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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”

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Foreword

In order to experience true salvation (deliverance from sin) an individual must be born again of the Spirit of God. Being born again or the new birth in Christ Jesus is a process, or set of procedures that an individual must experience according to the scriptures, to be saved from sin and enter the kingdom of God.

In this and previous volumes of Elder Kilgore's books entitled "Saved from Sin", he continues to instruct and guide his readers along the path of true salvation. In each chapter, Elder Kilgore expounds upon and points out the things in a person's life that they must take on, put off, or adjust to, according to the word of God, in order to be a candidate for the kingdom of heaven.



INTRODUCTION

The Mysteries Of God:

Most of us are familiar with the Christmas story about the birth of Jesus. We have heard how the wise men traveled from the East, and the shepherds came from the West to see the amazing events which heaven was proclaiming that only a few souls were observing. No doubt, there was no room in the Inn that was occupied by the Scribes and Pharisees along with others at the Inn that rejected the birth of Jesus, and dishonored God's presentation of the Messiah to the world.

All of these events that we have heard of concerning the birth of Jesus have a deeper meaning than that which comes from the mere reading of words as they are recorded in the scriptures. A deeper understanding of the meaning concerning the birth of Jesus can come only by the revelations of God. Man is not capable of comprehending the deep mysteries of the kingdom of heaven and the purpose of its introduction of Jesus to the world.

The mind of God, where things were originated and created from, is too mysterious for humans of the earth to understand. God's mind consists of infinite wisdom with no limitations. The mind of man can know nothing unless God gives man the grace to understand segments of human existence. God purposely hides relevant knowledge from man for two basic reasons. The first reason is because man is a sinner, causing his existence not to be a part of God. The second reason is because of man's unbelief in the things of God that are not within man's ability to understand.

For a sinner to understand the mysteries of living in heaven would be to allow the sinner to have a free pass to get into heaven. God would never allow a free entry into the kingdom of heaven by whoremongers, liars, drunkards, murderers, thieves, fornicators or adulterers. Most sinners would not want to go to heaven to be in such company of ungodliness. A sincere sinner would want to be saved from sin before going to heaven. This is why God has set up a plan for sinners to be born again in Christ.

If a sinner is not sincere about repenting of his or her sins, than the plan of God would continue to be a mystery to such unbelievers. God is very particular about whom He will allow to enter the kingdom of heaven to enjoy eternal life. As soon as God discovered that Adam had become a sinner, God put Adam out of the Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden had been a paradise for Adam to enjoy the blessings of God. Adam could have lived there forever if he had continued to obey God. God perceiving that Adam's love for Him was not pure, concealed the mysteries and awful conditions that sin would bring upon Adam.

Adam had to learn to obey and love God with a pure heart to enjoy eternal life in the Paradise of God; so is it also today. A sinner must repent and approach the throne of grace with a pure heart being willing to commit his or her life to God unconditionally in order to enjoy the blessings of God's kingdom. The blessings of God's kingdom have not entered the hearts of those that are saved and love God. The new Paradise of God will not be revealed to those who are saved until they get into the kingdom of heaven (I Corinthians 2:9).

The Spirit of God has revealed to those of us who are saved that God has prepared unimaginable blessings for us in His kingdom, but a detailed description of such blessings has not been revealed to us. We will only be able to go to heaven by faith in the promises of God. After we enter heaven, the blessings will be revealed, and we will be allowed to enjoy the mysterious blessings of heaven that God has prepared for those who love Him.

Christmas Represents A Message From Heaven To The World:

There are many who celebrate the Christmas holiday without an understanding of the true meaning of what Christmas represents. Christmas represents a message to the world. The meaning of the Christmas message must be revealed before it can be understood. You can only acquire knowledge from God by revelations. Revelations from God are only given to those who are born again of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is a reception center for those who are saved to receive knowledge from God. The Spirit of God will give the born again person an anointing, which will be a new mind that can receive and understand knowledge from God.

The Spirit of God will establish a mind in a person who is born again that will be humble, innocent, and open to receive knowledge from God without question. They will accept the word of God without challenge or debate, and they will believe it to be the only truth in God's creation. The things of God will be foolish to those who are wise, conceited, smart or prudent with credentials from institutions of learning. They will attempt to analyze the truth of God's word under established theories and rules of science. The secrets of God are hidden from such people.

A Pure Heart Will Receive God's Message:

The most spectacular event that ever took place in the world was presented to Mary and Joseph who were of a low social class of Jews. An angel from heaven appeared unto Joseph and Mary telling them that God was going to make a presentation to the world of His only begotten Son to save His people from their sins.

An angel said to Joseph, fear not to take this woman to be your wife, for she shall bring forth a Son, born of the Holy Spirit and not of another man. Joseph was happy when he received this news from the angel, because he loved Mary. Joseph had a pure heart, and when the angel brought the message on how Mary had conceived the child of the Holy Ghost, he had no problem believing the message.

God does not waste time sending messages to those who do not have a mind to believe the message. When God tells a person that He is going to do something, their belief in the message will cause it to come to pass for their benefit.

The Foolish People During Jesus' Appearance:

During Jesus' birth, King Herod was the ruler of Israel. Herod was so afraid of losing his position as king that he failed to believe that Jesus was the Messiah from God. Herod considered Jesus as being another leader that the common people of Israel would use to replace him. Herod had access to the teachings of the Old Testament, and should have known the prophecies relating to Jesus' appearance. Herod could have been a host for Jesus, and maintained his position receiving blessings from Jesus.

Jesus was only sent to save the people from their sins; He was not sent for any personal position of rulership over the authorities of Israel. Nicodemus was able to maintain his position as a ruler of the Jews, and to receive eternal life. There was also a group with legal authority called the Sanhedrin who was a powerful entity of the nation of Israel. They were not acknowledged by God to receive no announcement concerning the birth of Jesus.

Heaven completely disregarded all such authorities in Israel, and the message was sent to the plains of Judaea to meet the most humble people of the nation, which were shepherds. In every word that the angels spoke and sang, the importance of the message from heaven was emphasized. The angels said, "We bring you good tidings and great joy, which shall be to all people". The good news was that a Savior was born. This good news has never become old news. It is good up to this present day. The Savior that was born in a stable 2,000 years ago is

being born in the minds of those who believe His gospel today. The angels said that the good news would be for all people, and the reference included people from every generation.

Today God gives revelations of what Christmas represents to the same kind of humble-minded people as the shepherds were during Jesus' birth. God gives the new-birth in Christ to those who believe implicitly everything the angels said years ago without doubt. There must be no deceit in their minds, or contempt in their regard for Christ as being the Son of God. They must be willing to worship Christ in Spirit and in truth according to the scriptures.

A Holy Birth:

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea, there were prominent upper-class people staying at the Inn when Mary and Joseph applied for a room at the Inn for the child to be born. No invitation was offered from people of the prominent classes to receive Jesus. God purposely allowed Jesus to be born in a lower social class of Jews during that time so that the world would see that a holy birth does not have to be related to the higher social classes of people.

Today, a holy birth of righteousness does not have to be related to higher social classes any more than it had to be during Jesus' birth. Holiness is righteousness or being free from sin. When you are born of the Spirit of God, just as Jesus was born, you can be in a lower social class and still be free from sin. God gave the world a holy birth when Christ was born, and when people of today receive the teachings of Jesus Christ, they will also receive a holy birth by means of Christ being born in their lives.

Grace:

It is a very important to have the correct knowledge of the Trinity. The Trinity is God in three parts. God exists in three parts, which are, God the Father, God the Son, who is Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit, which is the Comforter. God's existence and the knowledge of His reality is spiritual. You can only acquire an understanding of the knowledge of God by comparing natural things that you are familiar with to the spiritual things of God. God is not one person, but three people that are one in administration. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit all agree in one, and are never contrary to one another.

If at any time a person believes that they have the Holy Spirit, and they are living contrary to the way the word of God teaches, then they are also contrary to all three members of the Trinity, and they have the spirit of error. Now there are some who believe in God only, and they do not accept the immaculate conception of the Son of God or the virgin birth of Jesus. There are others who do not know whether there be any Holy Spirit or not, because God represents law only to them.

Jesus, who was born of a virgin, represents grace, and the Holy Spirit represents guidance. The law of God is difficult for many people to adjust their lives to obey, so God sent Jesus to give grace to help those who desired to obey God, and the Holy Spirit was sent to help the person to receive grace, making them able to obey the word of God. God does not change the principles that He initially put in the law, but grace was given to help the human nature to adjust to the fulfillment of the law that Jesus brought.

God was very gracious when He planned salvation for man, in that He incarnated Himself in a body called 'Jesus' to implement grace to the world. God first put His word in the mind of a woman who was a virgin. God changed the course of nature, and threw in reverse the way a person should come into the world, initially by cohabitation. This reversal process was done by the third part of God, which was the Holy Spirit conceiving the second part of God who was Jesus by transferring Jesus' state of existence from heaven down to the earth, and implanting Jesus into the womb of a virgin.

Jesus was then the word of God from heaven who was transferred to the earth to live as a flesh and blood human. Grace was then presented to the world along with the true teachings of the word of God. Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. After grace was presented, God has arranged that we might be born again and excused from all of our transgressions on one condition, and that is that we be willing to sin no more.

Jesus' Mission:

God gave us Jesus to walk in the midst of the people for three years, teaching the people how to live free from sin by adjusting their lives to the grace of God that was made available. Grace has been made available to everybody, teaching them how to live godly, holy and righteously with the guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit.

Under the first law of God, all that sinned were dead and damned. Therefore the new plan with grace was made available in Christ. Jesus came to teach us how to live a saved life. Jesus commissioned a group of twelve disciples to go into all

the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and whosoever believed in the gospel and is baptized shall be saved.

Jesus informed His disciples that because of His resurrection after His crucifixion that they would be saved. Jesus further taught that He was going back to His Father in heaven, and that prior to Him coming to the earth, He was known in heaven as the word of God who spoke everything in the creation into existence in the beginning.

God Almighty, who used the word create all things, also put His word in a human body of flesh and blood and sent it down among the people of the earth in the person of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit was later commissioned by God to be sent to activate the teachings of Jesus Christ for all who believe it.

Emmanuel Means That God Is With Us:

God is a good God. When God saw the condition that sin had brought upon the people of the earth, He left His throne in heaven and came down to the earth in the second person of His Trinity to be with and to help the people of the earth to be saved. God sacrificed Himself in Christ who was His only begotten Son. Christ was the second part of God who had compassion and love for the people of the earth.

After that Christ completed His mission to help the people of the earth, God came down to the earth again in the third person of His Trinity which was the Holy Spirit. Today God will be with anybody on the earth that is willing to obey Him and be saved.

God did not trust angels in heaven to help us; but He came down Himself to secure our salvation to be sure that we would not be deceived. Those of us who desire to be saved are precious to God, and God has fixed a plan for our salvation that nothing can prevent us from being saved.

Death Reigns From Adam To Moses:

Jesus died for us because death was our punishment being born as sinners. Today Jesus lives, and He is willing to save anybody from the power of death. Death reigned from Adam to Moses, not allowing man to have any means of deliverance from death. God instructed Moses to tell the children of Israel to slay a lamb, and the blood of the lamb would have power to cause death to pass over

them. The blood of the lamb was the solution for death, but it had to be fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Jesus was the Lamb of God whose blood was empowered by God to take away sin, and thereby remove the penalty of death. The blood of Jesus Christ has caused death to be downgraded to a peaceful rest for those who are saved. Being saved from sin removes us from the penalty of the second death completely. The second death is eternal death consisting of being cast into a lake of fire and brimstone. The first death of the physical body will be a peaceful rest in Paradise where Abraham is in charge. Saved people will be resting in the bosom of Abraham.

So then, Easter is more than just a day to put on fine clothes and roll Easter eggs. It is a day that should honor the crucifixion of Jesus Christ who died to save us from sin and death. Christ suffered and became our Passover by the shedding of His blood upon the cross of Calvary to be our sacrificial lamb. Jesus died so that death would have no terror for the child of God. Everyone who is redeemed from death by having their sins washed by the blood of Jesus Christ shall live again with Christ. So we can rejoice during the Easter celebration for that very hour that Christ suffered for our sins. We can rejoice because Christ rose victoriously.

During King David's reign over Israel, there was a fountain in the house of David whereas he would wash himself from the blood of his enemies after returning from a battle. The fountain produced water that was blessed by God to have power to cleanse David from the blood of his enemies and his conscience.

After David's rulership over Israel ended, the fountain was closed, but the fountain was a symbol of how the blood of Jesus that was shed on Calvary would open it again for sin and uncleanness. Anyone by faith can plunge beneath the blood of Jesus Christ and be saved from eternal destruction. Today if you repent of your sins and believe the gospel, then you will be able to go in peace, and sin no more, because there is power in the blood.

The Holy Man Of God:

The prophecies in the scriptures came by the Holy Ghost speaking through the Holy men of God. Only a holy man will be used by the Holy Ghost to teach the scriptures. When a man is holy, his life is sin-free. If your pastor is not sin-free, then what he is preaching is a complete waste of time. The Holy Ghost does not use a sinner or carnal preacher to preach the word of God. If a preacher's life is not holy, such a preacher is not of God.

When God sends a preacher, He overshadows the preacher with the Holy

Spirit before he speaks. The preacher is not doing the talking, but it is the Holy Ghost that is speaking. For an example, if you hear a musician blowing a horn; it is not the horn that is producing the sound, the horn is receiving its power to make the sound from the breath of the musician who blows into it. So is it also with a holy man that the Holy Ghost is using. The words from the holy man's voice is actually receiving power from the Holy Ghost that is controlling his mind and voice.

The Scriptures Are Of No Private Interpretation (II Peter 1:20):

The scriptures cannot be interpreted. The scriptures are a spiritual teaching which means they can only be taught and applied to the conditions of life by the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit can teach, preach or explain the scriptures. The Holy Spirit uses a God sent man to teach the word of God. Under these conditions the man will be used by the Holy Spirit. The man would not be speaking from his own mind but the Holy Spirit will be dictating to the man's mind what the Holy Spirit desires to say to the listeners.

No prophesy of the scriptures is of any private interpretation. No man can say anything about what the scriptures mean unless the Holy Spirit is causing him to speak concerning the scriptures. The more education that a man acquires to teach the meaning of the scriptures the further he will be away from God, and the knowledge of the scriptures. No college professors, or seminary taught ministers can accurately teach the scriptures. The knowledge of the scripture cannot be acquired, it must be given to a God sent preacher by the Holy Ghost.

CHAPTER 1

THE PROMISE OF JESUS' RETURN: ARE YOU READY?

Subject: Time Will Soon End:

God through His Holy Scriptures has given us a thorough outline of His plan for creating this world. The scriptures outline the work of redemption, and also the final judgment for those who reject the offer of salvation. The time allotted by God for man to be saved is a period of grace that God is extending to the world. Time shall soon end, and grace will no longer be available. During the grace period, man can repent of his sins. However, when the grace period ends, repentance will no longer be an option. For those who hear the gospel and do not accept the offer of salvation, the gospel will be a witness against such people in the judgment. When time ends, everybody who did not accept the offer of salvation that was given during the grace period will be destroyed in one day after those who did accept the offer are taken out of the world prior to the destruction.

The world is getting worse every day; people are more wicked. Evil is spreading so rapidly that Christianity is fading. Men are merciless, cold-blooded and without justice or honor. Children are not receiving proper upbringing. They are unruly and resort to criminal acts before they are old enough to go to prisons. Nature has turned against human existence by means of storms, earthquakes, and forest fires causing destruction of human life. Conditions on the earth have changed so radically that human life cannot long be sustained since the world is so different from what it was when God created man and placed him in the Garden of Eden.

All these things are happening because man is a habit-forming creature who has cultivated habits of sin that have become an unnoticeable part of his culture. God saw that there was only one means of help for man and that was in Christ. Sinful habits had so adjusted to the satisfaction of the flesh that only God Himself had power to deliver man from such. Such a delivery process had to be the results of an acceptable sacrifice for man, and God Himself in the second person of His Trinity came to the earth to be such a sacrifice.

Subject: The Day Of The Lord Will Come:

It doesn't matter how much the people of the earth are building and planting; God's plan is to destroy this sin cursed world and create new heavens and a new earth where only righteous people shall dwell (II Peter 3:9). The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; He is longsuffering and not willing that anybody should perish, but that everyone should come to repentance.

God desires that the people of the earth turn from their sins and be saved.

The scriptures give the only warnings from God to the people of the earth. The next event from God will come as a thief in the night in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. This knowledge from God has not been kept from the people of the earth.

God further gives us instructions on the kind of conduct we should have to escape this destruction. Seeing and believing that these things will come to pass, we should acquire a holy conversation and Godliness. Those who believe the warnings from God look for the day that Jesus will return and it is evident by their holy conduct.

Subject: A Time Of Trouble:

There is a time of trouble now in this present world such as never before. The only thing that can keep you happy and trusting is to believe that God's word is true. Those who shall be delivered from the destruction that is coming upon the world are those whose names are in the book of life. There are two books kept in the kingdom of heaven. One contains the names of the righteous or those who have been born again, and the other contains the names of the wicked or the unsaved.

The book of life has the names of the righteous and God revealed through Daniel that they will be delivered and given safety from the destruction during the time of trouble just before the end. Your only sure hope is for the day that God shall bring peace on earth. When God sent Jesus into the world to teach men righteousness, angels ushered Him in, and presented Him to the shepherds upon the hills of the plains of Judea. They sang peace on earth and good will toward men. This is what Jesus came to bring. It does not matter about the time of trouble, for every man or woman who hears and obeys the word of God, he or she will have peace and be delivered from the coming destruction.

Subject: Isaiah's Prophecy:

The prophet Isaiah was referred to as an eagle-eyed prophet, which meant that he made long range prophecies. Isaiah prophesied that a Virgin would conceive. This sounded very unreasonable to many people. Isaiah's prophecies came to pass almost 725 years after he prophesied of such an event.

When wise men of the east heard of such a child being born, they had read of Isaiah's prophecy in the Old Testament, and they bore witness to the prophecy given by Isaiah. Those who are saved today are saved according to Isaiah's prophecy. Isaiah also prophesied that because of the wickedness of the people on the earth, God was going to make the earth empty. Listen to Isaiah 24:1 and 4:

Verse 1 - Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

Isaiah prophesied that the earth would no longer exist as we see it today (In verse 4):

Verse 4 - The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away...

Subject: The Forecast:

God gives a forecast to the world about what is going to happen in the future much like the weather man who gives a forecast on what the weather will be. When people receive a forecast, the present conditions may not give any indications of what is in the forecast. The purpose of the forecast that God gives concerning the coming events is so that people will be ready for the event. Listen to the forecast that the word of God is giving in St. Matthew 24:44:

Verse 44 - *Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.*

The forecast is that Jesus is coming back and the only way that we can be ready is to have our vessels filled with oil, or the Holy Spirit. Listen to St. Matthew 25:1-4:

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

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

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

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

The oil in the lamps of the five wise virgins was a symbol of those virgins being filled with the Holy Spirit. Those five virgins who had no oil in their lamps were not aware of when the bridegroom was coming. The bridegroom was a symbol of Jesus' return. Listen to Verses 6 and 8:

Verse 6 - *And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.*

Verse 8 - *The foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.*

When you do not have the Holy Spirit, you will not be able to get it at the last minute from somebody who has it. Under such conditions, you will not be able to receive Jesus. Listen to Verses 11-13:

Verse 11 - *Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.*

Verse 12 - *But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.*

Verse 13 - *Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*

Subject: Watch And Be Sober:

Every day that we live is another day of grace to those who are saved as well as those who are not saved. The word continuously warns the righteous that they sleep not as the unsaved are doing, but rather that they watch and be sober. The message from the word of God is to teach that there is darkness and there is light even in this day when the voice of God can be heard.

