what they were going to be by what they had done.

Jacob revealed their last days by what they did while they lived. He told everyone what their purpose would be based upon the way they lived. Judah was such a faithful and obedient son that Jacob told him that the Lion of the tribe of Judah would come from his seed who would be Jesus Christ.

Subject: Why Do People Suffer?

The people of the earth are suffering today because of man's disobedience to God. In the beginning God warned man of what would happen if he disobeyed. God instructed man not to eat of the forbidden tree, and if he did he would die. Death is a slow process that starts the day man is born. While man lives he is also dying. Man thinks that when he is young he is beginning to live, but death works in him slowly degenerating his life.

Jesus was sent into the world to teach man what to obey to reverse the dying process. In Christ man begins to live because of his obedience. Though man may suffer in Christ, his suffering will be regulated so that it won't be more than he can bear.

Subject: Come To God While You Are Young:

If a man dies he will live again? No matter how many people commit suicide, life will never be all over for them. Some people do not believe that there is any more to life after they die, and when they are unhappy with their present conditions of life they commit suicide.

God never planned for man to die. God's delight in man is eternal life, but many reject the plan of God by living in sin. Man should remember his creator while he is young. An attempt to be saved while you are old might be okay, but

there is a chance that it is not sincere. You can't tell how sincere your heart is. If you try to be saved when you are old, there will be no alternatives to tempt you to continue in a life of sin.

When you are young, you are denying the pleasures of your youth, which would prove your sincerity in coming to God. When you have spent most of your life enjoying the pleasures of sin you can't impress God on how seriously you want to be saved. Listen to Ecclesiastes 12:1:

Verse 1 - Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth,
while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh,
when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

Subject: That Which Was Lost In Adam Will Be Regained In Christ:

The things that God established on the earth are symbols of that which is in heaven. The things that were lost in Adam for the human race will be regained in heaven and eventually in a new earth that God is going to create. All that was lost in Adam will be regained in Jesus Christ. Those who believe in Jesus Christ though they die shall live again.

There will be a day in God's creation where every sin will be eradicated, and all who are saved will enjoy the paradise of God forever. God is a good God who gets pleasure out of blessing His people.

Subject: Parables:

The things that Jesus taught in parables were symbols of the things that will truly happen. Parables were used relating to the things in the environment of the people so that they would understand heavenly things. It would have been virtually impossible to understand things concerning the kingdom of heaven unless they were presented in a simplified manner using earthly things as parables.

Christ was sent into the world to teach you how to forsake evil that you might live again. You will live with Him on a planet called heaven. The planet called heaven will be the New Jerusalem; the capitol of God's dominion. This

symbol was first established on earth for the nation of Israel. Those who are saved will be able to enter into that city from all over the planet of heaven to visit, just as the people all over America can visit the capitol city of Washington D.C.

The scriptures teach that no sunlight will be needed in the kingdom of heaven because God Himself who is brighter than the sun will with His presence light up the city.

Subject: You Learn As You Live:

You learn as you live. Each day's experiences bring you light and understanding. When you are first born, all you know is that you are hungry. No matter how old you live to be, you are not going to stop learning. If you think that you know about God as a young person, your knowledge of God is elementary. There are no limitations to the knowledge of God.

There are only two classes of people with God, and they are saints and sinners. There are no middle classes. You are either for God or against Him. When you are for God you are righteous. To be righteous means to do right, and when you do right you are holy. You can do right much easier than you can do wrong because when doing right becomes difficult, God will give you the Holy Spirit to help you.

You only get help from the devil when you do wrong. Doing wrong is deceiving because it makes you think that life will get better as you continue to do wrong. However, all you have to do is look back on your life's experiences to see where doing wrong has gotten you. If you are young, then ask somebody who is older how doing wrong has had an effect on their life. They will be able to help because they learned from their experiences.

Subject: God Was Revealed To The People Of The Earth According To Isaiah's Prophecy:

The knowledge of God's plan was revealed to the world by a man who was a prophet. God does not reveal what He is going to do to folk just because they go to church. Church folk have to believe what the prophets of God give to the people.

Isaiah prophesied 725 years before Christ was born that a virgin would conceive a child and that the child shall be called Immanuel, which means that God would be coming to the earth.

God came to the earth according to the prophecy of Isaiah. God reveals what He is going to do before He does it, and the plan will be given to a prophet to give to the people. The plan of God concerning His appearance as Jesus Christ came to pass during the days of the apostles. They saw Emmanuel (Jesus) and they walked and talked with Him. They witnessed His crucifixion also.

The wise men of the east came when Jesus was born and they were witnesses to the prophecy that Isaiah prophesied. So God has been with the people of the earth according to the prophecies of the prophets.

Subject: God's Revised Plan:

It was love that moved God to send His only begotten Son to the earth in the form of a human being, and endure suffering, humiliation, and agony to attend to the mission that He was sent to perform. Jesus did not take on the nature of angels, which would have kept Him from suffering. Jesus wanted to feel the burdens of human beings, and feel the effects and consequences of being tempted to sin to show us how to acquire victory over sin.

Jesus lived under conditions just like those that we have to deal with, only He did not let the conditions of life lead Him to sin. He did not let adversities of life prevent Him from loving His enemies. Though Jesus did not compromise with the opinions of people who were contrary to what He taught, there were times when He wanted to know what they thought of Him.

All of the experiences and oppositions that Jesus encountered were all God's plan. Jesus was prepared by God to be as holy and righteous as Adam was, yet Adam did sin. The pure mind of Jesus however under more severe stress than Adam was under in the Garden of Eden was able to keep Jesus clean and holy by obeying God, even down to the death of the cross.

According to the scriptures, Jesus was at all points tempted like as we are yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15). It was not in God's plan that Adam should sin, but when Adam did sin, then God revised His plan and provided for the advent of Jesus who with His own blood, while living a sin-free life, cleansed the sin of Adam, and redeemed the fallen race. This was the revised version of God's plan. Romans 5:12 reads as follows:

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

So then, God sent Jesus to correct the error that sin brought to His first plan. Romans 5:19 reads as follows:

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

Subject: Your Breath Is The Spirit Of Your Physical Life:

Your body of flesh and blood came from the earth, and God loaned you your breath for your body. When your flesh and blood body dies it will return to the earth, and your breath will return to God who gave it to you. Listen to Ecclesiastes 12: 6-7:

Verse 6 - Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

Verse 7 - Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

The spirit of your flesh and blood body is your breath. Your soul or mind is the eternal part of your existence that will occupy a new body to spend eternity with God if you are saved. If you are not saved it will spend eternity with the damned. Your breath that came from God was for a temporary life on earth; but your soul was prepared by God to live eternally in heaven or hell. Your breath is the spirit of the physical life and it will return back to God who gave it.

Subject: Somebody Created Man:

Do not forget that somebody created you. You did not come into existence by time and chance. Listen to Genesis 2:7:

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

Adam was brought forth from the dust, then Eve was created from Adam. Our parents are the offspring of Adam, for he is the seed of all men. God planted Adam as a seed in the world and humans are the fruit of Adam just as apples are the fruit of an apple tree. God teaches us in simplicity, if we have a humble spirit we can receive it. After forming man from the dust of the earth, God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.

When your physical body dies it will return to the earth and your breath will return to God, similar to the way that a light bulb burns out in your home, and the electrical current goes back to the power house.

Subject: Where Is Your Soul Going?

When man became a living soul, he became one that could think, feel and act. His soul became a control center for his movements. God formed man out of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. The word of God tells us what will happen to our bodies which are dust. As for our souls, we have to answer to what will happen if it is not saved. God also gives instructions on how your soul can be saved, and if you obey the instructions it can be saved.

So there are two parts to the end of the physical man which are the body (dust) and breath, which God gave for the life of the body. Both will return to their place of origin. The scriptures also teach that man was created with two parts to his physical existence, and one additional part which is spiritual, and that is the soul or mind.

Now your mind is your soul. When you lay down to sleep, your body is completely inactive. It is dead to all consciousness and physical movements that your mind would normally give orders for its daily operations, but your mind does

not sleep, it is continuously active. It can take a trip to another city or town to meet other people. When it comes back to your body you will get-up and tell about all the things that your mind (soul) saw and did while your body was sleep.

