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Preface

If there is any doubt about your salvation or life after death, then “Glory Bound” was written for you. Do you know positively that you have everlasting life and recognize it as a gift from God? You likely have many unanswered questions. If you want everlasting life and don’t know how to obtain it by trusting Jesus as your Lord and Savior, then “Glory Bound” was written for you!

- *Do you have faith to live your life for God?*
- *Beyond the 10 commandments, do you understand the sins that offend God?*
- *Did you know that Jesus is the only, yes only, mediator between you and God?*
- *What is repentance and is it required for salvation?*
- *Are you ready to accept God’s promises?*
- *What is salvation and how do you know that you are saved?*
- *Can you put your trust in Jesus, today, abide in his Word and change your life for eternity?*

*These are questions you may have about Jesus and the Bible. The verses from God’s Word or the Bible are presented in **bold block letters** on the following pages. These verses should help in answering these questions and many more that you may have. In most cases, there are multiple verses presented from multiple authors in the Bible that reflect on the same meaning in God’s Word. You should read and understand God’s Word as a whole. You must understand his doctrine. God demands it.*

*The words spoken by Jesus are in **bold block letters** and underlined. If Jesus says it, then believe it. On judgement day, you will stand before Jesus. You want to abide by his Words.*

Jesus’s life, miracles, crucifixion, burial, resurrection, the epistles of the apostles and book of is all in the New Testament. The New

Testament is written for the Gentiles and Jews. The gift of everlasting life or salvation is offered to you by the grace of God and is only available to you as presented by New Testament doctrine. For example, there are no works or animal sacrifices required for salvation as presented in the New Testament. If someone says you must do works or sacrifice animals to obtain God's grace, then do not believe them. Run from them and their religion, as fast as you can! The Old Testament doctrine is not provided for doctrine on salvation by grace. You are saved by grace as presented by New Testament doctrine only! Period.

Don't stop with the instruction presented in this publication. Read the Bible and understand what God needs you to do for him!

After you read this publication, pass it on to a loved one, friend or stranger! They too can enjoy the blessings that God has for them.

Introduction: Glory Bound

Blessings and forgiveness of sins throughout the Old Testament were by works. The Jews had to sacrifice animals at the altar by blood, organs, meat and hide for a sin offering.

The son of God, Jesus Christ, was sent to you by God as your Savior. Jesus came to save all the Jews and Gentiles. No longer by works, but by grace you are saved through faith. Faith that comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Jesus gave you two great commandments. Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. What a beautiful promise God has given you through his Son, Jesus Christ. Peace on earth and everlasting life by believing in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ offers salvation by grace, living for God and not by works. Jesus made it clear that we needed to repent and turn from your sinful practices. We need to live a righteous life by loving and serving God.

Man in his infinite wisdom tries to out-think God. The Pharisees saw it coming. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was going to steal their free lunch! They had to get rid of that guy. Jesus Christ was preaching, salvation without works. Every day that Jesus taught, he was stealing members from under the works and rule of the Pharisees.

If you are hoping to get to heaven then you've not been taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The criminal on the cross was saved by grace. It was only through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ by dying on the cross for your sins, do you have a chance to get to Heaven. The criminal on the cross prayed directly to Jesus.

Luke 23:40-43 – [40] But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? [41] And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. [42] And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. [43] And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Verse 40: The criminal on the cross believed in God. Being saved starts by fearing God. God can take you from this life at any time. The criminal knew that he was a sinner who had offended God. We are all sinners, “Darkness bound for hell.”

Verse 41: The criminal’s punishment for his sin was death and hell. He repented of his sins. Jesus was sin free and did not deserve to die. You must repent of your sins and turn to God.

Verse 42: The criminal recognized Jesus as God. When you pray, be specific. The criminal prayed to be with Jesus in his kingdom. Pray to Jesus and tell him that you want to love him, serve him and be with him in heaven.