There is darkness to those who are in sin, and light to those who are in Christ. The light of the gospel shines like the sun, giving light to the whole world, but there is a part of the world that may be in darkness while other parts are in light. Sin is darkness that keeps the light of the gospel from shining upon the souls of those who are not seeking the light. Their souls therefore are in darkness.

Darkness means ignorance; it means to be uninformed. It means to be out of reach of the source of information that could give salvation. Such knowledge and information come through the word of God.

Subject: What Would You Give In Exchange For Eternal Life:

Listen to St. Matthew 16:26:

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

The soul is the life of man, and life is what man loves. No matter what his physical condition may be, man loves his life and will do anything to have a good life. Life is a gift from God that God gave man to enjoy. When man is obedient to God, God blesses him to have a good life. That is a reward for his obedience. If a man knew how precious life is, he would do that which would cause God to give him everlasting life.

Everlasting life is life more abundantly. If you lose everlasting life trying to gain the whole world, there would be no profit for you. The first thing that Satan presented to Jesus were the things of the world. When a person is trying to acquire all the things of the world to satisfy a covetous desire, it means that they are worshiping Satan. Listen to St. Matthew 4:9-10:

Verse 9 - And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee,

if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

In order to acquire life more abundantly you must worship God and God only.
Listen to Verse 10:

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

Subject: A Rest From Your Labors:

There remaineth a rest for the people of God (Hebrews 4:9). If you are born again and you die before Jesus returns, God has promised a place of rest for you in paradise, which is the third heaven. Only those who are filled with the Holy Spirit will enter paradise to rest after their life in this present world ends. God is going to give those who have labored in His vineyard with pure hearts a time of relaxation in paradise where Abraham is the overseer.

The thing that will rejoice your heart is that you will have an abundance of peace while you are resting and waiting for Jesus to return and administer the first resurrection. Even while you live a saved life today, you will have joy of heart knowing that one day God shall give you rest that shall neither destroy nor prevent you from receiving eternal life to later live in the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: There Is No Way That You Will Be Able To Enter The Kingdom Of Heaven Without God's Holy Spirit:

Listen to Romans 8:8-9:

Verse 8 - So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

To be in the flesh means to be a sinner. When you are born again, the Spirit of God removes the power of the flesh making you sin-free.

Verse 9 - But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be

that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

In order to get into the kingdom of God, you must be adopted into the family of God by the Spirit of God to be a child of God. Listen to Verses 14-15:

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

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

Subject: It Will Be God's Pleasure To Give Humans The Kingdom:

The kingdom of heaven presently consists of an innumerable company of angels that cannot be numbered with the mathematical system of today. These angels have never been sinners experiencing the sufferings that those who at one time lived a life in sin on the earth.

It is the will of God to save humans that were born in sin, and give them a life in heaven. God will be very careful to select those whom He desires to live in His kingdom St. Luke 12:32:

Verse 32 - Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Subject: One Shall Be Taken And The Other Left (Matthew 24:37-41):

The scriptures keep us informed on the return of Jesus Christ by giving us signs of His return so that the day will not take us unaware. The secret to being ready on the day of the Lord is to not be caught doing anything that God has

commanded us not to do (St. Matthew 24: 37-41).

The day of Jesus' return will be like it was during the days of Noah. So the scriptures warn us, that as it was in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered the ark.

God did not destroy the earth the first time; He only destroyed the people. Prior to their destruction they were eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered the ark and the flood came and took them all away, so shall also the coming of the Son of man.

The people of Noah's day did not know that their end was upon them until it was too late. They were evil continually (Genesis 6:5). The scriptures are teaching so shall it be when Jesus returns. God is using the destruction of Noah's day to tell us how it will happen when Jesus returns.

Now the scriptures are teaching that some are going to be taken with Jesus while others are left behind to be destroyed. These would be those who have obeyed the word of God and are saved St. Matthew 37:41:

Verse 41 - Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

The woman who was born again and have obeyed the teachings of Jesus Christ will be taken, but the one who was not saved and failed to obey the teachings will be left.

Verse 40 - Then shall two be in the field: the one shall be taken and the other left.

Jesus gave these parables to warn us of how the end will be.

Subject: The Offer Of Deliverance:

It will be impossible for the unsaved to escape the judgment of God. There will be no remedy for the unsaved to be exempted from the destruction that God is going to bring upon the world of sin. Today may appear to be secure for the unsaved, but tomorrow could be a day of horror. The Bible gives a message of love and deliverance that God is offering to the world.

When we begin to recognize the depth and power of God's love, which offers salvation, we will not allow hatred and bitterness to be in our hearts against our fellow man or woman. The person who desires to do that which is true and right will receive grace from God for deliverance.

The Holy Spirit will enter the lives of those who desire to obey God, and establish them in righteousness. God sent Jesus to convince the world that evil deeds cannot succeed. Condemnation follows evil. This will be revealed to you when the gospel of Christ exposes evil deeds. Christ demonstrated how evil can be resisted when He was tempted of the devil.

Subject: The Offer And The Warning:

The word of God was not given by God to frighten you, but to enlighten you on what God is offering. The word of God is exact and definite concerning the plan of God for the future of a world of sin. There is no question about the fact that God is going to destroy this world just as His word teaches. The word of God will not cover or conceal its warnings, but it will make known the alternatives for those who desire to be saved.

The message from the word of God is that sudden destruction is coming upon the souls that are found in sin, as travail upon a woman with child, and the word warns that they shall not escape. However, those who desire to be saved will not be left in darkness or ignorance of God's plan for them to escape the destruction. Listen to I Thessalonians 5:4-6:

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

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

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

Subject: The Blood Is A Symbol Of Deliverance:

Today if a person is not saved it is because they have not accepted the death of Christ whose life was sacrificed that we might live. Jesus died so that death would be no terror for a child of God. Everyone who is redeemed from death shall live again. It was the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on Calvary that opened the fountain in the house of David for sin and uncleanness, and anyone by faith can plunge beneath that blood and be saved from eternal destruction.

All that is necessary is to repent and believe the gospel. The Lord is now making preparations to bring the saved people home to meet God. One day soon every saved person that is resting will get up from the grave, and those who are alive will be caught-up with them to meet Jesus, and eternity will begin for the saved people.

All this was made possible by the blood of the new covenant. The blood became a symbol of deliverance starting with the children of Israel from Egypt and continuing in the first resurrection when Jesus appears for the saved people.



CHAPTER 2

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER JESUS RETURNS FOR HIS PEOPLE?

Subject: Are You Ready For The Kingdom?

You can listen to commercials that come on television and be deceived after you buy the product. Jesus told His apostles that there were many mansions in His Father's house. The word house refers to His Father's kingdom, and the word mansions refers to many blessings of the kingdom.

Jesus did not try to deceive us like commercials on TV do. Jesus said that if there were no blessings of joy and happiness in His Father's kingdom that He would have told us. Jesus would never tell us anything that would deceive us. It is better to trust Jesus than to buy a lottery ticket.

Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for those who are saved, and that He would come back again to receive the saved people and that where He lives in the kingdom of heaven they may live there also (St. John 14:1-2).

The scriptures teach that Jesus shall descend from heaven with the voice of an archangel, and those who are sleep shall rise first and those who are saved and alive shall follow being given new bodies like Jesus'. Jesus will take them to heaven and a mansion will be ready for each of them.

Subject: The Promise Of Jesus' Return:

The Lord has promised that one day He will come back to the earth. Listen to St. John 14:1-3:

Verse 1 - *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*

Verse 2 - *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

Verse 3 - *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also.*

Nobody dies in heaven, which means there are no vacancies there, so Jesus is going to prepare a place for the new arrivals. Though many have passed on

since Jesus left this promise to His people, God is going to get every person who was born again out of their graves to be a part of the first resurrection. That will permit them to go to heaven to receive the promise that Jesus gave before He left the earth. Listen to St. John 5:28-29:

Verse 28 - *Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice.*

Verse 29 - *And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

This means the saved as well as the unsaved will live again, but they will be resurrected with the same spirit that they died with. If they die with the Holy Spirit, they will be in the resurrection with those that have done good. If they die with an evil spirit of the devil as a sinner, they will be in the resurrection with those who have done evil.

Subject: The Books:

There are two books that are kept in heaven concerning the deeds of the people on the earth. One contains the names of those who have been born again and their deeds. The other contains the names of the unsaved or those who have not been born again and their sinful deeds.

The book of life has in it the names of those who are born again, and God revealed through the prophet Daniel that they will be delivered prior to the world being destroyed. They will be delivered during a time of trouble just before the end of the world. There is a time of trouble today, and the only thing that can keep you happy and secure is to believe that God's word is true. If your name is in the book of life you are safe.

Subject: The Destruction Will Be Sudden:

Destruction is not coming to the saints. Saints are those who are born again, and filled with the Spirit of God. The saints are even going to be spared from

seeing the sights of the destruction. This is not because it is going to be so sudden that they will not be able to see it, but because the Lord is going to take them out of reach of the destruction just as He did Lot and his family before He destroyed Sodom.

It is not the will of God that His people be frightened or horrified. It is His will that they have peace, happiness and safety. Therefore, they will be gently removed from the scene in plenty of time; yet the destruction is going to be sudden. It is necessary for me to enlighten you concerning this event so that you might not charge God for being unfair.

God gives timely warnings before He sends destruction to give those who have a mind to repent to be spared from the destruction. God's love allowed Him to let His only begotten Son to become a sacrifice in order to make salvation available to everybody. Salvation is available to all, and the mercy of God extends the time while the hardness of unbelievers' hearts leads them to procrastination.

Those who live today have had a lifetime to repent and believe the gospel. Christ could make His appearance the second time without sin unto salvation without any further warning to sinners. The Bible gives ample warning and time for the sinner to make up his or her mind to accept the offer of deliverance that God is making. By hardening their hearts and rejecting the offer that God is making for sinners to be saved, sinners are bringing destruction upon themselves by sealing their own doom.

Unbelievers can become so hardened in their hearts that they will think that God would not suffer them to be destroyed, even though they know God has said sudden destruction will come as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape. A continued mind of disobedience and disrespect against the warnings of God will harden any heart against God and will bring sudden destruction.

Subject: God Will Deliver Those Who Desire To Be Saved:

The people of the world who are not born again, and are not living by the statutes of God are in serious trouble. The end of the world could come any day. God is teaching that those who walk according to His statutes can call on Him and He will save them from the coming judgment of the world. God promises to deliver them. God will not charge them anything. Salvation is free; Jesus paid the price on Calvary.

When God saves you, you will not have to worry about anything that comes upon the earth. God will get the saved people out of this world in plenty of time

before the destruction comes. God will not allow those who are saved to be here to witness the destruction of the unsaved and be horrified at the sight of the destruction of the unsaved.

Subject: What Will I Be Like In The First Resurrection?

The hope of the world should be motivated by the first resurrection. If the hope of the people is upon the things that they see in this present world, their hope is in vain. The resurrection annuls the effects of death, and causes saved people to have a hope beyond the grave. A hope to live again with Christ is more powerful than the discouragement that death can give you. Jesus was sent to give us hope that though we die we can live again eternally. Jesus' promise was authenticated by His resurrection.

In the kingdom of heaven there are spiritual beings called angels that are not subject to death. They were created by God to live forever, never experiencing old age or sickness. If you die saved you shall come forth from the grave upon the command of Jesus with a body that is in like manner; receiving a spiritual body like angels and be taken to the kingdom of heaven to live in a mansion prepared by Jesus to enjoy life in the presence of God forever. St. Mark 12:24-25:

Verse 24 - *And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?*

Verse 25 - *For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.*

Subject: What Will Life In Heaven Be Like?

Now you are not going to be an angel after you die. Rebellious angels are the cause of the trouble we are having in the world today. There are presently two categories of angels in the creation. There are holy angels who are sons of God, and obedient to His will. There are also rebellious angels who followed Satan

during the revolution in heaven. They were cast out of heaven, and some are in chains of darkness at the gates of hell waiting for the judgment.

The first sinner was an angel who was cast out of heaven into the earth; this was Lucifer, or Satan. When a saved person dies, they will be given a new celestial body to live in an incorruptible kingdom like that which angels were given. However, saved people will not be angels; they will be saints.

Angels are masculine; there are no female angels, because angels do not die. Females were for the purpose of reproduction to replace a passing generation. Now relationships in heaven will be between saints, as the redeemed, and Christ as the Savior and King with holy angels. As you study the word of God, you will find that God's word will give you light and understanding.

Now the point that I am trying to give you is that angels were the first sinners who were residents of heaven, and God cast them out of heaven. 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.

Hell was initially created for the angels who became sinners, because angels do not die. Therefore, hell was created by God for everlasting, continuous pain, and misery for rebellious angels.

If humans on earth today decide to continue to be sinners and not accept the offer that Jesus is giving them, they will receive the same punishment that rebellious angels will receive. This means that they will be given new bodies like angels have to live forever in hell in a state of misery. Listen to St. Matthew 25:41:

Verse 41 - *Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.*

God would not cast sinners into everlasting fire, whether they be angels or humans, unless He gives them bodies prepared for everlasting torment. Why would God prepare the fire to be everlasting when those who would be in the fire not be everlasting?

CHAPTER 3

THE WORD OF GOD:

Subject: A Spiritual Connection:

The Original King James Version of the Bible is like a road map that will direct you into the kingdom of heaven. It will help you to know when you are reaching the kingdom of God. If you follow the directions given in the Bible it will help you to know where you are, and how near you are to the kingdom of heaven.

You do not get closer to the kingdom by traveling a distance of miles, but by your obedience to God. The Bible is a spiritual source of knowledge and you get to heaven by having a spiritual connection with God by means of obedience to His word.

Subject: The Sword Of The Spirit:

The Bible is the sword of the Spirit that can cut down any ungodly forces of evil. It is the only weapon that you can use to fight Satan. You have to be fully equipped with the knowledge of the word of God to fight Satan. Satan is no match for the word of God. The word of God has prophesied of how Satan will fall and where his end will be.

It has prophesied that Satan will end up in a lake of fire and brimstone, and all who continue in a life of sin will end up there also. Satan is the originator of sin, and those who continue in their sins will receive the same reward that Satan will receive. You must be shod with the preparation of the gospel. This means you must know the word of God to fight Satan. Listen to Ephesians 6:14-17:

Verse 14 - Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Verse 15 - And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Verse 16 - Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Verse 17 - And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Subject: An Understanding Of The Word Of God Improves Your Life:

You may be able to read the Bible, but unless you acquire an understanding, the knowledge in the Bible will not be worth much to you. When you get an understanding you will know how to use knowledge to improve the spiritual conditions of your life.

There is not much benefit in having something to use and not know how to use it. God gave the Bible to the world to teach us how to live free from sin. There is not much profit in reading the Bible and not learn how to live right. The Bible teaches you how to do right. The Bible teaches you how to be connected with the love of God.

The thing that separates you from the love of God is disobedience to God. So the Bible teaches you how to know when you are obeying or disobeying God. It also teaches that evidence of your obedience will be revealed when peace, joy, and happiness are the results of your obedience. When you are sincere about understanding and obeying God, God will give you the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit of God in you will ask God for the things that you need.

Subject: There Is Power In The Word Of God:

Words are very powerful. The veracity or truth of words are manifested by a performance of what the words say. If you keep God's commandments, the truth of His word will be revealed by doing what they promised. God is made known through His words. When you obey the word of God, the reality of God will be manifested to you, and He will be at your assistance. Words that are not followed by actions based upon what they say are not of God. God's word is so powerful that He made His word flesh that it might dwell among men so that they might see God and know God. God called His word 'Jesus'.

Today if those who are living in this present world obey the word of God, it can keep them living above sin. Jesus spoke the words of His Father. He took no credit for Himself. He went to the cross and died because He was flesh, but the word of God in Him could never die. The word of God prophesied that He would be resurrected, and it was fulfilled because there was more power in the word of God than in death.

**Subject: We As Saved People Should Honor The Whole Truth
That The Bible Teaches:**

There are many who believe that it is not so bad to be a sinner, and that sinners can be saved and remain sinners. The Bible teaches that sin is the cause of death. The only reward for sin is eternal damnation (Romans 6:23). To accept sin as being okay is to accept the enemy of your soul to be okay.

God sent Jesus into the world to teach us how to live without committing sin. When you obey Jesus' gospel you will purify yourself from your previous life of sin to a life of righteousness. If church folk of America do not obey and believe the principles of righteousness that the Bible teaches, then they should not use it in a court of law to swear that they are going to tell the truth, and yet not honor the teaching of the truth that the Bible teaches.

CHAPTER 4

SIN AND REPENTANCE:

Subject: Sin Is A Disease:

Sin is a disease. It is a disease that affects the mind and later impairs the body. If you can get sin out of your mind, your body will be very healthy. Sin cannot afflict holy people as easily as it can unholy people. When you are holy, your body and mind will reject sin resulting to many sicknesses being rejected also. To be holy means to be sin-free, healthy and happy. When people don't want to be holy they will be vulnerable to the disease of sin.

Whenever Jesus healed a person's body of sicknesses, He advised them to go and sin no more unless a worse condition would come upon them. When you give your life to Christ and believe with the deliverance of the soul; God will also deliver the body from certain ailments providing that you go and sin no more. The Lord has promised to everyone who comes to Him whose sins are forgiven that by His stripes they shall be healed.

Subject: Sin Caused Man To Be Separate From The Influence Of God:

God was grieved with the people of the earth in the days of Noah because every imagination of the heart of man was evil continually. God was grieved because man's sins had forced God to be separated from man. When God is separated from man, man cannot do right. Man must have the inspiration and guidance of God to do right.

Many centuries after the sin of Adam, man was separate from the influence of God. When God is not influencing man, the devil will influence man, and this is what caused so much trouble on the earth. Being separated from God causes God's plan to have man as a holy creature to be defeated. It became necessary for God to work out another plan to bring man into favor with Him. This plan had to be worked out by God so that God would not have to change His word regarding the penalty for sin. Death had to continue to be the wages for sin, and yet God wanted man to live to glorify His name.

Nobody but God could have conceived the plan that required the precious blood of Jesus to be spilt that man might live again. Now that the work has been accomplished by Christ, God will send spiritual showers to refresh man that he might not sin again. This is because there remaineth no more sacrifices for sin after man has once tasted the good word, and is restored to the glory of God

(Hebrews 10:26). It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that man is born again or regenerated, and may live to glorify God in his deeds and testimony.

**Subject: Sin Is Against God And God Only:
The Sins Of David:**

God reasons with every individual, no matter how sinful the person is. God speaks to the conscience, and when God speaks to your conscience and condemns you for your acts of sin, He keeps a record against you. David committed a sin that seemed to be unpardonable, but God looked at the sincerity of David's heart and granted David forgiveness. Listen to Psalm 51:1-13:

- Verse 1 - Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
- Verse 2 - Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- Verse 3 - For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.
- Verse 4 - Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.
- Verse 5 - Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- Verse 6 - Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
- Verse 7 - Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

- Verse 8 - Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
- Verse 9 - Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
- Verse 10 - Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- Verse 11 - Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
- Verse 12 - Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
- Verse 13 - Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

David said that he was not trying to hide his sins from God, though he could hide them from people. When sins are committed against your fellow man, the sinner must understand that it was God who issued the command not to do such things. David confessed that it was against God and God only that he had sinned. When God caused David's conscience to condemn him, this caused his guilt to be great before God, and he realized that only God could give him relief from such condemnation.

David committed an awful sin by murdering a man to take his wife. At the time of David's sin, he thought he had hidden his sin from God. There are many today who will commit sins, and go to church to worship God. Such practices do not grant you forgiveness. Repentance from the heart is the only acceptable means of receiving forgiveness with the intent of not committing sin.

When David repented, God forgave him and restored his soul. Then he became the sweet singer of Israel. The songs of David are inspirational and reveal the mysterious truth of God's great plan of redemption. The sins of David spear-headed the procedure for redemption and salvation in Jesus Christ. David's request for God to renew the right spirit in him was an introduction to how God would later pour out His Spirit upon all flesh on the day of Pentecost.