This is the same way that your mind (soul) will live right on after your body dies. When the breath has left your body and gone back to God who gave it, your mind (soul) will not be able to reunite with your body; it will then look for another place to reside. Now remember your mind is the carrier of your senses, such as your sense of feeling, tasting, hearing, smelling, seeing and being emotional. If you are not saved your mind will carry these senses into eternity to experience everlasting torment.

Now your body and breath are temporary; but your soul was a gift from God that is entirely yours forever. It is your soul (mind) that Jesus wants to save so that God can give you the second part of the gift which will be a new body. Such a body will be like that which Jesus was given after His resurrection. It will be designed to live free of pain, sickness, old age, and will never die.

Subject: Spiritual Showers:

After Adam sinned, for many centuries man was separated from the influence of God. When you are separated from the influence of God there will be no spiritual showers from heaven to refresh you. Without spiritual blessings, the spiritual condition of man will get worse. When this happens, God's plan to have man as a holy member of His family will be defeated. When this happened, God saw that it was necessary to work out another plan to bring man back in favor with Him. The plan had to be worked out in a way that God would not have to change His word regarding the penalty for sin. Death had to be the wages of sin, yet God wanted man to live to glorify His name.

Nobody but God could have conceived such a plan that required the precious blood of His only begotten Son Jesus to be spilled so that man might live again after sin had entered to disrupt man's life. Now that Christ has completed the mission for the redemption of man, God can send spiritual showers to keep man refreshed that he might not sin again. So God sent Jesus to the earth to redeem man from sin, and Jesus sent the Holy Ghost as a refreshing shower. The Holy Ghost first regenerates or gives the new birth and afterward, will send refreshing showers to keep man saved and refreshed.

Subject: Has Your Old Life Been Crucified?

Christ's death on Calvary was a symbol of how those who are saved would experience the death of their old life of sin. The crucifixion of Christ was so that those who believed His gospel would experience the crucifixion of their old life of sin. If a person thinks that they are saved, and are still a sinner, then their understanding of Christ's purpose for being crucified is in error. 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.

Your physical body that practiced sin must be dead just as Christ's body died. Your body of sin is dead when you no longer have the nature and desires to practice sin. Sin will have no power to make you commit sinful acts. Christ is not a minister of sin, but a minister of righteousness. Listen to Galatians 2:17:

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

Subject: You Cannot Be A Saint And A Sinner At The Same Time:

You have to be a saint to be saved. You cannot be a saint and a sinner at the same time. When you are a saint, you are saved from sin (St. Matthew 1:21). There are many church folk who claim to be saved and they are sinners. When you are saved, you are Christ-like, and Christ is not a sinner. You cannot justify sin as being acceptable for salvation.

Salvation means to be saved from sin and death. You cannot sin and say you are a Christian and be saved. You are not saved by our own conception of salvation, but by the blood of Jesus Christ. The teachings of Jesus Christ help you to know that you are saved by His blood. Jesus is not a minister of sin, but a minister of righteousness. Jesus is holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens (Hebrews 7:26).

Subject: The Ultimatum:

God sends a prophet or preacher to the people that He is going to save. When God sees that most people are not going to accept His messages from the preacher, He will not send a preacher to such people. God will allow those who do not have a mind to accept the gospel to have preachers sent by the devil who are false preachers.

The message from God to the people is that the judgment of God will fall upon the people if they fail to repent. If the people repent, they can be saved. The message from the God sent preacher offers an ultimatum. When people repent of their sins, the reality of God will be manifested to them by the Holy Spirit, and they will be saved.

Subject: The Light:

Those who do not do right do not want to be in the light. When the light is turned on, those who are involved with unrighteousness will avoid the light. God sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn the world, but to turn the light on for the world to find the way to the truth. The light is in the gospel that Jesus taught, and it offers eternal life for those who come to the light. When you come to the light, it will help you to see the way to God.

When you repent of your sins, the Holy Spirit will help you to walk in the light as Christ is in the light. When you believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ, you are counted worthy to walk in the light. You can then lead others to the light. Condemnation comes when people are not in the light. Condemnation is darkness that causes people to stumble at their deeds.

Subject: The Sword Will Not Save The World:

Man has built a system for living on the earth, and is endeavoring to govern his fellowman; but unless man is subject to God, the system of the earth will fall. The government of God has never been taught to most people on the earth. This has resulted in man trying to govern his fellowman with weapons of warfare, which result in continuous wars.

Jesus said to Peter at the gate of Gethsemane, “Put up your sword into thy sheath, for all they that live by the sword shall perish by the sword” (St. Matthew 26:52). The truth of Jesus' words to Peter have had an effect upon men through the centuries. Those who tried to rule by the sword were not successful such as Hitler, Mussolini, Napoleon, Alexander the Great and Kaiser.

Jesus prophesied that in the last days you shall see wars and rumors of wars: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet; for nations shall rise against nations, and kingdoms against kingdoms; and there shall be famines, pestilences and earthquakes in divers places (Matthew 24:1-8).

Jesus taught that when all these things happen it will be the beginning of sorrows. Jesus further taught that all who continue to obey the gospel until the end, the same shall be saved; and that the gospel will be preached to all the world as a witness.

Subject: The True Gospel Cannot Be Effectively Evaluated By A False Teaching:

Of all the good things that the plan of salvation offers a dying world, it is strange that most people in the world reject the plan of salvation. The plan of salvation instituted by the Lord is so simple and inviting that a wayfaring man or fool, need not to err. This means anybody can repent and follow the plan to acquire salvation. God did not make the plan of salvation so complicated that we could not understand what it is offering.

The first step towards receiving the plan is to believe the plan. God sent Jesus into the world to introduce the plan of salvation, and many rejected it. They did not reject the plan of salvation because they did not understand it, but because it was so unusual, and they had never heard a religious leader speak or teach as Jesus taught. People in the world today will evaluate a religious teaching according to previous religious teachings that they are familiar with. Though such previous teachings did not save them, they will nevertheless evaluate a teaching that can save based upon what was taught previously that could not save them.

Subject: The Ministry Of Salvation Must Be According To The Scriptures:

The reason we have so many different religions, faiths, and denominations is because the people have interpreted God's word to suit their own taste. Church business can be a moneymaker, and if a man decides to start a religious program to make money, he does not have to be born again. If he likes to have affairs with different women, then his religious movement will not be against fornication or adultery.

The purpose of such a religious teaching could be to entertain people to draw a large crowd, which would be very lucrative. In such a church organization nobody would be saved. However, they would be entertained by singing, shouting, preaching, and the religious leader would be wealthy. This would be a religious way that seems right to the people, but the end of such a way would be death.

No religious way is right unless it is covered according to the scriptures, and the scriptures are of no private interpretation. The Holy Ghost must ordain and lead a religious leader to minister according to the scriptures. All religious ways lead away from God when they are not being conducted according to the word of God. God ordained and sent John to baptize. John did not just decide to have a career in ministering to make money. John had instructions and authority from God prior to his birth, and John followed God's instructions to the letter.

Today you have religious leaders baptizing in Jesus' name only, but Jesus Himself taught His disciples in St. Matthew 28:18-19 as follows:

Verse 18 - *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

Verse 19 - *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

John did not institute baptizing, so he followed the plan of God who did institute it. John did as God commanded Him. He did not seek to please folks or to make an easy dollar for himself. He sought to obey God, and therefore, the people were blessed.

Those who are ministering today not according to the word of God have rejected the counsel of God. They have chosen to minister in their own counsel, and all who follow such leaders will be lost. However, if such followers love God, and desire to be truly saved, it is possible for them to correct themselves, and to

restore themselves in God's favor after they have received the correct instructions to follow.

Subject: The Way, The Truth, And The Life:

Nobody will ever be able to see the face of God, except that they follow the teachings of Jesus Christ while they live in this present world. There are two procedures that a person must follow to see God, they are the way and the truth. If a person gets into a religious way, and they do not find the truth, neither will they acquire the life.

Only the true teachings of Christ can lead you to eternal life. When you acquire the truth, it will make you free from sin, and that means you have found the right way that will give you eternal life. If you fail to find the right way to eternal life, it means you would have lived for nothing. Every way that you would have gone in life, you will find that you have gotten nowhere.

Subject: Everlasting Life:

Now the law of the land will only prosecute you for some sins that are considered as crimes, such as murder, theft, rape or robbery. There is another law that is superior to the law of the land, and that is the Law of God, which was brought by Moses and completed by Jesus Christ. If you carry sins such as hatred, malice, envy, or covetousness in your heart, though these sins cannot be seen, God will judge you for such.