Verse 43: Jesus forgave the criminal and promised him everlasting life with Jesus in heaven. Jesus can forgive you of your sins. Tell him that you want to be with him forever in heaven, singing and giving him all the glory.

Stop, believe and pray to Jesus Christ, a request containing the above verses, 40 through 43. Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Jesus is the mediator between you and God. Jesus took your sin debt to the grave. Jesus rose from the grave, born again in the newness of life as the living God. You are to repent of your sins and turn from your sinful ways to Jesus and be “born again” as a child of God, baptized by the Holy Ghost in the newness of life with the power to resist the temptations of

sin. Loving Jesus with all your heart, mind and soul. Only you can choose to live a righteous life and walk with Jesus by repenting and turning from your sins. As a saved Christian you will meet Jesus, "Glory Bound" in heaven. All your prayers for salvation must be to Jesus Christ. On judgement day, you will stand before Jesus Christ. Do not mock the grace of God and worship people, false gods or idols. You must be born again of the spirit, of incorruptible seed. Understand the doctrine of God's Word in the bible.

1 Peter 1:23 - Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides forever.

You study the New Testament to know the sins of the flesh that the devil will be throwing at you.

Galatians 5:19-21 - Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these ; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

You study to understand the blessings and fruits of the spirit that you can expect by walking with Jesus.

Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

You will experience these blessings when you turn from sin. If you continue to serve the devil and sin, then hatred, misery, distress, uncertainty, sorrow, trouble, death and hell should be expected

If you continue in your sinful ways ask yourself, if you really put your trust and faith in Jesus Christ or did you just read some words. Jesus Christ knows what is in your heart. Today put your trust in Jesus Christ, repent of your sins and give him glory every day and for every blessing he sends your way. Pray without ceasing. Sing and glorify him at every opportunity.

The devil knows that Jesus is the Son of God. The devil knows that Jesus died on the cross. The devil knows that Jesus rose again from the dead. The devil is not going to heaven. If you never give Jesus the Glory, ask yourself, "Do I love and serve a living God?" If the answer is no, then go back to Verse 40 above and start over. Humble yourself and ask for God's help.

1 Peter 5:6-8 KJV - Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Now, if you ask for forgiveness, every day for the same sin, then ask yourself if you are walking with Jesus. If you start feeling guilty because you are living in sin, then you are starting your walk with Jesus. Repent and do better. Repentance is mandatory to grow your walk with Jesus and stop serving the devil.

Luke 13:3 - I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Change your life, as needed, to help you fight the devil. Do what you need to do to stop serving the devil and start serving Jesus Christ. Alcohol and drugs will keep you in sin. When you are under the influence of alcohol and drugs, the Holy Ghost cannot work in your heart. The devil will be in control. Drunkenness, fornication, adultery and sins of the flesh with alcohol and drugs go hand in hand. Give up your addictions,

drugs and alcohol, get victory in your life and your walk with the Lord will grow, blossom and you will be in peace. Pray without ceasing for strength to give up sin. Now you are "Glory Bound", no longer hoping to get to heaven!

Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

God's Word is easy to read. The message of salvation is in the New Testament. Start there. God has seen men abusing religion and those that try to serve him. Do you really think that God was going to write a book, the Bible, that one would need a Doctor of Theology to read and understand? Absolutely not! Understanding the Gospel of Jesus Christ is so simple. Read the King James 1611 version. Don't let the devil convince you that you can't read the King James version.

Now that you've put your trust in Jesus Christ, you feed his flock. Be a faithful witness. Peter repeated the Words of Jesus to us!

1 Peter 5:2 - Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

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To God be the glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 1: Trusting God

Your walk begins by trusting God. Lessons of the Old Testament were of men and women faithful to God. They were faithful, regardless of the possible outcome for their lives. They feared God, first. Their God defeated the enemies of the Jews time and time again. They knew what their God could do! Their faith was challenged by non-believers. These non-believers worshipped golden idols or gods with no power. Your almighty, living God has the power to protect, heal, save, turn your life around for your loved ones, help you overcome your addiction, help you get freedom in your life, simplify your life, restore your spirit, etc. You have to have faith to recognize the power of God.