Subject: The Soul That Sinneth Shall Die:

You cannot learn and understand about God unless you have complete faith in God. The faith or teachings of God comes from heaven to the faith of those who believe the word of God. There is no book in the world that has knowledge, or can be compared with the Bible. No matter how long the Bible has been around, it never grows old. It is always up to date. The reason the world has so many church denominations is because men have tried to interpret the Bible. The Bible primarily gives one important message to man that does not have to be interpreted. Listen to Ezekiel 18:4:

Verse 4 - Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

God teaches very plainly that the soul that sins shall die. The death of the soul is eternal separation from God just as the death of your body separates you from your loved ones. If you live free from sin the soul will live on with God who gave it. If you continue in sin your soul will experience the second death which is eternal torment.

Subject: Flee Fornication:

The sins that do the most spiritual damage to the social order of humans today are fornication and adultery. Fornication and adultery are considered as criminal sex in the eyes of God. Such sexual acts desecrate the human body which was created by God to be the temple of God. Listen to I Corinthians 3:16-17:

Verse 16 - Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Verse 17 - If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

The Bible teaches that we should avoid fornication and adultery at all cost. You cannot possess a spirit to commit fornication and the Spirit of God at the same time. Listen to I Corinthians 6:17-20:

Verse 17 - But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Verse 18 - Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

Verse 19 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Verse 20 - For ye are brought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Subject: The Pleasures Of Sin Are Only For A Season:

The biggest problem that church folk have with acquiring salvation is that they are being deceived. It is the trick of the devil to deceive church folk because he can't make them sin contrary to their will to do it. Anybody can stop committing sin if they desire to stop.

So the devil makes folk believe that they can obtain endless pleasure out of fornication, adultery, liquor drinking, illegal drug usage, gambling, and being dishonest. In actuality, if a person continues to commit sin it will bring them to a dead end. Sin confuses people because it is a two way street and neither way takes people where they think they are going.

Sin will take you one way to give you pleasure and another way to kill you. When sin entices a person to take the road to destruction, it makes them think that they are still on a road for pleasure. The pleasures of sin are only for a season.

Subject: The Works Of The Devil Is Deception:

The devil is an invisible enemy that many people do not believe exists. Many believe that evil comes from the people of the world. The truth is that evil comes to the people of the world from the devil. The word of God has been given to the world to expose the works of the devil.

The works of the devil will become non-effective when they are exposed, because such evil works are devices of deception. Jesus was sent to the earth to destroy the works of the devil. Listen to I John 3:8:

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

When you are born again, you are born of God, which delivers you from sin. The word of God is the seed of God, and you are no longer under the power of the devil, because the word of God keeps you from being deceived by the sinful devices of the devil. Listen to Verses 9 and 10:

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

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

Subject: Jealousy Can Lead To Murder:

Cain killed his brother Abel because he was jealous of his brother's sacrifices to God that were more acceptable than his sacrifices. Jealousy is a terrible sin that can cause a person to murder another person. Listen to Genesis 4:4:

Verse 4 - And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto

Abel and to his offering.

God respected Abel's offering because his heart was in it. Abel loved God. When you love God your heart will be in the things that you do to honor God. God was a reality to Abel. When God is not a reality to a person, their honor to God will be traditional or customs that they practice. Such an attitude towards God will leave a person vulnerable to jealousy when they see somebody else that has more love and honor towards God. When you are jealous of a person, God will charge you as a murderer because the first murder was produced from jealousy.

Subject: The Sin Of Hate:

The sins of Adam and Eve sent them out of the Garden of Eden. They had the privilege of living in the Garden of Eden forever as long as they obeyed God. Hate entered the heart of Eve because she thought that God had mistreated her. Hate is a dangerous sin. If a mother has a child with hate in her heart, she can pass hate into her child. The first son that Eve had hated his brother, and Eve's hate made her son a murderer. Hate produces murder. Listen to I John 3:15:

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

When a person has the sin of hate, hate opens the door for many other sins to come into the person's life, such as adultery, fornication, uncleanness, variance, emulations, witchcraft, idolatry, envying, murders, drunkenness, strife, and heresies.

Subject: America Should Repent Like the City Of Nineveh Repented:

God sent the prophet Jonah to warn the City of Nineveh that it would fall if the people did not repent of their sins. Jonah told the king of Nineveh that God

was going to overthrow Nineveh and humble Nineveh to the dust of the earth, because the sins of the people were great (Jonah 3:6).

America is a great country that has been blessed by God, but the people have exalted themselves above the knowledge of God's word. The Supreme Court justices have taken prayer out of the public schools of America, and have legalized same sex marriages, which are contrary to the word of God. Nothing should be exalted above the knowledge that the word of God teaches. Nobody is great but God, and there are no leaders of nations that are indispensable, no matter what positions they hold in government.

We have great temples of worship, and are professing to be followers of the doctrine of Jesus Christ, yet we hate one another because of differences in religions and races. There is only one recourse of safety for our nation, and that is to do like the City of Nineveh did, which is to repent in sackcloth and ashes, and afterward fast and pray that God will have mercy.

The Bible is the record of the acts of God and men. It tells what happened to men who followed God's commandments. The acts that God performed in times past He does today, and what He does today, He will do tomorrow, because God does not change.

Subject: A Godly Repentance:

It is not likely that a person will be saved unless they have a mind to repent. Repentance is so important that God sent John the Baptist to teach how necessary it is to repent along with the baptism of water. When you repent, you are apologizing to God for all the sins that you committed. When you commit sin, you are not sinning against anybody but God.

Repentance is an effort put forth to turn from your sins with the intent of heart to never go back to a life of sin again. This is called a godly repentance. When you go to God to be saved, you should be so sorry that you will take on a frame of mind that will keep you from repeating your previous acts of sin. You should be so moved with contrition of self-reproach over your sins that every desire to repeat such sins is completely removed from your life.

Now repentance will be an outward change or turn-about, but there will still be an inward revolution going on that God will help to give you victory over if your outward turn-about is sincere. Repentance is a deep spiritual war between good and evil that your new way of thinking will help you to identify the enemy of your soul. You will, however, with the assistance of God be successful in defeating

your enemy with visible signs of victory being witnessed in your everyday life by those who knew you previously.

Subject: More About Repentance:

The message from God concerning repentance started when John the Baptist introduced the doctrine of the new covenant in (St. Mark 3:2) and it has become the foundation of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The process of salvation begins with repentance when the sinner upon hearing the gospel falls under conviction. In order for an act of repentance to come forth from a sincere heart, the person must be convicted in their heart.

The person will then believe that Jesus died for their sins to be forgiven and removed from their life. Under these conditions the redemption of all sins will be accomplished. Then the sinner will be saved by grace. Repentance must precede grace. Grace is an automatic response when repentance is proper, sincere and definite. Such a person can then be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Now baptizing does not bring about any magical or practical change in the convert. It is simply an outward demonstration in the presence of others revealing the inward works of a conviction that has caused a person to turn from their sins. It represents that the old sinful nature of the convert is being buried never to rise again to contaminate the life of the new creature in Christ who is rising out of the water being baptized. The Holy Spirit will be on stand-by ready to inhabit the new creature if and when he invites the Holy Spirit to enter. Thus we have a vivid picture of the process of salvation through the preaching of the gospel.

Now there is a difference between remorse and repentance. Remorse is an earthy sorrow primarily to those that a person has offended, violated, or the breaking of laws in society. The offender could express such remorse or sorrow in a court of law, or after he has been incarcerated; however this is remorse or a worldly apology, and not repentance.

Repentance must be extended to God, and not a court of law. Every sinner under conviction who comes to Christ like the prodigal son and says from his heart "O God, I have sinned against heaven and Thee" is under repentance. Having felt the terrible consequences of sin, he is penitent, and wants Christ to deliver him from sin and its consequences. Such a conviction is repentance. Sin is such a serious condition that we must be taken out of it. Under these conditions God is moved to come down and lift the person up to where they can find forgiveness and peace.

CHAPTER 5
THE LAST ENEMY:
DEATH

Subject: The Last Enemy:

Death is a bitter enemy of human existence. Death is a terror that only Jesus can prepare us to be ready for. If you are not ready for death, it will be ready for you. Death is sneaky and does not have to give you notice of its coming. There were two men that the Bible teaches of that never died; they were Enoch and Elijah.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ demonstrated that God has more power than death. When we obey God that power is extended to us. When you are born again, the power of death has no threat to you. Though your physical body may die, your soul or mind will enter a peaceful rest out of range of death. Death of the soul is eternal. Such death cannot reach the souls of those who were born again and have experienced the death of their physical bodies.

Jesus conquered death, and as a result, we too will conquer death if we obey Jesus. Jesus is the administrator of eternal life. He was resurrected from death. He is alive today. If you receive Jesus' gospel, the Holy Spirit will cause Jesus to live in you, and you will be blessed to live eternally with Jesus.

Subject: The Substance Of The Consequences Of Death:

When man sinned, he marred the beauty and perfection of the earth as it was in the beginning, and caused sickness, sorrow, pain and death to come by his disobedience to God. The entire creation is suffering today because of man's disobedience.

God created man perfect, and planted the Garden of Eden and called the garden Paradise. God caused every tree to grow and bear fruit. He caused flowers to bloom that were pleasant to look upon. He instructed man that he was planting one tree that would be especially forbidden. God gave man the freedom of his will that he could do to suit himself. Man had the choice to obey God or to disobey. However, if man disobeyed God that meant he would die.

Man understood the commandment of God, but he did not have knowledge of the substance of death, because he had never seen anything or anybody die. It is better to obey God than to know the substance of the consequences for disobedience.

Disobedience to God would awaken man to the knowledge of evil. God knew that man would not be able to manage evil. Therefore, the commandment that was given to forbid man to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil

would have been sufficient for man's survival, and would have kept him separated from evil, and thereby avoid death.

Subject: God Has No Connection With Death:

God is as real as we are. God is concerned about us receiving eternal life so that we can live with Him. God wants humans to live in His company forever, just as the angels are. He gave His Son that we might have everlasting life. God gets pleasure out of giving eternal happiness to His people.

Death is not a part of God's agenda for those who are saved. Christ was sent to redeem us from death and hell. Those who go to hell go by their own choice. Those who go to heaven have chosen to accept God's love. Those who go to hell have rejected the love of God.

After Adam sinned, man was under the shadow of death, but Jesus redeemed us from the curse that Adam brought on us. There is no connection between God and death, because God is the giver of life. Listen to Hosea 13:14:

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

Subject: Jesus Can Take Away The Sting Of Death:

Death is a bitter enemy, and is dreaded by most people. Death terrifies people more than anything and is considered as the king of terrors. It is a mysterious enemy that we do not know when it is coming. It can come as the result of an accident, disease, wars or plagues. It could happen in the morning, at noon or at night. The Bible gives a record of only two men that escaped death; they were Enoch and Elijah. Death separates us from loved ones.

Today we can thank God for the resurrection of our Lord that though those of us who are saved might die physically, Jesus has conquered death and as a result, we too will conquer it. Jesus is the resurrection and the life for those who

are saved (St. John 11:25-26). Jesus has taken away the sting of death. When Jesus removes sins from your life, the sting or terror of death is also removed.

Subject: Sin Is The Cause Of Death:

With their pure holy minds and bodies, Adam and Eve should have lived in their flesh and blood bodies forever. This was God's plan for them; but they did sin and fell from grace. When you fall from grace, you fall to a death sentence. Grace lifts you above the death sentence to obtain eternal life. It is for this purpose that God prepared His Son to be the means by which we can be lifted from the death sentence to grace.

It is because Jesus was able to keep Himself clean and holy by obeying God even down to death, that God gave Him power to defeat death. According to the scriptures Jesus was at all points tempted like we are, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15).

It was not God's plan that Adam should sin. However, when he did sin, then God revised His plan and provided for the advent of Jesus who would not only Himself live above sin, but who would with His own blood, cleanse the sin that Adam brought into the world, and redeem the fallen race. 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.

Sin is the cause of death, because sin destroys life. Sin separates man from God and God is the source of life. God will not, and cannot have sin in His presence because sin is against God's holiness. Sin must and will be taken completely out of God's creation.

When man remains as a sinner, God remains a distance out of sight from the sinner; but He lingers in the shadows in forbearance, hopeful that man will repent and turn from sin. While in sin, man commits acts that are against his health and welfare, and gradually his health weakens along with the structure of his social, financial, and moral conditions. These conditions are followed by despair, and if God doesn't reach him he will die; because the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

Subject: Death Of The Unsaved Cannot Praise God:

Death cannot praise nor celebrate God; neither can the grave honor Him. If a person fails to honor God while they live, their death cannot praise or honor Him. God is a God of the living and not of the dead. When a saved person dies, they are not dead spiritually, they are resting in paradise, and God is honored by the life that they lived before they entered their rest. The death of a righteous person is a reward from God. The death of an unrighteous person is a reward from the devil.

When a person is saved they are redeemed from the terror, honor and sting of death. If a person is not saved, they will nevertheless live again, but they will live with the damned.

Jesus is a Saviour from death. All who obey Jesus' gospel will be saved from the second death which is eternal torment. The hope of eternal life in Christ is the greatest joy that you can have; because it is deliverance from the worse punishment that could come upon the unsaved; which is the second death.

Subject: Death Will Be Defeated:

Jesus is now sitting on the right hand of God, and He will be in heaven until the last enemy is conquered; and that enemy is death. When Jesus returns for the saved people, death will be no more for His people. Listen to Hosea 13:14

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

Death has been the enemy that has brought the ultimate misery to man, and God will send Jesus to deal with death once and for all so that the saved people will be relieved of the miseries that death has brought to the world.



CHAPTER 6

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING BORN AGAIN

Subject: God's Plan To Restore Man Into Fellowship With Him:

The scriptures teach of God's dealings with man, and His plan to restore man's fellowship with Him. In Psalm 51:5, it teaches the conditions that man was born in that separated man from God. Unless God orders a person's conception such as He did John the Baptist and Jeremiah the prophet for a special work, he or she is born in sin and shaped in iniquity.

It is natural for humans to be sinners, because sin is the origin of human existence. A repenting sinner shall be forgiven for all manner of sin except blasphemy or disrespect for the Holy Spirit, because it is by means of the Holy Spirit that a person receives the new-birth when they accept Jesus Christ. Now the second birth is given by the word of God and the Holy Spirit, which removes and replaces the sinful nature.

The word of God is an incorruptible seed that is placed into the life of a sinner by the Holy Spirit that causes the word of God to remain in a person's life, and keeps the person from committing sin. The Lord does not charge a person for being a sinner, because the person is born in sin. However, we are charged for continuing in sin after finding out that there is a plan available in Christ to save us from sin, and we do not accept the offer. The offer to be saved is placed in the conscience of every human being. Jesus came into the world to bring the knowledge of the plan of God involving the new-birth, which has power to save a person from their sins.

God, who sees the intent of every human being's heart, will make the plan available to those who have intentions to accept the plan. The new-birth in Christ is a birth of the Spirit of God, which is contrary to our birth of the flesh. The birth of the flesh and blood body led us to be sinners, but the birth of the Spirit will make us free from sin.

Subject: Why Are People Inclined To Go Wrong?

The question may come to your mind as to why people are inclined to go wrong? The answer is that we are born wrong. Ninety-nine percent of the people in the world have not been born again. Many may be in churches singing and shouting, but if they are not living above sin, they are not born again. When you are born of God, you do not commit sin (I John 3:9).

Those who are born again will have love for everybody, and love will eliminate the problems and troubles of the world. Born again believers will have no evil plans, thoughts, or imaginations. Love will not lead them wrong; it will cause them to look for the best in others. Love will cause you to take the road that Jesus took, you will suffer rather than to go wrong.

Subject: The New Way:

When a person is born of a woman and is shaped in iniquity from their mother's womb, they are estranged from God. The very birth of a sinner separates the sinner from God. God sent Jesus into the world for the purpose of instructing man on how to be saved and united with God. Jesus came to bring man the knowledge of the new way involving the new-birth, which would lift his mind, nature, and spirit above the sinful nature that he was conceived in from his first birth. Jesus was the new way for man to be delivered from the natural birth of a sinner.

Jesus presented the ultimatum that because we were born in sin, we do not have to continue to live in sin. Salvation in Jesus Christ will take you out of a state of sin, and stabilize you in righteousness. After that you learn the new way, whereas a man can be relieved from his undone state of a physical, sinful birth, he can enter into a spiritual state of strength and power, being given the Holy Spirit to be established in the holiness of God.

Subject: How Is The New-Birth Acquired?

The new-birth in Christ does not come as a result of folk moaning, shouting, singing, or speaking in unknown tongues in a church. There are more church attending sinners today than ever before. Repentance is a knock on the door to receive the new-birth. It means to turn from a life of sin with the intent to obey God. It was disobedience that caused man to be a sinner, and obedience to God can make man free from sin.

If you have a mind to obey God, the Holy Spirit will find you and give you the new-birth. When the Holy Spirit was first given to the world, it came after John the Baptist preached repentance. Repentance must precede the entry of the Holy Spirit into a person's life. (St. Matthew 3:11).

Subject: By Grace You Are Saved (Ephesians 2:8):

When you are born of God, you will acquire the nature of God. Your birth of your parents caused you to acquire the nature of your parents, which was the nature to be a sinner. Jesus informed Nicodemus that he had to be born again of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is God. The mysterious knowledge of the new-birth is only given to you after you have been born again.

The nature of sin dulls your understanding of the knowledge of God. Sin causes spiritual blindness, which means you are blind to the knowledge of God. You cannot get saved because you have an ambition to be saved. You are saved by grace; it must be God's choice to save you. Your own efforts to be saved are considered as works. God's grace is what saves you. Your efforts to be saved are not acknowledged by God.

Subject: Being Saved Is A Calling From God:

When God saves you, He calls you from a life of sin. You do not have power to walk away from a life of sin without God calling you. There is a power in the calling that God extends to a sinner. When God calls you, you won't stop until you get to Jesus. Tears may be coming from your eyes, but you will be following the call. Your eyes will be opened and the weight of sin will be lifted.

You may have been deep in a life of sin, but when God calls you, the door of salvation will be open and you will go in. You would then have walked out of a life of sin into the life of a saint, and the power of the calling will keep you out of sin. You will be sanctified into Christ Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. You will be walking in the path of righteousness, obeying the word of God. Nothing that you left in the world will be able to prevent your movements.

The devil, who once ruled your life of sin will be sitting on the side watching the power of God administer your calling. He will not be able to do anything to prevent you from answering your call.

Subject: What Is Living Above Sin?

Living above sin is just doing that which is right. This means that you will not conceive any plan or program that would require you to do wrong in order to put it over. God promises that whatever you lose in order to follow Him in righteousness, He will bless you with joy, peace, and contentment.

Subject: When You Obey God, You Are A Saint:

God created man to be equal with Him by choice. Man has the privilege to do whatever he desires, but if he chooses to sin he will die. If a man or woman is willing to be like God, he or she will not sin. Such love for God qualifies you to be a saint. A saint does not sin nor disobeys God. The end of the world is upon us, and only saints will be saved. The systems that were put in place to rule the people on earth are coming to an end.

The power and authority implemented by law enforcement is losing its authority. Such systems are now at the end of the road, and the people have become unruly. There is no longer any government or laws that are respected. Some elected officials have gotten to the place where they want what they want regardless of what it does to hurt others. This is referred to as the world, and this system of government is near its end.

Subject: The Holiness Of God:

When people have acquired a level of prominence and pride in higher social classes of society, there is no room for Jesus in their hearts. Many have set themselves up to take counsel against what the word of God teaches. Prominence and pride are not compatible with holiness. Holiness is a product of the Spirit of God, which has the substance of humility.

