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In 1971, Alonzo had a vision. In this vision, he saw a bright light, and heard a voice speaking to him, telling him to go and help someone. Not understanding the meaning of the vision, Alonzo was troubled. Alonzo often spoke to his wife concerning the vision and indicated to her that he believed he would be required to help people in the future.

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

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

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

this day, Alonzo Kilgore has been a changed man. His entire family can witness to the fact that he has truly been born again”

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

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Foreword

“...Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation”. This is what the word of God teaches us in II Corinthians 6:2. This is the time to be delivered from a life of sinful practices. We are living in the grace age – time provided by God for people everywhere to hear, believe, and obey the word of God through the power of His Spirit.

Elder Alonzo Kilgore is a true Holy Ghost filled teacher and witness of the word of God and God’s plan of salvation. He teaches salvation according to his experiences in Christ over the last 35 years. If you follow the teachings that he gives in this and other volumes of “Saved from Sin”, the word of God will be implanted in your mind. You must be saved according to the knowledge in the scriptures as prepared and presented to your mind by a Holy Ghost sent preacher.

We urge you to read, believe, and put forth an effort to follow sincerely the instructions provided so that you might be prepared for Jesus’ return and the first resurrection.

INTRODUCTION

I Preach Salvation According To The Way That I Experienced It:

Any so-called preacher can preach his own mind and give his personal interpretation of the Bible. The word of God is the mind of Christ. Jesus was the word of God made flesh. If the Holy Spirit doesn't implant the word of God in your mind, you can change your mind, but you can't change the meaning of the word of God. You can decide that adultery is not good today and that it will be okay tomorrow.

God doesn't change His principles of holiness; they will be the same a million years from now. Just as preachers of today have a right to preach what they want in the pulpit, we have a right to obey what we want. I believe that fornication, adultery, and homosexuality are sins because the Bible teaches this. I believe that you can repent of your sins and if you are sincere, God will give you the power of the Holy Spirit to live in this present world and sin no more.

I was given the gift of the Holy Spirit 35 years ago, and I have never practiced sin again. I never use profanity, drink alcoholic beverages, commit adultery, tell lies, nor do I hate my worst enemy. It would be unfair to my listeners if I taught that sin is okay, you can be saved and be a sinner at the same time, just so that I could have a big following. I feel that it is fair to teach salvation in Jesus Christ the way that I have experienced it. If a preacher has not experienced being delivered from the practice of sin, then it is understandable why he wouldn't preach it.

Only Doers Of The Word Are Justified Before God:

If you have been reading the books entitled "Saved from Sin" from Volume I to this present Volume, there is a good chance that the Spirit of God is inspiring you to continue to read this literature. If the Holy Spirit is helping you to read this literature, it is also going to give you the new birth. God does not give us the Holy Spirit to entertain us and waste our time. When the Spirit is dealing with you, it will be for your salvation. You should, at this time be able to comprehend more about the plan of salvation, and apply the basic principles of righteousness to your life.

If the Holy Spirit is not assisting you in reading and understanding this literature, you would not have continued to show interest up to this present volume.

When the Spirit of God is assisting you, by now, you should see a change and a difference, taking place in your life. The Spirit of God will not assist you in merely reading and learning this knowledge unless it is also assisting you in applying it to the way that you live. The Spirit will not lead you into the way of hypocrisy. A hypocrite will learn the knowledge of the word of God and not do what he or she has learned. Listen to St. Matthew 23:1-3:

Verse 1 - Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

Verse 2 - Saying, *The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:*

Verse 3 - *All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.*

To learn the knowledge of salvation and not do according to what you have learned is hypocrisy. When things are difficult to understand you must fast and pray that God will help you. To hear and read the gospel of Jesus Christ will not justify you before God. Those who merely read and hear the gospel are not being assisted by the Holy Spirit, but are motivated by the spirit of hypocrisy. Listen to James 1:22-24:

Verse 22 - But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Verse 23 - For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Verse 24 - For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

You Can Determine Where You Will Spend Eternity:

Just as surely as your life has begun, it will surely end. Most people understand this, but it doesn't have a lot of effect upon where they make plans to

go after they leave. You can determine where you will spend eternity by the decisions you make in this life.

You can't prepare for where you will spend eternity after you die. The sermon that your pastor preaches at your funeral will not determine where you go after you die. Your wealth, fame, prominence, and popularity in this life will have no relevance to where you will spend eternity. Your eternal destiny depends on your relationship with God. We had nothing to do with our arrival in this world, but we will have everything to do with where we spend eternity when we leave. When we were born, we had to be taught about this world, and our environment. God also allowed us to be taught about a heavenly environment that we could live in forever.

We were given this knowledge so that when these mortal bodies end then our minds or souls will live on according to the promise of God, and receive another body in the resurrection like the body, which Jesus had when He came forth from the grave. If you didn't have this knowledge previously, God is using me to inform you now. Listen to Job 14:14: If a man die, shall he live again? This question God is answering for us. The Lord who gave you the life you now possess has given you the promise that if you walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, though you die, you shall live again. Listen to St. John 3:16:

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

Now there are many who don't believe this scripture. They think that all there is to life is to be born, to eat, to drink, and to die, and there is nothing more to your existence. Just as surely as they doubt God, they will never enjoy eternity. God never planned for man to die when He created man. Why would He create man to die? If you don't live again, your present life means nothing to God. It is God's plan for man that if he dies he can live again. Listen to Ecclesiastes 12:6-7:

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

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

Your life was loaned to you by God. The word 'spirit' in this verse refers to your breath that God gave you that your body might live. The Spirit of God gave

you your breath. Your body was given to you by your parents, but the life in your body was given by God's Spirit. When the time for your life span ends on earth, then the breath, life, or spirit of your existence will go back to God who gave it to you. In addition, your body will go back to the dust from which it came. The first man came from the dust, and all who were born after the first man will return to the dust unless they are saved and are alive when Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection.

You Have To Be Made Ready For The Kingdom Of Heaven:

When you are born again, you are saved. You are born again not of the flesh, but of the Spirit. When you are born of the Spirit, you are spiritual; that means you are righteous. When you are righteous, you don't commit sin. The only way you can be unrighteous is when you commit sin.

Sin is the only thing in God's creation that is unrighteous. When you are born of the flesh, you are born with the natural desire to commit sin. To be a sinner is natural just as a cow naturally gives milk. When you are born again, the Spirit of God reverses your natural tendencies; this means the Spirit of God will work the same process in you that it did when it conceived Jesus' birth in a virgin. When Jesus was born of a virgin, nature was reversed by the Spirit of God.

The process of being born again of the Spirit of God is to make you ready for an entry into the kingdom of heaven. Being born again is the first part of this process. The second part will be to receive a new body. When you are born again, you should have received a new mind. Upon Jesus' return, all who have been born again will receive a new body, making them completely qualified to get into the kingdom of heaven. The new body will be a celestial body, made of the substance of the heavens whereas your present body is a terrestrial body, made of the substance of the earth.

In order to acquire a heavenly body, you must first have a heavenly mind while you are on the earth. An earthly mind, which desires to commit sin, is not compatible with a heavenly body. Jesus was sent to the earth to save His people from their sins that they might be completely qualified to live in the kingdom of heaven, and to receive a heavenly mind.

A Fleshly Mind Is The Enemy Of God:

You cannot receive the word of God in a fleshly or carnal mind. A fleshly mind will criticize the word of God and reject the principles of righteousness that it gives. The knowledge of the word of God is not like knowledge you learn in school by using your intelligence. You must have assistance from the Holy Spirit to receive the word of God. This is called an anointing. It is similar to putting oil in your automobile engine to help it operate properly. You receive the anointing when you are born again. When you are born the first time in the flesh and blood body, your conception, and birth are against the holiness of God. Listen to Psalm 51:5:

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

You were shaped in your mother's womb in iniquity, and in sin, your mother conceived you. Your ways will be contrary to God when you are born in sin. You will grow older learning things about life in school, and also learning how to tell lies. This is not your fault, because your conception presents you to the world in this way. However, God is offering us the second birth of the Spirit, which was presented to the world by Jesus to Nicodemus. Now what Jesus is introducing to Nicodemus is being offered to everybody. Listen to St. John 3:7-8, which teaches about the birth of the Spirit:

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

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

The birth of the Spirit is a righteous birth that replaces the birth of flesh, which causes you to sin. The second birth will enable you to obey the teachings of Christ, which will make you a righteous person. Under these conditions, you will not live as a sinner, but as a saint, and at the end of your life on earth, you will reap eternal life in heaven.

The Holy Spirit Can Defeat The Devil's Devices:

You are not right with God unless you are right with your fellow man. Everybody is angry with somebody. Today you will find church folk that are fighting with one another. There is only one enemy and that is the devil. You can only defeat the devil by loving one another.

If we were all against the devil, we would have peace and love. When you are against the devil, you will be against allowing hatred, envy, strife, and malice coming into your life. When God sees that you don't want these things in your life, He will give you the Holy Spirit to help keep them out. After God gives you the Holy Spirit, the devil will come around to try you, but the Spirit will lift up a standard of righteousness in you that is so powerful that the devil will find no place in you.

You can defeat the devil's devices by allowing the Spirit of God to control your life. The Spirit of God will equip you with love, kindness, peace, and longsuffering that is more powerful than hate, envy, malice, and strife.

Heaven Is The Dwelling Place Of God:

Heaven is the dwelling place of God. No darkness is in heaven. Darkness cannot come in the presence of God. When you go to heaven, there will be no night there. You will never have to go to bed again because your new celestial body will never get tired or sleepy. Angels that are presently in heaven never go to sleep. They are continuously doing what they enjoy by the power of God. In heaven, all of the citizens will live an everlasting life by the power of the Holy Spirit, and one day could be as a thousand years.

God is building a new city in heaven that is called the New Jerusalem, which is to be the metropolis of the new world. There will be no night because the presence of God will light the city. God's Spirit will be the powerhouse for heaven, such as electric plants are for cities on the earth today. God sent Jesus to the earth to teach us how to get into this new city. Jesus teaches that you will need the Holy Spirit to get into this city. The Holy Spirit makes you free from sin when you receive the teaching of Jesus' gospel. Listen to Romans 6:22:

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

God is the giver of everlasting life; He holds immortality in His hands. Jesus is the vine by which we can receive everlasting life, and when we receive Him, the Holy Spirit will give us power to be the branches. It is the branches of a vine that bear the fruit. When we are branches of Jesus' vine, we will produce fruit of the Holy Spirit. God is the Husbandman who looks after the branches on the vine. If you have fruit and that fruit is unto holiness, the Husbandman, God, will see to it that you bring forth more fruit. Such fruit will be love, joy, peace, temperance, humility, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, and meekness.

There Are Two Births And Two Resurrections (St. John 5:28-29) :

There will be two resurrections; one will be for the righteous and the other will be for the unrighteous. You don't become righteous until you are born again (I John 3:9). After you are born again, you will be qualified to be in the first resurrection. Those who are in the first resurrection will go to heaven with Jesus to live with God forever.

When you are a sinner, it means you have not been born again (I Peter 4:18). When you have not been born again, it means you will be in the second resurrection. The second resurrection will take place one-thousand years after the first resurrection. The second resurrection will be eternal damnation in a sea of fire and brimstone where the devil and his angels that followed him in rebellion against God will be (Revelations 20:5-7, 12-15). The first resurrection will take all born again believers to heaven to experience peace, joy, and happiness with God and Jesus forever. The second resurrection will take all sinners to a lake of fire and brimstone to experience misery and torment forever.

Your first birth in a flesh and blood body qualifies you to be in the second resurrection. God sent Jesus to offer us the second birth, which is of His Spirit that will qualify us to be in the first resurrection. The second birth will be given by the power of the Holy Spirit that will change us from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. When you are changed to live a righteous life, you will no longer practice sinful habits, such as adultery, fornication, drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking cigarettes, taking illegal drugs, lying, stealing, being envious, malicious, or having hatred in your heart.

When you are born again, you will live a life of righteousness by allowing love, peace, joy, kindness, temperance, longsuffering, meekness, humility, charity, faith, and goodness to be in your life. Your first birth, which was of the flesh, caused you to live a life of sin. Your first birth was a curse from the devil that was passed down to you from Adam who sinned. Your second birth of the Holy Spirit

was passed down to you from Jesus to lift you from the curse of Adam, simply because your first birth of sin was not your fault. Your first birth only becomes your fault when you choose to remain a sinner after the invitation for the second birth is offered to you by God and you reject the offer.

The Spirit Of God Gives Two Life Sources:

The wind blows where it pleases and you hear the sound of it, but you cannot see it (St. John 3:8). You can only see the effects of the wind blowing that it has on the things around you. So is it also with those who are born of the Spirit of God. When God created Adam (Genesis 2:7), God used His Spirit to put the breath of life in Adam. The first life that Adam received came from God's Spirit. The Spirit of God gave Adam the ability to live in a physical body. Today all human beings have received their first life by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God gave us the breath by which we take in oxygen to live (Ecclesiastes 12:6-7). The Spirit of God works biologically for our physical lives, and it wants to offer us an additional spiritual life for our salvation.

The first life that we received by the Spirit of God was for our physical activities, but the second life that the Spirit of God offers is a process of regeneration so that we can have spiritual functions. This process of regeneration by the Holy Spirit is a renewing of the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5). After Jesus came to save us from our sins, God ordained a new mission for the Holy Ghost to upgrade our lives from the first life source that it gave us to an elevated life source of righteousness that we might be holy and acceptable to God, and redeemed from the curse of Adam to live in God's kingdom forever.

Simeon Was A Faithful Jew Waiting For The Consolation Of Israel Without Hypocrisy:

How can an old man be born again? One thing for sure is that he won't need Viagra. Normally this question would have been very provoking because it was unthinkable that Jesus could have meant this when He was teaching Nicodemus, but it did not provoke Jesus because He knew that Nicodemus was very serious and did not understand (St. John 3:5).

It is your prior erroneous knowledge that keeps you from understanding the knowledge of the word of God. Erroneous knowledge pertaining to religions is

given by the devil, and it is for the purpose of counteracting and rejecting the true knowledge when you hear the truth. Erroneous knowledge cannot save you, but it is very effective in keeping the truth from saving you. If after you have been taught erroneous knowledge of salvation, there must be a point and time in your life when you have decided that your prior erroneous knowledge has not helped you and you are seeking the truth.

Now Nicodemus had been taught the knowledge given from the Law of Moses but it had been taught to him in a deceiving and erroneous way, otherwise he would not have had any problem receiving and understanding the teachings of Jesus Christ. God ordained that all who received the knowledge of the law by Moses would be eventually led to receive the completion of the law, which came by Jesus Christ. Christ was the fulfillment of the law. Some of the Jews of a lower class had no problem receiving Jesus Christ because of their devotion and obedience to the Law of Moses without any hypocrisy. Listen to St. Luke 2:25-30:

Verse 25 - And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

Verse 26 - And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Verse 27 - And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Verse 28 - Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Verse 29 - Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

Verse 30 - For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

Simeon did not need a special lesson to be taught, neither was he confused by previous teachings of the law. Because of Simeon's faithfulness and obedience through the years, the Holy Ghost came upon him and he had no trouble understanding and identifying the Messiah of the Jews. The Jews who had

practiced hypocrisy and self-righteousness along with the teachings of the Law of Moses could not identify the consolation of Israel when it came in Jesus Christ.



CHAPTER I

JESUS' RETURN IS NEAR:

Subject: Are you Ready To Receive Jesus?

Salvation is free. Jesus paid the price for us to be saved, and all we have to do is to receive Jesus Christ. We receive Jesus when we obey His gospel. Salvation means to be delivered from sin, which will deliver us from death. If you acquire salvation, the death of the physical body will simply be a rest. Salvation will deliver us from the second death, which is eternal torment.

When you have salvation in Jesus Christ, you will live again. When Jesus returns the second time He will resurrect those who are saved from their rest, and those who are saved and alive will meet them to be greeted by Jesus and taken to heaven to meet God. When you acquire salvation in Christ, you will be in this group.

When you are saved, you are born again and this will give you the motivation to look for Jesus when He returns. Folk who are not saved will not look for Jesus when He returns; they will look for a place to hide because of their sins. Sin causes you to be ashamed before Jesus, and you will not be able to face Him when He appears.

Prior to Adam's sin, he would meet God everyday to have fellowship with God in the Garden of Eden, but after his sin, he could not face God. Listen to Genesis 3:8:

Verse 8 - And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

Some may feel that it is okay to go to church to worship with sin in their lives. However, when Jesus returns, their sins will make them ashamed to receive Jesus.

Subject: Are You Living In A Holy Place?

You can only be ready to receive Jesus when He returns when you are standing in the holy place. God put Adam and Eve in a holy place, which was the Garden of Eden. When they disobeyed God's commandment, they lost their holy place. When they lost their holy place, they were no longer in the presence of God. A holy place is the presence of God. You are only living in the presence of God when you obey His commandments. When you are not in the holy place, you are

in the shadow of evil. When Jesus returns, those who are living in the shadow of evil will be left behind.

Subject: A Time Of Trouble:

Daniel prophesied that in the last days when the people who wanted to be saved would see the abomination of desolation that they should stand in the holy place. The prophet Daniel declared that a time would come in the last days that would be such an evil time that their very worship services to God would be an abomination to God.

This means that God would despise the church services that people attend. At such time, God would not be calling people to get together in a church to worship, but God would be saving people as individuals. Their salvation would not be given by God to them in local churches, but the kingdom of heaven would be found in them. Listen to St. Luke 17:20-21:

Verse 20 - And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, *The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:*

Verse 21 - *Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

This means the gift of salvation would be placed in you and not in a local church.

Subject: Sudden Destruction Will Not Be For The Saved People:

Now, we get warnings concerning many things in the world, such as weather conditions, and other events of life. However, there is an event that is going to take place and the only warning we will get is in the word of God. Sudden destruction is coming upon every human being on earth that is living in sin. Listen to this scripture in I Thessalonians 5:4-6:

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

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

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

This scripture is making reference to those who are saved. When you are saved, you are not in darkness. To live in darkness means to be not informed about the coming event. Destruction is not coming to the saved people. God is going to evacuate them in good time, as He did Lot and his family before the destruction came to Sodom. It is not the will of God that the people of God be frightened or horrified by the sight of the destruction. It is the will of God that saved people have peace, happiness, security, and comfort. Therefore, they will be gently removed from the scene in plenty of time.

Subject: Christ Will Transform The Remains Of Those Who Are Saved:

When we repent of our sins, we have nothing to give to God, but the remains of a life of sin. Sin mars the body and soul and leaves us with very little to be of service for God. Nevertheless, when Christ comes into our lives He cleanses us from sin and removes it from us altogether. Christ then patches up our bodies and dwells in us to preserve us from sin entering again that we might receive relief from the pain and penalty of sin.

Christ will preserve our remains from sin in this state until He comes back to the earth to transform our remains into new bodies that will never be subject to sin, affections, nor death. The entire operation of salvation is for the purpose of restoring life for us with the remains of our lives that sin has abused. All this is done by grace that God has extended to a sinner who is willing to repent.

A person who wants to be saved should never be important in his or her own eyes, and feel that they can win a popularity contest for God. They should appreciate the grace of God with a humble and grateful spirit knowing that the plan of salvation is freely given to all who repent desiring never to practice sin again. God is merciful and longsuffering towards a sinner who desires to repent, and is not willing that any should perish, but we are not hurting God by using His love for the wrong purposes. It simply means that such people who misunderstand God's love are rejecting it through ignorance and heaven will be full without them.

Subject: Let Them Both Grow Together:

Jesus sought very carefully to give the people an understanding while He was on the earth. The parables that Jesus used during His ministry on earth were for our understanding of this present day also. In St. Matthews 13:30 Jesus teaches about the end of the world using the parable of the harvest. He used the example of wheat and tare. Wheat is the good fruit from the seeds, but tare is no good, and grows right along beside the good seeds that produce wheat.

