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

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

“It happened on a Thursday, the tenth day of March 1977, at about 10:45 p.m. Alonzo was watching one of Billy Graham's revival service programs on television. The sermon topic was “Is Your Name Written on the Lamb's Book of Life?” After listening to this sermon, Alonzo realized that in order for his name to be written on the Lamb's Book of Life, he would have to receive Jesus Christ into his life, and be saved from sin.

When the call was made for people to come to Jesus Christ to be saved, Sporty, as Alonzo was called at the time, immediately jumped up from the bed where we were sitting, he went to the television and with outstretched arms accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into his heart. I immediately received the witness in my heart that God had saved my

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

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

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Foreword

Do you want to be saved from a life of sin, and to enter into the kingdom of heaven when you leave this life? This and previous volumes of Elder Kilgore's books entitled *Saved from Sin* are presented to teach you how to live righteously and godly in this present world, and to make you ready for Jesus' return for the saints of God.

The road map to true salvation in Jesus Christ and the kingdom of heaven are made available in this and other volumes of "Saved from Sin". It is hoped that God will bless your understanding as you read and study this information.



INTRODUCTION

The Life And Course Of A God Sent Preacher:

A God sent preacher is not taught the knowledge from the word of God by religious institutions of learning or religious seminaries. The God sent preacher is taught by God from the day that he comes into the world. The God sent preacher's life is ordered by God (Jeremiah 1:4-5).

He is taught by revelations from God rather than education from religious institutions. Such a minister will be led by God from the day that he is born to receive an average education from public schools and college to pursue an ordinary career, such as, a doctor, lawyer, teacher, mechanic, or some other profession.

His preparations for the ministry that God ordains for him will be given by means of his everyday life experience as an ordinary citizen. He will be prepared by experiences prior to being saved. His experiences will be acquired in different locations of the country familiarizing him with the nature and ways of different people. God will give such a minister the gift to learn the nature of people during his time in different cities, states, and towns. At an appointed time in his life, God will save him and fill him with the Holy Ghost, and reveal the knowledge of the word of God to him.

The Holy Ghost will be his teacher, teaching him how to apply his already acquired experiences with the knowledge of the word of God that will give him the ability to teach and preach the word of God effectively to the people of his time. His teaching will not be obsolete, but in line with the spiritual conditions of the people during his time. The God sent minister will not be just a verbal preacher, but he will also document the teaching of his ministry to be used as a foundation and guide for the oncoming generation.

Beware Of Churches That Entertain You:

There are many church folk today who love to be entertained when they go to church. The Spirit of the world today is to desire the social aspects of a religious teaching. Church folk want preachers to entertain them like comedians. To be saved is serious business, we have only one chance to be saved, and that must take place during the grace period when the true gospel is preached to you.

It won't entertain you, it will show you what a serious condition the world is in because of sin.

If you are being entertained by a preacher, you are being deceived. If you are not sanctified from false religious programs, the ministry that Christ brought to the world has not reached you. Worldly entertainment and true holiness are not compatible. You cannot acquire true holiness in a church assembly that gives entertainment. Church programs that entertain people will take their minds away from the seriousness of obtaining salvation.

You can go to church and have a lot of fun, but the truth of the scriptures will tell you where you are going when you leave this world. The word of God is like a sword that is able to cut down anything in your life that is carnal. It can divide both your soul and your spirit. In other words, it can show you what spirit is leading your soul, either the Spirit of God or the spirit of the devil (Hebrews 4:1).

The Holy Ghost Teaches The Scriptures By Comparing Spiritual Things With Spiritual:

The scriptures are a spiritual teaching of God's word. You cannot understand a spiritual teaching unless the Holy Ghost uses examples of natural things in your environment that you do understand, and then to compare them with the spiritual teachings of the scriptures. In order for this to be properly done you must be filled with the Holy Spirit (born again), or God must send you a teacher who is filled with the Holy Ghost to teach you the scriptures, relating the scriptures to things that you are familiar with.

There are things in your environment that have spiritual aspects that can be compared with the teachings of the scriptures. When the scriptures are taught in this manner, the teacher would be comparing the spiritual teachings of the scriptures to spiritual things in your environment. Listen to I Corinthians 2:13:

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 Birth Of Jesus Was Not A One-Time Event:

The birth of Jesus was prophesied by the prophet Isaiah hundreds of years before He was born. God had planned to make an entry into the world, and He made the announcement in advance giving the people of the earth plenty of time to prepare. When the fullness of time came, this announcement came to pass. Now the prophet who made the announcement is now dead, and many generations have passed since the announcement was made, but today those who are saved know that Jesus is very much alive.

God gave Mary, Joseph and the angel Gabriel as witnesses to Jesus' birth; but for those who are saved, the testimony of Jesus Christ is very much up to date. Those who are true witnesses of Jesus' birth are made so by the purpose of Jesus' birth being fulfilled in their lives. St. Matthew 1:21 gives the purpose of Jesus' birth:

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.

Now Jesus' birth was not just a one-time event when He was born of a virgin. Jesus' birth is a continuous event that takes place in the lives of those for whom the purpose was fulfilled. Today everybody who is born again is born of God by the planting of the seed of God, which is the word of God (Jesus), in their minds. Jesus was the word of God who was born in a flesh and blood body, and lived free from sin. Today if a person is born again, Jesus will live in their bodies and they will be free from sin.

Do We Have To Enter The Second Time In Our Mother's Womb To Be Born Again?(St. John 3:4):

Being born again is very important and necessary to escape the sentence of death. We were all condemned in Adam. It was because of Adam's sin that we were born in sin, and the only way we can be delivered from our sinful conception is to experience another birth to deliver us from the curse of the first birth. The seed of Adam caused us to be sinners, so God worked out another plan sending another seed that had power over the seed of Adam to give us a holy conception to take away the effects of the sinful conception.

This new seed was Jesus who was the word of God, prepared by God to be implanted in our minds rather than for us to enter the second time in our mother's womb as Nicodemus asked Jesus concerning the new-birth. When the seed (word)

is planted in the mind of a person it gives them the birth of a new mind that will generate righteous desires causing the body to live free from sin. The nature of sin will then be replaced by the divine Nature of God.

The Danger Of A Conceited Mind:

During Jesus' ministry, the Pharisees were one of the strictest religious sects in that day. When Jesus performed a miracle on the Sabbath day, they would reject it and give credit for such a miracle as being the works of the devil. Though the Pharisees followed many principles in the Law of Moses, they used the most important principles completely out of context. The purpose of the Law of Moses was to lead the Jews to Christ. Christ was the fulfillment of the law because many principles taught in the law were not adequate to solve many of the problems that the Jews were having. So then, the Pharisees used parts of the law to honor their conceited minds, which caused them to become self-righteous using the law as a foundation for their self-righteousness and hypocrisy.

To use any parts of the gospel of Jesus Christ to honor a conceited mind will lead church folk to become hypocrites. When the gospel of Jesus Christ is received in proper context, it will destroy and undermine any conceited religious spirit. Self-righteousness will have no compatibility with the true gospel of Christ when it is presented by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Be Vigilant Of Yourself:

We are among the last generations of the earth. Just a few more seasons and this present world will close its chapter. The end of the grace age will be brought unto us at the revelation of Jesus Christ. In order to secure your salvation you must learn the mysteries of the Lord by obeying Him. If you fear God, you will obey Him. The kind of fear you must have for God is a fear that is created by love, a fear that you will gain His disfavor by some wrong act or word spoken. Be careful how you talk, walk, and don't let others provoke you to the extent where you will have anything but pity for them, because if they treat you wrong without a cause, great will be the judgment of the Lord upon them. Keep your hands clean, your heart pure, and God will attend to the rest.

When God judges a person, nobody will be able to call Him into question. Do not allow anybody to cause any root of bitterness to spring up in you. When you get bitter, you cannot hear, feel, or speak in a way to glorify God. Bitterness causes your ability to reason to be dull.



CHAPTER I

THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH

Subject: The Sound Of The Trumpet:

Pretty soon, the entire population of the earth will hear a trumpet sound. The sound of the trumpet will be the end of the countdown for the people of the earth who are living in time. The sound of the trumpet will mean that eternity is beginning and time has ended. The sound of the trumpet will also mean the end of the grace age. The sound of the trumpet will mean that nobody else will be saved, if he or she was not saved prior to the sound of the trumpet.

When you hear the trumpet sound, the Spirit of God would be in the process of gathering all of the born again people of the earth along with children seven years old and younger, preparing them for the first resurrection to meet Jesus Christ. At the end of the trumpet sounding, this event will take place. The dead in Christ, or those who were born again, and have passed on, will get up from the graves at the end of the trumpet sounding, or at the last trump. Listen to I Corinthians 15:52:

Verse 52 - In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For those who are not born again before the trumpet sounds, there will be no chance for them to get saved when the trumpet sounds. Repentance will no longer be an option for those who have not repented before the trumpet sounds. Whatever spiritual state those who are not born again are in before the trumpet sounds, they will be in that spiritual state throughout eternity. Listen to Revelations 22:12 and 11:

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

shall be.

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

When the trumpet sounds, the doors of salvation will be closed. At this time, nobody will be able to enter in who is not saved. Listen to St. Matthew 25:10-13:

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.*

The five virgins that did not have their vessels filled with oil were symbols of those not being born again, or filled with the Holy Spirit.

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

If you are not saved when you hear the trumpet sound, you will have just missed the first resurrection.

Subject: Jesus Is Coming Back To The Earth For His People:

We live in a world today where some people are happy about the conditions in which they live under and others are not. God is preparing a habitation in His kingdom where-as everybody will be happy if they obey His word while they are living on the earth. Jesus is coming back to the earth to get the righteous people and take them to the land of sweet by and by. When they get there, everything will

be theirs to enjoy. Those who accept Jesus Christ while they live on the earth will be made saints by the power of God to shine in the kingdom to come.

Jesus prayed while He was on earth, and said to God that those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition. When you are born again, God gives you to Jesus, and your life is hid with Christ in God, and when Christ who is your life shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory to be taken to heaven.

Subject: We Have An Allotted Time To Live On The Earth:

There is an allotted time for humans to live on the earth in this present world. It is vanity for humans to put hope and interest on the things of this world because all that we see in this present world will not be here long. We haven't got long to stay here. A wise person will pray that the day of the Lord will not overtake them by surprise. The Bible teaches that the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night and those who are not watching will be overtaken. Listen to St. Matthew 24:43-44:

Verse 43 - *But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.*

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

Subject: The Judgment Is Set And The Books Are Open:

God judges the deeds that every mentally mature human does every day of their life. If the deeds of humans are sinful or are sin-related, they must give an account of such deeds in the judgment of the last days. The new-birth in Christ gives us grace to correct our deeds, and forgiveness of our past deeds. The correction of our present day deeds must be done with the intention of not doing

such deeds again. This is referred to as a Godly repentance that is only accepted from those who are willing to receive Jesus Christ.

If we are born again, we should enter each day of our lives with the solemn thought that the day of reckoning is drawing nearer. Now I don't want to frighten you or bring your attention to any unpleasant thoughts, but the truth is that our existence in this present world will soon end. There are many who are living with false hope by ignoring the deeds of their life that should be corrected.

It is a blessing to have someone to remind you constantly of these things while there is still time to make adjustments. You are not being helped by the preacher who pictures the beauty of heaven and does not show you that a life of sin will never permit you to enter heaven. A day of sudden destruction is coming upon the souls that are found in sin, as travail upon a woman with child, and those souls shall not escape (I Thessalonians 5:4-6).

The message of salvation is for the benefit of those who will be saved, and a warning to those who will not be saved. Destruction is not coming to the saints, but it is a timely warning to the sinner. God does not send a warning too late. The saints or saved people will even be spared from seeing sights of the destruction. This is not because it is going to be so sudden that they won't be able to see it, but because the Lord is going to take them from the earth out of reach of the destruction just as He did Lot and his family just before the fire fell on Sodom.

It is not the will of God that the people of God be horrified. It is God's will that they have peace, happiness, and comfort. So they will be gently removed from the scene in plenty of time. Yet the destruction is going to be sudden. It is necessary for me to enlighten you concerning this that you might not charge God for being unfair. God's love allowed His Son to become a sacrifice in order to make salvation available to all mankind, and this salvation is available now to all. The mercies of God have extended time for the sinners to be saved, but the hardness of their hearts has led them to procrastination.

The sinner has had an entire lifetime to repent and to be saved. The sinner can now look for one of two events that could prevent their chances for being saved. One is if death catches them in a life of sin, and the other is that Jesus could come and make His appearance the second time without giving any further warning to the sinner. The fact that salvation is offered, the fact that you have a lifetime to accept, the fact that God is merciful and longsuffering to keep the doors open to you, though you seem to be so indifferent, is a strong indication that your destruction will not be so sudden that you will have any complaints about it. So then the books are open and the judgment is set.

Subject: A New Body (Philippians 3:21):

If you are not born again while you live in this present world, your flesh and blood body will see corruption, and your soul will go into eternity to be tormented forever. So when you are born again of the word of God, you are born of an incorruptible seed (I Peter 1:23). This incorruptible seed will unite your soul to a new incorruptible body upon Jesus' return if you are dead or living and you are saved.

The word of God cannot die, and everybody who is born again of the word of God will become a recipient of its benefits upon Jesus' return. The word of God will then cause all who obeyed it to be given a new life just as it teaches. The Spirit of God, and the word of God will work together to give the saved people this new body. Listen to Philippians 3:20-21:

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

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

CHAPTER II

THE WORD OF GOD

Subject: Search The Scriptures:

People of today do a lot of reading. They will go to the library to read, they will read in restaurants, and in many public facilities. You can find them reading online and most every kind of literature except the Bible. Many will not read the Bible extensively even when they go to church. They will let the preacher find one or two scriptures for them that is easy for them to accept, and they will not study much more in the Bible.

Hardly ever will you find preachers reading the Bible. If you ask most people who do a lot of reading if they are Christians, most will acknowledge that they are. If you get into a conversation with them, discussing the principles of righteousness that the Bible teaches, such as I John 3:9 that teaches, “he that is born of God does not commit sin”, they will aggressively disagree with you and the word of God. They will say that everybody sins, and contend that I John 3:9 does not mean what it is saying.

Though they may be seriously involved with church work, they will support the principle that you can be a sinner and saved at the same time. Many believe that Jesus came not to save you from sin, but to save you from eternal death and separation from God and that you will not be able to live a sin-free life until you get into the kingdom of heaven.

None of the above principles are found anywhere in the original King James Version of the Bible. I don't think that most Christians are responsible for such

erroneous principles, simply because they have been taught by ignorant and false religious teachers or preachers of the gospel.

Subject: God Is His Word:

The reality of God is revealed in His word. You cannot find God by looking for Him in physical form. God is spirit, and the Spirit is revealed by means of His word. When you want to know God, you have to learn His word. Listen to St. John 1:1-2:

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

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

You can only have a relationship with God when you do it according to what His word teaches. If you obey the word of God, the reality of God will be manifested to you by means of what He does for you. God will do things for you according to what His word promises. God backs His word and stands behind every promise He makes to those who obey His word.

The world was created by power that is found in the word of God. For God to honor the promises of His word to those who obey it is no problem. The power of God is in the truth of His word. The truth of God's word carries unlimited power to do whatever His word says it will do.

When God wanted man to have further understanding of His word, He made His word flesh that it might dwell among men so that they might see the power of His word in operation in Jesus Christ so that they might see Him and know Him.

Subject: If You Want To Know God You Must Know His Word:

The teachings of the Bible were not given to satisfy the opinions of modern day society. The Bible taught that fornication, adultery and homosexuality was a sin during Abraham's day, and it is a sin today. Our updated culture cannot change the meaning of God's word. What applied to the people of Noah's day and in Sodom applies today. If you want to know God, you must know His word.

God is not a man that He should lie and not keep His word. God is not subject to the opinions and politics of prominent men of our time. The least person on the earth is important to God, if they obey His word.

Subject: The Truth:

Many are prevented from being saved when they allow the devil to block the truth from entering their minds using false religious principles. The truth as it is revealed in the Bible must be accepted. The process of salvation is incorporated in the truth. The Virgin Mary had to believe the message brought by the angel Gabriel before it could conceive Jesus in her womb.

The truth carries unlimited power when it is accepted. When you accept the truth, you have the same mind that Jesus had. The scriptures do not have to be interpreted. They are of no private interpretation. They simply tell you what God wants you to know. I don't give my interpretation of the word of God, but I give the actual teachings of the word.

Those religious leaders that give a private interpretation of the word of God are doing it in line with their sinful nature. They teach so that their interpretation won't condemn their sinful desires. It is the devil that causes people to sin, and it is God who gives you power to live above sin.

Subject: The Children Of Light:

Prior to Jesus' ministry, the world was in darkness, having no knowledge of our destiny. When the word of God was preached and when we believed, the word produced power to lift us out of darkness; we became the children of light. When the light came, it taught us that God is against all sin, and sin is disobedience to God's commandment. We learn that we had to be completely separated from sin to be saved. As we continued to learn, and believe the word of God, it gave us more knowledge and power to live free from sin. The word revealed deep and vital knowledge about life and God's plan for those who would be saved. As the light became brighter, we began to see clearer how to enjoy life and at the same time please God.

The words of the scriptures have a deeper meaning for the children of light than it does for those who are yet in darkness. The children of light have a profound and more applicable understanding of how to obey the word of God than those in darkness. The warnings of the scriptures that are directed to the saints are

readily heeded by the children of light. The children of light understand that it is a blessing to be warned. The children of light understand that when an accurate and true warning is given, it will be for the benefit of those who take heed.

The warnings of God that are scattered through the scriptures tell us of various dangers that can threaten the safety of the people, but they also give directions on how to avoid the hazards. When we are delivered from sin, and have the guidance of the Holy Ghost it means that we can acquire safe passage through life if we obey the direction given by the Holy Ghost. The scriptures teach in 1st Thessalonians 5:6 that there is always present some kind of danger that will threaten the safety and well-being of the saint, and in order to avoid the danger, the saint must on all occasions keep wide awake, watchful and sober minded. As God gives warnings to the saints, He also gives warnings to the sinners that they might also have a chance to be saved.

The word of God should be read on a daily basis to remind the saints and to warn the sinners. Ignorance of the knowledge of the word of God will be no acceptable excuse in the judgment. Those who have no knowledge, and received no warning will be judged without the knowledge. Those who received warnings and failed to take heed will be judged according to what they received. The Bible is a guide to safety and it should be read on a daily basis. As David said, the word of God should be hid in their hearts that they might not sin against God. The word is a lamp to their feet, and a light to their path.

The sinner should have assistance of a spiritual leader, or teacher when they are being taught the word of God. A sinner cannot rightly divide the word of truth and will not be able to understand much more than how to repent.

Subject: The Word Of God Must Approve Of Your Way Of Living:

When you are saved, your conscience is cleared of all sinful charges that were previously condemning you. It is a relief to your conscience when you are born again. You cannot be happy with a condemned conscience. No matter if other people praise you, and approve of your way of living; when the word of God condemns your conscience you will be unhappy and without peace in your life. In order to have happiness and peace; the word of God must approve of the way you are living. Everything in the creation was created by the word of God, and the word of God can condemn everything.

Subject: Words Should Give A Clear Message:

Words can be very powerful. Words give orders to move builders, and construction contractors to build great bridges, and ships to carry cargo around the world. These things are done as a result of words that gave the orders. When words are received and accepted as being reliable, great things can be done.

When a person hears and receives the word of God into their mind, the Spirit that accompanies the word will give them the new-birth. The word of God gives the message and the Spirit of God gives power to support the message. When you receive the word of God, you also receive the Spirit of God. After receiving the Spirit of God, you will be partaker of the nature of God.

Words create a line of communication between man and God. When words are spoken without meaning in the form of vain babblings, such are the words of ignorance. When God speaks, His words carry information to man. The Holy Spirit is the carrier of God's words and it does not carry words of ignorance. Vain babblings are words that serve no purpose. Listen to I Corinthians 14:6-9 and 11:

Verse 6 - Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

Verse 7 - And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

Verse 8 - For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

Verse 9 - So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? For ye shall speak into the air.

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

Subject: You Cannot Undermine The Accuracy Of The Word Of God:

Your accomplishments and pleasures in this life may appear to be the most important things to you, but where you will spend eternity is what the word of God puts emphasis on as being more important. You cannot undermine the accuracy and creditability of the word of God. The word of God has been giving accurate accounts of future events since the beginning of man's existence. Listen to what Jesus taught in St. Matthew 16:26:

Verse 26 - *For what is 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?*

If you listen to the word of God, it will inform you on what shall be the end of your journey in this world. The word of God will also show you your alternatives concerning your eternal destiny.

Subject: An Anti-Flesh Word:

The word of God is an anti-flesh word. It is against sin. When you are born again of the word of God, it keeps the flesh from making you commit sin. It can keep your flesh and blood body living everyday above the practice of sin. The flesh carries sinful desires, and the word of God is more powerful than sinful desires. It is commissioned by God to keep the flesh and blood body alive and yet not commit sin. It empowers the flesh and blood body to live righteous, and not yield to the temptations to commit sin.