When you are holy you have been born again of the Spirit of God, which means you are righteous as God is righteous. God came to the world as Jesus Christ in a low social class, but holiness was a description of God's character.

When God proceeded to minister to the people, he did not present Himself in royalty as a monarch, but He went about showing the people that sin would bring damnation. He taught them how to repent, and shared the power of His holiness with those who received Him. It is better to be sanctified in the holiness of God than to be dignified in pride and prominence.

Subject: The Nature Of A Child:

To be born again is to be given the nature of a little child. Only the spirit of little children will enter the kingdom of heaven. Full grown adults must take on the ways of children. A true conversion will take adults back to the ways of children who are seven years of age and younger. Listen to St. Matthew 18:1-5:

Verse 1 - At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying,
Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

Verse 2 - And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in
the midst of them,

Verse 3 - And said, *Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted,
and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the
The kingdom of heaven.*

Verse 4 - *Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little
child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Verse 5 - *And whoso shall receive one such little child in my
name receiveth me.*

Our faith and attitude toward God should have the meekness of a little child, just as a child trusts its mother. When you are born again, the Holy Spirit will convert your nature back to that of the way a child will depend upon its mother. Your dependency and faith in God will be like that of a child. You will trust God to take care of the needs for your life.

Subject: Cast Out The Bondwoman And Her Son:

You have to be a saint to have an accurate claim on salvation in Jesus Christ. There are many who claim to be saved that are sinners. You cannot be a saint or claim to have Christ in your life if you are continuing to live as a sinner. To be a sinner means that you are in bondage of sin. This means that you are not free from sin. Sin is like a bondwoman that holds those who are sinners in captivity. Jesus is the only one who can cast the bondwoman out of your life to make you free from sin. When the bondwoman has been cast out of your life, you then become a child of the free woman.

To be a child of the free woman means that you are born again after the Spirit of God. Listen to Galatians 4:30-31:

Verse 30 - Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

Verse 31 - So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Subject: A Spiritual Life:

If we are not born again when we live in a physical body, we live the life of a sinner. This means we are living in the flesh. To live in the flesh is to live a carnal life that is not acceptable to God. In order for your life to be acceptable to God, you must live a spiritual life. A spiritual life is a righteous or holy life, whereas you would live according to the directions and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Your concern above everything should be to have a spiritual life. A spiritual life must start with your mind. The Holy Spirit will renew you in the spirit of your mind. Everything that you do is governed by the thoughts that enter your mind. When you are given a new mind by the Holy Spirit, it will filter your thoughts causing you to reject ungodly thoughts that are sin related. The Holy Spirit will give you thoughts of love, peace, goodness, and kindness.

The Holy Spirit will cause you to keep your mind on God to the extent that you will keep His commandments and do that which is right. If you continue to

live in a physical body without being filled with the Holy Spirit, you will experience eternal torments as a reward for such a life. God has arranged a course for us to follow that will deliver us from the torments that will be given as a reward for a life of sin in the physical body. The course that God has set will include rules that will establish us as obedient children of God leading to complete salvation.

Subject: Spiritual Blindness:

When you are in sin, you are blind. You are spiritually blind. You are not able to see the things of God, though you may be able to see the things in the world around you. Spiritual blindness means not having knowledge from God to direct you through a dark world of sin. When you have not been born again, you are spiritually blind.

When God gives you the new-birth, He awakens your ability to perceive the knowledge of His word. The word of God is not a literal teaching, but a spiritual teaching. It is revealed to a spiritual mind that has been renewed by the Holy Spirit. Knowledge from it is only given to a mind that God has prepared to receive it. This preparation of the mind is called an anointing.

Subject: The Blood:

The word of God is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes it. If you believe that Jesus can save you from your sins, your faith in God will cause the power in the word to save you. When you accept Jesus Christ, the blood of Jesus will run through the veins of your body. It is spiritual blood that will cleanse you from sin. The spiritual blood will quicken your body to do that which is right.

Jesus' blood was ordained by God to have power to purge the sinful nature of humans. It is not visible blood, but evidence of its reality is that it will make you a new creature in Christ. The blood of your parents gives you physical life, but the blood of Jesus gives you a spiritual life of righteousness. The blood of Jesus purifies your mind from a desire to commit sin.

Humans live in a spiritual and physical state. The blood of Jesus is activated upon your faith in the word of God. Life given to you by the blood of Jesus is life

more abundantly. It is a life given from heaven that will later entitle you to live in heaven after your life on earth ends. All of this is made available to you by the blood that Jesus shed on Calvary.

Subject: The Hand Of The Lord:

When you are saved the hand of God is upon you for a blessing. It will assist you in whatever you need. You will know that God's hand is upon you because you will see things working out for you that you were not previously able to accomplish. The hand of the Lord will first set you free from the captivity of Satan. You will be free to do right and be blessed as a result of what you do.

Your liberty given by the hand of the Lord will yield unto you the peaceful fruits of righteousness. You will learn that there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Your condemnation will leave you because the hand of the Lord will be good upon you.

Subject: Love Fulfills The Whole Law:

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is Christ is born of God, and is therefore a member of The Church of God. Everyone who believes in their heart and confesses with their mouth that Jesus is the Christ shall be saved. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, and this will be a witness to the confession of their mouth that Jesus is the Christ (I John 3:9). A person's confession that Jesus is the Christ must be supported by the word of God and a sin-free life.

Sin is a transgression of the law of God, and when you have God's Spirit, you will not break His law. This would include the Ten Commandments, and all that Jesus taught to fulfill the law. If you do not have the love of God brought into your heart by the Holy Spirit, you will not be able to keep the whole law. You will offend at some point in the law, and when you offend in one point in the law, you will be guilty of the whole law (James 2:10). You must love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and your neighbor as yourself and this will fulfill the whole law. You can only do this when you are born again.

Subject: Holy Is His Name:

God's family is made up of those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and united in one Spirit that they too one day will be united with the family of God in heaven. The earthly family is called a holy people that were sought out by God, and the family in heaven is holy angels that were created by God. When people on earth do not want to bear the name 'Holy', they have not been born again, and they do not have the right to bear the name 'Holy'. You can only carry the name of a family when you are born, or adopted into the family.

When you are born of God's Spirit, you are adopted into His family, and His family name is 'Holy'. Holy is not just a name, but a description of character that means to be sin-free. God will not allow you to use the name unless you are His child. Those who are not worthy to use the name Holy are ashamed to use the name. When you use the name Holy, you must live the same life that Christ lived, which is a holy, sin-free life.

Subject: He Has Risen:

Though Jesus died to bring hope to the world and later resurrected; Satan who was a continuous enemy of God and man still brought doubt into the minds of those who saw Jesus die, that they would ever see Jesus alive again. Listen to St. Matthew 27: 65-66:

Verse 65 - Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

Verse 66 - So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Satan is using Pilate to be sure that nobody will see Jesus again, and that He remains in the sepulchre. But listen to what happened in St. Matthew 28:1-6:

Verse 1 - In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Mag-da-le'-ne and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

- Verse 2 - And, behold there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
- Verse 3 - His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.
- Verse 4 - And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.
- Verse 5 - And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
- Verse 6 - He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

For all who are saved today, a witness to Jesus' resurrection is in their lives. Jesus not only lives in heaven with God, but He lives in the lives of everyone who has been born again.

Subject: A Miraculous Work Of God:

You cannot remove sin from your life completely. You can repent of some sins, but you need Jesus to completely remove your sins. You must surrender your life to Jesus for Him to operate on your sinful nature. When we are born in sin the very substance of our nature is sinful. When God saves you from sin you become a part of God. He removes your nature of sin and installs His divine nature. When you are truly saved, God lives in you and you will live in Him.

The miraculous work of God takes place in a person's life who is truly born again. You then become God's workmanship created by God unto good works (Ephesians 2:10). To be truly saved means that you are filled with the Spirit of God. To be filled with the Spirit of God means that you are one with God. When Christ is the head of the church, the Spirit of God that comes from God fills the temple of those who are saved (their bodies) and thereby they become a part of God.

Subject: Are You A Saint Or A Christian?

If you follow and obey the teachings of Jesus Christ, God will declare you to be a saint rather than an ordinary Christian. A saint is different from a Christian. A saint has a sin-free life, whereas Christians will commit sin just like ordinary people. You can be a Christian and be a liar or drunkard.

To follow Christ means that you obey His gospel. When you obey Jesus' gospel you become like Christ. Jesus' gospel was the reflection of the life that He lived, and when you obey His gospel, you are a reflection of Christ.

CHAPTER 7

THE WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Subject: You Have To Be Educated About The Holy Ghost:

You have to be educated about the Holy Ghost in order to be filled with the Holy Ghost. You are not saved unless you are filled with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the only means by which you can enter the kingdom of heaven. To be filled with the Holy Ghost means that the Holy Ghost has entered your mind, giving you a new mind. When you receive a new mind, you have been born again.

The Holy Ghost will then give you guidance along with a new nature. Your new nature will be holy with new righteous desires. You will not have any more desires to commit sin. When the Holy Ghost comes into your life, it will be your tutor, teaching you how to apply the gospel of Jesus Christ to the way that you live.

After the Holy Ghost teaches you the knowledge of the word of God, it will also give you power to live according to the knowledge. After this takes place in your life, you will then be under grace, and no longer condemned by the sinful life that you previously lived. The Holy Ghost reverses the course of nature in your life causing you to live in the Spirit.

Subject: Spirits:

The Holy Spirit helps you to live so that you will not be ashamed of the life you live. It will help your life to be pure and without shameful secrets. When you live this way, you will not be ashamed for God to inspect your life. The Holy Spirit will cause you not to associate with people who are living and doing wrong.

The Holy Spirit is more powerful than other spirits that exist in your environment which surround you, and it will keep evil spirits from bringing you into bondage of evil ways. Unless you are filled with the Holy Spirit, other evil spirits will overcome you, and bring you into bondage of their evil ways.

You are controlled by spirits and only the Holy Spirit can keep you free from evil spirits of the world. Spirits are stronger than the flesh. The flesh has to submit to whatever spirit is in your life. The human nature looks for things of interest to get involved in. Spirits in the world will present evil things to deceive the human nature, and cause humans to submit to such spirits. Spirits will enter your life by words that you hear.

Words can be evil and deceitful allowing deceitful spirits to be deployed by such words. The devil rules the world by means of spirits by controlling the social order of the world with evil spirits. He does it through entertainment, false

religious teachings, and politics. Unless you are born again of the Spirit of God, you are vulnerable to the spirits of the world.

Subject: Watch Your Spirit:

Among religious and social groups of people today, you will find many spirits, but there are no spirits that God cannot subdue. A haughty spirit goes just before a fall. It is better to be humble so that you can maintain a state of acceptability before God. God will not work with a haughty spirit, or a high-minded person. When some people get a little honor, they want to get above themselves.

You can only know if a spirit is of God when you try the spirit with the word of God. The word of God will expose any spirit that is not of God. When God speaks through His word the devil trembles. It is advisable to watch your spirit by the word of God, rather than by words that come from your mouth. You cannot watch your spirit by your words, because your spirit produces your words.

Subject: The Word And The Spirit Of God Give You Power Unto Salvation:

When the word of God teaches you that something will happen, the Holy Ghost brings to pass what God's word says will happen in your life, if you believe it. The Holy Ghost is the third part of God's Trinity that causes the second part, which is the word of God, to be activated.

When you hear and believe the word of God, the Holy Ghost will find you and cause what you heard to happen. Your faith in the word of God activates the Holy Ghost. The word and the Spirit are one in purpose with power. The word and the Spirit give you power unto salvation.

Subject: A Spiritual Birth:

There are two kinds of spirits, which are the spirit of the flesh and the Spirit of God. The first birth that you received caused you to be born under the power of the spirit of the flesh. Only a second birth of the Spirit of God will make you free from the bondage of the spirit of the flesh.

When you are living under bondage of the spirit of the flesh, you cannot please God. You will have a carnal mind, which will cause you to lust after the pleasures of the world that the spirits of the flesh have put in the world. Listen to I John 2:15-16:

Verse 15 - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Verse 16 - For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

God is the Father of all who are born of His Spirit, which will be a second birth. In order to please God, we must be born of His Spirit, because the flesh is too weak to resist the enticements of the spirit of the world. You can only receive the Spirit of God by means of a second birth. You receive the second birth by receiving and believing the word of God.

The word of God is an incorruptible seed that will give you the second birth of a new mind. Spirits reside in the minds of people. When you receive the word of God, the Spirit of God will renew you in the spirit of your mind. This means that you have received a second birth. The word of God and the Spirit of God work together to give you the second birth. Listen to St. John 6:63:

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

This passage of scripture gives us the understanding that words are spirits. When the word of God is preached by a Holy Spirit sent preacher, everybody who receives the word receives the power of the spirit of the word. This will give them the second birth of the spirit, making them free from the birth of the flesh when their minds receive the words that are being preached.

The word of God enters the mind with the Spirit and removes the spirit of the flesh. It brings holy fire along with it that crucifies the lust or desires of the flesh. It destroys every desire to practice sin, and brings the human body under subjection to the will of the Holy Spirit of God, which the person received by means of the preaching of God's word.

After receiving the Spirit of God, you will become a child of God. This is because you would have been born again of His Spirit by receiving His word, which changed your mind from a carnal to a spiritual mind.

Subject: Spiritual Vision:

The gospel of Jesus Christ helps you to exercise your spiritual vision. Spiritual vision helps you to perceive spiritual knowledge that the word of God gives you. The word of God is light to help you to exercise your ability to comprehend the knowledge of the word of God. When you can properly comprehend knowledge from the word, you can use the knowledge to guide you through life.

Without light from the word of God, you will be spiritually blind. Knowledge from God comes by revelations from God. God reveals knowledge to the spiritual eyes. When the spiritual eyes are not awakened to the knowledge of God, you are spiritually blind. The Holy Spirit awakens the spiritual eye. Your eye glasses can help you to see physical things, but only the Holy Spirit can help you to see spiritual things.

Subject: Praises For God Should Be With A Righteous Life:

After you confess that you believe God can keep you doing right, you ask Him for the Holy Spirit and He will give it to you. When God gives you the Holy Spirit there will be something within you that will give you a zeal to lift up a standard of righteousness when the enemy comes upon you like a flood. God will send His Spirit upon us to help us; and then every devil that might be opposing us will flee. The devil is no match for the Spirit of God.

You will then begin to praise God with sincerity of heart because the Spirit of God will be rejoicing your heart. Now the Spirit will not only give you joy of

heart to praise God; there are many people in churches praising God and committing sin at the same time, but the Spirit will come upon you, and give you victory over every sin.

**Subject: As Touching The Law, Paul Was Blameless
(Philippians 3:6):**

Now you can repent of some bad habits and live a clean life. Such habits as cigarette smoking, drinking liquor, taking illegal drugs, and committing fornication can be removed from your life by your own efforts to stop such habits. However, it does not mean that you have the Spirit of God to keep such habits out. You can be a clean church member without the Spirit of God.

The apostle Paul was a very clean follower of the teaching of the law, and he was declared blameless, but he also persecuted the followers of Christ. Paul testified that as touching the law, he was blameless, notwithstanding while being blameless as touching the law, Paul was void of the Spirit of God and for this cause he persecuted those who were clean through the Spirit of God.

You can only be made spiritually clean by a washing of spiritual water that the Holy Ghost gives. This is done when you hear and believe the word of God. Listen to Ephesians 5:25-26:

Verse 25 - Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it:

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

The Spirit, the word, and water give you a washing of regeneration. The Spirit will bear witness to what the water and the blood have done for those who are born again. Listen to I John 5:6-7:

Verse 6 - This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

The truth is the word of God. The word and the Spirit bear record in heaven of your salvation.

Verse 7 - For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Subject: Righteousness:

If your life has been cleansed of sin, and your heart is pure, you have power with God in the same degree that Christ had when He was on the earth. When God makes you righteous or pure, He also makes you one with Him. There is nothing above righteousness. Righteousness is the ultimate level of acceptance to God. When you become pure and holy you are a righteous person, and God accepts you as an equal member of His family.

Righteousness is the product of your obedience to God. You can only become righteous by obeying God. When you have a mind to be righteous, God gives you the Holy Spirit which is power to be righteous. You cannot be righteous without the power of God. Your righteousness is not measured by your membership in a church. You can be a member in a church and not be a member of the family of God if you fail to obey God. It is God who evaluates your spiritual condition, and not your church.

To be accepted into the family of God, you must be like God, and to be like God you must have His Spirit which is found in His word. So keep your hands clean and your heart pure, and follow after righteousness, and God will accept you as an equal member of His family.

Subject: The Power Source Of The Word Of God:

Nature can be very unfair at times, but God can control and direct nature to spare us from the effects of the crudeness of nature. It is the Holy Spirit that has power to discipline nature. Prior to Jesus leaving the earth He said, I am going to send you the promise of the Father, which is the Holy Spirit. This would be the

power source of the word of God that Jesus preached so that we would have something to guide us into the truth of the word.

Without the Holy Spirit being the power source of the word of God, false preachers can teach an incorrect doctrine from the word. However, the Holy Spirit is a filtering source excluding all false teachings of the word, and allowing only the truth of the word to be received by a person who has a good mind. The Holy Spirit will allow the word to bring about in your life what God's word teaches you.

The Holy Ghost is guidance that will guide you into the truth of God's word. When a person receives the word of God by means of the Holy Spirit bringing it into their mind, something will happen to them. They will experience a miraculous change in their life. The Holy Spirit is the power of God that gives you the new-birth. To be born again is a miraculous work of God. Such a person becomes God's workmanship, created by the Holy Spirit to be a new creature for God's purposes.

The Holy Spirit only goes to work in those who believe the word of God. Their belief causes the Spirit to completely turn their lives around. The fruit of the Spirit will then be manifested in the person's life. They will begin to see new qualities of character coming forth such as love, peace, joy, meekness, goodness, faith, longsuffering, temperance and patience. When you understand God's plan, it will make you a happy person.

Subject: Obedience To God Gives You A Relationship With God:

It is wonderful to have a relationship with God who created the universe. When you obey God, it means that you have a relationship with God. God will then be with you everywhere you go throughout the day, and allow you to lay down in peace at night. God will also control your mind by lifting your thoughts above things that will make you unhappy. Happiness starts in the mind and God will give you a mind of joy and peace, which will make you happy.

As long as you obey God, He will never leave you. God will be with you until the last day of your life on earth, and give you a peaceful rest in paradise. You will not be able to find a friend on earth like God. When you want God to be with you, you must accept the teachings of Jesus Christ by allowing His teaching to be in everything that you do in life. Everything has to be in Jesus' name. There is no other name on earth that you can be saved by except the name Jesus.

Jesus depends upon God to give power to His teaching to help us. When

Jesus' friend Lazarus had died, Jesus stood at his gravesite knowing that God was going to give Him power to resurrect Lazarus from the grave. Jesus knew that God would not forsake Him, because He did not want to forsake Lazarus. Jesus went to the gravesite for the purpose of raising Lazarus from the grave,

The same relationship with Jesus is with us today. Jesus is the resurrection and our life. Just as Jesus raised Lazarus from the grave, He is also going to raise everybody who obeyed His gospel upon His second appearance whether they are dead or living. The same thing that Jesus said at Lazarus' gravesite, He is saying to all who are saved today. Listen to St. John 11:25-26:

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

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

Subject: Are You In Fellowship With God?

You are not necessarily in fellowship with God merely because you go to church. To be in fellowship with God you have to obey God. To be disobedient to the teachings of the scriptures means that you are in conflict with God. You must be filled with the Holy Spirit to be in fellowship with God. When you are not filled with the Holy Spirit you are in the flesh, and the fleshly nature of humans cannot be in fellowship with God because God is spirit and you can only worship God in spirit and in truth. Listen to St. John 4:23:

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.*

You can only be free to worship God in spirit when you are born of the Spirit of God, otherwise being in the fleshly nature causes you to be contrary to God. Listen to Galatians 5:16-17:

Verse 16 - This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not

fulfill the lust of the flesh.

