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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

As you continue in Volume XV of *Saved from Sin*, Elder Kilgore continues to teach the processes of salvation as he has experienced it by the power and guidance of God's Holy Spirit. If you have been reading Elder Kilgore's books, *Saved from Sin*, on a continuous basis, it could be that the Holy Spirit is inspiring you to continue to read this literature. If the Spirit is dealing with you, it will be for your salvation, so that you might be delivered from sin.

Jesus is soon to return for those who have been saved from sin, according to the scriptures. Although no one knows the day nor the hour, and so that you will not be taken by surprise, this information is presented to you for the saving of your soul. May God bless and guide you through Volume XV.



INTRODUCTION

Will You Be Ready?

Please listen to St. Matthew 24:44:

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

How are you thinking in regards to Jesus' second appearance? Do you doubt His second appearance will take place? The word of God cannot lie. The Bible cannot give misleading and false information. Those who are not born again upon Jesus' second appearance will be ashamed in His presence. You can only be ready when Jesus returns if you have His Spirit. The Spirit of God is a part of God. It is the third part of God that will be receptive to the second part of God.

The Sacrifice That Jesus Made Must Be Properly Honored:

If you want to be properly qualified to be saved, you must be properly taught the correct procedures for salvation. God does not accept any incorrect or perfunctory procedures for salvation that were not given in the scriptures. As a child of God, your worshiping and serving God must be done with interest, care and the correct instructions; otherwise, God will not acknowledge your church services. There is only one way to do things that please God, and that is to do them the way He has given instructions to do them. When instructions are not properly followed, then whatever rituals are being practiced by a church group will lead the group away from God.

When God wants a church to do something properly, He will send a leader to give the correct instructions. Everyone who has not followed the proper instructions for salvation in Jesus Christ is not in Jesus Christ. Such people have rejected the counsel of God and have chosen to follow the counsel of some false religious leader. However if they love God and are serious about being saved it is possible for people to correct the error of their ways and to restore themselves in the favor of God after they have accepted the correction.

Baptism is very important for salvation in Jesus Christ because it is a symbol of the burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The only way we can properly

symbolize His burial and resurrection is by being buried in the water and raised out of the water. Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection were done for the salvation of those who want to be saved. When such a sacrifice is not properly honored, then God will not honor those who are improper in their way of worshiping.

What Did Nicodemus Really Want To Learn From Jesus?

The most common knowledge known by most people is being born and being buried. Everybody who is born will most likely be buried. To illustrate the most essential spiritual experience concerning the salvation of man, Christ used these two examples, which were the birth of a person, and the burial of a person as found in St. John 3:1-2.

During Jesus' ministry, the way of the scribes and Pharisees was to quote another person to substantiate the statements that they were making. They would quote one who was an expert or previous authority on the subject of which they spoke. Now Nicodemus was a Pharisee, but when he came to Jesus concerning the miracles that he saw Jesus do, he was very much concerned, because he had no knowledge of one that he could quote to authenticate Jesus' works. So Nicodemus had to reach out beyond what the scribes would normally do, and use God to support his opening remarks to Jesus. Nicodemus said in St. John 3:2:

Verse 2 - ... for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

It was a common pattern for one who speaks as a scribe or Pharisee to use another to bear witness to what he is saying. Had Nicodemus used knowledge of another authority to speak of Jesus' works, it would have not been necessary for Nicodemus to come to Jesus for consultation. Prior to Nicodemus' arrival to Jesus, he had already concluded that Jesus' works had to be of God, because such works had never been recorded in the chronicles of the Jews.

Nicodemus was concluding that the works of God do not need anybody on earth to be a witness except those who see it, and when one speaks of the works of God, they don't have to call another person to witness, because there is none greater than God. So, whether Nicodemus knew it or not, his eyewitness of Jesus' works had given him a foundation for what he needed to know to get into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus simply summarized what Nicodemus wanted to know, and had already visually witnessed.

Spiritual Things Pertain To The Kingdom Of Heaven:

Jesus was teaching Nicodemus that spiritual things pertain to the kingdom of heaven. Spiritual things have to do with righteousness and unrighteousness. Carnal things pertain to the earth and have to do with a sinful culture or ways of living. The kingdom of heaven will consist of a civilization that lives righteously or holy.

Jesus further taught Nicodemus that in order to enter the kingdom of heaven; you must first experience a righteous birth, because your first birth was carnal, and is only compatible with the culture of the earth. The birth that God offers is spiritual, and that which your parents gave you is carnal or earthy.

Christ gave this parable to make Nicodemus know that in the carnal state, he could not have enough knowledge of God to know what was required to enter the kingdom of heaven. The essence of this lesson applies to everybody who wants to enter the kingdom of heaven.

What Is Being Born Again?

To be in a fleshly state is to have a mind that is alienated from the knowledge of God. A fleshly mind is not in harmony with the holiness of God. In order to get out of the fleshly state, you must be born again by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God brings your mind into fellowship with God's holiness. God's holiness is His character. In the fleshly state, your mind cannot comprehend revelations from God.

When you are born again, you are born of the water and the Spirit. The baptism of water is an open testimony of what the Spirit has done for you. It is a visual demonstration. To be born again is to be conceived into a spiritual state of mind after that you are brought out of the fleshly state of mind.

When you are baptized in water by submerging, it is an illustration of the spiritual process that has taken place in your life. You are hid in the water when you are baptized as a symbol of being conceived, and afterward you are brought up out of the water to live a life free from sin. To be baptized in water is to be born of water, which is an outward sign of the operation that is the result of a spiritual change done by the Holy Spirit.

To Reject God's Instructions Is To Be Rejected For Salvation:

We have so many different religions, faiths, and denominations today because people have interpreted God's word to suit their own taste for life. They have tried to establish themselves in righteousness, but not according to the righteousness of God. There are religious ways that seem right, but if they are not according to the righteousness of God, the end of such ways is death.

No religious way is right unless it is according to the scriptures. Ordinances and rituals must be according to the scriptures. Such ordinances as baptism must be done as God gave it in the scriptures. The council of heaven was given to holy men that such ways of worshiping God might be acceptable to God.

Ways of worshiping such as baptism of water were detailed and ordained for a significant purpose, which is lost or ineffectual unless they are observed according to the directions given. Many who have come up with their own rituals and ways of worshiping have practiced such things as pouring water on their members, or sprinkling of water to substitute for baptism of water by submerging. There are no substitutes for procedures that God gives that are acceptable to God.

When a religious organization refuses to be baptized according to the plan and procedure that God has given for baptism, such people will be rejecting the counsel of God, and God will refuse to honor or recognize such people as being acceptable for salvation.



CHAPTER I

***JESUS IS COMING:
ARE YOU READY?***

Subject: Don't Let The Pleasures Of Life Fool You:

When things are going pretty good for you, you may feel like you are going to live a good life in the world indefinitely. You could be having such a good time that you may think that this is what life is all about. The truth is that pleasures of the world are only for a season or limited time. There were people on the earth in past times who enjoyed the pleasures of life also, and they never thought that such good times would end. Listen to St. Luke 17:27-30:

Verse 27 - *They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Nō'-ē entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.*

Verse 28 - *Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded.*

Verse 29 - *But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.*

Verse 30 - *Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.*

Pleasures of the world are deceiving and uncertain. You have to wear the world as a loose garment so that it won't distract your interest in obeying God. Your involvement in the world should not interfere with your departure when the time comes for you to leave.

Every saved person should make his or her number one priority making preparations to leave with Jesus, because Jesus' appearance will interrupt everything else that people will be involved with. There will be an appointed time for life on earth to end no matter what the people are doing. It will not matter how rich, poor, or prominent you are, you are going to leave this world.

Since we can't get out of leaving at the appointed time, it will be wise to make arrangements to go to a place of security, and that is the kingdom of heaven. Obedience to God's word will make reservations for you to get there.

Subject: Jesus Will Establish A Kingdom That Will Never End:

Man has attempted through the ages to build systems of rulership on the earth to govern his fellow man, but unless men of the earth are subject to God, nobody can govern them. That is why we have acts of terrorism and wars throughout the world. These things are happening because the government of heaven has never been taught to them. World leaders who have tried to rule the world with a sword were very unsuccessful. Such leaders as Alexander the Great, Hitler, Mussolini, Kaiser, and Stalin were all unsuccessful during their reign. Jesus will establish a kingdom of which will be no end. Listen to St. Luke 1:32-33:

Verse 32 - He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David.

Verse 33 - And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Subject: The New City:

Heaven is a dwelling place of God, and darkness cannot come in the presence of God. There will be no night in the kingdom of heaven. Darkness represents unrighteousness and no unrighteousness can exist around God. The new, beautiful city in heaven will be called the New Jerusalem, which will be the capitol of the new kingdom.

There is one basic qualification to get into this city and that is that each person will need the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit will be the controlling force in this new city, and it will only allow those to enter who are filled with the Holy

Spirit. This is the only Spirit that will give you access to this beautiful city. Any other spirit that a person possesses will keep them from entering the New Jerusalem.

Evidence that you are filled with the Holy Spirit is that your life will produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the true vine that bears the fruit, and the Holy Spirit will cause those branches that are in Christ to produce the fruit of the Spirit, such as Galatians 5:20-21 teaches. Those who don't bear fruit are not in Christ and God will not allow them to enter the Holy City.

Listen to 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.

Subject: A Spiritual Adjustment From The Law To Love:

Jesus and His disciples preached the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. They used earthly parables to teach about a heavenly environment. Requirements to get into the kingdom of heaven were brought to the earth by Jesus. The kingdom of heaven is a kingdom that is ruled by love. It is necessary to have the Holy Spirit to bring the love of God into your life while you are living on the earth in order to get into the kingdom of heaven.

Humans that are born into this world are born into a society that is ruled by laws. The Holy Spirit was sent by God to those who received Jesus' gospel for them to adjust from a life ruled by laws to a life that is ruled by love. When your life has made this adjustment, it means that you have been born again. When this has taken place, you will be a citizen of the kingdom of heaven though you are still living on the earth. After Jesus returns the second time, you will then be taken to heaven to live a new life in a new environment that will be compatible with the love of God in you that ruled your life while you were living on the earth.

Subject: Is Your Name Written In The Book Of Life?

There are two books kept in the kingdom of heaven, and there are no mistakes in either book. One is a book of records that contains the names of the righteous, or those who have been born again, and the other contains the names of the wicked, or those who have not been born again. God through the prophet Daniel wrote that prior to the destruction, He will send the angel Michael to the earth first to deliver the righteous, but the unsaved will experience everlasting torment (Daniel 12:1-2).

When you are born again, God records your name in the book of life in heaven. There will be no mistakes made because God is the one who will give you the new-birth. On the day that God gave you the new-birth, all the angels in heaven rejoiced, and they are waiting to receive the saints on the day of the first resurrection. When your name is in the book of life, you have nothing to worry about. Listen to Revelations 20:12:

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

If you are not born again, your name is not in the book of life, it is in another book of those who are not saved, and a record is being kept of all the sinful deeds that they do. The record will be presented in the day of judgment to give them a sentence. Listen to what the sentence will be. Revelations 20:13-15:

Verse 13 - And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Verse 14 - And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Verse 15 - And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

You want to be sure that your name is written in the book of life.

Subject: The Promise Of God Has Power:

God Almighty who rules nature, moved out with nothing but His word, made it flesh, and sent it to the earth in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus ministered to the people of the earth for three years and was crucified, and after three days, He arose by the power of God. Jesus taught of His resurrection during His ministry to the people. The power in what Jesus taught was revealed in His resurrection. Today if we believe what He taught, He will be resurrected in our lives. Just as Jesus went back to heaven after His resurrection, He will also return to take all who allowed Him to be resurrected in their lives to heaven.

Subject: A Spiritual Harvest:

For a farmer the harvest is the end of his growing season for his crops. A spiritual harvest will be the end of the world. Listen to Jeremiah 8:20:

Verse 20 - The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

Now the harvest is the reward for the farmer's labour and sacrifice, but the farmer has to reap the benefits of the harvest by gathering the fruit of his crop.

Jesus died that we might receive the fruit from His sacrifice. God has given the world a time to reap the benefits of Jesus' sacrifice that is called the "grace period". The grace period is a time provided by God for a spiritual harvest. Very soon the grace period will end, and the season for reaping eternal life will no longer be available. When this happens, there will be no other chance for people to be saved.

Subject: God Is Offering A Plan For Anybody To Be Saved:

Jesus came to sow in our hearts the word of God, which is a good seed, that we might experience the birth of a new mind. Those who receive the good seed will be children of the kingdom of heaven while they are living on the earth. Those who do not receive the good seed will be the children of the devil.

The children of the kingdom will have power to live righteously in this world, but the children of the devil will live as sinners. When the end of the world comes, God is going to send Jesus to gather the children of the kingdom and take them to the kingdom of heaven, but the children of that wicked one will be left on the earth for one thousand years of misery.

The word of God is the only given knowledge of what will come to pass at the end of this world. God tells us the ending in the beginning so that we can be prepared. It is not that God is willing that any should perish, but the people of the earth can only be saved according to the plan that God has provided. If they fail to accept the plan that God offers, the devil will fill their minds with evil and harden their hearts against the plan that God is offering.

Subject: Life More Abundantly:

Everybody who is breathing is not living. To be living according to the promise of God is to have life more abundantly. To live without Christ in your life is to be living an underprivileged life. When you live without Christ, the elements of the world hold you in bondage, creating conditions of misery for you. To have life more abundantly is to live free from sin. Under these conditions, you will enjoy the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will then return to the earth looking for you, because you will be considered as the precious fruit of the earth. Listen to James 5:7-8:

Verse 7 - Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Verse 8 - Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Subject: Jesus' Second Appearance Will Be To Execute Judgment:

When Jesus returns the second time, it will not be for salvation, but to execute judgment. It will be a mistake for the unsaved to believe that Jesus will have mercy on them upon His second appearance, and give them mercy by offering forgiveness for their sins. The pleads for mercy by church folk who are still sinners upon Jesus' return will have no meaning, nor will they receive any grace for their repentance. All such efforts to be saved must be done before Jesus returns the second time. The book of (Jude 1:14-15) teaches that Jesus will appear with ten thousand saints to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against them.

If you are a sinner when Jesus returns, there will be no chance for you to become a saint, because the grace period would have ended upon His second appearance. All eyes will see Jesus when He returns, but He will not come to judge or to listen to excuses for the sins of the people, but to execute judgment. Pardoning for sins can be received now and not upon Jesus' second appearance.

Subject: All Things Will Be Given To The Saved Children Of God:

When you become a citizen of the kingdom of heaven, you will also become an heir of the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom of heaven will be given to the saved people. 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.*

Later the saved people will inherit the new earth. All things will be given to the saints as an inheritance from God. Listen to St. Matthews 5:5:

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

Though saved people live in this present world as servants of the well to do, one day they will be owners of everything. When you are saved, you are adopted into

the family of God, and you will be an heir of God just like His Son Jesus. When you accept the teachings of Jesus Christ, you become an heir and a citizen of the kingdom of heaven. Though an heir of God lives in this present world like everybody else, he or she is obeying God in all that they do.

The Holy Spirit is available to help the unsaved to change from their sinful habits and put forth an effort to obey God. The choice will be theirs to make. The unsaved can remain a citizen of hell or they can become heirs of the kingdom of heaven while they are living in this present world. There will be no other chance after they die, or if Jesus returns while they are living.

Subject: Your Life:

The life of a person is very mysterious. Though the life is invisible, it has an important and permanent existence. Your life is your soul. Listen: the day is coming when the flesh and blood bodies of the unsaved will be made stubble, but their lives will continue to exist. It is not your flesh and blood body that will live again, but the life of your body will continue to live.

The kind of spirit that you have when your body dies depends upon the kind of body you will be given to replace your flesh and blood body. If you are filled with the Holy Spirit, God will give you a new body like Jesus had after His resurrection. Jesus will give this new body when He returns for those who are born again. Listen to I John 3:2:

Verse 2 - Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

All born again children of God will receive a new body fashioned after the body that Jesus had. 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.

Now remember that those who don't get saved will have their life placed in another body that will live forever, but in torment. Listen to Revelation 20:5, 10, and 14-15:

Verse 5 - But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

The rest of the dead makes reference to the unsaved that will not be a part of the first resurrection. They will experience the second death with the devil and false preachers, but they will have new bodies that will be prepared to live forever in a state of misery.

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.

Those who are not saved will not have their names written in the book, but they will also be cast into a lake of fire with the devil and false preachers to be forever tormented. They can only be tormented forever when they have bodies that are prepared to be tormented forever.

Verse 14 - And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Verse 15 - And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Subject: The Day Of Separation:

If you have been given knowledge of the first resurrection, you will want nothing more than being in this resurrection. The first resurrection will be the climax of your salvation in Jesus Christ. It will be a day of deliverance from all the problems and miseries in this present world. It will be a glorious day when all saved people will be separated physically as well as spiritually from those who are not saved.

Approximately 12 hours after the saved people are resurrected from the earth, the earth will experience destruction by fire and brimstone that will be unimaginable upon the unsaved that are left behind. God is going to conclude the state of this present world in one day. The saved people will be completely removed from the earth along with little children. The Bible teaches that woe will be unto the unsaved women that are with child. Listen to St. Matthew 24:19-21:

Verse 19 - *And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!*

Verse 20 - *But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:*

Verse 21 - *For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

Subject: Goodbye To This World:

God did a miraculous work through Jesus Christ for our learning and information that we might receive grace to be saved. Those of us who believe the promises in the word of God can rejoice in knowing that we have salvation, and that we are delivered from eternal death.

The day that the Lord shall descend from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, all the saints shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye, and those who died in Christ shall rise and be changed first (I Thessalonians 4:16). We will be finished with life in this world.



CHAPTER II

THE UNADULTERATED

WORD OF GOD

Subject: Knowledge In The Bible Is Guidelines For Instructions To Acquire Salvation:

The Lord teaches in His word that if you keep my commandments, whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do. It is common politeness for one to listen to you if you listen to them, or to do something for you if you do something for them.

It is improper and out of order if you should want to make a request of an individual after you have refused to grant his or her request on several occasions. Such a request would be unethical, but if you have done what you have been asked to do, then your request would be in order. God teaches in His word that if you keep His commandments he will honor your request.

God speaks very plainly. The Holy Bible is a book of instructions given by God that men might know what they should do that is right and to refrain from doing what is wrong. The Bible gives rules and guidelines for salvation so man will not be deceived by his imagination or some false religious principles of the devil.

Subject: Man Doth Not Live By Bread Alone But By Every Word That Proceedeth Out Of The Mouth Of God (Deuteronomy 8:3):

Now there are two kinds of life in you. There is life of the flesh and blood body, which is physical life, and there is life of your soul, which is spiritual life. Your flesh and blood body sustains its life by food that you eat; but the Bible teaches that man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

The reference here is that your soul cannot live by bread though your flesh and blood body can live for a while with bread, but your soul is the spiritual life that can only live by the word of God, which sustains your spiritual life. Unlike your body, your soul will never die, but if it is not fed the word of God, it will suffer eternal torment. Your body will go back to the dust when it dies because bread only gives a short-term life span, but the word of God is food for your soul that will give you eternal life and a new body to live in.

Subject: The Bible Sometimes Reads Backwards:

You can only understand the Bible with a humble mind. You cannot figure out what the Bible means; the understanding of what the Bible teaches must be given to you. If you think you are smart with a conceited mind, the Bible will confuse you, because it sometimes has reversed meanings. If you try to study the Bible with smartness rather than humility, you will get lost in confusion.

For example, when God got ready to pay the earth a visit, He did not allow Himself to be born in a family of royalty, or as a monarch. God reversed the course of nature and allowed Himself to be born of a virgin and chose a carpenter to be His godfather. In addition, He went forth to manifest Himself to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Today, the only way a person can learn about God, and be saved is through the medium of faith. When a person's faith is established, then the grace of God will rest upon them and they can be saved.

Subject: Righteousness Has More Power Than Wickedness:

The Bible is the word of God; it is referred to as the sword of the Spirit, and is the only weapon that can be used to expose and defeat the devices of the devil. You can use the Bible to go to war against the devil and defeat him. Satan is locked in on the prophecies that the word of God teaches will come to pass concerning his defeat. Satan cannot escape what the word of God teaches will happen to him.