Subject: Jesus Was Born Of A Virgin:

I believe that the original King James Version of the Bible is the only version of the Bible that God has authorized and approved. I believe that it is the only version that the Holy Spirit will use to teach the readers about salvation. The changes in the new revised standard version of the Bible are very troublesome. In some of the revised versions they have deleted very important words such as begotten when they make reference to Jesus being the Son of God (St. John 3:16).

Jesus was not the only Son of God, but the only begotten Son of God. The revised version states that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, but the original King James Version states that God gave His only begotten Son. They deleted the word begotten. This statement in the revised version contradicts other passages of scriptures such as Job 1:6, Job 38:1-7, St. Luke 3:38 and Romans 8:14-15.

The other very important change that the revised versions have is found in (Isaiah 7:14). It teaches that the Lord Himself shall give you a sign, behold a young woman shall conceive and bear a son. A young woman is not necessarily a virgin. The original King James Version teaches in (Isaiah 7:14) that a virgin shall conceive. If they have failed to refer to Mary as being a virgin conceiving a child, then the implication is that the child would be born of fornication, but Jesus was born of a virgin as the original King James Version teaches. The scriptures are clear and precise in the original King James Version and they do not contradict the principles that it teaches. Any book that contradicts itself is not worth reading.

Subject: There's Power In The Word Of God:

Those who live as sinners are going in a way that will lead them to destruction. When God sent the plan of salvation to man, He reversed the course of nature because man was born as a natural sinner. In order for man to be saved from the way his nature was leading him, God imparted His divine nature into man that the holiness of God might change the way man was going and lead him to safety. The nature of God is implanted in man by the Spirit of God.

This process was introduced to the world when God had Jesus born of a virgin. God changed the course of nature for Jesus' birth and threw in reverse the way man should come into this world, which was from the beginning, by cohabitation. God allowed His own Spirit to cause a virgin to conceive and bring forth a child. This was a pattern for all who would later believe Jesus' teaching to be born again by the power of the same words that Gabriel brought to Mary when she believed, and Jesus was conceived in her womb.

Today when a person receives the teachings of the words brought by Jesus, the same power will conceive them to be a new creature in Christ. Listen to II Corinthians 5:17:

Verse 17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Subject: The Life Of The New-Birth Is In The Word Of God:

Those who do not believe nor accept the immaculate conception of Jesus Christ or the virgin birth will never see the kingdom of God. You can only acquire the new-birth by believing the teachings of God's word, which reveal the new-birth process. The process of the new-birth in Christ was placed in the gospel that was given to the world. The life of the new-birth is in the word of God, and is given only to those who believe the word. It is the belief of what the word teaches that conceives the new-birth in the life of a person.

CHAPTER III

THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH

Subject: Limited Contentment:

Those who are sinners are sinners because they desire to remain sinners. Jesus can save anybody who desires to be saved. Salvation is available to all. You can only be changed from a sinner to a saint by the changing of your mind. God does not change your way of living contrary to what your mind desires. If in your mind you desire to be a liquor drinker, God will not bother you.

A mind to be unsaved may appear to be contented for a while, but such contentment is worldly and it won't last. Things that are limited will give you limited satisfaction.

Subject: Pleasures Of The World:

The pleasures of the world are sinful. Almost every young person is thinking only of pleasures. The pleasures of the world are sinful and are against

the holiness of God. Only the Spirit of God can give you joy and satisfaction that is acceptable to God. The Spirit of God gives you pleasure that is holy, pure, and acceptable to God.

Subject: You Cannot Serve Two Masters:

You cannot serve two masters. You cannot work for two bosses at the same time when both bosses give you orders that are completely different or contrary. If you are a sinner, you are working for the devil, and though you may go to church, you are not a servant of God. In order to be a servant of God, you must be free from the works of the devil.

When you are free from the works of the devil, you are free from sin. When you are free from sin, your works can then be unto God and at the end of your life on earth, you will receive eternal life. If you continue to work for the devil at the end of your life on earth, you will receive eternal damnation.

Subject: A Sinner Will Seal His Own Doom:

The invitation to be saved is given by God to the unsaved that they might escape the destruction that God is going to send upon the world of sin. When the sinner hardens his heart, and stiffens his neck, he would be rejecting the overtures of God, allowing destruction to come upon him by sealing his own doom.

Destruction will come suddenly even if the sinner is old in years. When the sinner fails to repent, the mind of the sinner will eventually be turned away from the reality of God's warning. The sinner may perceive the warning as a storybook fable, having no realistic fear of the warning. The sinner will become hardened because they will think that a loving God would never destroy the earth full of people that He loves. The warnings in the word of God will have no effect upon their efforts to repent of their sins.

Each day gives the sinner another opportunity to repent. It is another day of grace to those who are in darkness, and another opportunity to warn the saved that they sleep not as others, but rather that they watch and be sober. The grace period

is light that God is giving to the world, and the voice of God can be heard from His word. The light of the gospel shines like the sun upon the whole world, but there is a part of the world that is always in darkness notwithstanding the sun is always shining.

Sin is a huge ugly blackness that keeps the light of the gospel from shining upon the soul. The soul therefore remains in darkness. Darkness is ignorance of the will of God. It means being uninformed. It means to be out of reach of a source of information that the word of God offers. Knowledge is information that comes from the word of God. When you don't have knowledge from God, you are ignorant of His reality.

Subject: Christ Is Our Example:

We are born in sin and shaped in iniquity, but God has arranged that we might be born again, and be excused from all of our transgressions on one condition, and that is that after we have been forgiven we should go in peace and sin no more. What good is being saved if we are still living a life of misery that sin causes? Jesus lived on the earth for thirty-three years being an example of how we could live without committing sin. Jesus was not sent to the earth to be only a sacrifice for our sins, but an example of how we could live without committing sin also. The sacrifice that Jesus made on Calvary is of non-effect for those who are still committing sin. Listen to I Peter 4:1:

Verse 1 - Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin.

When we have been partaker of Christ's sacrifice, we would have ceased from sinning. Christ is our example for how to live. Listen to I Peter 2:21-22:

Verse 21 - For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

Verse 22 - Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.

Subject: What Is Sin?

In I John 3:4 it teaches that sin is the transgression of the law: “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law”. There is only one person that can kill your soul, or cause you to experience the second death and that is when you transgress or violate the law of God. No man can destroy your soul; you are the only person that can destroy your soul.

When God warned Adam about committing sin and the penalty for such, He did not warn Adam about death coming from another source. The death of the soul is eternal death or the second death and can only come to those who transgress the law of God. Only Adam could bring death upon himself, the devil could not do it. The devil could not make Adam eat the forbidden fruit. Adam had to do it himself. Genesis 2:17.

Verse 17 - But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,
thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou
eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

That was the only law that God gave Adam; that was the only means by which Adam could die. Today, the only way that your soul can die eternally is that you have to commit sin willfully yourself. Nobody can make you commit sin if you desire to obey God.

Subject: There Will Be Wages For Sin:

You are not free unless you are free from sin. You can be held in bondage by means of your desires. When you desire to commit sin, you are in bondage of sin. Sin will then be your master. Sin will motivate you to do things that you would not do if you were free from sin.

Your purposes will be for honoring your desire to commit. When sin gets finished using you, it will reward you for your services. The wages of sin is death.

Subject: Don't Pray As A Sinner:

If you are a sinner, you should not go to church and pray. God never instructs a sinner to pray. He instructs a sinner to repent. After a sinner repents, then the sinner can pray. If a sinner prays and fails to repent, such prayers of a sinner make a mockery to God. When you repent of your sins, God will respond to your needs if your repentance is sincere.

It is better to obey instructions from God than to pray as a sinner. To pray as a sinner is not being a worshiper of God, but a hypocrite. You don't have to pray to get right, just stop committing sin and you will be right, and then you can pray to stay right. If you hear God, He will give you extra power not to commit sin.

Subject: Don't Sin Willfully:

I want you to listen to this scripture in the original King James Version of the Bible in Hebrews 10:26: Now this scripture needs no interpretation, it interprets itself.

Verse 26 - For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

You are brought to the knowledge of the truth when you are born again and filled with the Holy Ghost. Sins that you commit and are not knowledgeable of, are committed in your ignorance and are not charged to you by God when you repent. The reference in this scripture is to those who are born again and have knowledge of their sins, and willfully violate the law of God. Mistakes are not charged as sins. When a person makes mistakes, or sins, God will not charge such sins against them anymore than He would charge a little child who sins. You must receive the Spirit of grace to willfully sin against God. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of grace. Listen to verse 29:

Verse 29 - Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

You can only receive the Spirit of grace after you are born again. When you sin willfully, you sin against the Holy Ghost and Jesus will not go back to the cross and die for you again. You would have fallen from grace.

Subject: A Sinner's Course To Salvation:

When a sinner finally stops doing wrong, he has done as much as he is able to do by his own human ability. Christ will then come into his life and give him the spiritual power to keep on walking away from his sins. After he has gone a great distance from sin, and he means business, the Lord Jesus will take away his appetite for sin, and will give him the Holy Spirit that will stabilize him in righteousness. The power of Satan will then be broken. As he has received and obeyed God, God will blot out all the guilt and blame for everything he has ever done that was wrong. He will then be given a standing of equality with Christ who knew no sin; and will be accepted as a citizen of heaven as the son of God.

Subject: Why Are People Inclined To Go Wrong?

The question may come to your mind as to why people are inclined to go wrong rather than right? It is because we are born in sin, and sin causes us to go wrong. This is why God arranged the plan of salvation for us to be born again. When you are born again of the Spirit of God, the new-birth gives you a righteous nature, which leads you to do right. Listen to the answer that David gave in Psalm 51:5 and 10-11:

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

Verse 10 - Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

We are inclined to go wrong because we are born in sin, with a spirit to go wrong. Only being born again of the Holy Spirit can help us to go right.

Verse 11 - Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Subject: Sin Creates Heavy Burdens:

God wants to relieve us of sin. Sin is a burden upon the heart or mind of a person. Whenever you are heavily burdened, it is because of sin. When you learn what sins are and stop doing it, you will find relief from your burdens. Your continuous effort to stop committing sin will move God to give you the Holy Spirit that will permanently remove sin from your life.

The things that you do that are not right create your burdens in life. When you do wrong, you will experience physical and mental effects from your wrong deeds. When Jesus gave instructions to the woman who was caught in the act of adultery, He instructed her to go and sin no more unless something worse would come upon her. Her initial act of sin was adultery and the worst thing to come upon her was to be stoned to death for her act of adultery.

Subject: Sin Must Be Taken Out Of Your Flesh:

Sin must be taken out of your life in order for you to get relief from its efforts. You can't go to the hospital and have a surgeon to take sin out of your nature, only Jesus can do it. A removal of sin from your life requires a spiritual operation. When God operates on you to remove sin, He takes the lust out of your flesh. Lust is sinful desires that hold you in bondage of sin. Anything that you have an overwhelming desire to do holds you as a prisoner of the desire; that is called the lust of the flesh. When God operates on you to remove sin, He uses His Holy Spirit, which has holy fire to burn up and completely consumes the lust that is in your flesh. After this procedure is completed, you are free from sin to obey God in the spirit of holiness. After the Spirit of God burns up your sinful nature, it will abide in you on a permanent basis, and you will then hate every false and sinful way that you previously enjoyed.

Subject: Do You Have Replacements For God?

The people of Israel during the days of Elijah the prophet had become so enthusiastic in worshiping an idol that they had completely forgotten the true and holy God who had delivered them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into

the promise land. So, God sent Elijah to them to warn them that the judgments of the Lord would fall upon them if they did not immediately turn from idolatry.

Idolatry is very deceiving and can very easily impose upon your interest. Whatever you are interested in more so than God, is your idol. An idol does not have to be an image made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, or expensive material. An idol can be a hobby, friend, job career, or sports that you enjoy. Such things that attract your attention more so than God can be your replacement for God.

Subject: Have You Been Justified By Christ?

You cannot be justified by Christ if you are still a sinner, because Christ is not a minister of sin (Galatians 2:17). When your testimony is contrary to the word of God, your salvation is not authentic. 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 church folk today who claim to be born again are sinners. You can't be saved from sin and yet be a sinner at the same time. Such a testimony of salvation that is not confirmed by the scriptures is in error. When God saves you, He saves you from sin, and not with sin in your life. When Christ comes into your life, sin leaves.

When Christ was crucified on Calvary, it was for the purpose of allowing sin to be crucified in the lives of all who received Him. Your old life of sin would then be crucified with Christ that you should no longer serve sin. Listen to Romans 6:6:

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

Subject: The Deceitfulness Of Death:

You may have attended the funeral service of a friend or loved one where everything was very solemn and well prepared for the reception of the bereaved

family. Death is not like a funeral service. Death is a cruel monster for a person who has not been born again. Death does not present a good reception for the unsaved person. Death is the ultimate entry into a state of misery for the unsaved. God was very careful to allow Jesus to die on Calvary, because one of the main purposes for Jesus' crucifixion was to defeat death. Jesus only defeated death for those who received His teaching, and have been saved from the practice of sin. Jesus defeated sin and death because sin brought death into the world.

If you are living in sin, then you are not saved from the terror, misery, and horror that death will bring to you. Death is deceitful, and it will allow you to live a pleasant, luxurious life while you are in this present world. Then, when the day of your departure comes, death will spring a trap of misery upon you that you will not be able to escape from.

Subject: You Can't Be Saved At Your Funeral Service:

Don't be deceived by the pleasant things of this life. We have but a few days to live in this present world. Our go is certain, and our stay is uncertain. God did not plan for man to die. Adam chose death for all men. God is the giver of life, and He would like all humans to live forever. God gave Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins that we might have eternal life.

God did not have anything to do with humans being born in sin so that they would die. The devil presented this package of deceit to the human race through Adam. Those who die as sinners die contrary to God's will. God is not like a tyrant, ready to kill you, but when one gives His only Son to die for you, you should be grateful and appreciative towards such a person. Christ redeemed us from death, and He will one day completely abolish death. Listen to I Corinthians 15:26:

Verse 26 - The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

After Jesus completed His ministry on the earth, He ascended from the earth into heaven where He sits on the right hand of God. Jesus presented a package of life to a lost world of sinners. Jesus' ministry and crucifixion had power to ransom those who received Him from the power of the grave. Jesus redeemed us from death (Hosea 13:14).

In order for the redemption process to go to work for us, we must repent of our sins, and obey the gospel that Jesus presented. The redemption process does

not go to work for us merely because a preacher preached our funeral saying nice things about us. We must experience a filling of the Holy Spirit that will give us the new birth in Christ while we live in this present world. We can't be saved at our funeral service.

Death is God's enemy as well as the enemy of humans. God is the giver of life; God does not take your life. The way you live takes your life. When you live the life of a sinner, it places you on a course to receive the first and second death. The first death is the death of your physical body that separates you from your family and friends. Your second death will come to you if you have not been born again, and it will separate you from God in eternity.

Subject: A Day Of Celebration Over Death:

Nobody can take away the power of death but God. Man lives under the shadow of death. Death is the wages for all who continue to be sinners (Romans 6:23). Jesus declared that if death did not hold Him in the grave, death shall not keep those who believe on Him in a grave. The hope of the church is the resurrection. The first resurrection will be a day of celebration and victory chant over death. The resurrection will be a declaration of permanent defeat of death.

CHAPTER IV

SALVATION: GENERAL TOPICS

Subject: What Must You Do To Be Saved?

I use to be a member of a church that taught its members to do the best that they could. They did not teach that the power of God was better than their best human efforts. You are not saved by your best efforts to live right, but by the power of God. You are saved by grace that delivers you from your sinful desires.

There is nothing in a church organization that can help you to be saved, if the grace of God is not there. Before you can live above sin, you must be taught what sins are, and how to adjust your life to a new way of living that will exclude sins. You must be motivated to get this mind and then begin to fellowship with those who live a sin-free life.

You must be taught scriptures that are relative to your new way of living free from sin, such as the following scriptures: St. Mark 7th chapter, Romans 1st chapter, I Corinthians 6th chapter, Colossians 3rd chapter and Galatians 5th chapter. You must read the Bible on a daily basis and learn what the Lord says a child of God should do to be saved.

Subject: Human Nature Is Deceitful:

Human nature is so fixed that it can't solve the problems that humans have. The nature of men and women leads them to do contrary to what is best for them. A person who has a problem will resort to alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs, which will make the problem worse.

A person who has a problem with his or her spouse will find someone to commit adultery with. God is the only means by which problems can be effectively solved, but most people won't repent of their sins to get help from God. Human nature has to be replaced by the divine nature of God. You can receive God's nature by obeying His word. God's word carries the substance of His nature.

There is only one way that wickedness can be dealt with, and that is God's way. Now people of the world may seek and do research to find many ways to deal with their problems and think that they are getting somewhere, but unless God is leading them, their research will be in vain.

When a person gives their life to Jesus Christ, God will establish a new way of living in the person, and God's way will have power to help the person to live above their previous ways of doing things that were to his or her own disadvantage.

Subject: Knowledge For Salvation Must Come From God:

Anything that you learn from God must come from heaven by means of the Spirit of God directly to the minister that God sent. God does not send knowledge to institutions of learning such as colleges or religious seminaries. The Holy Spirit is the intercessor between man and God, and it is brings information to holy men that God has anointed to preach the gospel.

People of the earth have carnal minds; such minds are against the holiness of God, and cannot be carriers of the knowledge of God. Knowledge from God is sent to men that God has filled with the Holy Spirit to be messengers from God. When God has not prepared a messenger on earth to carry messages to the people,

He will send angels, such as He sent the angel Gabriel to Mary concerning the birth of Jesus Christ.

Knowledge from God cannot be acquired from earthly resources; it must be revealed by the Spirit of God to holy men of God, or brought by an angel from God. If you hear the word of God being preached by a Holy Ghost sent preacher, and you receive it without reluctance or doubt, such messages will penetrate your carnal mind, and implant the word of God in your mind, giving you the new- birth. This cannot happen when you listen to a preacher that was not sent by God. Preachers that are not sent by God are sent by the devil to give you an erroneous religious teaching to block out the true knowledge of the word of God. However, if you are sincere towards God and desire to be saved, the true gospel can penetrate any false religious teaching and save you.

Subject: God Looks At The Heart:

God doesn't care about the color of the skin or the texture of a person's hair. All God wants to see is a good heart (mind). Human's look at the outward appearances of other people, but God looks at the heart. The substance and qualities of a person's character is in the heart of the person. God looks at the intent of a person's heart to see if they are willing to obey His word. When God perceives that a person is willing to obey Him, He saves the person.

You cannot know whether you have a good heart by the way you think, because the heart is deceitful; you can't know your heart. God has the ability to search a person's heart and separate the intent from the thoughts.

When the heart of a person has good intents, God will purify the person's heart by giving the person the Holy Spirit. Salvation cannot be forced upon a person, so God only gives to those who have good intents, and are willing to obey if they had the strength to obey.

Subject: The Plan Of God:

Prior to Jesus being sent to the earth under the existing law that God gave Moses, all who sinned were dead and damned. God then offered a new plan in Christ that would deliver man from the condemnation of the law. Jesus extended an invitation in St. Matthew 11:28 saying, "Come unto me all ye that labour and

are heavy laden.” The instructions were to lay down your sins (or repent) and let Him teach you how to do it. Jesus came to teach us how to live sin free.

Jesus taught that all who believed and are baptized they could be saved because of His resurrection, after which He said that He was going back to heaven to His Father to prepare a place in heaven for those who believed, and later He would come back to the earth to receive them again and take them to heaven. 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.*

Subject: The Invitation:

It is a pleasure to have a relationship with God as though He is present in your everyday life. It is the plan of God to have an everlasting fellowship with those who want to be saved. God does not limit His involvement with those who desire to be His children. The invitation for anybody to be a child of God is always available. The Bible teaches the requirements of what is necessary to be a child of God.

Preparations for an event that is referred to as the first resurrection are now in the making for God to unite His children of every generation to be officially invited into God's family to live forever.

Subject: Today Is The Day Of Salvation:

There will be only one chance for the people of the earth to be saved. Now a lot of people believe in going to purgatory and coming back after they die. Still others believe in reincarnation, or that they can receive a life in some other form of existence after they die. The Bible gives no knowledge of such existence after

death. The Bible teaches that the grace period is the only time that God allows for sinners to be saved. Today is your chance to be saved. Listen to II Corinthians 6:1-2:

Verse 1 - We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

Verse 2 - (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Today is your day to be saved. If you are living today, you are not promised tomorrow. There will be no chance to be saved for those who neglect to receive the grace of God that is offered today. Listen to Hebrews 2:1 and 3:

Verse 1 - Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Verse 3 - How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.

If we fail to be a part of the plan of salvation that God has offered us today, there will be no other chance for us to be saved.