Abraham was willing to sacrifice his only son to please God. He was willing to sacrifice his most favorite earthly possession to do the will of God. Abraham feared God. Abraham had great faith.

Genesis 22:9-13 - And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego were faithful to God and would not worship the golden image / god of Nebuchadnezzar. They had mighty faith. They feared God, first because they wanted to please God and choose not to worship false gods. They had faith in the power of God. They trusted in Him to deliver them from the evil in this world, regardless of how powerful evil appeared. The furnace was heated, seven (7) times the normal operating temperature of the furnace. This would be enough to barbeque any man alive. They followed the will of God. The will of man could not hurt them. They lived by faith in God. Their faith had a great impact on Nebuchadnezzar. After they survived his wrath, he recognized God as all powerful and he gave God the glory. He said "because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort."

Daniel 3:12-14,16-19,23,25,28-29 - There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: therefore he spake, and

commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

The Jews lost faith, many times. God lets you learn on your own.

Psalm 81:11-12 - But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

2 John 1:9 - Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

So I ask you;

- *Do you fear God?*
- *How mighty is your faith?*
- *Are you willing to put your trust in Jesus?*
- *Are you abiding in the doctrine of Jesus Christ?*

- *Are you walking in your own lusts, desires and counsels?*
- *Has God let you become a fool so you can be wise?*

Be not deceived by the riches of this world. Put all your trust in Jesus. You must understand the will of God and abide by the Word of God.

1 Corinthians 3:18 - Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

When you are wise to the world, your heart is focused on the things of this world and full of sin. No love for God. Your heart is deceitful and wicked.

Jeremiah 17:9-10 - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Your walk starts with a transformation of the heart. When you can read and understand Paul's letter to the Ephesians, you realize that you are saved by faith and not works.

Ephesians 2:8 - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Mark 1:1 - The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

In the Gospel of Jesus Christ, you are saved by believing in what Jesus did for you. By grace, God gave you his son for sacrifice. To sacrifice for your sins, Jesus was beat, hair pulled out, beard pulled out, metal hooks on the end of leather straps ripped big holes in his skin, a crown of thorns was jammed on his head. He was forced to carry his cross naked through the streets and

hung naked on the cross, till death. He died much faster than any man. All this in front of his mother. He died on the cross for your sins. Hang that image of Jesus on a cross in living color on your wall and you'll repent of your sins. You are a sinner saved by the grace of God. It was God's grace and the blood of Jesus. The question is, "do you really believe in his Gospel?" Someone may have read you a plan of salvation and had you say a prayer. Then told you, that you were saved! When you are saved you are born again as a son of God. You are transformed into a new creature in Christ with a clean heart. Thus, you are not saved by the will of man, but by the will of God. You ask for a clean heart.

Psalm 51:10 - Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

So I ask you;

- *Are you living like a son of God?*
- *Are you abiding in the Word of God?*
- *Are you following the will of God?*

You can only be "saved" from eternal damnation by doing the will of God. You must accept Jesus as your savior, believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, repent of your sins, be born again as a son of God and do the will of God to be saved. Following man's religion does not save you. You cannot buy salvation.

John 1:12-13 - But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

I cannot rattle off some verses and then tell you that you are saved. I cannot baptize you by water and tell you that are saved. Only

God knows if you are saved. Only God knows what is in your heart. Only God knows if you are sorry for your sins and have turned from the devil and repented of your sins and turn to God. Only God knows if you abide in his Word and love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength! Only God has the power to save you.

When God offers you a gift. You accept it. Remember to say thank you, as that is when the blessings begin. Thank you equals giving God glory

Luke 17:17-19 - And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Do you really know the Gospel of Jesus Christ and do you abide in his Word? God offers the gift of salvation to all. You must be willing to accept it. When you are saved, you read and study God's Word and you are guided by Holy Ghost. Like a good sheep, you follow his instruction.