If you are fully equipped with the knowledge of the word of God, and you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you are more than a match for the devil. Though you may be a Christian, and don't have much knowledge of the word of God, you are not fully equipped to attack the devil, and you will find yourself losing the battle.

The Bible refers to Satan as the prince of darkness. Darkness means ignorance. Satan's tactics are deceitful devices that he uses against those who are not educated on what the word of God teaches. When you are at war against evil, you don't fight the flesh that ignorant people are possessed with. You don't wrestle with flesh and blood, but you wrestle against spiritual wickedness, principalities, against powers and the rulers of the darkness in high places.

You can defeat spiritual wickedness by maintaining a position of doing right when you are tempted and provoked to do wrong. In order to maintain a position of righteousness, you have to have knowledge of the word of God to be able to identify when wickedness is tempting you (Ephesians 6:13). Righteousness has more power than wickedness, and when a righteous person stands with his or her feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, they cannot be overcome by wickedness. Your feet are shod with the gospel of peace when you maintain a position of doing right in spite of the provocation that the devil presents.

Subject: The Word Of God:

When you receive the word of God into your mind with the intent to obey what it teaches, the Spirit of God will come in with the word. There are three in the Godhead, which are God, the Father, the Son who is called Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, which is called the Comforter. Each has a different office, but they all work together in one Spirit under the influence of the word of God.

When you hear the word of God being preached, you are also hearing the Spirit of God. When you accept the instructions that the word of God gives you, you are also receiving guidance from the Holy Spirit. When you receive the word

of God into your mind, the Spirit of God comes in to establish what the word teaches to be a controller and director for your actions. When this happens, the word and the Spirit will give you the divine nature of God; you are then born again. All this happens when you receive the word of God.

The word of God carries power that can develop a new creature in you when you receive it. You will then learn about the reality of God because God is known through His word. You will learn that the world was created by the power that is found in the word of God, and that the power of God is the truth, which is the veracity of His word. Man could only know God through His word so God made His word flesh that it might dwell among men so that they might see Him and know Him.

Subject: Your Belief In The Word Of God Can Bring About A Change In Your Life:

When you believe in what the word of God teaches, it brings about a change in your life. The powers of heaven will respond to and go to work for a person who believes the word of God. Nothing can cause this response from heaven for a person except their belief in the word of God. They will experience a transition from confusion to peace. It will give them satisfaction when they were once dissatisfied. The word of God is the power of God unto salvation for those who believe. The blood of Jesus will cleanse a person from all sin when they believe the word of God.

Subject: The Word Of God Introduces The Infinity Of God:

The word of God introduces the reality of God's infinity. It introduces God unlimited. There are no bounds to the existence of the power of God, and the word of God introduces God in this manner. The world was created by the power that is found in the word of God. God's word teaches the truth and the truth can overcome and excel everything that is false.

Today you can only know God through His word. Your mind must be prepared to receive the truth by the power of the Holy Spirit in order for the truth to be in harmony with your way of thinking.

Subject: The Word Of God Can Solve Any Problem:

Jesus was not a product of a man, but of the word of God. God sent His word by the angel Gabriel to Mary, and when she believed the word, it changed the course of nature by causing her to conceive a child without the aid of a man. The word of God produced and presented Jesus to the world to administer unlimited power to those who received Jesus' gospel. Men of the world were then given knowledge that the word of God could keep them living above sin in spite of their conception that was produced from the nature of sin.

When God sent His word to the world, He put His word in a human body like the people of the world were living in. Of all the problems that the people of the world were having living in human bodies, Jesus was able to demonstrate that if they obeyed the word of God, their problems could be solved by the word that they obeyed.

Subject: The Word Of God Is A Strong Tower:

Though men may have been used of God to write His holy word, the word of God is not an expression of the minds of men. The Bible is not a reflection of the way men think. Unless a preacher has been filled with the Holy Ghost, the words that he speaks will be a product of his mind. A Holy Ghost filled preacher will speak words that are a product from the mind of God. The Bible is a manifestation of the mind of God, and not the mind of men

When the word of God came to the prophet Isaiah, he said that the Lord will give you a sign, "... Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). A man would not make a statement like this. God speaks according to His foreknowledge. Time has no effect upon the word of God coming to pass.

The word of God is a strong tower that nothing can be against it. If you take the word of God and obey it by practicing what it teaches, you will be able to

overcome any evil opposition. Jesus is the word of God made flesh. God sent Jesus into the world that He might demonstrate that the word of God could give us victory over the troubles of this world if we would obey it.

Subject: You Cannot Defeat The Devil Without Knowledge Of The Word Of God:

If you have knowledge of the word of God, and you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you can fight the devil, because the word of God is the sword of the Spirit. Now if you are not fully equipped in this manner, you will find yourself losing the battle against the devil. Ephesians 6:15 teaches that you must be shod with the preparation of the gospel; this means that you must know the word of God. When you don't know the word of God, the devil can use your preacher to fool you by means of deception.

Many preachers today don't fully inform their listeners on what the word of God teaches. For example has your pastor taught that I Corinthians 6:9-10 teaches that an unrighteous person cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. These scriptures give a complete and detailed description of an unrighteous person. Listen to I Corinthians 6:9-11:

Verse 9 - Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind.

When you are born again you are washed spiritually from these unrighteous sins.

Verse 10 - Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

When God saves you, you will no longer fit the description of an unrighteous person because you will be washed and sanctified by the Holy Spirit to no longer fit a description of an unrighteous person.

Verse 11 - And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but

ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of
the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

When you don't have knowledge of the word of God, you cannot successfully
defeat the devil.



CHAPTER III

SIN & REPENTANCE

Subject: Transgressions:

Adam fell from grace by transgression. The people of the world can be restored back to grace, by not continuing to trespass God's commandments. God does not charge those who were born after Adam for being born as transgressors, but He charges us for being continuous transgressors and failing to accept the grace of God that was offered to the world in Jesus Christ.

If after that we learn we were born as transgressors, and we decide to repent of our sins and obey God, then the charge of being a transgressor will be lifted. God will then give us the Holy Spirit that will assist us with power not to continue in our transgressions. We will then be able to govern ourselves according to the grace that was given to us.

Transgression against God's commandment entered after the commandment was given. When we live above what the commandments forbid us not to do, there will be no more need for the commandments resulting to no more transgressions.

Subject: God Will Cast Your Sins Into A Sea Of Forgetfulness:

The more you live in sin, the worse your life will be, but if you yoke-up with Jesus, He will teach you how to live righteously. After you live a new life in Christ, you will be able to look back upon your old life of sin with joy of how Christ helped you to overcome.

When you were a sinner, there were many things in your old life that you tried to conceal. You could not cover sins, only Christ has power to cover your old life of sin. When Christ covers your old life of sin, nobody can use it against you again. Christ will cast your sins into a sea of forgetfulness and they will not be remembered against you anymore by God who is the judge of all.

Subject: The Works Of The Devil Must Be Replaced:

God sent Jesus into the world to destroy the works of the devil. If the works of the devil are in your life, Jesus was sent to rid you of the works of the devil. Getting things out of our lives that we want to keep can cause us to be uncomfortable. The devil's device is to make us think that we are happy with the works of the devil in our lives.

Jesus will first give us a detailed description of the works of the devil, and afterward, teach us how to repent of such works. After we have followed Jesus' instructions, He will replace the works of the devil with the works of God. God's plan for man is to bless him so that God can be glorified in man. The only thing that can make a person happy is when God is glorified in his life. The glory of God brings joy of heart to the person that receives Jesus Christ.

Subject: A Sinner Does Not Know When Or How His Or Her Life Will End:

If a person commits sin, he or she does not know how their day will end. A sinner lives each day by time and chance. Their way of life is uncertain, and their end could be unexpected. Those who live above sin have no limit to the bounds of joy and blessings from God. They will live out the days that God has promised them, unless Jesus comes to take them to heaven while they live.

The holiness of God is absolutely a part of their being, because they live continuously free of condemnation. Condemnation does not come from God; it comes from the law that man breaks when he fails to obey God.

Subject: Sin Is Concealed In The Hearts Of People Before It Is Manifested:

Sin gets worse in every generation that comes on the scene. Sin has brought upon the human family so much weakness and so many disorders that the present generation is revealed to be weaker and more wicked than any previous generation.

God saw that it was necessary to raise up someone to uncover the secret sin, because sin conceals itself in the hearts of men before it is activated. Sin is like a bad seed that is planted in the hearts of people, and it chooses its time to come forth to destroy. Listen to St. Mark 7:21-23:

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

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

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

Subject: Workers Of Iniquity Will Be Rejected By God:

No matter what many may think, God will never support sin nor a sinner's justification for sinful acts. God is against sin, and sin is against God. God is for the sinner who puts forth an effort to stop sinning. A sinner is a person who intentionally plans to commit sin. It is sometimes committed with excuses and purposes that the sinner justifies as being acceptable for the act of sin. Many might believe that sinners are only those who do not work in the church. Working in a church does not make a person righteous no more than working in a zoo will make a person a monkey. When a sinner works in a church as a pastor, deacon, trustee,

or choir member, they will be labeled by God as being workers of iniquity. Listen to St. Matthew 7: 21-23:

Verse 21 - *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

Verse 22 - Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Verse 23 - And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Subject: Watch Hate:

You have to be careful when you have hate for someone. Hate has more power than your ability to choose whom you want to hate. If you let hate into the doors of your mind it will take over. When hate is in your heart it is in charge and you may not realize it initially.

Now some folk may think that they can hate black folk, Asian folk or white folk, but that's deceiving, because hate has been proven to be indiscriminate. Hate will make you kill your own mother, wife, children, sister or brother if you let it come into your heart. It can come in as racial hatred, but it can change course after it gets in. Only God can set you free of hate. Remember the first son of Adam and Eve named Cain. Cain killed his own brother who was of the same nationality. Listen to why he did it in I John 3:11-12:

Verse 11 - For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Verse 12 - Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own

works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

Once hate gets into your heart, the initial reason for you letting hate in does not have to be the purpose for hate coming in. There were many politicians who opposed President Obama being elected for what they thought were political reasons, but after President Obama was elected, they still opposed him for reasons not related to politics. When hate comes into a person's heart, hate decides the reasons to remain in a person's heart.

Many opposing politicians hate President Obama because his works are good, just as Cain hated his brother Abel because his works were good. There are many politicians that hate President Obama because the economy has improved since he has been in office.

Subject: Hatred Can Keep You Out Of Heaven:

Hatred must be destroyed in everybody who would desire to go to heaven. You can't get rid of hatred after you get to heaven, because you will not be able to get in with hatred. In order to get hatred out of your heart, you must learn to love those who hate you. In heaven, there will be only love, joy, and peace, but it must be introduced to you while you are on earth.

Hatred is a sin that does not have to be active. It can be in reserve in your heart and carry you to hell along with a murderer. God categorizes hatred with murder, because the first murder was committed by a person who hated his brother. Hatred can be produced from jealousy, or evil words that are spoken against you. Only the Holy Spirit can completely remove hatred from a person's heart. Listen to I John 3:11-15:

Verse 11 - For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Verse 12 - Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

Verse 13 - Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

Verse 14 - We know that we have passed from death unto life,

because we love the brethren, He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

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

Subject: Abstain From Fornication:

When you come to Christ with a sincere heart, something will be done for you. The following scripture teaches us what will be done by the Holy Spirit and power of God. Listen to I Thessalonians 4:3-4

Verse 3 - For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

Verse 4 - That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour.

Your vessel is your body that God will sanctify. This means God will separate your body from sinful pleasures of the world that corrupted it. Fornication is a corruptible desire that is to have sex with someone other than a spouse of the opposite sex. Homosexual spouses are excluded, and any sexual act between such spouses is labeled by God as being an act of fornication. Any sexual act between two people that are not married is fornication, including homosexuals. God will give you power to abstain from fornication when you are saved.

Subject: It Is By The Lord's Mercy That We Are Not Consumed:

After the fall of Adam, the devil began to tempt and lead man further away from God. Today man is so far from God that many do not know right from wrong. Man justifies wrong and makes excuses for not doing right. Men have

become thieves, covetous, liars, murderers, and given to violence and riotous living. Man has found himself spiritually dead.

God seeing that man was in such sad condition worked out a plan for man to restore his lost relationship with God and sent Christ to the earth to redeem man. God searched heaven and earth looking for a redeeming source for man. He decided to take His word, which was Christ, and made it flesh to come to the earth to be a sacrifice for man's sad condition.

Jesus was the redemption source for mankind. All who received Jesus as their personal Savior have experienced redemption of the soul, and Jesus will eventually turn these corruptible bodies into incorruptible bodies. These mortal bodies will become immortal and will be like Jesus' own glorious body.

Before this process of redemption can take place, a man must deny himself of all evil habits, such as alcoholic drinks, gambling, smoking, illegal drugs, fornication, adultery and homosexual practices. This is not asking too much of man because, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness". (Lamentations 3:22-23.)

Subject: You Must Repent To Receive Jesus:

God brought His first son (Adam) from the dust of the earth, and His second Son Jesus was brought from heaven conceived by God's Holy Spirit. Today we know Jesus as He came through forty-two generations down to the Virgin Mary of the seed of Abraham. Mary was a pure, holy virgin undefiled by man, prepared by God to be the mother of Jesus. All this was done that God might fulfill His promise which He spake through the prophet Isaiah when He said, "A virgin shall conceive".

Prior to Jesus' coming to the earth, God arranged in His plan that there should be a forerunner to introduce to the people the coming of Christ, and to prepare them to receive the Lord. The primary preparation for receiving Jesus as was introduced by John the Baptist was repentance. Today repentance is still the only sincere means of preparing to receive Jesus Christ. Repentance is an apology to God for being born in an under-privileged nature to commit sin. When your repentance is sincere, the power of God will initiate the new-birth of righteousness into your life.

Subject: It Is Not The Will Of God That The Wicked Shall Perish:

Unless you are born again and your mind is under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, your own thoughts can deceive you. Jesus explained perfectly that we might have an understanding of the word of God that will lead us in the right path. This is very important because the wicked shall be judged by his own deeds, and it is by means of his thoughts that his deeds will lead him to destruction.

God has so much love that He won't lead anybody to destruction. It is the will of God that the unsaved turn from their evil deeds at God's reproof. God desires that the deeds of the unsaved be changed from unrighteousness to righteousness. The scriptures clearly give a description of righteousness and unrighteousness so that man can repent and be saved.

Subject: You Can Live Above Sin With The Help Of God:

When you live above the practice of sin, you are a saint. You cannot be a saint unless your life has been sanctified or set apart from sinful practices by the Holy Spirit, which gives you the new-birth in Christ. The Holy Spirit separates your life and desires from acts of sin that you previously desired to do before you were born again. The Spirit of God gives you the power and ability to live above sinful acts.

It is the devil that uses the temptation to commit sin to make you harm yourself. When you repent, God uses the power of His Holy Spirit to deliver you from the temptations of the devil by giving you knowledge of the temptations and desires not to yield. After this is done for you by God, the devil is unable to harm you, because you will have a distaste for the devil's enticements, and power not to accept his offers.

Subject: The Carnal Nature Can Be Replaced:

The carnal nature is what the human race was cursed with. It is the nature to be sinful or ungodly. When a person is born into this world the carnal nature goes into action. It is programmed by the devil to be contrary to God's commandments. Humans do not have power to control the carnal nature though they can repent of some sins.

A person will be able to see that they are not saved by watching the works of the carnal nature in their life. If a person disapproves of the works of the carnal nature, they can go to God and ask Him to remove the carnal nature and give them a holy nature, which will be divine. If their request is sincere, God will give them the Holy Spirit, which will replace the carnal nature and give them the power to live above their previous acts of sin.

Subject: The Blood Is An Atonement For Sin:

It is the blood of Jesus Christ that gives us eternal life. The blood of Jesus should be honored by those who are saved by taking communion. Jesus' blood was very sacred, and was empowered and ordained by God to take away the desires to commit sin. When a person accepts the teachings of Jesus Christ, the blood that He shed on Calvary about 2,000 years ago still has power to remove their nature of sin.

The blood of Jesus Christ is an acceptable sacrifice for the atonement of sins. Such an atonement only goes into effect when a person repents of their sins. You can only know that the atonement has honored your repentance when you have no more desire to commit sin.

Subject: The Atonement For Sin Is Still Effective:

Jesus did not do secret works of miracles. Jesus healed the sick and gave sight to the blind in open public places where other people who were there could witness His works. He healed people that others knew were previously blind or lame. Jesus did not merely come to the earth as the Messiah in name only; but Jesus was the Messiah in deed also. When Jesus was crucified, it was an atonement for the sins of those who believed Him that had power to remove their nature and desires to commit sin. Just as the atonement for sin worked for the

people who received Jesus 2,000 years ago, it works today for those who receive Him.

Today Christ is still able to put away sin by His sacrifice on Calvary as effectively as He did it the day He was crucified. Though sin and its consequences are still very much with us, the power of God can still save us from sin. One day real soon the full blessings of the work of the cross will apply, and eventually there will be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness (II Peter 3:13).

CHAPTER IV

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD

Subject: Do You Know The Works Of The Holy Ghost?

Church folk of today have not been properly taught about the works of the Holy Ghost. Knowledge of the Holy Ghost is the most important information that church folk who want to be saved should be educated about. Unless the power of the Holy Ghost has given a person the new-birth, they are not saved.

Prior to Jesus leaving the earth, He left instructions with His disciples on how to prepare to receive the Holy Ghost. Jesus gave a detailed description of the works of the Holy Ghost, and the effect that it would have on the lives of those who received it. To be church affiliated and ignorant of the works of the Holy Ghost is to be religiously deceived.

Church leaders that don't teach by giving an accurate description of the Holy Ghost are working for the devil. John the Baptist came reproving the world of sin,

but he didn't fail to tell the people who repented and who were baptized that there cometh one behind me who shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

Jesus came to bear witness of His Father, and the Holy Ghost was sent to bear witness of Jesus. The works of the Holy Ghost in a person's life are done to the glory of Jesus, and do not glorify or magnify those who are filled with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost has one main purpose in the lives of those who are saved, and that is to give them power not to commit sin (Acts 1:8).

Folk who go to church and try to show off with ignorant performances such as falling on the floor and speaking in unknown tongues are victims of deceit, being ignorant of the works of the Holy Ghost. The works of the Holy Ghost in a person's life will manifest the fruits of the Spirit and not ignorant demonstrations in some church.

The Holy Ghost delivers a person from the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21). Afterward, the works of the Spirit will be revealed in the lives of those who are filled with the Holy Ghost as it is taught in Galatians 5:22-23.

Subject: The Spirit Of The Word:

Jesus was known in heaven as the word of God before He was sent to the earth. It was Jesus who spoke everything into existence when God created the heavens and the earth. Jesus was a part of God. God, who rules the universe, moved out with His word, made it flesh, and sent it among the people of the earth that they might be saved.

Jesus lived among the people of the earth for 33 years, and afterward He was crucified. He arose the third day by the power of God. The same God who raises the sun every morning raised Jesus from the grave. Jesus went back to heaven after His resurrection, but before He left the earth, He said, I am going to send you the promise of the Father, the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of the word that Jesus preached, so that we could have something to guide us in the paths of the truth.

The Holy Ghost brings about what God's word teaches and causes it to happen, when we believe what the word teaches. When we get saved, the Spirit of God will bear witness that something has happened to us. The Holy Ghost will then guide us for the remaining of our lives on earth.

Subject: God Is Spirit:

It is difficult for many to believe something that they have not seen, so God sent His only begotten Son to the earth that the world might behold the glory of God in Jesus Christ. For those who are saved, others can see Jesus in their lives. God is spirit, and not a flesh and blood man. God will occupy the flesh and blood bodies of those that He saves so that the world can see how the Spirit of God can live in flesh and blood bodies, and not commit sin. When you see a person who is filled with the Spirit of God, you are looking at God.

Subject: Regeneration:

To be regenerated means to be given a new life source by the power of the Holy Spirit. It means to be delivered from the limited life source that placed you into the generation that you were born in of your parents. To be regenerated means that you have experienced a renewing of the Holy Ghost that was prophesied by the prophet Joel, who said that in the last days, God would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. Today you can only follow the teachings of the word of God when you have been regenerated.

To be regenerated means that your spiritual eyes are opened and you will be able to understand the word of God. If you have not been partaker of the regeneration process, it means that you are blinded by the gods of this world, and you can only understand what man teaches and not what God teaches.