Jesus taught that the farmer should let them both grow together. Though tare is no good for food, it is good for the strength of the wheat when they grow together. Jesus is teaching that the wheat should only be separated from the tare during the harvest. Jesus further explains that one day the harvest is coming to the world. Saved people are going to be gathered with God by His angels as wheat is separated and gathered by the farmer during the harvest. The tares will be burned at this time. The day is coming when the world is going to be on fire and the unsaved will be separated from the saved and burned.

Now death of the physical body will not be the end of the torment of the unsaved. Death of the physical body will be a small thing that will only be for a moment. After the death of the physical body, there will be other miseries for the unsaved, after death for the unsaved will be the judgment (Hebrews 9:27). Everybody has been appointed to die for the exception of those who are saved when Christ returns. Those who live in sinful fleshly bodies must die eternally because the wages of sin is death. Such wages will be everlasting.

Now remember the first death of the physical body is only for a moment, but the second death will be eternal for the unsaved. Eternal death will be continuous torment in a new body that will be prepared for the unsaved by God to receive this torment.

Subject: The Harvest Is The End Of The World:

The harvest will be the end of the world and the reapers will be the angels. Listen to St. Matthew 13:36-37:

Verse 36 - Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

Verse 37 - He answered and said unto them, *He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man.*

The disciples desired to know more about the tares of the field. Jesus answered and said the good seed is the word of God, and all who receive it will become like wheat, which the farmer saves. If you hear the word of God, which is like good seeds that produce wheat, it will save you and make you a child of God.

If you open your mind to the goodness of God, which is given by His word, you will be gathered by the angels of God during the harvest as wheat is separated from the tare and gathered in the garner.

Subject: Be Sure That You Are Filled With The Holy Ghost Before Jesus Returns:

When you are born again it is wonderful to know that Jesus will return to the earth to take the saved people to heaven. The thought of Jesus' return is the most pleasant and encouraging thought that is in my mind. When other things are discouraging, my mind will reach for the thought on Jesus' return. Such thoughts on Jesus' return will give you false joy if you are a sinner. You can only get true joy of Jesus' return when you are ready to receive Him. It is the Holy Spirit that dwells within you that makes you ready to receive Jesus. The Holy Spirit prepares you to receive Jesus when your vessel or soul is filled with the Holy Spirit. The Bible gives an example of ten virgins whose lamps were to be filled with oil when the bridegroom came for them. The oil in their lamps was symbolic of the five who did not have their lamps filled or those who would not be filled with the Holy Ghost when Jesus returns. You will not be able to get the Holy Spirit from another person if you are not filled upon Jesus' return. Listen to St. Matthew 25:8-13:

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

Verse 9 - *But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.*

Verse 10 - *And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.*

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: Eternal Life For You Will Be Based Upon Your Present Life:

The Lord has promised that one day He will come back to the earth to gather the saved people, and take them to heaven. This is a promise from God. 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.*

The saved people as well as the unsaved will live again, but Jesus is only preparing the saved people to live in the kingdom of heaven. You can determine whether or not you are prepared to go to the kingdom of heaven by the way you are presently living.

Your life on earth is a preview of your future life in eternity. The kind of spirit that you live with in this present world is the spirit you will have forever. If you lay down at night with a wicked and evil spirit, you will get up with a wicked and evil spirit. God will not save you while you are sleep. You must be wide-awake and repent of your sins willingly, and God will save you while you are in your conscious mind. There are some who believe that they can be saved after

they die. You cannot be saved after you die any more than you can be saved while you sleep.

What God does for you in this life is an example of how your life will be in eternity. The kind of company that you keep in this life is the kind of company you will be in after you enter eternity. If you desire to live with righteous people in heaven, you must live righteous and be around righteous people in this life. God will see to it that you will have the same kind of company when you leave here. God will give you what you enjoyed while you were here.

Subject: The Proof Of The Resurrection Will Be In The Resurrection:

There are many who believe that man came into existence by evolution, and that there is no God that created man. God did not bring us into existence to allow us to pass out of existence. Everybody is going to live again and it won't be by the power of evolution, but by the power of Jesus' resurrection.

The unbelievers are going to live with the damned and the saved are going to live with God. The entire foundation of man's existence is based upon the resurrection. Just as surely as you get up each morning from a night's sleep, you will get up in the resurrection. The proof of the resurrection will be given to everybody who was born. The proof of the resurrection will be in the resurrection.

Subject: Hell Is A Reality: Look At The Sun:

There are some who believe that there is no hell or life after death. I have seen the sun burning since I've been in the world, and I have seen no source of fuel to keep it burning. Now scientists say that the sun is ninety million miles from the earth, yet I can feel it right outside of the door in July. For those who live in unbelief of God's word, hell is closer, and hell has enlarged her mouth for their occupancy. God gives us evidence of the things that His word teaches. The sun is evidence that God can produce unlimited heat in a place called hell.

CHAPTER II
THE SCRIPTURES

Subject: The Scriptures Were Given By The Inspiration Of God:

Everything that is written in the Bible was given by inspiration of God so that man might be instructed in righteousness, and be taught how to do things with which God is pleased. God gave the Holy Scriptures; they did not come by the will of man. Though man wrote the scriptures, God dictated them by His Spirit. The scriptures were given by God for our benefit that we might be thoroughly furnished to do things right. If we follow the statutes of God, we can be perfect because God will supply the strength and knowledge necessary for us to acquire perfection.

Subject: The Word Of God Will Give Victory To All Who Trust It:

When you get saved you will learn in detail what the plan of God involves for your salvation, and how it shall prevail. You will be able to see how all other plans that are implemented in the world are weak, limited, and subject to failure.

When Jesus began to teach concerning the kingdom of heaven comparing it with the kingdom of this world, He used examples of worldly buildings and structures that the people were familiar with in the beautiful cities that they lived in. He taught that such buildings would be torn down to the ground. Jesus taught that not one stone would be left upon the other and that the truth of God's word would prevail though many would oppose His disciples. However, they would not stop the truth, and the gospel, which He sends shall reach those of the earth through much trouble, suffering, and sorrow. He taught that many who stand up for Him shall go down, but those who lose their lives shall find them again. Though darkness now covers the earth in the form of evil, those who trust and obey the word of God shall be delivered.

Subject: The Truth Is Against Everybody Who Fails To Obey It:

The truth of God's word will be against everybody who does not obey it. When you obey God, you are making your calling and election sure. Don't worry about what people are doing in your church, because it will be an individual affair. You will be saved as an individual. Those who do not get saved will be judged as individuals.

Obedience to the truth will make your life true. God will only grant salvation to those who accept the truth of the gospel and live by it. Deceit will not stand and the false will fall in the judgment of God. You must know the truth that Jesus has taught and allow it to lead you to safety.

Subject: Do You Know What Is In The Scriptures?

Many people go to church on a regular basis and have very little knowledge of what the Bible actually teaches. If you go to a church where a preacher may read or quote one scripture, and afterwards jump up and down in the pulpit talking about something other than how you can be saved from sin, you will acquire very little knowledge of what the scriptures teach. Did you know that St. John 9:31 and Psalm 34:15 teach as follows:

Verse 31 - Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshiper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

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

A sinner cannot pray to God neither will a sinner be saved. Listen to I Peter 4:18:

Verse 18 - And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

If you live a righteous life, you will scarcely be saved. Listen to Revelations 22:14-15:

Verse 14 - Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Verse 15 - For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Listen to who else will not enter the gate in Revelations 21:8:

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

CHAPTER III
SIN & DISOBEDIENCE

Subject: God Loves Sinners:

God loves a sinner, but He has no plan for a hypocrite to be saved. The entire plan of salvation is designed for a sinner to be saved. A hypocrite is a pretense of a saved person. Such a person is a church going Christian that intentionally commits sin and will justify his or her sins because they are church oriented. God knows that a sinner was born in sin, and that it was not the sinner's fault, so He makes arrangements for a sinner to be born again.

A hypocrite considers him or herself to be righteous. God did not send Jesus to deal with such religious practicals. Listen to St. Mark 2:16-17:

Verse 16 - And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

Verse 17 - When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, *They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

Jesus is teaching that if the religious practicals during His time, such as the scribes and Pharisee, considered themselves already saved prior to receiving Jesus that He did not come to save them, but He came to save sinners. God rejects a hypocrite who claims to be righteous and wants to condemn the sinner. Such religious practicals are self-righteous before God. Such hypocrites have fallen short of grace.

Subject: Sin Is A Disease That Affects The Mind And The Body:

Sin is a disease that will first affect the mind, and the mind will affect the body. To be holy means to be free from sin and the problems that sin will cause to your health. A person who lives a sin-free life will be healthier than those who commit sin. Sin destroys the nervous system and every sickness that you can imagine will take place in the body. If you get sin out of your mind, and allow your body not to commit sin, many of your sicknesses will leave. You will have some afflictions, but the Lord will deliver you from those light afflictions.

A preacher cannot heal your body; it does not matter how much he says that God has given him the gift of healing. A preacher can live a righteous life and allow God to work through his prayers to heal you. The scriptures teach that after Jesus forgave the sins of the people, He also healed their bodies. The healing of the body works along with forgiveness of sin. Your sins are only forgiven when you no longer commit sin. If you give your life to God and believe that with the deliverance of the soul, God will deliver the body from sicknesses providing you go in peace and stop sinning.

If you read and obey the word of God it can be a tonic for your illnesses. You must sit under the teachings of the word of God and it will give you relief from many of your afflictions.

Subject: God Wants To Relieve Us Of Sin:

God wants to relieve us of sin. Sin is the cause of all the troubles on the earth. Sin is so deceiving and powerful that it is a burden upon our hearts or minds and makes many people seek false solutions to relieve their burdens, such as alcohol and illegal drugs. Such solutions simply create more sins, or they give strength to the sins that the users are already victims of.

The kingdom of heaven is a sin-free society and there are no burdens, troubles, or problems in the kingdom of heaven. There is only joy, peace, and happiness because citizens in heaven obey and honor God. If you obey and honor God while you are living on the earth, God will remove your troubles and give you grace to help carry your burdens. Jesus will become an assistant and counselor for you to help with your problems while you live on the earth. Listen to St. Matthew 11:28, 29, and 30:

Verse 28 - Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Verse 29 - Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Verse 30 - For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Jesus will help to give you relief from your problems by teaching you how to live. Sin is so deceiving that it has become a part of the way people enjoy living. This

makes it difficult for them to see the damage that sin is doing, causing them not to want to repent of their sins. The things that you do that are not right in the sight of God have caused unnoticeable damage to your life resulting to an unhappy life that you have no remedy for.

God gives an itemized listing of sins in the Bible so that we can identify where problems come from, and put forth an effort to repent of our sins. If you carefully follow the listings of sins as given in the Bible, and use them to evaluate your life, you will be able to see what you need to repent of, and eventually see the spiritual condition of your life improve. When the spiritual condition of your life improves, so will the physical condition improve. The listings of sins are in the following chapters of the Original King James Version of the Bible:

St. Mark 7:21-23, Romans 1:29-31, I Corinthians 6:9-10, Ephesians 4:31-32, Ephesians 5: 3-5, Galatians 5:19-21, Colossians 3:5, Revelations 21:8, and Revelations 22:14-15.

Subject: The Passover Serves Two Purposes (Exodus12:13):

God's word means everything to those who are going to be saved. Our life and hope depend upon the promises in God's word. The promises in God's word cannot be annulled by any forces of evil. The Passover was implemented when the children of Israel were in bondage. The word 'Passover' was a promise from God that maintained its power until Jesus came. Jesus said to His disciples that He would keep the Passover though it was implemented a few thousand years earlier.

During Moses day, God promised that He would pass over the homes of the Israelites who had the blood of a lamb on their doorposts, and the destruction only came upon the homes of the Egyptians. The Passover was a promise given by God from Moses to Jesus, and it is still in effect today. There will be another day of destruction coming to the world, and all who have honored the blood of the lamb that was shed on Calvary, this destruction will pass over them.

Today Christ is our Passover, and His blood is the means by which we will be delivered. Christ qualifies us to be delivered by means of the Passover when we allow Him to remove the leaven out of our lives. Leaven is a symbol of sin. Listen to I Corinthians 5:7:

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

The lamb that Moses instructed the Jews to use was a sacrifice for their sins; in addition, the blood of the lamb was spread on their doorposts for the Passover. The sacrifice of a lamb for the Jews at that time did two things. It granted the Jews forgiveness for their sins; it also allowed the death angel to pass over their homes.

Today the blood of Jesus that was shed on Calvary granted forgiveness for our sins on a permanent basis, and it will allow us to be delivered before God destroys the world.

Subject: You Don't Want To Be A Hypocrite:

The easiest thing to be when it comes to religion is a hypocrite. You don't want to be a hypocrite because a hypocrite's hope shall perish. It is impossible for a hypocrite to be saved. God has no plan that will allow a hypocrite to enter the kingdom of heaven. A hypocrite is a church going Christian sham. A hypocrite's religion is artificial. Such a religious practical is a pretense of a saved person. Hypocrites are church oriented. They like church programs and positions in the church that will make them look important to other members. They like to be seen and heard as one who is faithful and true, but they are only true to their own purposes and ambitions. Hypocrites have no relationship to God; they are only related to the church organization and their interest in the church.

Hypocrites do not magnify God; they magnify themselves. They love positions of honor that will give them praise from other church members. A hypocrite is very happy when he can have his way in the church. Hypocrites would like to be in a position to tell the pastor what to preach and to have control over the finances. You can always tell who a hypocrite is because they will shine with false ways. Hypocrites don't worship God; they worship themselves.

Subject: Jesus Will Destroy The Works Of The Devil:

God sent Jesus into the world to destroy the works of the devil. If humans are in anyway supporting or are a part of the works of the devil, they will be destroyed with the devil and his works. The works of the devil are the works of the flesh, which are the works of sin. God sent holy men and apostles to teach us the works of the devil so that we could escape the destruction that will be upon

such works. Listen to Galatians 5:19-21 that gives a description of the works of the devil.

Verse 19 - Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Verse 20- Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Verse 21 - Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Subject: You Must Allow Jesus To Bind The Strong Man In Your Life:

If you have a carnal mind, there is no room in your mind for Jesus. A carnal mind desires to fellowship with sin, and sin is at variance against Jesus. You cannot be saved unless you allow Jesus to come into your life and bind the strong man. The strong man is the carnal mind. The strong man is the devil that has established his kingdom by means of the carnal mind. Listen to St. Matthew 12: 28-29:

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

Verse 29 - *Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.*

Unless a person is willing to allow Jesus to come into their mind, and spoil the carnal works of the devil, they cannot be saved.

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

The Lord watches over a righteous person, and He listens to their prayers, but God does not hear a sinner pray. Make no mistake; your sins have not been forgiven until Jesus removes your sins from your life. The body that you live in that one time committed sin should have died when you are saved. Jesus died on Calvary so that our bodies that committed sin would die.

Listen to Romans 6:6-7: this is a spiritual death:

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.

Verse 7 - For he that is dead is freed from sin.

When you are saved, that old body that committed sin is dead, and the person that has been resurrected is Christ in you, and the new person is free from sin. Therefore, you are dead to sin, but still alive to serve God. This means your desire to sin is dead. Listen to Romans 6:10-11:

Verse 10 - For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Verse 11 - Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So, shall we continue in sin and be under grace at the same time? Listen to Romans 6:1-2:

Verse 1 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Verse 2 - God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?



CHAPTER IV

**SALVATION:
GENERAL TOPICS**

Subject: Do You Want Jesus?

It is left up to you and me to accept Jesus. God gave His only begotten Son so that we could have everlasting life, but the choice to accept Jesus is ours to make. Many people never take time to consider Jesus until they are sick or in prison. When things are going normal and most people are satisfied with their living conditions they don't think about Jesus.

Most people can't see Jesus unless they see a need for Him. People today don't want the teachings of Jesus Christ to disrupt their sinful activities of life. However, when such activities expire and depression sets in, they will look for Jesus.

Subject: The Choice Is Yours:

Humans make their own choice of where they will spend eternity. God does not send anybody to hell. Those who go make their own choice to go. If you would like to make arrangements to go to heaven, you must first repent of your sins; then you can talk to God about further plans to be saved. God will not hear you while you are committing sin.

If you stop doing everything that you know is wrong, you can get God's attention. God will then talk to you through reasoning, and direct you to His word. He will give you a teacher of His word to help you to understand what you must do. God will show you how to build a record of righteousness in your life for the time to come, so that you will qualify to spend eternity with God. He will give you the Holy Spirit to help you.

Once you start out with God, you don't have to worry if your repentance is sincere, because God won't let anymore come on you than you can bear. You must stand up and have faith in God no matter how much opposition the devil brings against you. The Spirit of God in you will lift up a standard if you want to live right.

Subject: Jesus Is All You Need:

When Jesus is your friend, you don't have to worry about anything. You don't have to worry about others who don't care to be your friend. Jesus is a friend

that can take care of all your needs. Jesus will not politic with you doing favors for favors in return. Jesus does not need anything we possess. He simply extends help to us because He loves us. When a person loves you they don't do favors for favors in return, they do favors for you. When Jesus was on the earth, He fed the hungry, healed the sick, gave strength to the blind, and promised not to allow any temptation that was too great for those who obeyed Him to overtake them. You don't have to worry about things that happen to you in life when Jesus is your friend; Jesus is all you need.

Subject: His Strength Is Made Perfect In Weakness:

God knowing that man could not handle the burden of sin sent Jesus into the world to help us. Repentance is not a permanent cure for your sinful habits. It is merely an apology to God for the sins that you committed, and a message to God that you are sincere about being delivered from a life of sin. You can't know the sincerity of your heart, but God can. Evidence that your repentance is sincere will be made known to you when you see God granting you repentance from heaven.

You will only be able to repent of sins that you have strength to repent of. For an example, you may be able to stop committing adultery, gambling and lying, but you might have trouble trying to stop smoking cigarettes, hating certain people and drinking alcoholic beverages. However, when you stop doing the sins that you can stop committing and are sincere concerning such sins, the powers of heaven will go to work to help you to stop smoking cigarettes, drinking alcoholic beverages and hating certain people. You will then begin to see that God's strength is made perfect in your weakness, by the manifestation of His power in your life to help you overcome the sinful habits that you know you did not have the strength to overcome by yourself. Listen to II Corinthians 12:9:

Verse 29 - *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.* Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Subject: Do You Know Where To Look For Salvation?

Don't look for God in prominent high-class situations. Listen to me carefully and trust my revelations. When Joseph, the husband of Mary who was

the mother of Jesus, came along with his wife who was with child, Joseph was a carpenter who was on his journey to pay taxes. When Joseph arrived at the Inn, there was no room in the Inn. Joseph was of very humble looking attire and he applied for a room. When the Innkeeper looked at his attire, the Innkeeper evaluated Joseph's social class, and responded by saying there was no room in the Inn. All the prominent folk who had come to Bethlehem to be taxed had reserved rooms before coming. The looks of Joseph's attire impressed the Innkeeper that Joseph would spoil his patronage. What would Joseph look like sitting there among the dignified guest at the Inn?

Now don't go to sleep on me; this knowledge can be applied to situations today to determine whether or not a person can be saved. God was not dealing with people of a high class during Jesus' day when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and He is not dealing with people today who are in higher secular religious classes. Listen carefully if you are still with me: just as Jesus was born in a stable about 2,000 years ago, time does not change God's way of doing things. If anybody is going to be born again today, he or she had better try to find salvation in a lower social class of secular worshippers.

Subject: True Salvation Is Peculiar To The Christian World:

Many church folk of today will not accept the testimony of a truly born again person, because a true convert in Christ will experience a conversion that will not be in line with what most church folk are being taught. A true born again person will experience a conversion that will be far different, with a righteous life that will exceed that of ordinary church folk of today.