Subject: All God Wants Is You:

The connection to happiness in the world is broken. The devil used Adam to construct a wall of partition between man and God, and man has not been able to find peace and happiness. Man does not have access to God because of his sins. God sent Jesus to take down the wall of partition between man and God that man might be reconciled to God. There was a time when God came down to visit man to have fellowship with him on a daily basis, but the fellowship was disrupted by sin.

The fellowship that Jesus offers can only be acquired on an individual basis. Man cannot be saved or acquire fellowship with God by means of some church

organization. God only accepts individuals to be saved. God does not save people as groups, or because they belong to some secular church organization. All God wants is you: The Spirit of God is presently seeking a repenting heart of an individual who wants to be saved. The Spirit is not going to some church to find such people. Listen to St. John 4: 23:

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

Subject: Spiritual Blessings:

God gets no pleasure out of those who die unsaved. The pleasure of God is that we live eternally. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to save those who are willing to obey Him. God has made the Holy Spirit available for all who desire to be saved that it might be a blessing to them while they live in this present world. This is the grace of God, which is available to all who are willing to repent of their sins.

Those who are blessed with the Spirit of God will rejoice in heart and praise God, because they are blessed with a spiritual blessing giving them a heavenly place in Christ Jesus.

Subject: God's Purpose For Creating Man:

To be holy is to live without sin in your life. God's purpose for creating man is that he might be holy and without blame before Him in love. God created man and gave him the nature to love. Love makes you happy, and hate makes you miserable. After man sinned against God, God loved man so much that He worked out a plan for man to be born again of His Spirit, and regain his lost fellowship with God. Man was adopted back into the family of God by the Spirit of God. Today, anyone who receives the gospel of Jesus Christ can partake of the Spirit of God.

Subject: God Is Longsuffering And Not Willing That Any Should Perish:

You might wonder why God has tolerated a sinful world for such a long period of time. It is because of God's love for the world that He has been longsuffering towards sinners on earth. It is not the will of God that anybody should perish, but that everybody should have a chance to repent. So when a new generation comes on the scene, God waits patiently for those who are willing to repent that they might be saved.

God will give sinners plenty of time to get tired of a life of sin, and to decide to come to God. Such sinners will then be given the knowledge of the truth. So when God perceives that there are those who are willing to repent, He prepares a preacher and fills the preacher with the Holy Ghost and directs the preacher to those who desire to be saved.

If the mass majority of the people fail to accept the witness of those that God saved, and harden their hearts against the testimony of the witnesses, one day they are going to be suddenly destroyed, after the saved people have been evacuated from the earth.

Subject: God Is Very Fair:

Now God is very understanding of what people desire. If a person does not want to be saved, God does not want the person to cause others to be lost. So God will make preparations for the person who does not want to be saved to go to hell without being a hindrance to those who want to be saved. God gives everybody what they want. God won't force a person to be saved if the person does not want to be saved, neither will He allow the person to force others not to be saved who desire to be saved. Is there not equality with God?

Subject: Jesus Represents Grace:

Jesus represents grace. It is by the grace of God that Jesus was sent to the earth to offer salvation to a dying world. Grace means to get favor that nobody could earn. When God does a favor for mankind, there are no limitations to the favor. Grace offers eternal life to all who will receive it. This means everlasting privileges that a person could not acquire otherwise.

When God extends grace, He will give His Holy Ghost to those who are willing to receive it, to implant a new life in them that will remove all of the miseries that they have suffered in this present world. They will be given new bodies to live in an everlasting kingdom to experience continuous joy, happiness,

peace, and a quality of life that words in our vocabulary cannot describe. All of this will be done by grace.

Subject: Be Careful That Your Religion Does Not Deceive You:

You have not received forgiveness of sin until your sins have been removed from your desires. When God forgives you of your sins, evidence of this will be seen by you when you have lost your desire to commit sin. In order for grace to abound or increase in your life, you must cease from sin. Listen to Romans 6:1:

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

If sin takes an occasion with your religious teaching, it means sin has deceived you. Listen to Romans 7:11 then 10:

Verse 11 - For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

This means that the religion you possess that you thought would give you eternal life will be eternal death for you.

Verse 10 - And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

Subject: Jesus Was Not The Product Of A Man:

Jesus was not the product of a man, but of the word of God. God sent His word by Gabriel to Mary who believed it and she became the mother of Jesus. In order for men to know that the word of God in the flesh can keep them living above sin, God made a body like that of yours and mine for Jesus to live in. God demonstrated through Jesus that by the power of His word, He could live in this present world and not commit sin.

The things that Jesus did represented God who gave Him the power to do it. When you are saved from sin, you are representing God who gives you the power

not to commit sin. When the word is in you and you obey it, whatever you ask God for, He will grant it.

Subject: Jesus Paid It All:

You can determine the future conditions of your life based upon the way you presently live. God has so fixed life for humans that if they do good deeds it will produce good results for them. God does this for every individual that exist on the earth. You must reap what you have sown. The things that come to you in life are yours. Nobody can interfere with this process. Our perception of this process may not be accurate; but God's judgment is perfect. If it appears that what comes to you in life is not right based upon your discretion, it is because what you sowed in life was not right. Our judgment is not perfect; but God's judgment is; and He will not allow you to reap what you haven't sown.

In many situations, what we have sown would cause us to reap more than we could bear, and prevent us from being saved even after we desired to repent and obey God; so God sent Jesus to reap what we had no strength to reap. Jesus took the part of a sinner to bear what we could not bear. Sinners deserved to suffer, die, and go to hell. But Jesus took that part for us, and hell had no power to take Jesus' soul, and death could not cause His body to see corruption. We as sinners would have had to endure all this punishment. But Jesus took the punishment for us.

Subject: There Will Be An Appointed Time For Everybody To Leave Here:

You could be having a good time in life today. You could be having such a good time in life that you might think that there is nothing more to your existence, but fun and pleasure. The life that you are presently having a good time in may not be a preview of the coming events. What you are enjoying today may not be enjoyment for tomorrow. You have to wear the world like a loose garment because you might have to drop it at any time.

There is an appointed time when you might have to leave here, and you won't be able to carry your life of fun and pleasure with you. It doesn't matter what you are doing and how prominent and important you are, when the time comes, you will have to leave here. The Bible teaches that it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment (Hebrews 9:27).

Subject: Jesus Is Going To Get Rid Of Sin And Satan:

The miseries that are in the world today were brought here by Satan. God ordained that we can be saved from such miseries by the name of Jesus. It is because of the birth of Jesus that we can obtain salvation. When we celebrate Jesus' birth we should do it with sincerity. Everyone who is born of the Spirit of God can honor Jesus' birth of a truth. It is because of Jesus' birth that we can be born again. The birth of Jesus brought power into the world for the salvation of those who would receive and obey His gospel. Jesus' birth was a deathblow to Satan. After God saves His people, He is going to eliminate Satan from the world. Just as God's word prophesied of our salvation, it also prophesied of Satan's elimination.

Satan can read the scriptures and he knows that everything the word of God prophesied has come to pass at an appointed time. The devil hates to hear the words that magnify Jesus, and predicts his end. Jesus is going to accomplish two very important things. The first is to get rid of sin out of everybody's life who obeys his gospel, and the second is to get rid of Satan.

Subject: The Gates Of Hell:

If there is strife, confusion, arguments and divisions in your church, you had better leave such a church. The Spirit of God is not in a church where strife and confusion are present. If the Spirit of God is not in your church, neither will the members of your church be in heaven. Peace must be the very substance of the atmosphere in your church. Peace is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Along with peace there must be love, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, temperance, meekness, humility and faith. When these things are not present in the lives of the members of your church, it means that the Spirit of God is not present. When the Spirit of God is not present, neither is God present. If God is not present in your church it means the gates of hell has prevailed against your church. Under these conditions, your church is the gateway to hell. Listen to St. Matthew 16:18:

Verse 18 - And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Strife, confusions, divisions, malice, envy, arguments, and variance are the works of the devil, and the pathway to hell, whether it be in your church or your lodge.

Subject: Where To Worship God:

If your church has strife, contention and divisions in it, it is very inappropriate for you to obtain salvation in Jesus Christ. God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. God uses His Spirit to build His church, and the fruit of the Holy Spirit is joy, peace, goodness, faith, patience, longsuffering, temperance, meekness, love and humility. If these virtues are not in your church, it means God is not in your church. Confusion, strife, hatred, malice, envy, variance, fornication, adultery, drunkenness and emulations are things that you will find in the church that lead to the gates of hell. The gates of hell will not prevail against the church that Christ built (St. Matthew 16:18). The only thing that can make a church right is the right spirit in the people that are members of the church.

When Jesus was speaking to the Samaritan woman, she was very much concerned about where she should worship, as many people are today. The correct place to worship God is with people who have the Spirit of God. You will know the spirit of the people by their conduct and behavior. The basic behavior pattern should be sin-free. In order to recognize God's church you must have a good understanding of how to identify the character of God. When a people have the Spirit of God, they will also have the character of God. The character of God is holy. In God's church, the character of the people will be holy.

God's church is the light of the world. Such a church will project a reflection of God's righteousness from heaven, so that the world will be able to see the way to God. Christ brought the light of this way to the people of the earth. This church will be the way the people will find the truth and the truth will make them free from sin.

Subject: Obey God And Live:

Obedience to God's word is everything. All other services that you do for God are not worth anything if you fail to obey His word. Your choices are; you can obey God, or obey sin. If you obey sin, you are obeying the devil. You are considered as being a servant to whom you obey. If you obey sin, you will die eternally after which you will experience the first and second death. That will be the death of your physical body and the death of your soul. If you obey God, you

will experience life eternal. If you experience the first death of the physical body, you will not experience the second death of your soul. Your first death of the physical body will only be a peaceful rest.

When you repent of your sins, God will cast all of your sins into a sea of forgetfulness, not to be remembered against you anymore, but God will require that you go in peace and sin no more. Now remember when you start obeying God; you must continue to obey Him until the end of your life on earth. Such obedience will make you a righteous person. God will then add the Holy Spirit to your obedience, and it will give you the new-birth, which will make your obedience easy and enjoyable.

Subject: Watch Secrets:

You have to watch secrets. All the secrets of your life will be manifested in the Day of Judgment. Your secrets will be evaluated by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus' gospel is going to be used to judge your secrets. If they are secrets that hid your sins, and you failed to repent of, such secrets will send you to hell.

It is better to let God judge your secrets today so that they can be corrected. When your sinful secrets are corrected, you will be vindicated and cleared of all charges and there will be no judgment against you. God gives everybody a chance to judge themselves while they live in this present world. If your sins are corrected in this present world, you will be cleared in the next life.

Subject: The Process Of Salvation:

Jesus was the word of God made flesh. Whenever Jesus spoke, the power of God in His words could produce a new, born again person in those who receive it. The mystery of being saved is incorporated in the receiving of the word of God. To receive the word of God is to accept it without any reservations or reluctance of whether or not it is right. To receive the word of God is to completely surrender yourself to the instructions that it gives. In receiving the word of God, you must believe with all your heart that it can bring you salvation. When complete acceptance of the word of God is received, the power of the word goes to work in the mind of the person. Such a person will experience the impregnation of a new life source that will immediately cause a change in the nature and inner character of the person.

The person will begin to see a new creature being created in the same physical structure of the old person. The person will bear witness to the replacement of the old character that lived a life of sin in the same body that the new person is replacing. All these changes will take place by the power of the word of God that the person received. The Holy Spirit will be the carrier and source of energy for this spiritual process to take place.

The new creature in Christ will have to learn the tendencies of its new life, just as you are introduced to a new friend that you met. Christ will be living in you. The new life of Christ will have overwhelming power to initiate a righteous transition in the person's way of living. Such a person will develop new habits and a life style that will be given unto kindness, patience, longsuffering, gentleness, peace, joy, meekness, humility, and goodness. The new creature will have to adjust to these new qualities of life, because they will be virtues, which will motivate and control the new creature's purposes in his or her new life.

Subject: Salvation Starts With The Inner Man:

You are not saved just because you repented of some unclean, sinful habits. You are saved when the power of the Holy Spirit has implanted a seed, which is the word of God, in your mind. Salvation is given to the inner man first, and later the evidence will be seen as you live a new life of righteousness. Listen to Ephesians 3:16-17:

Verse 16 - That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

The Holy Spirit regenerates the inner man that Christ might first dwell in your heart.

Verse 17 - That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love.

When the inner man has been renewed, then you will put away sinful habits from your previous physical life of sin. Listen to Ephesians 4:25:

Verse 25 - Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members

one of another.

Subject: Spirits Rule The Flesh:

When the devil was cast out of heaven he injected his evil spirit in the people of the earth. The devil started with the first man, and every generation that came forth afterward had the spirit of the devil. The Spirit of God is ruling the kingdom of heaven where there is joy, peace and happiness. The spirit of the devil is ruling the earth where there is war, hate, murders, and continuous unhappiness. Spirits initiate their rulership of the earth by ruling the flesh of humans. When spirits rule the flesh it tells the flesh what to make people do. If a person has a bad spirit, they will do evil things. If they have the Holy Spirit they will do good things. The flesh can only be brought under subjection to the Holy Spirit of God. If a person does not have the Holy Spirit, it means they have the spirit of the devil ruling their flesh.

When a person has the Holy Spirit it will mortify or discipline the sinful works of the flesh which are motivated by the evil spirit of the devil. This means the following works of the flesh will be kept under subjection to the Holy Spirit. Listen to Colossians 3:5-10 and 12-14:

Verse 5 - Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Verse 6 - For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

When the Holy Spirit is controlling your life you will put off the works of the evil spirit.

Verse 7 - In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

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:

When you receive the Holy Spirit you will be renewed in knowledge after the image of God. You will then put on the following new ways of living.

Verse 12 - Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Verse 13 - Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Verse 14 - And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Subject: If You Believe The Word You Will Be Saved:

There are certain people that God will send His word to. When God sends His word to a person and they believe it, they will be saved. When the word of God is received by a believing heart, salvation is planted in the mind of the person. The person will be born again by the power that is in the word, which will be followed by the Holy Spirit.

When the angel Gabriel brought the word of God to Mary concerning the birth of Jesus, after Mary believed the word, the angel Gabriel told her that the Holy Ghost would follow and overshadow her causing her belief in the word to conceive the baby Jesus in her womb. Listen to St. Luke 1:30-31 and 34-35:

Verse 30 - And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Verse 31 - And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Verse 34 - Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

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

Subject: The Natural Mind Cannot Receive Things From God:

It is the Holy Ghost that brings Christ into your life giving you the new-birth. The Holy Ghost brought Christ into the womb of the Virgin Mary without the aid of a man. When the Holy Ghost brings the new-birth into your life it must also prepare the people that God wants to receive your new life. Not everybody will be prepared by God to receive your new life.

Before Mary and Joseph came together as husband and wife, Mary was found with child of the Holy Ghost; so the Holy Ghost had to prepare Joseph to receive what it had conceived in Mary. So, while Joseph slept an angel appeared unto Joseph in a dream and informed him that, that which was conceived in Mary was of the Holy Ghost. Joseph's mind was prepared by the Holy Ghost to accept the message from the angel.

If the Holy Ghost does not prepare a person's mind to receive a message from God, their carnal minds will reject God's message (I Corinthians 2:14). The natural mind cannot receive things from the Spirit of God unless the natural mind has been prepared by the Spirit of God.

Subject: The Truth Can Make You Free:

The words of a God sent preacher are the words of the Lord. A God sent preacher does not speak to the people with words from his own mind; but the words that he speaks were placed in his mind by God. A God sent preacher will tell the people the truth. If he tells the people that destruction is coming to the world; it will be the truth. The message from the God sent preacher will be confirmed by the events that will take place.

The truth comes from God and it cannot be annulled. The truth does not change nor is it affected by the conditions of the time. If God sends a warning by the preacher, and reveals a way that the people can escape the destruction, if the people believe and follow the instructions, then the truth will make them free.

Subject: The Truth Has Power to Regenerate You From The Carnal State To A Righteous State:

There was a civilization in heaven before the earth was created. When the civilization of the earth got in trouble, God took His word and wrapped it in a human body and the people of the earth could see the glory of God in a human body. God manifested Himself to the earth through His only begotten Son who was full of grace and truth. Jesus left on record all the works that were done for the people of the earth to be saved. Today whenever you hear or read the word of God, you are hearing the truth. If you believe the truth, the grace of God will bring the truth into your life and save you according to what the truth teaches. Jesus brought the truth to help us out, because the world had been deceived by the devil who perverted the truth. Today the devil has perverted the truth into false religious teachings.

If the teachings of your church have not given you a new life in Christ making you a new creature to live free from sin, then the teachings of your church could be teaching a perverted religious doctrine. When you learn the truth, it teaches you about your spiritual conditions, and shows you whether you are saved or not. The truth does not deceive you making you think you are saved if you have been deceived. The truth uncovers every false way. When you believe the truth, God gives you the Holy Spirit to activate the truth in your life. This means that you have been born again. The truth has power to regenerate you from the carnal state to a righteous state when you believe it.

Subject: The Ways Of The Flesh:

When you are saved, you are delivered from the ways of the flesh. The ways of the flesh lead you to commit sin. The flesh will do this by overwhelming power of deceit. The power of deceit will make you believe that you will get pleasure out of sinful practices. Such pleasures are tricks of the deceit that the flesh offers.

When God saves you, He delivers you from the ways of the flesh and the Holy Spirit will give you the power to live above sinful practices. The ways of the flesh will then become distasteful to you not offering you any pleasure. A person who is truly saved from the ways of the flesh will lose their appetite for sinful practices. This will happen as a result of the Holy Spirit converting the fleshly nature of the person to the spiritual nature of God.

You are saved according to the knowledge that the scriptures teach, and not by some religious excitement that you experienced in a church. Emotional religious excitement can be in vain if you have not experienced a conversion from the ways of the flesh. When Adam sinned, the flesh and blood bodies were downgraded to a lower level of life to be partaker of sinful practices. This fleshly way of life caused humans to have a limited life that resulted to death.

When a person is saved from the ways of the flesh, they will receive a new eternal life in Christ according to the scriptures. This new life in Christ will be first given to the inner man or woman, and upon Jesus' return, they will be given a new body not consisting of flesh and blood, but a spiritual body. The new body will qualify the person to enter into the kingdom of God. Flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of God, because it gives a limited life (I Corinthians 15:50).

Subject: The Word Of God Makes Your Spirit Clean:

A church does not make you a better person no more than water can make your spirit clean. Only Christ can make your spirit clean. You can wash with soap and water all day and still have a desire to commit adultery. If you have a dirty spirit, it will take someone who has power over spirits to make your spirit clean. Only Christ has authority, which God has given Him to cleanse the sinful spirits of humans. When Christ cleanses your spirit, He calls you from uncleanness to holiness. Listen to I Thessalonians 4:7:

Verse 7 - For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

There is power in a godly calling that cleanses you from sin, and brings you unto holiness to be free from sin. Your spirit is made clean by the words that Jesus speaks.

Subject: Be Careful When You Talk About God:

You want to be sure that God is in your life when you talk about God. It is dangerous to do a lot of talking about God, and not have God in your life to back-up your talk. When you do a lot of talking about God, the devil comes around and looks you over because you are claiming to be a representative of God. The devil

listens to your talk and knows a good bit about what you are saying, and he can make you look bad before those to whom you are talking if you can't prove what you are talking about.

If you have spiritual faults in your life, it is the devil who is sponsoring your faults. If you have secret sins, the devil is the supervisor of your sins. When the devil hears you talk about God, he weighs your words, and if you are boasting against his works in your life, he will expose you. Whenever you talk about God, your words should be in line with what God has done for you, and God will back up His works in your life.

Subject: Knowledge Comes From Experience:

You can only gain knowledge by experience or being assisted by someone who has experiences. Now when you acquire knowledge through experience you must be able to use it with an upright and pure heart. When you have these qualities, your knowledge will be profitable, and God will give you the Holy Spirit to guide you through life. You may have some troubles in life, but trouble will not prevent your stand with God. The Holy Ghost will give you guidance and assistance to withstand trouble and not commit sin.

Subject: Incorrect Knowledge Can Kill You:

If you follow the correct teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, you will be safe. People are destroyed because of lack of knowledge. It is erroneous knowledge that causes you to do things that make you vulnerable to dangers. If somebody taught you that liquor and cigarettes wouldn't hurt you if you smoke and drink liquor and if you believe this knowledge, it is what you believe that will destroy you. Liquor and cigarettes can't hurt you if you leave them at the store. When knowledge of such things is incorrect, then it's your knowledge that can kill you. So is it also with your knowledge of sin. If you are taught that it is okay to live in sin, your sins can kill you by taking the advantage of your incorrect knowledge.