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

When you are in the flesh you will have desires to commit sin.

Subject: A Witness:

When you are filled with the Holy Ghost you become a witness for the Lord. The apostles of Jesus Christ were true witnesses. They were witnesses that the Holy Ghost had filled them and their mouths could not be stopped. A witness is one who testifies of something that they saw, heard or experienced.

When you experience a filling of the Holy Ghost it will compel you to testify of what you have experienced in Christ. You will tell everybody that you encounter about your conversion in Christ. You won't be able to keep it to yourself because the Holy Ghost will be using your voice to testify about what Christ has done in your life.

A true witness is one who will testify of how Christ has saved them from their sins. A false witness will testify that they are saved and continue to practice sin. There are many false witnesses testifying about Christ, but there are very few true witnesses. When a true witness testifies of being saved from sin, their testimony is from heaven. When a false witness testifies, their testimony is from the earth.

Subject: Be Holy:

Listen to this scripture in I Peter 1:16:

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

All you have to do is to obey God and you will be holy. When you believe the word of God it justifies you, and your faith will make you holy. To be holy

means to be sin-free. You cannot live with God to be a part of His eternal plan unless you are holy. The scriptures give instructions that will guide us into God's holiness. When you are holy, the word of God will be fulfilled in your life. Your life will look like what the word of God teaches.

When you become holy, you are a saint. You would have been born again of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the power of God that makes you holy. Your character will be the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The grace of God will rest upon you for the remaining of your life. You will then be a permanent partaker of God's holiness.

Subject: The Adoption:

You cannot be led by the Holy Spirit unless you are born of the Spirit. You must be filled with the Holy Spirit in order for the Spirit to direct and control your life. The spirit must first control the deeds of your life before it will lead you through life. When the Spirit controls your life, it will give you power to live a sin-free life, and then it will direct other social and spiritual aspects of your life.

When the Spirit has authority over your life, it means that you have been adopted into the family of God by the Spirit. When you are led by the Spirit, you are led by God. When you do not have the Spirit of God, you are not God's child.

Subject: When You Have God's Spirit You Are His Child:

If your name is written in the book of life, it means that when trouble comes upon the world on a universal scale, you will be delivered (Daniel 12:1). What God has promised in His word as was spoken by the prophet will come to pass. Holy men of God were inspired to write the things in the Bible that God wanted us to know. The Bible is the infallible word of God. Nothing can prevent the prophecies of God's word from being fulfilled.

When you believe and obey the word of God it is evident that you have the Spirit of God. You can only find safety and assurance from God when you are born of the Spirit of God. When you have God's Spirit it means that you are His child (Romans 8: 14-15). God will always keep His children properly informed of future events.

We are presently living during a time that we don't know what will happen

next unless God reveals it to us. Nobody knows the day of Jesus' return, but God will use signs to tell when it is near. So God teaches His children how to stand in the holy place. This means to stand in righteousness.

Subject: The Unity Of The Spirit:

When there are many different religious denominations, it means that such religions are divided and disagree. We do not have too many meeting places to teach salvation, but we have too many denominations. The Holy Spirit is not a part of divisions of denominations. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of oneness. There is only one teaching for the doctrine of salvation and that is found in the Original King James Version of the Bible.

Wherever there is unity in the belief of the teachings of the Bible, there is also unity in the Spirit. Listen to Ephesians 4:2-3:

Verse 2 - With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Verse 3 - Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is only oneness in the unity of the Spirit. Listen to Ephesians 4:4-6:

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

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

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

Subject: Ask Anything In My Name:

When you believe what the word of God teaches, you can receive what the Spirit of the word has promised you. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of the word of God that brings to pass what the word of God promises to those who receive the word of God. The word of God teaches in St. John 14:14-15, *“If you shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments”*.

When you receive the word of God, you also receive assistance from the Spirit of God. The word of God is information, and the Spirit of God is power that activates what the word of God teaches. God the Father and the word, which is Jesus, work together with the Spirit of God as one. Each has a different office in the Trinity, yet they all work together as one in Spirit to accomplish the same purpose.

When you believe the word, the power of the Holy Spirit goes to work for you. When God spoke in the beginning to create the heavens and the earth, the Spirit of God moved upon the creation to cause things to happen, just as the word commanded.



CHAPTER 8

***SALVATION:
GENERAL TOPICS***

Subject: The Conclusion Of God's Plan (Revelation 19:11):

God had a plan in creating this world and man. The plan was presented to the world according to the knowledge that God revealed to man to write the Holy Scriptures. The climax of God's plan was to deliver man from the second death.

The plan of God was concluded in the book of Revelations 19:11, where the white horse represented the righteousness of God and the rider was called the word of God or Jesus who was made flesh that He might come down into the earth and reveal God's plan to man. John, who was chosen to be the writer to present God's plan, said he saw heaven open, and that upon the white horse sat Him that was called Faithful and True, and judges in righteousness.

John said his eyes were as a flame of fire piercing to the depths of every heart. On his head were many crowns, which represented Him as being a conqueror, and he had a name written that no man knew, but he himself. John said that he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood, which symbolizes the death of Christ on the cross when blood came from His side as compared with a flowing fountain. The poet said "there is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins: and when sinners are plunged beneath that flood, they lose all their guilty stains". Blood means life. When sinners plunge beneath that blood of Jesus, they will lose their guilty stains. Their consciences will no longer be condemned for their sins. Revelations 19:12 teaches that He was called the word of God.

God has so fixed the plan that the word of God is hidden from the smart and prudent person, but is revealed to the humble person who will become a meek child of God, as little children are to their parents. Now the white horse rider was the word of God made flesh (Jesus). He was the word sent from God by an angel to a little city called Nazareth. He was brought forth by His own power and spirit for no man had ever touched His mother who was a virgin. His conception was by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus came forth into the world that He might declare the glory of God that he might show the works of God, and that God might be manifested to the world. Today if anybody wants to know anything about God, they can only know it by the word and the Spirit of God revealing it to them. The knowledge of God cannot be acquired by human intelligence, research, and education. It can only be made known by revelations. God must give the knowledge of His plan to those whom He desires to know it.

Subject: The Intercessor:

The plan of God reveals and gives to us the understanding that wickedness reproaches us while righteousness exalts us. If we continue to go contrary to God's plan and find that wickedness does not pay, and decide to repent, and accept God's way, we will find an intercessor available to help us follow God's way. The intercessor who is Christ will then lead us in the path of safety.

In actuality, there is no help for us in the world even when we decide to follow the plan of God. Therefore, God prepared the intercessor to direct us through life according to the instructions in the plan. When God decided to make preparations to help us, He considered who would be qualified to do the job, so He looked around heaven, and said to His word, who was His only begotten Son, 'I will prepare a body for you'. God's purpose was to prepare a body for His word that would be conceived by His Holy Spirit to be born in the body of a virgin.

God planned that the entire process of His word coming to the earth to accomplish the mission would be sin-free. The word of God was commissioned by God to make those of us who would receive the word that was sent to have power, to give us the new-birth. We would then be born again to take on the nature and character of the word, being adopted into the family of God by the Spirit of God.

So then, when Jesus came down into the earth, He declared Himself to be the Son of God, the word made flesh. As Jesus walked up and down in the earth in the midst of the people that saw that He was human, not being physically above a natural man, He had demonstrated and confirmed the words of the prophets concerning His advent.

Jesus told the lost world that "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (St. Luke 4:18-19). God then through Jesus began to make known to the world what should take place, and what should be the results of His bringing this world to the knowledge and understanding of the truth.

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

The hope and salvation of those who want to be saved depends upon the word of God. Salvation is offered to the world according to what the word of God

teaches. You cannot be saved contrary to what the scriptures teach. Even the crucifixion of Jesus Christ had to take place according to the prophecies of Isaiah about 700 years before it happened.

The process of salvation was installed by God in what the word of God teaches. If the word of God teaches that an unrighteous person cannot enter the kingdom of heaven; this means that you have to become a righteous person to get into the kingdom. Listen to I Corinthians 15:3-4-2:

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

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

You can only be saved if you keep in memory what the scriptures teach.

Verse 2 - By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

Subject: Are You In God's Plan For Salvation?

Since we are not responsible for being born in sin, we were helpless in doing something to correct the situation. God who is just and fair sought a solution for us. The solution was provided by God in His only begotten Son. God found Jesus to take on the responsibility for correcting the condition. God's love for man was so deep and considerate that finding Jesus to be qualified, God sent Jesus to correct the condition.

The mission that Jesus took on to bring salvation to the world was introduced by His glorious appearance that we give honor to that is called Christmas. The memories of the night when the angels of the Lord met the shepherds on the plains of Judea bringing good news of great joy announcing that in Bethlehem the Saviour was born. The memories of this event that took place approximately 2,000 years ago are still fresh in our minds today. We call it Christmas, and people do many things to celebrate Christmas.

Many things that people do to celebrate Christmas are bringing disgrace to

Jesus' birthday and purpose for His appearing. Celebrating Christmas and celebrating the birthday of Jesus are different. Nevertheless, it is decent and good to honor Jesus because Jesus is the best gift that God has given to the world to prevent man from perishing.

It was love that moved God to send His only begotten Son to save the world. It was love that moved the Son of God to come in the form of an ordinary human being and endure the suffering, humiliation, and agony attending the mission He was sent to perform. Jesus did not take on the nature of angels, which would have given him super divine power not allowing his persecution to have any effect upon Him, but He wanted to feel the burdens and sufferings of life that humans experience, and face the consequences of sin in order to show us how to triumph.

For thirty-three years He lived under conditions just like those which face us, only He did not let the conditions lead Him into sin to acquire relief. He did not let the persecutions that came upon Him prevent Him from loving His enemies. He did not allow adversities to make Him misjudge or seek revenge against those who hated him. He was not tempted by fame, money prominence or power to do wrong in the sight of God or to compromise His stand and to destroy His usefulness as the Messiah.

Subject: The Last Calling:

The last gospel is no different from the first gospel that was preached by John the Baptist two thousand years ago. Today the devil is busier and the pressure of sin on the people is greater. Iniquity has abounded. Human life has been downgraded to a very low level of morality by murders and ruthlessness.

Wickedness abounds more today than in the days of Sodom. Gays have no shame and politicians past the blame. Today we have government organized to control crime, but crime is out of control. The last gospel to be preached still has power to save, and gather in one Spirit every pure heart. It will call together people from every nation and kindred to receive the Holy Spirit. It has power to remove all sin out of the hearts of those that it calls.

The Lord promised to gather His sheep together, which had been scattered in a dark and benighted world. Such people will come as they hear the voice of God that they might be ready for Jesus' coming. Listen to St. John 10:27 and 3-4:

Verse 27 - *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

Verse 3 - *To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.*

Verse 4 - *And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.*

Subject: The Highway:

The way of holiness is a highway. This means an elevated way of living above the life of sin. Listen to Isaiah 35:8:

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

During the prophet Isaiah's day, they did not have interstate highways. Isaiah is making reference to the highway as being a way of righteousness. The way of holiness refers to the way to heaven. Isaiah is giving directions on how to get to heaven. If you are living in sin, you are not on the highway that takes you to heaven. Listen to Hebrews 12:14

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

If you do not follow the highway that leads to holiness, neither will you have peace or see God. Holiness causes you to live in peace with all men. You cannot find the way of holiness by fighting, hating, envying, or mistreating your fellow man.

Subject: God Did Not Send Jesus To Condemn Us:

The greatest gift that has been presented to the world is God's only begotten Son who died that we might live forever. We did not have to be holy or righteous to receive this benefit. The word of God teaches that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. The only requirement was to believe in Him.

He would save all liars, drunkards, adulterers, fornicators, homosexuals, thieves and murderers. He would take such sins out of our lives that we would go and sin no more. For those who continue to be sinners, it means that they did not believe in Him. God did not send Jesus to condemn us, but to extend an invitation for us to be saved from the condemnation that the law of sin and death brought upon us.

Subject: The Lamb Of God Has Brought Salvation To The World:

The earth was the mother of the first man, Adam. Today the earth continues to care for man. It is the earth that feeds man and clothes him. It is the earth that makes man happy by providing blessings of God for his survival. The earth did not conceive Jesus, but it nourished Him to become of age to present the gospel to the world.

Prior to Jesus appearing on the scene to present the gospel to the world, God arranged in His plan that there should be a forerunner who would prepare the people to receive the Lord. It is necessary today that God sends a preacher to prepare the people to be saved, just as He sent John the Baptist to prepare the people to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Six months before the birth of Jesus Christ, John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, stepped into the world. Thirty years later on the banks of the Jordan River, while John was baptizing, Jesus made a visit to the river. As He walked down to the shore of Jordan, John stopped baptizing and looked up and said to the people, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world (St. John 1:29).

The hope that the Lamb of God brought to the world is still available for those who are willing to obey and receive Jesus' gospel. The world has the privilege to receive salvation in Jesus Christ.

Subject: We Must Receive The Plan Of God To Be Saved:

God made all the necessary arrangements in preparing a plan for us to be saved. God gave His Son to be a sacrifice for our sins; we could not be a sacrifice for ourselves. Since God gave His Son, and His Son gave His life, it is left up to us to receive the plan that God made available. God will not receive the plan for us. God will not make us deny ourselves of the sinful pleasures that we enjoy; it must be our choice and effort to do so. Thus, the plan of God will go to work for us.

Subject: Your Belief Must Be Confirmed By God:

Believing in God is not simply saying that you believe. Your testimony of belief must be supported by a demonstration before God revealing the sincerity and extent of your belief. It must be that a conviction of your heart is revealed that the blood of Jesus Christ cleansed you from all unrighteousness.

This conviction could be a demonstration that you have been converted from some sinful habits that you previously enjoyed, and were closely attached to. Such habits could have been dishonesty, smoking cigarettes, living in fornication, adultery, or using alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.

Make no mistake, you cannot break away from such habits successfully unless God helps you. So then, evidence of your conviction being sincere would be confirmed by God helping you to break away from such habits.

Subject: Only The Righteousness Of Christ Can Justify You:

If you seek to be justified by Christ, the righteousness of Christ must justify you. Going to church will not justify you in Christ; you have to go to the foot of the cross to be justified by Christ. Christ allowed His old body that was sin-free to be crucified for those who seek to be justified by Christ. This was so that our old lives of sin would be crucified with Christ.

In order to be justified by Christ, your old life of sin must be crucified with Christ, then Christ will be your new life. This is because your old life of sin would have died with Christ's old body that was sin-free. Christ's sin-free body was a

sacrifice that we might obtain a sin-free life, being justified by Christ. Under these conditions, we would no longer serve sin, but God. 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.

Subject: Life Is What You Want:

There is one thing that every person wants and that is a continuous life. Most people in their right minds do not want their lives to end. Everlasting life is what you want. Everlasting life that Christ offers will be an abundance of peace and joy beginning here in this world, and it will continue in the kingdom of heaven, and on the new earth that God is preparing.

Life is a gift from God, and God knows how to magnify life to be more blessed than we can imagine. When you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the gift of eternal life will be yours. Whosoever believes that Jesus is the Messiah is born of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God will then give you the first part of the life that God is offering. It will give you a life of righteousness while you are in this present world, and perpetuate your life into the kingdom of heaven.

You will have a life composed of the Spirit of God while in this world with a new character producing the fruit of the Holy Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, faith, goodness, meekness, temperance, and patience.

Subject: The Value Of Your Life:

Life is more valuable and important than what many people realize. The only people who truly realize how precious and valuable life is are those who are dead. Your life is your soul. When your life leaves your body it will be looking for another place to reside. Listen to St. Mark 8:35-36-37. Jesus teaches that the life and the soul are one in the same and He places a lot of emphasis on the value of the life or soul.

Verse 35 - For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

Notice Jesus is using the word life in verse 35. In verse 36 Jesus substitutes the word life with the word soul emphasizing the value of the life or soul.

Verse 36 - For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Verse 37 - Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Subject: Do You Live A Righteous Life?

The way you live can be an example of righteousness. It is by the way you live in your community, how you behave yourself before others, and your dealings with your fellow man that people can understand what righteousness should look like. If you do not live right before your fellow man, they will not see any difference from you and the average person. When you are saved, your life should be Christ-like.

If people in your church are not living right, you should leave your church. You would then be an example of how to be sanctified from those who are not living right. You should not fellowship with church folk who do not believe in the power of the gospel to save from sin. However, if you find someone who is living above sin and who is seeking the fellowship of other righteous people, you may seek companionship with that person in the true spirit of righteousness according to the scriptures, which teach that you must not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

Subject: The Laws Of Your State:

If the laws of the state forbid you to walk the streets drunk, or to live in fornication with a woman or man, then the laws of your state are more righteous than the laws of some churches. The laws of states are fashioned upon the

principles of the laws of God, and are enforced to keep you from doing wrong.

When you are born again you will live above the laws of your state and the laws of God. To be born again means that Jesus is the law enforcer of your life. Jesus is the completion of the law of God, and when He comes into your life, He is the enforcer of the laws of God.

Jesus will enforce your nature to have desires to live above what the law of God and the state forbids. Jesus gives your nature more power than your desire to commit sin, causing you to live free from the condemnation of all laws.

Subject: A Bad Choice:

All of the adversity that was against Jesus' mission was in God's plan. God knew aforetime the opposition that would confront Jesus when He was sent to the earth. God wanted Jesus to take on the nature of a man, similar to that which Adam had, yet to demonstrate that living in the human nature a man could still resist the temptations to commit sin.

Adam did not have the nature or strength of an angel, but he was created holy and perfect. God gave Adam a mind that was pure. The only thing that could cause Adam to sin was his personal choice to sin. Adam chose to give more esteem to the conditions that he was confronted and tempted by, than his love for God. If Adam's love had been stronger for God than the enticements of sin, he would not have sinned.

Subject: Obedience To The Word Of God Is Safety:

If you have confidence in anything or anybody other than the Lord, you are standing on a slippery foundation. If you know the source of a sure hope, everything will come out all right for those who put their trust in the Lord. When your hands are clean and your heart is pure, you are safe. When you obey God, the word of God will secure you. Listen to Psalm 4:8:

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

Subject: Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone:

There are two parts to human existence that needs to be nourished. The physical body needs food from the table; but the soul which is spiritual is the part that needs to be fed the word of God. The proper use of the scriptures in everyday life is just as important as food from the farm. It is necessary that a saved person feed his or her soul with reading and meditation from the scriptures. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (St. Matthew 4:4).

Instructions are given from the scriptures that you might know that the grace of God hath appeared to every man in his conscience, teaching him that every time something ungodly comes up in his mind to do, he must deny it in his conscience. These experiences comes to the saved and the unsaved person.

When you believe the word of God it will purify you. You must first confess that you believe that God can keep you. Then you will stand before witnesses to testify of your stand for righteousness.

Subject: A Straight And Narrow Way:

There is only one thing that can evaluate your life and the state of your spiritual condition, and that is the word of God. It is a good thing to allow your mind to have a check on it by the power of God's word. It won't be of much profit to allow a preacher to check your life, because he might need a check on his own life. There can be a difference in the words that a preacher uses and the word of God. A preacher's words can be tender and gentle, but if it is not coming from the word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, such are words of deceit coming from a deceitful source.

Not every preacher who says "Lord, Lord" with a lot of emotional feelings shall be saved, and neither will those who receive such words. The will of God must be done in a preacher's life first, before it can be done in a follower's life. Salvation in Jesus Christ is a straight and narrow way of life and not many preachers would want to follow it, even if they found it (Matthew 7:21).

Subject: Your Conscience And The Gospel:

When a person does wrong there is a conscience in the person that makes them feel condemned. God has placed the knowledge of right and wrong in every person's conscience. When condemnation accuses the conscience, the gospel was given by God to help the conscience by leading the person into righteousness to remove the condemnation.