Except the righteousness of those who think they are saved exceed the righteousness of ordinary church folk, most likely they are not saved. (St. Matthew 5:20.) When God does a work in a person's life, the person will stand out from others as being unusual and peculiar. Listen to I Peter 2:9:

Verse 9 - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood,
an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should
shew forth the praises of him who hath called you
out of darkness into his marvelous light:

When Jesus gave sight to the blind man in St. John 9:17, they took the blind man to church folk to evaluate what Jesus had done for him. The Pharisees were of the strictest religious sects of that day. It happened that Jesus performed the healing of

the blind man on Sunday, so the Pharisees asked how the blind man had received his sight. The blind man said I went according to the command of one named Jesus and I received my sight.

The Pharisees had never been able to help anybody who was blind in their religious sect; therefore, they ignored the fact that the blind man had been healed by a miraculous power. They proceeded to evaluate the healing that had taken place as being an unrighteous healing, because it was done on the Sabbath day, and as a result, they labeled Jesus as being a sinner. The blind man responded by asking how could a man do what Jesus had done if he were not of God.

Today if a truly saved person has been saved from sin, ordinary church folk, who are still practicing sin, will testify against the truly saved person, and say that God does not save you from sin. They say He saves you to continue to be a sinner so that you can come to our church on Sunday, and ask for forgiveness for being a continuous sinner. Therefore, few sinners realize that when you are truly saved, you are saved from sin. They fail to understand that God does not save you for you to go back to a church every Sunday to be forgiven of a continuous life of sin.

**Subject: Flattery Will Get You Nowhere With God
(ST. John 3:1-2):**

You cannot please God when your praises are mixed with flattery. You can only please God when your praises are mixed with obedience to His word. God does not accept, acknowledge, nor hear words of flattery from a sinner. When Nicodemus came to Jesus with words of flattery, Jesus gave no response to such words, but immediately told Nicodemus what was required to get into the kingdom of heaven.

God does not waste time and words with us that will appeal to our social desires; He tells us what is necessary to be saved. Nicodemus was not qualified to get into the kingdom of heaven when he encountered Jesus with words of flattery. Jesus informed Nicodemus that unless you are born again you will not be able to get into the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus perceived that Nicodemus did not understand the new birth, Jesus took time to teach Nicodemus by comparing a birth of flesh and blood, with a spiritual birth. At no time during the lesson that Jesus taught did Jesus respond to the words flattery that Nicodemus spoke in his introductory statement.

Subject: If You Receive The Word Of God The Power Of God Will Save You:

I believe that God created the entire universe. I believe that all things in heaven and on the earth were placed in order by the power that is in God's word and His Spirit (St. John 6:63). I believe that the word of God and the Spirit are one in administration, and work together in a united way to do the will of God. I believe that if a person obeys the word of God the Spirit of God will come into their human make up and give the person the new birth. I believe that Jesus is the word of God, and was with God in the beginning when the universe was created. I believe that when Jesus came to the earth He brought the word of God to give salvation to those who would receive His teaching. Listen to St. John 1:1-5 and 12:

- Verse 1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- Verse 2 - The same was in the beginning with God.
- Verse 3 - All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.
- Verse 4 - In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- Verse 5 - And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- Verse 12 - But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

I believe that this same procedure for salvation still works up to this present day for all who will receive the words that Jesus taught.

Subject: The Fruit Of Righteousness Versus The Fruit Of Unrighteousness:

You can only be made righteous by a source of righteousness that is more powerful than the source that made you unrighteous. The Bible is the word of God

that is more powerful than any unrighteous source that exists. If you follow the instructions given in the word of God, you will become righteous because the word of God has power to reproduce you to be a righteous person.

The word of God will not force a person to be righteous against their will. A person must desire to be righteous in order for the word of God to go to work for the person. Any way of living that is contrary to the teachings of the word of God is unrighteous. If a person continues to live an unrighteous life, they will eventually become uncomfortable and unhappy. When you live an unrighteous life, you will have no control over the events of life that will make you unhappy.

Unhappiness is a product of unrighteousness. When you live unrighteous, you are planting seeds that will produce the fruit of unhappiness. The Bible refers to such fruit as the works of the flesh. Listen to Galatians 5:19-21:

Verse 19 - Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Verse 20 - Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Verse 21 - Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

If you choose to live a righteous life, God will give you His Holy Spirit that will cause you to produce the following good fruit found in Galatians 5:22-23:

Verse 22 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Verse 23 - Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Subject: Your Heart (Mind):

Your mind doesn't work like other mechanical things in life. It doesn't work like automobiles and machines. Your mind can carry secret thoughts that only God knows about. You can't hide your thoughts from God. God who knows

all things is greater than your mind. When the thoughts in your mind are not righteous, you can ask God to change your way of thinking and he will do it. You can't change your way of thinking without God to help you. If you don't have God to help you, your mind will produce thoughts that will condemn you, leaving you unhappy. Listen to 1 John 3:20-21:

Verse 20 - For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

Verse 21 - Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

Subject: How Can I Live Above Sin?

You can only live above sin by not having a desire to commit sin. When Christ saves you, He does a miraculous change on your nature. Christ reverses the course of nature in you. You were born the first time with natural desires to commit sin. No human being has power within him or herself to change their natural tendencies and desires.

The power of your purposes and ambitions in life is embedded within your natural desires. You are controlled by natural desires. When Christ saves you, the sacrifice of His life on Calvary is honored by God to destroy and to replace your natural desires. This means your natural desires to commit sin are crucified with Christ, yet you will still be living. However, you will be living a new life in Christ. You will be living the life of Christ, which is a life free from sin. Listen to Galatians 2:20:

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

Subject: Yield Your Body Members To Live Righteous:

You can become a righteous person by obeying the principles of God that will make you righteous. If you obey God by taking in the teachings of Jesus

Christ, you will not live as a sinner or have a sinful life, but you will be a saint receiving eternal life. Though you were previously a servant of sin, but if you obey from the heart the teachings of Jesus Christ, you will experience a change in life. Obedience to the word of God will make you a new creature in Christ.

When you obey the teachings of Christ, you will be made free from sin (Romans 6:18). Just as you yielded your body members to commit sin, if you obey Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit will help you to yield your body members to live righteous. When you are free from sin, you become servants of God, and you will have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Subject: Let The Word Of God Judge You:

God's wisdom surpasses yours and mine. We should never ask God, why is this, or why is that? If our hands are clean, and our hearts are pure, whatever comes to us in life is what God's love allows. Sometimes burdens can get heavy, but if we keep a mind to obey God, He will help us with our burdens.

Never judge yourself by the way you see yourself, allow the word of God to judge you, and correct yourself according to the word of God. Our ways seem right to us; we are never wrong in our own eyes, but the wisdom of God has better eyes than we have.

Subject: The Lion Hath Roared – Who Will Hear?

God will do nothing unless He warns people concerning what He is going to do that they might prepare themselves and be ready. Listen to Amos 3:7-8:

Verse 7 - Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

If you are in the jungle and you hear the lion roar, it is a warning that you are in danger.

Verse 8 - The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

The warning of God's prophet is like the lion that roared, who will hear? The world is going to be destroyed. If sin caused the old world to be destroyed, it certainly is going to cause this present world to be destroyed, because sin is now preeminent.

God's word teaches that He did not spare the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and placed them in chains of darkness to wait until the Day of Judgment. This was done as an example for the people of this present time to show that God can destroy by fire as He did the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Subject: Evil Is No Threat To A Righteous Person:

The word of God is the language of heaven that has been simplified for the people of the earth to understand what God is about to do. The storm is coming and if we have Jesus Christ, we will fear no evil. If you have repented of evil, you don't have to be afraid of evil. The only time to be afraid of evil is when you do evil. The forces of evil will have no power against you if you don't do evil. Death will not be a threat to those who don't do evil. Listen to Psalm 23:4:

Verse 4 - Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Subject: The Reality Of God:

In order to acquire knowledge of God, God must reveal Himself to those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who walk uprightly and speak the truth. God does not reveal Himself to a perverse person. God does not make Himself known to those who are surrounded with sin. God is against sin. As long as a person is in sin, there is a great gulf between the person and God. When a person repents of their sins, their temple (body) becomes spiritually clean, and God is pleased to dwell with the person.

When God begins to dwell with you, He teaches you about His holiness. He will reveal Himself to you in many wonderful ways. God will show you that your good spiritual conduct will produce material and financial blessings for you. God will plainly show you the relationship between the spiritual and the material. Your good conduct will cause the material blessings to overtake you.

Your understanding about God will be enriched through the knowledge of His word. The eyes of your understanding will be enlightened by the Spirit of God.

Hazards in life that would have been to your disadvantage will be clearly seen by you so that you can avoid them. You will always be keenly aware of the presence of God, who though is invisible to the natural eye, will be so real when you need comfort, deliverance or companionship.

Subject: God Is On Stand-By To Help An Obedient Child:

If you obey God's word you can lean on His promises, and His promises will support you. The reality of God's grace will be manifested in promises for those who obey Him. Nothing can be more pleasing than the promise of God. When you need encouragement, God will give you songs to sing and you will experience a performance of the promises of God in your personal life. If your hands are clean and your heart is pure, God who rules the universe is on standby to help you, and you will learn that you don't have to worry.

Subject: Do You Worship A "Do Nothing God"?

Today you will find people worshipping many gods. There are many religious faiths and denominations that people are worshipping. The true God must be a living God that is able to save you. This must be an action God, and not a God with just a name. Most gods of today are simply given names and have no realistic functions in the lives of the worshipers.

Sin is an act of doing wrong that eventually destroys the person who does it. If the person obtains help from a God to be delivered from their sinful actions, then that would be receiving help from an action God, and not just worshipping some statue constructed in a building where they worship. There are many gods and they all have different names, but there is only one holy God. A holy God can change your life and make you holy. If you worship a false god, whatever changes that take place in your life you must do them yourself.

People today give names to represent what other people do. If a man is a barber, they may call him 'Joe the barber'. If a man is a mechanic, they may call him 'Tom the mechanic'. If you worship a god that doesn't do anything in your life, the people may call your god the 'do nothing god'. The evidence that you

have a living God is when the power of His life and actions are manifested in your life by means of what He does for you.

Subject: God Is A God Of The Living:

What God instructed His servants to do in the Bible; He is also referring to us of this day, if it is applicable to our conditions of life. There would be no need for the Bible to be available for this present generation if it was only referring to those of past times. When God instructed Abraham to walk before Him and be perfect, He was also instructing us to be perfect.

God is a God of the living not the dead. God doesn't give instructions to those who are dead. If they were saved in past times then they are resting, and they don't need instructions from God; they have earned their reward. The grave can't praise God. God does not send any preacher out to the cemetery to preach. Those who died saved will one day receive an order from God to come forth, but until then God is only giving instructions to the living.

Subject: Where Is God's Temple?

When folk go to a temple or building to worship, they will put on their best behavior while they are in the temple. They won't use profanity, smoke cigarettes, drink liquor, nor play poker. Most people who attend a temple to worship will be very respectful while they are in the temple. After they return from the temple to their normal lives, they might light up a cigarette on the way home, or stop at an ABC store to buy whiskey, and later attend a poker game that night where they will be using profanity and drinking alcoholic beverages. Nevertheless, they showed the highest amount of respect to God while in the temple. Listen to this scripture in I Corinthians 3:16:

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

It is necessary to be educated on where God dwells. God does not dwell in buildings or temples made of wood, cement, and stones.

It is the will of God to dwell in humans. It is a waste of time to give respect to a building made of wood and cement and disrespect your own body by smoking

cigarettes, drinking alcoholic beverages, committing adultery and using profanity. When you do such things, you are defiling or desecrating your body, which God wants to use for His temple. If God cannot use your body to His glory and honor, He will eventually destroy your body. Listen to I Corinthians 3:17:

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.

You only become a temple of occupation for God when you clean your body of sinful habits. Your body was bought with a price to be the temple of God's Holy Spirit, and you are not the owner of your body. Listen to I Corinthians 6:19-20:

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 bought with a price: therefore glorify God In your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Subject: Let Your Words Be Few:

Now don't let your talk about God and heaven fool you. Many are deceived when they talk about God. Their talk about God makes them feel real good. In order for words to be worth anything they must be the results of what God has done for you. Vain words that are not the results of the works of God can be the results of a vain religion, and an overcharged imagination.

God is not going to allow everybody who talks about heaven to go there, because if He did, heaven would be just like social groups on earth. It is a good thing to be more apt to hear from God than to talk about God. A fool's voice is known by the multitude of words. Listen to Ecclesiastes 5: 1-3:

Verse 1 - Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

Verse 2 - Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart

be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

Verse 3 - For a dream cometh through the multitude of business and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.

**Subject: Having A Form Of Godliness Is Not Salvation
(II Timothy 3:5-7):**

You can go to church to sing, preach, pray, and testify with a form of godliness and not be saved. The power of God is not manifested in a form of godliness, but in a change of the way that you live from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. A form of godliness can be a pretense of godliness that does not possess the life of righteousness. You can have a form of godliness and be the same old sinner that simply goes to church, but you can be denying the power of God in your life. A robot can be programmed to go to a church and display a form of godliness, but a robot is without life. Some preachers are like robots having a form of godliness, but no power, no life or substance of righteousness.

When a preacher is without life, the church is cold, and without the Spirit of God. Because these conditions exist in churches, the love of many has waxed cold. The people have no light. Unless people are inspired by the Holy Spirit using a true preacher sent by God, they will go wrong. People must be led to salvation and taught how to live holy. They must be watched over and governed according to the scriptures, and that's the job of the preacher.

Subject: When You Are Saved Christ Should Be Your New Life:

Spirits control your flesh. When you are a sinner, the spirit of the devil rules your flesh. When you are born again, the Spirit of God controls your flesh. You will then be able to mortify or discipline your body to do good before God. The word of God is the authority on spirits. Listen to Colossians 3:5:

Verse 5 - Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate

affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness,
which is idolatry.

These spirits of the flesh can be controlled by the Spirit of God if you are born again. When you are born again, your life is hid with Christ in God, and the Holy Spirit will mortify your old fleshly sinful desires so that they won't control your life anymore. Your fleshly life then becomes dead. Listen to Colossians 3:3:

Verse 3 - For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ
in God.

You then will be able to set your affections on the things of God, and no longer on the sinful things of the earth. Listen to Colossians 3:2:

Verse 2 - Set your affection on things above, not on things
on the earth.

When the Spirit of God controls your life, you will be ready to receive Christ when He appears the second time to take the saved people to heaven. Listen to Colossians 3:4 and 8-10:

Verse 4 - When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then
shall ye also appear with him in glory.

At this point in your life you should have put off all fleshly ways, and would have put on the new man or woman because Christ is your new life.

Verse 8 - But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice,
blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Verse 9 - Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off
the old man with his deeds;

Verse 10 - And have put on the new man, which is renewed in
knowledge after the image of him that created him.

Subject: Christ Is The End Of The Law Of Righteousness:

The Lord teaches in His word that if you keep my commandments, whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do (St. John 14:15). When you don't have the knowledge of the word of God, you don't know God. The Holy Bible is a book of instructions given by God that men might know what they should do to be saved. They will learn according to the scriptures what is right and what is wrong.

You cannot be saved according to your way of thinking that is based upon your imagination. Most folk imagine things that they are favored toward doing. When you are favored toward your imagination, your religion will be exaggerated. You can think you are doing right because your mind has conceived your own concepts of what is right. The word of God gives exact details on what is right, and it will bring your imagination under subjection to the righteousness of God.

Listen to a people who were at one time taught the principles of righteousness but strayed away from them and went about to establish their own righteousness, in Romans 10:1-4:

- Verse 1- Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
- Verse 2 - For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
- Verse 3 - For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
- Verse 4 - For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Subject: When You Live Above Sin Your Life Is An Open Book:

When you live free from sin, the joy of the Lord is a part of your life on a continuous basis. Neither the law of God, nor man will condemn you. You will rejoice all through the day. When you live above sin, your life will testify for you

when your voice is not saying anything. No one can stop you from testifying when you live free from sin.

When you live free from sin, you won't have a secret social life with secret friends; your life will be an open book. When you are sin-free, people can say anything they want about your life, and it will be all right with you.

Subject: Your New Sight:

If you have a mind to obey God, you will accept the teachings of the word without being offended. There will be a commanding tone in the gospel of Jesus Christ that will meet the spirit of your submissive mind so that you will be willing to obey to the letter. With this frame of mind, your spiritual eyes will be open. After your spiritual eyes are open, you will see the world with a different spiritual view. The knowledge of God's word will be compatible with your way of thinking. Though your associates will be able to identify you by your physical appearance, they will be able to see that something has changed in your character. They will ask questions concerning how you can look the same, yet be different in character.

As you learn more about your conversion, you will tell others that Jesus anointed your mind by the power of the Holy Spirit, and instructed you to go and sin no more. That was due to your willingness to obey the command that you received power that makes sin repulsive to your desires. You will tell them that you have been washed in the blood of Jesus Christ, and you have received your new spiritual sight. Some may contend with you and ask questions about your conversion, but you will be firm with the fact that you were spiritually blind, but now you have received your sight.

Subject: You Are Free From Condemnation When God Lives In You:

You can repent of some sins that you commit physically, such as adultery and fornication, but you cannot remove your sins from your nature. Only Jesus can do this. Jesus does a spiritual operation on you to remove sin from your nature. When the power of God saves you from sin, it changes your human nature into the divine nature of God. After this is done, God begins to live in you controlling your desires by His Holy Spirit. You will then be able to live a life that

is sin-free by the power of God. When you are filled with God's Spirit, you become a part of God. To be filled with the Spirit of God is to be one with God.

When God lives in you, your understanding of God's reality becomes clear, and you will be able to follow the teachings of God's word according to the will of God. At this point in your salvation, your mind, and body that you live in will be controlled by God's Spirit allowing you to live in this present world free from condemnation.

Subject: The Light Of God:

In order for God to be a reality, you have to be familiar with the light of God. The light of God will manifest the knowledge of God. Jesus Christ was sent to the earth to give the light of God. When you receive the light of God, it will show you the way into the kingdom of heaven.

When Adam fell from grace, he brought mankind into darkness. This means that the people of the earth were born into the world not knowing God because there was no light. God sent Moses to introduce the way out of darkness into the light. Moses gave the law that made the people to know how far they were from the knowledge of God. After the people learned the law it revealed that their ways of living were not in line with the light of God. Later God established the law to rule man and to control his actions. God seeing that man did not do well with the law, sent grace to the earth by Jesus Christ that gave man more ability to comprehend the light. If a man accepts the grace, his actions can be controlled by love. When man understands this, it means that the light of God has reached him and he can receive salvation in Jesus Christ.

Subject: The Truth Can Only Be Compatible With The Good Of God In A Person:

Though the religious people of Jesus' day criticized Him trying to find fault in His ministry, they only found fault in what He was doing that was right. You can't find fault in a person who has knowledge of how to obtain eternal life. Jesus is the way, the truth and life, and anybody who gets to God must get there by the way He teaches. If a person acquires salvation in Christ, it has to come from God, and Jesus is the way to God.

If you are living a different life from what you previously lived, and that life is above sin, then God gave the increase through knowledge of the gospel that you believed. Christ gave you the gospel and God gave you salvation. The way that you know that Christ is in your life is because your life is right. Never pay any attention to folk who talk a lot of religion and can't live right. The knowledge that Christ gives makes you straighten up and fly right. You can do a lot of talking about God and be dying from your sins at the same time.