Subject: God Does Not Call You To Be A Continuous Sinner:

When God saves you, He calls you unto holiness and not unto uncleanness. To be spiritually unclean means to have sinful habits, such as practicing adultery, fornication, smoking cigarettes, using illegal drugs, or drinking liquor. Listen to I Thessalonians 4:7:

Verse 7 - For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

God would not call you to do the same sinful habits that you are doing just to go to some church to continue to do those things. God calls you out of a life of sin to live a righteous life.

Subject: If You Are Not Saved Your Mind Can Be Your Worst Enemy:

Your heart is your mind concerning spiritual things. The other heart is a blood supply organ for biological things in your body. The spiritual heart is your mind that can be your biggest liability if you are not filled with the Holy Spirit. When you are born again, you are filled with the Holy Spirit that will give you a new mind that you can trust (Ephesians 4:22-23). When you are not born again, you cannot trust your mind because it is the most deceitful part of your life and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9). You don't know your mind when you are not born again. People experience many troubles and bad occurrences because their minds lead them to do things that they had no idea would turn out so terrible. You cannot trust your mind unless the Spirit of God is producing your thoughts.

When you get saved, God searches your heart and leads you to do things for your best interest. When a person is not saved, their heart is a means of producing the most evil things that we see in the world today. Evil things don't come from the world; they come from the hearts or minds of people to cause trouble in the world. Listen to St. Mark 7:20-23:

Verse 20 - *And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.*

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

Verse 22 - *Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lascivious-*

ness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

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

Subject: Would You Recognize The Works Of God If They Were Presented To You:

It was the cruel, unthankful spirit of those to whom God sent Christ to bless that destroyed the blessing for them. Jerusalem rejected Jesus when He would have gathered them as a mother hen gathereth her brood, and when He would have brought peace, comfort, and happiness to a people who had looked forward to it in the coming of the Messiah. It was because of their spiritually blind eyes that they rose up and fought against Him with every resource that could be mustered, until God took Jesus from them. You don't want God to take Jesus from you because you are spiritually blind. The word of God can open the eyes of your understanding so that you can see what God is offering you in Christ if you receive it. We must be very careful, because the world repeats itself continuously. You can be so caught up in self and conceit that you won't recognize the works of God when they are before you.

The Scribes and Pharisees were so concerned about their positions of authority when Jesus was ministering, that they could not identify their day of visitation from God. Jesus was God in human flesh, and the people were too blind to see it. Only a few were able to identify their Messiah on the day of visitation. Most of the Jewish people were so full of hypocrisy and self-righteousness that they could not see that God had come to help them.

Subject: God Offers Eternal Life:

God is the giver of life. He holds immortality in His hand. Life from God is everlasting. God is not a temporary God; He is eternal. There are no limitations to the blessings of God. Heaven is a habitation of infinite joy and happiness. It will

be God's good pleasure to give the saved people His kingdom. Such a blessing will only be given to those who are first given a sin-free life on earth. A witness that you will have eternal life in God's kingdom is that you will have a sin-free life in this present world. Listen to Romans 6:22-23:

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.

Verse 23 - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Subject: Sin Brought Death And Grace Gave Victory Through Righteousness:

God is a giver of life. When people get saved, God gives them eternal life, even after their physical bodies die, and go back to the dust. God is not a God of the dead, but a God of the living. The entire plan of salvation was arranged by God so that man could live forever. 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.*

Death is an interruption of God's plan for man. God's plan and death are in opposition of one another. Obedience to God causes a person to be born again and to be able to live a life of righteousness. A life of righteousness defeats death and allows the person to enter a peaceful rest at the end of their life on earth. If the born again person is alive when Jesus returns they will never die. If disobedience to God allowed death to enter the life cycle of humans, then obedience can remove death from the life cycle. Death entered the life cycle by sin. Listen to Romans 5:19 and 21:

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

Obedience to God was presented to the world by Jesus, who obeyed God down to the death of the cross. It was because of Jesus' obedience that death was defeated. Today anybody who obeys the gospel of Jesus can acquire victory over sin and death. You don't have victory over death unless you have victory over sin. Jesus' obedience brought grace to the world for all who want to be saved. Sin brought death, and grace gave us victory through righteousness.

Verse 21 - That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Subject: A True Fellowship With God:

The word of God teaches that if you walk in the statutes of God or keep His commandments, He will hear your prayers. To hear your prayers means that God will answer your prayers. St. John 14:15 teaches that if you keep God's commandments, whatsoever you ask in Jesus' name, He will do it.

God is very polite, and reciprocal. If you do what He teaches you to do, He will do what you ask Him to do. The Holy Bible is a book of instructions given by God so that men might know what to do to please God. When you please God by obeying His instructions, this gives you a fellowship with God.

A true fellowship with God allows you to obtain grace and assistance from God. This means the powers of heaven are at your availability to assist you. The powers of heaven are greater than the powers of earth, and can help you to overcome any problem that you might have.

Subject: The Importance Of Obedience:

Disobedience to God's commandment can result to terrible consequences. Such consequences do not come because God desires vengeance for disobedience, but because obedience is given for our protection against unseen dangers in our existence. God's commandments are given to guide us into the paths of safety. When we fail to obey God's commandments, it leads us to destruction. The disobedience of one man brought death into this present world.

God does not destroy man, but the enemy of man and God sets devices of destruction for mankind. Such devices can only be activated when man is

disobedient to God's command. It is very essential that the members of the human race know the will of God for their survival.

Subject: Obedience Must Be According To God's Word:

God does not know you by a church denominational name. There will be no church denominations in heaven. It is not a church affiliation that brings salvation; it is your obedience to God's word. Everything that you do that is acceptable to God must be done according to His word. The righteousness of God is incorporated in the instructions that His word teaches us to obey.

Subject: Your Conscience Must Approve Of Your Happiness:

The conscience is a very powerful and important part of the human nature. The things of this world cannot make you happy unless they get approval from your conscience. In order for your conscience to make you happy, it must be void of offense. If you do something that is unfair to somebody, your conscience will cause you to worry until you apologize and correct it.

When you do wrong, your conscience can talk to you and make you ashamed. If you try to ignore the voice of your conscience, your conscience will be continuously condemning you.

Subject: True Happiness Comes From God:

Most everybody is after happiness and joy, and when they don't have access to it, they will seek for it. Many will use whatever means they have to acquire happiness even if it's a dishonest means. Most happiness that you find in the world is false, deceitful and short lived. Only the Holy Spirit can give you true happiness. Drinking alcoholic beverages is false happiness. Committing adultery and fornication is also false happiness. True happiness must come from a true source and that source is God.

Subject: True Happiness:

There is nothing in the world that will make you happy on a permanent basis. Happiness must be implanted in your mind, and this implantment does not come from the world. When you are happy, your conscience is free of offense. There is no condemnation in your conscience, resulting from something you did wrong.

You are not happy because you make a lot of noise at a ball game, or in a church. You can only truly be happy when you live free from sin, because sin is the root of unhappiness. There are no limitations to the bounds of the happiness that God gives you when you live free from sin.

Subject: Evidence Of The Reality Of God Is Everywhere:

A person who says that there is no God has been fooled by the devil. There is a divine power that makes spring, summer, winter, and fall and can bring forth fruit from trees that are different in appearance and taste. It was not by accident that the heavens and earth are in separate orders. Some men may say that things just happen like that. A systematical universe had to be created and arranged by a systematical power. The time is coming when we shall see God face to face, and we shall know Him as He is. Evidence of God's power is everywhere today. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

Subject: If You Love God You Will Keep His Commandments:

If a person simply knows the commandments of God, it won't do very much for the person. Humans have the kind of nature that cannot be ruled by commandments and laws alone. There must be some inner assistance for humans to obey commandments such as God gives. It is only by love that humans can be governed. When children don't love their parents, they won't obey them. When adults don't love God, they won't obey His commandments.

When you love a person, you will do what pleases the person. It pleases God for us to keep His commandments. Obedience to God's commandments is what God accepts as love. It does not matter how much you say that you love God, if you fail to keep His commandments, He does not accept your words of love. Listen to St. John 14:24 then 21:

Verse 24 - *He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

Verse 21 - *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

Subject: A Living Sacrifice:

If you want to be saved, you have to be willing to be a living sacrifice. Listen to Romans 12:1:

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

Now to be a living sacrifice does not mean you have to die on a cross like Jesus; this means you have to be a sacrifice in a lesser order. Christ was the first order of sacrifice and everyone who is going to be saved will be a sacrifice in a lower order.

To be a living sacrifice means to deny your flesh or sinful nature of sinful practices that please the flesh. This means your former social life that gave you pleasures in things such as liquor drinking, partying, cigarette smoking, fornication, adultery and gambling must be denied. Under these conditions, your flesh would suffer. When the flesh is suffering, you are then holy and acceptable to God. Listen to I Peter 4:1 and 3:

Verse 1 - Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh arm yourselves likewise with the same mind:

for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin.

Your life might have been that of social and sinful pleasures.

Verse 3 - For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries.

Those that you previously socialized with may think it strange that you have withdrawn from such social pleasures, but such is an acceptable sacrifice to God.

Subject: Everybody Can Be Happy With God Or Miserable Without Him:

Today man has the freedom of his will. He can obey God, or disobey. If man's choice is to disobey God, the sentence of death is upon him, but such a sentence would not come from God, it would be man's choice. We had nothing to do with the sentence being passed down to us from Adam, but we have everything to do with the sentence of death being removed. If we die in our sins, it is not Adam's choice, but our choice. Just as Adam allowed the sentence of death to be passed down to us, Jesus made grace available to remove the sentence of death.

Grace is available today for all men and women, but we cannot receive the benefits of grace unless we repent of our sins with the intent of heart never to commit sin again. Being born with the nature of Adam, we are born in sin, and it is our nature to go contrary to the will of God. Nevertheless, God has arranged that even though we were born in sin, we can be born again.

When the end of this world comes, God has planned that there be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. This will be a place where death will not be allowed to come, and no sins will enter. The paradise of God, which was started in the beginning, shall be restored. God has made arrangements for human existence so that everybody can be happy with Him, or miserable without Him.

Subject: Fruit Unto Holiness Means That You Are Made Free From Sin:

If after that you hear the true gospel, and fail to receive it in an honest and good heart, you will not bring forth fruit. When you fail to bring forth fruit, God will remove His grace from you. St. John 15:1-2:

Verse 1 - *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.*

Verse 2 - *Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*

Branches on fruit trees are no good when they don't bring forth fruit. Your life must produce fruit unto holiness in order to be saved. This is fruit of the Spirit of God. When you produce fruit unto holiness you are then made free from sin. 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.

Subject: Profitable Talk:

Have you ever listened to a person who does a lot of talking and has very little to offer those who listen to him. Talking excessively is vain when a person does not know what they are talking about. The teachings of the gospel of Jesus Christ are profitable for salvation for those who hear and obey it. If you take in the word of God like it is taught, you will be following profitable talk from God. It will make a change and difference in your life for the better.

The word of God is the power of God that can save you from sin. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it gives you a spiritual mind to absorb the word of God. God has ordained that those who are willing to obey His word that the truth will find its way into their minds.

Subject: When You Are Saved You Become One With God:

When you get saved, you become one with God. To be one with God means that you will be partaker of God's holiness. This means that you will live according to the ways of God, being led and taught by the Holy Spirit. You will be united with God according to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The basic character of your life will be to live without committing sin. God is divine and holy, and these ways will also be a description of your character. God is love and His love will be the controlling force in your life. At this period in your life, you will never do anything when love is not the motivating force to do it.

Subject: A Living God Has Power:

Names are given as a means of distinction and identification. Hardly ever will you find two people in the same family with the same first and last name. If you own property, it is kept in your name. Names are also given for diversity. Different names are given to different articles so that they can be acquired for proper usage. A hat has a different name from a coat.

Names are very important, because they can eliminate confusion and create order. When a man's wife and children are named after him, they can easily be identified as his family. When you become saved, you become a member of God's family and He will give you His name, which is "Holy". Listen to St. John 17:11:

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

Listen to what God's name is in St. Luke 1:49:

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

There are many God's in different religious beliefs that people follow. They all have different names, but there is only one Holy God, and that is the only living God. Names do not make a God a reality. God is made a reality by the power that is in His name. When we obey the God of Abraham, his power will be manifested in our lives, by making us a new creature in Christ. No other power in all existence can change your life from a sin practicing creature to a sin-free creature, but the power of a living God.

Subject: You Should Take Your Church Everywhere You Go:

When folk go to church, they are pure and clean. They put on their best behavior and wear their best clothes. They won't smoke cigarettes and use profanity while in church. If the choir sings an exciting song, they will get excited. To these type worshipers, going to church is a tradition that has very little to do with salvation. Salvation means to be delivered from sin and it has very little to do with church traditions.

When a person is born again, they will take good, holy conduct everywhere they go. Holiness in the heart rejoices it. When Christ, who has bestowed this holiness to that heart comes around, the heart is further illuminated and finds expression in shouts of joy not just in a church, but everywhere you go.

Subject: God Is Spirit:

God is not a man; He is God. God is Spirit. To be spiritual means that God is righteous and holy. No earthly or sensual ways can be committed with God. To be sensual is of the earth and it is the absence of God's holiness. To be holy means to be free of all unrighteousness. God is spirit and they that worship God must worship Him being free from sin. When you are free from sin, you are worshipping God in Spirit and in truth. You don't necessarily worship God by going to a church assembly; you worship God by living holy.

Subject: The Pure Heart (Soul):

When your soul is purified, your life is purified. You will know that your soul is pure when the way you live is pure. To be pure means to be sin-free. This means that there are no inclinations in your mind or desires to commit sin. Sin is not just a physical transgression of God's word, but it is also an inner desire to commit sin that does not have to be executed by physical actions. However, if a person is inclined to commit sin, God will charge them as a sinner. As long as your life is filled with sinful desires, your soul is defiled.

When you are born again, the Holy Spirit purifies your soul, giving you new, righteous desires. The Holy Spirit uses the truth to purify your soul. There is unlimited power in the word of God that can change a person from the carnal nature to a spiritual nature. When your heart is pure, your nature becomes righteous, and nothing can harm you. A pure heart means that you are established in righteousness.

Subject: The Righteousness Of God:

If you live right according to the way God's word teaches, you will be just like God. God is righteous, and His righteousness is made known in His word. When you obey His word, you become partaker of His righteousness. Listen to I John 3:7:

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

The person who does the right thing is right just like God is righteous. Now preaching, praying, singing, shouting and dancing in the church does not mean that you are right. You must live right to be right.

Church rituals and ways of worshipping can fool you, but the way you live can't fool you because you know how you are living. You know when you are committing adultery or using profanity. Whenever you don't live right and go to church to practice religious rituals, then your church services are no more than shows like those that you see in a circus.

Subject: The Law Is Not For A Righteous Person:

The law of the land cannot stop a person from hating their neighbor, but God's Spirit can stop a person from hating. The Spirit of God implements the law of righteousness while the police department implements the law of the land. The law of righteousness cleanses a person's heart. If a person follows the law of righteousness, there will be no condemnation, because there is no law against righteousness (I Timothy 1:9-10).

The law is not for a righteous person, but for the lawless, disobedient, ungodly and for sinners. The law is against homosexuals and those that defile themselves with unclean sexual practices. It is against those who commit adultery and fornication. When you have the mind to obey God, the Spirit of God will give you power to live above the condemnation of the law.

Subject: Grace Has More Power Than The Law:

Adam lives in every human being that was born in sin. God wants to redeem those of us who will accept His offer. Adam caused all humans to be under the law that Moses gave. The grace of God was given to teach humans how to rule themselves so that they could be delivered from the condemnation of the law.

While we are under the law, we are servants of the law, because the law tells us what we can and cannot do. The law rules our actions, because without grace from God, we can't govern ourselves. When we are born again, we receive grace from God, which removes us from being under the law. Grace gives us the ability to live above the things that the law forbids.

Grace is superior to the law that Moses gave. The Holy Spirit causes the grace of God to come into the lives of those who are born again. You cannot escape the condemnation of the law unless God gives you grace. If God does not give us grace, we will be under the rulership and condemnation of the law as long as we live. Listen to Romans 7:1-4:

Verse 1 - Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

You can only be free from the law when you are dead to sin. Grace causes sin to die in your life just as a woman is free from her husband after he dies.

Verse 2 - For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

When we are loose from the law of sin and death, it means that grace has caused us to be married to Christ. If we say that we are married to Christ or saved and we still commit sin, then God will judge us as adulterers.

Verse 3 - So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

It is through grace that we become dead to the law. Christ removes sin from our lives so that we are free from the law.

Verse 4 - Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

Subject: The Love Of God Keeps You Out Of Range Of The Condemnation Of The Law Of God:

When you have the Spirit of God, you will not violate the law of God. Now the law of God consists of the commandments that God gave Moses, inclusive with the teachings of Jesus Christ. The only way that you can keep from breaking the law of God is that you must have the love of God in your life. The love of God exempts you from the conditions that the law of God forbids. The love of God gives you a life of righteousness that is elevated above the condemnation of the law of God.

When you have the love of God in your life, the law cannot reach you, because you will be living above the law. The only people that the law can reach and condemn are those who are sinners by nature, and live according to the dictation of the carnal nature. The love of God gives you the divine nature of God that is not within the range of the condemnation of the law.

Subject: You Can't Serve Two Masters:

You can't serve two masters, especially when the work each master gives you is completely contrary or the opposite from the other. When you are a servant of God, you can't serve the devil. When you are a servant of God, you are a servant of righteousness. When you are a servant of the devil, you are a servant of sin. When you are a servant of God, He makes you free from sin. You are then free from being a servant of the devil. The devil will no longer be your master, which means you don't have to do what he tells you to do. You can completely ignore the devil's orders. You will now be able to do work for God unto holiness.

Subject: Crying In Church:

Never pay too much attention to when you go to church and cry. Crying can be deceiving. Always pay attention to how you live after you leave church. A lot of folk go to church and cry and later go home and use profanity. Crying is not evidence of a righteous quality. Crying has nothing to do with holiness or being born again.

Crying can be an emotional reaction to church music or a sermon. Crying can take place right along with hatred or malice. Crying is only okay when you are living a righteous life. Where there is no righteousness then crying is a cover up for your sins, making you believe that you have experienced a religious conversion.

A religious conversion can be no more than going to church singing on the choir, but you can be living the same old sinful life right along with crying. Such emotional experiences are not confirmed in the scriptures as being related to salvation in Jesus Christ.

Subject: Man Is An Eternal Creature:

Man is an eternal creature. God has created man with a soul that will never die whether he is saved or not saved. Your body of flesh and blood can be destroyed, but your soul (mind) can never be destroyed. God created your soul to either live in heaven to experience everlasting joy or to live in hell to experience everlasting torment, but not to die.

The life of your flesh and blood body will come to an end one day. Your flesh and blood body will be separated from your soul, because it is temporary. When your mortal body ceases to exist, your mind or soul will live on according to the promise of God. Your soul will receive another body in the resurrection like the body that Jesus had when He was resurrected if you are born again.

In the book of Job 14:14, the question was asked, "If a man die shall he live again?" The Lord who gave you the life that you now possess has given you the promise that if you walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, He promises that though you die, you shall live again. There are many who do not believe the promises in the word of God. They think that there is nothing more to life than to eat, drink, and die. Just as surely as they doubt God, they will never enjoy eternal life, but they will live again. They will live with the damned. They will live with those that they associate with in this present world who doubt God. This knowledge was given to man by God through the Holy Spirit that he might understand that God never planned for man to die when He created him.

Subject: Your Mind Will Never Die:

Your mind will last forever whether you are saved or not saved. Your mind is the eternal part of your existence; it is the spiritual part of your existence. Incorporated in your mind are your senses. Your emotions and feelings are in your mind. Your mind carries the ability for you to love, hate, to be happy or sad. It makes you able to see, smell, hear, and taste. Your mother and father produced your body, but God produced your mind. Your mind is referred to in the Bible as Your heart or soul. Your mind is the life of your existence.

Nothing can eradicate or destroy your mind. If you are not saved after your body dies, your mind will be given a new body that will be prepared to live in a lake of fire and brimstone to be forever tormented. When the Lord shall descend from heaven with the voice of an archangel, the dead in Christ (saved) shall rise first and they shall be taken to heaven with those who were saved on earth and alive. They will be out of reach of the destruction that will be designed by God for the spiritual torment of the unsaved (I Thessalonians 4:16).

The wicked or unsaved will be left and their minds will be placed in new bodies prepared for spiritual torment. This means everlasting torment of the mind and new body. Listen to Revelations 20:10:

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

The day will come when all the flesh and blood bodies of the unsaved shall be as stubble. It is not the bodies of the unsaved that will live again, but the life of their bodies, which is their mind (Malachi 4:1). The unsaved will be given spiritual bodies that cannot die. The unsaved will have the spirit of the devil. Nothing is going to heaven with Jesus but the Spirit of God, and nothing is going to hell but the spirit of the devil. The unsaved will have new bodies that will never die.