God classes every sin alike whether they can be seen or not seen. God cannot allow any sin into the kingdom of heaven, because the kingdom of heaven will be a holy habitation. The life of those who live in the kingdom will be generated by the Holy Spirit, which will be a life source that is sin-free. Only a sin-free life source can be eternal.

A life of sin is a short-term life that produces corruption, but a holy life source is everlasting life, because it produces an incorruptible life. A life of sin will automatically bring death. The life that God offers will automatically give everlasting life.

Subject: Belief In God's Word Gives Everlasting Life:

If you believe in God, it will keep you from perishing, and lead you to everlasting life (St. John 3:16). Believing in God is the pathway to everlasting life. When you believe in God, you must believe in what His word teaches. To believe in God means to obey what His word teaches. Obedience to God's word causes you to enter the channels that lead to eternal life.

Belief in God's word ignites power that prevents death from trespassing. Death cannot penetrate and overwhelm the life of a person who believes in God's word. The life that comes from a person's belief in God's word will have peace and joy that will start in this world and continue throughout eternity. This life will be the product of God's love for the world.

Subject: The Word Was Made Flesh (St. John 1:13):

Jesus was known in heaven as the word of God. Jesus lived in heaven before He came to the earth. In heaven, Jesus spoke for God His Father. All of the creation came into existence by God's word who was Jesus. When God saw the sad condition of the people on earth resulting from sin, God made His word flesh to live in a flesh and blood body being placed into human existence. This was done by means of a virgin so that the people of the earth could see how a human being could live in a flesh and blood body and not commit sin.

Jesus dwelt among the people in a social and spiritual way, and they could see the glory of God in His life by the works that He did. The people could behold the glory of the only begotten Son of God who came down from heaven to live in a human body. Jesus was full of grace and truth. He extended favor to the people and taught them the truth about their destiny if they did not get saved.

Jesus taught that they had to be born again in order to live in the kingdom of heaven after their life on earth ended. Jesus taught the people that he would return to the earth again after His departure to take all who received His gospel to the kingdom of heaven, whether they were dead or living. Those who had not yet been born while Jesus was on the earth could receive the knowledge of His gospel that was left on record, and be saved just as those who heard it while He was living on the earth.

Jesus taught that He would send another Comforter, which would be the Holy Ghost after His departure that would assist, teach and bring to remembrance the gospel that He taught for those in future generations.

Subject: Jesus Is Our Example:

God made Jesus an example of how we can get to heaven. “Jesus is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him” (Hebrews 7:25). Jesus came from God to the end that is found in St. Matthew 1:21, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins”.

Jesus came to the earth for one purpose, and that was to save us from our sins. When you are saved from sin, you are saved from the second death, which is eternal death. Eternal death is endless torment. You can only acquire eternal life by coming to Christ whom God sent that you and I might learn the way. There are many false religious ways and teachings in the world, but no false way can ever reach God.

Subject: The Dwelling Place Of God:

Churches and preachers are on every corner in some cities, and very few people know the Lord. The Lord is not in every place that is called a ‘church’. God does not dwell in temples made with hands. Listen to Acts 17:24:

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

There are many who think that when they go to church that they will be in the presence of the Lord. You can go to some churches where folk are fussing, and committing adultery. God wants to dwell in your life, and if your church is holy where the members live free from sin, God will go there with you.

Any place where God’s people live, work, and worship, God is present. God desires to dwell in the hearts of people. The thing that makes a dwelling place for God is holiness and righteousness in the hearts of people.

Subject: God Is From Everlasting To Everlasting:

You will hear people say that they belong to St. Peter's Cathedral, or to St. Paul's A.M.E. Church. They are into religious names of men that have no power to save. Names are very important, nobody names their child Judas, because names can give an impression of the kind of character a person has. If you call a man Rover or Spot, you are putting him on the social level of dogs.

There is only one name that I want to worship under and that name is "Holy". God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are holy. This is a Holy Trinity that is not divided by a member of the Trinity using a name that is unholy. Jesus is holy; He had a holy conception; He never knew sin. Peter was born a sinner and backslid. Paul persecuted the church. They had to be saved by one who was holy from conception.

A man that is saved by grace is a product of grace. Grace comes from God who is holy. The origin of holiness is God. God is all existence; He was before time, and a producer of human existence. The holiness of God is from everlasting to everlasting. When you get saved, God makes you holy. Listen to I Peter 1:15-16:

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

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

To be holy means to be free and separate from all unrighteousness. There is nothing unrighteous about God. The kingdom of heaven is a righteous habitation where God dwells. All the angels in heaven are righteous. The angels that chose to be unrighteous were cast out of heaven. God will not allow anybody in heaven unless they become holy prior to their entering heaven.

Subject: What Does It Mean To Be Under Grace?

When you live above sin, you live above the law, and no man can reach you with condemnation or accusations. The Holy Spirit will elevate the desires of your mind to be above what the law teaches against. The law will not be able to reach you, because your actions, purposes, and movements in life will be motivated by a holy power that is far above what the law condemns.

If the law tried to falsely condemn you, it would be invalid and not related to God. It would then be used by law enforcers of perverseness, having no true accusations against you. The grace of God in your life causes the law to be of non-effect against you. Grace keeps a great gulf or distance between your life and the law. No accusations in the law would be able to establish a bridge to reach you when you are under grace.

Grace has more power than the law, because grace is energized by the Spirit of God to build a barrier of righteousness around the person who is under grace. When you are under grace, you are under infinite protection against all forces of evil so that neither the devil nor the law will be able to reach you.

Subject: The Law Versus Grace:

When Jesus came to the earth to teach and instruct the people on what was required to get into the kingdom of heaven, He met a religious sect known as the Pharisees who withstood Him on many principles that He taught. The Pharisees were considered as the uppermost class of Jews who were established and respected as being experts on the Law of Moses. The Pharisees sought to dispute and to confound Jesus who presented a new religious teaching that was not contrary to the Law of Moses, but was introduced by Jesus as being a fulfillment or completion of the law.

Along with Jesus' new teaching He was also doing works and miracles for the people that would substantiate His new teachings as being of God. The Pharisees sought to destroy Jesus' influence with the people, because inclusive with Jesus' teaching was a description of the Pharisees' outdated way of following the Law of Moses as being hypocrisy, and ineffective in helping the needs of the people during that time.

Inclusive in Jesus' teaching were new rules concerning divorce. Jesus taught that a man could not get a divorce for any reason except for adultery (fornication). Up to the time that Jesus came the Jews had enjoyed the privilege of getting a divorce for any reason (St. Matthew 5:31). The Pharisees wanted to continue supporting this segment of the Law of Moses which permitted them to divorce for any reason (Deuteronomy 24:1).

The Pharisees had previously discussed this question in their synagogue; and they probably had concluded that they would support Moses on this point as they had done on all of the teachings of the law. The Pharisees did not desire that the law be changed in any point, as they were the sect that considered the law to be the

very substance of their salvation.

So the Pharisees challenged Christ to state definitely whether or not it would be lawful under the doctrine that Jesus was teaching for a man to divorce his wife as the Jews had been doing for any reason since the days of Moses. They tried to humiliate Christ by pressing an answer to this question in the open for other Jews to hear His response. Christ in their opinion did not have any civil authority, or any support for the teaching of His new doctrine, and could not openly repudiate the law without reproaching Himself. They were expecting to defeat Christ allowing the law to override His teachings of grace (St. Matthew 5:17).

Christ responded by saying He came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill the law. Somehow, the Pharisees believed that Christ had power to destroy the law, so they tried to kill Christ's influence with the people, and later planned a conspiracy for His crucifixion.

Subject: The Grace Of God Can Help You To Live Free From Sin:

If God gives a command and you do not obey that command, then you will be a sinner. The command of God also teaches how you must obey it. Everything that God tells you to do He also tells you how to do it. Blessings will follow your obedience to the command when you do it the way that God tells you to do it.

If you are willing to obey God, and put forth an effort, though you may not have the capacity, when God sees you have the will to do, He will provide the ability and strength. When I first came to the Lord, I did not see how a person could live in this world and not commit sin, and under no conditions did it seem possible that a person could be perfect.

When I surrendered my mind to God, an understanding of God's word was given to me. When I learned that St. Matthew 5:48 taught, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect". My mind was not led to reject or to question the word, but to believe it. After I believed the word of God, power came to me giving me the ability to obey the word.