Now many people want to join some church because they want a preacher to preach a nice funeral for them when they die. Such preaching of funerals won't be of any profit to the deceased if they are not truly saved. If the preacher is not speaking the truth about the deceased, though he is saying good things, it is because the deceased lived a life of lies. You can only say good things of a truth about a person who was true. Good statements about the good life of a wicked person are statements of lies. What good is it for a preacher to tell a congregation you went to heaven and you went to hell? You will not be able to rejoice over his sermon in hell.

When a person is living the life of Christ, it is because they have been born again. When you are born again, you are born of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God will stay with you for the remainder of your life on earth. If you die before Jesus returns, the Spirit of God will take your soul or mind to paradise until the first resurrection. When you are born again, the good of God will remain in your life, then the preacher who preaches about how good you were, and that you went to heaven will be preaching the truth about you. The truth can only be applied properly to magnify the true person. Only the good of God in a person can be compatible with the truth.

**Subject: After You Start Out With God Be Careful Of
Seducing Spirits:**

If you have a pastor who is not right, he can't lead you right. Nobody who is wrong can lead you right, but people who are wrong can influence you to be wrong. When you start out living right, you must be careful of those with whom you associate. Some will start out living right, and by and by they will let devilish relatives and hypocrite church members lead them to go wrong.

You can be no stronger against the bad influence of people than you have knowledge of their spirits. Spirits of hypocrite and devilish people are seducing spirits that are trained by Satan to cause those who start out in righteousness to depart from the true faith of righteousness. Listen to I Timothy 4:1:

Verse 1 - Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

When you start out in righteousness, the devil does not give up on you. He sets out a force of seducing spirits to get you to depart from the faith.

Subject: What Is Worth More Than Your Life (Soul)?:

The soul or mind is the life of a man or woman. It is their headquarters or heart. A person loves their life no matter what their physical conditions may be. Life is what God gave man to enjoy. Life is the immortal part of your existence. Life can be transferred from one kind of body to another, but it can never be eradicated.

If a man knew the eternal value of his life, he would do everything to secure its destiny. He would place more value on his life than he would his wealth. A foolish man would jeopardize his life to gain wealth. 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?*

Remember, your soul is your life. If you lose your life to gain the whole world, it will profit you nothing.

Subject: God Must Be Praised In Truth And In Spirit:

If you go to a place of worship where the Spirit of God is present, you will become pure and clean while you are there. It doesn't mean that you are saved, but the Spirit of God creates such a holy atmosphere that it overpowers carnality. In order for the Spirit of God to save you, you must repent of your sins and invite Jesus into your personal life. When you do this, you will experience the presence of God in your life as well as in your company.

When the Spirit of God is only in your company, you are experiencing the physical presence of God, but when it is in your life, you will experience the

spiritual presence of God. Now the physical presence of God is very illuminating and encouraging, but it does not mean you have been born again.

In the presence of the Holy Spirit, you may cry out with extreme joy and happiness. You cannot suppress the presence of the Holy Spirit. Holiness in the presence of the unsaved person rejoices the heart, and causes expressions in shouts of joy. This causes many people to be sanctimonious when they are in the presence of other saved people who are enjoying spiritual songs, and testimonies of the Lord. However, when they return to their private lives, they will go to dance halls, bars, and drink liquor. God is mocked by such worshipers.

True evidence of being saved is when the Holy Spirit has changed your way of living from sin to righteousness. God is only glorified by a clean life and holy living. God doesn't put any restraints on those who rejoice in truth and in Spirit.

Subject: The Presence Of God:

The presence of God gives you a determination that God must be honored, respected and considered above all else in your life. When you honor God, God in return will honor your needs.

When God is not honored, evil will enter your presence and make your life difficult. Evil cannot be controlled by man. When man lives in the presence of evil, it enslaves him. You can only be enslaved by evil when you do evil deeds, after which evil overpowers you and leaves you no alternative to do good.

Subject: A Well Of Water:

Jesus taught the Samaritan woman that salvation was like a well of water springing up in you into everlasting life (St. John 4:14). The Samaritan woman wanted to know how this could be. Jesus then asked her "where is your husband"? Then she responded by saying, "I have no husband".

Jesus knew that she was an adulterous woman who had five husbands, and the man she presently had was not her husband. Jesus wanted her to know that this well of water that He was speaking of would replace her desires to be an adulterous woman, and would give her desires to obey God, who would give her everlasting life.

**Subject: If The Honor For The Achievement Is Not True Then
The Celebration For The Achievement Is False:**

When you celebrate and give honor to a person's achievements, their achievements must be respected in your life; otherwise, your honor would be false making a mockery of their achievements. Today people all over the world are celebrating Jesus' birthday. Jesus was born for a purpose, and nobody can celebrate His birthday unless they honor the purpose for which He was born. Listen to the purpose for which Jesus was born in St. Matthew 1:21:

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

Jesus' purpose for being born was to save us from our sins. Jesus was born to save men and women from the act of adultery. If men and women are committing adultery and celebrating Jesus' birthday, such celebrations are making a mockery of Jesus' birth, because they are false.

Everybody that is living has a birthday. The world does not celebrate everybody's birthday unless he or she has given some notable achievement to the world. If the achievement is false, then the celebration is false. If the achievement is true, and the people don't honor or respect the achievement, then the celebration is false.

**Subject: How Long Would You Like To Live In This Present
World?**

If you live a sin-free life, God promises you at least seventy years in the flesh and blood body. It is sin that causes your life in your present body to be limited. Some sinners may live to be 90 or 100, but they are not guaranteed such a life span. When you live in sin, you live by time and chance. Sin affects your nervous system, impairing the vital organs of your body, giving them a short-term support system for your life. Doctors may have knowledge on medical conditions, but the word of God is an expert on your life source.

When you obey God's word, the promises of His word will reach you. The Holy Spirit patrols the universe looking for those who are willing to obey God's word, and it will fulfill the promises of God to such people. When sin first came into the world by Adam's transgression, it was not preeminent. There were those

who obeyed God and lived many centuries after Adam sinned. Listen to Genesis 5:15-17:

Verse 15 - And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:

Verse 16 - And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

Verse 17 - And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

Men of Mahalaleel's day stayed close to God by their obedience. Death cannot trespass the Spirit of God in your life until God permits it to trespass. After 800 years, Mahalaleel got tired and desired a rest. When we get tired, God will allow death to relieve us of our physical bodies and give us a rest in paradise or the third heaven where Abraham is the overseer. If you live in sin, death will have power over your life and take you at will, and it could be when you are young.

Subject: Improper Use Of Words Can Be Very Dangerous:

When a person is not, saved their words can be reckless and difficult to control. Words that you use are oftentimes motivated by emotions. When your emotions are disturbed, it will influence your word usage. Words can be the most destructive things in the world. The Bible teaches that when words are not properly governed they can set on fire the course of nature. No bomb can be as destructive as unruly words (James 3:5). Words can stir up confusion, and confusion can produce wars. When the Holy Spirit is in your life, your words will produce peace and send signals of love, even to your enemies. When you learn not to offend with words, God will consider you as being perfect (James 3:2).

The Holy Spirit will teach you not to speak so quickly, and help you to choose your words carefully, that they might not offend your listeners. If you are a church going Christian and cannot control your word usage, it means your religion is vain (James 1:26). When you can't control your words, your religion is not working for you. If you don't have the Spirit of God when someone reviles you, you will revile them again. When Jesus was reviled, He reviled not again and committed Himself to God who judges righteously.

Subject: If God Is Not In Your Life He Shall Not Be In Your Talk:

When you are a true representative of God, you should oppose every false and wicked way. Heathens reject the church when they see church folk with false ways. The Russians became aggravated with Christians in Russia because of their false fronts. When a nation honors God, they have to be true.

When you begin to talk about God in positions of authority, folk will watch you. They will watch the way you live to see if your talk is a reflection of your life. If you say one thing and do another, they will consider you as being a hypocrite. If God is not in your life, it is better to keep Him out of your talk.

Subject: Be Careful That You Don't Offend When You Are Trying To Help:

If you live in righteousness and holiness, your life is like a powerful searchlight, which lights up other evil ways that people around you have. Some will get offended because your life will condemn their ways. You must be sure that you are not deliberately exposing them. Your purpose must be to help them by being a good example of righteousness.

When your purpose is to help others by example, God will show them your humility along with your righteousness. If humility is not inclusive with a righteous life, others will think that you are trying to show off and be smart. When this impression is given, they will be offended and not helped.

Subject: Trouble Will Come:

It does not matter how saved you are, you are going to have trouble. The word of God teaches that if you pay your vows to God, in the day of trouble, you can call upon Him and He will deliver you (Psalm 50:14-15).

Now when people have trouble they begin to make promises to God. Don't make a promise that you can't keep, if you do, God who knows your heart will leave you in trouble. Now don't try to dodge trouble; make sure you are not the cause and ask God to give you help.

So often, when trouble comes to people, they blame God for their trouble. Some get angry with God. They wonder why God allows this and that to come

upon them. You learn through trouble because it gives you experience and experience is the best teacher. Experience gives you knowledge.

Subject: You Have To Be Careful Of Being Wealthy:

You have to watch wealth. Everybody wants to be wealthy. Wealth can interfere with your acquiring salvation in Jesus Christ. Unless God controls your wealth, it will prevent you from being saved. Wealth can make you worship it rather than God. When you worship wealth, you are worshiping the devil. The devil tried to use wealth to get Jesus to worship him. Listen to St. Matthew 4:8-10:

Verse 8 - Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

Verse 9 - And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

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.*

When you worship wealth, it has power over you and can make you do wrong to get it and keep it.

Subject: It Is Vain To Call On God When A Crisis Arises In Your Life And You Have Not Been Obedient:

There are many who feel that the time to call on God and to be religious is when they are sick or need desperate help during a crisis. It is recommended that you establish a relationship with God while you are well and doing good; this will remove hypocrisy from your purpose for calling on God.

You should remember your creator while you are young and strong and the evil days have not yet come. The pleasures of your youth are vanity, or not worth much when trouble comes to your life. You should forsake the pleasures of your youth, put away the evil of your flesh, and call upon God while you can be of some

service to God (Proverbs 1:23-27). When you seek God with an honest and good heart, you can receive pardoning for sins, but if you seek God because you are in trouble, God will laugh at you when trouble befalls you. Listen to Isaiah 55:6-7:

Verse 6 - Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Verse 7 - Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Subject: Your Earthly Family Versus Your Heavenly Family:

You shouldn't go to a church assembly just to be going because of family tradition. When you worship God in an assembly, the members should be living sin-free lives. They should be born again, and those who are not born again should be going to the assembly with an open mind to receive an understanding from the word of God as to what is required to be saved. God has arranged a plan where-as the people of the earth who were alienated from God by the sin of Adam can be reunited in Jesus Christ. The purpose of a church is to teach the members that this opportunity is available.

The life as humans on the earth is a limited and underprivileged life that will be interrupted by death. Heaven was created by God to offer eternal life for angels that reside there. The residents of heaven cannot die. Death has no admittance in heaven. All who go to heaven will be delivered from death, and the short termed life span that living on the earth offered.

There are countless millions of angels in heaven, and they are united into one family. They all have one name that unites and that name is Holy. People that live on the earth have many different names. Those who go to heaven will be adopted into the family of God by the Spirit of God and become members of the heavenly family. The family of heaven is a spiritual family. This means it is a righteous family. When you get saved while living on the earth you will retain your earthly family name and identity, but you will also acquire a spiritual family identity in heaven. This means your name will be written in the book of life, and at the conclusion of your life on earth, you will be given an entry into the kingdom of heaven to be a part of your new spiritual family in heaven forever.

Subject: Be Careful Of Your Imagination:

You have to be careful of your imagination. Your imagination can administer lies to you. Your imagination can exalt your way of thinking against the knowledge of God. Today there are many who think that they are wiser than God, because they give heed to their vain imaginations. God's wisdom is given in His word. When vain imaginations are exalted against the knowledge of the word of God, they are exalted against God.

The devil was very successful at getting the first woman (Eve) to believe that she could be wiser than God by means of her imagination (Genesis 3:5-6).

Subject: Your Conscience:

Every human being has been given a basic understanding of right and wrong. When a child reaches the approximate age of 7 years their conscience is given a level of spiritual maturity so that they will have some sense of right and wrong, though their church has never taught them right from wrong. Those that God saves are used as witnesses that it is possible to live righteous after you repent and receive the Holy Spirit. Those who fail to repent, God will judge them by the knowledge that they are given in their conscience. If they repent and get saved, God will excuse them by means of their conscience. If they fail to repent, God will accuse them by means of their conscience and they will be judged accordingly. The heathens or those who have not been taught the gospel have the law of God in their conscience. Listen to Romans 2:14-15:

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

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

Subject: Grace Was Given To Counteract The Law:

Laws are enacted to justify or to condemn the actions of men. When the system we live in has given no knowledge of what is right for us to do, they cannot condemn us if we do wrong. Laws are given to show what we can do that is acceptable, and what we can't do that is not acceptable to the system of government that we live under. Without laws, our society would be in total chaos. The government in any given city or state cannot judge you for any wrong that you do unless they have acquainted you with what is wrong. Where there is no law there is no condemnation.

All of the people who lived prior to Moses bringing the law had no condemnation for their sins. Listen to Romans 5:13-15 and 20:

Verse 13 - For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

The only commandment that had been given against sin was given to Adam to not eat of the forbidden fruit, and this allowed sin to come into the world, and caused men to die. They died by Adam's sin. The penalty for the sin of men that were born was death. Men were only charged for being born in sin, because no law was given against other sinful practices.

Verse 14 - Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

It is because many had to suffer death for the sin of Adam that God gave the gift of grace which by one man (Jesus Christ) has made grace available unto many who desire to obey him.

Verse 15 - But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

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

**Subject: If You Are Saved Your Sins Are On Jesus' Cross
At Calvary:**

The world provides no way for the removal of your sins. There is only one place and by one means that your sins can be removed. That place is called Calvary, and the means is Jesus Christ. Christ is the only source of power that can remove sin from a person's life. When Christ removes your sins He places your sin on His cross, and no power in the universe can take your sins down and charge them to you. Listen to Colossians 2:13-14:

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

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

Jesus' cross at Calvary was given power by God to retain the sins of all who come to Christ. There will be no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.

Subject: Christ Is The Emancipator For Man:

The only free man is the man who is free from sin. When you are free from sin, you are free from yourself. Sin holds you in bondage by means of the sinful pleasures you enjoy. An alcoholic enjoys being high on alcohol, but alcohol will hold the person as a prisoner giving them a slow death. The things in your life that you have to do and you can't control hold you in bondage. Christ is the emancipator for man. He that the Son of God sets free is free indeed.

Subject: Christ Suffered For Us:

You must accept the life of Christ into your life as a replacement for your life in order to live again with Christ. Christ is our Passover who will deliver us from the power of death. Christ suffered what we deserved to suffer for being sinners. Jesus died so that death would have no terror for the child of God. If you

have Christ in your life, you are not afraid of death. The sting or terror of death is removed from the death of a child of God. Death is a relief and peaceful rest for a child of God. Everyone who has Christ is redeemed from the terror of death to live again in God's kingdom. This was all made possible through the sacrifice of the body of Christ on the cross.

We should rejoice during the Easter season, for that very hour that Christ suffered for our sins. Christ was sent into the world that the world might not be condemned, but that the world might be saved. Today if you are not saved it is because you have not accepted the death of Christ whose life was sacrificed for your life. However, it is not too late to do this; all you have to do is repent and believe the gospel with a mind to sin no more.

Subject: The Blood:

The blood that Jesus shed on Calvary was the blood of the new covenant that was symbolized by the lamb slain by the Israelites in Egypt. The blood became a symbol of deliverance. As Jesus proceeded with the Last Supper, Jesus said this is my blood of the New Testament, which shall be shed for many that they might not be destroyed. The new covenant was a new plan that God gave to the world in Christ based upon the first plan that He used to deliver the Israelites. It would be difficult for us to believe the new covenant if there was no knowledge of the first covenant. Jesus' blood atoned for our sins, and saved us from the wrath of God, just as the blood of the sacrificial lamb in Egypt saved the children of Israel from the destroying angel.

At the very time of year that the sacrificial lamb was offered in Egypt, the body of Christ was offered for you and me, so that we might be saved from the destroying angel. This is why Jesus stated right before His crucifixion that He would keep the Passover at the house of His disciples, with the other disciples (St. Matthew 26:18).

The next communion service that Jesus will have with His people will be in the kingdom of heaven. In the meantime, we take communion to honor His sacrifice until He comes for His church (St. Matthew 26:29). Those who had no understanding of the purpose for Jesus' crucifixion had to urge Pilate, who was the governor of Rome at that time, to crucify Jesus even when Pilate was willing to release Jesus. Listen to St. Luke 23:20-21:

Verse 20 - Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.

bVerse 21 - But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

Though it was a cruel decision influenced by the majority of the people during that time, it brought salvation to the nations of the earth. Today, anybody can be saved whether the person is Jew or Gentile. If we obey His gospel, His death will not be in vain, and our salvation will be sure.

The blood of the Son of God atoned for our sins. It is the blood, which turns away the wrath of God from us, as the lamb slain in Egypt did when the destroying angel passed over the homes of the Israelites. The lamb sacrificed in Egypt was a symbol of the coming of Christ to die for us. Those of us who are truly saved today are commemorating the Passover that came by the blood of the Lamb on Calvary. Every time you assemble together in your church, and partake of the bread and the wine, you are eating the Passover just as the Israelites did in Egypt.

If you take communion and are still a sinner, you are not worthy to partake of such, and you are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. Listen to I Corinthians 11:27 and 29-30:

Verse 27 - Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

This means you will be as guilty as those who crucified Jesus. When you take communion as a sinner, you take it bringing damnation to yourself.

Verse 29 - For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Verse 30 - For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

Subject: God Has Only One Body Of Believers With One Spirit (Ephesians 4:4-5):

God gets His church members out of all the other churches. God calls you out of your initial church to be saved. In the first church that you were a member of, you may not have obeyed the word of God, so God calls you to be obedient when you are a member of His church. If you are not obedient to God's word, you

are a member of the church that you attend. God has ordained that you live according to His word, and knowing the trouble you will have trying to obey His word, He gives you His Spirit. There is only one body of Christ and in that body, you will find God's Spirit. You have to be called by God to be a part of this one body. 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: Some Will Hear The Word And Bring Forth Fruit:

Jesus taught nothing without using a parable to simplify the message that He presented to the people. Listen to the parable in St. Matthew 13:47:

Verse 47 - *Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:*

Verse 48 - *Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.*

Jesus taught the men who knew about fishing that the kingdom of heaven is like unto a great net that is cast into sea, and brings in everything, but when you get to shore you separate the bad stuff from the good. It is like the people of the world who won't hear and obey the word; they must be separated from those who do hear and receive the word. Those who won't hear must be called out because they are not fit to be saved. The devil will take away from their minds that which they have heard. St. Matthew 13:19 -23:

Verse 19 - *When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart.*

If such people receive the word of God without an understanding, the devil will take away that which he heard. It will be good for a preacher to take time to explain and make it plain to the people so that they won't go away without an understanding of the word. You can initially receive the word of God with joy and rejoice but the devil can still take it out of your mind if you don't get an understanding.

Verse 19 continued -

This is he which received seed by the way side.

Verse 20 - *But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;*

Verse 21 - *Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.*

Now there are those who will receive the word and hang around with the world after receiving it. Then the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches makes him want to get rich, he will want to be like the world. This results to the word being choked in him and he dies spiritually.

Verse 22 - *He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word ; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.*

There are those who will receive the word with a good mind and understand that it is more profitable for him to be saved, and obeys the word because he doesn't know the day nor the hour that death is coming for him. This person's mind is like good soil that the seed is planted in. This person's life will bear fruit some an hundredfold, and the person will bring somebody else to God.