The day will come when nothing will be left on earth but unsaved people, living in new bodies in a habitation of misery, and after a thousand years of this misery, the unsaved will be judged and cast into a lake of fire and brimstone (Revelations 20:1, 2, 5, and 6).

Subject: Have You Made Preparations For The Judgment Of God?

There are a lot of things that we prepare for such as birthday celebrations, banquets and weddings. Such events are exciting and enjoyable. We should also remember that as we enter a new year, many who were here last year have passed on, and they will not enjoy such celebrations again. The most important thing that we should prepare for is the judgment of God.

We can only prepare for the judgment by the way we live and conduct ourselves on a daily basis. It is a blessing to have someone to remind us of the most important event of your existence while there is still time to make adjustments. This should be the job of your preacher or pastor. You are not being helped by the preacher who pictures the beauty of heaven, and fails to show you what the necessary qualifications are to enter heaven.

The message from a preacher is the only message you will receive from God concerning the end of your life on earth. The next event from God will be final destruction for those who are not saved. When you have been properly informed by your pastor, you are not in darkness that the day of the Lord should overtake you. Listen to I Thessalonians 5:4-6:

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

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

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

Subject: The False Versus The True:

If you want people to see God in your life, you've got to let them see Him by the way you act. If your religion cannot be seen in your life, it is a vain religion. What you say about salvation out of your mouth is good, if it is backed up by the way you live. A saved person is a living epistle, or the living example of the word of God. I would rather see acts of kindness than to hear a person talk about kindness. There is a very thin line between hypocrisy and true salvation in Jesus Christ. If a person has religious knowledge that has no positive effect upon the way that they live, though their knowledge may be true, their salvation is false.

Subject: Child-Like Faith:

Our attitude towards God should be just as a child who depends upon its parents for what he or she needs. When we obey God, we should trust that God will supply our needs. When we depend upon God, and trust Him we should look to God for guidance and help at all times with faith that does not waiver. Many conditions of life will threaten our peace, and health, but with child-like faith, we should turn to God confident that He would take care of the condition.

If you are obeying God, you should believe that He is interested in you. Your knowledge of God should help you to know that God is moved by your faith that you have in Him, and it is by your faith that He will send blessings and assistance when you need it.

Your faith should be definite, steadfast, and not accompanied with doubts and fears. You must believe with a firm conviction that God is near, hears your call, and has a compassionate understanding of your situation, and that He is able to answer at the proper time in the manner requested. With this frame of mind, it is evident that you believe that God is a reality to the obedient person, and is a rewarder to those who diligently seek Him.

Subject: Faith Is A Foundation For Salvation:

Your salvation is constructed upon a foundation known as faith. When you lose your faith in God, you have lost everything. Faith is confidence in the one who secures your physical and spiritual existence. God can secure your body and soul if you trust in Him. Faith gives you confidence that takes away fear of the things that threaten you.

God has given us a name wherein we all can have confidence. He established that name by putting power behind it. That name is Jesus. The thing that makes the name of Jesus effective is the character behind it. Christ was established by His character, which is manifested in the deeds that were done. God got behind His deeds and manifested Christ as the word of God. Christ was true, and so faithful to God until men up to this present day can be saved by the words of His gospel (Philippians 2:10-11).

Subject: When You Are Tempted Don't Yield To Sin, Yield To God:

After you become a faithful worshipper of God, you can pray for help from God during your time of trouble. God will hear the prayers of a faithful person who obeys His word. When you pray, you can tell God just what the condition is, and ask Him for deliverance. When you are tempted to do wrong, it is not a sin though it may be presented to you along the lines of something that you previously desired that is a sin. Temptations are not sins, they are enticements used by the devil to get you to commit sin.

You need help when temptations come, and if you don't yield, you will get help. The fact that you don't yield is evidence that you want help from God. When you don't yield to temptations, you can call on God, and ask the Savior to help you; then you will receive strength not to yield. When you don't yield to temptations to commit sin, it means you have yielded to God who will give you strength to overcome temptations.

Subject: Pray For Victory Over Those Who Oppose You:

If you accept the word of God, it will purge your mind of all bitterness, envy, and strife that you might live the life of Christ. If you live like Christ, you will not have any hatred or bitterness against anyone. When you are confronted by opposition of folks, you will use words of forgiveness towards them. When you pray you should ask God to strengthen your ability to forgive, and God will hear your prayers to the end that He will give you the ability to be victorious over their opposition.

You can only be made perfect through suffering. You have to suffer what folk say to you. You must remember that Christ learned obedience by the things He suffered, and you will never know how obedient you are until you suffer to obey. It is very difficult to take what folks say against you when you have done everything to help them.

Folks will hate you without a cause when you are saved. They will speak evil about you. You can only overcome their opposition through love. You must have pity for them. If you ask God's blessings upon them out of the depth of your heart, you will then be like Jesus.

Subject: You Can't Go To Heaven Unless You Are Tested And Proven:

If you really want to be saved, and make a sacrifice, God will take you through a test as He did Abraham so that you will know it. Going to church, singing, and shouting doesn't mean much unless your faith has been tried and proven. If you think that God tried Abraham, and will allow others to enter the kingdom of heaven without being tried you have made a mistake.

Everybody who is truly born again must be tried. If you can't stand a test in this life, you will not be able to stand in the judgment. Along with your faith being tried God requires every saved person to pay tithes, and offerings to prove that they trust God. You cannot trust God in words only; you must give Him something to trust Him with.

Subject: A Saint:

Did you know that you can become a saint while you live in this present world? You become a saint by obeying the word of God. To be a saint means to be separated from a life of sinful practices. When this happens, you are sanctified. This means set apart from what sinners do, or the way that you previously lived as a sinner.

When you obey the righteous teachings of God, He gives you the Holy Spirit to help you. The Holy Spirit does a complete job of sanctification in your life. When you become a saint, you will never experience the death of your soul. You might experience death of your flesh and blood body, but your soul, or mind will live forever in a new body that God will give you. Your soul is your life. When you become a saint, your life will be eternal with God in heaven.

Now, you have to become a saint while you are living in this present world. God does not make anybody saints after they die. You must first be a living saint before you can die a saint. Remember that we are to obey God in everything that He commands. By doing so, we enter into righteousness; we are then counted worthy of the inheritance of the saints, and will one day meet Jesus.

Subject: God Uses The Humble Person To Accomplish His Purposes:

When you receive and obey the word of God, this means that God lives in you. God does not save a person for no reason. He saves you for service. When God lives in you, He lives by the power of the Holy Spirit in you. You then become God's workmanship in the earth. Whatever God is going to do in the earth, He will do it through you. If others are to acknowledge God, and receive salvation from God, they will have to receive it by means of God using you. If they reject you, or what you stand for, they will be rejecting God. God does work through a person by making them famous and prominent, He works through their spirit of humility. When a person is lowly in heart, then God is great in their life. In order for others to find whom God is using, they must look for the spirit of righteousness and humility.

Subject: The Goodness Of God Makes You Perfect As God Is Perfect:

Many people today knowing how weak and faulty human beings are, and how easily they make mistakes, reject the teachings of the scriptures that teach we should be perfect even as our Father in heaven is perfect. They will use scriptures out of context to support their view, such as in Ecclesiastes 7:20:

Verse 20 - For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

This passage of scripture means that man has a nature to sin, that he cannot of himself stop, but God has power to help him overcome his sinful nature. The assistance and goodness of God reflects in individuals like the moon receives its light from the sun at night. The goodness in man is therefore a reflection of God, which they keep shining brightly by staying out of the shadows of sin. Even Christ Himself said don't give me credit for being good; I am good only because God is in me.

Subject: An Accurate Perception:

The devil is a spirit that deceives people by their way of thinking. The devil will use flattery and cause people to believe that they are more than what they are. Unless we as humans have Jesus Christ in our lives, we will be living a life of vanity being lifted up by our vain imagination that was magnified by the devil. The word of God is like a mirror that gives us an accurate perception of ourselves.

Subject: What God Says To One He Says To All:

When God told Abraham to walk before Him and be perfect, some people believe that He was only talking to Abraham, but God was talking to everybody. The law that requires capital punishment is not just for the man who is on death row, but also for everybody who commits the same crimes. When God speaks to you, He does not have to call your name, His voice is universal, and what He says applies to everybody.

Subject: Watch Your Imagination:

Your thoughts and imagination can interfere with you obeying the word of God. It is necessary that you be able to make a distinction between your imagination and the principles of righteousness that the word of God teaches. The devil can fill your mind with thoughts that are not relevant to what the word of God is teaching. You must be able to articulate obedience to what the word of God teaches.

When you don't understand something that the word of God is teaching, this means that such knowledge is not for you. It is for the person who does understand. If you put too much confidence in your imagination, it will cause you to reject what the word of God teaches. To be too close to and confident in your imagination will cause you to be offended when the word of God reproves your imagination. The word of God will take down your imagination revealing it to be carnal. Listen to II Corinthians 10:4-5:

Verse 4 - For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal,
but mighty through God to the pulling down of
strong holds;

Verse 5 - Casting down imaginations, and every high thing

that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God,
and bringing into captivity every thought to the
obedience of Christ.

Subject: The Course Prepared For An Obedient Person Is Blessed:

God has laid out a plan for man to go by. It is a course for man to go, and when he does the things that God instructs, the course is fixed and the man who does right can't get out of the channels. Blessings are all along the way that God has prepared for the man who obeys God. A course is prepared for a wicked man the same way. According to a wicked man's sins, he will reap. The wicked man may receive some good things periodically, but the reward for his sins will overtake him.

God allows His sun to shine on the just as well as the unjust. When a man walks in the statutes of God and obeys His commandments, God will provide for him. God is a God of equity, a just God. If a person stays on the path of obedience to God, they will be blessed. God has so fixed the course that blessings will be all along the way.

Subject: Blessings From The Lord:

If you are born again, don't worry about what you don't have. Everything will be given to born again saints, and the time will soon come, when we will come into possession. God's plan is to establish righteousness in the new earth as it is now in His Kingdom of Heaven.

In the new earth, all blessings of God will be given to the saints where no greed and selfishness will exist. God's goodness will be the spiritual atmosphere in the new heaven and earth. The will of God will be implemented by love rather than by laws. Every born again saint will be promoted to a royal priesthood in the new kingdom. God exalts you when you obey Him. Though saved people are servants in this present world, they are waiting for the fullness of time to receive blessings from the Lord that will never end.

Subject: God Is Only Interested In People:

You are not in God's church just because you belong to some church organization. God does not dwell in houses of stone; God only dwells in the hearts of those that He saves. God is not looking for a building to go meet with people. He is looking for people that are willing to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Many church organizations don't teach the truth. It is a waste of time and money to build a building and think that you have done something for God, because God is not interested in buildings made of stone and lumber; He is only interested in people. Listen to Acts 7:48-51:

Verse 48 - Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

Verse 49 - Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

Verse 50 - Hath not my hand made all these things?

Verse 51 - Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

Subject: Human Love Versus Divine Love:

Human love is natural affections for a relative, friend, or special person in your life. Human love is good, but it is limited. Human love is selfish and it is primarily a love of choice for the person who possesses it. Divine love is not selfish or limited. If you are saved, it is because divine love reached you. Divine love is interested in the soul and not the flesh. The flesh will soon pass away but the soul will live forever. So, divine love wants to save the soul so that it will live on the better side of eternity.

When you have been made partaker of divine love, you wouldn't care what others may say about you or how they may treat you. You would love them even if they became your enemies. Divine love has a quality that doesn't change because people change. Divine love has pure happiness, because it is not mixed

with envy, strife, hatred, or malice. Divine love gives happiness to the heart of a person when happiness is not in season for others.

Divine love is immovable and is always steadfast. It is pure, clean, holy, and easily entreated. Divine love helps you to understand that those who do not love you are separated from God and are sensual, living without the Spirit of God. Such people don't understand that their attitude in defiance of divine love will destroy them.

When you have divine love, nobody can hurt you and this makes it possible for you to bless those who curse you and pray for those that despitefully use you and persecute you. Jesus teaches that under these circumstances, it is not you whom they hate, but Christ, whose love is in you.

Subject: Give God The Glory:

The word of God is a strong tower, and when you trust in it you are safe. When you have faith in something that is reliable, you are safe. Faith is confidence and confidence is strength. God has given us one name wherein we all can have confidence. God has established that name by putting power behind it. There is power in the name of Jesus to save all who have faith in it.

God brought Jesus into the world to be a glory and praise to Him, and when we receive Jesus into our lives, we are a glory and praise to God also. Jesus was very careful to give the glory to God for the works that He did, because He did it by the power that God had put in His name. When you live the life that Jesus taught men and women to live, there is power in your life that comes from God. You will then be able to do many things in life that ordinary people won't be able to do. You should then remember to give God the glory just as Jesus did.

Subject: Praise The Lord:

When a person is born again of the Spirit of God, their hearts will rejoice on a continuous basis. The Spirit of God brings blessings that the world knows nothing about. Only those who are recipients of the Holy Spirit can witness to its blessings. Such people will praise God because they are blessed with a spiritual blessing, and wherever they go will be a heavenly place in Christ Jesus. Everything that God has created and blessed will praise Him. All the magnificent forces of the universe praise God. All we can give God is praise.

Subject: There Are No Divisions In The Trinity:

There are no divisions in the Trinity. God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit agree in one. The Trinity consists of three separate parts of the Godhead, but are on one accord in all things. When we are born again, the Trinity takes up an abode in our lives, and we will not be contrary to any principles that the word of God teaches. The Spirit of God will cause us to adjust our lives, and beliefs to be in agreement with the teachings of the word of God.

If there are divisions among those that we worship with, it will be manifested in the form of envy, strife, and other forms of carnality. Listen to I Corinthians 3:3:

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

When we are a part of the Godhead, we will be saying the same thing, and all following the same judgment. Listen to I Corinthians 1:10:

Verse 10 - Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Subject: When Your Life Is Sin-Free You Are Honoring God:

When those who love and obey God get together and praise Him, He records it. Such people will meet often to invoke God's blessings upon them. When people are living a sin-free life, they keep God's attention. The Spirit of God will be with them everywhere they go. When they assemble to praise God, they are honoring God, and God keeps it on record.

You can only honor a person by respecting what they stand for. God is holy, which means His habitation and heavenly environment along with His heavenly host are sin-free. There is no sin in heaven. When we live a sin-free life on earth, it means God's will is being done on earth as it is in heaven in our lives. This kind of life on earth gives honor to God in heaven.

Subject: God Claims Everything That Is Holy:

When your life is holy, or sin-free, you then become a vessel of usage for God. God uses men and women to do what He wants done. When God wants others to be blessed, He uses the person that He has prepared to be a blessing. When a person has holy hands, their hands are God's hands. When their mouth is holy, it becomes God's mouth. God claims everything that is holy and He will use the person who is holy to glorify himself.

Subject: Are You Laboring For God?

Now you can't die for God unless you live for Him. When you live for God then you will die the death of a righteous person, which means you will enter a peaceful rest from the labor that you did for God. If while you lived you only labored for yourself then you will not enter a rest that God prepares for those who lived for Him. To receive rest from your labor from God, you must labor for God while you live. You are laboring for God when 10 per cent of your net income is given to God.

Subject: The Character Of Jesus:

No man or woman can reject Jesus. I am making reference to the character of Jesus. Jesus was established by His character: not by His words, but by His deeds. God got behind the deeds of Jesus and manifested Jesus as the word of God. Jesus was true and so faithful to God until He was not ashamed to let men of the world know it. Listen to Philippians 2:10-11:

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

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

God got behind Jesus so that by His name, praise, honor, and adoration would be brought to Him. A successful obedient child 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 His identity in the name of Jesus, and God is not ashamed of that name, because the Son was obedient to the Father even down to death.

Subject: A Reflection Of God Is In Humans:

There are a lot of people who believe that we came here through a process called Evolution, and that no God had anything to do with it. The reality of God is seen in human existence if we pay close attention to the way humans live.

Humans have power to do things that are a reflection of the power of God. Just as humans rule the flow of electricity in their homes, there is a God that can rule the stars, sun, moon, and the weather. Such abilities to rule things in our environment are not accidental. They are done by skillful means of intelligent and powerful resources that are given. So is it also with God's rulership over the universe.

Subject: If God Be For You Who Can Be Against You?

If you are born again, God holds your life in His hands. Nothing can take your life when the presence of God is in your life. God has to give death permission to take a born again saint. Death does not have power to trespass the presence of God. A doctor can pronounce death upon you, but if you have a mind that is above the doctor's mind, you will live by the power of God. When God is with you, no power on earth can be against you.

Subject: Ask In Jesus' Name:

You can get many things from God if you ask in Jesus' name. Listen to St. John 14:14-15:

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

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

The problem with people getting something from God is that they don't know how to pray. The Bible gives you instructions on how to pray. To receive the word of God is to receive the Spirit of God. When you get the Spirit of God, it prays for you. You cannot pray to God in the natural state and expect God to hear your prayers. God does not hear the prayers of a natural person. He only hears the prayers of a spiritual person. This is a person who is filled with the Holy Spirit or who has been born again. The spiritual person has the help of the Holy Spirit that prays for them.

The Holy Spirit makes a spiritual person able to ask God for what they want in Jesus' name. You cannot receive benefits from Jesus' name unless you are filled with the Holy Spirit. God only responds to men and women by means of His word, and Jesus is His word. His word must be accompanied by the Holy Spirit. God was made known to the world by His word. When you receive the word of God into your heart, you are also receiving the Spirit of God. Then you can pray and ask God what you want and you will receive it.

The world was created by power that is found in the word of God. When you receive the word of God, you are receiving Jesus, and Jesus will give you instructions on how to pray. Jesus was presented to the earth when God sent His word by Gabriel to Mary who believed it, and she became the mother of Jesus. When Mary received the word from Gabriel, the word took hold of Mary and changed the course of nature, and caused her to conceive a child without the aid of a man.

The same word that manifested power to conceive Jesus has power to present petitions to God by the Spirit of God for those who obey the word. When we believe in Jesus, then His words are in us, and whatever the word says, we should do and whatever we ask in Jesus' name, the Father will grant. You are asking in Jesus' name when you obey the words that He taught.

Subject: More About How To Pray:

The things that Jesus did represented the Father who performed the works. The works that Jesus did were the result of power in the words that He taught. The word of God has unlimited power that can never die. When you pray in accord with the word of God, you will receive what you ask for. If your prayers are selfish, you are not asking in accord with the word of God.

Most people just want God to bless them as individuals. God will not respond to such prayer requests. God honors a benevolent spirit, which leads us to

pray for one another, being concerned about the other person's needs more so than our personal needs. When you ask for a blessing in Jesus' name, you will be willing to share it as His word teaches.

God will not withhold a blessing from you if you ask in Jesus' name. If emulations or greed is in your prayers, God will not hear your prayers. The human nature cannot pray unselfish prayers. It takes the Holy Spirit to present unselfish prayers to God.

Subject: Ask In Jesus' Name And God Will Give It To Us:

Jesus demonstrated the power that was in the word of God after He went to the cross to die in His flesh and blood body, but the word in Him could never die. If we ask anything in Jesus' name, God will give it to us if we obey His gospel. If we are willing to obey Jesus, we will do what He instructs us to do with what He gives us. We are then asking in Jesus' name. The Lord will not withhold a blessing from us if we ask in Jesus' name.

Subject: Let Your Life Glorify God:

Jesus went to the cross and died, but the word of God in His flesh and blood body could not die. The word had so much power that it resurrected Jesus according to what the word said in Jesus' ministry. The word in Jesus overpowered death, and gave Jesus a new body. When we believe the word and obey it, whatever it says it will do, will be performed. Whatever we ask in Jesus' name, the word of God will bring to pass. The Lord will not withhold a blessing from you if you ask in Jesus' name according to what the word teaches. You cannot be selfish and obey the word. The word teaches against selfishness. You must have a liberal heart in order for the word of God to honor your request.

Your purpose must be to glorify God by your obedience. When you live a righteous life, God is glorified, and He will bless you so that other folk will be able to see your righteous life, and the blessings that God has given you. Your prayers should be directed to God so that you might be able to accomplish something to the glory of God, and not to your own glory. God will then hear your prayers and give you what you ask for. If you keep God's commandments, and He abides in you and you in Him, then you may ask what you will in His name to His glory, then you'll get what you ask for.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Is Your Intercessor (Romans 8:26):

When you are born again, you are filled with the Holy Ghost. To be filled with the Holy Ghost means that the Holy Ghost will be the administrator over your life for the remaining time that you live on earth, and after you enter the kingdom of heaven.

When the Holy Ghost is the administrator over your life it does things for you that you are not able to do for yourself. It will be your intercessor between you and God. It will present your prayers and the conditions of your life to God so that God will assist you. The Holy Spirit knows the mind of God, and what God is willing to give you. So it will pray to God for you according to the will of God. It is virtually impossible to get something from God without the Holy Ghost making the request for you.