Today God is my witness that I do not commit any sin. I find it very comfortable living free from sin. The scriptures gave me a listing of all sins, and I have been able to live without doing such sins, by the grace of God. The listing of sins is found in St. Mark 7th Chapter, Romans 1st Chapter, I Corinthians 6th Chapter, and Galatians 5th Chapter.

Subject: You Can Talk To God If You Obey Him:

You can talk to God if you obey Him. Listen to what God requires in Isaiah 1:16-18:

Verse 16 - Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

Verse 17 - Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Verse 18 - Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Now, if you have obeyed God to this extent, you can have a few words with God. There is no need to try to pray or have a conversation with God and you are practicing the things that God commands you not to do.

If you come to God with a mind to forsake your sins, God is saying, though your sins be as scarlet, He will wash them and make your life white as snow, and if you be willing and obedient that you shall eat the good of the land. This means that you will be prosperous having the material things available to you. Listen to verse 19:

Verse 19 - If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.

Subject: You Reap What You Sow:

When you are born again you are united with God by the love of God. When you are saved, God's love will keep you under grace by means of His Spirit. You will then obey the commandments of God, and nothing will be able to separate you from the love of God. Under these conditions, you won't have to worry about anything, because God will take care of you.

It is the will of God that we be saved from condemnation. He desires that we have peace and joy. It is your own evil acts that bring condemnation to you. When God gives you a command and you obey the command, your obedience will cause blessings and protection from the evils of the world. Evil comes upon those who disobey God, because you reap what you sow.

When God saves you, He gives you power to obey, and your obedience protects you from your own evil ways that can cause evil things to happen to you. The evil that can harm you is a reaction from the evil that you do. Nothing can harm you if you be a follower of that which is good.

Subject: God Offers Life More Abundantly:

If you break the law of the land, such as murder, robbery or thievery, you can be imprisoned by the law of the land, and later be exonerated after serving your time for such offenses. If you are an adulterer, or you carry hatred, malice, or envy in your heart, God will judge you though the law of the land may not bother you.

If you are any kind of sinner, whether it be a sin of commission or a sin of iniquity that does not have to be seen in the form of physical actions, the Lord classifies every sin alike, but the law of the land does not. The reason that God does this is because He cannot accept any sin into the kingdom of heaven to be in His presence where His holiness abides and controls the atmosphere of heaven.

For this purpose, God sent His only begotten Son to die for our sins that we might be delivered from sin completely, and live in His eternal environment in heaven. The life that God offers is not just breathing, eating, and enjoying pleasures. The life that God offers is joy, peace, and happiness in the Holy Ghost. This life will start on earth for the saved person, and continue throughout eternity in the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: What About Angels?

It is not good to listen to preachers who do not preach the word of God. Such preachers leave your soul vulnerable to be deceived. When your soul is in

danger, it will be everlasting danger. Many preachers will tell you that you are going to be an angel when you die. The Bible does not teach that you will be an angel when you die. It is not God's purpose that you be an angel, but that you be a holy person.

If you are saved when you die, you will be given a celestial body to live in heaven, which will be an incorruptible body similar to that of angels. However, you will not be an angel; you will be a saint. Angels were created saved, but humans have to be born again to be saved.

One-third of the angels that were created by God abandoned their citizenship to follow Satan in a rebellion against God. Under such conditions, these angels will have no chance for repentance, so God prepared a place called hell for them. Hell was created for angels that rebelled against God, and not for humans. Humans that go to hell will go by their own choice.

Because angels gave up their first estate in heaven, they were banished, and most are chained in darkness until the great day of the Lord. Some angels are still free to follow Satan to humiliate the people of the earth, but later they will be cast into hell also along with Satan. Listen to Jude 1:6:

Verse 6 - And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Listen to II Peter 2:4:

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

Now, if God is going to serve judgment and punish angels for their sins, there is no chance for people who live in sin to expect to go to heaven and become angels. If God would allow sinners to come into heaven, then heaven would be in worse condition than it was before Satan was cast out.

Angels are called sons of God. Morning stars were the early leaders in the realm of heaven who worked with God before the earth was created. God created heaven and filled it with countless millions of angels who move about heaven and earth as representatives of God. They were created in the likeness of God in body and nature, and were called sons of God. Angels are masculine like men; there are no female angels. Females were created as humans for the purpose of procreation, to develop a population of humans on the earth.

Subject: Angels Are Our Examples Of How To Serve God:

If you have committed your life to serving and obeying God, the word of God will reveal to you the interest that God has in you. If you meditate and pray to God on a daily basis, your way of living is acceptable to God. Listen to Ephesians 3:14-15:

Verse 14 - For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 15 - Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

When you acquire a mind to understand the word of God, you will receive help from the Holy Spirit to help you to understand.

The angels that are presently in heaven are still there because they dedicated themselves to serving God rather than to following the devil. Today people of the earth can make the same commitment to God by ceasing from serving the devil and starting to serve God. Angels give us an example of what is acceptable to God. If we follow the way the scriptures teach that angels have dedicated themselves to serving God, and do in like manner, we will be as acceptable to God as angels are. Thus, just as God created angels to live eternally in heaven, He will also give us eternal life in heaven.

When heaven was created and the works of the earth were completed, and the angels that had been created to be part of the family of God in heaven looked over the great works of God in heaven and earth, the scriptures teach that the morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy. These were the angels praising God for being a part of His miraculous creation. God had created a unit and that unit is called a family. In heaven, God's family is made up of angels who remained holy. In the earth, God's family consists of those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus; they too will be united with the family in heaven.

Subject: Your Offerings To God Must Be Presented With A Pure Heart:

Did you know that Cain slew Abel, his brother, because he was jealous of Abel? Cain was jealous of Abel because Abel's sacrifices and offerings to God were of a better quality than Cain's were. The Bible gives no quality of

description about Cain's offering, but it gave a detailed description of Abel's offering that was far better than Cain's (Genesis 4:3-10).

God respected Abel's offerings because Abel's heart was in his offerings. God had no respect for Cain's offering because Cain's heart was evil. Cain tried to worship God with jealousy in his heart. Cain was like a lot of church folk of today who try to worship God with hatred, jealousy, and malice in their hearts. If church folk pay their tithes and offerings with evil in their hearts, God will reject their offerings.

When God spoke to Cain, He asked Cain why he was angry, and if Cain would present his offerings with a pure heart as his brother Abel did, then his offerings would also be accepted. However, God told Cain if he did not do well, sin lieth at the door of his life, and it would make him do worse than giving offerings with an evil heart. Cain did not give heed to the counsel of God, and later he killed his brother Abel (Genesis 4:8-9).

Subject: It Is A Good Thing To Have Respect For The People Of God:

It would be a good thing to learn the people of God, or those who are truly saved, and to respect what they stand for. Be careful to never offend or insult the people of God. The law during Daniel's time was made to be an offense to Daniel, and God received such a law as an insult to Him. God could have caused a national calamity to fall upon Babylon, but instead, He allowed the decree to cause Daniel to be put in the lion's den.

God sends judgment in such a mysterious way that those involved will not be able to perceive the judgment until it is too late. Those who were responsible for making the decree (law) to cast Daniel in the lion's den ended up being cast into the lion's den by their own wicked conspiracy against Daniel. They would have been wise to learn that Daniel was a child of God, and to have respected what Daniel stood for.

Subject: Wealth:

No matter how much wealth you acquire while living in this world, you will need God. Wealth cannot be your God when you get ready to meet death. Wealth is no

match for death. Death has more power than wealth. Only the God of Abraham has power to deal with death. When wealth perceives that its owner is going to die, it makes preparations to acquire a new owner.

Wealth is very powerful and influential, but it has to submit itself to death, and let death influence its decision on who the new owner will be. God is the beginning and end of all things. God is supreme to every source of power in the universe, and death is not excluded. When a man becomes wealthy, he is simply a temporary steward over the wealth.

Death is on stand-by waiting to transfer the wealth to another person. If a man allows greed and selfishness to control his way of managing wealth, and fails to recognize God, God will take all he has and give it to another, and require his soul in the judgment.

Subject: You Should Calculate The Expected Years Of Your Life With Your Wealth:

When a person calculates his or her wealth, they should also calculate the approximate amount of time that they will be here to enjoy it. In Psalm 90:10-12, it reads as follows:

Verse 10 - The days of our years are threescore years and ten; if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Verse 11 - Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

Verse 12 - So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

The word of God declares that we are going to leave here, so it would be wise to calculate your time for living here along with your wealth. Listen to Psalm 90:3-5:

Verse 3 - Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

Verse 4 - For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday

when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Verse 5 - Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

Man's existence is vanity without God being a part of his purposes. God will carry man away like a flood washes away trash. So what would it profit to gain wealth, and lose your soul?