Verse 23 - *But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

Subject: God Can Distinguish A Potential Saint From Those Who Have No Desire To Be Saved:

The endorsement that God gave Job was that he was a perfect man, and upright and one who hated evil. When you are living right, you hate evil. To hate evil is not to hate those who do evil; there is a difference between sin and a sinner. When God looked down upon the earth into the hearts of men, He saw that there would be some sinners who would be willing to separate from sin.

God does not reject sinners who have the potential to be saints, and He knows those who desire to be separate from sinful practices. God also knows those who desire to continue to be sinners, because they enjoy the pleasures of sin.

Subject: You Have To Be Tried Before You Can Go To Heaven:

The devil is very much alive, and is busy as an adversary of humans. Listen to I Peter 5:8:

Verse 8 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

The devil devours humans by seducing them to commit sin. Sin is the thing that will eventually lead the devil to his destruction, and he is trying to get as many humans as he can to follow him. After Adam fell, God then 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 that tree and live forever. If a person could live forever in sin they would be worse than a million Adolf Hitlers. Therefore, God allowed death to stop the wickedness of men who are sinners.

Unless there is some redeeming power to take man out of sin, he would never be able to live eternally with God. Nobody who is a sinner will go to heaven unless he or she has been saved from their sins. After you are saved from sin, you must live in this present world to be tried and proven by the adversary of God who is the devil. Though the devil is evil and is the originator of sin, the devil has a very important part to play to confirm all who are saved by tempting them to go back to a life of sin. Listen to Job 1:8-10:

Verse 8 - And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the

earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Verse 9 - Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

Verse 10 - Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Every person who is truly saved will be tried by the devil before he or she will enter the kingdom of heaven. After God gave the devil permission to try Job, Job concluded in his testimony that the Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord. Yet Job did not sin against God.

Subject: Why Is Sanctification Important?

People are encouraged to be unsaved by their association with others who are not saved. The social lives of people are a very important part of their lives. When God saves a person, He separates them unto the gospel of Christ; this means He separates them from their previous social lives and friends.

Eve became a sinner by associating with the devil that was in the serpent. Adam became a sinner by associating with Eve. Listen to Romans 1:1:

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

When you are separated unto the gospel of Christ, you are sanctified in Christ Jesus. Listen to I Corinthians 1:2:

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

When God calls you out of sin, He saves you from spiritual uncleanness, which you acquired while living a life of sin. So then, God calls you from a life of

spiritual uncleanness to be set apart from your former unclean habits, and those with whom you associated. Listen to Ephesians 5:3:

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

If you have unclean habits as well as unclean associates who drink liquor, smoke cigarettes, commit fornication, or adultery, you are not sanctified and will have no inheritance in the kingdom of heaven. Listen to Ephesians 5: 5:

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

If you go to a church where the members practice such unclean habits, God admonishes you to come out from among them and to be separate or sanctified. Listen to II Corinthians 6:14 and 17:

Verse 14 - Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

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

Subject: More About Sanctification:

Now you are sanctified spiritually when you are purified through the truth. The Holy Spirit brings the truth of the word of God into your mind, and purifies you when you are born again. This will lead you to separate yourself from the unclean things and people in your physical and social environment. When your mind is purified by the word of God, it causes you to reject the things of your physical and social life that are unclean.

God does not use anybody as a servant who is not sanctified. God sanctifies you to make you fit for His services. Listen to I Thessalonians 5:22-23:

Verse 22 - Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Verse 23 - And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly;
and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and
body be preserved blameless unto the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

When God gets ready to save and use a person, they must be spiritually processed in order to be fit for God's use. They are purified by the Holy Ghost and fire. Holy fire, which comes into your mind by the word of God, purifies your mind. You then become fit for God's use and service. God does not use anybody that is not sanctified.

**Subject: You Can Be No More Righteous Than Your Associates
And The Company You Keep:**

You should live everyday so that you will not be ashamed of living a holy life. Such a life is pure and without secret sins. When you live a holy life, you will at any time allow God, or man to inspect your life. It is easier to live a holy life when you associate with honest people. If you have dealings with dishonest people, it will be very difficult to live a holy life. When you associate with people who are doing wrong you become just as they are.

You cannot be any better than the company you keep. Whatever the spirit is that exists in your dealings with dishonest people, that spirit will overtake you and become your spirit, and bring you under bondage to it. Spirits are stronger than the flesh. The spirit of the devil leads the flesh and causes it to sin. You can only acquire the Spirit of God when you separate yourself from situations and people that are perverse.

Subject: Stand Fast:

When God saves you, you will lose your appetite for sin. Other people in your family or among your associates will be continuously enjoying the pleasures of sin that you once enjoyed, but you will have no appetite for what they are doing. You have been sought out by God as an example and a witness against what the unsaved will be judged by. Though God gets no pleasure in seeing the wicked

being judged and condemned, He has no plan for a continuous sinner to be saved. Salvation is ordained by God for the saved person so that the judgment for the unsaved will be just.

Though your relatives may get so much pleasure out of sins, you will know that you have been saved by grace based upon your desire to live above the sins that others are enjoying. You will not approve of their sinful practices, in fact, you will openly express disapproval, though it will embarrass the sinner and displease them. In spite of the sinner's resentment or any displeasure that they have of your rejection, you will be firm in your disapproval.

Subject: Do You Know God?

Not everybody who goes to some church knows God. Job was a man who knew God. You can think that you know God, but your knowledge of God could be in error. You get to know God when you go through a test as Job did. When you truly get to know God, the devil will pay you a visit to try your faith in God. The devil listens to your talk and knows a good bit about you. When you lived in sin, it was the devil who supervised your deeds and actions.

When the devil hears you talk about God, he knows what talk is true and what talk is your religious imagination, and he tries you on the things you say that are not accurate. The devil will also try you on the things that you say that are true. However, if God is with you, the devil cannot discredit the truth of your words after applying pressure to your testimony. It is by means of your trials that you will get to know what God will support you on. Then you are getting to know God.

Subject: Simple Faith:

You can only walk with God by faith. We must trust in God like a child trusts its parents. Children don't worry about how the bills are going to be paid. We as children of God should trust that God will give us our daily bread along with other things we need. We should look to God for guidance and help at all times. Our faith in God should be simple faith and not complicated. Simple faith is not technical, just faith that depends upon God.

When we pray we should believe that we are talking to God, just as we talk to a friend. We should believe that God is interested in us, and the things we need.

If we are obeying God, He is moved by our faith, and will send blessings if our faith does not waiver. You can't come to God in mockery with no definite faith, and ask just to be asking with doubts, fears, and disbelief that make you feel that you are not going to get what you ask for.

You must believe with a firm conviction that God is near, hears your prayer and that He has a tender and compassionate understanding of your condition, and that He is able to answer at the time and in the manner requested. With this approach, it will appear that you believe that God exists. In addition, you believe that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Under these conditions, you will have faith that will please God in spite of your holiness or righteous living.

When you approach God in prayer, your faith must be the thing that moves you to go to God. Going to God would be evidence of your faith. Now if you feel independent of God and feel that you can make it some other way without his help, you cannot please God. You must feel that if God doesn't help me, there will be no help. Your faith in God must be so strong that you will be able to reach out and feel His presence. You must believe that though you cannot see Him, He can see you. He can hear you though you only whisper. You must believe that He is acquainted with your problem.

God teaches in His word, "if you keep my commandments, ask what ye will, and I will do it". Simple faith will cause you to believe that without a doubt. Everyone who knows you will know that you keep His commandments by the way you live. Although you may not ask God for much, your obedience keeps you eligible to ask.

Subject: There Is Power In The Name Of Jesus:

Your salvation is constructed upon a foundation known as faith. When you lose faith in God, you have lost everything, because faith is confidence and confidence is strength. When people have confidence in one another, they are cemented together like bricks in a wall. When they don't have confidence in God, any little thing can separate them from God.

God has given us one name that we can have confidence in. God established that name by putting power behind it. That name is the name of Jesus. Obedience to God's word and confidence in the name of Jesus will activate power to give assistance when you need it. If you reject Jesus, you will be a failure. Jesus was established by His character. Your character is given creditability when your

deeds back up your words. God gets behind your deeds if you follow and obey His words.

Jesus' character was so powerful that every knee will bow to His name. Some will bow today and others will bow in the judgment. Listen to Philippians 2:10-11:

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

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

Subject: What Are You Willing To Sacrifice For God?

If God allowed Abraham to be tried, He is not going to let us off. If we are going to heaven, we must go the way that Abraham went. There must be a sacrifice on our part. A sacrifice for God is not something you will lose, but a test of your faith. You cannot learn the reality of God just by going to church. You must learn by experience whether or not God is working in your life by means of the sacrifices that you make. You must be willing to give up something for the service of the Lord to receive salvation.

Abraham was willing to give his only son. What are we willing to give for God's services? Faith without works is dead. If you are willing to present yourself as a sacrifice, God will provide for you. To be a living sacrifice you must deny yourself of sinful pleasures and activities of life that you enjoyed that displeased God. You cannot be saved merely by going to church. You must be willing to give and work for God to help others to be saved.

God will try you to see if you have the mind to make sacrifices, and afterwards God will provide just as He did for Abraham. Everybody who is born of God must be proven. It is better to know how you stand with God in this life so that you will know how you stand when this life ends.

Subject: If You Want To Die For God You Must Live For God:

God uses men and women to do what He wants done. When God wants to bless a person, He uses man to do it. When a man or woman is holy, they become

God's means of doing things on the earth. God has a claim on everything that is holy. Everybody who obeys God becomes holy and God will use him or her for His purposes. You have to desire to live for God and not for yourself in order for God to use you. You can't die for God unless you live for Him.

If you do everything you desire in this life to please yourself and have made no sacrifices for God, when you die you will be dying for yourself and not for God. The way you live is the way you die. If you live without God being a part of your life's business, you will die without God being a part of your eternal destiny. God is not a part of your life when He is not a major factor in your business decisions. You can't allow God to be an unimportant part of your life's business and think that He will be an important part of your death.

Subject: God Only Gives An Understanding To The Humble Person:

You cannot figure out how to get an understanding of God's word by reading the Bible or going to a religious seminary. The knowledge of God's word must be given to you. Trying to figure out what the word of God teaches with human intelligence means that you are wrestling with the scriptures. When you wrestle with the scriptures, you do it to your own destruction. Listen to II Peter 3:16:

Verse 16 - As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

You cannot acquire an understanding of God's word with intellectual smarts. The word of God is designed by God to confound those who attempt to use such means to comprehend God's word. You can only acquire an understanding of God's word with humility. Humility only comes into the person who has the Holy Spirit. The knowledge of God is given only to a humble person.

Subject: Dependency On God Is Evidence Of Your Faith:

Though your earthly parents are good to you, you should look for your heavenly Father to be better, because He has more resources, deeper love, and a

more profound understanding. God is always happy to be a Father to those who are very wise to obey Him. Your affairs in life should be conducted so that you are utterly dependent upon God. God likes dependency in His children because it is evidence of faith in Him. Without faith in God, you cannot please God. Your faith is only substantiated by the way you conduct your business and financial affairs in life.

You should not be afraid to pay your tithes and offerings in fear that God will not help you with your other business affairs. If you feel self-supported without dependency upon God, it is evidence that your faith is false. You must always feel that if God doesn't help you there will be no help. You must feel that you are the least among many, so urgently dependent upon God.

**Subject: God Commands Us To Be Holy And Perfect
(I Peter 1:14-15):**

God understands humans because He created humans in his own image. God teaches us that we can be perfect and holy as He is holy. God would not teach us this if it was not possible. When God teaches you to do something, He will also help you to do it with His help. If you humble yourself and accept the command of God, His power will go to work in your life, and you will be surprised at what you will be able to do. After God gives you grace while living in this present world, He will give you the kingdom of heaven.

Now there are many who believe that God will give them the kingdom of heaven after they die, but that it is impossible for God to give them grace to be perfect and live sin-free while they are on the earth. When God is helping you to be perfect, the only thing that can hinder you is your lack of willingness to believe that you can be perfect. God's grace is not forced upon us; we must receive it willingly.

Subject: How Can A Sinner Be Saved If He Can't Pray?

God never instructed a sinner to pray; He instructed a sinner to repent. You cannot be saved from sin by praying. Many people are praying in churches everywhere, and they go home to drink liquor, and commit fornication. When you repent, it means you are turning from such sinful practices. It doesn't matter what

church you belong, or how long you have been a member, when you commit sin, God does not hear you pray.

God is holy and His holiness will not compromise with sinful practices. You don't have to pray to get right with God, just stop doing wrong and you will be right. After you do right, you can then pray to stay right. When you depart from evil, you will get an understanding (Job 28:28).

Now there are some who are committing sin and are praying, and thinking that God will hear their prayers. There will come a day when serious trouble will come and they will call on God and will receive no help. When God comes into the life of a person, sin goes out. You cannot have God in your life and sin at the same time. Sin cannot abide where God lives no more than darkness can abide where light is.

Subject: You Must Hear God's Reproof:

In order to hear God, you must have a mind to hear His reproof. You cannot merely hear God in sound only. You must hear God with your mind as well as your ears. When you hear God with your mind, you will accept his reproof, or correction. You cannot expect God to hear your prayers unless you hear His reproof.

If you are a church person and you fail to hear God's reproof, it means your church offerings, and services are an abomination to God. When you understand the word of God, you will be judged by what you understand. If you correct yourself, you will be judging yourself and God will not judge you in the judgment of the last days.

Subject: What Are You Living For?

If your life doesn't have peace, you are living for nothing. When you are born again, the Holy Spirit will dwell in your life. One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is peace from God (Galatians 5:22), all other things that you acquire and accomplish in life are not worth much if you don't have peace from God.

King Solomon did not have the Holy Spirit in his life because he lived before the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. King Solomon was the wealthiest man that ever lived. Listen to his response concerning his wealth in Ecclesiastes 2:8-11:

- Verse 8 - I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.
- Verse 9 - So, I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.
- Verse 10 - And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.
- Verse 11 - Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

When you acquire peace of mind from God, it will go with you into eternity. Peace from God gives you unlimited contentment. The material things of this world will have no lasting satisfaction. Peace does not come from external material things in the world. Peace is implanted in your heart by God when you are born again. When you are given peace from God, it rules your heart and no external conflicts can move the peace of God from your heart. When you accept the teachings of Jesus Christ and practice them in your life, the peace of God will come into your heart and make its abode with you.

Subject: Only The Holy Spirit Can Give Peace To Your Conscience:

It is wonderful to have a clear conscience. A conscience that is void of offense can only be given by the Holy Spirit. Though the devil will try to accuse you, the Spirit of God will lift up a standard of righteousness above the accusation of the devil, and it will leave you at peace with God. Only the Holy Spirit can give you a conscience that is at peace with God. When you don't have the Holy Spirit, the devil can use the least little thing in your life to condemn your conscience and

take away your peace. You can only be happy when your conscience is at peace with God.

Subject: The World Offers False Joy:

No source of joy, peace, or contentment in the world is substantial. The joy in the world is short term, and does not endure. If you think you are getting joy in the world, you should prepare for the day that it will be cut short. The world is filled with envy, strife, and contention. What appears to be joy in the world is fragile and is broken into small pieces.

The word of God offers everlasting joy for those who have a mind to obey the word. While we pass through a world of trouble, God has presented the gospel to the world. God has fixed the offer for eternal joy by means of the troubles that we have in the world. Your troubles can turn you to God for help. Trouble gives you experience that will help you to realize how strong you are physically, spiritually and morally. You will then understand that you can't overcome troubles by your own means resulting to you seeking God for deliverance.

Subject: If You Honor God You Will Be Blessed:

You cannot honor God unless you obey Him. Those who honor God are blessed. God keeps a record of everything that is done in honor of His name. God has unlimited power, and He knows everything that is done in the earth. When a person does the things that are right, they are placed on a course by God to receive blessings all along the way. Their obedience to God keeps them on the course, and they will continuously be blessed for their entire life on earth.

If a person is wicked, they will be rewarded according to their wicked deeds. God is a God of equity and He is a just God. If you do right, God will treat you right. When God blesses you, nobody can prevent nor hinder your blessings. Your prosperity will be sure.

Subject: When God Is In Your Business You Will Be Successful:

People think that they can do good things in life without God. Everything that a person does in life without God is vanity and vexation of the Spirit. Now

some things may go well for a while, but without God being involved, a person's purposes will lack endurance.

Nothing can inspire your purposes like faith in God when you do things to His glory and honor. When God is leading you into an endeavor, nothing can retard your progress. If your life and the way you do things please God, He will go with you to the end of your life on earth. God's presence will go with you and His goodness will go before you

Subject: A Child Should Honor And Give Praise To Its Parents:

When a child has been properly reared and is obedient to his or her parents, whatever the child does brings honor and praise to the parents who brought the child into the world.

God brought Jesus into the world to be a glory and praise to Him. God established Jesus' name to do this, and at the name of Jesus God is not ashamed. Jesus obeyed God's command even down to death. Of all the good deeds that Jesus did, He would accept no glory for himself.

Subject: The Birth Of Jesus Was Doom To The Devil:

The devil is the tormentor of the world who hates to hear the words that magnify the birth of Jesus. The birth of Jesus was doom for the devil. When Jesus came into the world the devil did everything he could to prevent Jesus' appearance, but his efforts were a failure. God through His Son Jesus is going to send the devil to where he belongs, and it will be done according to the scriptures. The scriptures are a sermon that preaches the devil's funeral. Goodness and mercy will follow those who choose to obey God in spite of the devil's opposition to mankind.

Subject: The Great Pretender:

There are some church going folk who may commit adultery, lie, steal, drink liquor, and have hate in their hearts for certain people that they are indifferent towards, yet they think that they can pray to God and receive answers for their prayers. The devil is an imposter and can answer many prayers for people to

pretend that he is God working in their lives. When the devil answers prayers, he will grant people material and financial prosperity for their greed. The devil grants people things in life that satisfy their sinful cravings making them think that God is answering their prayers. Listen to II Thessalonians 2:3-4:

Verse 3 - Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Verse 4 - Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

People are the temples of God, and Satan can sit in their minds pretending that he is God by honoring their sinful requests for their greed and selfishness.

Subject: The Devil Is A Coordinator For Pleasures Of The World:

The devil rules the world. This means the devil is the sponsor and head of the social orders of the world. The devil is the program coordinator for activities and events of the world that satisfy the lust of the flesh. Satan loves to entertain people with events that are ungodly. You can go to any sports events or concerts on Sunday and you will find more people there than in church. This kind of joy and pleasure is not of God, but of the world.

Now there are two births, one is of the flesh and the other is of the Spirit. When you are born of the flesh, you will have a lust for the things of the world. When you are born of the Spirit of God, you will have a love for the things of God, which are not 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.

Unless you have been born of the Spirit of God you will be in bondage under the elements and events of the world. Before you were saved, you were as a child is to its parents; the child is under the authority and guardianship of their parents. When you are not saved though you may be an adult, the events or elements of the world are your guardians holding you in bondage. Listen to Galatians 4:3-5:

Verse 3 - Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.

In order for you to be saved there should be an appointed time in your life that God sent Jesus into your life to adopt you from the elements of the world and the condemnation of the law.

Verse 4 - But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Verse 5 - To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

When you did not know God, you were a servant to sports events and entertainment of the world. Listen to Galatians 3: 8- 9:

Verse 8 - Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

Verse 9 - But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Subject: The Devil Is An Imitator Of God:

You need wisdom from God to identify good from evil when evil is used in religion. The devil puts evil in religion, and makes it appear to be good. The devil has power and he uses it in churches today. The devil is an imitator of God. He is wonderful in the eyes of those whom he can deceive, but he is not so great in the

eyes of a child of God. The devil is mighty, but God is almighty. The devil has great power, but his power must become subject to the power of God.