Subject: If You Are Reading This Literature, The Following Prayer Is To God For You:

Heavenly Father I present this prayer to you in the name of Jesus for those who are reading this literature. I pray for the readers of this literature that they might receive an understanding of the principles that we are teaching. I ask your blessing upon them and their family members that they might receive assistance and more righteous qualities of character so that their lives will be pleasing to you.

I ask that you would bless their health and financial needs. Bless their families and places of employment that they may prosper. I pray that you will give them the Holy Spirit and the new-birth in Christ. If there be any sicknesses in their lives or the lives of their family members, I pray that you will heal their bodies and renew their physical abilities that they may live a blessed and prosperous life, "Amen".

Subject: A Prayer For The President Of The United States:

Heavenly Father I beseech you in the name of Jesus that you look down upon the life and conditions of the president. I ask if you will bless his purposes as he attempts to help the people of our nation. Please make President Obama a blessing to the people of America as well as those in nations of the free world.

I ask if you would bless his health and strength and relieve him of the things that are stressful and unnecessary. I ask your blessing upon his wife and daughters, along with his sister and in-laws that they may continue to encourage him and his wife.

I ask if you would calm down the unnecessary stress that is brought upon him by domestic and international problems such as the tension created by North Korea. I ask these things in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, "Amen".

Subject: A Prayer To God For The Victims Of The Bombing In The Boston Marathon:

Lord I ask your mercy and grace upon those who were injured in the Boston Marathon. I pray that you will lift the spirits of those who lost their loved ones in the bombing. I pray that you will help all who were injured to go through a healing process that will allow them to have an active life again.

I ask if you will bless every victim who didn't have ample medical insurance that they will receive proper care and adequate treatments. I ask your blessings upon the governor of Massachusetts and the mayor of Boston as they attempt to restore their city and state to its proper condition for the benefit of the citizens. I ask these things in Jesus' name, "Amen".

Subject: Would the Supreme Court Justices Reverse Their Decision To Put Prayer Back In The Schools?

When the Supreme Court Justices make a decision to dishonor God, the entire nation and children of future generations will have to suffer for such decisions. In the 1960's the Supreme Court Justices made a decision to take prayer out of the public schools of America.

Prior to the decision, there had been no incidents of guns being used in the public school to kill little children. After the decision was made by the Supreme Court Justices of the 1960's to take prayer out of the public schools, little children in the public schools have experienced gun violence on a regular basis. The Supreme Court Justices of the 1960's had never experienced gun violence when

they went to school as little children, and the decision to take prayer out of the schools was made at the risk of children of the future.

If those Supreme Court Justices were living today, I wonder if they would have the decency and common sense to reverse their decision based upon the violence that our children are experiencing in the public schools of today.

CHAPTER V

THE NEW-BIRTH IN CHRIST

Subject: The Seed Of God:

The scriptures reveal God's dealing with man and His plan to restore man in fellowship with Him. Psalm 51:5 teaches about the condition that every human is born into:

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

Unless God orders a man or woman's conception for a special purpose, such as John the Baptist, who was born holy, they are otherwise born in sin, and shapen in iniquity. No matter who you are, it is natural for you to sin. It is not natural for you to be born the first time as a righteous person. God has arranged and planned that though man was born in sin, he might be born again. When you are born again, you are not born of the flesh or of a sinful nature. The second birth is a spiritual birth that is not of your parents, but of the Spirit of God.

When you are born of the Spirit of God, you are not shapen in iniquity, but you are conceived in righteousness. You will have the nature, desires, and power to live above and free from sin. The second birth from God lifts you above the mind to commit sin, because the seed of God, which is the word of God, will produce the fruit of the Spirit in your life that will have the tendency to be righteous rather than unrighteous. I John 3:9 and St. Luke 8:11 teach about the seed of God. The seed will be hid in your heart that you might not sin against God (Psalm 119:11).

The second birth takes care of your sinful nature by converting it to a holy nature. This process of reshaping your nature is the result of the seed changing your nature to give you the second birth, which will remain in you keeping you from committing sin.

Subject: All Charges Are Lifted From A Repenting Sinner:

We have learned that a person born of a woman is shaped in iniquity from his or her mother's womb, and is thereby alienated from God. Now the Spirit of God will deal with a person that God is going to save by means of their conscience following them through life until they decide to turn to God. When they decide to

give into the Spirit of God, Jesus will come into their life for the purpose of instructing them on the procedure for salvation. They will be taught how to be separated from the natural conditions of life, which are sin-free.

Now there are no charges against us for being born in sin. The charges of sin are against all who have a mind to continue in sin after they are taught that the wages of sin is death. Jesus came to bring us the knowledge of the new way of living by means of the new-birth, which will lift our minds above sin.

Subject: Are You Born Of God? If So You Cannot Sin:

When you are born again, you are born of God. God is His word, and His Spirit. So you are born of the word by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit and the word are one that work together to give you the new-birth. God and Jesus will then abide in you and you in them. Neither Christ nor God will abide in a sinner to be partaker of His nature. To have God in your life, and sin at the same time is to profane or desecrate the holiness of God. Such is a mockery and a disgrace to God. To testify that God has saved you and to be a sinner at the same time is to undermine the power of God to those who hear your testimony. You would be a living discredit to the name of Jesus.

When you are truly born of God, you cannot sin, because the power of God in you is greater than sin and death. Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. You would have overcome the world. Listen to I John 4:4-5:

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

Those who are not of God will testify against Christ.

Verse 5 - They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

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.

Subject: The New-Birth Is The Only Way To Get To Heaven:

Jesus is coming back to the earth for a church without spot or blemish. This will be a sin-free church or for people who have been born again. You must have an understanding of the new-birth so that you can examine your life to be sure that you have it. You may have heard a preacher repeat the sermon that Jesus taught to Nicodemus that he must be born again in St. John 3:7. This is the most important spiritual lesson in the Bible.

There is no other way to get to heaven except by being born again. This new-birth is entirely spiritual. It is being born of the word of God. When you are born again, you become partaker of the nature of God. The nature of God is holy or righteous. The nature that we inherited from our parents was unholy or sinful. When you inherit the nature of God, you become eligible to be a child of God. God being your father by adoption will grant you the right of an inheritance of the kingdom of heaven.

You will have privileges above those who have not been born again. You might experience the first death of your physical body, which will simply be a peaceful rest from your labors in Christ, but you will not experience the second death. The second death is for those who did not see a need for the new-birth in Christ, and this death will be a permanent separation from God. Such people will not acquire the nature of God being permanently alienated from the commonwealth of heaven. So seek to be born again and God will give you the new-birth.

Subject: Most People Did Not Receive Jesus:

During the days that Jesus ministered on the earth, most of the people that heard Him did not receive or believe His gospel. When people do not receive the gospel of Jesus Christ, they will not receive the Holy Spirit. You can only be born again by receiving the word of God that will be followed by an entry of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes into the nature of humans and transforms the human nature to the nature of God.

Jesus teaches that you must be saved from sin. If you don't believe that you can be saved from sin, the Holy Spirit will not give you the new-birth. You must be willing to give up sin before the word of the Lord will come into your life. You cannot have an effective religious teaching when sin is still in your life.

Subject: Earthly Power Versus Divine Power:

If we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, and obey the instructions in His gospel, we will become holy. To be holy means that you are saved. When you get saved, you will experience the second birth. There will be two births. The first birth will be that of your earthly parents, and the second birth will be that of your heavenly parent which is God. This will take place in your life after the pattern of Jesus' birth.

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost, which made Him holy and divine, and He was also conceived of a virgin mother which made Him human. Though we have human parents, when we are born again, we will also have a holy and divine nature given to us by the Holy Spirit. The human nature will come from our parents, but the divine nature will come from God. Without the divine nature, the human nature will cause us to continue to commit sin.

The divine nature has power to discipline the human nature bringing it under subjection to the word of God. Divine power comes from God by the Holy Spirit. Human power comes from the earth. The powers of heaven have more power than powers of the earth.

Subject: That Which Is Born Of The Flesh Is Destined For Damnation:

We should all take advantage of the opportunity to be brought in closer touch with God. God arranged a plan through Jesus where-as we could learn the will of God by parables because His teachings were foreign to the understanding of men at that time. So Jesus had to bring out the thought by telling them a story with a moral that simplified the point He wanted them to understand. To make it easy for them to grasp the spiritual lesson, the story was on a subject that they were especially familiar with.

To illustrate the most essential spiritual experiences concerning the salvation of man, Christ used the subjects on being born and buried. God ordained that a ruler of the Jews would be the student in the lesson that Christ taught. Nicodemus was the person of choice. The Jews at this time did not accept nor recognize Jesus as being the Son of God because of the social background that Jesus came from.

The scribes, Pharisees, Zealots, Herodians, Essences, and Sadducees were the more prominent Jews of that time, and Christ was not a part of those sects. So God ordained that a higher ranked Jew would come to Jesus from the Pharisees to

inquire of Jesus concerning the works that Jesus had been doing. Jesus had been doing many miraculous works that any intelligent sensible person could not ignore.

Nicodemus tried to flatter Jesus by saying, “We know that thou art a teacher sent from God.” Jesus was not sent by God to take on any social conversations of flattery. The world at this time was in a terrible spiritual condition and Jesus had the only solution for the problems. So Jesus immediately responded to Nicodemus by informing him on the only way that he could be saved and escape the damnation and destruction that was coming upon the world. Jesus told Nicodemus that except you be born again you will never see the kingdom of heaven. Nicodemus did not understand how a full-grown man could be born again. Nicodemus did not understand the difference between spiritual things and physical things. Nicodemus only knew about the physical birth of a child after months of pregnancy of a mother.

Jesus is introducing to Nicodemus a spiritual lesson on birth. Jesus is teaching Nicodemus that the salvation of a man is a spiritual process that is being offered by God. Jesus is teaching that when a man or woman is born again of the Spirit that there will be no damnation to their life that was given of the flesh in a physical body. Spiritual things are more powerful than physical things. Spiritual things are given from God in heaven and physical things come from the earth. Jesus is teaching that when you are born again of the Spirit of God you will be delivered from the damnation that will come to physical or fleshly life. Jesus taught that which is born of flesh is flesh and is destined for damnation, but that which is born of the Spirit is saved from the damnation that your fleshly birth brings upon you.

Subject: Living Water (St. John 4:13-14):

Now the second birth that Jesus taught Nicodemus about was a spiritual birth. A spiritual birth is the birth of a new mind that will have power to control and discipline a physical body. It is the birth of a mind that will generate righteous power by the Holy Spirit, so that all previous sinful desires of the old mind will have no power to make a person commit sin. A person commits sins because of the sinful desires that are produced from the mind of the person. When you are born again, God gives you a new mind that will replace the old mind that caused your body members to commit sin.

The new mind will be like a fountain producing water that will satisfy a righteous thirst to live a sin-free life. The old mind produced water that satisfied a thirst to commit sin. This was a thirst that caused sinners to lust after sinful pleasures (St. John 4:14). When this new fountain of water is put in you, there will

be no more thirst for sinful pleasures that you previously lived to satisfy. This fountain will not allow sweet and bitter water to be produced at the same time. The bitter or sinful thirst will be done away with, and the righteous thirst will replace it. Listen to James 3:11-12:

Verse 11 - Doth a fountain send forth at the same time
sweet water and bitter?

Verse 12 - Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries?
either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield
salt water and fresh.

Subject: A Second Birth Will Entitle You To Live In Heaven With God:

You must experience two births and live two lives as evidence that you are saved. The first life that you live is one of sin, and if you have experienced the second birth, then the second life should be one of righteousness, free from sin. Your first birth of sin was not by your choice, therefore, God offers you the second birth, which will allow you to choose the kind of life you would prefer living.

The second birth that God offers you is of the Spirit of God. When you are born of the Spirit of God, you are free from sin and justified before God. From the day that you are born of the Spirit of God, God will be a continuous part of your life throughout eternity. You will live the remainder of your life on earth being filled with the Spirit of God, and later live in the kingdom of heaven with God forever.

Subject: If You Are Born Again, Your Physical Body Is The Temple Of God:

Your physical body is very important to God. Your physical body was designed by God to be the temple of God so that His Holy Spirit can occupy it. It is the will of God and your sanctification that you know how to possess your physical body in sanctification and honor (I Thessalonians 4:4). God does not want you to use your physical body to do things that bring dishonor to you because when you do dishonor to your physical body, you also dishonor God. Such things as smoking cigarettes, drinking alcoholic beverages, taking illegal drugs and

committing fornication brings dishonor to your physical body. God considers such dishonor as defiling the temple of God that He would like to dwell in. 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?

If you are born again the Spirit of God dwells in you. If you defile your body with sinful habits, God will destroy you.

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

Subject: Your Testimony Of Christ Must Be By The Holy Ghost:

Many people may think that Jesus is the Son of God, but the only confirmation of such belief is when they are born again. When you believe that Jesus is the Christ you are born of God; this belief is a gift from God.

The human mind cannot accept but so much from God without help from God. This belief can be initiated by a person, but it must be completed by God when He gives the person the new-birth. The new-birth means that you are given the Holy Spirit. No man can say that Jesus is the Christ of a truth except by the Holy Ghost.

Subject: We Now See Through A Glass Darkly:

If you are born again, you know this earth is not your future home. You cannot see your future home, but you have a vision of it by faith. John was placed in exile on the Isle of Patmos, and he saw all the things that God revealed to him, and today all who are saved have a hope based upon what John was revealed. The body that saved people live in is temporary. It is the faith we have in God's word that will one day cause the promises of God to come to pass in our lives. The time is coming when we shall see Him as He is known in heaven. Listen to I Corinthians 13:12: "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known".

CHAPTER VI

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH: GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

Subject: Wait On The Promise Of The Father (Acts 1:4):

The promise that God sent to the disciples of Jesus Christ was that if they had obeyed the teachings of John the Baptist, which was to repent of their sins, they would receive the Holy Ghost not many days afterward. Today that same promise is to all who have repented of their sins. John baptized the disciples with water, admonishing them to repent and if they were sincere in their repentance, Jesus would afterward baptize them with the Holy Ghost. You are not born again until you are baptized with the Holy Ghost. Listen to Acts 1:4-5:

Verse 4 - *And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

Verse 5 - *For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

If you have been baptized with water, and have repented of your sins, you should wait for the promise of the Father who will baptize you with the Holy Ghost. When you receive the teaching of a minister sent by God, the Holy Ghost will accompany his ministry honoring all who obey the instructions giving them the new-birth in Christ. You cannot receive the Holy Ghost through the ministry of any preacher or pastor. The minister of the Holy Ghost must be God sent, teaching that it is necessary to repent of your sins, which will be in honor of John the Baptist's ministry, and afterward you would be given the Holy Ghost which will bring the new-birth into your life.

Subject: Another Comforter:

When Jesus was on the earth, He prayed to the Father that He would give those who wanted to be saved another Comforter. The other Comforter was the Holy Spirit. Listen to St. John 14:16-17

Verse 16 - *And I pray the Father, and he shall give you another*

Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever,

When you get filled with the Holy Spirit, you are born again of the Spirit of God. When this happens, the Spirit of God will be with you forever. Starting with your life in this present world and continuing through eternity. The Spirit of God will be God living in you. The Spirit of God is the Spirit of Truth. Only the person who desires to be holy or sin-free can receive the Spirit of Truth. This was the teaching of Jesus to His apostles, and it refers to everybody who desires to be saved.

Verse 17 - *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

Jesus knew that the disciples did not desire to be left alone after learning to love Jesus. Jesus brought wonderful joy and peace into their lives, and they did not want to lose these blessings. However, Jesus was explaining that after He left them, God would send another Comforter that would not just walk with them as company, but it would abide with them forever.

Today if you receive Jesus' teachings, God will also give you the other Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. When you receive the Holy Spirit, it will be with you for the remainder of your life while you are living on the earth, and continue to be with you throughout eternity (St. John 14:16-17).

Subject: The Comforter Will Reveal Jesus In Your Life:

The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, is the manifestation of all that Jesus did while He was on the earth. You cannot receive the ministry of Jesus Christ unless the Holy Ghost reveals the reality of it to you. The Comforter is the power from on high that will perfect the love that Jesus brought to the earth in us.

The Comforter, which is the power of God that the Father sent in Jesus' name, shall teach us all things, and bring all things to our remembrance, whatsoever Jesus taught. When God through Jesus sends us the Holy Ghost, a change will take place in our lives. All who receive the Holy Ghost will be able to make a clear distinction of their old life of sin from their new life of righteousness.

**Subject: The Holy Spirit Will Be Continuous
(St. John 14:16-17):**

The only true witness that you have received the teachings of Jesus Christ is when God gives you the Holy Ghost. God will not give the Holy Ghost to an unbelieving heart. The heart or mind is deceitful, and can fool you with a false religious conversion that won't last. You cannot know your own heart, but the Holy Ghost can identify a sincere repenting heart, and will come down and dwell with you. The Holy Ghost will cause a change to take place in your life that will be continuous from your life on earth to your life in the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: What Are The Signs Of The Holy Spirit?

When you believe the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Spirit of God will find you. You will know that it is the Spirit of God because it will turn your life around. When you receive the Spirit of God, it will not be an emotional experience of crying, shouting, and speaking in unknown tongues. Such expressions could very well be the Spirit of error. However, the Spirit of God will convert your social life from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. It is not advisable to look for signs of emotions, but to look for a new creature that will be living a sin-free life.

If you were once a liar, you will tell the truth. If you were once a liquor drinker, you will lose your taste for alcoholic beverages. If you previously had sex with someone other than your spouse, you will only have sex with your spouse. Ignore any other signs of your conversion except those signs that reveal a conversion from unrighteousness to righteousness. Speaking in unknown tongues is not evidence that a person has received the Holy Spirit.

Subject: The World Cannot Receive The Holy Spirit:

You cannot become a child of God and enter the kingdom of heaven unless you are filled with the Holy Spirit. To be filled with the Holy Spirit means that you have been born again. If you have sinful, worldly ways of living, you cannot receive the Holy Spirit. The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit. Your life must

be in line with the teachings of the word of God in order for you to receive the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus was sent to the earth, the world did not believe Jesus' gospel. The Holy Spirit will not come into a person's life who does not believe that they can live above or free from sin. You must repent of every sin that you have knowledge of to receive the Holy Spirit. The word of God teaches that all manner of sin will be forgiven, but you can't play church with God. You cannot sin, and be saved at the same time. Sin and salvation are contrary. The wrath of God will come upon the children of disobedience. So, to be prepared to receive the Holy Spirit, you must live above sin.

Subject: He Did Not Leave Us Comfortless:

Jesus wanted His disciples to know that though He was about to leave the earth, that He would not leave them without the necessary assistance for their salvation. Jesus promised the disciples that He would pray to the Father to send them another Comforter, which would be the Holy Ghost. While Jesus was with the disciples, He was able to comfort them by means of His gospel.

Jesus taught His disciples that God had given Him power to fulfill all the promises that He made to them. Jesus promised them that though they would die, they would also live again. Proof of their living again would be in Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

So the time had come for Jesus to climax His visit to the earth. The experiences that the disciples went through were for the purpose of strengthening their faith so that they would know that God had something better in store for them. Such experiences may have brought death to some, but they did not allow the experiences to be a terror to them, because they would witness Jesus laying down His life, and picking it up again.

So Jesus promised that when He went back to the Father, He would petition Him to send another Comforter, which would be the Spirit of truth. Those who did not receive Jesus would not be able to receive the Spirit of truth.

Subject: The Spirit Of Truth:

The Holy Ghost represents guidance. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, it will guide you into all truth, because it is the Spirit of truth. We live in a world of false things that are deceiving. There are false preachers, false church folk, and false advertisement of things in commercial markets. Listen to what the Holy Ghost does in St. John 16:13:

Verse 13 - *Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

Subject: You Can Only Enter The Kingdom Of Heaven With The Holy Spirit:

Only the Holy Spirit of God will give you access to the kingdom of heaven (Ephesians 2:18). Nobody will be able to get into heaven unless they are filled with God's Spirit. When you are filled with the Spirit of God, it means you are born again of the Spirit of God. It is the Spirit of God that gives you the new-birth in Christ. This means you have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is your Visa to get into the kingdom of God. You must acquire the Spirit of God while you are living in this present world. God will not give anybody the Holy Spirit after Jesus returns to the earth. You must get the Spirit while you are living in this present world by repenting of your sins (Romans 8:9).

Subject: Nevertheless You Will Live:

We cannot get sin out of our nature by our own strength. We can repent of some sins that we commit physically, but sin in our nature must be removed by God. When we totally surrender our lives to God, He then gives us the Holy Spirit that will burn up the nature of sin, and replace our sinful nature with the divine nature of God. The Holy Spirit crucifies the sinful nature with Holy fire, allowing the person to live a new life in Christ (St. Matthew 3:11). 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 Works Of The Holy Spirit:

The knowledge that I am giving you in this literature is the works of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches the gospel of Jesus Christ. When a person receives the teachings of Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit gives them an anointing. This means the Spirit of God will come into your life to change your inner make-up. It will change your character, nature, and desires. The Holy Spirit will install within your inner-man or woman the nature, character and desires to be holy or righteous. This is the anointing. The new nature, character, and desires that the Holy Spirit puts within you will be sin-free. In order to receive this anointing by the Holy Spirit, you must receive the teachings of the Holy Spirit from a witness that has already experienced this anointing. The Holy Spirit repeats its works in those who receive its teachings of Jesus Christ.