The approximate age for every person is three score and ten years, and by reason of strength, fourscore. If a person estimates and plans for more than this, they could be planning for a disappointment. Your days can be lengthened by God if you obey His word, and shortened by your disobedience. If a child of God is going to pass, God will forewarn the saved person.

Subject: Obey God And Pray:

When you are saved, one of the most important things that you must learn to do is to pray. Prayer is a mighty force for a righteous person. There are many people who do not understand the meaning of prayer. Prayer is a petition to God. It is a message of request that a saved person sends to God. When your life is holy and righteous, God watches over your life; so is it also with your prayers. A holy prayer comes from a holy life, and the prayer is just as important to God as the person's righteous life.

Under no conditions will God ignore the prayer of a saved person. Such prayers from a righteous person are like a baby who is crying; under no condition would a concerned mother ignore the baby. Prayer is a petition that does not have to be expressed in words, but can be expressed in signs showing that the person needs assistance from God.

God understands His children when they groan because of a heavy burden. God accepts the groan, or stress that is upon the person as a prayer. When the way a person lives pleases God, He will answer their prayers. You do not have to know good English to pray and be proper in your speech. Your heavenly Father knows and understands your condition and can see your needs. The Holy Spirit will help to convey a message of request to God, when you do not have words in your vocabulary to use. Prayer is the greatest medium that God has allowed men to use

to ask for what they need, and not for what they want. When you pray for everything that you want, such prayers are selfish and God will not answer.

The story of Elijah upon Mt. Carmel gave the world a lesson of how ready God is to answer prayer. Anytime God shut heaven up in answer to Elijah's prayer, he will surely do things that are less momentous. If you obey God, He will answer your prayers. Elijah was a man who, in like passion as the average person today, was subject to fear and pity. God will do for us as He did for Elijah. God will give as much attention to our prayers as He gave to Elijah's request. God does not want His people to have fear and torment; He wants you to know that you can reach Him in prayer. Prayer is the medium through which you reach God.

We know the story of how God sent His chariot and took Elijah to heaven, and Elijah's mantle fell on Elisha as the chariot took Elijah. The mantle of Elijah represented the teachings that he was following and his faithfulness and obedience to God. When Elijah passed his mantle on to Elisha, the same privileges to pray and have access to God that Elijah had passed to Elisha.

When Elisha came to the River Jordan on his return trip, he took the mantle of Elijah and struck the water as Elijah had done, and the waters rolled back for him just as it had done for Elijah. As a result of taking Elijah's mantle, all the things that Elijah had done, Elisha was able to do. God does not depend on any one man, if they all follow the same teaching and pray, God will answer their prayers.

Subject: Ask According To The Will Of God:

Every born again person according to their own wisdom and ability to manage will have the blessings of God if they walk in the Spirit of God. To walk in the Spirit means to live according to the guidance and teachings of the Spirit. Such people must keep God's commandments and do His will. The Spirit will show them the will of God. The Spirit will be like a tutor and a tour guide to direct them through life.

It will be the Spirit that will give them the new-birth, giving them the nature to follow and accept the will of God. Under such conditions their hearts will be pure, and their hands will be clean, and they will be able to ask God for what they want and He will grant it according to His will that is being done in their life.

Subject: God Can Perceive Your Desires:

Prayer is an expression of a desire. When a person presents a prayer to God, it is because they have a desire for something that only God can give them. A prayer can be a state of dissatisfaction that God can see in a person's life. When the person is in need, their state of mind is perceived by God. When the petition or desire is granted by God, though the person did not ask God in words, God responded to their state of mind, and the urgency of their desires.

If you obey God, you do not have to ask for what you need in words, because the Spirit of God will present your desires to God, and your prayer will be answered. Prayer can be a petition expressed not only in words, but by signs. You must be in complete and total dependency on God providing for you, and He will answer your prayer. God does not want His people to live under stress and hardship. He wants you to know that you can reach Him in prayer.

Subject: Fasting And Prayer:

The scriptures represent God. When you obey the scriptures, you are under the protection of God. We should never take the word of God lightly, but we should hide the word of God in our hearts for protection whenever the occasion arises. The word of God gives you power to resist the temptations of the devil. There are certain temptations that the devil brings which cannot be cast out except through fasting and prayer. When you fast, you are preparing the body for a vigorous resistance against carnal desires that lead to lust and sin.

Fasting and prayer will keep you from yielding when temptations are presented by the devil. By fasting and praying, you will seek strength to drive the devil away, and wisdom on how to avoid unnecessary contacts with temptations. Therefore, fasting and praying will fix you so that though the devil approaches you as he goes to and fro and up and down in the earth, he cannot successfully get you to yield to temptations.

Subject: How Is Your Faith?

Your faith should hold on to God. Faith should be the connector between you and God. There should be nothing in your life that you should give more consideration to that would restrict your faith in God. Everybody has the privilege to acquire faith in God that will have no limitations. God leaves this door open for those who desire to have unrestricted faith. This simple faith is yours if you want it.

As we go through life and we are confronted with problems, we should turn to God, being confident that He will take care of the conditions as we desired. When you obey and live according to His commandments, God is interested in you. God's actions toward you will be according to your faith. He will do as much for you as you believe He will do. He is moved by your faith.

If your faith does not waiver, neither will your blessings that God sends to you. If your faith is not definite, neither will what you ask for be definite. If there is a speck of disbelief in your faith, such faith will be categorized by God as mockery. You must believe without doubt or reluctance that God is near, and hears your call. God's line is never too busy to receive a call of unrestricted faith preceding a request. God has a tender and considerate understanding of your situation, and He is able to answer your request at the time and in the manner requested. With this approach to the throne of grace, it will appear that you believe that God exists, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Subject: Obedience Gets You Started To The Throne Of Grace But Faith Completes The Journey:

If you have been obedient to God, you can go to God and ask for what you want. Your approach to the throne of grace must be with definite faith. There must be no doubt, nor reluctance in your approach to God. You must believe with a firm conviction that God will hear your request based upon the promise that He made to you because of your obedience. With this approach, it will be evident that you believe that God is a reality according to the teachings of His word.

When you deal with God, though you cannot see Him, you must believe that He exists just like people that you can see. The reality of God is manifested in your faith in God. Without such faith, it will be impossible to please God in spite of your holiness and obedience. Obedience gets you started to the throne of grace, and faith completes the journey.

Subject: God's Work Is Perfect:

Now many church denominations are founded upon the names of men. Men like to establish legacies in their names, so that when they die, their names will continue to live. There are some men who have established churches who professed to have been preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus' doctrine is that you be perfect, and that God can make you perfect as He is perfect.

Nature is an example of God's work of perfection. The sun that is in the sky does not make any mistakes; it obeys the command of God. When Joshua needed more daylight to defeat his enemies, God made the sun stand still when it was supposed to have been setting. Therefore, Joshua had more daylight to finish his mission. The sun was perfect in obedience to God. When God saves us, He makes us perfect in obedience. God's work is perfect in nature as well as in a person who obeys Him.

Subject: Deliverance Will Surely Come To The Pure In Heart: (Songs Of Deliverance):

When your burdens get heavy, you should learn to listen to and sing spiritual hymns. Music by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir will help you. The Choir has been ordained of God to bring spiritual music to the world. When the black slaves of America experienced such burdens, they were moved by their burdens to sing spiritual songs that moved God to raise up a white emancipator to give slaves deliverance.

White brothers of the North turned against white brothers of the South and did an unusual thing by going to war against one another so that the black man could go free. History does not have a record of such events prior to the emancipation of the black man. God gave victory to the Union forces because they were fighting for deliverance of the black man and it was God's will that the slaves be free.

It is a good thing to learn the will of God before you support any purpose or movement. Therefore, we have learned from black slaves that there is a song for every ill. If you obey God, and learn a song that is relative to your burdens, God will grant you deliverance just as He did the black slaves of America, because God is no respecter of persons.