If a person fails to accept the leadership and correction from the gospel, this will result to them having two witnesses against them. Out of the mouth of two witnesses condemnation will stand and be used against the person in the judgment.

Subject: The Presence Of God:

It is the presence of God in your life that restrains the devil, and keeps you in peace and happiness. If you commit sin, God will distance Himself from you and you will lose your peace. God's withdrawal from you will have an effect upon your attitude and conduct. You will become indifferent and reckless in such a way that will make you less likely to live right. You will be separated from the grace of God becoming ungodly, and lusting after worldly things that will be to your disadvantage in life.

When you have God in your life, the conditions of your life will be pleasant and free of things that would make you unhappy. Your life will be sin-free and those who associate with you will feel the effects.

Subject: Praise Is All We Can Do For God:

God created man to praise Him. Praise is all that we can do for God. God has given us everything to make us happy so that we can praise Him. If we are unhappy it is because of our way of thinking. Our judgment is not perfect, but God's judgment is. God sent Jesus to make our existence better for us than what we deserve.

Jesus took the part of a sinner to suffer and die as a sinner, and to be treated like a sinner deserves to be treated. This was so that we might escape the punishment that we deserve to be able to praise God. If we had to suffer for the sins that we committed, the load would get too heavy unless Jesus was there to help us.

Subject: Let Us Love One Another:

All other religious practices are not worth much unless you have learned to love one another. Love for your fellowman should be expressed by things that you do for them rather than just words that express love.

When love is of God, it gives you a heart that desires to share with others. Only the Spirit of God can cause a person to love to the extent that such love is acceptable to God.

Subject: The Goodness Of God:

The goodness of God was separated from man when Adam sinned. Man was created by God to be good, but sin made us bad. We could not restore ourselves to be good without God helping us. When God restores His goodness to us, only the Holy Spirit can keep us in His goodness.

God sent Jesus to teach us how to be good. Along with the instructions from the gospel on how to be good, there must also be power to help us to obey the instructions, and the Holy Spirit gives us that power after we accept the instructions. To be good according to the instructions that God gives is to be holy. All you have to do to be holy is to obey God's instructions. When you believe and obey the word of God, you are justified by faith.

After you put forth an effort to obey God's word, the Holy Spirit will come into your life to give you guidance, and more information from the word of God on how to continue in the goodness of God.

Subject: Israel:

Israel was God's people. God loved Israel. When Israel got in trouble God sent them great deliverers such as Samson, Moses, Gideon and King David to deliver them. Finally God came down Himself in the person of Jesus Christ to deliver Israel once and for all. God chose Israel to be His people under the leadership of Moses, and gave Israel the law to govern themselves until Jesus came. Israel means a soldier of God.

Jacob initiated the establishment of the nation of Israel through his twelve sons. Later the nation of Israel became a rebellious and stubborn people. This is the way it is often-times with children for whom parents do a lot of favors for. Humans have been the same all through the ages. You have to be careful when you are dealing with children even after they get grown. You have to do things for them secretly after they are grown, and don't let them know beforehand that you are going to do it.

Israel was spoiled, but God would warn her nevertheless. The word of God would come to Israel by means of prophets that God would raise up and prepare to warn Israel. If any other people or nations wanted help from God they would have to hear and take the same warnings that God sent the prophets to give Israel. Today the same warnings that God gave Israel are still effective for the Gentile nations of the world as well as the Jews.

Subject: The Seed Of Abraham:

Listen to Genesis 22:8:

Verse 8 - And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

God commanded Abraham to take his only son, Isaac, and offer him as a burnt offering. Abraham did not question God, but went out to obey to the place where God commanded him to make the sacrifice. Isaac had the same attitude toward his father Abraham, and submitted himself to the will of Abraham, after Abraham told Isaac that God would provide a lamb. Just as Abraham got ready to slay Isaac on the altar, God delivered them both after approving of their faith and obedience.

Today we are saved because of the faithfulness and obedience of Abraham. God established the plan of salvation based upon Abraham's obedience. In Genesis 22:17-18, it teaches that in the seed of Abraham all the nations of the earth shall be blessed. Those who are saved today are the children of the promise that God gave to Abraham. Abraham was the soil of acceptance of the promise of God.

The purpose of God trying Abraham was to find out whether he would be the proper soil out of which to bring the seed that would bless the nations of the world from Jesus Christ. Isaac manifested the spirit of obedience to his father Abraham in the same manner in which Christ would later manifest His obedience to God. After 42 generations, God had found the soil in which to plant His seed, which would be Jesus Christ. Listen to St. Matthew 1:17:

Verse 17 - So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

Subject: Righteousness Has More Power Than Wickedness:

It is not good for a person to discredit the character of another. When a person is wicked, their own ways will discredit their character. Jesus is our example who will help to upgrade a person's character. When we call on Jesus through prayer, he will hear and help us if we turn from our sins.

The slaves of America could not do anything but pray. The slaves never let hatred for those who had enslaved them to enter their hearts. Many slaves kept working for the white families that they loved after they were emancipated. The slaves did not organize an army. They continued to nurse the children of their masters with love, and today they are free without having to fight a war for their freedom.

No race on earth has ever been as true and loyal to a government that enslaved them as the Negro has been to America. Today the nation can see the quality of character that the Negro has exempted to the nation, and has placed the Negro in the highest position of all the nations of the earth.

Humility can carry you a lot further than hate and war. God gets behind a humble people and opens doors for them. When you are humble, and love those

who are against you, the Holy Spirit will go to work for you. Wickedness cannot keep righteousness down, because righteousness has more power than wickedness.

**Subject: Deliverance Will Surely Come To The Righteous
Person:**

Worry is a miserable state of mind to live in. You do not have to worry about anything if you are obeying God, because God will take care of you. When problems come, God will answer your prayer. God will heal your body, renew your strength, and give you victory over your enemies.

When adversity arises in your life, God will fight your battles for you. God assigns angels to be on stand-by to assist you when you obey him. When there are no sins between you and God, His help is there to deliver you. Your biggest enemy is sin, or disobedience to God.

Subject: Do Not Question God, Just Obey Him:

The power of God unto salvation comes to those who believe the gospel. If you believe the gospel, something will happen and you will be convinced that the gospel carries power to save you simply because you believe the gospel.

When Abraham believed God he was established as the father of Israel, and he is presently the overseer of Paradise to receive all of the souls of those who were saved and are asleep in Christ. God was so pleased when Abraham believed Him; He called Abraham a friend.

When God is your friend, you never have anything to fear, and anybody who opposes you will be a fool. God will never fail to honor and bless those who believe in Him. Make no mistake, you do not believe in God unless you obey His commandments. God commanded Abraham to walk before Him and to be perfect.

Abraham did not question the commandment, He believed in His heart that he could do it and God helped him. When you follow God without questioning His commandments, God will put His righteousness in you, and your obedience will be the righteousness of God.

Subject: Christians:

When the name 'Christian' was initially given to the followers of Christ, it was given to ridicule them. Today it is supposed to be a title of honor and esteem. However, for those who use the name and are sinners, it is still used to ridicule those who are true followers of Christ. Unless those who use the name live righteously and godly in this present world, they are making a mockery of the name.

For the Saints who were called by the name who really proved by their life and accomplishments that Christ was the Son of God, the Messiah of God, all the reproach in the name left. They were not only called 'Christians' with all its sublime meaning, but also 'Saints'.

Subject: God Classifies You As Being Either A Saint Or A Sinner:

Prior to Paul's conversion he said that he was chief of sinners, but everywhere you see his name in the Bible, it is recorded as 'Saint Paul'. God entitled all the apostles as being saints after their conversions from their prior life as sinners.

Today anyone who has been born again, and is converted to righteousness God entitles such people as saints. When you are saved you are a saint. There is no religious state acceptable to God that you can be in between a saint and a sinner and be saved.

Subject: A Tree Is Known By The Fruit It Produces:

When King David of Israel took Uriah's wife under the lustful eye of the flesh, not only did he take Uriah's wife, but he had Uriah murdered. God forbade His people of Israel from marrying among the heathens, because their heathen wives would turn them from worshipping the God of heaven. David married Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, and their first child died. Later another child was

conceived, and Solomon who would later be the wisest man that the world had ever known, was born.

Solomon was the fruit of David's seed, and he acquired the nature of lust for many women as David had. Solomon also married ungodly, heathen women that God warned him against, and his heart was turned from God in his old age. Because David was lustful, Solomon was born with a super lustful spirit and he acquired seven hundred wives.

The seed of Solomon's lustful nature was planted in him by David. Unless the nature of a man has been renewed by the Spirit of God, he will pass his sinful nature on to his children. Later on as David grew older, he learned that he was born in sin and shaped in iniquity from his mother's womb. So David prayed to God and asked for a new spirit. David asked for a renewing of the Holy Spirit, which God later granted him.

God also passed on the request of David to every person who had a mind to repent of his or her sins, and God commissioned the Holy Spirit to give such people the new-birth in Christ. David's request was honored by God on the Day of Pentecost when an outpouring of the Holy Spirit was given to the world on a universal scale. Today, any repenting sinner can be a beneficiary of David's prayer request, simply by repenting and believing the gospel of Jesus Christ (Psalm 51:9-12).

Subject: Tomorrow:

You might have plans for tomorrow, and think that you know what you will accomplish. Tomorrow is a word that does not become a realistic part of our existence until we live to see it. In actuality we don't know where we are going, nor what we will accomplish. The light that you have today only reveals things of the present, and it cannot shine into tomorrow. Though you have light for today, it does not have to be for tomorrow. Until tomorrow arrives it remains in darkness.

Spiritual vision works the same way. When you don't have spiritual eyes, neither do you have spiritual light. Without spiritual light you cannot see the way that God does things. The ways of God will be darkness to you, just as the things of tomorrow might be. If there is no light to exercise our spiritual vision, we will go blind spiritually and will not be able to see anything that God wants to reveal to us in His word.

The world needs a light and Jesus is the only source of light that can show us the ways of God so that we can prepare for tomorrow. Jesus is a different kind of

light that the sun gives; Jesus is the light of righteousness. Jesus shows you the right way to go so that tomorrow will not deter your movements.

Subject: Heavenly Sunlight Lights The Soul:

Prior to Jesus coming into the world, man was ignorant in darkness concerning the will of God. Jesus was with the Father before the world was created. After God created the world, He made His own word flesh and sent it among the children of men that the world might have light and understanding. Jesus came to make the world understand that God loved the world and wanted to save the world.

When the world rejects Jesus' offer, they are turning their backs on the light, and are remaining in ignorance. Knowledge from Jesus is like heavenly sunlight to your soul. Your soul is your life. No matter how ignorant we are of God's ways, Jesus can give us heavenly sunlight to save our souls.

Subject: The Darkest Day:

Listen to the description of the darkest day that the world has ever known. In St. Luke 23: 45-46:

Verse 45 - And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

Verse 46 - And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, *Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:* and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

When Jesus gave up the breath of life as we do when we die, Jesus also died. Those who crucified Him cried out, "Saying, Truly this was the Son of God" (St. Matthew 27:54).

During this darkest day, the hope for man seemed to have been shattered, because Jesus had spoken the truth in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. Jesus had made them to know that though God had promised death to

those who had been condemned in disobedience to Him, God's love had sent Him to change the program by Jesus dying in place of those who were condemned to die.

So though the day that Jesus' sacrifice for the world was implemented was such a dark day, the message from Jesus was also implemented to bring hope for all men who were willing to repent of their sins and obey His gospel.

Subject: The Power Of The Light From Calvary:

Jesus was taken to Calvary and from that event salvation came to the world. This event at Calvary was not put under a bushel or hidden from the world. It presented a light to the world so that the world could see that salvation was being offered. God could see that the world needed a light to find salvation, so God allowed Calvary to present a light to the world to direct a sinner to obtain salvation.

The crucifixion was ordained by God to reverse acts of hatred to an act of love that gave power to a repenting sinner, so that the sinner's nature could be reversed from sin to righteousness. Pure love has more power than hatred. Though the world may be in darkness, those who accept Jesus as their light will realize that God has promised to protect and take care of them as they pass through the valley of the shadow of death.

Subject: The Brightest Day:

Up until this present day, many of the precious seed of Abraham doubt that Jesus ever rose. However, there are many who did believe, for the message was carried by His disciples who were all Jews. It was by means of Jesus' disciples that the message was carried to the whole world. The Disciples of Christ along with 500 witnesses saw Him after the resurrection. Jesus showed himself by infallible proofs to those with whom He ate, and even to a number of saints who had died and were buried before His crucifixion.

The scriptures teach that many of the saints got up out of their graves after He rose and showed themselves to their friends. The day of the resurrection of

Jesus was the brightest day that the world has ever known. All of this was done by God for our learning and information that we might rejoice in knowing that we have salvation in Jesus Christ. We are saved from death as a result of Jesus acquiring victory over death.

Death is only a dream to those who are saved. On the day that Jesus shall descend from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, all the saints shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye and those who died in Christ shall rise and be changed (I Thessalonians 4:16).

Subject: Jesus Was The Expression Of His Father's Image:

Our hope in being in the first resurrection is in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. It is based upon the righteous life that Jesus lived while on the earth being inclusive with the righteous life that He lives in those today who are born again. So our hope is built upon Jesus Christ and His righteousness. Righteousness is a gift that was passed from Jesus by God to those of us who are saved.

It is very important to have hope in something that is substantial. When your hope is in the wrong thing, then your life is vain. When your hope is in Jesus Christ it is a sure hope, because He lives. Jesus showed Himself after rising from the dead by many infallible proofs that He was the one who once walked, and talked in the midst of friends and enemies with nothing but a spirit of love within Him.

God is love and His love was demonstrated to the world in Jesus Christ who was the product of God's nature. Children of today partake of the nature of their parents, and unless they are born again of the Spirit of God they will retain the nature of their parents to be as their parents are. If their parents are sinners, the children will be sinners also. Jesus being the offspring of God could not hate nor retaliate on His enemies, because He was the expression of His Father's image.

Subject: Blood Represents Life:

Blood represents life. The blood of Jesus was shed on Calvary that we might have life. When you are partaker of the life of Christ, you will receive light. Light means understanding the will of God. Jesus gave His life so that the Holy

Spirit would come and give light.

God wrapped His word, which was Jesus, into a human body, and sent Him to the earth to dwell among us that we might be enlightened. He came not to condemn, but to give us understanding. He came not to destroy but to save. Jesus dwelt among men to demonstrate His power to them. Jesus wanted the world to know the results of obeying His teachings.

Subject: The Blood Sends Two Messages To The World:

When God sees that the blood of Jesus has cleansed you from your sins, you will be exempted from the destruction that God is going to send upon the earth in the last days. The blood of Jesus will cause God to pass over you. God is going to execute judgment against every living being except for where the blood has cleansed them from sin.

Everything that happened in Egypt to deliver the children of Israel out of bondage was a symbol of how God is going to deliver everybody who has been washed in the blood when God sends the final destruction upon the earth. God wanted Israel to realize that no matter what the Pharaoh of Egypt did, that He was able to bring them out of Egypt.

God sent Moses to use a rod to demonstrate His power before the Pharaoh, and gave the Pharaoh a command to let the children of Israel go. However, the Pharaoh thought that he had the greatest army on earth, and that he did not have to take orders from anybody, especially from a God that nobody in Egypt knew about. God demonstrated His power before the Pharaoh on a small scale to give the Pharaoh some knowledge of His existence and His power, but the Pharaoh refused to acknowledge God and rejected Moses' orders to release the children of Israel.

Afterward God commanded Moses to put the blood of lambs on the door post of the homes of the Israelites. The blood sent two messages. The first was a sign for the children of Israel to be delivered and the second was that death would come to the nation of Egypt. Death would come to the firstborn of Egypt, and later to the Pharaoh's army that would be drowned in the Red Sea. Today the blood of Jesus is also sending two messages. The first is to deliver those who are washed in the blood and death for those who are not.

Subject: Foolish Ambitions:

The ambition of every ruler in the world today is to rule the world. The Communists want to rule the world. The Arabs want to rule the world. The Capitalists want to rule the world, and so they fight and make wars to gain advantage over weaker nations of the world. However, it is the plan of God that righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the deep.

Jesus is going to reign over a new kingdom that will be established on the earth in righteousness. Listen to Revelations 12:5:

Verse 5 - And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

This man child is the grace of God that brings salvation. Listen to Titus 2:11-14:

Verse 11 - For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Verse 12 - Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Verse 13 - Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Verse 14 - Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Subject: Purge Out The Old Leaven And Be A New Lump In Christ:

The Passover in Egypt was a symbol of the coming of Christ. In addition, the Passover in Egypt was a symbol of the old leaven, and Christ would be our

Passover to make us a new lump to be delivered from sin, and spared from the destruction of the world in the last days. Listen to I Corinthians 5:7:

Verse 7 - Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Just as God passed through the land of Egypt during the time that the children of Israel were in bondage, He is going to pass through the land again in the last days. Only those who were made new lumps in Christ, or new creatures will be spared from the destruction. During Moses' day when God saw the blood on the doorposts of the homes of the Israelites, He passed over those who were under the blood.

Today the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on Calvary's cross is the only means by which a person can be spared. The blood will cause God to allow Christ to be our Passover. The blood would have washed us from our sins making us new creatures in Christ. Jesus took communion with His disciples in commemoration of the Passover during Moses' day with the children of Israel. It was in commemoration of the escape of Israel from Egypt. All that was done in Egypt to deliver the children of Israel was a symbol of what God would later do in Christ.

Subject: Jesus Is Our Example:

For your knowledge and understanding, the program of salvation was put together by God before the foundation of the world. It was carefully planned according to God's foreknowledge of the way that the sins of man would cause man to go. After the sins of Satan and Adam, God planned that He would send one from heaven who would be made not after the nature of angels in heaven.

Jesus was sent to take on Himself the nature of the seed of Abraham. This was so that He might suffer, be tried and proven, as those of us who would later be saved would have to suffer in order to show us that though we were victims of the sin of Adam, we could be reinstated and become a member of the family of God in heaven. We also would have the privilege to bow our knees to Him and say "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven".

This prayer was presented by Jesus first teaching us that if we deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, that God's will shall be done in earth just as it is

being done in heaven. Jesus was our example of how to get a prayer answered by God so that we could follow His example and become like Jesus with the assistance of the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Prayer:

Prayer is a mighty force of communication with God for those who are born again. It is important to understand the meaning of prayer. Prayer is the results of an established relationship between the saved person and God. When you pray, you are acknowledging the reality of God. To pray means to honor and worship God. This is an expression of fellowship between the saved person and God. Prayer is also the means by which you can make a request or present a petition to God. Prayer is an acknowledgement of dependency upon God. Prayer must be true and with trust in God.

When you pray, you must be absolutely relying on your prayers to reach God to receive help for your survival. Prayer does not always have to be expressed in words, it can be a way of thinking that is the results of your faith that God will always be there to help you. When your way of thinking is connected with God, you are praying. God knows when there is something that you want without you asking Him. Your frame of mind sends a message to God revealing your desires.

The scriptures teach that when our ways please God, He will answer our prayers. You do not have to possess a lot of knowledge and a large vocabulary to pray. God knows and understands our needs and desires, and He will give us the desires of our hearts when our desires are according to His approval.

Subject: Your Approach To The Throne Of Grace Should Be Preceded By Prayer:

When you go to God in prayer, you must believe that you are talking to your heavenly Father just as if you would be talking to a relative or friend. God is always in hearing distance and is sympathetic and understanding of your request. You must believe that He will grant your request in His own way and time according to the faith of the person who is praying.