Subject: A Limited Conversion:

Only the Holy Ghost can help you to receive the new-birth from the word of God. Unless the Holy Ghost is actively involved with the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the listeners cannot be saved. The gospel of Jesus Christ must be deplored by a Holy Ghost sent preacher to administer the new-birth to the listeners. The Holy Ghost has power to penetrate a carnal mind, and to impregnate the mind with a conversion that will give the listeners the new- birth.

A conversion without the assistance of the Holy Ghost will be of no profit to the listeners. Such a conversion will later allow the listeners to go back to a life of sin. A conversion without the presence of the Holy Spirit is none other than efforts to be saved without the assistance of the Holy Ghost. These type conversions are limited to whatever righteousness a person can initiate without the help of God.

Such religious practical's efforts to be saved will be of their own righteousness, and not the righteousness of faith in Jesus Christ.

Subject: The Power Of His Resurrection:

God has arranged that we be born again and excused from all of our transgressions on one condition, and that is after we have been forgiven, we will go in peace and sin no more (St. John 8:11). God sent Jesus in a human body to demonstrate that this was possible for humans of the earth to do if they believed His gospel. This is the only condition by which humans of the earth could be saved.

Under the existing law of God, all who sinned were dead and damned. Therefore, God offered this plan for the people of the earth to be saved. Jesus was sent to teach us how to adjust our lives to the plan that God offered. He walked in the midst of men and gathered a little cabinet of twelve disciples, and commissioned them to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature what He had taught them, and whosoever believe would be saved, because of Jesus' resurrection after He was crucified. The power in Jesus' resurrection would allow all who believed to be resurrected as new creatures in Christ.

Subject: The Giver Of Life:

God holds immortality in His hands; He is the giver of life. For those that He gives the new-birth to, they will be saved according to the promise of God. A witness of your salvation will be brought into your life while you are on the earth by the Holy Spirit, which will produce fruit unto holiness. Your life will produce the fruit of the Spirit, such as love, joy, peace, patience, meekness, humility, goodness, and faith.

You cannot bear fruit unless you are connected to the vine, which is Jesus. The Holy Spirit connects you to the vine. When you are free from sin, your life will produce fruit that will be unto holiness, and at the end of your life on earth, you will enter eternity to receive everlasting life in heaven.

Subject: If You Are Connected To The True Vine, You Should Be Holy:

God speaks in parables so that man might look upon the natural and thereby see the spiritual. The natural is of the earth and the spiritual is of heaven. When we obey a spiritual teaching from heaven, it will give us a heavenly life, because life from heaven is given in the word of God.

The word of God connects us with the immortality of God. After we receive the word of God, we will live the life of Christ while we are on the earth. This life will later be perpetuated into the kingdom of heaven. Christ who brought the holy word of God to us is holy. Those who receive the word become the branches, or life of the vine. Christ is then the vine, and we are the branches. The life of the vine flows through the branches by the power of the Holy Spirit. When the vine, the word, and the Spirit are holy, all of the branches will also be holy. If a person does not see holy fruit developing in his or her life, then it means that they are not connected to the vine.

Subject: If You Forsake Your Sins God Will Justify You:

You must make a decision to be saved before Jesus returns. The moment that you give your mind to God, and ask Him to help you to do the things that are right, and to cease from doing wrong, He will give you a new mind. People who sin don't get any lasting joy out of it because it leaves them in condemnation. It is the carnal mind of a person that causes them to sin, and only God can take out the carnal mind.

You must first believe that God is able to save you, and because you believe it and confess it, He will save and keep you. After God saves you He gives you the Holy Spirit to guide you through life teaching you how to stay saved. If you confess your sins to God, not to a church, and along with your confession put forth an effort to forsake your sins, God will justify you. You will know that you are justified because all of the condemnation that was previously in your mind will leave. God will then separate you from all that is wrong and the Spirit of God will from that day control the remaining of your life.

Subject: Do You Know About The Holy Ghost?

To think that you believe the gospel of Jesus Christ is only confirmed when you receive the Holy Ghost. The true witness to your belief of the gospel is authenticated when you are filled with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the only true witness that Christ is in a person's life. Listen to Acts 19:1-2:

Verse 1 - And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

Verse 2 - He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Make no mistake, though you may have heard the name "Holy Ghost" mentioned, in actuality you don't really know whether there be any Holy Ghost unless you are filled with the Holy Ghost.

You can only know of the existence of the Holy Ghost when you have experienced the works of the Holy Ghost in your life. Speaking in unknown tongues is not evidence of the Holy Ghost; it is evidence of religious ignorance. The Holy Ghost brings the light of the gospel into your mind so that you can comprehend what it is teaching. You cannot learn spiritual knowledge unless you have a spiritual teacher, and the Holy Ghost is a spiritual teacher.

The Holy Ghost gives your mind an anointing so that you can receive and understand the word of God. An anointing is a preparation process given to the person who receives the gospel of Jesus Christ to assist their ability to understand the gospel. The anointing gives the person the mind to use the word of God in their everyday life. It qualifies their minds to be a reception center for the word of God that is in harmony with the will of God. When the Holy Ghost anoints a person's mind, it enables them to think like God desires and for them to think being in agreeance with what the word of God is saying.

Subject: It Is Very Important That The Church Be Taught

The Correct Knowledge About The Holy Ghost:

The Holy Ghost can only be administered by means of a God sent preacher. When a God sent preacher is teaching the people; those who receive the teaching will be filled with the Holy Ghost. It is very important that a preacher tells the listeners that after they have heard the true gospel and received it, that they have got to receive the Holy Ghost, but if this knowledge is kept from the listeners, the people will not know whether there be any Holy Ghost or not. The Holy Ghost will only come into the lives of those who are taught the knowledge of its mission and purpose for the people.

Listen carefully: John the Baptist came reproving the world of sin, but he didn't fail to tell the people who repented and were baptized that there cometh one after me who shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Now to receive the Holy Ghost you must first be taught the correct knowledge. The Holy Ghost will not come into your life when your knowledge is incorrect. The Holy Ghost is not foolishness such as falling on the floor, foaming at the mouth, or speaking in unknown tongues in some shameful exhibition based upon religious ignorance. It is not a demonstration that appeals to the ignorance of the people.

God does not give the Holy Ghost to demonstrate or to allow someone to show off. He gives the Holy Ghost so that those who receive it might administrate to other sinners who desire to be saved. It is not given to show that a preacher can heal or do miracles; those type performances are false demonstrations by false preachers. Those who receive the Holy Ghost are humble, retiring; and all they have to say or do is a reflection of the light of Christ to the glory of God.

Jesus came to bear witness of the Father, and He never talked about Himself. The Holy Ghost came to bear witness of Jesus, and if you have it, you won't exalt self. Whatever the Holy Ghost does through a minister of God, it is done to the glory of Christ as Christ glorified the Father, and that is not to any praise or credit to us.

The church needs to know about the Holy Ghost. The church needs to know that the Holy Ghost magnifies Christ as the light of the world, but the light cannot shine to direct people to Christ unless the church is filled with the Holy Ghost. If the church does not expose the darkness of sin in the world, then it is not performing its function, and the Holy Ghost is not present in such a church.

The early church after having been established by the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost was aflame in the world and convicted the world of sin, or righteousness and of judgment. There was never any doubt of the mission of the Holy Ghost because the Spirit kept the leaders zealously proclaiming the gospel. The hearts of men were turned to God by the thousands. When the truth is

being preached today and the true mission is made known, thousands will come to God.

Subject: The People Must Be Taught The Complete Work Of Grace:

When a preacher fails to indoctrinate the people as to the importance of being filled with the Holy Ghost, this will result to their enthusiasm dying down after his sermon is finished, and the people who believed will go back to their previous ways of living as sinners. The devil is the minister of sin and there is only one match for the works of the devil, and that is the Holy Spirit. Faith justifies, the Spirit sanctifies, and this is the complete work of grace.

The Holy Spirit separates you from sinners and a life of sinful activities to the extent that you will no longer have any fellowship with the unfruitful workers of darkness; and when such works are presented to you, you will reprove them. When you are living in the world, you cannot be completely separated from sinners because you will have to work and do business with them. However, when the devil uses the sinners to give you an invitation to indulge in their sinful activities, then the Spirit of the Lord in you will lift up a standard of righteousness and not compromise. You will not be successful at doing this without the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will manifest itself in your life without any effort on your part, and the spirit of humility, which is one of the fruits of the Spirit, will keep you from going to some church to show-off. You cannot use the Holy Spirit; the Spirit uses you. It makes you refined, intelligent, dignified, godly, meek, faithful, patient, peaceful, easily entreated, longsuffering, without hypocrisy, good, and full of divine love.

Subject: Spiritual Sight:

Spiritual sight must be given to you by God. It is a gift from God that comes with the Holy Spirit. Spiritual sight enables your understanding to be expanded to the extent that you will be able to apply the knowledge of the word of God to your everyday life to help you.

There are many problems that people have in life, because they lack spiritual sight. They have no understanding of the best way to do things. When you are born again, God will give you spiritual sight to make life better for you. With spiritual sight, you can perceive problems ahead of time. God gives power to the spiritual eye from the knowledge of His word. Good spiritual eyes help you to perceive rather than to see visually. To perceive is the ability to comprehend rather than to have a picture of a situation that your physical eyes can give you.

Subject: The Holy Spirit Gives You Wisdom:

There is only one source of help for man in this present world and that is the Spirit of God. You must be baptized with the Holy Spirit, which means to be born again. When the Spirit of God is helping you, it gives you orders from the word of God. God has ordained that you live according to His word knowing of the troubles, and problems that you will have in a sin-cursed world. So, God gives you His Spirit to assist and to guide you through life. You don't have to be wealthy, rich, or famous to receive the Holy Spirit; all you need is a mind that is willing to obey God's word. When you receive the Holy Spirit, it will give you wisdom. Wisdom helps you to identify evil things that will make your life difficult, and the Spirit will show you how to live and to avoid such things.

Subject: Is The Light Of Christ Under A Bushel?

When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, the light of the gospel will be seen in your life. When Jesus was in the world, He was the light. Before He left the earth He said to His disciples that the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, will be given to you, and the light of the gospel will continue to shine before men that they might see your good works to glorify your Father which is in heaven. All this would be made possible by the Holy Ghost, which would indwell within them. Today the church is supposed to exemplify the same light if the members have the Holy Ghost.

The instructions from Christ to His disciples was to not keep the light of the gospel under a bushel, but to put it on a candlestick so that it might give light to all that are in the house. The only way that the world can see the way to Christ is when the light is on a candlestick. The word light means righteousness. If the church members are practicing sin, it means the light has been placed under a bushel. Listen to St. Matthews 5:14-16:

Verse 14 - *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*

Verse 15 - *Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*

Verse 16 - *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works , and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Subject: Our True Character:

Physically we exist in flesh and blood bodies, but we also have a spiritual existence. In our spiritual state, we exist according to the spirit that represents our character. If we have a carnal spirit then our character will present us to others with a sinful nature. If we have been filled with the Holy Spirit, then the Holy Spirit will present us to others with a character that has the substance of the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The words that we use to introduce ourselves will be presenting the true substance of our character. In such situations, our words will be a true description of who we are. We will then back our words up with our actions that will be a true reflection of our character. Our actions will be the veracity of our words. All of this would be the results of the Spirit of God that we have been given from God.

Subject: The People Of God Are Appointed Unto Salvation:

The Holy Spirit is the greatest blessing that can be given to a person. This means that God has given a part of Himself to the person. When the Holy Spirit is given to a person, it will be inclusive with God and Jesus making an abode in the person's life. Listen to St. John 14:23:

Verse 23 - Jesus answered and said unto him, *If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

Now the Holy Spirit is only given to certain people; it is not given to everybody who goes to church, but God elects those to whom He will give His Spirit. Such an election by God was made before the foundation of the world. This means that such people are ordained by God to be saved. When these people are born into the world, they are born as children of God, and Jesus was sent by God to save them and the Holy Spirit is given to them to keep them saved. Listen to St. Matthew 1:21:

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

These people are born into the world as God's children, they are prepared to receive Jesus at an appointed time, and Jesus along with the power of the Holy Spirit will make them ready for God to receive them into His kingdom. Listen to St. Luke 1:17:

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

Those who will receive the Holy Spirit are already prepared by God to receive it at an appointed time in their lives. These children of God are not appointed unto God's wrath but unto salvation. Listen to I Thessalonians 5:9-11:

Verse 9 - For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Verse 10 - Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

Verse 11 - Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Subject: A Seal Of Righteousness:

We are among the last generations on the earth. Just a few more seasons and the old world will close her chapter. For those who have clean hands and pure hearts, there will be a greater day on the horizon. You must be sure that you have the Holy Spirit so that no bitterness or strife will arise in your heart. The Holy Spirit will seal up your heart until Jesus comes to receive you. The Holy Spirit seals up your heart (mind) with righteousness if you are born again. Listen to Ephesians 1:13-14:

Verse 13 - In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

When the Holy Spirit seals your heart with righteousness it will keep you righteous until Jesus returns.

Verse 14 - Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

CHAPTER V

THE SPIRITUAL BIRTH

Subject: Nicodemus Was Not A Fool:

To illustrate the most essential spiritual experience concerning the salvation of man, Christ used these two terms, being born and being buried. Listen carefully to the most important story in the Bible, St. John 3:1-3:

- Verse 1 - There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
- Verse 2 - The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from

God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Verse 3 - Jesus answered and said unto him, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

Jesus was speaking to a ruler of the Jews who came to Him by night that he might obtain knowledge from Him. Nicodemus had good common sense, and he had accepted the fact that he had no knowledge of the works of God that were done by a lowly Nazarene like Jesus.

Nicodemus came to Jesus that he might learn what was required to get into the kingdom of heaven. Nicodemus was convinced that if a man could do the miracles that Jesus did, then such a man also had knowledge greater than the existing knowledge that the Jews had been taught on how to get into the kingdom of heaven. Unlike most of the Jewish leaders of that day, Nicodemus did not wallow in his ignorance, but he sought to improve his knowledge, even if he had to come to Jesus by night

Death was not something that Nicodemus wanted to take a chance on. He thought it would be wise to learn a little more about life after death than to remain in ignorance. Though Nicodemus was not knowledgeable of how to get into the kingdom of heaven, neither was he a fool.

Subject: The Spiritual Birth Versus The Earthly Birth:

Nicodemus did not understand the second birth, so he asked the question in St. John 3:4, “How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?” Jesus knew that the only understanding that Nicodemus had about birth was the delivery of a child by a mother at the end of pregnancy. This is the knowledge that Jesus wanted to work with to help Nicodemus to understand the second birth.

Jesus is going to make a comparison using the first birth of a child to the second birth, which is a spiritual birth. Keep in mind that spiritual knowledge is from heaven, and worldly knowledge is of the earth. Jesus is going to take Nicodemus’ mind out of the world and into the spiritual knowledge of God.

So Jesus is using Nicodemus’ knowledge of child birth to do this. Jesus further teaches by expounding on earthly knowledge saying, that which is born of the earth is flesh, and that which is born the second time of God is spirit. Fleshly

things are sinful and give a limited life on earth, but heavenly things are righteous and give eternal life in God's kingdom. When you are born again of the Spirit of God, it makes you a spiritual, new creature in righteousness qualifying you to be a citizen of the kingdom of heaven.

Subject: That Which Is Born Of The Spirit Is Spirit:

Unlike physical things, spiritual things do not have to be visible, but they are real. Spiritual things can manifest themselves by power, where-as physical things can manifest their reality by appearance. Spiritual things are like the wind, which can make itself known by the effect that it has upon things around it (St. John 3:8).

Jesus taught Nicodemus that the wind blows where you hear it, and though you cannot see it, you will see the effects of its power that it has upon things around it. This is the same way the Holy Spirit has an effect upon those who are born again. You cannot see the Holy Spirit, but you see how it can change a person's life from a carnal state to a spiritual state.

When the Spirit of God moves upon an unsaved person who is living in the flesh, it has power to change the person's life and cause the person to live in the Spirit. Listen to Galatians 5:16:

Verse 16 - This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

You are walking in the Spirit when the Spirit has changed you, and caused you to live free from sin. When you are born of the Spirit you cannot see the Spirit, but you can see evidence of the Spirit in your sin-free life. That which is born of Spirit is Spirit. Listen to St. John 3:6

Verse 6 - *That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

Subject: By Grace Are You Saved?

Very few people realize that God will not hear sinners pray. Sinners are transgressors of the law of God. When you are a sinner, you are not under grace, but under the law. Grace does not apply to a sinner. The program that God arranged to bring us under grace only goes into effect when you are born again. When you are born again, you are born of God, and the seed, which is the word of God, will keep you from committing sin. This keeping power from the word of God keeps you under grace. If you are not kept under grace by the word of God, the law that God gave to Moses will condemn you. Grace has only saved you from the condemnation of the law when the law does not condemn your sinful practices.

If the law states that you should not commit adultery and you commit adultery, then the law applies to your acts of adultery and thereby you are condemned. If grace has been given to you by means of the new-birth in Christ, it will save you from the acts of adultery and you are then saved by grace. You are not saved by grace if the law can be applied to the way you live, bringing you under condemnation of what the law teaches and forbids.

Subject: The Same Spirit That Conceived Jesus In The Womb Of The Virgin Mary Must Also Conceive Salvation In Our Minds:

We must be born again by the same power and process that Jesus was conceived by (St. Luke 1:31). Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary. Jesus came forth as a human being living a life in this world with no sin in His nature (St. John 3:6).

If we are born again by the power of the same Holy Spirit that conceived Jesus, we should have the same nature that Jesus had, which is to live without the desire to commit sin. Jesus knew no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Jesus was sent to the earth by God to be our example of how we can live a sin-free life.

Just as Jesus received the birth of His physical body, we should receive the birth of a new mind that will discipline our bodies not to commit sin just as Jesus lived without committing sin.

Subject: Spiritual Bondage:

Your freedom from sin only comes through faith in the teachings of Jesus Christ, after which you are no longer condemned under the law. If you are not born again, you are not free from sin or the condemnation of the law. You are not liberated from sin as a people would be free from civil or social bondage. You are free from sin by being liberated from your desires to commit sin. Spiritual bondage keeps you in bondage of your sinful desires. Only Christ can set you free from spiritual bondage.

When you are born into the world the first time, you are born in spiritual bondage, which means you are born after the flesh with desires to please the sinful cravings of the flesh. When you are born again of the Spirit of God you are liberated from the desires to please the flesh. Listen carefully: Abraham had two sons; one was born of a bondwoman, which was Hagar, and the other was born of a free woman, which was Sarah. The son that was born of a bondwoman was rejected by God, but Isaac who was born of a free woman was accepted by God.

This is an allegory or symbol of those who would be saved in the last days. The son that was born of a free woman is a symbol of those who are born again of the Spirit of God. The son who was born of a bondwoman is a symbol of those who have not been born again. Listen to Galatians 4:22-23:

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

Verse 23 - But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

In order to receive the birth of a freewoman you must reject the life of sin in the flesh that your first birth gave you, which was the birth of a bondwoman. You must cast out the bondwoman, and her son to receive the birth of the freewoman, which is in Christ Jesus. Listen to Galatians 4:30:

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

You cannot be saved living a life of sin after the bondwoman and a life of righteousness after the freewoman. You must reject the life of sinful desires after the bondwoman to be able to live a life free from sin after the freewoman. Only

Christ can give us the liberty to be free from sin that we may no longer be again entangled in the yoke of bondage. Listen to Galatians 5:1:

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

Subject: The Rulership Of The World Will Be Given To The Children Of God:

When you are saved, you are adopted into the family of God by Jesus Christ. Jesus is the adoption agent. God sent forth Jesus made of a woman, made under the law to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons and daughters. It is because we were taken from bondage under the elements of the world that God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts. This means we are no more children of bondage condemned under the Law of Moses, but heirs of God through Christ. We may be under the authority of those who are unsaved and have the wealth of the world, but we are yet heirs of all that the Father possesses. In a little while, the children of God will inherit the earth. The earth is the Lord's and it doesn't belong to any man who seems to hold the possessions of it. It belongs to God our Father, and God is going to give possession of it to His children.

We as children of God may appear too small and unimportant to those who have made themselves god of the world during this present time. We can do no more than what they tell us to do. They are like a servant in a great house over a child of the rich family. After being born again of the Spirit of God, we who were once under bondage have learned our true position before God, and realize that the possessions of those in this present world will only last for a while. But God has stated in Psalm 37:7-11 as follows:

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.