When you are in trouble and you want heaven to help, God has countless millions of angels that have super-superior powers to that of those that are causing

you trouble, and they are on stand-by to help you if you obey God. When you sing songs with a sin-free life, your voice will have a melody that heaven will hear and respond to. When your songs come forth from a fervent, pure, and sincere heart, it will have to move God to give orders to the heavenly hosts to assist you, and deliverance will surely come.

When you sing songs of deliverance relative to your burdens, you can sing the hell out of your enemies or those who oppose you. People who bring burdens to you because you are living right are hellish people, and if you have a pure heart, you can sing the hell out of them. There is power in spiritual songs of deliverance. You should sing with love and mercy for your opposers, and the Spirit of God will get in your melodies, and over-power their evil oppositions to you.

When you are striving to do your best and the devil is opposing you, just let God know in a song, which will be received by God as a prayer that you want to follow God and do His will in spite of the devil's opposition, and God will hear your song of prayer and help you.

Subject: Trouble Comes To The Saved And The Unsaved
Person:

It is the way people live that separates them from God. The Bible was given that we may learn how to live, so that we will be acceptable to God. So often when people begin to have trouble, they will blame it on somebody else; this is not always true. Many people have trouble because of the way they live. Some people will even charge God for their trouble. In the book of Job, Job's companions tried to get Job to charge God for his troubles. Listen to Job 1:22:

Verse 22 - In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Even if you live righteously according to the teachings of the word of God, you are going to have some trouble. Such trouble will be a test administered by Satan. This kind of trouble is good for you, because it will give you experience, knowledge and power. This trouble will teach you how to deal with problems in the future. This kind of trouble will give you wisdom, and endurance, helping you to know how you stand with God.

The Lord teaches you to pay your vows and in the day of trouble, call on Him and He will deliver you (Psalm 50:14-15). Oftentimes when people have

trouble, they will begin to make promises and commitments to God, and when they are delivered from their troubles, they forget the vows that they have made to God. God regulates trouble for a saved person. He instructed Satan on what not to do to Job. It is by means of trouble that God teaches a saved person. You will not take experiences in life seriously unless there are serious problems. Therefore, God allows trouble to teach you about life.

Now if you learn how to take advantage of trouble and through faith see the Lord bringing you out, you will rejoice when you are delivered. The devil's purpose is to get you to turn back from following God when you have trouble. He will tell you that God has failed you, and if you are convinced by the devil that God has failed you, it will not be that God has failed you, but that the devil has fooled you. God does not have to move trouble out of your life; He can take you through trouble.

Subject: God Will Bless You In Every Way: If You Obey:

Now you have to be born again to understand the ways and culture of the kingdom of heaven. When you are born again, though you are living on the earth, you will acquire an understanding of the culture of heaven, because the Spirit of God will be your teacher making intercession for you. You cannot receive the Spirit of God without being illuminated just as the sun cannot rise above the clouds without the earth being illuminated.

When God blesses your understanding and gives you spiritual encouragement, He will also give you material and financial blessings. Material blessings will overtake you when you are obeying God. Such blessings will surprise you, and come from places that you never expected. Your obedience causes you to seek the kingdom of heaven and God's righteousness, and the material blessings will be added.

I am teaching this because I am an example. God blesses me with everything I need, including great joy, peace, and happiness. When you obey God, He will bless you and supply your needs according to His riches in glory. Every born again believer, according to his or her own wisdom and knowledge, will have the blessings of God if they walk in the Spirit of God. You are walking in the Spirit when you live according to the teachings of God's word. This means you are keeping God's commandments and doing His will.

Subject: God Will Bless And Get The Glory Out Of Those Who Obey And Trust Him:

You have to trust God to get help from Him. You will know that you trust God when you do not worry about things that you need. Your attitude towards God in reference to your faith should be like that of a child towards its mother when the child wants something. If you are obeying God, you should trust that God will supply your needs. When you want something from God, your obedience should be inclusive with your faith. Faith and obedience will keep God's attention.

Your dependence and faith in God will motivate you to look to God for guidance and help at all times, and God will be glorified through your righteous life and for every good thing that comes to you whether you worked to earn it or not. God gets the glory out of those who obey Him and the blessings of God will be upon them on a continuous basis.

Subject: Humility:

When we go down upon our knees to pray, we show that we have the humility that will enable God to enter our hearts and set up a runway so that He can send troops of angels to reinforce our garrison whenever it is necessary. Now when you bow down to pray, the devil will be present to confuse and deceive you, he may even be in your message of prayer to deceive you, but he cannot deceive God. God can rightly divide the devil's request from your request.

You may not be able to recognize the devil at such time, but God can see him, and when God speaks to him, he cannot lie to God. He must come forth at the command of God, and depart from you. When God finds Satan in the vicinity of a Saint, God will always ask Satan the same question that He asked when Satan was trying Job. God will remind Satan that his purpose is to uproot, upset, deceive, capture, and taint those who seek to humble themselves under His hand and follow the plan for their salvation.

God's plan is offered to every soul, and it was to this end that He sent Jesus to suffer, die and rise again. When a person is delivered from the vices of the devil, God gives the person a desire to work for the deliverance of another, and so that God's plan will grow. The Holy Spirit will direct the person to find another lost soul, and the lost soul will be delivered from the power of the devil.

Subject: The Devil:

The devil is not in hell yet. You can find the devil in any church assembly on Sunday morning. Whenever God holds a meeting with His angels, the devil is at every meeting. The devil wants to get permission from God to try a saved person. The devil is only interested in those who are born again. If you are not born again, the devil could care less about you.

Of all the people on the earth during Job's life, the devil asked God if he could try Job; he never asked anything about the other people on the earth. God gave a description of Job's character as being perfect, upright, and a person who eschewed evil. Today if you are not a person who is perfect, upright, and rejects evil ways of life, neither God nor the devil is concerned about you. God will not talk about you, and the devil will not ask about you.

Subject: The Accuser Of The Saved Person:

Satan is known as the accuser of those who are born again. If a saved person is living a prosperous life, Satan's accusation to God concerning the person is that the saved person is serving God because of their prosperity. Satan challenged God when the question of Job's fidelity was raised.

Satan tried Job by destroying his prosperity and his children, to get Job to curse God. Had Job cursed God under so much pressure, Satan would have proved that Job was serving God for what God had blessed him with. However, Job maintained his integrity and obedience to God in spite of what the devil did to him.

Satan learned that he had nothing in Job, and could not falsely accuse Job before God. When a person is truly born again, they would rather obey God and die, because of their love for God, than to live and disobey God. Christ manifested the true spirit of a saved person's respect, and love for God. Christ went on the cross, and suffered from the sixth to the ninth hour and died before He would yield to the temptations of the devil.

The devil makes the same challenge concerning true saints today, because when you are true, God will bless you as He did Job, even to the protection of angels. God will build a wall around you to keep the devil away from your soul and body. God will give you peace and joy though everything around you might be in an uproar. God will pour out upon you material blessings though others in like circumstances may be in dire poverty. God will give you such favor that your

enemies will fear you, and when you worship God, your joy will not be in mockery, but praise.

So then, if you think you are saved, search your heart and see if you have that true love for God. Allow God to permit the devil to try the reins of your heart to see if any resentment towards God will come out of you. After you are proven to be true, God will even guide you all the way from earth to glory.

CHAPTER 7

SALVATION: SPECIAL TOPICS

Subject: Paul: An Apostle Of Jesus Christ:

Saul, who was later named Paul, was on his way to a city named Damascus to persecute and imprison a little group of Saints who were assembled there to worship Jesus Christ, when a light from heaven fell upon him and blinded him. When people of today cannot see the relationship between saved people and Jesus Christ, it is because they are blind. Paul lost his physical sight because he did not have spiritual sight. When you have spiritual sight you can identify the people of God.

Paul then heard a voice from heaven saying “Saul, Saul why persecutest thou me”? As Paul laid on the ground helpless and blind, he then began to experience an awakening of his spiritual sight. He could see himself very confused as a pathetic sinner who was misguided by his false confidence in the law, and deceived by his vain conception of righteousness.

When the Lord said it is hard Saul for you to kick against the pricks, Paul could see how stupid he had been to try to stamp out the teachings of Jesus Christ. When a person contends against the teachings of Jesus Christ it is self-destruction. Paul learned that the Spirit of Christ was not destroyed at Golgotha, nor could it be destroyed by his violence against the holy people who were filled with it. The gospel of Jesus is stronger than all the forces of evil, and it administers an automatic defeat to those who oppose it.