Now the experiences in the Bible were put there for our understanding so that we could discern the religious works of the devil from works of God. God wanted the Israelites to realize that no matter what the magicians of Egypt did, He could bring them out. Now the Pharaoh did not know anything about the God of the Israelites. Those who are workers of false religious ways today don't know anything about the power of God that can deliver them from sin. Such people go to church to practice rituals. The sorcerers and magicians of Egypt did everything Moses did until God used the power of Moses' rod to devour the false demonstrations of the sorcerers and magicians. Today, unless God shows a people of any given religious faith the difference between true salvation and false salvation, they will nevertheless be deceived and blinded by the false.

A person who has experienced true salvation of Jesus Christ lives in the Spirit 24 hours a day in every aspect of their lives. They walk in the Spirit, living above every sinful deed that the Bible teaches against. Those who have false religious teachings don't believe that it is possible to live sin-free.

Subject: Only Obedience To The Word Of God Will Get You Into Heaven:

I can't preach you into the kingdom of heaven; the life you live in Christ has to get you there. There is no need for me to carry you to heaven in a sermon and the life you live in sin bring you back. I don't preach sermons of deceit. Our own actions keep us out of heaven; God does not keep anybody out, He opens the door of invitation for everybody.

God informs us that we must repent to be saved. Now it was by one man that we became disqualified to enter heaven, and God ordained that by another man we could be qualified to get in. The requirement is that we must obey the teachings of this one man. We are not obeying Him because we go to church singing, shouting, praying, and preaching. You are obeying this one man when you put away the evil of your doings. You must get rid of all bitterness, envy, strife, hatred, and malice, and then Jesus will help you with other sins that you can't get out of.

When you learn to fear God, you will obey Him. To fear God means to respect Him to the extent that you would not break His law to please yourself. The word of God has to be obeyed and not influenced by vain thoughts and

imaginations. Jesus is soon coming after a people who are sin-free. You must accept and follow the teachings of Christ to acquire this sin-free life. If you will accept the word of God, it will purge your mind of all sin that you might receive the new birth in Christ. The new birth in Christ will help you to live like Christ.

Subject: Divine Love:

When you have the love of God in your life, you won't change. Divine love would not let you stop loving a person because they stopped loving you. Divine love is not mixed with envy, strife, or contention. It maintains a peaceful attitude regardless of the conditions that it is confronted with. When others try to make you angry, divine love will make you happy. Divine love keeps you from becoming emotionally affected by adversity. Divine love is pure, clean, holy, and powerful, and it keeps the person that way who has it.

Subject: God Is A Record Keeper:

Think about what you did during the past year. This is important for you, because God has a record of everything we did. The record will be for judgment day. If your deeds were not in accordance to the teachings of God's word, you can ask for forgiveness for such deeds. After you ask for forgiveness, make sure that you don't continue to do the same deeds for which you ask forgiveness.

I don't mean to bring your attention to unpleasant thoughts neither do I want to be dishonest allowing you to think that you are saved if you are not. Many preachers today are giving people false hope, which is deceitful. Deceitful sermons will cover up your sins making you believe that when you die, you are going to heaven. False preachers will only make you feel spiritually secure for a while, but there is no true assurance for salvation in false hope.

You are blessed if you have a pastor that will show you that you need to make adjustments in your life while you still have a chance. You are not helped by a preacher who pictures the beauty of heaven, and does not show you that the ugly and misshapen soul of sin within you could never enter heaven.

Subject: God Is A Capable And Dependable Friend At A Time Of Need:

The word of God will give comfort to those who believe and trust in God. The word of God gives assurance that God will not forsake His children during a crisis, or at a time of tribulation. God will back up the promises in His word for those who will obey it. Obedience to the word activates the word to deliver a child of God.

A child of God should always allow God to be their closest friend. It is difficult to find worldly friends who will stand by to help, or to comfort you during a time of need. Though some worldly friends are willing to stand by you in a crisis, there is very little they can do to help. God is dependable and capable of helping His child in any situation.

Subject: Let Us Praise God:

If the people of the world fail to praise God there will eventually be no peace on earth. Peace on earth comes from the minds of those who meditate on God, and give praises to God. There is no peace for a wicked mind, because the wicked mind is filled with lust and greed, which are contrary to peace. However the mind that stays on the Lord will be free of burdens and worries, and will have assurance from God that all of their needs will be provided for by God. Such a mind has learned that godliness with contentment is great gain, and they will continuously praise God for such blessings.

Subject: Let God Use You:

If you are saved, you will enjoy listening or reading the knowledge of the word of God. The love of God causes you to enjoy hearing the word of God. When you have the love of God in your heart, you will have a desire to share with other people the knowledge that gives you joy; this will be God working in you. Therefore, you can glorify God and praise Him for the help that He has been to another person by using you.

Subject: You Will Learn Of God By Experience And The People Of God:

The things that God is going to do in the future will be based upon things that were done in the past. The past events of God's works are shadows of future events. Accurate knowledge from God will be based upon experiences. If we learn anything about God, it will be by experiences. Experience is the greatest teacher. Without experience, man can guess, imagine, and think, but in order to know, he will have to acquire experience or learn from someone who has experience.

God does not do things like we expect. God chooses a person and situations to work through that most people would not give credibility to. When God chose parents for Jesus, He chose a carpenter and a handmaid. If we had to speculate where a king would be born, we would expect the birth of royalty in a palace.

Subject: It Is What You Do For One Another That Makes You Happy:

You can only be happy by the way that you treat your fellow man. If you mistreat somebody, such actions will not allow you to have peace with God. The Bible teaches us how to treat one another so that we can be happy while we live in this present world. Happiness and peace come from God, but it is only given to the person who desires to treat their fellow man with kindness. If you are mean to people, you will always be unhappy regardless of what they have done to you.

The world is unhappy today because nations are blinded by the god of this world, which is the devil. The devil tried to be a god in heaven. He walked in stones of fire being a perfect cherub. He learned to enjoy having power and influence over other angels in heaven. If you get too much pleasure out of authority and influence over other people, the devil is in you. Authority should be for the purpose of helping others and not for pleasure.

There was no sin in Satan or in heaven until Satan began to enjoy the administration of power and authority and this caused him to be lifted up in pride. You must watch pride and a haughty spirit because it comes right before a fall. You can't get proud without lifting yourself above your brothers and sisters. God does not desire that we lift ourselves above one another. It is the will of God that we use the knowledge and gifts that we possess to teach others that we might be equal with one another.

If a doctor can treat a mechanic when he is sick, and the mechanic can repair the doctor's car, it is their gifts that are being used to help each other that make them equal with one another. The mechanic feels better when he is treated by the doctor, and the doctor has a car to drive.

Subject: Love Is Of God:

The first and last law of God to man is love. He teaches husbands to love their wives, wives to obey their husbands, and children to obey their parents. When a man loves his wife, he will do no ill to her. When a wife loves her husband, she will obey him. A woman will not obey a husband that she doesn't love. If a man wants to know whether or not he loves his wife, all he has to do is to watch how he treats her. His own actions towards his wife will tell him whether or not he loves his wife. He should not pay any attention to sexual feelings because they are deceiving; he can have sexual feelings for a prostitute.

The way you feel towards a person can be deceiving and not a reflection of true love. You must watch the way you treat a person to determine whether or not you truly love the person. God sets the standard for true love. When you love like God teaches to love, it means your love is of God. Listen to I John 4:7, 11, and 13:

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

Whenever we have the love of God in us, we will be able to show this love to others according to the way that God loves us.

Verse 11 - Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

It is by the love of God dwelling in us that we have a confirmation that we are born of God. Listen to Verse 7 again:

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

When we have the love of God in us, we are born of God by the Spirit of God.

Verse 13 - Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

Subject: More About Love:

You cannot love some people and hate others. This means that what you think is love is partiality, which is false love. God's love is without partiality and when He gives His love to you, after you are born of God, you will be without partiality. Listen to the book of James that teaches about the fruits of God's love. James 3:17:

Verse 17 - But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

When hate is present in your life for anyone, the love of God is not present, and you are the same as a murderer to God. 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.

All men are brothers in the eyes of God. Listen to Acts 17:26:

Verse 26 - And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.

Jesus was born in a stable, and He will reign over a universal kingdom that will never end.

God can do great things under the least conditions. We as humans like fame, recognition, prominence, and importance. When God chooses servants to use, His choice will be servants that are unknown. God makes himself known in a people by putting His righteousness in those who are not known. If you ever desire to find God, don't look for those who are well known; look for a righteous person who may not be so popular. The people of God will be true, humble,

sin-free, and with love in their hearts. Such saints of God will manifest the fruits of the Holy Spirit such as love, patience, peace, meekness, kindness, forbearance, easily entreated, humility, temperance, charity, goodness, faith and longsuffering. When you find these qualities in a person or people, they may not be popular, but they are the people of God.

Subject: Love Can Defeat Hate:

Unless those who profess Christianity stop sympathizing, and stop compromising with the devil, the devil will have plenty of resources to use against them. The devil can't fight you unless you give him something to fight with. Hate is his weapon of choice.

When the Spirit of Christ is in you, it will cause you to love one another. If this love were universal, there would be no need for military forces. The uprising in Syria occurred because the dictator hates his people. That is because they want liberty and a better life than what he offered. Adolf Hitler was a leader full of hate. The only weapon that can defeat hate is the love of God enforced by the Spirit of God.

When a person does something to you that is offensive, it is because they are trying to make you hate them. If you maintain love in your heart against them, love will defeat their hate. If you continuously show love for a person, you can sow the spirit of love in the person, and overpower their hate. Now love must come from a true source of love. It must be of God. If you don't have God's love in you, what you think is love is false love. A pretense of love is a sham, and carries no power to defeat hate.

When Jesus came to the earth, we didn't love Him, but He loved us to the extent that many have been saved as a result of His love. If we love Jesus today, it is because He first loved us, and sowed the spirit of love in us.

Subject: When You Are Saved Nothing Has Power To Separate You From The Love Of God:

If you are born again, nothing has the power to separate you from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus. This will be your stand against the forces of evil when you are saved. As you journey through life being filled with the Spirit of God, you will reap some of the things you sowed before you were saved. Such

prior sins will bring back to you the things of life that belong to you. The fruit of your prior sins is yours, and nobody will be able to interfere with your repossession of the things that you sowed.

Your stand with God as a present day saved person will not prevent you from reaping the things that you sowed. You must conclude that the things you sowed that are coming to you will not be able to separate you from the Love of God. The joy of the Lord given by the Holy Spirit will be more powerful than the sorrows produced by your prior life of sin.

Subject: Worldly Smarts Versus Wisdom:

God so loved the world that He gave us what we needed rather than what we wanted. In order for the world to have a chance to be saved, the world needed a sacrifice for their sins. God gave Jesus to be a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and the world didn't want Jesus. The world cannot learn the correct knowledge of what they need unless they receive the wisdom of God. Unless Christ becomes your wisdom, it does not matter how many PhDs you acquire at institutions of learning, you will remain without wisdom.

Wisdom is information from God to show you how to survive spiritually. Physical problems in the world are the result of a lack of wisdom. Wisdom means to depart from evil. A man is smart and intelligent when he learns how to set up a business that is successful, but he is wise when he learns that adultery can cause him to lose his prosperity by means of a divorce. To learn how to be prosperous is worldly smarts, but to learn how to keep your wife or husband is wisdom.

Subject: Are You Ready For The Next Storm?

There will be another storm coming upon the earth that the weather bureau will not forecast. Only the word of God will forecast this great storm. It will be a storm of flashing lightning, fire, and brimstone, and those who are not saved will be victims of this storm. The saved people will be gone when this storm comes. They will be secured with God in heaven. Today Christ wants to gather all who desire to be saved so that they won't be here when the storm comes.

Jesus is the temple for the souls of those who want to be saved and He will give them the Holy Spirit to save them. God is inviting any who wants to be saved to come into the temple. You are saved when you allow Jesus to possess your soul

or mind. Jesus can take possession of everybody's mind that is on the earth. When you hide your mind in Jesus, your life will be in perfect peace for His word promises this peace to all who come to him.

Subject: All Who Are In The First Resurrection Will Acquire Victory Over Death:

People have many misconceptions about death. Death is something that medical research can't inform you on what to expect. Only Jesus can prepare you for death. When Jesus prepares you for death, He does it before you die, and not after you die. You cannot acquire Jesus' help for death after you die, if you have not acquired it while you are living. When Jesus walks you through the valley of the shadow of death, He stands walking with you in this life.

Death without Christ will be worse than your worst nightmare. There are no words that can give you a complete description of death without Christ. You don't want to die without Christ. Christ is the neutralizer for the effects of death. Death must be a very important event for humans; otherwise, God would not have sent Jesus to prepare us for death. You are only prepared for death when you are born again. Those who are not born again have very little concern about being ready for death; they make more preparations for the luxury cruise next summer.

Death for the person who has not been born again will be in two parts: they will experience the death of the body and death of the soul. The death of their body will be short, but the death of their souls will be forever in torment. Death for the born again person will be pleasant and peaceful whereas they will enter a peaceful rest in paradise where Abraham is the overseer.

Christ did not redeem saved people from hell, but He redeemed them from death. When you are redeemed from the second death, you don't have to worry about going to hell. Jesus teaches that if death did not hold Him in the grave, death shall not keep those who believe on Him. The hope for saved people is the resurrection, and the first resurrection means victory over death.



CHAPTER V

**SALVATION:
SPECIAL TOPICS**

Subject: We Are Saved Through Childbearing:

There are many today who are ignorant of the purpose for marriage, which results to the use of birth control methods and abortions. Salvation will only be sent to the world by God through childbearing. You can only be saved by the child that God ordains to bring the teachings of His word through. After Christ came to the world, God ordained that other holy men would follow to bring the furtherance of the gospel that the world might be saved. If abortions and contraceptives are used to prevent childbirth, they could very well be preventing the child that God is sending to the world for the furtherance of the gospel.

A preacher cannot be a minister of God by choosing a ministry for a career. God must ordain and send such a preacher. The world can only be saved through childbearing. Listen to 1 Timothy 2:14-15:

Verse 14 - And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Verse 15 - Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

Through childbearing God will send a leader to give salvation to those who repent of their sins. It was through John the Baptist's birth that God informed his parents that John would have a ministry to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. The readiness for such that would be saved would only be given through John's ministry. The people were informed of this opportunity before John was born. Listen to Luke 1:13,16, and 17:

Verse 13 - But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Verse 16 - And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

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

It is the devil's purpose to destroy children before or immediately after they are born in hope that he will destroy the leader that God is sending. The Bible gives a record of the devil doing this twice. Listen to Revelations 12:4-5:

Verse 4 - And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Satan wanted to destroy this child to prevent his rulership for those who desired to be saved.

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 was Jesus. Satan tried to do the same thing with Moses. Listen to Exodus 1:22:

Verse 22 - And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

Listen again to King Herod's attempt to kill Jesus as a child in St. Matthew 2:13:

Verse 13 - And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

Whenever birth control and abortions are used, the devil is primarily trying to kill a child before it is born, with knowledge that God will send a child into the world with a gift that will be a blessing to the world. A child cannot be taught how to cure cancer, the AIDS virus or heart disease, these things can only be cured by God sending a child into the world with the inborn knowledge of a gift to cure such diseases.

So is it also with salvation for the world. The devil knows this, that's why he kills children before or after their birth. Parents who practice using birth control methods to prevent child conception are working with the devil, and they will spend eternity with the devil in a lake of fire and brimstone.

Subject: God Has Foreknowledge Of Everybody That Is Born:

It is important that we acquire an understanding of God's knowledge of human existence. God has unlimited abilities to perceive future events of the world. God can see things before they happen as well as He can see them after they happen. Time has no effect upon God. Time was placed upon mankind as a result of the sin of Adam. God makes preparations to save His people before they are born as well as after they are born. We learn about things after we come into existence, but God knew about the things that we learned before our existence started, and our salvation is planned by God before and after we were born.

When you are saved, it was not a last minute decision by God to save you. Before a child is born or formed in the womb, God has prepared a place for the child to exist, and made available for the child the benefits of the plan of salvation. Such children are destined by God to be saints, and great in the gift that God has given them. In other cases, they may not be well known but their salvation and destiny will be planned by God, and they will be as precious to God as those who are great.

God programs the lives of those who will be saved to receive salvation early in their existence before they are born. If a mother of the child does anything to prevent the conception of the child or to prevent the child from coming into existence, she will be working against God and the plan that He had for the child.

This knowledge of the child's destiny is not given to the mother upon conception of the child. The mother will only learn about God's plans for the child after the child is full-grown. So when the mother interferes with the child's conception by means of birth control and abortions, she will have to give an account to God in the judgment.

Now before a child is born, God has named it. The parents who have the child will receive in their minds the impression that they thought of the name themselves. A child is not named by the mother or father as they think, but by God who puts the name in their minds before it is announced. The names of children that are conceived are written in heaven before their conception, and are afterward placed in the minds of the parents to announce it. Listen to Jeremiah 1:5:

Verse 5 - Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee;
and before thou camest forth out of the womb I
sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto
the nations.

I am trying to give you knowledge based upon the scriptures that God has foreknowledge of everybody who will be born and every event that will happen. Listen to St. Luke 1:11-13:

Verse 11 - And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

Verse 12 - And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

Verse 13 - But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Just as God knew about John the Baptist before he was conceived, He knows about every child before he or she is conceived.

Subject: We As A Nation Should Be Careful That We Don't Conduct Our Affairs Contrary To The Word Of God:

It is important that presidents and government officials be in touch with God. God is very much interested in the governmental operations of our nation. When heads of state and government officials make ungodly decisions for the nation, the entire nation will suffer. The nation's governmental decisions must be in line with the heavenly operations in order for the nation to receive blessings from heaven.

Government officials may not understand nor see a need to operate our nation's business in accordance to the way God's kingdom of heaven operates, so God will help us by sending a religious leader to teach what heaven requires on an earthly level for us to understand how to operate. An earthly level of operating cannot be completely like that of the kingdom of heaven, but it can be done on a level of operation that is acceptable to God.

When the nation of Israel was established by God, God sent Moses to give the nation laws to follow that would be acceptable for an earthly operation. Such an operation would then allow Israel to receive assistance from God. Such assistance was very vital to the nation's survival, such as blessing their resources and agricultural production. Israel also received assistance from God during the time of war when their enemies rose up against them. God's assistance to the

nation of Israel was continuous until Israel began to disobey the laws that God gave Moses and later this resulted to the people of Israel being overcome by their enemies and taken back into captivity.

It is very important that a godly nation conduct their governmental operations according to the leadership of the word of God if they expect to receive continuous blessings and assistance from God. When a nation begins to do things contrary to the teachings of God's word such as legalizing homosexuality, such a nation is getting ready to fall.

Subject: The Judgment Of God:

The judgment of God can come in different ways and on different levels. It can come to an individual, a church organization, city, state, nation, or the entire world. On many occasions in the history of the Bible when the judgment of God came upon an individual or nation, those who received the judgment did not perceive it as a judgment from God. When the Roman Empire fell, it was perceived by those in the nation to be the results of Rome's corrupted internal operations; they did not see it as being the judgment of God. The judgment of God coming upon a people or a nation will not always appear to be coming from God.

When Moses first appeared to the Pharaoh of Egypt with messages from God, such messages were not a plea from God to let the children of Israel go, but an ultimatum. Moses brought warnings from God of the judgment of God that would be coming upon the nation of Egypt. The bondage of the children of Israel was the reason for the judgment. The Pharaoh could not see the judgment of God coming from a rod that Moses had as being a judgment. The Pharaoh perceived Moses' presentation as being no more of a threat than what it appeared to be.

The judgment of God may not appear to be a judgment from God in its initial presentation as a warning, but when the execution of the judgment comes, it will be a total surprise for those who fall under the judgment.