Those who are born again are children of God though we may be in the service of the rich and well to do, but being children of God we are the rightful heirs. We shall one day according to God's word, come into possession of all that God has created. This means the government and rulership of the world shall be given to the children of God.

Subject: The Redeemed Of The Lord:

To be redeemed means that you are no longer under the curse and condemnation of sin. When you are redeemed, you become a holy person sought out by God. This means that God found you as a sinner and saved you from sin. You cannot be redeemed unless you are holy or saved from sin. God sent Jesus into the world for the purpose of redeeming a people. Today those who worship God in Spirit and in truth are called a holy people or the redeemed of the Lord. Listen to Isaiah 62:12:

Verse 12 - And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Subject: The Saved Person:

When you have truly been born again, you are saved. You are then saved from the practice of sin. This means you are filled with the Holy Ghost, and you are steadfast and upright in your walk or way of living.

You will at this point in your life take instructions from the gospel and apply the instructions to your everyday life. You will do missionary work and carry the burdens of those who are spiritually weak. You will honor, respect, and obey your religious leader. You will be submissive to his counsel and acknowledge his instruction above your own discretion. You will support the finances in your religious organization.

If your religious organization is ungodly and permits practices of sin, you will come out from among them and pray that God will lead you to a spiritual organization where the doctrine is sin-free.

Subject: The Minds Of Saved People Are Considered As Good Ground:

Jesus taught a parable saying, “... *the kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seeds in his field*” (St. Matthew 13:24). The disciples requested of Jesus to explain the meaning of the parable. Jesus said, “*He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man*” or Himself. He further taught that the good seed is the children of God and the tares in His parable are the children of the devil.

A saved person was planted into the earth by God. This means the parents of a saved person produced their physical bodies, but God planted their souls or minds. Such people who are planted by God will come forth with a mind to obey God, and be saved. Jesus referred to the minds of saved people as being good ground, because their minds are receptive to the teaching of the word of God. Listen to St. Mark 4:20:

Verse 20 - And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

If you are saved, your mind was planted into your body by God. Only those who have minds that were planted in the earth by God can receive the word of God.

Subject: The Babe In Christ:

When you first start off with Christ you are what the scriptures categorize as a babe in Christ. At this time in your salvation, you will be spiritually fed by milk. This means milk of the word giving you instructions that are simple to follow. You will slowly gather nourishment that will eventually build spiritual strength with sufficient power that will enable you to stand alone.

Until such time you should depend on support from a mature spiritual assistant. You have to be instructed, encouraged, and helped. Your spiritual counselor should be a born again saint who will be an example to follow. They must be your spiritual guardian. You must depend upon the strength of the strong, and be carried along patiently until you can walk alone.

Subject: Children Are Partakers Of The Nature Of Their Parents:

Jesus showed Himself after rising from the dead by many infallible proofs that He was the one who once walked and talked in the midst of friends and enemies with nothing but a spirit of love. You cannot have Jesus Christ in your life unless you are partaker of His nature. God begat Jesus to be a partaker of His love; when we have been born again of the Spirit of God, we are then the fruits of Jesus' Spirit, which is a product of His love.

Jesus could not hate or retaliate against those who abused Him. Jesus was the expression of His Father toward those that He encountered, whether they accepted or rejected Him. Those who are saved today will adore the Spirit of Jesus by allowing such a spirit to be an expression of their love to their fellow man. When you are born again, your nature will be like the nature of Jesus Christ. If you have children after you are born again, their nature will be like your nature.

Subject: Watch The Old Carnal Mind:

Prior to being saved, God saw us in our sinful state, and realized that the influence of Satan had led us astray. He saw that we were far from Him. It was not because He could not save us, but sin had gotten between Him and us, and we just couldn't see God.

After we have been transformed by the renewing of our minds, we must watch and pray that our carnal mind doesn't intervene that which should be under the power of our new spiritual mind. You must continue to edify your new

spiritual mind by speaking well of each other. You can then assemble to testify, sing, and praise God.

Subject: A Higher Standard Of Righteousness:

When we are born again, God calls us up to a standard of living that is more righteous than the standard of living we followed before we got saved. If your standard of living is no different from the way that you were living before you thought you were saved, then most likely you are not saved. When you are born again, your life is under the control of the Holy Spirit, and it raises you up to a standard of living that is more righteous than your old life prior to being saved. This is not done by your own human efforts, but by the power of the Holy Spirit.

When you are born again, your life is controlled by the powers of heaven rather than human power of the earth. Your first life and birth was of the earth, which was strictly human, but your second life and birth is from the powers of heaven. Listen to I Corinthians 15:47:

Verse 47 - The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

When you are born again, you would have experienced the resurrection of the dead or unsaved person. Listen to I Corinthians 15:42, 44, and 49:

Verse 42 - So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption.

When you are not saved, you are dead in your sins. When you get saved you are resurrected from a dead life of sin to a righteous life of holiness. When you are not saved, you live in a natural body following natural desires, which are sinful desires.

Verse 44 - It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

When you get saved the spiritual body will acquire power over the natural body making it able to live a sin-free life. You are born the first time with the image of

the earthy, or natural sinful body, but when you are born again you will bear the image of the heavenly.

Verse 49 - And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Subject: Don't Let The Perception Of The Unsaved Discourage You:

When you are born again, you won't be perfect in the eyes of those who are not born again. Most people who are not saved will see saved people through eyes of perverseness. It is like wearing green glasses; everything they see is green. The righteousness of a saved person can only be seen through the eyes of another saved person.

The unsaved will look at a saved person and say that nobody can be perfect even when they see you living right. They will categorize the saved person with all the other people that they have seen that were not saved even when the saved person is living a perfect life before them. They will continuously say that nobody can be perfect even when they don't know everybody. They base their analysis on the unsaved people that they do know.

Subject: There Is A Difference In A Saved Person's Life:

When you become born again, people will see a difference in your life from most church folk. A true born again person is a true example of what a saved person's life should look like. Everybody who previously knew a saved person will know that the person is holy. They will see that you are totally redeemed, although some may not agree with your new life style.

Subject: If You Are Born Again Nothing Can Separate You

From The Love Of God:

There is no profit in being involved in churches and hearing preachers preach that draw big crowds if you have not been born again. Experiencing a conversion does not necessarily mean that you have been born again. A conversion can be temporary, but to be born again is permanent. When you are born again, you are born of God, and nothing can remove God from your life if you want to keep him there.

When you are born of God, sin leaves. Sin will not abide in a person's life when God is there. No power in the universe can separate you from the love of God. If you think that you have been born again, and you go back to a life of sin it means that God's love was not in your life, because nothing can separate you from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. Listen to Romans 8:35, 37-39:

Verse 35 - Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or
famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Verse 37 - Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him that loved us.

Verse 38- For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor
angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things
present, nor things to come,

Verse 39 - Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be
able to separate us from the love of God, which is in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Subject: God Is A Reality And Not Just A Teaching:

When you are truly born again, God should be realistic in your life. A true and living God is not merely of some religious teaching and no actual performance of things in your life. The God of Abraham is an action God and not just a religious teaching. If all that you know about God is what you have learned in a church, and you have not experienced the works of God in your life, then such religious teachings are vanity.

When you experience salvation in Jesus Christ, you will experience a manifestation of God in your life in accord with the teachings of the scriptures. The teachings of the scriptures are only a witness and confirmation of the reality of God in a person's life. God did not make Himself known to man just by means of the scriptures, but also by having a living fellowship with man.

When you are saved, God will come to visit you on a regular basis by means of His Spirit. He will visit you by means of spiritual songs, scriptures, meditation, and assistance for needs in your everyday life. If religious folk of today are only worshipping a God that they have been taught about and have had no actual experiences or fellowship with God, then they have been deceived.

Subject: Jesus Paid The Price:

After you are born again, there will be a great change in your feelings about life and your fellow man. Prior to being born again, you were a prisoner of sin. After being set free by God, you acquired the freedom to love everybody and the conditions of life that God has made available.

You would then appreciate the sun, moon, stars, rain, and snow. The things that one time worried you would not bother you anymore. After you learned that there was no condemnation to you in Christ Jesus, you felt free. You learned that there was liberty in Christ that had set you free from the flesh or sinful desires, and that you could now live after the Spirit of God that would lead you to live a righteous life free from the bondage of the flesh. You learned that after Jesus paid the price on Calvary, you did not owe sin anything. The debt was paid and you were sin-free.



CHAPTER VI

SALVATION: GENERAL TOPICS

**Subject: There Was Love And Power In The Messages That
Jesus Brought To The World:**

The plan of God has to be revealed in order for the world to know about it. The mystery of godliness is beyond the conception of the human mind. The plan of salvation was ordained by God without man being a part of it.

Jesus penetrated a perverse world of darkness, and spoke the truth concerning the destiny of the world. Jesus made the world to know that though God had promised death to those who died in disobedience to His word, God's love had sent Him to change the program offering redemption to the world.

In order to get the world to take His message seriously, Jesus allowed the world to crucify Him, and He was resurrected after three days, according to the power in His message. The message was that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to die as a sacrifice, which was an expression of God's love. Whosoever believeth in Jesus would receive power to deliver them from death, and receive everlasting life (St. John 3:16).

Subject: Spiritual Showers From God:

God is very pleased and delighted in those who obey Him. When you obey God, it means that you are righteous, living in the presence of God. You can then worship God in the beauty of holiness. When you are not right, God is grieved. The scriptures tell us how God was grieved in the days of Noah, because every imagination of the hearts of men was evil continually. God was grieved because the sins of man had separated man from God.

When God is not a companion of man, man can't do right. God will then make preparations to destroy man. As men grew worse, God was sorry that He had made man. God's plan to bless man to be a part of His eternal, heavenly habitation had been defeated. This resulted in man not receiving spiritual blessings from God for many generations. Man was then separated from the influence of God.

God then saw that it was necessary to work out another plan to bring man back into favor with God. This plan had to be worked out in such a way that God would not have to change His word regarding the penalty for sin. Sin could by no means be a part of any plan that God was going to use to restore His lost relationship with man.

Therefore, God conceived a plan that would require a sacrifice of a perfect life in a human body that was sin-free. The blood of such a sacrifice would be precious with power in it to wash the people of the earth from the nature of sin. Under these conditions, man could receive grace from God that would generate a life with God beyond their previous life of sin. It would be the blood of Jesus Christ that would complete God's plan for man.

After the mission had been accomplished by Christ, God would follow through by sending spiritual showers to keep man refreshed that he might not sin again. Spiritual showers are very necessary to keep man under grace, because there would be no more sacrifices for sin after that man had once tasted the favor of God, and was restored to the glory of God (Hebrews 10:26). After God sent Jesus as a sacrifice, He also sent the Holy Spirit as a refreshing shower of spiritual blessings.

Subject: True Salvation Is Not Part -Time Religion:

Salvation is not part-time religion. A good many people have religion when they think it's time to die, or when they have a serious crisis. When such a crisis comes upon them, they will call for a preacher to make confessions to, and to pray. True religion must be a full time religion that's in your life during the good times and the bad times. A part-time religion is hypocrisy, and God will not acknowledge such during a crisis.

There will be a judgment for every person. God will not judge according to your deathbed confession, but according to how you lived throughout your life. When you go to the bank to make a loan, they don't consider your nice personality when you submit your application, but the history of your credit. Your attitude at the time that you submit your application makes no impression upon the loan officer to determine whether or not you will get the loan.

Subject: The Call:

There is a call being made at this present time, and very few people are answering the receiver. The call is an invitation from God. God is making a call to the people of the earth to be invited to live in His kingdom. Listen to St. Matthew 11:28-30:

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

Verse 29 - *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am*

meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

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

This is the invitation that God is extending to the world. Jesus is the messenger for God who is extending this invitation that we might come unto Him, and that He might take us to God. God is offering an invitation to us to live in a society where sin will no longer be a burden to us. The things of this life that are sinful, or sin related that keep us burdened and worried is what God wants to relieve us of.

Sin is a burden upon the hearts or minds of any man or woman no matter who they are. The things that people are compelled to do, by the power of the carnal nature, that are not right have condemned them. Unless we get relief from the burden of sin, it will destroy our hope and eventually our lives.

Subject: God Acknowledges Action More So Than Words:

The Bible is a book of instructions given by God that men might know the way to go to obtain salvation. You have to use the Bible as you would a road map that shows you how to reach your destination. The Bible is the only means that points the way to God. A sinner cannot get to God by praying; he must repent of his sins and obey the instructions that God gives in the Bible. There is no acceptable message that you can send to God when you are a sinner.

God acknowledges action more so than words. When God sees a person turning from their sins, He will consider their sincerity of heart and help them. You don't have to pray to get right, just stop doing wrong and you will be right.

Subject: God Wants To Occupy Your Body:

God will help you to get rid of any unclean habits such as smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, illegal drug usage, and the use of profanity if He perceives that a person earnestly desires to keep their body clean and fit for the Holy Spirit to come in. God designed and created the human body after His image. The body

was initially made by God that He might dwell in humans. God will never dwell in an unclean body. The person must desire to cleanse their body of the filthiness of the flesh and spirit in order for God to come in. Listen to I Corinthians 6:19:

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

Subject: The Church Is Supposed To Help You Escape The Pollutions Of The World:

Sin brings you into bondage of the pollutions of the world. People who are saved have escaped the pollutions of the world. They made their escape through the knowledge they received. The church is supposed to give you knowledge from the word of God showing you how to escape the pollutions of the world. After you escape the pollutions of the world, the church should teach you how to stay out of the pollution. Listen to II Peter 2:20:

Verse 20 - For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

Subject: Spiritual Blood:

The blood of Jesus was commissioned by God to be spiritual blood. When a person repents of their sins, the blood will work on the spiritual condition of a person's life. It will cleanse the person of all the things in their life that are spiritually unclean. The blood was commissioned to cleanse us from sin. It will make a person's life holy and acceptable to God.

Just as your blood runs through your body to give you physical life, the blood of Jesus Christ gives you a righteous, spiritual life. Just as your blood purifies the organs in your physical body, the blood of Jesus Christ purifies your

mind, causing you to desire to obey God. The physical blood in your body gives you a physical life, but the blood of Jesus gives a righteous life. Just as your body has physical functions, the blood of Jesus gives you spiritual functions, causing your body members not to commit sin, but to do right. You exist in both a physical and spiritual body.

Subject: The Opportunity Is Available To Be Saved Now:

When Jesus returns the second time, there will be a separation of the righteous from the unsaved. The unsaved will not be able to get to the saved people of God, for there will be a great gulf between them which neither will be able to bridge. After Jesus returns, the unsaved will see their saved relatives or associates for the last time. There will be no more chance to sympathize with the unsaved or help them in any way after Jesus comes for the saved people.

Christ's death gives the unsaved person a chance to repent and obey the gospel so that they will have the same benefits to be saved upon Jesus' return like those who are already saved. The invitation is extended through the gospel. The opportunity is open and available for the unsaved.

Subject: Do You Know Where You Are Going To Spend Eternity?

Everything in this life is limited. God did not plan for man to live forever in this present world. You can spend all the money you have to acquire peace, joy, and happiness in this world, but the world is broken and it is not able to give lasting joy and peace. Many people of the earth do not know what the end of their journey will be in this world. There is only one alternative that is offered to man while in this world, and that is to be saved from sin, otherwise man that is born of a woman is of a few days and full of trouble.

Now trouble can give you experience that will cause you to seek for a solution. Trouble first makes you evaluate your present situation using good judgment. Trouble can cause you to see things as they are, because trouble eliminates the value of things that are worthless. Trouble will show you how

strong you are physically and spiritually, and when you see that you are not adequate for the trouble, you will seek further help. When faith is interjected with trouble, faith will make you understand that Christ died to save sinners from trouble.

Subject: Most Heads Of State Have Rejected God:

The higher your professional position is in life, the harder you have to struggle to get closer to God. The Bible gives no record of many kings and rulers of nations that were saved. Listen to I Corinthians 1:26:

Verse 26 - For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

Saint Luke, Saint Matthew, and the Apostle Paul were in higher social and professional positions prior to their conversions, but many of such career-oriented men were not called by God. A good many heads of state or rulers of nations think that Christ is wonderful for the common folk, and that they have no need for Christ. Most heads of state think that the state should be set up as a God to the people. Many have set themselves against the counsel of God. They have rejected the love of God.

Subject: The Wisdom Of Christ Is What The World Needs:

Jesus was everything that the world needed, yet He was never wanted. However, God so loved the world that He gave us what we needed. Good parents don't pay a lot of attention to what a child wants, but what the child needs. God is our Father and Jesus is the express image of God in the form of a Son given to be a sacrifice for a people who did not want Him.

Children need parents to guide them and watch over them until they are old enough to watch for themselves. Children are quick to think they know what is best for themselves until they have trouble. Unless they have wise parents to watch and guide them, their personal discretion of what they want to do will

disrupt their progress in life. Unless the people of the earth meet Jesus Christ and become subject to His wisdom, the world will continue to have trouble. It does not matter how many institutions of learning the world has, they will remain ignorant of how to survive in the world without the wisdom of Christ.

Subject: Watch The Humble Person:

You have to watch a humble person who lives a sin-free life; they could very well be a representative of God to bring a message to the world. When Joseph came along about 2,000 years ago, he was a humble hardworking carpenter with a virgin to whom he was espoused, and there was no room in the Inn for the virgin to have a child.

Joseph and Mary had the most important message to give the world that the world would ever be given again. However, the world has the tendency to disregard and overlook those who don't appear to be prominent, wealthy, and important. All of the well to do, higher class people who had come to Bethlehem about the time that Mary and Joseph came with a message and messenger from God were accommodated, but they were not, because there was no room in the Inn for Mary and Joseph, neither the messenger that they brought from God.

Subject: Has The World Given Jesus Back To God?

During Jesus' day, it was unthought-of that a woman should be bearing the Son of God. None of the innkeepers would consider honoring the request by Mary and Joseph to allow Jesus to be born at their Inn. So, it was suggested that perhaps they could find room in a stable for the birth of the child.

Today folk who are supposed to be honoring Jesus' birth have put Jesus into the stable of their lives. Jesus has very little priority in the lives of so-called Christians of today, because worldly pleasures, events, and other activities have priority over the teachings of Jesus Christ. Since God gave His only begotten Son to the world that the world might be saved, many people of the world have given Jesus back to God.

Subject: An Acceptable Sacrifice For Sins Once And For All:

To be under the law means that your way of living is not above what Moses taught in the commandments. It means that some of the things that Moses taught that are sinful; you are guilty of. Jesus was sent to give us grace to live above the condemnation of the laws given by Moses. Grace means that you are given power by the Holy Spirit to live in this present world without doing what Moses taught is wrong.

During Moses' day, the Jews were allowed to give sacrifices when they broke the Law of Moses. The sacrifices had to be a lamb or bulls and goats from their flock that were healthy and not more than a year old. These sacrifices were acceptable for their sins and violation of the laws that Moses gave until Jesus came.

Jesus was a sacrifice that God gave that brought grace as a complete and final sacrifice for sins. After that Jesus was sent as a sacrifice, the blood of bulls and goats and lambs from the flock of the Israelites was no longer acceptable for their violations of the Law of Moses.

When a person receives Jesus Christ into their life, His sacrifice on Calvary has power to take away the nature and desire to commit sin. The blood of bulls and goats that was shed from the flock of the Israelites was a symbol of the blood that Jesus would later shed on Calvary for the sins of the world. The blood of bulls and goats was only acceptable for sins if the Jews continued to make such sacrifices for their continuous practice of sin. However, the blood that Christ shed on Calvary had power to take away sins once and for all, and Jesus' sacrifice made the blood of bulls and goats obsolete. Listen to Hebrews 10:1- 4 and 9 -12:

Verse 1 - For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Verse 2 - For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

Verse 3 - But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

- Verse 4 - For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins.
- Verse 9 - Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second,
- Verse 10 - By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- Verse 11 - And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:
- Verse 12 - But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.

Subject: A Great Cloud Of Witnesses Will Support Your Conversion To Righteousness:

The grace of God has appeared to every person in their conscience, teaching them that every time something ungodly comes up in their minds to do, they must first deny it in their conscience, and their conscience will discipline their body so that they won't do it. This grace is extended to every human being whether they are saved or not saved. If you believe and accept what the word of God teaches, it will purify your mind and cleanse you from all unrighteousness.