If you receive my witness in this literature, then the witness of the Holy Spirit will be greater. You can be born again simply by reading and receiving the works of the Holy Spirit in this literature. The purpose of the Holy Spirit working in one person is to use the knowledge that it gives that person to save another person. When the Holy Spirit anointed me, and gave me the new-birth, it changed my nature, desires, and character. I at one time in my life drank alcoholic beverages, used profanity, committed adultery, and gambled on weekends.

When the Holy Spirit came into my life, I immediately lost all of my desires to do the above sinful practices again. My entire life and character were changed immediately. I lost my taste for liquor, and I have never used a profane word in 36 years. I no longer desire to even flirt with other women. I never gambled anymore. If you receive my witness, the Holy Spirit will do the same works in your life based upon the changes that need to be made to make your life sin-free. Listen to I John 5:9:

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

Subject: The Fruit Of The Spirit Versus The Works Of The Flesh:

A life of sin does not bring forth any fruit of righteousness. When you are saved from sin, it means you are filled with the Holy Spirit. Evidence of the Holy Spirit being in your life is when your life is producing the fruit of the Spirit. Such fruit of the Spirit will be joy, peace, goodness, faith, love, temperance, meekness, humility and longsuffering. If your life is not producing the fruit of the Spirit on a continuous basis, you are not filled with the Holy Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit will not accompany the works of the flesh. Such things as hatred, envy, strife, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, malice, and emulations will not be in your life with the fruit of the Spirit. The works of the flesh are contrary to the fruit of the Spirit, and will have no fellowship with one another (Galatians 5:17-24).

Subject: The Holy Ghost Gives You Wisdom From God:

You have to take the teaching of the Bible very seriously if you want to get into the kingdom of heaven. God speaks to the people of the earth through His prophets. The original King James Version is the only Bible that God will speak through. The Holy Ghost over-shadowed holy men through the ages and caused them to speak, and their prophecies are being fulfilled in these last days.

You cannot acquire any understanding unless you are filled with the Spirit. When you are filled with the Spirit, it will cause you to fear God. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. You are not afraid of God destroying you, but you are afraid that you will destroy yourself unless you are receiving guidance through life by the Spirit of God. God warns you and tells you what the results will be of that which you can do which is contrary to His will.

The only source of help for man is the Spirit of God. When you are overshadowed with the Spirit of God, or the Holy Ghost, you have protection from the things that will destroy you, and that is sin. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, it will lift up a standard of good judgment against the thing that will destroy you. The Holy Ghost is an administrator over The Church of God. God's Church is God's people, and not necessarily a secular church organization. The Spirit of God joins people together in one body, no matter where they might be. Such people will be following the same judgment, doctrine, and teaching of salvation, which will be administered by one Spirit, which is the Holy Ghost.

God sends His Spirit to those who will be saved, and His Spirit condemns any wrong deed anywhere on earth. God has ordained that we live according to His word, and knowing the battles and troubles you have in a sin-cursed world, He gives you His Spirit to help you. When God gives you the Holy Spirit, He also

gives you wisdom that the world might not be able to give you at institutions of learning. This wisdom comes from above.

Subject: The Spirit of God Wants To Save You Now:

Whatever spirit you die with is the spirit you will have throughout eternity. You cannot receive the Spirit of God after you die. Just as you are in this present world is the way you will be in the world to come. Nobody will be saved and made holy after this world ends. In order to be saved and holy in the next life, you must receive the Holy Spirit while you are in this life.

It is the Holy Spirit that adopts you into the family of God and gives you the new-birth. This adoption process must take place while you are living in this present world.

Subject: What About The Holy Ghost?

The Holy Ghost is the third part of God. It is the third person in the Trinity. When you are born again, you are born of the Holy Ghost. This means the Holy Ghost conceives a new person in you who is Christ. The Holy Ghost makes you a new creature in Christ. The Holy Ghost then becomes a permanent part of your life. It becomes your friend, associate, and teacher, source of strength, your guide, and protector from things that will harm you.

The Holy Ghost will never leave you as long as you desire to obey the word of God. There is no power in all existence that is greater than the power of the Holy Ghost. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you have nothing to ever worry about again. The Holy Ghost can control the minds of other people that you might have dealings with to make them do things that would be for your best interest. Of all the things you might think that you want in life, you will want nothing more than being filled with the Holy Ghost when you learn of the benefits that it offers.

Subject: Greater Is He That Is In The Saved Person Than He That Is In The World:

You will not have power to live right unless you are filled with the Holy Spirit. The human nature was given unto the power of sin and death through Adam. The human nature is under bondage to sin unless the Holy Spirit sets it free. The Holy Spirit gives power to the human nature that is greater than the

power that brought it into bondage of sin. All the powers of the world are no match for the power of the Holy Spirit. Listen to I John 4:4:

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

Many Christians today know very little about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third part of God that generates power to those who receive the teachings of the word of God. It is the Holy Spirit that gives you the new-birth. The Holy Spirit will only honor the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit has infinite and immeasurable power. No source of energy in all existence is greater than the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is more intelligent than we can imagine. The Holy Spirit is never too late or incapable of doing anything. The Holy Spirit's ability to accomplish things is unlimited. It has infinite ability and knowledge.

The Holy Spirit makes no mistakes and has no weaknesses. It is not deterred by time or distance. It is everywhere and has knowledge of everything that is happening at the same time. The sun has to listen to the Holy Spirit and darkness cannot limit its visibility. It is the third part of God and the powers in all existence cannot stand against its functions. When you are born again of the Spirit of God, nothing can withstand the power of the Holy Spirit and make you commit sin.

Subject: More About The Holy Ghost (St. John 14:26):

You learn about the Holy Ghost from the word of God. The Holy Ghost does not reveal itself by any source of information except what the word of God teaches (St. John 16:13). The word of God and the Holy Ghost are one. Though they may be two members of the Trinity, they are one in administration. This means they would be in support of one another and are never contrary to one another.

When you hear the gospel that Jesus taught, you are hearing the Holy Ghost also. The Holy Ghost is God's Spirit that He wants to give to a sinner that is willing to repent. When God gives a person the Holy Ghost, it means that God will be living in the person. The only way that we can be saved from sin is that God has to live in us. Sin cannot trespass the presence of God, so God secures our

souls by giving us the Holy Ghost to live in us. When the Holy Ghost is in us, it will guide, counsel, instruct, and lead us through life.

The Holy Ghost is a spiritual teacher that gives you the ability to comprehend the knowledge of God. Without the Holy Ghost, it will be impossible to understand the knowledge of God. When a person decides to obey the word of God, the Holy Ghost will come down and broaden their capacity to understand the word of God. Fire from the Holy Ghost burns up your desire to commit sin (St. Matthew 3:11), and gives you power to withstand the evil things of the world.

When the devil tempts you to commit sin, the Holy Ghost will cause you to resist the temptation. The Holy Ghost is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus that will make you free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2-3). For what your human ability could not do, even though you knew it was wrong, God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. This was so that the righteousness of the word of God might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Subject: The Holy Ghost Only Teaches Spiritual Knowledge To A Spiritual Mind:

Have you ever heard a person tell a joke and very few people laughed and later after a minute or so most of the people laughed. It wasn't that the joke was not funny, but that most of the people didn't catch it until after a minute or so. This is the same way it is with your spiritual eyes when it comes to understanding the word of God. Your spiritual eyes are the eyes of your understanding. You can't catch the meaning of a lot of things that the word of God teaches unless your spiritual eyes have been enlightened. You must be filled with the Holy Spirit in order for your spiritual eyes to be opened.

The natural mind cannot comprehend the knowledge of the word of God. The natural mind does not receive knowledge from God. You can only learn the things of God when you have the Spirit of God. Listen to I Corinthians 2:14, then 13:

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.

The things of God are spiritually identified and understood. Only the Spirit of God can identify and understand the things of God. This is only taught by the Holy Ghost.

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 compares spiritual knowledge from God with the knowledge that a spiritual mind has been given.

Subject: The Spirit And The Word:

Whenever you receive the word of a person, you will also receive the spirit of the person. To receive the words of a person is to believe what their words are saying. If you receive the word of God, you will also receive the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit works in partnership with what the word of God teaches. They work in the same administration to accomplish the same purpose for all who will receive the word.

You cannot receive the word of God without receiving the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit and the word of God are one in purpose. They seek to accomplish the same purpose, which is to give salvation to those who receive them. When a person receives the word of God, there is no power on earth that can stop the Spirit of God from giving them the new-birth in Christ Jesus.

Subject: The Adoption Process:

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you are one with God. When this happens, the Spirit of God that comes from God will fill your temple (body) and thereby you become a part of God. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is like official adoption papers that were certified in heaven, and presented to the person on the earth to be an official spiritual child of God. You will know that this adoption process is official when your conduct is holy, because God is holy, and you can only be made holy by the Holy Spirit that God gives you.

Subject: The Adoption:

The teachings of God's word are revealed to us in parables that are based upon everyday experiences that we are familiar with. The saved people will one day live in God's kingdom. They will also inherit the earth. The world as we presently know it is in the possession of unsaved men that have rulership and authority over the wealth of the world.

In most situations of this present world, the saved people of God are servants to the wealthy men of the world. In the family of a wealthy man, his children have no more authority than his servants. When children of the wealthy families are young, they will have less authority than the servants who work for the wealthy family. When children become grown-ups, they will come into possession of the wealth of the family. So is it also with a child of God. While living in this present world, a child of God is like the children of the wealthy family until the time appointed of God the Father to give His children their inheritance. Listen to Galatians 4:1-2, and 4-7:

Verse 1 - Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

Verse 2 - But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

God saved us from the sinful life of the world that we might be adopted into His family to receive our inheritance.

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.

Verse 6 - And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father.

Verse 7 - Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Subject: When We Are Saved We Become A Part Of God:

You can repent of some sins, but you cannot completely remove sin from your life, because sin abides in your nature. It is natural for humans to be sinners. When God saves us, He changes the nature of those that He saves. Along with your repentance, there must also be a total surrenderance of your life to Christ. When you surrender your life to God, He fills you with the Holy Spirit that completely changes the human nature. The Holy Spirit then makes you to become a part of God. Everybody who goes to heaven will be a part of God, because he or she would have received life by the Holy Spirit.

All citizens of heaven will become a part of the third member of the Trinity, which is the Holy Spirit. To be filled with the Spirit of God is to be one with God. Christ is the head of the church. The Spirit of God that comes from God fills our bodies (temple) and thereby we become a part of God.

Subject: The Spirit Of God Can Find A Person Who Obeys The Word Of God:

When you obey from the heart the gospel of Jesus Christ, you can be saved. It was disobedience that separated us from God, and obedience can bring us back to God. You are born again by obeying from the heart the teachings of the word of God. The word of God has power to convert your carnal nature to a spiritual nature. The Spirit of God can find a person who desires to obey the word of God and will impregnate the person's mind with the power of God converting the person from a sinner to a saint. When you are made free from sin, you become the servants of righteousness. Listen to Romans 6:18:

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

Just as you yield your body members to commit sin, when you become a servant of righteousness, you will yield your body members to righteousness unto holiness. When you were a servant of sin, you were free from righteousness,

which means you couldn't do right. When you were a servant of sin, you were in bondage to sin. You cannot be a servant of God and a servant of sin at the same time. You have to be free from sin to be a servant of God.

CHAPTER VII

ARE YOU READY TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN?

Subject: Your Righteousness Will Not Get You Into The Kingdom Of Heaven:

America is a nation that consists of a lot of nice people. There is probably more love in America than anywhere in the world. The people of America are basically kind and hospitable. More charitable deeds are done in America than anywhere in the world. I believe that only the kingdom of heaven can offer a better place to live than America. Of all the good people in America, not one of us will be able to enter the kingdom as a result of our good righteous ways. As good as God is, He will not allow anybody on earth to enter the kingdom based upon their own good righteous ways.

One of the first groups of religious folk that Jesus renounced was because of their own righteousness that was not related to the righteousness of God. Listen to St. Matthew 5:20:

Verse 20 - *For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

Jesus is teaching that not only will your sins and evil ways keep you out of the kingdom of heaven, but your righteousness will also keep you out. Now some may ask, how do we get saved? The answer is when you are born again; you are born of God by the Spirit of God. When the Spirit of God comes into your life, it brings the righteousness of God also.

When the Spirit of God brings the righteousness of God into your life, it not only removes your sins, but it also removes your righteousness. This will result to you being found in Christ not having your own righteousness but the righteousness, which is of faith. This is why the apostle Paul said he accounted all of his good qualities as dung that he might win Christ. Listen to Philippians 3:8-9:

Verse 8 - Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for

the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

Verse 9 - And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.

Subject: You Can Only Enter The Kingdom Of Heaven By The Word Of God:

You cannot get into the kingdom of heaven if the word of God as it is taught in the scriptures is keeping you out. The teachings of the word of God are the door to the kingdom of heaven, and the Holy Spirit is the key that unlocks the door. If a church organization is being conducted in any way contrary to the teachings of the word of God, the members of such an organization will not be able to get into the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: All Who Go To Heaven Will Be A Part Of God's Life (Psalm 23:6)(St. John 14:2):

If you are truly born again, you will very soon begin to live in the house of God forever (Psalm 23:6) (St. John 14:2). Heaven is God's house, and He is preparing a place for the born again believers to live in joy, peace and happiness forever. Everlasting life is different from life in this world (St. John 10:10). There is a beginning and an end; or a start and a finish for everything that we do in this world.

In heaven whatever you enjoy, you will be able to enjoy it indefinitely. God's habitation in heaven will be an infinite existence of goodness and pleasure in the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost will be the source of power and life for

everybody in heaven. Our new life in heaven will be composed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God. Our life will be God in us forever. When God adopted us into His family, it is His plan to make us a part of His life. Just as Jesus and angels in heaven are a part of God, we will also be a part of God by means of the Holy Spirit.

Subject: Eternal Joy For The Children Of God:

God's purpose is to save a people and make them happy. God gets pleasure out of making people happy, so He prepares nice things for those He saves that they might enjoy such things and be happy. Listen to St. Luke 12:32:

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

Not only is God going to give His children the kingdom of heaven to live in mansions in heaven, but listen further to St. Matthew 5:5:

Verse 5 - *Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

God is also going to renovate the earth for His children so that they will enjoy living in heaven and on the new earth. Listen to what John saw in Revelations 21:1-3:

Verse 1 - And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there no more sea.

Verse 2 - And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Verse 3 - And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

All this will be done by the Spirit of God for His people to enjoy throughout eternity. This joy will never end.

Subject: The Meek Shall Inherit The Earth:

Today if you are saved, those who have authority over you, such as on your job and other administrations in your life are like servants to you. If you are saved, everything on earth belongs to you and one day you will come into possession of all the resources of the earth. At this present time, those who have authority over the things of this world are like servants of the child whose father owns the great estate, but one day the child will come into possession of its inheritance (Galatians 4:1-7). So is it also with a born again child of God. “The meek shall inherit the earth”. This is God’s great plan for His children. Listen to Psalm 37:7-11:

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

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

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

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

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

Subject: God Promises His Children Eternal Life And An Inheritance Of The Earth:

If we are children of God, we are heirs of God. We are rightful heirs and we shall one day, according to God's word, come into possession of all that God has created. The rulership of the entire world will be given to the children of God. The Holy Spirit that God uses to adopt His children into His family teaches us how to rule ourselves. The earth was created for the upright, holy man and woman, and by transgression, they fell from grace.

In the new heaven and new earth, there will be no more temptations to entice God's children to transgress because the tempter will be in a lake of fire and brimstone, and never able to tempt the people of God again. Today, while we are under the law we are servants of the law. God has set us free through faith in the teachings of Jesus, so we don't need a law to govern us. The born again children of God are under the government and rulership of God in their hearts.

When you obey God, the presence of God is with you, and His goodness will bless you in this life, and prepare a new habitation of righteousness in the next life. God promises His children eternal life and an inheritance of the earth.

Subject: The Hope For The Saved People Is The First Resurrection:

God did not bring us into existence to allow us to die and be no more. The plan and foundation of the Christian religion is based upon the first resurrection. The first resurrection will be a day of joy, and celebration for those who are saved. It will be in honor of all that God has prepared for the redemption of man. If there be no resurrection for the saved, and no life after this life, then Christ's death would have been in vain.

The twelve apostles who walked and talked with Jesus after He rose from the dead bore witness of the events recorded in the scriptures. They became biblical history, and if we believe that the sun, moon, and stars are actually in the heavens, we should also believe that we will take a flight there upon Jesus' return for the saved people.

Understand that God will get more pleasure out of saved people being a part of the first resurrection than they will. God has more invested in this event than those who will be in it. It is the pleasure of God to give saved people His kingdom and a new earth to live in forever. The pleasure of God is that we live again. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to save a repenting sinner.

Subject: Watch And Be Sober:

The Bible gives an accurate description of the kind of people that are going to heaven. Heaven is the dwelling place of God. No darkness can come in the presence of God. There will be no night in heaven, and those who go there will be the children of light. Light means righteousness. Light means to be properly informed concerning the will of God.

There is a beautiful city that is called the New Jerusalem that is presently being built in heaven that will be the metropolis of the new world that God is preparing for the children of light. When you are saved you are a child of light. Listen to I Thessalonians 5:5:

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

The children of light are born again and are awakened to the will of God. The day of the Lord will not take the children of light by surprise. They are waiting for Jesus. Listen to I Thessalonians 5:4 and 6-7

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

The children of light are watching for Jesus' return with a sober mind. When a person is not born again it means they are sleep spiritually. To be sleep means to not be alert to the signs of the time, and not ready to meet the Lord when He comes. To be sleep means to be living a life of sinful practices. When you are not saved you are spiritually asleep. Such people are like a drunk person that is not aware of what's going on.

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

Verse 7 - For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.



CHAPTER VIII

SALVATION: SPECIAL TOPICS

Subject: Wealth Can Cause A Nation To Forget God:

America is God's nation, much like Israel was a few thousand years ago. America was established by God for every race of people. When God wants to save a person, He will see to it that they live in America, either by birthright or immigration. No matter who you are, if you attend to your own business in America you can prosper and you can be saved.

The only people that don't prosper in America are those who are dishonest, and lazy. God always gives His people a habitation that will cause them to prosper. God gave Israel the land of Canaan. It was called the land of milk and honey, because it had rich pastures and fertile soil.

America has rich soil, which produces every kind of resource that the nation needs. It also has an abundance for other nations of the world. Though America is the youngest nation on earth, it is also the richest. However, if America is not careful, wealth can turn their heads from God, and rather than being in church on Sundays, they will be at baseball or football games.

Subject: Leaders Of The Nation Should Be Given Honor:

The people of our nation should be taught to honor and respect the president, governors and congressional leaders when such leaders are honest, and are in

office for the best interest of the people. The book of Romans 13:1-7 teaches that they are ministers of God divinely directed as well as the ministers of the gospel. God is concerned about the best interest of the people of a nation, and not just church folk.

The difference in political leaders and church leaders is that one is a minister of law and the other is a minister of grace. Listen to Romans 13:1-7:

- Verse 1 - Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
- Verse 2 - Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.
- Verse 3 - For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:
- Verse 4 - For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.
- Verse 5 - Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.
- Verse 6 - For for this cause pay tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.
- Verse 7 - Render therefore to all their due: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

**Subject: The Minister Of Grace And The Minister Of Law
(I Samuel 15:20-23):**

God gave Israel King Saul to be the king over Israel because the people requested a king. God later sent Samuel, the prophet to anoint Saul to be king. As long as Saul obeyed God, Samuel the prophet commended him to the people. However, the day that God commanded Saul to utterly destroy the Amalekites, and all their cattle, because they were enemies of Israel, Saul disobeyed God by sparing King Agag and the best of the flock. God sent Samuel to condemn Saul before the people and to tell him that God had rejected him because of his disobedience to the commandment of God.

When a political leader is disobedient to God's commandment, it is the duty of the minister of grace (preacher) to condemn the minister of law before the people. This is because such a leader of law will be rejected by God unless he or she has corrected the error of their way.

Subject: Women: Are You Sure About Your Calling?

Of all the creatures that God created, the woman is the most beautiful. No matter how gay a man is, he will never be as attractive as a woman, because God made a woman beautiful. God also said it is not good for a man to be without a woman. Another man cannot replace the companionship between husband and wife, male and female. When God does something, it will not be a good thing to try and change it.