Subject: Men In Positions Of Authority Would Be Wise To Recognize God:

No matter how high an office or position of authority that you may obtain in life, you must recognize God as being above all. Your dealings with those who are under your authority should be with a conscious mind that God is always aware of

the fairness of your dealings. We must consider that God deals with those in authority during our present day as He did in biblical days. The difference in the way that God deals with men in authority is that some may not recognize God and others may. A man must be wise enough to recognize the interest of God in His creation to rule or conduct his affairs in accord with the scriptures, and this will determine how God will deal with the man in authority.

It is recommended to those in authority that they be taught some knowledge of the scriptures so that they may conduct their duties, as those in authority, in a way that pleases God in order to get help from God. Such people in authority must understand that it is God that ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth the authority to whomsoever He will, and can put in authority the basest of men (Daniel 4:17).

Subject: Leaders Of Nations That Take Counsel Against God Will Fall:

Now there are many with prominent positions in life that think Jesus is wonderful for common folk, and that higher-class people don't need Jesus. Prominent heads of state and rulers of the world believe that the power of the state or country is all that is necessary for their success. They believe that a strong military will be the winner for their administration. If they try to rule with this kind of mind, the Lord of the heavens will have their countries in derision (Psalm 2:1-4). When countries are in the condition that Syria, Libya and Egypt are in, it is because the leaders of such nations have set themselves against God.

When leaders of nations set themselves up to take counsel against God, they have rejected the love of God, and their nation will surely fall. You can tell whether or not God is involved in their administrations by the condition of their nations. God is not the author of confusion in a nation, but of peace.

Subject: Work In Your Field:

Everybody is given a gift from God. If you work in the field of the gift you are given you will be successful. If you get saved and work in your field your success will be inevitable. God assigns missions and gifts to everyone before they are born. When you give your life to Christ, God will give you power, wisdom,

understanding, and the opportunity to develop and exercise the gift that He has given you to the Glory of God and the benefit of mankind.

It is possible to be successful with your gift and not be saved, because gifts come without repentance. If you work in the channel that God ordained using your gift, you will be successful. If you get out of the channels and desire to pursue another field that is not in line with your gift simply because you see somebody doing something you like, you will be a failure, and you will not have God's assistance. You will be a social and occupational misfit.

Subject: If A Man Has A Mind To Obey God - God Will Give Him A Good Wife:

It is a woman who shapes the future of the world. The woman who rocks the cradle for an infant shapes the future of men and prepares them for their destinies. No matter how great a man is, his mother prepared and got him started. Many today are aware of the importance of a woman's role in the success of our nation and that is why you can't get in a restaurant on Mother's Day.

Women have an influence over men that is more powerful than their physical strength. Sampson was the strongest man that ever lived, but he had his head brought under subjection to the influence of a woman. The richest man that ever lived wanted more women around him than wealth. Solomon had 300 wives and 700 concubines. When women don't have God in their lives they can be trouble for men. When men have the assistance of godly women, their success will be inevitable.

When God created man, He gave man the nature to depend on the support of a woman for success. If a man has a mind to obey God, God will give him a good woman that will help lead him to success. Adam did not have a mind to obey God, so God gave him a woman that led him to his downfall. Listen up brothers! If you have a mind to obey God, He will give you a good wife and your success will be sure. Listen to Proverbs 18:22:

Verse 22 - Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.

Beware Of The Spirit Of Judas Iscariot:

Subject: If You Are Truly Saved You Will Have A Judas In Your Life:

Judas Iscariot was the biggest fool that has ever lived. It is a dangerous thing to have close dealings with a saved person, and not be saved. There is more involved with a born again believer than what most people can perceive. A truly saved person is a representative of God on the earth. God actually lives in a saved person to accomplish His purposes on the earth. Judas worked beside Christ and saw the miraculous works of God that Christ did, not realizing that God Himself was doing the works. So Judas being a natural born fool set his heart to exploit Christ's ministry and to betray Christ.

When a person is affiliated with a child of God and has no mind to be saved, God will program them to be like Judas on some occasions. Every saved person will be tested and tried and usually the devil will use the person that they are affiliated with to try them, which could be a betrayal such as Judas did with Christ.

Now Judas played a very important part in Jesus' ministry, because he was the means by which Jesus would get to the cross. If you are saved, you have a cross that a Judas in your life has been ordained of God to get you there. Your cross is the ultimate purpose and the completion of your salvation. Your cross will confirm the authenticity of your salvation. All of the good qualities that you took on after being saved will be proven by your cross. You will not have to hang on a cross as Jesus did at Calvary, but you will experience a trying situation that will help you to know if you are truly saved.

It will most likely involve a person who is close to you, and religiously in your life, such as Judas was with Jesus. The finality of your salvation will be concluded by a deceitful persecutor who will betray you if you are truly saved. So pick up your cross and follow Jesus.

Subject: God Must Choose Friends For A Saved Person:

Judas fulfilled the prophecy that said a friend shall betray Christ. When you are saved, you have to watch a friend. If a friend is not saved, Satan can get in a friend. Satan has no good purposes for a saved person, so when he gets into their friend, the friend will have no good purposes. A good friend has to be ordained by God for a saved person. Such a friend does not have to be saved, but God will

control the friend's purposes so that they won't betray a saved person. If you are saved and God doesn't control your friends, you will have trouble with your friends.

God knows everything before it comes to pass, and He will move on your friends to assist you according to His foreknowledge. God can tell you or me the way a certain thing will end when it begins. God knows what people will do before they do it and He can direct you into a situation where you can receive benefits from their actions even when their actions are against you.

God raised up the Pharaoh of Egypt to be an adversary of Moses so that the Pharaoh's opposition would be used to give Moses success in delivering the children of Israel. When people oppose you, don't fight them, God will fight for you by using their means of opposition to give you victory. The word of God will let a wicked person know that no matter how hard they try to oppose a child of God, he cannot prevent the plan of God from going forth.

Subject: Don't Harden Your Heart Against God:

When a person fails to accept Jesus Christ into their life, they are betraying Jesus as Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus. The same judgment that will be served to Judas will be served to all who fail to accept Jesus Christ into their lives. When we fail to accept Jesus that means as far as we are concerned, His crucifixion was for nothing. God sent Jesus to be crucified for everybody. Those who fail to accept His teachings to be saved will be charged as those who crucified Jesus.

Judas' problem started when he became hard in his heart and rebelled against God. His act of betrayal was the result of his rebellious heart. When people hear the gospel of Jesus and learn of His purpose, yet they fail to accept Him, and be saved, it is because they have a rebellious heart against Jesus just as Judas had. Jesus prayed to God for those who had rebellious hearts against Him to be saved, and this prayer was for Judas also. Listen to St. Luke 23:34:

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

Judas as well as all who are stubborn and rebellious against Jesus' teaching are covered under that prayer. It is very dangerous to sit under the teachings of the word of God and then harden your heart. Unless a person repents of a stubborn and hard heart, the prayer that Jesus prayed will not cover them. If you continue in

wickedness with a hard heart, the grace of God will not reach you, and you will not escape the judgment of God.

The teachings of the scriptures are for the righteous and wicked person. David prophesied of the son of perdition and Judas fell right in line with the prophecy of David to be the son of perdition. There is no hope for the person who will not hear God. Judas sat at the table with Jesus' disciples and heard the teachings of Jesus along with seeing the miracles Jesus did. Judas heard the teachings and saw the works of Jesus, but his mind was covetous. He was the treasurer; he carried the bag with the money.

It is dangerous for a person without God to handle money. You will become hard in your heart if you fool with money, because money will make you fall in love with it. Money has power to control you if you are not saved. The only thing that can protect you from the power of money is the power of the Holy Spirit. The scriptures teach that the love of money is the root of all evil. When you began to love money, you will do anything to get it.

Subject: Covetousness Will Kill You:

Judas was as honest as the other disciples were when he began his work with Jesus. He was chosen to be saved, just as the others were chosen. Somewhere along the line, Judas got smart on Jesus, not directly, but in his heart.

On one occasion when Jesus was gathered with His apostles, a woman came in with a precious box of ointment, which cost several hundred dollars. She wanted to anoint Jesus because she loved Him, so she broke the box of ointment upon Him and its fragrance went all over the room. When Judas saw this, he claimed that the expensive ointment was wasted by breaking it and putting it on Jesus. He suggested that the ointment might have been sold and the money given to the poor. Judas was not really interested in the poor. He said it because he was a thief using the money for himself. Judas was stealing.

When a person gets smart on God, the scriptures will have no effect upon them, and their days will be cut short. Judas' days were cut short because he was covetous.

Subject: God Speaks To Us According To His Foreknowledge:

When God speaks by means of the scriptures, He speaks according to His foreknowledge. The scriptures are not always referring to present and past events. God shows wicked people what will happen in the future unless they repent. A wicked person's name in the scriptures is identified by the wicked acts of sin that they commit. When the time arrives for the prophecy of a wicked person to be fulfilled, someone will fulfill it. Judas' name was not mentioned in the Old Testament when the son of perdition was prophesied to be the one to betray Jesus, but Judas fit the description. The word of God is words of prophecy that give us warnings of what to expect if we go a certain way in life.

If a person is not living a righteous life, they will conclude that the word is contentious when it refers to the way they are living. However, in actuality, that is what the word of God is supposed to do. It is supposed to enlighten people on the danger of living contrary to God's commandments.

Subject: Jesus Had No Plan For Anybody To Be Lost:

Even though Judas betrayed Jesus, He did not have to be lost. Jesus never planned for anybody to be lost. Jesus came to bring grace to save sinners, and not vengeance for their sins. All sinners are against Jesus, Judas simply had close dealings with Jesus.

Judas' deed could have been forgiven like the woman caught in the act of adultery, if he had come back to Jesus and repented. Jesus even prayed for the centurion who pierced Him. The effects of Jesus' prayer were very powerful and full of love for sinners. A special prayer and invitation was extended to the thief who repented in St. Luke 23:43:

Verse 43 - And Jesus said unto him, *Verily I say unto thee,
To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*

Had the other thief repented, he would have been invited into paradise also. We must willingly accept Jesus' offer to be saved. The scriptures declare that all manner of sin shall be forgiven except for blasphemy of the Holy Ghost (St. Matthew 12:31-32). The Holy Spirit is the only means by which you can be born again. When you disrespect its guidance, there is no other way that God has provided for you to be saved.

Subject: All Manner Of Sin Shall Be Forgiven Except For Blasphemy Of The Holy Ghost:

After Judas sinned, he went to the chief priests and scribes to repent by taking the money back. Judas went to the wrong place for repentance. Today people go to churches and priests asking for forgiveness of their sins. They are going to the wrong places. There is only one source of forgiveness and that is from God. They need a godly repentance rather than a church repentance. A godly repentance happens when you repent from the heart with a sincere intent not to commit the offense again. God will then grant you repentance from heaven by the power of the Holy Spirit not to commit the offense again.

If Judas' sin had not stood so big in his eyes, he could have been forgiven. The scriptures teach that all manner of sin shall be forgiven. These words were spoken by Jesus. He says that all manner of sin will be forgiven except disrespecting or blaspheming the Holy Ghost. Judas could have done anything he wanted against Jesus, and still had been forgiven. The Holy Ghost had not been given to the disciples at that time. Judas' only offense was against Jesus, for which Jesus Himself taught that he could have been forgiven.

The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God that comes to you to assist and give you the new birth. You cannot be born again from any other source. The Holy Ghost convicts you and pleads with you. If you should reject or speak against the Holy Ghost, there is no other help or means for you to be saved. The Holy Ghost is the last means from God to mankind for a man or woman to have a chance to be saved. God is the judge, Jesus is the mediator, and the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God, which convicts and convinces. If the Holy Ghost is unable to convict and convince you of your sins, and you reject and blaspheme it, there will be no forgiveness for you in this world neither in the world to come.

Now remember, all manner of sin can be forgiven such as theft, murder, adultery, fornication, lying or hatred. If you make up your mind that you will forsake your sins, Jesus has power to forgive and take away your sins. If on the other hand, you listen to reproof from the word of God and harden your heart, you shall be a son of perdition. Your heart will become so hard that nothing will be able to move you towards repentance. Then you will fulfill the prophecy of God's word as being the son of perdition as Judas was.

Subject: The Reprobate:

Now for those who don't believe in God and His power to save, after hearing the testimony of those who are saved, salvation will not be given to them.

When God looks down upon such unbelievers and sees that they are not producing fruit of righteousness, God will curse such people with a reprobate mind.

When Jesus looked at a fig tree and saw that it was not bearing fruit, He cursed the tree. Jesus abandoned the tree. Nobody will be saved contrary to his or her will to be saved. Jesus did not come to be at war against the unbeliever, but he will abandon them leaving them available for their choice of damnation. Such people are of no value for God to grant salvation. If your life and efforts to be saved do not impress God, you will be turned over to a reprobate mind. The bishopric of Judas was given to another because he had fallen from his position.

Judas was as honest and sincere as any of the other apostles were when he started his ministry with Christ, but he failed to watch and pray. Therefore, he entered into temptation, and covetousness took control of him. You can be as honest and sincere as you know how to be when you start with God, but the race is not given to the swift nor to the strong, but to the one that proves faithful and endureth to the end.

Subject: He Fell From Grace:

The thing that caused Judas to fall from grace so quickly was that he was halt between two opinions. He decided to play the part of a deceitful person rather than to continue in his devotion to Christ. It will be good for those who initially start out to be sure to continue in the things that they have been taught and resist the temptations of the devil. Listen to II Timothy 3:14:

Verse 14 - But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.

Many who started out with the teaching of Jesus Christ, like Judas do not continue in the teaching, because they give heed to seducing spirits of the devil, which causes them to depart from the faith. Listen to I Timothy 4:1:

Verse 1 - Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

Judas became angry when Jesus exposed him, and when he became angry, the devil entered into Judas (St. John 13:27). When you allow yourself to become angry because of something the scriptures teach that you don't agree with, you will then allow the devil to come into you, and for a while the devil will pretend that he is God, and that what you disagree with in the scriptures is incorrect. Such a person would then become selective as to what they believe in the scriptures, choosing the things that are not against them and that are easy to follow.

The scribes and the Pharisees picked through the scriptures so self-righteously that they overlooked the most important part, which taught of Jesus Christ's ministry. The scriptures testified of the coming of Christ from Genesis to Revelations. However, most of the Jews did not see such revelations of Christ.

Subject: For As Many As Received Jesus He Gave Them Power To Be Saved:

Now a righteous person or religious leader will tell you about your sins in order to help you as Jesus told Judas, but the devil can get into you so big that you will not be able to control yourself. It would have been good for Judas to confess his sins to Jesus, and ask if Jesus would please forgive him, and pray that he might continue to be one in spirit with Christ and his disciples. However, Judas had become so hardened that he had gotten to the place where the least little thing caused him to be rebellious against Jesus. Jesus had power from heaven to wash Judas of his rebellious spirit. Listen to St. John 1:12:

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

Jesus had power and authority from God to save and keep those that he saved until the Holy Ghost would be sent to keep them. However, they had to receive Jesus Christ in order for this keeping power to retain them under grace until the Holy Ghost was given.

Even Peter at one time broke away from Jesus' keeping power by lying and going astray, but Jesus sent for Peter after His resurrection so that Peter and the other disciples would be given the Holy Ghost to prepare them for the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost would be poured out upon all flesh.

Subject: Don't Let The Spirit Of Judas Seduce You:

The spirit of Judas Iscariot is in churches today. It is in the form of deceitful worshipers who act like they are with the teachings of Christ, but do not obey it. Although such worshipers hear the word of God, they do not accept, nor live according to the word of God. Such people are church affiliated, but not Christ affiliated and will oppose and persecute those who are truly born again. Though they sit in churches today and do not accept the truth, they will one day be in the company of Judas in hell.

It is my warning to those who start out with Christ not to be deceitful, but to let God's word wash your spirit and sanctify you. No matter how dirty a sinner you have been, God will save you if you are willing to receive Jesus Christ. God will justify you from the condemnation of your previous sins and nobody will be able to condemn you.

CHAPTER VI

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Subject: The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit:

I invite you to listen to St. Matthew 3:11:

Verse 11 - I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.

This is a very important scripture because there are many who believe that when you are baptized with water you are qualified to go to heaven. The baptism of water is merely a show to the world that you have repented of your sins and that you are giving honor to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ who has been resurrected in your life by the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The baptism of water is a visible testimony of what has actually happened in your life by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Now the only evidence that will be visible to witness the baptism of the Holy Spirit is when you show the world that you were at one time a sinner, but after that you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit you are a new creature who is living a sin-free life.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Prepares Your Mind To Receive The Gospel:

When Jesus left His disciples and ascended back to heaven, He promised them that the Holy Ghost would be sent by God to help them. Today the Holy Ghost is still moving upon the earth to give assistance, protection, and the new birth to those who repent of their sins.

The Holy Ghost offers protection against sin by lifting up a standard against sinful temptations. It does not matter how much you go to church, if the Holy Ghost has not been commissioned by God to assist in the ministry of your church, you will not receive the new birth. The Holy Ghost is sent to the people that God is going to save so that they will be able to accept the gospel when it is presented to them.

Subject: Another Comforter:

Before Jesus left the earth, He promised His disciples that He would pray to the Father to give them another Comforter. The other Comforter is the Holy Ghost. Jesus taught that the world could not receive this Comforter because it will be the Spirit of Truth. Many people cannot accept the truth, especially those who love the sinful pleasures of the world. Though humans have some ability to learn about God, their knowledge of God will be limited except they receive assistance from the other Comforter that God has sent.

So, Jesus wanted His disciples to know that they should not be worried because He was leaving them. He promised that He would not leave them comfortless, and that God had given Him power to fulfill all the promises that He had preached to them. He promised them that though they would die, they would live again. The proof of this promise to His disciples would be that Jesus would be crucified and on the third day, He would be resurrected.

Today the same promises that Jesus made to the disciples are for all who receive Him. Whether we are dead or alive, the Comforter is available, keeping us ready to meet Jesus when He returns.

Subject: How Can You Be Sure That The Holy Spirit Is Assisting You?

The way that you learned where the wind is blowing is by watching the effects it is having on things where you hear it blowing. You learn this by experience and observing the effects of wind though you cannot actually see the wind. This is the same way that Jesus teaches about evidence of the Holy Spirit in St. John 3:8:

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

Evidence of the Holy Spirit working in your life is that you will begin to see sinful practices leaving. If you are an alcoholic, habitual cigarette smoker, or a drug addict, this is the effect that it will have. Listen to me very carefully. When the Holy Spirit is assisting you and giving you the new birth, it will gradually indwell within your life, and any of the above habits will leave your life quickly

and immediately. Such habits will then be appalling and distasteful to you. These habits will not have the power to remain in your life when the Holy Spirit is coming in. Such things as adultery, fornication, and homosexual desires will immediately leave your life.

It will not be necessary for you to go to any kind of drug or alcoholic rehabilitation center for assistance. The Holy Spirit will give you all the rehabilitation that you need. This is how you will know that the Holy Spirit is working in your life. Watch for the effects that the Holy Spirit will have on sinful habits. If you read and put forth an effort to obey this literature, the same Holy Spirit that composed this literature will save you according to the teaching of this literature.

Subject: The Spiritual Things Of God Must Be Spiritually Discerned:

When you are not saved, you are spiritually blind. This means you lack the ability to perceive the things of God. In order for spiritual blindness to leave you, the light from heaven must fall upon you to give you spiritual vision. Spiritual vision is a light of revelation and understanding of God's plan of salvation. Humans are born into the world with spiritual blindness. It is not until they are born again that they will receive spiritual vision.