When you decide to live a righteous life you must confess to yourself that God can keep you living right, after which those who were saved before you became saved will be a cloud of witnesses to your salvation. Such witnesses will encourage you in your stand for Christ, in your actions and deeds to be pure and zealous for good works in this present world. Listen to Hebrews 12:1-2:

- Verse 1 - Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set

before us,

Verse 2 - Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Subject: Living Witnesses For Christ:

The gospel of Jesus Christ is not based upon theory but proven facts that are confirmed in the lives of those who are saved. A truly born again person is saved according to the scriptures. They are living epistles to be a witness to the accuracy of the word of God in an unsaved world.

Initially it was the nature of humans to be born in sin, and to live contrary to the commandments of God. God has arranged that when a person repents of their sins, they can be born again. After they are born again, they can be a living witness to the power of God in this present world. Such witnesses for God will teach that the Paradise of God, which was in the beginning where the tree of life bloomed, shall be restored. The opportunity is now available for those who want to live the life of Christ. They can do so by the grace of God.

Subject: Be Steadfast:

After you confess that you believe the teachings of the word of God and you began to shun the appearance of evil, God will sanctify you and give you the Holy Spirit. When God gives you the Holy Spirit, there will be something within you that will give you zeal to lift up a standard of righteousness, so that when the devil tries to tempt you to commit sin you will have more power in you than his temptations will have.

Jesus is the beginning and end of your salvation. He is the one who came from heaven and made the process of salvation available for you. If we study what Jesus taught, it will become effective for us. You can then put it into practice, then the Holy Spirit will be there to help you when things look to hard to do. Whenever you get the Spirit of God, the devil's devices are non-effective against your stand with Christ. Whenever you call on the Lord, the Spirit of God will come upon you

and give you victory over every sin. At this point in your salvation, you must continuously look to Jesus.

Now there will be times when some sinners will contradict your stand with Christ. Such will be those who don't believe your conversion, and claim to be Christians, but they live every day in sin. Such hypocrite worshipers honor the devil more than Christ, but your life will condemn them, and it will be the devil in them that will cause them to vigorously oppose you. However, if you follow the instructions for salvation, God will prove Himself that He is exceedingly able to do more for you than you ever thought to ask. All you've got to do is to hold to God's unchanging hand, and remember that you are holy, and are called by His name. You must then live the life of Christ.

Subject: What Kind Of Person Will God Save?

The secret to receive the new-birth is a desire to be humble. Listen carefully to the message that Jesus brought to those who were going to be saved. Listen to St. Matthew 5:3 and 5. Remember you cannot be truly humble until God gives you the Holy Spirit that has the substance of humility. Jesus is making reference to those who want to be humble, meek, or lowly in spirit.

Verse 3 - *Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

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

Those who desire these qualities of character can be saved. On the other hand, people who come to Christ and want to be somebody who are smart and conceited, and love to be seen of others in a church assembly will not be saved. First listen to who He teaches that cannot be saved though they love to be seen in churches. Listen to St. Matthew 23:2, and 5-6. First of all, they love a high seat in the church.

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

Verse 5 - *But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,*

Verse 6 - *And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues.*

Listen to Jesus' comparison for who is going to be saved in St. Matthew 18:1-4:

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

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

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

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

Those who like to be seen in churches and to receive recognition for their services, have conceited minds, and are smart in their ways of thinking. They are the enemies of God, and the Holy Spirit will work against them to confound them in their conceited minds. The Spirit of God is against those with high-minded spirits and who are exalted in their conceited minds. Listen to I Corinthians 1:27-28:

Verse 27 - But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

Verse 28 - And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

God reveals the way of salvation to those who have the spirit of little children; the Spirit of God confuses smart and prudent people. Listen to St. Matthew 11:25:

Verse 25 - At that time Jesus answered and said, *I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things From the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.*

Subject: The Word Of God Determines Who Is Right:

You have to be a righteous person while you live on the earth to enter the kingdom of heaven. The only source of information that can determine whether or not you are a righteous person is the word of God, because it came from heaven. Only the government of heaven can determine whether or not a person can go to heaven. You cannot qualify to enter the kingdom by information that comes from the earth. Information from the earth is earthy and is produced or composed from earthy knowledge. Information from heaven is heavenly and is given by God. The way that you will know that you are right is by information found in I John 3:7:

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

When you do right you are just like God, which means you have a citizenship in heaven. Church work will not make you right; you have to live right to be right. You can do church work and commit adultery at the same time. If a preacher is preaching the right gospel from the Bible, it does not mean that he is right. He must be able to live according to what he is preaching to be right; otherwise, what he is preaching will condemn him

Subject: False Things Cannot Measure Up To The Standard Of True Things:

You have to be careful and watch what you put confidence in on the earth. There are many false things on the earth. There are false contracts for business dealings, false commercials on television, false goods and commodities in stores. There are false preachers and false demonstrations in churches, just as there are false demonstrations in circuses. False things are products of the devil. The devil can fool you unless you have knowledge of the true things.

You cannot trust your eyes when you look at false demonstrations because the devil has more power than your visual perception of things that you see. When the sorcerers and magicians of the Pharaoh in Egypt challenged the demonstration

that Moses put on, the Bible did not give a visual distinction between Moses' rod, which was converted into a serpent, in comparison to the rods that the sorcerers and magicians used. God simply allowed the power in Moses' rod to devour the serpents of the sorcerers and magicians.

False things cannot always be revealed to the natural eye. God does not judge by the hearing of the ears or the seeing of the eyes. God judges righteously. God simply showed that the serpents of the sorcerers and magicians were false by devouring them with the power of Moses' rod. False things cannot stand against true things. A person who is a hypocrite cannot live a life of righteousness like a truly born again person, though the hypocrite can preach, sing, testify and pray in church services, but his life will not measure up to the standard of righteousness like the truly saved person.

Subject: God Will Be Victorious Over His Servants Or His Enemies:

God can be glorified and get success out of those who are for or against God and His servants. The holiness of God's character provided the lamb for the sacrifice for the sins of those who wanted to be saved. Even though wicked hands made the sacrifice, God was glorified, and those who were responsible for it will spend eternity in a lake of fire and brimstone. God will be victorious over every opposition that those who oppose Him will present.

Subject: Are You A Member Of The Body Of Christ Or A Member Of A Christian Church?:

There is a difference in being a member of a Christian church and being a member of the body of Christ. To be a member of a Christian church could mean that your membership is honored by the members of the church to have your funeral when you die, but to be a member of the body of Christ means that God will honor and receive your soul when you die. A Christian church can accept sinners as members, but God will only accept saints as members of the body of Christ. To be a saint means that your life has to be sin-free in order to be a member of the body of Christ.

Subject: Church Folk: Why Aren't They Saved?

The reason that most church folk don't get saved is because they become church oriented. To be church oriented means they take pleasure in working in churches by trying to impress other people that they are saved, and have been given special wisdom from God as one who is faithful and true to their calling. This is the picture of themselves that they are trying to give those who are less church oriented than they are.

They love to be a part of church procedures praying and reading scriptures as one who was put in the church by God. Their roles in the church are for self-identification as a pillar in the church rather than to help others to come to the knowledge of the truth (St. Matthew 6:1-5). When church folk conduct themselves in this manner, they are more interested in giving fellow church members an impression of their dignified life than they are in being a true servant.

When a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, they do not give false impressions of themselves in a church setting, but they are controlled and motivated by the Spirit of God, which makes their purposes and services true before their fellow worshipers.

Subject: The Spirit of God Gives You The Holiness Of God:

A God sent preacher is one who will not allow you to be fooled by an incorrect religious teaching. Such a preacher will take a chance on losing your support rather than to let you be deceived. There are many who think that they are saved when they work in a church. They think that they can work for God, and not be holy. To be holy means to be free from sin. God does not accept services done by an unholy person. When you are not holy, you are not connected with God. God is a holy God and He is only associated with those who are willing to be partakers of His holiness.

You are partaker of God's holiness when you are filled with the Holy Spirit. When you are born again, you receive the new-birth by being born of the Spirit of God, which comes into your life when you believe the word of God. The Spirit of

God activates the word of God to give you the new-birth according to the teaching of the word of God.

Subject: Am I Truly Saved?

(I Corinthians 15:3-4) (St. Matthew 9:16-17):

You can enjoy living the lifestyle of a saved person or saint to the extent that you won't pay too much attention to whether or not you are truly saved. A life of sin does not compare with the quality of moral excellence to the life of a saint; but the life of a saint can be imitated, and not be the results of true salvation in Jesus Christ (St. Luke 4:1). You can learn the knowledge of true salvation, but you are not saved by knowledge; you are saved according to knowledge.

Satan can use false situations of testing to try a person's false religious qualities, and not expose such qualities. A person might be led into a test by the Holy Spirit that will provoke the devil to truly try the person (St. Matthew 9:16-17). God will not build a new house on a foundation of a condemned house. You must reject and turn from every false way in order for God to make you a new creature. All things must be made new in a person who wants to be saved. God will not attach a new piece of garment to an old piece, because the new piece will be too strong to hold the old piece. God will not work with any segments of your life that the devil has established.

Subject: How Should I Approach The Throne Of Grace To Be Saved?

When a person is going to be saved, their initial approach to God must be unadulterated. This means their reason for coming to God must not have any other ambitions, motives, purposes or desires for coming to God except to be saved. If the person has other purposes for coming to God, the devil will use such purposes for coming to profane, desecrate or adulterate their approach to the throne of grace, causing God to reject their approaches. If they come to God because it appears to be an easy irresponsible life than their previous life as a sinner, they will not be saved. If they come to God because they observe what appears to be a good life that they see their leaders and others who are saved living, they will not be saved.

Their approach to the throne of grace must be for the purpose of being saved and that only.

Subject: What Means Can I Use To Determine If I Am Truly Saved?

If a person reads my literature or listens to what I am teaching, my knowledge will show them whether or not they are saved. If they are following some erroneous religious teaching or the correct religious teaching and are not saved, they will become resentful to what I am teaching, because what I am teaching will expose the unsaved qualities of their life that the devil has given them. When a person is affiliated with a religious teaching whether it be the correct religious teaching, they will use their limited knowledge of the correct teaching and erroneous knowledge of an incorrect teaching to justify and cover-up their carnal ways that they have maintained along with the correct or incorrect religious teaching.

There are some who have started reading my literature and have stopped because it has exposed their hypocrisy. Being saved is a complete surrenderance to God, allowing God to establish all of His purposes in a person's life. If at any time during a person's conversion they try to interject their purposes along with the correct teaching of the word of God, they will not be saved. They will be hypocrites pretty much like the Jews who used the Law of Moses for their own personal purposes. When a person does this, the emphasis that they put into their religion would be those parts of the teaching that relate to their purposes.

Subject: Am I Cheating Myself Out Of Salvation?

The problem that many people have with being saved is that they want to cheat on being saved. The interest of such people is more of things in this present life that is much stronger than their interest in eternal life. Their knowledge of eternal life is not strong enough to motivate them to desire eternal life, more so than life in this present world.

Their primary concern is to enjoy life in this present world, and they take being saved for granted. With this frame of mind they will put most of their efforts

and interest towards doing things in this life rather than to do what will prepare them for eternal life. The reality of eternal life is very minimal in their minds. Such people will then put forth an effort to include things in this life with a limited interest in the word of God that will give them eternal life. They will then have a limited interest in doing what is required to be saved.

Such people will create social things to do in the teachings of salvation that will dominate their religious knowledge. When a person lives doing what they want to do in this life that is not the results of what God requires; they cannot be saved. Such people will include social things that will please their carnal nature, and combine these social aspects with limited spiritual things that the social things might justify as being acceptable to them. They will on some occasions break away from spiritual things to carry social conversations on the cell phone using spiritual things as an excuse.

Subject: God Must Establish Your Purposes In Life:

If you have been given the correct teaching of the word of God, and you are trying to satisfy your personal ambitions, you will not be saved. If your personal purposes are what is motivating you to stay in the teaching, you will not be saved. In order to be saved you must adjust your life to the will of God. It is God who desires to work in you (Philippians 2:13). If what you are doing is for your own pleasure, your salvation will not be inclusive.

Subject: What Spirit Do You Have?

When you are not saved the spirit of the devil rules your flesh. The spirit that you have will make you love, hate, be envious, happy or sad. No matter how confident you feel that you can control your emotions, the spirit that you have controls you. When you are born again of the Spirit of God, it brings your emotions in line with the fruit of the Holy Spirit that is taught in the word of God.

When you have not been born again, the spirit of the devil brings your emotions in line with the works of the flesh found in Galatians 5:19-21. Whatever

spirit you have guides you to do things. If it is a spirit that rules the flesh, it will make you commit sin. If it is the Spirit of God, it will give you power to do good before God, and live above sin.

Subject: The Faithful Servant Of God:

When you are truly saved, you are classified by God as one who is filled with the Holy Spirit and are steadfast and upright in all your ways. You will be one who takes instructions from the word of God, and obey them. You will help carry the burdens of weaker church folk. You will also carry a spiritual light that will motivate others to come to you for counsel.

You will do missionary work in the community, and use whatever resources God blesses you with to help others. You will support the finances in your church, and stand whatever test that comes upon you without complaining.

Subject: The Child Of The Devil:

Wherever you find a saved person worshiping or working for God, you will also find a wicked person. Satan assigns wicked people to be in opposition to saved people, such as Judas was with Jesus.

Wicked people will go to church for a purpose unrelated to salvation. Such people will have no intention of being saved, but on the scene to be seen, to destroy the weak person, and to try the strong person.

Such wicked people are children of the devil planted in the midst of the righteous to discredit, undermine, and spoil the works of God. You will always be able to identify them because they will find fault, criticize, and complain. They will oppose the leader, if the leader is God sent.

Subject: The Conscience:

Everybody should be knowledgeable and very serious about what the Original King James Version of the Bible teaches. If you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you will very easily be able to receive what the Holy Spirit taught.

Everything that was spoken by those men whom the Holy Ghost overshadowed and spoke to in past-times is being fulfilled in this present time. You are not wise unless you fear God. The fear of the Lord is to have respect for what His word teaches. Unless you fear God you won't get much understanding of His word. You don't have to be afraid of God destroying you, but that you will destroy yourself if you fail to obey His word. God's word is the only path to safety. The Holy Spirit is the only source of help for man since Jesus left the earth.

When you are filled and directed by the Holy Spirit you will have protection from things that will destroy you, and such things are sinful. The Holy Spirit is the only source of assistance available to mankind that lifts up the standard against the things that will destroy man. No matter how many churches we have in our nation, unless the Spirit of God is assisting and directing the people to safety they will be in danger.

God has placed into the minds of every person a conscience, and when the Spirit of God is assisting a person, it works with their conscience whether they be in a church or in the jungles of Africa. The moment that they do something that is not right, their conscience gets the message from God that they are going wrong. When their conscience gets the message their thoughts will accuse them. After their thoughts accuse them, their conscience will condemn them. This will happen because the Holy Spirit will send the message of condemnation directly from God. If they turn from their wrong and do that which is right, then their conscience will excuse them. All of this help for man comes by the Spirit of God.

Subject: You Must Have Continuous Zeal For Salvation:

When a person takes for granted that they are saved, they will have very little interest in being saved. Being saved is a conscious state of mind that is above all other things of interest in a person's life. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you will be zealously effected by your salvation on a continuous basis above everything else in your life. There will be continuous interest in your conduct and your efforts to maintain salvation. Your zeal for life will be to please God. The person will realize that salvation is the best thing that could happen to them, and will place more interest on maintaining their relationship with God than anything

else in life. When you are truly saved you will be continuously zealously effective by the good that God has given you. Galatians 4:18:

Verse 18 - But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.

Subject: Do You Have An Idol?

God speaks primarily to those who are of a nation that He established for the people to be His children. When the prophets were sent by God, they spoke to the people who had been chosen as the children of God. The devil's purpose is to get the people of God to stray away from God by means of idolatry.

Elijah the prophet was sent to speak to the nation of Israel concerning idols that they had built, and were worshipping. They drifted into idolatry through the influence of Jezebel, a very wicked heathen who had a great influence over King Ahab. The people were so enthusiastic in their worship of this idol that they had completely forgotten the true and holy God who had brought them into the Promised Land, and blessed them in many ways. 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.

An idol can be anything in a person's life that they will give more interest, honor, respect, and regard to than God. If folk decide to go to a ball game on Sunday rather than to church, then the ball game becomes their idol.

Subject: Love Not The World Neither The Things That Are In The World (I John 2:15):

Unless you have been born again of the Spirit of God, you are in bondage under the elements of the world. This means the things of the world have influence and control over you by means of your desires. While under bondage of the world, you will love the world and the things that are in the world. Such bondage of the world will keep you separate from God, because you cannot love the world and God at the same time.

When you love the world, the love of God is not in you. You must be set free from sin in order to be free from the elements of the world. If you retain your love for the world, at the end of your life on earth, you will be destroyed with the world, because the world will pass away and all who love the world will pass away with it. If you establish love for God after being delivered from the love of the world, your love for God will abide forever.

Subject: God's Name Is For Business For Many Christians:

When God is not given proper honor and respect, it is an indication that God is not real to those who fail to do so. Such people don't think on God as an existing supreme power that should be honored. Their obedience to God is selective. They obey things that are convenient, and disobey principles that will create inconveniences. They believe that God should be used for prosperity and good fortune. They use the name of God for their personal advantage. There are large numbers of so-called Christians who are doing business in God's name, and care less about God. They go to church on Sunday, and on Monday, they will do every crooked thing that they can to make a dollar.

Subject: Dangerous Words:

You will be a wise person when you use good and polite words to other people. The most destructive things in the world are words that are improper and offensive. Words can activate missiles and bombs. Dangerous words can stir up strife, envy, bitterness, and hatred. Dangerous words can produce dangerous actions that can get out of control. Bad words are bad seeds that can produce bad fruit.

Subject: Be Careful Of What You Say:

You have to be very careful of what you say. The tongue is a little member of the body that can stir up big trouble. Listen to James 3:5:

Verse 5 - Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

When folk don't have control over their tongues, they will start more problems than they can solve. A few words spoken out of order can create unlimited conflicts. When you receive the word of God, take it in and it will give you knowledge on what to say that will make life better for you. It will deliver you from every snare that the wrong words will get you into. Listen to what Solomon taught in Proverbs 4:20 and 24:

Verse 20 - My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Verse 24 - Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Subject: Watch Vain Babblings:

God does not communicate with you in unknown tongues. God communicates with you by reasoning. God deals with you through good common sense. God never communicates with folk in an unnecessary way by using some vain babblings that nobody understands. Gifts of being able to communicate with one another are done in simplicity when the Spirit of God is a part of it. Listen to I Corinthians 14:9:

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.

Any means of communication that does not give a simplified meaning is uncivilized, or is that of a religious barbarian. Folk who speak in unknown tongues are labeled by God as being barbarians. Listen to I Corinthians 14:11:

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: Watch Your Actions:

God judges you by your actions, and not so much by what you say. People will say a lot of things and do very little. To be a singing member of your church is okay, or a preacher in the pulpit, but unless you serve as a light to your fellow man by your deeds and actions, then you are not worth anything to God.

The word of the Lord teaches, the Lord judges not by seeing of the eye or hearing of the ear, He judges righteously. God does not judge you by what you say; He judges you by the secrets of your heart. The only way that you can know how good or bad you are is by watching your actions, and not those of the other fellow.

Subject: Everybody In Heaven Will Be Holy:

God is inviting anybody to go to heaven if the person is willing to be holy. Now they first have to learn to be holy while they live here on earth. To be holy means to be sin-free and not a part of social activities of the world that permit sins to be practiced. It means not to belong to a church organization that permits sins. God is very fair in setting these requirements before a person enters heaven, because they would be very uncomfortable in a society where everybody is holy and they are not. They will feel like misfits in heaven.

I have an invitation to go to heaven and to be in the holy society of God where God the Father is holy; God the Son is holy; God the Holy Ghost is holy, and all the angels are holy. God would be unfair to let somebody into heaven if he or she were not holy. You must get the mind to be holy while you live in this present world and God will give you the Holy Spirit to help you.

Subject: Is Your Mind On Heaven Or Things Of The World? (I John 2:15):

Even church folk of today don't think much about going to heaven, they are interested in the affairs and activities of this present world more so than going to heaven. If a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, it will cultivate a mind that will be more interested in going to heaven than social activities of this world. The Holy Spirit causes you to lose your attraction for things of this world. Such spirit-filled people will wear the things of this world like a loose garment ready to drop them off for a heavenly mind or purpose.