You must first believe that He can do what you ask no matter how difficult the request might seem to be. Now the fact that you go to God in prayer shows that you have a degree of faith, but your faith must be so strong, conclusive and unalterable that your request will be granted. There must be in you a feeling of certainty as strong as that in a child who comes to the table for dinner expecting it to be served at once. Your faith will stand out like the rock of Gibraltar and move God to give you the desires of your heart.

You must not feel for a moment that God can be burdened by your request or that you could be in such bad condition that it would be too costly for God to do anything to help you. Your faith must be definite to sustain your claim. Understand that when you obey God, you have a right to pray. Christ made this privilege available to those who are obedient to His gospel. When your faith is established, the benefits from the promises of God go into effect.

A prayer with doubts and fears is unjustified before God, and is considered as a prayer of mockery. God takes no pleasure in such prayers and will not consider such. Whenever you go to God in prayer, you must consider that He sees your heart and knows the extent of your faith. If your faith is limited, your consideration from God will be limited. If your heart has doubts, God will see such doubts and will withhold whatever consideration that He might have had reserved for you.

God's assurance that He will do anything you ask if you keep His commandments is quite assuring to all who trust Him, and are identified as His children. I personally believe that He will do anything I ask, so I keep His commandments and stand ready to exercise my right as His child whenever a situation occurs that would make it necessary for me to ask.

Subject: My Request To God:

When a child of God prays and makes a request to God, he or she should believe sincerely that they are talking to God. When the life of a child is sin-free there are no forces between heaven and hell that can stop God from hearing their prayers. I believe that God hears me when I pray based upon the sin free life that He gave me. If God did not want to hear my prayers He would not have saved me from sin. Only sin can prevent your prayers from reaching God.

I know that God is understanding and has a sympathetic concern for my request. My faith stands upon the strength of God's word that promises me that He will hear my prayers if I obey Him. I believe that God will grant my request in His

own way and time according to the faith that I have.

First, I believe that God can do anything; as a result of this belief, I pray asking God in harmony with my belief. I don't allow my prayers to be presented to God without my faith being coupled with my request. I never feel that God can be burdened with my request, or that I could be in such bad condition that it would be too costly for God to do anything to help me.

I understand that God has first call on everything in His creation, and that an obedient servant is His person of interest. So I don't pray with doubt or reluctance; but with faith and confidence that my obedience and faith will allow the Holy Spirit to make intercessions to God for my request.

Subject: The Eyes Of The Lord Are Over The Righteous:

When you are born again and pray to God, an operation is set in motion through your prayers to God that is not too much trouble for God. You don't want your prayers to be a false alarm, because you are praying with doubt. God has no delight in a person who is sending such a prayer. Without faith your prayer is an unjustified attempt to reach God. God immediately recognizes a prayer of mockery, and He takes no pleasure in responding to fools.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are open to their cry. Whenever you go to God for anything, you must consider that He sees your heart and knows your intents. Your good conduct and obedience to God, should be as serious as your prayer request. You should desire for God to answer your prayer so much that it is seen in your efforts and desires to obey God's commandments. Your belief that God will answer your prayer should be seen by the way you keep His commandments. When you believe that God will answer your prayers you should be ready to receive your request when your petitions are submitted.

Subject: Children Must Be Taught The Reality Of God By Means Of Prayer:

If we fail to teach our children to acquire a line of communication with God; then the next generation will be doomed. There is only one hope for our children and that is God. Unless we with fervent spirits exhort our children to know God

and keep His commandments, chaos will be upon us sooner than we think.

Children should be taught to pray anywhere, in schools, at home, as well as in a church with the correct teaching of salvation. The purpose should be to teach a child to pray and honor the Almighty God, and to realize that in Him he or she will have a parent who notes even the sparrow that falls. We cannot be too fervent in the spirit of striving to get the child to know God. As a child grows into adulthood and is not trained in the way of the Lord, the child will be taught by the world contrary to God's will.

The devil is smarter and wiser than all the Supreme Court judges and rulers of this world. The devil has raised an issue that is causing little children to wonder whether it is right or wrong to pray when prayer was removed from the public schools of America. The devil is a ruler of darkness. We must teach children in the light of righteousness so that the devil will not keep them ignorant to the reality of God. When children are not taught to pray, they will not know that there is a God in heaven that can help them during a time of trouble.

Subject: The Walk Of Faith:

To have faith in God is to put your trust in God. You can only have faith in God when you know the word of God. You must have faith in your belief, or confidence that God will do that which He has promised to do. You can only know God's promises when you know the word of God. Along with your knowledge of the word of God, you must also live a holy life. Having knowledge without living a righteous life is of no profit.

When you are living a holy life, you will be directed through life by the Holy Spirit. You will learn to depend upon the Holy Spirit for guidance and directions through life. Your faith will be given by the Holy Spirit. Your knowledge and faith will assure you that there are no limitations to the power of the Holy Spirit, and that nothing will be able to prevent your stand with God.

Your movements through life will be absolutely dependent upon the Lord leading you. You will develop confidence that unlimited power is at your assistance. As a child of God you will know that God is real, and He will not leave you. You will receive showers of blessings to strengthen your faith. This will give you full assurance that there is a God in heaven that has occupied your life on earth.

Subject: Faith From Heaven Gives Power To Faith On Earth:

There is unlimited power from heaven to overcome any problem on earth. All things are possible with God when faith is with a request. Those who believe the word of God have extra powers of perception to see the unlimited ability to accomplish what their faith will allow. The word of God has a deeper meaning to believers, and many blessings will be made available by their faith.

Faith or power comes from heaven to the faith of those on earth. Faith or power from heaven fulfills the faith of those on earth when they need heavenly assistance.

Subject: Trust In The Lord:

The way of life of a child of God is a progressively holy life with absolute dependency upon God. The child of God should have faith in God to the extent that he or she will follow God as if they are blind folded with their hands in God's hand. Your hands are in God's hand when you put your trust in Him. Trust means confidence to the extent that difficult conditions of life will not intimidate you.

For this faith to be effective, your religion must exceed simply going to church. Such faith must be the motivating force that influences your entire life. You must trust that God will support and supply your needs when you can't see how He will do it.

When your faith is true it will be revealed in the physical conditions of your life. Though your faith is invisible, it will cause the visible things that you need made available to supply your needs.

Subject: Faith Is A Gift From God:

When you are born again and truly put your trust in Jesus, you will fear no evil. Nothing can intimidate a child of God, because their confidence in God is stabilized by their faith. A child of God does not have false faith. They will know that the God who created the heavens and earth is able to deliver them from any crisis.

The biggest threat that the devil can bring upon a child of God is death, and

Jesus defeated death to redeem all who are saved. A mind with true faith in God is a gift from God, and God will give it to anybody if they ask Him.

Subject: A Child Of God:

As a child of God, you will not worry about things that most people worry about. You will depend trustingly upon God, believing that provisions for life will be provided. You will believe the prayer that you prayed requesting your daily bread will be answered. You will have great confidence that such things will be granted to you based upon your obedience.

You will learn that obedience will be your down payment for things that you pray for. Now your faith does not have to be complicated, but true. Simple, true faith will get God's attention. When you make a prayer request, you must expect God to answer your request, because of your faith. Your expectation of your prayer being answered will be evidence that your faith is true. Your obedience qualifies you to have the expectation of your prayers being answered.

God is always in hearing distance of an obedient child. When you go to God to make a request, you should believe that you are talking to your heavenly Father who has an understanding of your condition. Your confidence should be on the strength of the promises in His word that the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers.

Your understanding of your privilege to pray was given to you by the knowledge in the word of God. God is not one who makes promises, and will not fulfill His promises. God will keep His word if we keep His commandments. You must know that whatever can be done to assist, and bless you when you call upon God in faith, that He will do it, if you believe.

The fact that we pray and come to God shows that we have a degree of faith, but this is not enough, our faith in God should be based upon our knowledge that God has unlimited power, and can do anything that we ask. We must have a strong, conclusive, unalterable conviction that our prayers are being immediately received by God. We must not feel for one moment that God can be burdened by our request, or that we could be in such bad condition that it would be too costly for God to do anything to help us.

Your faith must be definite to obtain what you want. You should believe when you come to God that He is a rewarder of those who are obedient and diligently seek Him. You must go to God with knowledge of the scriptures that teach God is a reality to those who trust and obey Him. You don't ever want your

prayer request to be an unjustified claim. Though God would immediately recognize a prayer of mockery, He would take no pleasure in a fool.

Whenever you go to God for anything, you must consider that He sees your heart and knows the intent of your mind. You cannot hide a doubtful, unbelieving heart from God. If it is unbecoming, God will see it and will withhold whatever consideration He might have reserved for you.

God's promise that He will do anything you ask if you keep His commandments is quite assuring to all who trust Him and are identified as His children. Therefore, we should believe that God will do anything we ask, and keep His commandments and stand ready to exercise our rights as His children whenever a situation occurs that would make it necessary for us to ask.

Subject: God Sanctifies His Church Unto Himself:

When you are in sin, you may be worshiping in an assembly with excitement of singing, shouting, preaching, and speaking in unknown tongues. However, according to the scriptures, there is no God of heaven present in such assemblies. God is not a part of any assemblies that are desecrated by sin. When God is present, He will sanctify the worshipers wholly in both spirit, soul and body.

The scriptures give a confirmation of when God is in an assembly. God sanctifies the church unto Himself. Listen to Ephesians 5:27:

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: Daniel Was Sincere In Worshiping God:

In the book of (Daniel 6:10) it gives a detailed description of how Daniel worshiped God. You might notice that Daniel was not attending some assembly with other worshipers. Daniel was so sincere in his worship services that he did not worship with anybody who was less sincere.

Verse 10 - Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

It is better to worship God by yourself than to worship with sinners and hypocrites. The scriptures give a detailed description of how Daniel worshiped God, and how he was delivered out of the lions' den.

Subject: Jesus Is Our Example:

God sent Jesus to the earth to be an example to the world of how we could live without committing sin. Jesus never sinned, neither did words of deceit come from the gospel that He taught. When a person accepts Jesus' teaching, power comes with His teaching that will enable the person to live a life in this present world that is sin-free. Anybody who wants to be saved can come boldly to the throne of grace. Listen to Hebrews 4:16:

Verse 16 - Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Whenever we are tempted and tried, we have an invitation to go boldly to the throne of grace to find help. Jesus was tempted as we are, and yet without sin. When you acquire the mind to be a true witness for Jesus' teaching, God will give you the Holy Ghost as evidence of your good intentions.

Subject: Righteousness Has More Power Than The Forces Of Evil:

If you are born again, you are going to have test, trials and trouble. God has on record the experiences of a man that is greater than any saved person have ever experienced. The record of Job's life is in the Bible showing that God stood by

and watched over Job, because Job was a righteous man. Job's life gives a detail description of why God stood by him during his trials.

The most important ingredient for being delivered from your test and trials is a righteous life. The devil will put all the pressure that he can on a righteous person to make them sin when they are going through a test, but the righteous person must sin by choice, because no pressure from the devil can make a righteous person sin. The power to live a righteous life comes from God, and no forces of evil from the devil can make a person commit sin when the power of God is working in the person's life.

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

Subject: There Are No Limitations On How Wicked Sin Can Make A Person:

God has always been interested in His creation and His planet called the earth. After Adam fell, God put angels at the gate of the Garden of Eden to keep Adam from the tree of life so that he would not eat of the tree and live forever in sin. This was because when a person grows old in sin, they will get worse. Unless there is some redeeming power to take a person out of sin, there will be no limitations on how wicked sin will make the person.

As the centuries went on, God's love and mercy caused Him to arrange a plan to redeem man from sin, which would also remove the penalty of death from man. The plan was implemented by Christ. In Christ man does not die, he simply falls asleep if he gives his life to Christ. Today, if a person serves God properly, the Lord will bless the person. God has promised that one day you will not only enjoy a new earth, but you will also enjoy heaven.

Job was blessed by God, and that displeased the devil. Satan began to persecute Job after he got permission from God. The devil used Job's wife to try to get Job to disrespect God, but Job responded to her as being a foolish woman. He said the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, and blessed be the name of the Lord. However, in Job's heart he wondered why a good man had to suffer, therefore, Job contended with the Lord. Listen to Job 40:1-2:

Verse 1 - Moreover the Lord answered Job, and said,

Verse 2 - Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.

God does not upbraid you if you ask Him questions while you are being tried. In time, God will give you a reasonable answer to explain why you are being tried. When a righteous person finds that they are overstepping their bounds by asking questions about their test, they should very quickly retreat to humility, and God will give them an understanding of why a test of their faith is necessary.

Subject: Wait On A Change To Come:

Now when trouble and problems of life are going against you, you should not fear, but wait on a change to come if you have obeyed God. If you have not obeyed God, you are not on God's program for Him to cause a change to come. God will cause a change to come for an obedient person just as He can cause the weather to change.

God is able to help you and bless you to bring to pass what you desire. When God saw that the world was in trouble, He prepared a body for His word and sent it down to the earth to deliver the world from the trouble that sin brought upon the world. Though many have not accepted God's offer of deliverance, the offer is still available.

Jesus, who was the word of God in human form, demonstrated and confirmed the words of the prophets concerning His advent. Jesus gave His life to redeem the world from the trouble that sin had caused. God through Jesus began to make known to the nations of the earth what should take place, and what should be the results of their knowledge and understanding of the truth.

Subject: God Is A Shield And Buckler For The Righteous:

Satan was able to go to God and have God give him permission to bring a catastrophe upon Job that no one has ever experienced under the hand of Satan. Today we can look back on the record in the scriptures so that when we have a test

or trials and see how God stood by and watched over Job because Job was a righteous man.

Now the devil can persecute and work on a wicked person without restraint, but when he works on a righteous person, God restrains the devil, and will not allow the devil to do any more than a righteous person can bear. This is because God is a shield and buckler for the righteous person. Nevertheless, God is willing to allow Satan to try a righteous person to prove to the righteous person that they might know that God's power is greater in the righteous person than the pressure that Satan brings on the person.

A child of God will never look for relief from a test by retreating to a life of sin. He or she will see the spiritual hand of God extended toward them and will be convinced that though they are going through a test, they will come out all right in the end. Their faith will give them victory.

Subject: Is It Possible To Be Perfect?

There is no question about it; humans are subject to make mistakes. This happens because of the flesh, which makes so many demands upon you that you cannot gratify the flesh without committing sin. When the flesh is pampered, it absorbs all the strength in you that the good part of your nature would not be able to control your actions. When the strength of the good in you is overwhelmed by the lust of the flesh, you will become so exhausted that you will not be able to see or hear when your conscience is sounding an alarm. So, you make mistakes.

On the other hand, if you have been filled with the Holy Spirit, and the good of God maintains its position of control in spite of the yearnings of the flesh, you will be able to deny the flesh such appetites of the flesh within due bounds of good behavior. The result will be that you, though a human being, will quickly measure unto the stature of the fullness of Christ. Consequently, you will be perfect even as your Father, which is in heaven is perfect.

Subject: You Can Be Perfect:

Jesus teaches in St. Matthew to, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect". Most people who are members of different churches will not even try to be perfect. They have accepted the idea that it is

impossible, therefore, they will not try to be perfect. They are very complacent living with the spirit of error. The truth is that when there is no effort put towards being perfect by a person, neither will they receive any assistance from the Holy Spirit to be perfect. When perfection is not being a part of the efforts to be saved, neither is salvation given by God.

Subject: The Power Of Perfection:

Many people, knowing how weak and faulty a human being is, reject the teachings of the scriptures referring to perfection. They will stand on the belief that nobody can be perfect. There are statements in the Bible that support their misunderstandings. Though the scriptures teach that all have sinned, this statement does not mean that those who have sinned cannot become sinless.

Such passages of scripture mean that man has the nature to sin and that he cannot of himself overcome his sinful nature. When a person is perfect, it is the goodness of God that is in the person. Humans have no qualities of holiness, goodness, or righteousness unless it is given to them by God. It is the Spirit of God that imparts qualities of perfection in a person.

In order for a man or woman to be perfect, he or she must first have a desire to be perfect. Such a desire is not in those who have been taught that you cannot be perfect. God does not honor an attitude of doubt and unbelief. You must first get the mind to be perfect, and afterward, the power of perfection will come into your life by the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Humility:

You can only follow Christ in the spirit of humility. Jesus taught His disciples, if I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, then you should not be so exalted that you cannot wash one another's feet. The path to follow Christ is that of humility. When you are born again, the Spirit of God will lift up a standard of humility. It was the same Spirit that allowed Jesus to go to the cross as the Lamb of God, and not call on the forces of heaven to deliver Him.

The program for salvation has been fixed by God so that only a humble person can follow it. When Jesus was faced with the mob in the Garden of

Gethsemane before His crucifixion, He asked God to remove the bitter cup. After He received no answer from God, He went back and prayed again, and this time He received an answer, and He looked up to heaven and said, not my will, Father, but Thine will be done. Afterward the Holy Spirit overshadowed Him, and He arose with power and went to the cross.

Subject: Intelligence And Humility:

You can be intelligent and not be smart. To be intelligent is to exercise the gift of knowledge that God has given you. Intelligence can be used with humility, but to be smart means to be conceited, or one who thinks that he or she knows everything, but they know very little.

You can be intelligent with the ability to accomplish things, and give the credit to God who gave you the gift to do so. This is when intelligence is inclusive with humility. Smartness will eventually disappoint you and cause failure, but humility and intelligence will give you success.

Subject: Divisions Started During Moses' Day:

When Moses was leading the children of Israel into the land of Canaan there was a fellow among the children of Israel named Korah. Korah was a son of Levi, and had been given the position to serve around the tabernacle. Korah arose and led the people against Moses and Aaron, and told the people that Moses and Aaron took too much upon themselves. The people then began to murmur (Numbers 16:11). Even today people are always looking for another leader especially when they have one that won't cater to their ambitions. People like to choose their own leaders in spite of whom God sends.

This is the reason we have so many churches today allowing false preachers to appease the desires of the people by preaching what they want to hear rather than a message from God. Moses was giving the messages from God; that is how we have knowledge of right and wrong. The law that God gave Moses taught the world the basic principles of right and wrong. We would not know that adultery was wrong had Moses not presented such knowledge to the world in the law. Now Korah had absolutely nothing to offer the people but divisions and confusion;

much like many churches are experiencing today because of false leadership.

Subject: Ignorance Of The Reality Of God Is Dangerous:

The Pharaoh of Egypt wondered who the God of Moses was. When you don't know about God, it will be good to let somebody who does know teach you; otherwise your lack of knowledge of God will not be good for you.

The Pharaoh did not know anything about the God of the Israelites, so when Moses began to work miracles, the Pharaoh thought that it was tricks as he had seen magicians do. It was the Pharaoh's lack of knowledge of God that caused him to lose his first-born son, and his army to be destroyed in the Red Sea.

Ignorance of God is a dangerous thing that causes the devil to make a fool out of you. If the Pharaoh had believed that the power of God was in Moses's rod, it would have saved his first born son and his army. Today you are saved by your belief in God. Your faith in God protects you from being a victim of deceit and ignorance.

Subject: There Are People In Churches Today Who Would Love To Follow The Spirit Of Korah:

People are always ready to accept a spirit that will give them freedom in churches to live like they want to live. When people are free from a spirit of order and are in disorder, you will have trouble. It is difficult to correct church folk who are set on what they want to do. Such people will want to establish their own ways of worshiping whether it be according to scriptures or not.

The people had concluded in their minds during Moses day that they would have more freedom under Korah's leadership, and were ready to follow Korah rather than to continue with Moses. Korah didn't have laws to follow; this allowed the people to commit adultery, fornication, lie, steal, get drunk and fight among themselves with no law to restrict or punish them.

Many people are the same way today in churches. They prefer a leader that would not preach against, nor restrict them from sinful practices just as the people who wanted to follow Korah.