A woman is the greatest influence upon a man when she obeys God, and does not attempt to exalt herself above the authority of a man. The Bible does not give an example of a woman being a preacher, or religious leader over the authority of a man. This may be debatable for some woman who believed that God called them to preach. If a woman thinks that God called her to usurp authority over a man in a church, she will only have a short time to enjoy such authority; but eternity will be forever. Such women will have the eternal consequences to answer for a calling that God did not give. Why take a chance on your eternal destiny for a chance to preach a few sermons in a church.

Subject: A Mother Is A Very Important Person:

You may wonder why Adam sinned. Adam sinned because he did not have the influence of a mother. When God is going to choose a man to be president of our nation, He looks for a man whose mother has done a good job at training him as a child. President Carter, President Bush, President Clinton, and President Obama had good mothers who did an excellent job at teaching them to be fair to all races and ethnic groups.

A president for our nation is chosen by God, and his life is evaluated by God according to the moral values that were taught to him by his mother as a child. So when a man is elected by the people to be president; the praise for making such a choice should go to the mother of the man, because God makes the choice based upon the mother's up-bringing and influence over the child. God will then move on the minds of the people to vote for the candidate that he made a choice of.

Subject: God Gets The Glory Out Of Gifts That Are Given To A Child:

God does not get any glory out of creatures in the kingdom such as birds of the air and fish of the sea. God gets His glory out of the birth of a child. Every good discovery or invention that was given to a child at birth is what God gets the glory out of. After a child is born, God expects the child to grow into the knowledge of His reality. This can only be made possible when parents teach their children about the knowledge of God. When children are properly educated about the reality of God, God in return will give gifts to the child that will be a blessing to mankind.

Man cannot figure out a cure for cancer. This knowledge must be given to a child upon conception, and at the proper time, the child will mature into adulthood and present the knowledge of a cure for cancer. Every child that is conceived has a gift to present to the world. When abortion of a child takes place, there are gifts that the child was given that will also be aborted, and the world will never know what the gifts were.

Subject: Ungodly Parents Will Produce Ungodly Children:

The moral character of children is put into children by their mothers. When a mother has conceived a child, the mother's way of thinking and her habits become a part of the child's way of thinking. If a mother has good moral principles that she lives by, the child will come forth at birth with the same moral principles of life. Everything that the mother does will be inoculated into the child. The nourishment that the mother takes in for her strength will become the nourishment for the unborn child. If the mother is an ungodly person, the child will be ungodly.

Just as soon as a child who is born of ungodly parents gets mature enough, the child will begin to rebel against its parents, just as ungodly parents have rebelled against God. If parents want their children to be obedient and submissive to them, they must be obedient and submissive to God when the child is conceived. The conception of the nature of children is developed as a result of the nature of their parents.

Parents can try everything that they can to control their children, but control must be initiated in the nature of a child. You cannot break a child away from his or her natural born tendencies.

Subject: The Origin Of Man:

Scientists are very intelligent, industrious people in our nation, but when science begins to contradict the teachings of the word of God, their knowledge will make them foolish. Scientists are those who are blessed by God for the benefit of the people. The research and development of modern medicine is good as long as it is restricted to the benefit of the people. When science begins to contend with the knowledge of God and the origin of man, such research would have led them away from the knowledge of the truth.

Science claims that human life sprang from what is called protozoa, but the word of God teaches that God created man in His own image. When God commanded that they be fruitful and multiply, He gave them the nature and ability to mate with their own kind and bring forth offspring after their kind. A dog cannot mate with a cat neither can a bird mate with a fish. One kind of bird cannot mate with another kind of bird. Everything mates after its own kind.

This order of reproduction is based upon an empowered and distinct process that could not happen coincidentally or by accident. The process of reproduction of living creatures is generated by a higher power that is able to cause all living things to be reproduced in an order that is a reflection of its origin. Nothing can acquire a process of order for reproduction if its origin was not the beginning of the order. You cannot have any organized life source unless its origin was organized.

Subject: The Devil Loves To Break Up Marriage Relationships:

One of the main things that the devil would like to do is to break up the relationship between husband and wife. This is mostly due to the fact that the institution of marriage was initiated by God. The devil's first triumph over the institution of marriage was when he tempted the woman to eat the forbidden fruit. From that time to this present day, he has been working to destroy marriages between males and females.

The devil could care less about homosexual marriages, because God had nothing to do with such relationships. The devil hates to see a happy family, and when he finds one, he starts working on them until he finds one member of the family that will crack, and later cause them to commit adultery or get a divorce. The devil does not use forbidden fruit today; he uses deceit.

THE PASSOVER AND THE CRUCIFIXION:

Subject: The Passover:

The crucifixion of Jesus was set in motion during the time that Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt. The exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt was a symbol of how Christ would later deliver those who would be saved from the bondage of sin. Events that took place in the Old Testament were a shadow of what would happen during Jesus' ministry. Listen to Exodus 12:13:

Verse 13 - And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

This scripture is a symbol of the crucifixion and it shows how God is going to destroy the world after He delivers those who are saved by the blood. This is just as the children of Israel were saved by the blood of the lamb put on the doorposts of their homes. After Moses was commanded to put the blood of the lamb on the lintel at the top of their doors so that when the destroying angel would pass, he would see the blood and he would pass over the homes where the blood was.

This was the Lord's Passover for the children of Israel during their exodus from Egypt. It is very important today, because it is the same method that will be used to pass over those who are saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. Sin is the bondman during this present day, just as the Pharaoh was the bondman during Moses' day. In these last days, God is going to destroy sin. Those who are carriers of sin will be destroyed with their sins.

God has given the people of the earth a grace period to repent of their sins, and the blood of Jesus is available to cleanse them of their sins. All who fail to repent, and be saved by the blood will be destroyed with their sins. Jesus was our Passover and Calvary is the doorpost where the blood of Jesus Christ was shed, and made available for us to be delivered from sin. Just as the blood of the lamb was a Passover for the Israelites, Christ is our Passover today. 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 sacrifice to use the blood of the lamb from the flock of the Israelites is an obsolete sacrifice. It is no longer accepted by God, and it is considered as the old leaven. Only the sacrifice that Christ made can make us a new lump or new creatures in Christ that will deliver us from the wrath of God in the last days.

Subject: The Events In The Old Testament Must Be Honored In These Last Days:

It is very important to honor the events that God did in past times that were recorded in the Old Testament, because such events are relevant to what God will do in these last days. When these events are properly honored, it will allow us to be in the right spirit of the events of the last days.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was in honor of the prophecy made by the prophet Joel. If there were some who did not believe and accept the prophecy of Joel, then neither would they have been recipients of the Holy Spirit in the last days. When Jesus was at the Passover with His disciples during His ministry, it was in commemoration of the escape of Israel from Egypt. Listen to St. Matthew 26:18:

Verse 18 - And he said, *Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I*

will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

Subject: It Is Better To Believe The Power Of God By Faith Rather Than By Sight:

When God sent Moses into Egypt to deliver the children of Israel, Moses presented himself before the Pharaoh on more than one occasion to do miracles to witness that the powers of heaven were with him and that God had sent him. The Pharaoh was stubborn, and had been convinced by his sorcerers and magicians that Moses' miracles were no more than what they could do.

It is a deceiving thing to be affiliated with false things that are being compared to the true works of God. It is very difficult to make a distinction between a messenger sent by God and a false messenger of the devil. Unless God gives a person the ability to identify the true from the false, the false will deceive them.

There were those who by the power of the devil were able to do the same thing Moses did with his rod, and the Pharaoh could not discern the true power of God from the false works of the devil. The devil is an imitator, and he is great in his work. False preachers of the devil are very effective in deceiving the majority of Christian worshipers in this nation.

God must give a person an experience with His true works in order for the person to be able to identify the true from the false. When the Pharaoh of Egypt finally saw the true power of God in action, it was too late. He lost his firstborn son, and his army was destroyed at the Red Sea. It is better to believe God by faith rather than by sight.

Subject: A Description Of A Dumb Spirit:

Now the Pharaoh of Egypt did not know who God was. Today, if people are not taught the truth of God's existence, they are as ignorant about God as the Pharaoh was. The Pharaoh thought that there was no difference in the God that Moses taught him about and his knowledge of tricks and sorcery.

Today, there are church folk who think that the reality of the power of God is when a preacher hits a person with his hands and commands the devil to come out of the person. Many believe that the power of the Holy Spirit is evident when

a person falls on the floor, foams at the mouth, and speaks in unknown tongues. Such religious works are sorcery, similar to the magicians of the Pharaoh of Egypt.

The true power of God is manifested when a person is saved from a life of sin. Listen to a scripture in St. Mark 9:17 where Jesus referred to a “dumb spirit” that many worshipers today think is evidence of the Holy Spirit:

Verse 17 - And one of the multitude answered and said,
Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which
hath a dumb spirit.

Now listen carefully to this man’s description of a dumb spirit to see if you can compare it with what you have seen in some churches. Listen to verses 18 and 25:

Verse 18 - And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him:
and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth,
and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples
that they should cast him out; and they could not.

Jesus referred to this spirit as a foul spirit. There are many in churches today who refer to such spirits as the Holy Spirit.

Verse 25 - When Jesus saw that the people came running
together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying
unto him, *Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge
thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.*

Evidence of the Holy Spirit will manifest the fruits of the Spirit in a person’s life, and not shameful exhibitions of a dumb spirit. Listen to 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: God Is Almighty:

God is almighty, and if a person repents of their sins and obeys God’s word, the power of God will be manifested in their life, first by their ability to live free

from sin and also by the things that God will do for them materially. After you repent of your sins, God will give you instructions on what to do that His power will be revealed as a result of your obedience.

God told Moses after he had completed the demonstration with His rod to go down and tell every child of Israel that this time He was going to deliver them. It was according to the command of God that the power of God would be revealed to deliver the children of Israel. Moses had to be an obedient servant in order for this to be done. God does not bother with those who are not willing to obey Him.

After the firstborn of Egypt was destroyed by the death angel, Moses went among the children of Israel and saw that everyone was alive. Then the Egyptians got in a hurry to get rid of the Israelites and gave them anything they wanted to get them out of Egypt.

When the people that the devil is using see that God is with a saved person, they will no longer want to oppose you, but they want to separate from you, even to get you out of their churches.

Subject: The Blood Was A Symbol Of Deliverance:

The punishment for being born as a sinner is to be eternally separated from God in a lake of fire and brimstone, which is the second death. Jesus died in place of those who will be saved. He took the punishment of death for us so that we might be saved from the second death. Some will not experience the first death of the physical body if they are saved and alive when Jesus returns to administer the first resurrection.

Jesus' death was for our sins, and he lives that we might live eternally with Him. Everybody will live again, but those who do not accept Christ will not live again with Christ; they will live with the damned. Christ is our Passover who has delivered us from the power of death. Jesus died so that death would have no terror for the child of God. Everyone who receives the new birth in Christ is redeemed from death, and he or she shall live again. All this was made possible through the sacrifice of the body of Christ from the cross.

The blood of Jesus Christ opened the fountain in the house of David to cleanse us from sin once and for all. Those who have accepted Jesus will be honored by His blood, and will be saved from eternal destruction. Jesus was sent into the world that the world might not be condemned, but that the world might be saved. When you repent of your sins with the intent of heart to obey Jesus' gospel, it means that you have accepted the death of Jesus Christ. For those who fail to

repent of their sins, it means they will be charged for the death of Jesus Christ. As far as they are concerned, Christ died for nothing.

Those who are saved can commemorate with a pure heart the deliverance of the Jews from Egypt and the deliverance of those who have accepted Jesus Christ from their sins. Jesus' crucifixion was the blood of the new covenant that was symbolized by the lamb slain and eaten by those who were preparing to depart from Egypt. The 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 for the remission of sins that they might not be destroyed with the world.

Jesus' blood will atone for our sins and save 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. Jesus concluded by saying that He would not drink with his disciples the fruit of the vine until that day when He would drink it anew around the throne of God. He said that He would sit down in His Father's kingdom and commemorate His suffering on the cross and His death.

At the time of year that the sacrificial lamb was offered in Egypt, the body of Christ was offered on Calvary for you and me that we might be saved from the destroying angel. When Pilate heard these things, he brought Jesus before the crowd and said, shall I crucify Him? They said, "yes, crucify Him". Though that was a cruel decision, it brought salvation to the nations of the earth. If we obey Him now, His death will not be in vain for those who obey, and our salvation will be sure. We can then hide beneath the blood and receive the benefits.

It is the blood of the Son of God that atoned for our sins, and the blood turns away the wrath of God from us, just as the lamb slain in Egypt when the destroying angel passed by. Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Today those who are saved by the blood are still commemorating the Passover that came to us by the death of the Lamb of God. Every time we take communion and eat of the bread and drink of the wine, we are eating the Passover just as Israel did with the lamb in Egypt.

CHAPTER IX

TRUE AND FALSE

PREACHERS AND TEACHINGS

TRUE PREACHERS AND RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS:

Subject: Woe Unto Me If I Preach Not The Gospel:

Whatever gifts or blessings that God is going to give to the world will be given by means of a child. The gift will be given to the child, and made known to the world by means of the child. If the child does not reveal the gift to the world as it matures into adulthood, the world will not receive the gift. If Edison had not shared the gift of the light bulb with the world the knowledge of the gift would have been confined to Edison.

The knowledge of salvation was given to the apostles of Jesus Christ. If the apostles who were given the knowledge of salvation had failed to preach the gospel and make the knowledge available to the people then a dispensation of the gospel would have been committed or confined to that apostle who did not preach the gospel. Salvation is a gift from God. Listen to I Corinthians 9:16-17:

Verse 16 - For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me, if I preach not the gospel!

Verse 17 - For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward; but

if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is a gift to the world that is given to the world by means of the apostles of Jesus Christ. If an apostle had failed to preach the gospel a portion of the gospel that the apostle had been given would have never been presented to the world. This portion of the gospel would have been confined to that apostle. God does not send replacement preachers of the gospel. If a preacher fails to preach or teach the gospel that God has given such a preacher, then all who could have been saved and were lost because of the preacher's failure to fulfill his calling; their blood will be required at the hands of the preacher, which means the preacher would be lost also. The God sent preacher is a watchman for God; sent to watch over the spiritual lives of the people. Listen to Ezekiel 3:16-19:

Verse 16 - And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

Verse 17 - Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

Verse 18 - When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Verse 19 - Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Subject: Experience:

A soldier who has been in combat will acquire combat experiences. Such experiences will give the soldier knowledge of how to teach other soldiers how to survive combat. Nobody will be able to teach non-combat experienced soldiers how to survive combat as effectively as the soldier who acquired experiences from being in combat. Experience is knowledge. Experience is knowledge that can be

applied to situations that are related to the experiences. No educated, seminary taught theologian or minister of the gospel can teach effectively or accurately the process of being born again as one can teach who has experienced salvation in Jesus Christ.

Experience authenticates knowledge. To teach something based upon what you have heard or read does not necessarily mean that the knowledge is true or accurate. Experience is what makes knowledge honest, pure, and true. When God desires for a person to learn something of a truth, He places the person on a course that will give the person experiences on what God will teach the person. The New Testament was written primarily by the apostle Paul. All of Paul's epistles were based upon what he experienced after his conversion in Christ.

Subject: The Correct Teaching Of Salvation Will Cause A Person To Be Saved:

The reason that so many people are living in sin is because they are not taught the truth concerning salvation in Jesus Christ. Religious leaders of today will not teach the truth concerning salvation as it is given in the original King James Version of the Bible. A pastor sent by God should be like a shepherd that cares for his sheep. The primary purpose of a shepherd is to watch over his sheep to see that they are properly fed.

A spiritual pastor is the feeding ground for his sheep, or those who are following him. Such a pastor will feed the minds of the people with the correct information on how to be saved. If the mind takes in the knowledge of the truth and obeys it, the person can be saved. If the mind takes in an incorrect teaching of salvation, the person's soul will be lost.

Subject: Jesus' Gospel Will Produce Good Fruit:

Sinners are taken captive against their will. It was for this purpose that God worked out a plan of salvation for sinners. Jesus was the means by which God extended a plan for sinners to be saved. There is no other way to be saved other than in Jesus Christ. The power of Jesus' gospel will produce good fruit in a person's life if they receive His teaching. They will see such things as joy, peace, love, goodness, meekness, humility, faith, longsuffering, and temperance developing in their lives.

No other religious teaching will produce these qualities of life except the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus' teaching is accompanied by the Holy Spirit that produces the fruit of righteousness in the lives of those who receive it with an honest and good heart. Listen to what Jesus taught in St. Luke 8:15:

Verse 15 - *But that on the good ground (mind) are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.*

Subject: The Gospel Does Not Compromise With Sin:

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the only means by which people can be saved. There is no other knowledge in the world that will lead a person to salvation. The gospel must be preached by a Holy Ghost sent preacher, who will preach the gospel in its purity. The gospel must be unadulterated, or not mixed with opinions of men. When the gospel is adulterated, it will be too weak to convert the carnal nature of the listeners.

When a person hears the gospel being preached, it must have power to convince the individual that sin is damnable. If the gospel is adulterated, it will compromise with sin, causing the listeners to compromise with their sins. Sin is the worst thing that a person can have in his or her life. It is worse than cancer, heart disease, or the AIDS virus.

When a preacher adulterates the gospel, sin will have maximum effect upon a person's life leading them to deceitful destruction, whereas a person with heart disease or cancer can be diagnosed and treated.

FALSE PREACHERS AND RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS:

Subject: God Tells You About The Good As Well As The Evil:

If you ever want to identify a false preacher, listen carefully to what he preaches. He will tell you about the good deeds of men, and not about the evil, sinful deeds of men. A false preacher never preaches against sin; every member of

his congregation that dies, whether they are a sinner or a saint, he will send them to heaven.

When God sends a preacher to teach you the truth, he will tell you about the good as well as the evil deeds of men. God is fair and will not deceive or mislead you. The word of God reveals both the good and the bad about an individual. The invitation that God offers to man is a washing of regeneration. This is a washing of living water that Jesus offered to the Samaritan woman at the well to make the person righteous, rather than to ignore the sins that will cause the person to be lost.

Subject: Is Your Pastor A False Prophet?

Your pastor is the most important person in your life because he is the person that is supposed to connect you with God. Your pastor is supposed to be an ambassador for Christ. If your pastor is a false representative of Christ, you don't stand a chance of being saved. The only person in the Bible that Jesus taught to beware of was a false prophet (St. Matthew 7:15). There may be many enemies of the world that can destroy our physical bodies, but a false preacher or pastor is the enemy of our souls who makes arrangements for our souls to be destroyed in hell.

Though your pastor appears to be your friend and close associate, he is the most dangerous person that you will ever meet if he is not sent by God. It is important that everybody who wants to be saved have knowledge of the word of God to be able to evaluate his or her pastor to determine whether he is God sent or a false prophet.

The evidence of a God sent pastor's authenticity is in his fruit. His followers are the fruit of his labour. If his ministry and teachings have caused his followers to be born again, this means that he is producing good fruit. If he is producing good fruit, it means that he is a good tree planted by God. Listen to St. Matthew 7:16-18:

Verse 16 - *Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*

Verse 17 - *Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.*

An unsaved preacher cannot produce salvation in Jesus Christ in a person's life if he has not received salvation. You cannot be saved under the spiritual leadership

of an unsaved pastor. If your pastor is a sinner, he will only produce more sinners in his congregation.

Verse 18 - *A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*

Subject: The Word Of God Should Keep Your Mind Under Check:

The actions of people start in their minds. This includes evil actions as well as good actions. The word of God has power to keep the mind under check. Along with the power of the Holy Spirit, the word of God can control the mind, which will result to human actions being controlled. If you listen to a preacher and his words don't keep your mind under check, it means he's not preaching the word of God. Not every preacher in a pulpit is preaching the word of God. The way into the kingdom of heaven is a straight and narrow way, and unless the word of God is directing you there, it will be impossible to get in.

Some preachers are like star actors, and they love to be on television preaching for the acclaim and applause of the people. They love to hear "Amen", but unless what they are preaching is keeping your mind under check, they are just putting on a show. The reason we have so many church folk practicing sin is because false preachers do not preach the word of God to them. Most people today who go to church don't know what the true gospel sounds like.

A pastor is supposed to be a shepherd who cares for the sheep. The people are like sheep that the shepherd watches over and protects. The true gospel should be presented to the people as a feeding ground for their minds to receive food. The mind takes in and reproduces its information in the form of actions. When the mind is taught not to commit sin, it will cause the body members not to sin. If the mind is taught that it is okay to sin, then the body members will get approval from the mind to commit sin. The power of the mind must be reinforced by the word of God in order for the mind to give the body orders to do right.

Afterword

Jesus is going to appear in the sky one day and that will be a surprise for the people of the earth who are not saved. To avoid the surprise, you must be sure that you have followed the steps in the process of salvation to be ready.

The knowledge and information in this and previous volumes of *Saved from Sin* will prepare and make you ready for Jesus' return. True salvation in Jesus Christ is what you want, not just religion. The path to salvation, according to the scriptures, has been laid out in simplicity in this book. It is hoped that you will put forth every effort to follow this path.