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it purges you from the lust of the flesh that the world offers. You will lose your desire for cigarette smoking, liquor drinking, partying, and socializing with people who do such things. The Holy Spirit stimulates your interest for the things of God, and not pleasures of the world. Listen to I John 2:15-16:

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

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

Subject: Do You Depend Upon God?

Your dependency and trust in God makes you look to Him for guidance. If you believe that you can make it through life following your own judgment, you will not look to God for help. As a saved people, we should be trusting God as a child, believing confidently that as we ask early in the morning, assistance will come to us before the evening.

Faith in God must be yours. It must be your way of life and survival. We should turn to God confident that He will provide for our needs and deliver us from difficult conditions. You should pray sincerely, believing that you are talking to God as a child talks to its father. You should believe that God is interested in you. You should believe that God is moved by faith and that it will be by your faith that He will send blessings if your faith does not waiver.

Your faith must be definite, free of doubts, fears, and disbelief that make you feel you are not going to get what you ask for. You have got to believe with a firm conviction that God is near and hears your call, that He has a tender and

compassionate understanding of your problem or condition, that He is able to answer at the time in the manner requested, and that He will answer your request. With such an approach, it will appear that you believe that God exists, and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

You will then have faith that will please God, for without such faith, it is impossible to please God in spite of how righteous and holy your life might be. You going to God must be evidence of your faith. It must be faith that moves you to go to God in order to get His attention. A righteous life is a good start, but faith will accomplish your purpose.

Subject: Your Faith Will Give You Deliverance:

If you want to live life more abundantly, believe the word of God. When you believe the word of God, you will find comfort during the most difficult days of your life. Through trying times of your life, God will give you experiences of relief that will be amazing to you. You will then learn how to lean on the Lord. Every experience that you have with God bringing you up from your trials will increase your faith. As your faith increases, your strength will increase. This will result to your faith giving you deliverance from your trials.

Subject: True Faith:

Your faith in the promises of God will cause the promises to come to you if your faith is true. True faith will cause the things that you hope for to be a reality (Hebrews 11:1). True faith is confidence in the word of God that will give you assurance that the promises are good. When the time of trouble comes, you will need true faith to carry you through. You will then believe that God's word is true without a doubt.

God revealed to the prophet Daniel that those whose names are written in the book of life will be delivered during the time of trouble in the world. This will be a time of trouble just before the end of the world. In St. Luke 2:14, it teaches that when Jesus came the first time, peace was promised to those who would be saved.

Peace is what Jesus came to bring. Every person who hears and obeys the gospel of Jesus Christ will have peace. When Jesus' peace is in your life, you don't have to fear anything; you can then hide your mind in the promises of God. When your faith is true, your hope will be honored.

Subject: The Reality Of God:

You cannot learn about God just by going to church, and trying to read the Bible. God has to be revealed to you. God is a mysterious God to those who are not born again. God is always ready to reveal Himself to those who walk uprightly and speak the truth. God will first send His Spirit to you to establish a reception room in your life so that you can receive knowledge from Him.

The natural state of a person cannot receive knowledge from God unless the Holy Spirit prepares the person for such knowledge. When God gives you His Spirit, He will dwell with you everywhere you go for the remaining of your life. Many mysterious ways about God will be made known to you. God will also assist, support, and protect you after He gives you His Spirit. You will then always be aware of the presence of a hallowed companion, who though is invisible to the natural eye, is so real when you need comfort, deliverance, or companionship.

God, being your Father, would like to answer questions in your mind concerning Him. You would probably want to know where God came from, and why He remains out of sight. The sincerity of your relationship with God must be established by faith in what He teaches in His word. You must first initiate this faith and when God sees evidence of sincerity in your heart, He will give you the Holy Spirit to complete your faith.

When faith is established, it will not be necessary to see God in physical form. You will be able to see Him in your life as your faith leads you to follow the knowledge of His word. True faith in God is the very substance of His reality, and evidence of what you cannot see.

Subject: Faith Will Get You Into The Kingdom Of God:

You have to make plans for where you want to spend eternity. Too much interest on your life in this present world is not worth much. This present world is a short-term existence that doesn't offer much. Eternity is forever, but you must prepare for life in eternity.

A man that is born of a woman has but a few days to live. The troubles that you have in this present world will show you that this world is not of much value. Troubles give you experience to make you look for something better. There is another land that God has made available for those who are interested, but it takes faith to get you there.

Through faith, a hand is reaching out to help you. You will feel the strength of the hand though you may not see it. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Though you cannot see faith, evidence of its reality will be in the results you get from it. Faith is that which lifts you up from disappointment and places your feet in a pleasant place.

Subject: God Only Acknowledges Righteousness:

If you want to be saved, you cannot go through life according to the imagination of your own mind. You must go according to the instructions in the Bible. Many people have their own discretion of what is right and wrong, but the Bible is a book of instruction given by God. God's thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are His ways our ways. We must learn to adjust our lives to God's ways as the Bible teaches.

God gives a precise and detailed description of what righteousness is and what unrighteousness is. It does not matter what your religious beliefs are, if you commit sin, you are labeled by God as an unrighteous person, and you are not saved. God does not hear a sinner pray nor does He acknowledge his or her church services or rituals practiced in a church. God's eyes are only over a righteous person and His ears are opened to their prayers.

Subject: God Heareth Not Sinners Pray:

The average Christian may not want to hear this sermon. They most likely have not heard their pastors preach this. Even though this text may not settle so well with most church folk, it is nevertheless the truth from God's word. If you listen with an impartial and indiscriminate mind, the scriptures will speak for themselves, giving you an understanding. Listen to St. John 9:31:

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

Now most likely, many church folk have never seen this scripture in the Bible, because there are many preachers who preach what their listeners are more likely to accept rather than the truth. Now there are many prayers that church folk offer to God, but very few are answered. Listen to the context that helps to explain why most prayers are not answered in Psalm 34:15:

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

Now the Lord watches over the righteous, and He listens when they pray. You are considered by God as being a righteous person when you don't commit sin. Today churches are filled with sinners from the pulpit to the door. In many churches, the preachers are sinners. They preach that men and women cannot help from sinning. They tell them that they are bound to sin, but the Bible teaches that God heareth not sinners.

In St. John 9:1-7, it teaches that as Jesus passed by in a certain city, He saw a man that had been blind from his birth. The disciples asked Jesus who was responsible for the man being blind, the sins of the blind man or his parents. Jesus answered neither the blind man nor his parents, but this man was blind that the works of God should be made manifest in him. So Jesus spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, and said unto him, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam". The blind man went his way therefore, and washed and came seeing. When the scribes and Pharisees questioned the parents and the blind man about how he received his sight. The blind man told them that Jesus had anointed him with clay and prayed for him and he received his sight.

The Pharisees accused Jesus of being a sinner because Jesus had violated the law of God by healing the blind man on Sunday, which was the Sabbath day. So,

the Pharisees turned to the blind man and asked did he believe that this man is of God. The Pharisees cried out that Jesus was a sinner for doing this. The blind man responded to the Pharisees by saying that they knew as well as he knew that according to the teachings of the law of Moses and the commandment of God, that God heareth not sinners pray, but if any man be a worshiper and doeth His will, him will God hear.

Subject: Are You Asking In Jesus' Name?

When you are born again, Christ lives in you. When Christ lives in you, and you ask God for something in Jesus' name. You are not asking for yourself, but for Jesus in you. You must first learn what Jesus would do with what you are asking God to give you.

If you have a good purpose for what you are asking that will be of some benefit to somebody other than yourself, you are then asking in Jesus' name, because your purpose would be a reflection of what Jesus would do with what you are asking for.

Subject: A Sinner Must Hear God If They Want God To Hear Their Prayers:

The main thing that the Lord is saying to a sinner who has not been born again is to repent, or turn from sinful practices. If a sinner refuses to hear God's reproof, then God considers such a sinner as a simple person who will be a reprobate. When a person fails to accept God's reproof, God will laugh at them in a time of trouble.

Everybody calls on God during a crisis in his or her life, but God will not hear nor help a person who has rejected His reproof and continues to practice sin. God says He will mock them when their fears come upon them. When the sinner calls upon God during their troubles, God will not hear.

At some point and time in their life, a sinner must come to the understanding that if they expect God to hear them pray, they must hear God. A sinner's offerings and sacrifices in a church are an abomination to God if they fail to repent of a life of sin.

Subject: The Spirit Of Benevolence:

Those who ask God for something in accord with the word of God will receive it. A servant of God should not desire for God to bless them when they know of others who need blessings more. God honors a spirit of benevolence whereas a person would be more apt to pray for others who are in need more so than they are.

The Lord will not withhold a blessing from you if you ask in Jesus' name, but your request must come from your heart and not in words only. The Lord knows your heart; if your request is sincere, your prayers will be answered.

Subject: Your Request Must Be For The Purpose Of Glorifying God:

Whatever purpose you have in life should be to glorify God. If your prayer is directed to God that you might be able to accomplish something to the glory of God, and not to your own glory, then God will hear your prayer.

If you keep God's commandments so that He will abide in you and you in Him, then you may ask what you will in Jesus' name with the intention of using it to His glory, and you will get what you ask for.

Subject: Be Careful Of What You Ask God For: He Might Give It To You:

After God gave the law to the nation of Israel, He later set up judges. The judges were used to help the people according to their experiences that they acquired while trying to follow the law. However, the people were not satisfied, and cried for a king to be their ruler. Therefore, God gave them what He did not desire for them to have, and that was a king.

In addition, God established a law that made them to know how far from right they were, following their own minds. Most of the people of Israel were deceived by their own minds thinking that a king would be the best thing for them as a ruler over Israel. Later the king that God gave Israel led them to one defeat

after another. This caused them to have more miseries than they had ever experienced as a nation.

Subject: You Can Help And Work With Sinners But Don't Worship With Them:

There must be a day of reckoning for the unsaved people because sinners will wax worse. Sin doesn't get any better; it has to be completely removed from a person's life in order for the person to be saved. The world today is in much worse spiritual condition than it was fifty years ago, and it will not get any better. The only hope for the people of the earth is to receive Jesus Christ who can save them from their sins.

Sin is destructive, and it can take the most innocent person and completely destroy their life. It is of no advantage to attend a church that tolerates sin. To be saved will necessitate a complete separation from religious and social programs that tolerate sin. You can work with sinners and do business with them, but if you try to get pleasure and worship with sinners, such involvements will take you back into a life of sin.

Subject: The Way Of The Cross Leads Home:

Jesus was so humble until He submitted Himself to every opposition that was against Him. None of Jesus' opposers caused Him to lose His humility. Jesus was our pattern that we must follow if we expect to be saved. God will only honor the spirit of humility.

Jesus obeyed God even down to death. God later raised Him above every living creature in heaven, earth and under the earth. If we are to get into the kingdom of heaven, we have to follow Jesus' footsteps. We must go the way of the cross because the way of the cross leads to heaven.

Subject: Never Charge Others For Your Problems:

If you allow yourself to charge others for problems that you created yourself, you will continuously go through life attempting to charge the other fellow with what happens to you. If you read the book of Job, you will find that the devil did everything that he could to get Job to charge God for his suffering. Listen to Job 1:22:

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

The devil uses other people to charge the person who is suffering the most, because he is an accuser of the brethren and his accusations are given by means of those that he uses. Though Job suffered, but in no case did he charge God, or his associates for his suffering. If you are saved, whatever comes to you in life is what God's love has allowed, and it is for your good. In perfect peace will God keep those whose minds are stayed on Him.

Subject: A Living Sacrifice:

Listen carefully; when you are born in sin, your life is not compatible with the truth. As sinners, we were brought under the influence of things that are false. We are exposed to broken marriages vows, and contracts that are not honored along with a world full of false advertisements, and counterfeit promises.

The truth only comes from one source and that is God. God sent Jesus into the world to teach us about the truth concerning our lives in a false system that we live in. If you don't want to hear the truth, you should not listen to Jesus' gospel. When a person gets saved, they become an example of how the truth of Jesus' gospel will change their way of living. The truth is not popular in this world, and neither are those who are saved.

Saved people will sacrifice their unsaved ways of living so that the truth will make them new creatures. Everybody who is saved should be willing to sacrifice their old ways of living that others might be saved and brought to the knowledge of the truth. They should be willing to present their bodies as living sacrifices being holy and acceptable to God.

If God sacrificed His Son that we might be saved, we should sacrifice our old ways of living that others might learn of God by watching the examples of our new life in Christ, which would demonstrate the truth of God's reality.

Subject: Do You Trust God?

If you are truly saved, you have to be tested and proven. This is the only means by which you can know that you are saved. You cannot know that you are saved by going to church singing and shouting. A lot of church folk don't want to be tried. They want the conveniences of this world on a continuous basis, and later go to church and testify about how the Lord blessed them.

When their services for God create a hardship and require sacrifices of their time and money, they will consider that such sacrifices are not necessary. The truth is that when church folk are not willing to be tested and tried, they are hypocrites. Their religion is counterfeit, and their conversions were not of God.

When you are willing to sacrifice to be tested, God will provide for you when things get tight. A test that is allowed by God is not the final conditions under which you will have to continue to live. After you have suffered a while, God will deliver you from such difficult conditions if you have maintained your obedience to God.

Abraham was willing to sacrifice his only son as God commanded him to do. Such a test for Abraham was not the true conditions under which he had to live. God provided a lamb for Abraham, and his son Isaac lived to be a great servant of God. Many people talk about trusting God, but they can't trust God with their tithes and offerings. Such people think that God was supposed to make the sacrifice using Jesus, and that they are supposed to live a life of continuous prosperity.

Subject: Labor Of Love:

You are not necessarily working for God when you work for a church organization. You could be working for yourself. You are only working for God when you are living for God. When God saves you, He hires you to be an ambassador for Christ to represent Him to the people that you meet. Christ is not

on the earth in human form today, but He is represented by those who are born again. When you meet a born again believer, you have met God.

Such a person is on the job for God 24/7, and is not an eight-hour employee in a church organization. There are those who want to be with God when they die. You can't be with God in death unless you are with Him in life as a daily representative of God to the world. You can't die to receive the benefits for your labor in the Lord when you have no record of laboring for the Lord while you lived.

A saved person does not die in the Lord as an unsaved person dies. Saved people enter a peaceful rest from their labor in the Lord that they completely dedicated their lives to doing while in the world. Such labor was a labor of love, and not labor for benefits in a church organization. Listen to Hebrews 4:11:

Verse 11 - Let us labor therefore to enter that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Now listen to Hebrews 6:10-12:

Verse 10 - For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Verse 11 - And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end.

Verse 12 - That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Subject: All Men Are The Same In Birth And Death No Matter What Their Religious Beliefs Are:

The judgment of God is eternal. To be exempted from God's judgment you must obey God's word. You must live above sin and that which condemns. You must treat your fellow man right. If your mind is stayed on God, He will give you

the Holy Spirit to help you. You should then pray that the judgments of God may not come upon those who don't love their fellow man.

The judgments of God are eternal. If you learn to love your fellow man as God loves you, you will understand his ignorance and be merciful towards him. Those who do not recognize the God of Abraham are fools. All men are alike in birth and death and will have the same judgment and destiny. If they obey God, they can be saved. If they disobey God, they will go to hell, and no other religious teaching will save them.

Subject: Love Is Stronger Than Hatred:

The prophet Isaiah gave a full and complete description of the character, disposition, and the mission of Jesus Christ, showing purposes that beget peace, which were different from the purposes that men of the earth had previously attempted and failed to acquire. Jesus showed that love was stronger than hatred and would give victory to those who implemented the spirit of love when He died on the cross, rather than to seek revenge against His opposers. Isaiah prophesied of Jesus' victory hundreds of years before it happened (Isaiah 53:28).

When Christ ministered on the earth, He walked in the presence of His enemies so as not to provoke strife, but many were angered because of His doctrine, which was too strong and inflexible to be absorbed by their carnal minds. Jesus later taught that you can't put new wine in an old bottle making reference to their minds that could not receive His new doctrine from God. He taught that it was necessary to be renewed in the spirit of their minds in order to receive His teachings; otherwise, they would rebel against His new doctrine of salvation.

Jesus was nevertheless gentle, kind, understanding, and He continuously went about doing good among them by healing their sick, raising their dead, and feeding those who were hungry. He would tell them when they were wrong, but would take the responsibility for their wrong if they followed and obeyed His teaching. This won the respect, love, and confidence of many, though it also aroused bitter resentment from the leaders of the Jews.

Jesus further taught that love was the greatest force on earth, and if they would let it come into their hearts, it would conquer their enemies and give them great power with God. He said if they loved their enemies that God would bring vengeance upon their enemies while they extended gestures of kindness and love leaving them free of any offenses against their enemies that would displease God.

Jesus taught that by obeying God, it would prove that their love and respect for God was greater than the hate that their enemies had for them causing their enemies to be defeated by love.

Subject: Charity:

Charity is universal love that can only come from God. Charity is not sexual love nor family love, but love for everybody, even your enemies. If God had not loved His enemies, nobody on earth would be saved. The world is the enemy of God, and God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that the world might be saved.

The carnal nature of those who are not saved today is at variance against God. Listen to Romans 7:6-7:

Verse 6 - For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Verse 7 - Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

God, seeing that we were born enemies to His holiness had mercy on us. He extended His love by sending Jesus in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh. Romans 8:3:

Verse 3 - For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh.

Subject: A True Fellowship With God Leads You To Blessings:

Going to church does not mean that you have fellowship with God. To be in fellowship with God means that you have to obey Him. Have you ever tried to be

a social friend of someone who disagrees with everything you say and do? To be disobedient to the word of God is to be disagreeable with God. A sinner is contentious with God, because sin is against God. When you commit sin, you are at variance against God. This means you are doing things directly contrary to what God says not to do.

When God becomes the light of your life, you will be living according to the command of God. When God wants to bless you, He does not have to come to your house to visit you and bless you. He gives you instructions on how to live, and the instructions will lead you to your blessings. When you are not in true fellowship with God, you are walking in darkness. If you walk in darkness, you can't see your way, and you will have trouble. Obedience to God causes your way to be clear.

Subject: Do You Love God?

If you love the Lord, you will talk about Him. When folk don't talk about God, it means the love of God is not a part of them. You can't be quiet on God, if you love God. Love is too powerful not to be heard. When you love God, you will feel so good about it that you will explode if you don't talk about it.

Sometimes you will tell others how much you love God by the things that you do for them. The love of God is expressed in the form of deeds, and a verbal testimony will follow.

Subject: Obedience:

Obedience to the command of God is essential to your salvation. If you wilfully disobey a command of God, it is impossible for you to be saved. Jesus' sacrifice does not cover wilful disobedience after you have been given full knowledge of the truth. What is considered as small, unimportant disobedience can lead to greater disobedience.

It was by one man's disobedience that brought death to the human family. The human family suffers death because of wilful disobedience. After you learn the will of God, you must do it. It is not your church affiliation that brings salvation, but your obedience. God does not know anybody by a church name, but by their obedience. A church organization cannot save you. If you enter into the

kingdom of heaven, you will have to enter by the way called “strait”. That is the only gate through which you and I can enter the kingdom.

Subject: If You Want To Obey God He Will Give You An Understanding Of How To Obey:

In the kingdom of heaven, there will be no separation of races, religions, or secular societies for those of different beliefs. All who are saved will live by the wisdom of God. If those in this present world regard iniquity in their hearts, they will never see the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you ask God for He will give it to you if you live right. Wisdom is the best thing to ask for because it will keep you from being a religious fool. You do not have to worry if your heart is right, God will make His word perfectly plain to those who want to obey.

Subject: Obedience Causes You To Prosper:

The most important impression that a person can make with God is their obedience to His commandments. It is not your church attendance, songs you sing, nor prayers that you pray, but your obedience that counts with God. Obedience is better than sacrifices or offerings that you pay in the church.

You will learn the mysteries and secrets of God when you obey Him. God reveals very important things to those who obey that will make life so much easier for the person in this present world. Obedience places you on a course of blessings and favor with God. There is no other source of prosperity in life that can exceed the value of obedience to God. When you obey God, He will cause your hands to prosper at whatever you are doing.

Subject: God Keeps A Record On Everything That Is Done On The Earth:

If a person is serving God, He keeps a record of everything that is done in His name. He is a powerful God, and He knows everything that is done on the

earth at the same time. There are no limitations to God's knowledge and ability. God has a plan for the person that will obey Him. He does not bother with people who are not willing to obey His word.