John 10:27 - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life;

You've been away too long. You don't know where to start. Today is the day to start fresh. Abide in his Word. Repent. Study, hear and get to know Jesus. Follow his instructions. Time for you to grow in faith. Time for you to give your heart to God. Time to live a righteous life.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Matthew 4:17 - From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 6:33 - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Romans 10:17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

What is righteousness? Righteousness is living a Christ-like life and doing the will of God. Jesus was living in the world and God sacrificed Jesus for you. God wants you to sacrifice the things of this world for Him.

In this life, you will do nothing for God, unless you fear God first. God has the power to make your life miserable. He has the power to heal you. He has the power to heal you from your addictions. Addictions serve man. God wants you serving him. He has the power to reward you. He has the power to send you to heaven or hell. The beginning of knowledge starts with the fear of God.

Proverbs 1:7 - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Today is the day to do the will of God. Fear God and accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Stop being a fool. Throw your pride away. Time to serve Jesus with a vengeance.

Faith...Abide...Love...Repent...Righteousness...Confess...Witness

It is by God's Will that you are saved from eternal damnation. On judgement day, you will stand before Jesus. You want him to tell you, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

To God be the glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 2: Will of God

God is against sin! Sin that was given to you by Adam and Eve eating of the forbidden fruit in the garden.

Romans 5:17-19 - For if by one man's offence death reigned by one...Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation...For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners,

In the Old Testament, God was tired of the Jews always worshipping idols. If it wasn't the golden calf, it was some other idol. So, God gave Moses the 10 Commandments.

Exodus 20:3-17

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

The Jews grew these commandments into 600+ laws. They worked so hard to serve the laws of the Jewish religion, that they could no longer spend time loving God! Sin reigned by serving laws. The Jews were condemned. God knew he needed to make a change, so he sent his Son, not to condemn the word, but to save the world. Through Jesus, the Jews could choose to live a righteous life and serving God out of love not by laws! They could then realize the gift of everlasting life.

John 3:17 - For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Romans 5:17-19 - ... much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life...so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

John 5:24 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Jesus was against organized religion. He could not trust the Pharisees to love his people They were interested in the worship of themselves by men and the love of themselves and money.

Matthew 23:14 - Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Jesus does not want you to worship religious leaders. You are only to worship Jesus.

Matthew 23:8-11 - But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

God is against sin. Specifically, the sins of the flesh. The bible clearly defines the sins of the flesh and the commandments for the Jews and Gentiles to live by in the New Testament. There are verses in Matthew 15, Mark 7, Mark 10, Luke 18, Romans 1, Romans 13 and Galatians 5 that defines sin and the commandments to live by.

Galatians 5:19-21 - Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these ; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus answers.

Mark 12:29-31 - And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

To realize the gift of everlasting life, God wants you to repent and turn from your sin and have faith in Jesus.

In the New Testament, specifically from the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Jesus told you in fifteen (15) verses to repent of your sins.

Romans 6:1-2 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

You see, there is no greater gift that one can give God than repenting of and turning from your sins. Repenting of your sins tells God that you love him and you respect the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Repenting of your sins is the only way to discard your old sinful flesh and to be born again as a new creature walking in the Light of Jesus, in the newness of life. Being born again has such a monumental impact on your life, one often remembers, the date, time and place of their, born again experience.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Repenting of your sins is the only way to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:38 - Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Repenting of your sins is the one thing you must do to obtain God's favor and receive the gift of everlasting life!

Luke 13:3 - I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Your Christian walk will not begin until you repent and turn from your sin. When you repent of your sins, you are telling God that you no longer are walking with devil. You are ready to be a son of God. You are ready to be led by Jesus, who now resides in your heart!

Galatians 4:6-7 - And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Repentance is the only way to change your life here on earth and accept all the glory that God has waiting for you. Today is the day to tell the devil to get lost. Today is the day for you to get ready to take the ride of your life that God has waiting for you. You need a ticket for that ride. That ticket, named "Repentance", is the only way to get on that ride. Repent of your sins and accept the gift that God has waiting for you. You are saved by grace and not works. Today is the day for you to repent of your sins, give God the glory and come home!