Subject: Survivors Of Korah's Rebellion:

About 250 people followed Korah during his rebellion against the leadership of Moses. Moses said to Korah and his 250 relatives of the sons of Levi, you are not rebelling against me, but against God and if He will let it be, I shall be satisfied, but God will make it known to you (Numbers 16:5).

When the followers of Korah came out with their fire and incense, God instructed Moses to tell the people to get away from around the followers of Korah. Some did leave, but others stood boldly around the followers of Korah, and the earth opened, and they went down, and the earth closed over them (Numbers 16:32). A haughty spirit goes before a fall.

The next day the children of Israel began to murmur and complain about what happened to the followers of Korah, and God sent a plague among them. When the plague started, Moses told Aaron to light his incense and ask God to save them. When he did, the plague stopped after about 14,700 were dead. These people were high in their spirits against Moses before God stepped in. Those that survived learned that it was not Moses that the rebellion was against, but God.

Subject: From Whence Come Wars And Fightings Among You?

The devil came from heaven by means of rejection, because he started a war in heaven. Whenever a nation or head of a nation starts a war, God will reject them and not let them into heaven. To start wars means that those who start wars are under the influence of the devil. Listen to Revelations 12:7-9:

Verse 7 - And there was war in heaven: Mi'-cha-el and his angels fought against the dragon: and the dragon fought and his angels.

Verse 8 - And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

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

angels were cast out with him.

Satan and the angels that followed him to start a war in heaven were cast out, and will never have a chance to be redeemed. The grace of God will not be extended to those who started war in heaven. Repentance will not be an option for them.

If leaders on earth repent of their evil acts of war, they can receive grace and be saved. However, the devil and his angels cannot be saved, because they were created under grace, and they rejected the love of God. Wars on earth are started under the influence of the spirit of Satan. Satan was the creator of wars. In heaven, Satan had to deal with Michael who was the captain of the Lord's host. Michael was created by God to be superior to all forces of evil.

Today if you are saved, no evil forces of Satan can overcome your stand with God, because Michael and his angels are there to protect you. Michael was mighty in power and great in strength. So Michael and his angels confronted the devil, and his angels, and though the devil fought to overwhelm them, the devil lost the war in heaven.

After Satan and his angels were cast out of heaven, the peace of God restored tranquility in heaven, but there is no peace for the inhabitants of the earth. Because of Satan's failure to get victory in heaven, his anger caused him to keep men fighting wars on earth.



CHAPTER 9

SALVATION: SPECIAL TOPICS

Subject: Are We Truly One Nation Under God?

The Constitution and laws of a nation must be composed around the principles taught in the word of God. If a nation is to continue to stand as one nation under God, then the Constitution of that nation cannot be above what the scriptures teach. God must be honored above all.

The scriptures teach against homosexuality, and if the laws of a nation are implemented by the Supreme Court to legalize homosexuality, then such a nation will be under the condemnation of the law of God. When a nation is under the condemnation of the law of God, then the future of that nation could very well be in the same category of Sodom and Gomorrah. What God says to one nation, He says to all nations. America cannot be one nation under God and compose laws that are contrary to the teachings of God's word.

Subject: Songs Of Deliverance:

Music carries power. When songs of deliverance were sung by the slaves of America, such as, "Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home", the slaves trusted God and believed that He would not allow them to be slaves much longer. Their songs moved God who raised up an emancipator for their deliverance.

When there was no military or warriors among the slaves to deliver them, God turned the northern white brothers against the southern white brothers and the slaves walked free. The power of God is unimaginable. God can do anything. God gave victory to the union soldiers, because they were fighting for those who could not deliver themselves.

It is the will of God that the people of the earth be free from any kind of bondage including the bondage of sin. If God could deliver the slaves from bondage, He can surely deliver us from the bondage of sin.

Songs of deliverance carry a lot of power. When you have problems today and lift your head to heaven, and ask God to help you, God will deliver you if your faith and obedience are inclusive with your songs. There is a song for every problem. The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir is an amazing group. If you listen to their songs of deliverance it will have an effect upon your life.

When music comes from a pure heart, it will carry power of deliverance. The Holy Spirit will be with such music. If you obey God's word you can sing

hell and the devil out of your life. The devil cannot hang around where the Holy Ghost is presenting songs of deliverance. A song that is sung by an obedient person will be received by God as a prayer. There is joy and blessings incorporated with songs of deliverance.

Now your songs must be presented with praises to God. There are many who think they have joy singing jazz and other songs set to rhythms that appeal to their emotions. You can get excited with worldly music from rock concerts, and receive a divorce the same year. This is because such music gives false joy that will have no positive effect upon your life. Lasting joy comes to the pure in heart who sing praises to God. When your songs begin to praise God, He causes your spirit to be lifted, and the problems of your life will be solved.

Subject: The Independence Of A Woman Causes Her To Be More Helpful:

God does not give a man the ability to do everything for himself. One of the greatest blessings from God is to have God to give you a person to help you. In many situations, your help from God will be by means of other people helping you. God is wise enough to know what will help man and what would harm man.

Whatever is harmful, God will warn man against. Man's disobedience to God's warning can cause death. There is no other means of assistance and comfort that can be given to man than a woman to help him. The help that the woman gives a man was broadened after they were driven from the Garden of Eden, and has been profitable now that the woman has been given unlimited independence. The more a woman has been liberated causes the woman to be more helpful.

Subject: Marriage Was For The Purpose Of Social Order:

God created the animals on earth before He created man. Though man was created after the animals, God gave man a higher social order than He gave the animals. Man has more intelligence, and is expected to conduct himself in a more civilized manner than animals.

The institution of marriage was given to men and women that they might take on the responsibility of perpetuating the human race. Animals don't marry

neither can they make a distinction between one mate from another. Marriage was established to give men and women a social order so that society will be in a more civilized state.

Subject: The Hope Of A Nation:

The hope of a nation depends upon the birth of a child. The conception and proper care for a child determines the future of a child. Gifts are prepared by God to be presented to the world by means of a child before the child is conceived. If Thomas Edison had been aborted before his birth, we would not have the light bulb. Man cannot figure out how to invent things that will be for the benefit of the world; such inventions must be given to the world as a gift by means of a child. The gift must be prepared by God before the child is conceived.

We do not know if an abortion has prevented the birth of a child that God had prepared knowledge for to cure cancer or heart disease. Children are a reward to the world and along with the reward, gifts are given to the world. Listen to Psalm 127:3:

Verse 3 - Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

A child lives before it is born. Its life starts at the moment of conception. God can place gifts into the mind of an unborn child, and as the child grows and develops, so does the knowledge of the child's gift.

Subject: Follow Your Gift:

God assigns gifts for everyone before they are born to accomplish purposes in life. God gives the individual power, wisdom, understanding and the opportunity to develop and exercise their gift to the glory of God, and for the benefit of mankind, whether they are saved or not saved.

Gifts are given by God without repentance. If the person continues in the field that they are given a gift to work in, they will be successful in life. When you work in the channel that God ordained that your gift should be used in, you will succeed. However, if you get out of your field and try to work in another field that is not related to your gift, you will not be successful.

Subject: The Fool:

Judas Iscariot loved money; therefore, he went out and made a bargain with the chief priest and elders to betray Jesus. Money can court you just like a man or a woman. Money is a lover that entices people to fall in love with it. Money is very smart and it knows how to seduce you. Money leads you through life by means of your emotions. If you are covetous, you will have no power to control your love for money.

Judas never thought that Jesus would really be crucified, because money can make you believe a lie. It is difficult to believe the word of God when you love something more than you love God. Money can create a wall of partition between you and God. Money made Judas believe that he could profit by betraying Christ.

Jesus offered the greatest and most valuable gift to the world that has ever been offered, which is eternal life, and Judas rejected the offer for thirty pieces of silver. Money made a fool out of Judas.

Subject: Unknown Tongues: The Day Of Pentecost (Acts 2nd Chapter):

It takes time to prove that you are holy. On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost was given, those who were present began to speak with other tongues; not unknown tongues. Everyone who was gathered there heard the gospel in their own tongue or native language. The question was asked of how was it that those who were gathered there could hear the gospel in their own tongue or language? It was concluded that this was the wonderful work of God.

God chose to perform miracles and wonders on the day of Pentecost because there were devout men out of every nation gathered there in Jerusalem for the feast of the Pentecost. There were religious people from all parts of the world gathered there for the celebration, just as people gather here on July 4th in different places for celebrations. God saw fit on the day of Pentecost to instruct the disciples to go to Jerusalem and tarry there until they received power from on high, that they should receive the Holy Ghost.

It pleased God on that day to send the Holy Spirit, so that the gospel of His resurrection and His power might be known, and spread throughout the world. So on that day, His Spirit was sent down to the earth. When the Holy Spirit had been sent down, many had been in hiding because of the persecution that the followers

of Christ were receiving. So when the Spirit was sent down, they came out of hiding and preached the gospel with boldness. Those who had come from other nations heard it and were filled with the Holy Spirit.

They heard that Jesus had been crucified, and raised from the dead by the power of God, and that God had sent that power upon them and the words that they heard were in their own tongue or language. They knew that the apostles were unlearned men, so they concluded that this was a gift from God. Therefore, when they heard the things that were done, they were convinced that it was the works of God. So, they asked the apostles what they could do to be saved. The apostles told them to repent and be baptized for the remission of sin, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

They were told that they would receive the same power that the apostles had received so that they could be witnesses in Judea, Jerusalem, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. So, after the Holy Ghost was given, the churches that were established began to seek for the Holy Ghost. The Lord never told the people to seek after the Holy Ghost. He said after you obey the gospel it will come. So while seeking after the Holy Ghost, they began to utter trying to acquire the Holy Ghost by utterances. Such utterances caused many church folk to believe that they had the Holy Ghost by means of their utterances, which cause the unknown tongue sects to be developed.

This resulted to the devil getting into the unknown tongue sects, and the devil gave such sect worshipers an illusion. When the word of God does not show people the works of Holy Spirit, their illusions will develop into delusions. When folk get religious delusions, there is not much of a chance for them to be saved. A language is different from vain and meaningless utterances. A language can be interpreted because it carries civilized messages. God sends the Holy Spirit to convey messages to the people in a known tongue or language that has a meaning.

The apostle Paul said that he would rather speak five words in the church that could be understood than ten thousand that could not be understood. He further taught that when you make sounds that are uncertain, you are like a trumpet that is making an uncertain sound, and those who are prepared for battle waiting for the trumpet to give the orders will not know what to do.

Paul said that if an unlearned person came into the church and the members are speaking in unknown tongues, they will say that you are mad. Tongues are only meaningful and acceptable when it is a known language. The Bible teaches that if any speak in tongues let them be interpreted. The Spirit of God is only using a person to speak when they are giving a testimony in a known language.

CHAPTER 10

GOD SENT PREACHERS VERSUS FALSE PREACHERS

GOD SENT PREACHERS

Subject: The Living Word Of God:

You get the Spirit of God from the preacher who is filled with the Spirit by receiving the word of God that he preaches. A Holy Ghost filled preacher lives by the power in the word of God. Such a preacher is a carrier of the word of God. The word of God in the preacher's life causes him to act. Whenever you see such a preacher you will see the word of God, which is the man himself. He is the living word of God.

Just as God is known through His word, so are those who live according to the knowledge that the word of God teaches. As the man of God preaches the word, so will he live by the word. Those who know the man of God will know that he is a living epistle. The life and hope of those who are born again will be by the promise of the word.

When you are born again living by the word of God, you are no longer a product of your parents, but a product of God. When you believe the word of God, it will change the course of nature in your life. You will then be a living witness that the word of God can keep you living above sin. You will acquire confidence in this principle by the example that God gave to the world in Christ.

Subject: The Church That Christ Built:

When Jesus was speaking to the Samaritan woman in (St. John 4:23) He saw that she was very much concerned about where she should worship. There are many today who have the same concern. It is difficult to recognize the church that Christ built, because man has built so many churches to distract people from God's church.

The church that Christ built is the light of the world that will lead people to the truth, and the way that they will know they have found the truth is because it will make them free from sin. In the church that Christ built the Spirit of God is the only Spirit that exists in it as the administrator.

In many churches of today the corrupt practices of the world have entered. You will find adultery, fornication, politics, entertainment, greed and

commercializing. These same practices take place in the world. A church is not clean when the members are not clean. To be a product of the church that Christ established is to be a saint. A saint is a holy person that is sanctified from the sinful practices and ways of the world.

Subject: Hear The Warnings From God:

God will always send somebody to warn the people of the coming events before it happens. Such messengers are called prophets. God is very fair in letting the people know ahead of time when He is going to send destruction upon the earth. Prophets of times past were used by God to warn and make the people know that if they went a certain way, the end of that way would be death.

Destruction to the earth is set in motion by God; but God will give warning to the people of how they can avoid it in plenty of time. During the time of Noah before the floods, God gave the warning of the floods for one hundred and twenty years before it happened.

God sends His Spirit upon His prophets by the fulness of His power to send a message to the people so that the people will be sure to hear it. If your pastor does not give you warnings from God concerning your sins, such a pastor is a false preacher that is not sent by God. A God sent pastor will give warnings to the people to repent of their sins informing them that destruction will come to those who disobey the commandments of God.

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

The word of God prophesies of events that will overtake the people of the world who try to conduct the affairs of the world without recognizing God. Isaiah 24:17 reads as follows:

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

In (II Samuel 23:1-3) it teaches “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 like the rulers are. We can see this coming pass in Egypt today. When rulers and the people fall beneath a standard of righteousness, their only hope is that God will send a preacher, prophet or holy man to warn them.

The reaction from God will be to start a house cleaning for such a nation, and punish the rulers for their wickedness and the people for following them into wickedness. The preacher should be in constant personal contact with the people of the community. He should know their relationship with God, and when their conduct and attitude is not acceptable to God, he should be there to inform them.

As long as the preacher can keep the people of a nation faithful to the teachings of God's word and their families clean and holy, then the nation will be acceptable and pleasing to God which will result to God giving them a good leader that will be for the best interest of the nation. If the people are not acceptable to God, then the nation will have leaders like Egypt and other countries in the Arab world that are experiencing chaos.

FALSE PREACHERS:

Subject: Evaluate Your Pastor According To The Scriptures:

A preacher who does not teach against fornication and adultery is likely to commit such sins himself. Such preachers have a form of godliness that they will preach, sing and conduct church services; but when it comes to living according to the teachings of the scriptures they will deny the power of God. Listen to II Timothy 3:5-7:

Verse 5 - Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Verse 6 - For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

Verse 7 - Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Having a form of godliness does not have to be a true reflection of God. A form of godliness can be a show to entice, entertain, excite and deceive the people. Such preachers will flatter silly women to excite and to stimulate their interest. Their interest will not be in God, nor to acquire salvation, but their interest will be in the preacher. Such preachers are false prophets sent by Satan to divert the people from the teaching of the true gospel.

Subject: Do Not Believe A Lie:

You have to be careful when you hear a lie being told. A lie is darkness. If you believe and follow a lie it will lead you into an unknown direction. You will not know where you are going when you follow a lie. If a preacher teaches you that you can be saved and a sinner at the same time, he is telling you a lie, and if you follow such a lie, it will lead you to hell.

A lie is darkness. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the truth that will lead you to heaven. The word of God teaches you what will come to pass for your best benefit if you obey it. A lie will disappoint you. A lie is deceiving and was put into the world by the devil. The devil told the first woman (Eve) that she would be as wise as God if she ate of the forbidden fruit, but today she is dead. The devil is a liar, and the father of liars. Those who believe lies are his children.

Subject: A False Disciple:

When a preacher fails to preach to you that you can live above sin, he is a false witness. Such a preacher is not preaching what the scriptures teach. The scriptures are the only source of information that teach how to be saved. I John 3:8 teaches “He that committeth sin is of the devil.” When a preacher fails to bring this scripture to your attention he is a minister of Satan. Listen to II Corinthians 11:13-14:

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

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

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

A minister of Satan does not come around you telling you that he is working for the devil. His purpose is to make you think he is your friend. Never depend on a preacher to guide you right; learn the scriptures and follow the word of God. The scriptures will expose false preachers.

Subject: Are You Familiar With Duck Hunting?

Duck hunters use decoys to attract live ducks. The decoys are made of wood that are shaped like ducks. When the hunters go to the location where they are

going to hunt, they set-up the decoys which are dummies. They are placed in the water around the shore lines, and when the water becomes wavy it causes the decoys to move as if they are real ducks, but they are only dummies. The ducks that are flying over the sight where the decoys are placed get the impression that they are real ducks who are feeding in the water. So the real ducks will come down to feed also.

Now the hunter is camouflaged in a little duck blind that he has built in the water where the decoys are placed. The hunter goes to the sight in a little boat, and he watches the ducks fly down that have been deceived by the decoys; as the ducks fly down, the hunter makes noise like a duck.

In churches of today the devil has many decoy ducks that make noise like the Spirit of God has come down. However, unless they are truly born again and are living free from sin, they are decoys that are being used to attract other people just like the ducks are used to attract living ducks to come down so the hunters can make a killing.

Today false preachers are making a killing using decoys to deceive the people. The people in the churches who are not saved are like dummies being used to attract other people. False preachers only set up programs for their own personal gain and does not minister for the people to be saved from sin.

Subject: The Correct Teaching Is To Be Saved From Sin:

Any religious knowledge that a preacher is administering to the people that does not give instructions on being delivered from sin is wisdom from the devil. When such preachers get big salaries and lucrative benefits from the people they are ministers of Satan.

Jesus encountered such ministers during His day and He said they loved to be called Master or Rabbi in the market places. Today they love to be saluted as Reverend or Doctor so and so. Jesus further taught in (Matthew 23:15) that they will compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, he will make him twofold more the child of hell than themselves.

Subject: The Church:

The hope for the people of the world is for the church to turn on the light of righteousness so that people can see what is acceptable to God. Atheists, sinners and unbelievers are destroying the chances for people to be saved with distorted and perfected impressions of God. They have infiltrated the church with false teachings and erroneous doctrines of religion that mislead and divert people from the truth.

The church was initially established by God as a body of believers in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Due to the fact that the church has departed so far from the teachings of Christ, the people have not been able to get to know the Lord and acquire an understanding of what is required to be saved.

Some churches have made the people familiar with the righteousness of Christ; but they are not practicing nor living by it. If you ever want to make a person angry, tell the person what they are required to obey, and not obey yourself. Such people will eventually resent what you are teaching. This is the attitude of people towards the church today.

Subject: Is Your Church A Show For Entertainment?

You have to be knowledgeable and careful as to which church you go to. Many churches have become a show for entertainment and excitement. They compete with theaters in the world. Many who go to such churches have no understanding about the plan of salvation, and why Jesus was sent to the earth. The love of God is expressed through Jesus Christ who came to save us from our sins. Those who have the Spirit of God in their hearts are anxious that others might learn about salvation.

When the love of God is not being expressed to the unsaved, then the church does not know the purpose of Jesus' appearance.

Subject: The Gates Of Hell:

A testimony of Jesus Christ that was given by Peter in St. Matthew 16:18 is what the church of God was established upon. Jesus responded to Peter's testimony by saying that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church that Jesus established. The gates of hell are first opened to people on the earth to enter.

The gates of hell are introduced and opened to the people of the earth by means of envy, divisions, strife, confusion, malice, hatred, variance, emulations, contentions, arguments and heresies. If these things are among the members of a church it means that the gates of hell have prevailed against the church. The gates of hell prevails against a church by means of carnality in the people that attend the church. Listen to I Corinthians 3:3:

Verse 3 - For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

Afterword

As we close another volume of “Saved from Sin”, it is hoped that you have been enlightened and educated about God’s plan of salvation for man. If the sermons in this book have spoken to your heart, we encourage you to “seek the Lord while he may be found”, and to “call upon him while he is near”, as the scriptures admonish us.

The period of grace that God is giving people of the earth to repent and to be saved from sin is now available, but will soon end. Will you be ready for the Lord’s return?