The plan of salvation is not for everybody as many might think. When a person has a mind to obey God, He places the person on a course; and when the person does the things that are right, the course is so fixed that it will help the person to stay on it and receive blessings from God. There will be so many blessings that the person will not get all of the blessings because they won't need them.

God sets a standard for those who will obey saying that as they walk in His statutes and obey His commandments, He will provide. God is a God of equity, a just God. The program for salvation is fixed. If you get in the right path, you will receive the blessings. If you get on the wrong path, you will miss the blessings. Now remember! God has a record of every deed and prayer that is done on the earth. Those who love God will learn what pleases Him, and do according to His will, and they will be blessed.

Subject: The Steps Of A Good Man Are Ordered By The Lord (Psalm 37:23):

There are two important parts of human existence, which are the physical and the spiritual. You can learn about the physical in your biology class in school, but you can only learn about the spiritual from God. You have two hearts, one pumps blood through your body, and the other is your mind that pumps thoughts to your body members causing them to do deeds of action. Your hands cannot think for themselves, your mind or spiritual heart must tell them what to do.

Peace must begin in the mind before you can have peaceful deeds coming from your body members. You cannot live in peace unless your mind orders you to walk in peace. The Holy Spirit puts peace in your mind and your mind will put it in your movements. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord (Psalm 37:23). The conditions of your mind affect your entire life. If your mind is wrong, everything you do will be wrong. If your mind is right, everything you do will be right.

Subject: Peace From God:

A minister of God will encourage you to live peaceably. No one who incites hatred and causes discord among people is a representative of Christ. To be an ambassador for Christ, the minister must represent the principles of love that Christ taught. Christ was sent to the earth to bring peace and goodwill from God to man who had been alienated from God by sin.

When there is peace among people, it is glory to God. Offenses that bring hatred and suffering will come because of the devil. Those who want to be saved on the day of Jesus' second appearance should be sure to work with Christ, and seek to bring peace on earth. The peace that Christ brings has power to suppress things when conditions lead to violence. Such peace will comfort an individual or group of people, because it can't be shaken, or removed by forces outside of the mind of the person who has received peace from Christ. Listen to Philippians 4:7:

Verse 7 - And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Peace from God comes only to those who obey His word. Peace is one of the greatest blessings from heaven that comes inclusive with the Holy Spirit. This peace is only given to certain people, and those who receive it must make preparations for it. If a person is a troublemaker or disobedient to God, then such conduct will be inconsistent with the peace of God. Peace is a wonderful blessing that God would not allow a person to receive who does not deserve it.

Blessings from heaven are shared only with people who are eligible to become citizens of heaven. They must deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. They must live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. They must have a heart that is steadfastly obedient to God. They must pursue peace with all men, and God will see to it that no man will be able to destroy their wonderful gift of peace. Peace is a gift from God that cannot be acquired by human efforts.

Subject: Do You Know Why Jesus Was Born? (Isaiah 7:14):

Do you know of anybody's birth that was foretold hundreds of years before they were born? The birth of Jesus Christ was prophesied hundreds of years before He was born. The prophet Isaiah brought the message concerning Jesus' birth that

many did not believe; neither did they give much regard to, because they saw no signs of such an event coming to pass.

When God sends a message concerning an event there may not be any visible evidence that such an event will take place in most cases. Faith in God must precede the events that He warns us of happening, before we can believe that it will happen. Only faith can authenticate the events that God warns us of. Jesus' birth was inclusive in the warnings of the prophet with the purpose for which He would be born.

His purpose was to save His people from their sins (St. Matthew 1:21). You cannot believe one part of the prophecy without believing the other part. You cannot believe the prophecy of Jesus coming into the world without believing the purpose for which He was sent. If you think you believe the prophecy of Isaiah concerning Jesus' appearance in the world, and you don't believe St. Matthew's prophecy who said He would come to save His people from their sins, then what you think that you believe concerning His coming to the earth is not a true belief.

In order to believe the truth of God's word, you must have a pure heart that is compatible with the truth. When you sever through the truth of God's word, it means you are receiving it out of context, looking for parts that are suitable with your conceit. God's word must be accepted as it is given in order for it to have a positive effect upon those who accept it.

Jesus' purpose for coming into the world was to save us from the condemnation that Adam allowed us to be conceived in. We were all condemned in Adam, the seed of man. Adam was the first man created by God who allowed sin to be a part of the conception of all men. Jesus was sent by God to deliver us from the curse of our sinful conception. Jesus introduced a process to the world whereas we could be born again, and be free from the curse of our first birth.

The seed of Adam was a cursed seed that gave us a limited life, but the seed of Jesus was the word of God, which is an incorruptible seed that will give us eternal life. We would then be born again of an incorruptible seed by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever (I Peter 1:23).

Subject: Christ Came To Bring Peace On Earth:

About 2,000 years ago, Christ came to the earth to bring peace, not between nations that are at war against one another, but into the hearts of individuals that would receive Him. Christ came not to save us as a nation, but as individuals. The

sin of Adam separated us from God and caused us to be enemies of God. When you have sinful desires in your heart you are an enemy of God.

Christ came to reconcile us to God by giving us a new heart with the Holy Spirit in it. Anyone who speaks words of strife and hatred is still an enemy of God though they may not speak it directly to God. Such people may go to church and try to honor God, but if they speak words of strife and hatred, they are nevertheless enemies of God as well as those that they use words of hatred against.

Offenses that bring hatred and suffering will come because of the devil, but the Lord said woe unto them by whom such offenses will come from. Therefore, if a person desires to be saved in the day of the Lord, they should be sure to work with God and seek to bring peace on earth and good will toward all men.

Subject: The Prince Of Peace:

The world that we presently live in is contrary to God. God offers us peace, and the world offers confusion and war. The peace from God is placed in the hearts of those who obey God. God's peace is the fruit of His Spirit. When you are born again, God gives you the Holy Spirit, which brings the peace of God into your life. The world offers confusion and trouble that give war.

When Jesus was ushered into the world, He introduced peace from God, which offered relief from the troubles of the world. Jesus' peace was goodwill toward all men. Jesus' peace comes to those who do not envy the success of others. War comes because of covetousness and envy. Jesus's peace was so powerful against the forces of evil that He was called The Prince of Peace. Today if a person will take counsel from the gospel of Jesus Christ, they will have peace.

Subject: The Birth Of Jesus Was A Set Back For Satan:

The birth of Jesus was a setback for the devil. God sent Jesus into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil, and the devil's works will soon come to an end. Those who are working for the devil might be looking for a new job soon. When Jesus came on the scene, the devil realized that Jesus had a name that could not be excelled. It is by the name of Jesus that men should be saved from the miseries brought into the world by the devil.

Every time the devil hears the name of Jesus mentioned by a child of God, he gets mad, but he can do nothing about it. The devil hates to hear words that magnify the birth of Jesus, unless they are coming from a hypocrite. When a truly born again child of God speaks the name of Jesus, the devil trembles.

Jesus is that bright and morning star that shines on a saved person, who not only the devil hates, but hypocrite church folk hate also. A Holy Ghost filled child of God has great joy in the presence of God when the light of Christ has shined in their hearts. God created man to glorify Him, and the devil has done everything he could to prevent it, but he is fighting a losing battle. Whatever good thing a child of God does today is praise to God. Whatever unsaved people do that is degrading, is credit to the devil.

Subject: The Name Of Jesus Carries Power:

The name of Jesus carries power that no power on earth can excel. It is by that name that men should be saved from the miseries brought into the world by Satan. When The name of Jesus is used in sincerity and in truth, the devil trembles. If the name of Jesus is used by hypocrite church folk, it doesn't bother the devil. The devil hates to hear words coming from a true child of God that will magnify the name of Jesus.

When a born again saint uses the name of Jesus, it is by the power of the Holy Ghost. No man or woman can say that Jesus is the Christ of a truth except by the Holy Ghost. The devil can deceive unsaved people, but he is no match for Christ in a person. When Christ is in your life, the devil has to get permission from God just to try your faith. If God does not give the devil the okay on trying a saved person, the devil can't do a thing to them.

When Christ is in a person's life, the devil has to step back when they are doing something in the name of Jesus. This is because Jesus' name carries power that no evil forces on earth can successfully contend against.

Subject: Jesus Accepted No Credit For His Works:

Jesus was sent to the earth with more power than history has on record. Along with the power of God, Jesus had the spirit of humility. He had unlimited

power at His availability along with the spirit to be a servant. Jesus said that the things He did were not representing Him, but the Father who was working in Him. He taught that the people should not believe Him to give Him fame and prominence, but to believe Him for the sake of His work, because His works were of His Father.

Jesus wanted the works that He did to receive so much credit for God that He went to the cross and died so that the world could see the power in His works to give God the glory. Jesus wanted the world to see clearly that the word of God in Him could never die, and that those who believed it, though they might die, could live again. In addition, those who believed it, and were living when He returned would never die.

Subject: If You Are Saved You Shall Know The Truth:

God took His word and wrapped it in a human body so that the world could behold the glory of God through His only begotten Son, and He was filled with grace and truth. When you accept Jesus Christ into your life, the truth also comes in. When the truth comes into your life, you will be able to see clearly every religious teaching that is false.

The truth has so much power that false things are exposed, and cannot compete against it. When you have the truth in your life, every false Christian who is not truly saved will be easily identified by your knowledge of the truth. No competition in the world can compete against the knowledge of the truth.

Subject: Is It In Your Mind To Be Perfect?

You cannot be perfect unless it is in your mind to be perfect. When it is in your mind to be perfect, God will put perfection in your life. There are very few people who believe that you can be perfect. The scriptures teach that you can be perfect. An interpretation of the scriptures does not change the meaning of the scriptures. If the scriptures teach you to be perfect, that is what they mean.

Your interpretation of the scriptures might be what you mean, but it has no reference to what God means if it is not what the scriptures are saying. Listen to St. Matthew 5:48:

Verse 48 - *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

God is more intelligent than we are. He knows when a person prefers to live a complacent life in sin, rather than to put forth an effort to correct his life of sin. It is easier for such a person to say that nobody can be perfect rather than to correct their life of their faults and sins. You won't strive for perfection if you don't want to believe that you can be perfect.

Subject: God Knows Everybody:

It is God who will judge us according to the gospel of Jesus Christ. God knows all of us, and He will not allow anyone else to judge us, because their judgments may not be accurate. Of course, the devil will come around a child of God, and look us over from time to time. He will listen to us talk about God, and observe our deeds, but if we are truly saved, then he can only use false accusations against us that God will ignore. If you obey what God teaches you, God will give you an endorsement as He gave Job, and the devil cannot change it because it will be recorded in heaven. Obedience to God gives you a perfect record before God.

God said that Job was perfect because of his obedience. If you are a child of God, you are not above making mistakes, but when a person takes a bottle of liquor and drinks it, he knows the difference between liquor and tea. God gives us credit for being perfect according to what we know is wrong, and refrain from doing wrong.

Subject: Honor God:

If you obey, honor, and praise God, He will do most anything for you. Even politicians will do things for those who honor them, how much more will a great God do for those who honor Him. All that God wants man to do is to praise and honor Him. You cannot honor God unless you obey Him. When you do this, God keeps a record of it. On the day that we enter the kingdom of heaven, our records will be revealed. Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has it entered the

heart of man what God has in store for those who honor, love, respect and obey Him.

Subject: Blessings From God Are Given To The Righteous Person:

You cannot be partaker of God's goodness unless you live right. The goodness of God is not compatible with sinful practices. A righteous life activates the goodness of God. Peace and blessings from God comes only to those who do right. There are great blessings that come from heaven to those who live right. This means the powers of heaven will move upon the resources of the earth to be available for those who obey God. There is no good thing that God will withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Subject: God Blesses Those Who Honor Him:

When you honor God, He keeps a record on everything that you do in His name. God is very powerful and knows everything that is done in the earth by everybody and He is very much aware of those who are honoring Him. You honor God by obeying His commandments.

God has a plan and it is only for the person who honors Him. The person who honors God is placed on a course, and the course is fixed to bring blessings to the person. Nobody can stop the blessings of God from coming to you when you honor Him. To be blessed of God is an automatic process when you honor God. The person who fails to honor God may be blessed for a while, but their disobedience will cause their blessings to be cut off.

After an obedient person enters the kingdom of heaven, their blessings will continue. God's word promises that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has it entered the heart of man what God has in store for those who honor, respect, and obey Him.

Subject: God's Purpose For Saved People Is To Give Them Eternal Blessings:

When you obey God's commandments, the presence of God is with you everywhere you go. God's goodness will go before you in life. Though you are a humble servant when you obey God's word, you will be lifted to a position of trust. God exalts you when you are humble and obey Him.

Jesus was sent into the world to be an example of how we can be led through life by the Spirit of God. After we learn to please God by following Jesus' example, God will fulfill His promise to His children by giving them eternal life in His kingdom in addition to an inheritance of the new earth. The day is soon coming when the promises of God will be fulfilled.

If while we as children of God will allow the Holy Spirit to control our lives in this present world, the promises of God will be given to us. The purpose of God for those who are saved is to give them eternal blessings.

Subject: The Children Of God Will One Day Come Into Full Possession Of The Wealth Of The World:

We are presently servants of the Lord in this world. We are like children of a wealthy family who have less authority while they are children than the servants of the wealthy family. When we obey God, we are then classified by God as servants of God.

Now, the children in the home of a wealthy family will, for a period of time, have less authority than the servants, but the servants will not abide in the home indefinitely; they may retire or find another job. However, the children of the wealthy family will be a permanent part of the family, and they will one day come into possession of all that the family has.

So is it also with the children of God that live in the present world. Those who have possession of the wealth of this world will one day have to give it up and the children of God will come into full possession of the world at a time appointed of the Father.

Subject: Our Bodies Are The Temples Of God:

A false spirit is a spirit that can go to church with you and make you happy for a while, and later leave you in distress. True happiness only comes from the Holy Spirit, because it leaves its fruits, which are permanent, in your life. Everybody is looking for true happiness but they seek the world for it, and it cannot be found in the world. God will not allow a false spirit to deceive a saved person.

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of truth, and it will take out of your heart everything that will make you unhappy. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we become a part of God. Our bodies are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God fills our bodies to make us a part of God.

Subject: God Judges Righteously:

God is the judge of all things. The Lord does not judge by the seeing of the eye, or the hearing of the ear, but He judges righteously. This means that God does not judge you by the way you look, or how nicely you dress, neither by what you say, but He judges your heart.

There are many secrets in your heart that you don't know about, but God knows and He will judge you accordingly. You can know many things about what your heart carried by watching our actions. If your actions bring good results, then God would have judged and blessed you according to your heart. Good deeds come from a good heart, and God can see it and will bless such a person accordingly.

Subject: The Pleasure Of God Can Be Your Pleasure:

God gets absolutely no pleasure out of the death of a sinner. The pleasure of God is that we live and not die. God loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son so that the world could live. If God wanted the world to die, He would have sent destruction rather than Jesus to save the people of the world. Those of us who accept Jesus and die, God has made arrangements that we live again in Christ.

When you are blessed with the Spirit of God, you are born again. You will from that time rejoice, and praise God because the pleasure of God would have become a pleasure to you.

Subject: Man Should Praise God Continuously:

God has chosen man that he might be a praise to God. Everything in the creation praises God. God is glorified by all the magnificent forces of heaven. Man has to praise God by choice. All that man can give God is praises. Everything else that man has was given to him by God. Even when man pays his tithes and offerings to God, he is simply giving back to God what God gave him. However, praises come from man and man alone. Man should continuously praise God for salvation, health, and every material blessing that God has given him.

Subject: The Word Of God Can Do Anything:

When Jesus was sent into the world, the word of God was made flesh. It was given a body that we might know the word by seeing it living in a body as we live in. The word of God in a living body dwelt among the people at that time. The same power in the word that spoke to the universe when the heavens and the earth were created was sent to the earth to be of assistance to the people of the earth who needed help.

Jesus spoke to the people according to their needs, and the word gave assistance to accommodate their needs and infirmities. The power of God is in the word of God. The same word that created the heavens and the earth can also create a new creature in those who believe it. It is no difficult task for the word of God to change a sinner into a saint. The word has the power to do anything. The word is assisted by the Spirit of God, which works with the word to do what is necessary to accomplish God's purpose.

Subject: Grace And Truth:

The word of God was full of grace and truth. There was neither charge nor deceit in the word that Jesus presented to the world. It was full of favor and it never failed to tell the people the truth. Jesus taught the people about the dangers of being sinners, and He taught them what the results of sin would be if they continued to commit sin.

After teaching them about sin, Jesus did the favor of showing them how not to surrender to sinful things that would destroy them. He taught that by the power that is in the word of God, they could live above sin. Jesus explained the importance of forsaking sin, and obeying the word of God. He taught that in order for them to receive complete benefits from the favor of His ministry, it was necessary that there be a sacrifice for their sins, and He was sent to be that sacrifice. His sacrifice would give them complete redeeming power from sin and death, and that they would later receive eternal life as a result of them receiving the grace that He offered.

Subject: The Spirit Of A Child:

Everything in the creation belongs to God. Those of us who are saved are children of God. Children don't have much authority until the father appoints a time for them to have ownership of their inheritance. Until such time, children are under the authority of tutors and governors.

Though a saved person may be a full-grown adult, they must conduct themselves as children. This can only be made possible for an adult when they are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will convert an adult to a meek and humble person so that their conduct and attitude will be in the spirit of a little child. This spirit will qualify the saved person to one day inherit the blessings that God has prepared for them.

Subject: The World By Wisdom Knew Not God:

God has many created sons, but only one begotten Son. Adam was a created son, Satan was a created son, and angels are created sons, and when humans of the earth are born again, they are adopted children of God. Now the Bible sometimes

reads backwards so that conceited men can't understand with worldly smartness. The understanding of God's word is only given to the humble person. Repentance, faith, and humility are the basic requirements for understanding God's word.

You cannot learn God's word like you learn worldly knowledge. The word of God is designed by God to confound the prudent person with worldly wisdom. If a person uses the same kind of wisdom that they use in comprehending worldly knowledge to understand God's knowledge, they will get lost in confusion. The world by wisdom knew not God.

Subject: An Introduction Of The Greatest Blessing To The World:

When Jesus Christ was ushered into the world, He was introduced by the angels to shepherds on the plains of Judaea. This was an introduction of the greatest blessing that the world could receive. God chose the people who He wanted to understand the value of this blessing. God's choice for this blessing was presented to shepherds. The angels of the Lord came upon the shepherds, and the glory of the Lord overshadowed the region.

The shepherds were so overwhelmed by the holy atmosphere that had come upon the area where they were abiding over their flock that they became afraid. This was because they were not familiar with the presence and glory of God. The shepherds were being presented with the best news that the world had ever received. God was about to make His appearance to the earth in human form by means of His only begotten Son. His introduction was being given to one of the lowest social classes of people in the region. So, the angels had to give the shepherds a sign to help them to believe the message that they were bringing.

When God sends a message concerning heavenly blessings, He will also send a sign and witness of the blessings to help those who are to receive it so that they won't doubt the blessings from God. After one angel presented the message, God also sent a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men". The angel then gave instructions to the shepherds as to where they could go to see the child wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Subject: The Devil Is A Liar:

In the Garden of Eden prior to the fall of Adam, Eve believed the devil, that the fruit of the forbidden tree would make her as wise as God, and she ate of the fruit. The devil convinced Eve that God had forbidden her to eat of the tree of knowledge to keep her ignorant.

Today everybody wants to be wise, especially when it comes to knowledge of God. The truth is that the devil wanted to gain control over Adam and Eve to relieve them of their relationship with God. It is through disobedience to the command of God that the devil has gained control over people today, causing them to be vulnerable to death.

God has given the devil a pronounced sentence to spend eternity in a lake of fire and brimstone, and there is nothing that the devil can do to escape this sentence. The devil knows that God cannot and never has lied in His word. The devil knows that he is a liar. He uses lies to deceive people as he did Eve so that they can also receive a sentence to spend eternity with him and all of his wicked angels in a sea of fire and brimstone.

Subject: Jerusalem Was Blinded By Satan And Could Not Identify Their Messiah:

The devil can make unbelievers very foolish. Jerusalem rejected Jesus when He would have gathered them as a mother hen gathereth her brood. He would have given peace, comfort, and happiness to a people who looked forward to it in the coming of the Messiah. It was because of their blinded eyes that they rose up and fought against Jesus with every resource that could be used until God took the blessing from them.