Spiritual vision is an anointing by the Holy Spirit to see the spiritual things that God desires for you to see. When you are spiritually blind, your perception of the knowledge of God is cloudy and limited. Such blindness causes you to see the things of God as being foolishness. When you are spiritually blind, you cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God. Listen to 1Corinthians 2:14:

Verse 14 - But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

It is necessary to have the assistance of the intercessor, which is the Holy Spirit to receive the things of God, because the things of God can only be spiritually identified.

Subject: Children Inherit The Nature Of Their Parents:

When children are born into the world, they take on the nature of their parents. They will acquire many habits and ways of living that their parents have. They are identified not merely by the physical appearance of their parents, but also by the ways of their parents. Such ways of living are physical, natural, and biological ways.

When a person is born again, they are born of the Spirit of God, which is Holy. This means they will take on the ways of God. These ways will be spiritual rather than physical or natural. Spiritual ways are righteous ways that are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Their new character will be like God's character, consisting of love, joy, peace, charity, longsuffering, forbearance, goodness, humility, meekness, temperance, kindness, and faith.

Subject: Sin Cannot Trespass The Presence Of God:

If your life is clean and pure, you have power with God. With a clean life, you are living in the presence of God, because God loves and has respect for a clean life. A clean life is a holy life. A person with a clean life does not drink liquor, beer, wine and use tobacco products. They will not commit adultery, fornication, or homosexual acts. When you live free from these sins, God will be with you, and bless you for the entire time that you live on the earth. God will bless you with things you need and desire when your life is pleasing to Him. When you have a clean life you can pray, and God will hear your prayers.

When you repent of your sins, God gives you the Holy Spirit to cleanup your life. When the Holy Spirit comes into your life, you become equal with God because the Holy Spirit is a part of God. The Holy Spirit gives you power that will enable you to live a life that is acceptable to God.

When God sees that you want to be righteous and pure, He makes you one with Him by giving you His Spirit. When you have the Spirit of God nothing on earth can condemn you and separate you from the love of God, because God Himself will be your righteousness. If you try to be pure, clean, and holy without the Holy Spirit, you will be self-righteous. Any religious ways that you take on without God's Spirit will make you self-righteous.

You don't want to be church affiliated without the Holy Spirit. Such affiliation will make you a hypocrite. Any religious ways short of acquiring the Holy Spirit will leave you with the spirit of a hypocrite. The Holy Spirit gives you the new birth. You cannot be born again except by the Spirit of God, which gives

you a new birth of God's nature. The Holy Spirit conceives the nature of God in you by means of an implantment of the word of God in your mind. When this happens, you are born of God. When you are born of God, you do not commit sin because your new birth would have been conceived by a part of God that will live in you. Listen to I John 3:9:

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.

The seed is the word of God that will remain in you when you are born again. It is a part of God that will live in you for the remainder of your life. When God lives in you, you cannot commit sin because God is more powerful than sin. Sin cannot trespass the presence of God.

Subject: The False Spirit Versus The Holy Spirit:

Moses presented himself before the Pharaoh of Egypt on more than one occasion, and all the miracles that God gave him power to work were worked, bringing plagues upon Egypt. Along with the Pharaoh's stubborn attitude, there were those in Egypt who worked divinations. Divinations were the works of sorcery, or false tricks that were in the similitude of what Moses was doing. The demonstrations that Moses did were of the true power of God.

Today whenever you find a religious leader who is doing the work that is of the true power of God, you will also find false religious leaders doing divinations. Divinations are the works of the devil that are designed to fool people. Unknown tongues and being slain in the spirit as evidence of people having the Spirit of God are religious divinations. The works of the Holy Spirit are clearly defined by the apostle Paul in Galatians 5:22-23:

Verse 22 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Verse 23 - Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

There are no other signs or evidence that a person has the Holy Spirit except the fruit of the Spirit.

Subject: The New Birth Is A Spiritual Birth:

There is no other way to come to God except by means of the new birth. The new birth is a spiritual birth. Spiritual things pertain to right and wrong, good and evil, carnal or holy. You have a spiritual life and a physical life. If you have not been born again you have an evil, unholy, carnal or unrighteous life. This is not your fault; you inherited this from Adam. It only becomes your fault when you choose to remain in the carnal state. It is simply because we are not responsible for being born the first time in the carnal, unholy, or sinful nature that God sent Jesus to give us a choice of remaining in the sinful nature or to be saved.

When you get saved you are born again by the word of God, which will be implanted in your carnal nature by the Spirit of God. You will then become partaker of the nature of God. This makes you eligible to be a child of God. Children inherit the nature of their parents. When their parents produced them from a sinful nature, they come forth in life to be sinners. Therefore, when you are born again of the Spirit and word of God, you receive the nature of God that will replace the sinful nature that you inherited from your parents.

Subject: The New Person:

To be born is to be conceived. When you are born of God, you would have experienced a spiritual conception. Though your physical appearance would be the same, a new person would have been born that will live in your same physical body. You would have experienced the birth of a new inner man or woman. A new human being would have come forth in you with the nature of holiness. This new inner man would be totally different in character from the old inner man (Ephesians 3:16).

This new person is not somebody you could create by your own means; such a person is a gift from God. God would have given you a replacement for the old inner man that desired to practice sin. The new person would be original who would teach you a new way of life. There would be no controversy between the new person and the old person because the old person would be dead. The new person would be Christ in you who killed the old person upon His entry into your physical make up.

The old person was crucified with Christ. When Christ was crucified on Calvary, He was given power to destroy the inner man of everybody who would receive Him. Listen to Galatians 2:20:

Verse 20 - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet

not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Subject: The Holy Birth Will Be A Serious Conversion:

When you have received a holy birth from God, it will be serious business because you will be compelled by the power of God to change your entire life's operations. Sometimes you will change the way you do business necessitating a change of employment. You will also change your social company. Inclusive in your new life you will most likely change where you previously worshiped.

If there are no serious changes in the social and spiritual aspects of your life, it could be that you would have experienced a false conversion, or an emotional experience, but not the new birth from God. Now emotional experiences in religion could be the result of some song you heard or a sermon that was preached. Don't let such things fool you.

You must look for a conversion in your life that has caused you to lose your complete appetite and desires for your old way of living. Everything that you learn is a sin should be inclusive in the things that you no longer desire. Your new desires should be a zeal to be a righteous person, and such desires should be progressive as you learn more about your conversion. At no time should you experience a retrograde desire to go back to a life of sin.

Subject: A Spiritual Adoption:

You can't have a relationship with God unless you are holy. This is why God gives you a holy birth with His Holy Spirit. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it will make you a holy person. Now, many of your natural ways were the result of you inheriting such ways from your parents. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you will be regenerated to a higher level of living holy that will not be in line with your previous ways of living that you inherited from your parents.

To be born again means that you would have experienced a spiritual adoption into the family of God. Such an adoption would be with power that is greater than the ways of living that you inherited from your parents. Listen to Romans 8:15-16:

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.

Verse 16 - The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

Subject: A Spiritual Awakening:

To be born again is to experience a spiritual awakening. When you are not saved, you have the spirit of slumber. You have to be awakened unto righteousness to live free from sin. Listen to I Corinthians 15:34:

Verse 34 - Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

When you are living in sin, you are like a spiritual sleepwalker. This means you are not alert to, nor aware of the righteousness of God. Such a person will have no spiritual vigilance concerning the knowledge of God.

Have you ever heard someone tell a joke and you didn't catch on to it right away? Later it came back to your mind, and you laughed, but when you first heard it, you were not aware of the humor in the joke. When you were not aware of the humor in the joke, you were not awakened to the message in the joke; this means you heard the words of the joke, but you were asleep to the message. You were not given the light of the joke until the message was comprehended by your mind.

You have to be awakened unto the knowledge of God the same way to receive the message of God's word. Only by being filled with the Holy Spirit can you be awakened unto righteousness. Listen to Ephesians 5:14-18:

Verse 14 - Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

When you are not saved, you are spiritually dead to the understanding of what is required to be saved.

Verse 15 - See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.

Verse 16 - Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Verse 17 - Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Verse 18 - And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

Subject: To Be Saved Is To Be Born Again As A Child Of The Free Woman:

You have to be careful when you say that Christ has saved you, and you are still committing sin. You would then be accusing Christ of being a minister of sin. When you make false accusations about Christ, you become an enemy of the cross of Christ. Listen to Galatians 2:17:

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

Many today claim to be saved and they are sinners. If you are a sinner and saved, what are you saved from? Christ was sent to save us from our sins and not just to forgive us for our sins (St. Matthew 1:21). You can't be forgiven for an offense if you keep committing the offense. You are not forgiven of your sins until you no longer commit sin.

You cannot be saved from sin and still be in bondage of sin at the same time. A prisoner cannot be free from prison and still locked behind bars in prison. To be a prisoner of something means that you are not free from the control of it. You cannot be free from adultery when you are still controlled by a desire to commit adultery. The desire to commit adultery will eventually make you continue to commit adultery.

To be in bondage of sin controls your desires to commit sin. When Christ comes into your life, He sets you free from sin by removing your desires to commit sin. God gives us an example of how we are saved after the two sons that Abraham had. Listen to Galatians 4:22:

Verse 22 - For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a free woman.

The son that was born after the bondmaid was after the flesh. To be born after the flesh means to be born not saved, or as a sinner. All of us were born after the flesh, or as sinners. However, the other son was born of a free woman, and this was symbolic of those who would be born again after the Spirit of God. This example of Abraham's two sons being born was an allegory or an example of how God would save us later. Listen to Galatians 4:24:

Verse 24 - Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

The son that was born of the bondmaid, Hagar, was born in bondage. But, Sarai had a son that was born of a free woman because she was a free woman. God commanded Abraham to cast out the bondwoman and her son, because the son of a bondwoman could not be heirs of Abraham with the son of a free woman.

When we are saved, we are saved from the bondage of sin, which is after the example of the son who was born of a free woman. To be born again means you are free from sin to be an heir of God. If you are still a sinner and think that you are saved, you have not experienced the birth of the free woman, or you have not been born again. This means you are like the son that was born of the bondmaid and was cast out and rejected from being an heir with the son of the free woman. 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 free-woman

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

When you are a child of the free woman, you have been born again. To be born of the free woman means that you have received a birth that has made you free from sin.

Subject: The Born Again Believer:

Many people today are inclined to go wrong in life because they were born wrong. It is necessary to be born again to find the right direction in life. Most of the people in the world have not been born again. If ninety-nine percent of the people in the world were born again, there would be very little trouble in the world.

Born again believers will love everybody. Such people would not take on any purpose in life that would cause them to do wrong to put it over. For born again believers, going to church is more than singing and shouting. Such people are the salt of the earth; they represent Christ to the world. It is through born again believers that the world will learn what love is. They are people who would rather suffer than to do wrong.

CHAPTER VII

TRUE PREACHERS, CHURCHES & RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS

Subject: Is Your Assembly Commissioned By God?

In an assembly of born again believers, the works of the Holy Spirit will be a witness to the presence of God in their assembly as well as in their personal lives. If God does not maintain His presence in your personal life, then the God that you think is in your assembly is an idol God. True saints will assemble that they might bear witness of God in their personal lives. There is no profit in going to an assembly to shout, sing, testify, and preach about God, who does not exist in the personal lives of the members.

The same way that God manifested Himself in biblical days, He will manifest Himself today. God saves and blesses today as He did in biblical days. When Peter and the apostles of Jesus assembled on the day of Pentecost to receive an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, they were the group that was ordained by God to receive the Holy Ghost to be witnesses of the Lord. If other religious people in the vicinity had assembled to receive an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit as Peter and the apostles did, it would have been a complete waste of time. Only Peter and 120 apostles were commissioned by God to be witnesses of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Others would have been assembling to receive the spirit of a false idol god, as many church groups today are doing, if God did not commission their assemblies.

Subject: Where Should We Worship?

In St. John 4:23, Jesus was speaking to a Samaritan woman who was very much concerned about where she should worship. This question should be a very important concern of Christians today. It is difficult to recognize a church that God assembled from a church that a man has assembled. The church should be the light of the world. The spiritual meaning of the word light means righteousness. Righteousness should be the controlling knowledge of a church assembly. Now a church is not a building, but people who have been made righteous to live a righteous life after being born again. A church with the light of righteousness in it will teach the truth. Only the teachings of the true gospel can set you free from sin.

The Holy Spirit is the only Spirit that can teach the true gospel. A preacher who is not filled with the Holy Spirit cannot preach the truth. If a church is not being conducted by a Holy Ghost sent preacher, then the truth will not be in the church, and all of the corrupt practices that are being done in the world will be done in the church. The church will be no different from a local lodge, or social club. So then, you should worship God where the truth is being taught.

Subject: You Must Have A Good Spiritual Evaluation Of Your Church:

If you desire to be saved and you are a member of a church, it is very important that you have a good spiritual evaluation of your church. You should be able to evaluate the effectiveness of your church spiritually. You can do this by comparing the social practices in your life with the social practices that are in the world. Afterward you would compare the teachings of the word of God with the social practices of your church and the worldly social life that the members live. The Bible refers to this as comparing spiritual things with spiritual things.

When a church group and a worldly social group are not in line with the teachings of the word of God, then what the church is teaching is not adequate for salvation. The social life and church life should be in accordance to the teachings of the word of God in order for the church members to be saved. Now the church should not have the spirit of the world, neither should the spirit of the world be in the social lives of the members. Listen to I Corinthians 2:12-13:

Verse 12 - Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Verse 13 - Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

The Holy Ghost teaches you how to compare the spiritual things of the world with the spiritual things of God to see whether your life and church are in accordance with the plan of salvation.



CHAPTER VIII

**FALSE PREACHERS,
CHURCHES & RELIGIOUS
TEACHINGS**

Subject: God Does Not Acknowledge An Unrighteous Assembly:

If you are living a righteous life, you worship with those who live righteous, and you get together to sing and praise God, He hears and listens to your praises. If your assembly includes those who are wicked, God will not hear your singing and praising. An unjust assembly praising God is repulsive to God. Listen to Amos 5:23-24:

Verse 23 - Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs: for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

Verse 24 - But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Those who love God will meet often to invoke God's blessings upon them. If you honor God respectfully, He will bless you. You cannot imagine the things that God has in store for those who honor Him. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. If you prove faithful down here where the wicked are raging, God will fix it one day so that you will be permanently separated from the wicked.

Subject: Has The Gates Of Hell Prevailed Against Your Church ?

The word "hell" means torment. You can be tormented in your mind or your body. To be tormented in your mind is the result of having no peace of mind. Confusion takes away peace. If there is confusion in your church there is no peace, and the members can be tormented. In such a church, the members are being introduced to the gates of hell.

On the other hand, if the Holy Spirit is the administrator in your church, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is peace. This means the gates of hell produced by confusion will not prevail against the administration of your church. If you continue to go to a church where confusion is prevailing, you are entering the gates of hell. Your church will be the entrance into the gates of hell, and after you die, your soul will take up a permanent residence in hell.

A church that has strife, contentions, envy, debate, malice, and confusion is very inappropriate for salvation. When Jesus is the administrator of a church the Holy Spirit accompanies His administration, and the gates of hell will not have a place in such a church. Only knowledge from the word of God can teach you what

church is right. Without the correct knowledge for salvation in the church, you could be a member of the wrong church and not know it.

Subject: The Word Of God Will Expose Any False Spirit:

The only thing that can keep your mind under control is the power that is in the word of God. If the word of God doesn't regulate the desires of your mind, you will go after things that please your flesh. Your flesh is your sinful desires. When the power of God sends a signal to your mind that something is a temptation to get you to go after the flesh, there will be power to help you to resist such a temptation.

The power of God will also send signals to warn you to beware of false preachers. Only the power in God's word can discern the true from the false. Though such preachers will present themselves in very eloquent attire with enticing word, the word of God will nevertheless pin point and expose their tactics of deceit.

Though false preachers may look gentle, tender and pure, the word of God will reveal to you what is in their hearts. It will be revealed to you that false preachers play for popular acclaim. They go after recognition, prominence, and large congregations for lucrative rewards. They use eloquent speeches and sermons that are non-disturbing to the carnal nature to make you feel good about yourself and your life of sin. They polish up sinful lifestyles with the fact that you can't help for sinning, and God understands.

Subject: God Is Not Against A Sinner:

God is not against a sinner. God gives the world the knowledge of what sin can do to a person's life. God desires for people to stop committing sin, because their sinful actions prevent God from saving them. God will not save a person if they desire to continue practicing sin. If He did, He would be saving you against your will. Why should God save you if you don't want to be saved?

The devil educates false preachers to teach people that they can be saved and enjoy the pleasures of sin, so that they will not accept God's reproof. An adulterous preacher likes to be in the company of good-looking women, and to impress them with the idea that they can be saved and be a sinner at the same time. He won't have time to talk to the older sisters who are wiser and know better.

Adulterous preachers don't have time for those who believe that they can live sin-free.

Subject: Many Churches Are No Different From The World:

The church is supposed to be a body of believers in the teachings of Christ. However, because churches have departed so far from Jesus' teaching, people have not been able to get to know the Lord, and understand what is required to be saved. There are some churches that will teach salvation, but will not practice living by the principles of righteousness. If you ever want to make a man angry, tell him to do what you are not doing yourself. The world has resented the church because the church is supposed to get the world to know God. Because the church has failed to get the world to know God, the world considers the church to be a failure. There are many in the world who believe that the church is a sham and out to get money from the world.

When people of the world decide to turn to God after being tired of the world and sin, they will look for a church to acquire salvation. When they see that the church does not offer salvation, and that the conditions of the church are no better than what they left in the world, they consider that the church has no saving power. They will soon learn that the church has been blinded by the gods of the world, and have set up programs to raise money and entertain people just as the world does at a rock concert.

When the church has no spiritual substance to reflect the knowledge of God to the world, the world will reach a point where they will despise wisdom, and hate understanding because the beginning of knowledge is the fear of God. So the world through ignorance will be led by foolishness, which will carry men and women of the world to their destruction. The world will support same sex marriages because of their ignorance of God's word. Through ignorance, they have no fear of God, and no knowledge of what displeases God. It is the responsibility of the church to give the world knowledge of God so that they will not ignorantly displease God.

Churches of today are a show. Most congregations have no more understanding about God than those who attend theaters for entertainment. They have failed to teach that the love of God is expressed through Jesus Christ who came to save the world from their sins. When a church is under the influence and leadership of the Holy Spirit, they are anxious that those who are ignorant learn the correct way to obtain salvation. The church has lost its power and hated the

knowledge of God that leads to a sin-free life; therefore, the world rejects the church.

Subject: Come Out From Among Them:

Your church cannot be clean when the members are not clean. The church should consist of people that are living a sin-free life. If the same corrupt practices of sin taking place in the world are taking place in your church, then God is not in your church. God only occupies people and not buildings. Whatever sins the members commit is what they are. If they are committing fornication, then they are fornicators. You cannot be a fornicator, adulterer, gambler, and liquor drinker and think God is in your life or your church. God will not dwell in an unclean temple. If you are in a church where the members do such sinful practices, listen to what the Bible teaches you to do if you want to be saved in II Corinthians 6:17:

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

God has not received nor saved anybody who is a member of an unclean church. A church assembly where sin practicing members attend is considered as being defiled by God. A saved person is the temple of God, and if they go to a church where other members are practicing sin, their very presence there means that they are defiling themselves. 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.

If you are saved, you are filled with the Spirit of God, and if you go to a church where the members practice sin, your very presence there means that you are defiling the temple of God. If you continue to defile the temple of God, God will reject, judge and destroy you. You must come out from among the unclean, sin practicing church assemblies to be acceptable to God, and God will keep you sanctified.

Afterword

As we close this volume of “Saved from Sin”, it is hoped that you have been further enlightened on God’s plan for the salvation of man, and that you desire to be saved according to the teachings of the scriptures.

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night ...” (II Peter 3:10).
Jesus is coming soon for people who are living sin-free and filled with His Holy Spirit. Will You Be Ready?