Paul learned that when he was hostile against the people of God whom he seized and persecuted, it was against the Spirit of Christ. Therefore, Paul yielded! Then the spirit of the devil left, and he became a vessel that the Lord could use. After the servants of the Lord prayed for him; his eyes were opened, and he never saw the world again as he had seen it before he lost his sight. Paul never saw the honor and glory that he had accomplished as an officer of high rank in the Roman army. He could only see Jesus, the risen Saviour, and the great gospel mission that was waiting to be assigned to him.

Subject: Why Do We Celebrate Christmas?

We are not responsible for being sinners, and we are helpless in doing something to correct the situation. God’s love for us did not allow the conditions that sin brought upon us to remain in our lives. Therefore, God had to find a means to correct our condition.

The very Son of God was found to be the only person who was able to take on this responsibility. God's love for humans who were sinners was so deep and far reaching that God sent His only Son to correct our condition. God's plan for our salvation was presented to the world by means of His only begotten Son being born of a virgin.

Today millions of people celebrate Jesus' birthday in commemoration of the night when the angels of the Lord met shepherds on the plains of Judaea bringing them good news of great joy, announcing that in Bethlehem of Judaea, the Saviour was born; today we call it Christmas.

Many people do many things to celebrate Christmas that are not related to Jesus being sent to the world to correct the conditions that sin has brought to the world. We must remember that God's purpose was to send Jesus to offer a solution to save us from our sins, and not to celebrate Jesus' birthday by drinking alcoholic beverages and continuing to be sinners. Christmas should be celebrated because Jesus offered a solution for us to be free from sin rather than for people to get drunk.

Subject: He That Ruleth Over Men Must Be Just Ruling In The Fear Of God:

When heads of state and rulers in the earth try to operate the affairs of the earth without recognizing God, the book of Isaiah 24th Chapter, Verse 17 tells us what will happen:

Verse 17 - Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

This is what happens in the earth when kings and rulers of nations get to the place that they leave God out of their program. God intended that all leaders of nations should rule in righteousness, recognizing the fact that it is God who sets up rulers and also takes them down. Listen to II Samuel 23:1-3; these scriptures teach about a king who tried to rule a nation and left God out of his program, until he learned better:

Verse 1 - Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the

sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

Verse 2 - The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word
was in my tongue.

Verse 3 - The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to
me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling
in the fear of God.

When rulers of nations fail to rule in righteousness, their subjects will become wicked as they are. It is then the duty of the preacher to warn them that God is going to start house cleaning to punish the rulers for their wickedness and the people for following them. The preacher should be in personal contact with the people of the community and be aware of their relationship with God, because God will hold the preacher responsible for warning the leader of the nation and the people. When the preacher fails to preach the gospel and teach the people righteousness, the people will follow ways that are contrary to the ways of righteousness, and the end of their ways will be death.

America was established by God to be an example of righteousness to the world. America must renew her covenant with God and hold to her stand for righteousness. America must maintain its integrity in the eyes of the world, by being just and right in her relations within its nation, and with other nations of the world.

In the eyes of the world, America stands as a mighty nation. However, according to historical records, other nations who have occupied the same position in times past were brought down to a low level of existence. Their previous high status is only known in the pages of history books. Such a fall of nations in past times is the result of the judgment of God.

Subject: The Hand That Rocks The Cradle:

The hand that rocks the cradles is the greatest influence and the most influential person on the earth; that is a woman. Women shape the future of men and determine whether or not they will be great or a failure. Samson was the strongest man that ever lived, and his strength was controlled by a woman. King Solomon was the richest man that ever lived, and women caused him to separate from God who gave him his wealth. Women created trouble for Solomon and Samson that they enjoyed.

Unless a woman is under the control of the Spirit of God, she can be trouble that a man can enjoy that will lead him to his downfall. A woman was made by God to be a help meet for the man. However, this can only be implemented properly when a woman is filled with the Spirit of God. If a woman is not filled with the Spirit of God, she can be trouble for a man. The Holy Spirit is the only source of power that can influence and control a woman to be a blessing for a man.

Just as God can control nature, the Holy Spirit can control a woman. God can control the sun, moon, stars, wind and rain. The Holy Spirit can control a woman's emotions, faithfulness, integrity, love, feelings and dependency. Just as God is the master of nature, the Holy Spirit can be the master of a woman's desires and trustworthiness.

Subject: The Help Meet For Man:

Whatever God has established for the benefit of men and women the devil's purpose is to destroy it. One of the things the devil likes to do is to break up relationships between men and women that God has instituted. When a marriage is becoming fragile, the devil has his hands in it. The devil has been working on relationships between men and women since he caused them to eat the forbidden fruit. Life in the Garden of Eden became a very unhappy life, and eventually it ended.

The devil hates to see a happy marriage. He has been successful in disrupting marital relationships between men and women. The devil does not use the forbidden fruit today, but he uses deceit and adultery. When a man is separated from his wife, life becomes very difficult.

Can you imagine how the world would be if all women went on strike and decided not to help men? Corporate offices as well as homes would become non-functional messes. It is because God made the woman to play a part in man's life, that man is thoughtful, sentimental, organized, and very instrumental in accomplishing his purposes.

Subject: The Institution Of Marriage:

In the beginning, God made man, male and female, so that they could be joined together in holy wedlock. God intended that this bond should never be

severed by man. God ordained that this union between the man and the woman should become the foundation of civilization to regulate the conduct of the husband and the wife in decency and in order during their natural lives, that these principles might be preserved.

The institution of marriage cannot be refined, changed, or updated by humans to accommodate their change of human or carnal desires, such as homosexuality. Marriage must be honored by the originator of the institution in order for the union to be defined as a marriage. God commanded that no man or woman could change the marriage relationship or put it asunder.

When a marriage is conducted according to the way that God established it, it is an honorable institution. When properly respected, the institution of marriage is recognized by God for all people. Marriage is a ceremony that unites a man and a woman imposing upon them certain duties and privileges, and empowers them to reproduce children after their kind. Marriage is honorable because God ordained it and set His approval on it. People celebrate marriage with rejoicing, and the community looks upon it as a vital institution that keeps the community respectful and dignified.

The marriage is the only means by which the body can be kept honorable to be used as the temple of God to carry His Holy Spirit, and having sexual relations at the same time. Sexual relations outside of marriage defiles the body and is a sin. Under no conditions can marriage between those of the same sex be honored by God; such will be a sin before God.

The body must be kept honorable; therefore, marriage is only acceptable to God between males and females. After marriage, the body of the woman belongs to the man and the body of the man belongs to the woman. Fornication or adultery is the only acceptable reason that God will permit a divorce (St. Matthew 19:8-9).

CHAPTER 8

GOD SENT PREACHERS VERSUS FALSE PREACHERS

GOD SENT PREACHERS

Subject: The Minister Of The Gospel:

When a minister of the gospel is sent by God, he cannot minister to the people for the convenience of the people. The God sent minister must teach and serve the people according to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is an anti-flesh spirit that will lead and teach contrary to the sinful ways of the people. The people must be fully informed on the works of the Holy Spirit, and if they are going to be saved, they must deny their carnal ways and submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Understand that a God sent leader works entirely under the influence and directions of the Holy Spirit. He must be filled with the Holy Spirit and have experienced living according to the guidance, counsel, and directions of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will instruct such a leader according to the scriptures, and such knowledge will be given to the people the way it has taught the God sent leader.

Subject: The Requirements For Being Able To Reach God:

Though many worshipers are trying to reach God by means of prayer, if such worshipers have not been taught the proper procedures to obtain grace, their lives will be reckless, and indifferent towards the holiness of God.

It is the responsibility of pastors to teach the people the correct way to reach God. The law of God requires that worshipers live righteously in order to have the benefits of God in their worship services, as well as in their everyday private lives.

Subject: The Tree:

A preacher has to be born again and living a righteous life if the members of his congregation are going to be saved. A preacher is supposed to be like a fruit

tree that produces good fruit. If the preacher is not born again, then the members who are supposed to be the fruit of his labor cannot be saved under his leadership.

An unsaved pastor is like a corrupt tree producing corrupt fruit (St. Matthew 7:14). A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit, neither can a good tree produce corrupt fruit. When the preacher is righteous, then the members can become righteous also. When pastors becomes weak, living according to the dictates of the flesh, the members of their churches don't stand a chance of being saved.