The devil who blinds the people of the world causes them to repeat themselves continuously. The devil causes people of the world to reject their sources of help for foolish reasons, such as jealousy and discrimination. They are not able to see the benefits beyond such foolish reasons for rejection. People can be so blind in seeing what is best for them that their envy will destroy their hope. Those who came along after Jerusalem rejected Christ can see how foolish they were, but many of the Jews are still blind even to this present day.

If at any time people allow themselves to charge others foolishly, the devil will put the same trick of deceit over on them just as he did Jerusalem.

Subject: God Has To Open Your Eyes To His Gift To The World:

Unless a person has been born again, they were born the first time with the nature to be the enemy of God. Their ways will be contrary to the law of God. The Jewish people during Jesus' day could not see that Jesus was sent to the earth for their benefit though Jesus had done nothing but good deeds for them. You cannot receive the goodness of God unless you are born of God.

When Jesus left the earth, the Jews could not understand their loss. Even the Roman centurion who pierced Jesus could afterward see more of the loss than the Jews could. The Jews had lost an example, which if the people had accepted would have been a blessing. Jesus was an unlimited blessing from God; He was a solution to all of the problems that the Jews had.

There is still hope for Jews and Gentiles if they keep their minds on God of a truth, because Jesus still lives. God rules in the earth through people, and He has always had somebody to set up as an example. Today your hope should be depended on your confidence in God's gift to you in someone who imitates the Spirit of Christ in deeds rather than just preaching on television.

Subject: The Earth Is The Lord's:

There is no power in the world for things to go right. Only God has power to make things right. When the world thinks that they are going to have peace, they end up with another war. God is represented on the earth through the ministers of the gospel. When the gospel from heaven is properly presented to the earth, the power of God is also presented. If people honor the gospel, they can have peace. If the people of the world reject God, they will go down. The earth is the Lord's and His blessing will abound towards those who obey the gospel.

Subject: The Law Versus Grace:

The law of God is very important. You are only under grace when you live above what the Law of Moses says is wrong. The first law that God gave was to Adam. You can't violate God's law and live. On the other side of the violation of

the law is death. Your obedience to the law gives you life. Adam died because he broke the law that was given by God. Adam had only one law to obey, and that was not to eat fruit from the forbidden tree. Later God further increased the laws through Moses, and afterwards He sent Jesus to fulfill the law, or to complete it. Grace and truth that came by Jesus Christ was the completion of the law. Grace gives you power to live above everything that the law forbids you to do. Such power will come by the Holy Spirit that will give you a desire to live above the condemnation of the law.

Now it was Adam who broke the law that brought the sentence of death upon all men; so God raised up another man who would deliver all men from the condemnation of the law. Christ did the job for us.

Subject: God Is Not A Minister Of Death, But Of Life:

Death is the ultimate enemy of mankind. Death is also the enemy of God, because God is the minister of life. Life originated from God and death originated from sin. When God destroys sin, He will also eradicate death. Listen to I Corinthians 15:25-26:

Verse 25 - For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

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

God never intended for man to die. Death was Adam's choice and it was brought upon man by Adam's disobedience. Jesus was sent to the earth to give man commandments from God that if man obeyed, it would remove the sentence of death allowing man to live forever.

No matter what the people of the world think, God does not cause their loved ones to die. God will not be contrary to Himself. Man brings death upon himself by disobeying God's word. If a person becomes an enemy of God and the people of God, God will fight them with judgment. God will cause their own evil ways to destroy them. They will receive death as a result of their own evil actions. When a person obeys God, their obedience will give them life here on earth and eternal life in heaven.

When people are contrary to God, their own ways brings their death. A person has to forsake God in order for death to come upon them. Death cannot

trespass God's presence. For a saved person, the death of the physical body is considered by God as a rest from their labor, and not eternal separation from God. They will rest in Paradise in the bosom of Abraham.

For an unsaved person, they will experience the first and second deaths, which is the death of the body and soul. These deaths will not allow the unsaved to rest in Paradise. Such people will be eternally separated from God in a lake of fire and brimstone.

Subject: Death Cannot Trespass The Word Of God:

Death came to Adam because God cannot lie. If God tells you something that will come to pass because of your disobedience, it will surely come to pass. God does not administer death. Death is an institution that was produced from sin, just as apples are produced from apple seeds. Death cannot have its way in your life if you obey God, because death cannot trespass God's presence or His word.

When you obey the word of God, it regulates when death can come upon you. If the time that God has allotted for you to live in the physical body will allow you to be alive when Jesus makes His second appearance, you will never die. This is because the word of God teaches in St. John 11:26 that "whosoever liveth and believeth in Jesus shall never die". Death has to honor that passage of scripture.

Subject: Jesus Defeated Sin And Death:

Man has the freedom of his will, which means he can obey or disobey God. When man chooses to disobey, then he becomes vulnerable to death, which can prevent him from living out the time that God has allotted him. Adam opened the door for death to enter the life cycle of mankind. It was not the will of God for man to die.

Today all humans are subject to death because we were produced from the seed of Adam. Whatever is in the seed will be manifested in the fruit. A sinful man can only produce sinful children, and sin produces death. Since Adam initiated such a bad situation for humans to be born into, God sent Jesus into the world to be born of a virgin under conditions that the nature of a sinful man had

nothing to do with. The nature of a sinful man had nothing to do with Jesus' conception

Jesus lived a righteous life, and he defeated sin and death. He presented a gospel to the world that had the power to save every person who believed and accepted what He represented. Today sin and death have no effect upon those who obey the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Subject: Jesus Gives Us A Sure Hope For Eternal Life:

The victory that Jesus acquired over death has power to give us hope over death that is a reality. Jesus experienced the death of the physical body, which some of us will experience, but the grave did not hold Jesus, and neither will it hold those who believe in Him. Jesus was a product of heaven and His flesh did not see corruption.

He had the key of death and hell for the purpose of lifting our minds, giving us hope that we might also acquire victory. Those of us that believe in Christ can die with the assurance that Jesus is a sure hope to eternal life. God has given us the Holy Spirit that will help us to keep our minds on Jesus' victory that we might have peace while we live on this earth.

Subject: The Spiritual And The Natural:

It is surprising to know that most church folk don't understand scriptures. You cannot understand the spiritual unless you can compare it with the natural things that are related to the spiritual. There are many who believe in God alone, because they don't understand the functions of the Trinity. They don't understand how God can be in three parts, and yet operate as one person. God is the Father of all. Jesus is the word of God, and the Holy Ghost is the power of God. When God makes a decision, the order is presented by Jesus, and the Holy Ghost is the power that activates the order, so that what God commands will happen.

When God saves a person, He gives them the Holy Ghost so that they can obey the command that comes by Jesus Christ. God allowed the Holy Ghost to incarnate Himself in a body called Jesus. He put His word, which was Jesus, in the mind of Mary the mother of Jesus, and she became pregnant just by receiving the

word in her mind. God allowed the Holy Ghost to transfer the second part of His Trinity from heaven to the body of a virgin. God caused His word to be made flesh to administer the teaching of His word, so that those who believed it could be born again by the same Holy Ghost that conceived His word in the body of a virgin.

So then, God took two parts of His spiritual Trinity and incorporated it with a natural woman who was a virgin, and presented it to the world that men and women of the earth could know about God. The word was made flesh, and it gave a simplified message to the world that whosoever believed the message could receive everlasting life. The spiritual Trinity of heaven was presented to the earth to use the natural environment that the people were familiar with to give them a spiritual message from heaven.



CHAPTER VII

SALVATION: SPECIAL TOPICS

Subject: God Does Not Change (Jonah 3:1-10):

It is very important to have knowledge of what the Bible teaches. The Bible is the record of the acts of God and men. It tells what happened to men who followed and obeyed God's commandments, and what happened to those who failed to obey. What God did yesterday, He will do during this present time. What God does today, He will do tomorrow because God doesn't change.

God sent the prophet Jonah to warn the city of Nineveh, they took heed to the warning, and the city was spared. Nineveh was a great city like our capitol is here in America. The Bible teaches that Jonah entered that great city, and he cried as God commanded, warning that the city would be overthrown if the people of Nineveh did not turn from their wicked ways. The people of Nineveh proclaimed a fast in sackcloth and ashes from the King of Nineveh to the common people, and God had mercy on Nineveh, and He repented of His anger against Nineveh.

God has promised that He will deal with any nation or people who exalt themselves and not respond positively to the warnings of the prophet that He sends, and fail to obey the warnings. When a people depart from God's commandments, He tells the prophets to tell them to get together and call a solemn assembly, and to repent of their sinful ways. They should then ask God to spare His people and not give His heritage to reproach. Their prayer to God should be that He not let it come to pass that the heathen should rule over them, and ask where is their God. The heathen will then question whether or not there be a God over the nation. If the people will do as God commands, then the Lord will be jealous for His land and pity His people. The Lord will answer the prayers of His people and bless them (Joel 2:15).

Subject: Judas Was Foolish In His Way Of Thinking:

Judas Iscariot loved money, so he went out and made a bargain with the chief priests and elders to betray Jesus. Judas was the treasurer for Jesus' ministry. You have to watch people who desire to control money for a church organization, they could be overextended by the spirit of Judas. When Judas first started with Jesus, he was as sincere as all the other disciples were, but after he became the money handler, Satan entered Judas.

Judas never thought that Jesus would really be crucified. He sat down with the other disciples and listened to the teachings of Jesus, but he didn't believe it.

Satan made Judas believe that handling the money was no danger for him. Jesus told His disciples that He would be crucified but they did not believe. Peter said, “be it far from you master, it will never happen”. The disciples thought that God sent Jesus to be a great deliverer to defeat the Roman Empire, and to deliver the Jewish nation.

Oftentimes when God sends a religious leader, the people feel that some things they can believe, and other things they don't have to believe. Now Judas thought that he would profit by betraying Christ. Judas betrayed Christ with a kiss. When Pilate condemned Christ, Judas then realized that what he thought would not happen had happened, and he was sorry. He thought within his own mind that he had entered a bargain to sell the life of a man who has blessed so many people, and he hoped that Christ would get away from being crucified.

When Judas saw that Jesus was really going to be crucified, he told the chief priest and elders to take the money back because it was a curse to him. But they told him that there was no place in their treasury for that kind of money. So Judas took the bag, threw it at their feet, went out, and hanged himself. Now nobody fooled Judas, it was his own thoughts and actions that fooled him. Satan uses people who are subject to foolish thoughts.

Subject: The Purpose Of Marriage:

There are many who do not want to have children, because children are considered by them to be a great burden. A young mother has to give up a great deal of pleasure, and spend most of her time at home when she has young children. In many families, women have pretty much taken the matter of how many children they should have, if any at all, in their own hands, ignoring or disregarding the divine purpose of marriage and misunderstanding the privilege for bearing children.

After God joined male and female in holy matrimony, He ordered them to be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth with people. The purpose for marriage is to have children to replace the passing generation with another generation. What profit would it be for everybody who is living on the earth to be old? God could replace a passing generation by creating humans for replacements, but He has delegated to those who are married (males and females) the honor of producing replacements for the passing generations. Therefore, God has given men and women the ability that through marriage and sexual relations, other people can come into existence.

**Subject: A Man Must Love His Wife As Christ Loves
The Church:**

God is wise enough to know what is helpful to man and what is harmful. When a man obeys God, God will freely give him what is helpful. Along with the gift, God will also give instructions on how to use it. When the gift is harmful, it will become harmful when the gift is used the wrong way.

It was man's disobedience to God's instructions that brought sorrow and death. When a man loves and cherishes his wife as the word of God instructs, he will have a happy and successful marriage. If he loves and cherishes somebody else's wife, he will be a failure.

Subject: Life Before Conception:

God gives some people a spiritual mission to do before they are born. John the Baptist was a forerunner of Jesus Christ. John was born to be holy because he had a special work to do for God, and was therefore especially endowed by the Holy Spirit before he was born.

The Lord named John before he was born. John had to go before Jesus Christ and preach the gospel of the kingdom to make the path straight for the Lord, so John had to be prepared for the mission. He had also been born in answer to the prayer of his father who had asked God to open the womb of his wife Elisabeth, John's mother since she was barren and advanced in age.

God revealed the details of John's endowment before he was born and before he was formed in the womb. Man was by far too ignorant and too unbelieving, so God had to afflict him. Zacharias learned that God heard his prayer through his affliction. God gave the world a record of John's life before and after he was born to his father Zacharias. God told Zacharias that he would have a son and that he would be filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. He told him that many would rejoice at John's birth, indicating the mood of the people who were not even related to them. He told him John's habits, and his relationship to God all before John was born.

The record concerning the birth of Jesus was the same. Before Joseph and Mary were married, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and told him his wife

was pregnant with a male child who would be called Jesus. Jesus' name and mission were given in detail before Christ was born. God has the same information concerning the unborn generation of the future.

Subject: All Human Life Comes From God:

God has a plan for every child before it is born. God knows your child before it is conceived, and if something is done to prevent conception, those involved will have to give an account to God. Time has no effect upon God's knowledge. God knows about things before they happen as well as things after they happen.

God has a purpose for every child that is born before the child is born. God will allow the purpose for the child to be defeated if parents fail to work with God. If parents work with God, the purpose for which their child was born will be fulfilled. A child is named by God before it is born, and its name is written in the book of life. All children are born saved until they reach the approximate age of seven years.

If a child is destroyed and is not born, those who are responsible will be charged as murderers. The record of the child's birth will be on high in the name that God gave to the child, and it will be called in the great Day of Judgment. All life is presented to the world by God, and nobody has a right to interfere with it, nor prevent it.

Subject: Gifts Come From God:

God will judge the world according to His foreknowledge. Before we were born, God knew our names. The shedding of blood of the innocent by means of abortion and birth control is offensive to God. Man cannot make a law to determine when life begins. Life does not come from man; it comes from God. Listen to Jeremiah 1:5:

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

When the Lord speaks concerning one person, He is speaking to the world, and telling the people of the world that before a child is born in the world, or before it is formed in the womb, God knows the name of the child, and its characteristics. Every child, before he or she is born is named, not by man, but by God. The name that parents select for the child is placed in their mind by God.

After a child is born, the name that God has for the child in heaven is the name the parents believe that they thought of, but it came from God. God also gives gifts to every person who is born in the world. The gift is for the purpose of doing something to promote and preserve the works of God. Some people are born with gifts for a special work. For those who develop and follow their gifts, working in the channels that they are qualified in by reason of the gift that God gave them, success in life will be inevitable.

When God gives you a gift to do something, nobody can do the job like you can. Others will be misfits when they try to do the job like you. If you work in the field that God has given you, you will be great. Your greatness will be in your field.

CHAPTER VIII

THE TRUE VS THE FALSE: RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND TEACHINGS

TRUE RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND TEACHINGS:

Subject: The Mission Of The Church:

In order for people to want to be saved they must be able to see how to acquire salvation by the light that is made available by the church. Today there is perplexity and confusion in the hearts of the people as to what church to go to, or what course to take to be saved. This means the churches are not functioning as the light of the world as was presented to the world by Christ. The people need a light now more than ever before.

The church should be a body of believers that were called out of a world of sin to walk in the light of Christ as examples to the world. The mission for salvation, as Christ presented it, relies on the work of the church to give salvation to the sinner. Sinners cannot be used in the church to help save sinners in the world, because sin is darkness, and darkness cannot lead people to light.

Subject: The Strait Way Is To Heaven:

I am not going to preach a sermon to make you think you are going to heaven, and then preach another sermon to bring you back to be condemned. I want you to know if you have a one-way ticket to heaven. There is no need to listen to a preacher who makes you think you are saved when you are not.

If I give you the truth of God's word, then your life will tell you whether you are saved or not. It is the way you live that will get you into the kingdom of heaven. If a preacher is preaching the truth, it will be a confirmation on where you are going. To try to go to heaven any other way that is different from what Jesus has taught will make you a thief and robber.

Jesus teaches in St. Matthew 7:14 that strait is the gate that leadeth to life; and few there be that find it. He said to beware of false preachers who will lead you through the broad way that leadeth to destruction. A strait way to heaven is a way of righteousness. In a strait religious teaching, the emphasis will be on teaching the listeners how to live right. If a religious teaching is anything different from a righteous teaching, it will be leading folk to destruction.

FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND TEACHINGS:

Subject: What Good Is Your Church?

What good is your church if it can't help you to stop sinning? A prison would be better for some folk to stop sinning than some churches. The church is supposed to represent Christ, and Christ came to save us from our sins (Matthew 1:21). If a church is not helping the members to stop sinning, it is a false representation of Christ. Such a church would not be Christ's church, because the purpose of Christ's mission would not be fulfilled in such a church.

A church should be able to help its members to be washed spiritually. A spiritual washing is a washing of regeneration that cleanses the soul or mind of sinful desires. The church is supposed to administer such a washing. I am giving you God's word and not my opinion. Listen to I Corinthians 6:11:

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

Paul is teaching in verses 9 and 10 that the members of the church were at one time unrighteous sinners, but they were washed of such sinful practices. Listen to I Corinthians 6:9-10:

Verse 9 - Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind.

Verse 10 - Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Paul is teaching that the church has caused such sinful practices to be washed from the lives of the members.

Subject: When The Church Is Worldly It Is Not Of God:

When the church is of God it is no longer of the world. If there are worldly programs and procedures of worship in a church, then such a church is not of God. The church should be administered by the Holy Spirit. This means the leaders and church officials should all be born again or filled with the Holy Ghost, otherwise the church will have no power to convert the sinner. When churches are given towards entertainment and business dealings, then the church is of the world. When a church is not of the world, the world would not be interested in the church.

When the light of Christ is shining brightly in a church it will reveal the evils of the world, and only those who desire to leave the evils of the world will come to such a church. The world will then try to put out the light of the church because the light of the church will manifest or make known the evil deeds that seek the cover of darkness in a church.

Subject: The Church That Is Worldly Will Be Judged By Those Who Are A Witness Against The Church:

The true church of God will be hated by the world. The hatred of the church will result from the fact that the light of the church exposes every evil deed of the world, and worldly people who try to bring evil from the world into the church. The church with the light of Christ will make manifest the deeds of men and women that are corrupt by presenting a standard of righteousness that will be very uncomfortable for those who desire to bring evil deeds from the world into the church. Those who were once in the world and have become tired of sin will come to the church with sincere intentions of escaping the pollutions of the world. If they discover that the church is no different from the world it will be by their witness that the church will be judged unto condemnation.

Subject: The Workers Of The Devil:

If your purpose for being a member of a church is unrelated to being saved or born again, then you and your religious purpose are under the influence of Satan. When Satan uses you in a church organization for a purpose that is unrelated to salvation, you will be used to hinder other people from being saved.

Satan's primary purpose for those that he sends to a church is to keep as many members as possible out of the kingdom of heaven, just like God has kept him out. Satan will then use such people to destroy the weak members in a church, and to try to overcome the strong or more experienced members.

Such personnel of Satan are his children planted in the church to discredit and to spoil the works of God. They will seek to find fault in other members by criticizing and complaining. If the church organization has the true teaching of the gospel, they will oppose the teaching and the teacher. They will contend with the strong members and endeavor to influence the weak. Such church workers are the devil's disciples.

Subject: The Spirit Of Error Versus The Spirit Of Truth:

If you are never taught righteousness, you will never know the way of unrighteousness. Those who have not been taught the correct religious teaching cannot discern that an unrighteous religious teaching is in error. An erroneous religious teaching must be exposed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ignorance of the true gospel leaves you blind to the correct way that leads to salvation.

When preachers don't preach righteousness, the listeners cannot be born again, because you are only born again of the word of God. You don't get the new-birth in Christ by going to church and praying; you get it from the truth. You must hear and obey the word of God to be born again. The word of God is a seed that conceives the new-birth in your mind. When a religious teaching is in error, there is no power in it to save you.

Afterword

As Volume XV of Saved from Sin closes, we hope that you have received increased information and understanding in the processes of salvation. If you have read this literature with a sincere mind, and put forth an effort to obey it, the same Holy Spirit that composed this literature will save you according to the teaching of this literature.

May God bless and guide you in your efforts to apply this information to your daily living so that you will be ready when the Lord returns for His people. Please don't delay; "today is the day of salvation".