People must be taught how to be saved by a Holy Ghost filled preacher. They must receive the correct knowledge and power from the Holy Ghost that activates the knowledge. When people are taught the truth by a Holy Ghost filled pastor then the truth will make them free from sin.

You don't need to join a church to be saved, you need to be joined to Christ by the Holy Ghost. The members of the body of Christ are obedient to the teachings of the gospel that Christ presented to the world. You don't need to have fellowship in a church with people who are not saved, you need to have fellowship in the Spirit to be a member of the body of Christ.

Subject: The True Versus The False:

We live in a world where false things have imposed upon true things. False things are so prevalent today that it is difficult to discern true things from false things. False teachings and religious principles have also entered the Christian churches of America. If church folk today have not been taught the true principles of righteousness from the gospel of Jesus Christ, it will be difficult for them to discern the true gospel from a perverted false teaching.

False teachings of salvation have entered churches by means of false preachers who are not God-sent, neither are they led by the Holy Spirit. We are not born into the world with the knowledge of what is true or false. We must be taught the truth in order to know the truth.

When we were invited to church, our minds were completely empty of the knowledge that was required to be saved. Therefore, we accepted whatever we heard given to us by a preacher. The true gospel can only be made known to us when God sends a preacher to preach the truth. When we have been given the truth, then we have the option to choose to accept the truth and to reject the false. If we accept a false religious teaching, and reject the true teaching, then the choice to be lost would be our choice.

There is only one basic purpose for which Jesus was sent to the earth. This purpose is given in St. Matthew 1:21, which states, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins”. When a religious teaching does not teach that you can be saved from sin, then such a religious teaching is a false teaching. When a religious teaching does not give instructions on how to be saved from sin, then such a religious teaching is a false teaching. The ministers who fail to give the true teaching are false ministers of Satan.

Subject: Preachers Of Righteousness Will Give Warning To The People Against Their Sins:

God spared Noah and his family because Noah was a preacher of righteousness. A preacher who is not a preacher of righteousness will be judged by God just like people who do not live righteously. Listen to II Peter 2:5:

Verse 5 - And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.

A preacher of righteousness will warn the people against their sins. Most of the people during Noah’s day hardened their hearts against his warning, and the destruction came and they were destroyed by flood waters.

Abraham was another preacher of righteousness warning the people of Sodom and Gomorrah who were given unto homosexual practices. Abraham warned them that God was going to destroy those cities and because they failed to take heed to the warnings, fire and brimstone fell on the cities consuming the sodomites.

These events were examples to us during this present day showing us the importance of obeying the messages that are given by preachers of righteousness. God also showed that his mercy would be given to a righteous person who received the warnings from the preacher of righteousness. Just before Sodom was destroyed, God delivered Lot and his family, who had no desire to remain in Sodom with the homosexuals. Lot was vexed with the conduct of the wicked and their unrighteous deeds so God sent angels to deliver Lot and his family before the fire fell on Sodom. If you obey God, He knows how to deliver the righteous out of temptation, and to reserve the wicked for the judgment.

FALSE PREACHERS:

Subject: Watch For False Preachers:

A false preacher will have the spirit of a deceitful worker of a ministry. False preachers will say that they are bearing witness to Jesus Christ and His power by testifying of how weak the power of Jesus' resurrection is. After Jesus' resurrection all who received Jesus of a truth experienced the resurrection of Jesus in their lives. They received power to live free from sin. A false preacher will say that after you receive Jesus you cannot help from sinning. The truth is that when you cannot help from sinning it means that you have not received Jesus.

Today most Christians believe the testimonies of false preachers, because they have not heard the testimony of a true witness for Christ. The gospel is given to help you to live right in your private life, and not just to go to some church to support the ministry of a false preacher.

Subject: How Effective Are Religious Denominations To Offer Salvation?

The reason we have so many religious denominations today is because the religious leaders who were founders of these denominations have interpreted the word of God to suit themselves. They have tried to establish themselves in righteousness, but it has not been according to God's way. Only the Holy Spirit can establish you in righteousness. You are established in righteousness when the Holy Spirit gives you the new-birth in Christ.

There are ways that may seem right to a man, but if it is not according to God's way, the end of such ways will be death. No religious way is right unless it is covered according to the directions and instructions given by God. Baptism is an essential ordinance in the plan of salvation, and it is so often administered contrary to the directions and instructions given by God.

In the council of heaven, it was detailed and ordained for a significant purpose, and is not effective unless observed according to directions. Many religious leaders are performing baptism in different ways so that the job might be

easier than the way God instructed John the Baptist who was ordained by God to conduct the first baptismal service.

Some baptize by pouring a little water on the head of the person, and some baptize by sprinkling water on the person. God originated baptism; the principle of baptism came from heaven, and not from the earth or any church organization. When religious leaders refuse to baptize according to the plan of God, they reject the counsel of God, and they will also be rejected as a candidate for the kingdom of heaven by God. God will refuse to recognize such a religious leader as having completed his instructions for his salvation and the salvation of those that he is baptizing.

Those who want to be truly saved should follow a religious leader who is carefully following the scriptures. There is only one way to do a work to please God, and that is to do it the way God has given the instructions to do the work.

Subject: Are You A Social Companion Of Sin?

It is the duty of your pastor to feed your mind the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. If a preacher fails to teach you that you can live free from sin with God's help, then such a pastor is allowing you to become a social companion of sin, Satan, and eventually death.

Christ was an example of how a human could be in the world and not commit sin; this was one of the purposes that God sent Him in a human body. We can live with the same spirit that Christ demonstrated when we receive the Holy Spirit. However, it is necessary that we be taught this knowledge and not regress back to a social life of sinful pleasures after that we have heard a false teacher.

Subject: Do You Know The Truth?

Make no mistake, no preacher who fails to preach the truth to you loves you. I personally express my love to the readers of my literature by telling them the truth. The truth does not compromise nor support a life of sin. The truth is against sin in every way. The truth reveals the deceitfulness of sin, and the devil hates the truth because he uses false preachers to camouflage the truth. When a preacher fails to show the truth of God's word, he is a minister of Satan.

In the days of Elijah the prophet there were other prophets, but Elijah was the only true prophet who stood out boldly against the worshipers of Baal. Baal was an idol that most of the people got pleasure out of worshiping, just as people today get pleasure and entertainment out of going to churches where false preachers put on shows of excitement to entertain people and fail to teach them that sin will destroy their souls.

The minister of God is taught the truth of God's word by revelations from God. The true minister is responsible for what God gives him to give to the people. God uses a true minister for the purpose for which God made him. Jesus Christ spoke the truth, and he was hated to the extent that they crucified Him. Though the truth may seem harsh, it is a true expression of love, because it condemns every false and deceitful way of life. If you search the scriptures, and follow a preacher who preaches the truth, you will see that it is in accord with what he is preaching.

Subject: The Shout Of Victory And The Shout Of Mockery:

The enemy of God, who is the devil, has set up religious programs to misguide and fool people to get financial support. Such false ministers of Satan are using the television, radio, and the internet to take advantage of the ignorance of people. It is necessary to be taught the knowledge of God's word correctly to escape the deceitful knowledge of false ministers.

There are many preachers running to preach whom God did not call. People are easily fooled by their shouts, music, and demonstrations. Such people gladly give their money and means to support false religious programs. Such people believe that yelling at God as though He is at a great distance in the universe is the way to communicate with God. They fail to understand that God is near to them, even in their hearts, if they obey His word.

God is in the word of faith that is properly taught by a Holy Ghost sent preacher. When folk try to praise God with false ministers, such praises are the praises of mockery. There is a difference in the praises of victory of those who are taught the truth, and the praises of mockery of those who have been misled by false teachings of false preachers.

The shout of victory of those who are striving for mastery in true holiness is inspired by the Holy Spirit. The shout of victory is praises to God for delivering the people from a life of sin. The shout of mockery is inspired by the spirit of the devil.

Afterword

The period of grace that God is giving people of the earth to repent and to be saved from sin is now available. The Holy Spirit is moving upon the earth looking for a repenting sinner. God's wondrous blessings have been extended to the earth in Jesus Christ to offer everybody eternal life. God is not partial; He offers eternal life to people of every race.

The Holy Spirit offers a repenting sinner the complete process to be born again or to experience the new-birth in Christ, as laid out in this and other volumes of "Saved from Sin". This time of grace will end soon. Will you be ready? Today is the day of salvation; we do not know what tomorrow will bring. Please, do not throw this chance away; get right with God today.