Some religious organizations use a couple of verses from the Bible that you can say to be saved without repentance. I call this the "ABC repeat after me plan" of salvation. This requires no faith, no doctrine and sounds too good to be true! Bottom-line is that there is no such thing as an "ABC repeat after me plan of salvation" that you can say to obtain God's favor and obtain God's gift of everlasting life. That ticket named "ABC Repeat after Me" won't get you on the "Repentance" ride of your life, destination heaven. You would not want to stand before Jesus on judgement day with a ride ticket named "ABC Repeat after Me." You want to make sure you have that right ticket named "Repentance". Do not be ignorant!

Acts 17:30 - And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

It is your responsibility to understand God's Word. You will be standing before Jesus on judgement day. No one will be by your side. That person that walked you through the verses of an "ABC repeat after me plan of salvation" will not be there. Excuses won't count. You are saved by faith. Thus, it is your job to grow your faith. This allows you to repent of your sins, fight the devil and serve God and Jesus. Jesus is the mediator between you and God on judgement day. You want Jesus to know that you love him. You love him by studying and living the Word of God.

Romans 10:4 -For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

Romans 10:17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

If anyone says trust me or their message just sounds too good to be true, then it is time to study and ask God for guidance. Jesus told you these times will come. Be wise. Be diligent.

2 Timothy 4:2-4 - Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

To God be the glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 3: Repentance

*By the grace of God, he has promised you the gift of eternal or everlasting life by believing in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You hear a verse or two that proclaim the promise of everlasting life. Someone may ask you if you are saved. They may ask you if you have been born again. Have you repented for your sins, that have offended God? You ask, "Can I continue in sin, and still have the promise of everlasting life?" You'd like to understand what all this means. A study of verses from the bible is offered in this chapter. From these verses, you can study the bible and formulate your own opinion consistent with God's Word. These bible verses include both first hand reporting (i.e. **Jesus said it**) and second hand reporting (Disciples are reporting it.) Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Peter walked with Jesus during his ministry on this earth. They include verses that are first hand reporting. On judgement day, you'll be standing before and answering to Jesus. Opinions of man, pastors or following religion won't matter. Only the Word of God matters. Make sure you understand it!*

There are many verses that tell you to repent of your sins and turn from your sinful nature. You must understand these verses. Don't just believe a verse given to you or just study one verse and think you have it. Study the New Testament chapters. Salvation by grace, through faith and not works is a New Testament promise. Timothy tells you to study to know the truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

What is Sin?

The bible clearly defines the sins of the flesh and the commandments for the Jews and Gentiles to live by in the New Testament. There are verses in Matthew 15, Mark 7, Mark 10, Luke 18, Romans 1, Romans 13 and Galatians 5 that defines the sins of the flesh and the commandments to live by. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus answers.

Mark 12:29-31 - And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

You've been practicing religion and you're thinking, "what about keeping the sabbath holy?" It is missing in the New Testament's sins of the flesh. You go to church on Sunday. Isn't that good enough! The ten commandments in the Old Testaments, book of Exodus Chapter 20, says to keep the sabbath holy. And what about the added sins of the flesh of drunkenness and fornication! These aren't in Exodus! Well. The Old Testament ten commandments in Exodus were for the Jews. The sins of the flesh in the New Testament are for Jews and Gentiles seeking salvation by grace.

Must you turn from sin to inherit God's kingdom and the gift of everlasting life?

This is the million dollar question that a sinner of the flesh seeks to answer, once he is offered everlasting life by believing in Jesus. He is thinking, "If I can continue in sin and can then get out of hell when I die, then I have the best of both worlds!"

What did Paul tell you? Dead, death and darkness are associated with living in sin. Walking with the newness of life,

righteousness, walking in the spirit, born of God, born of the spirit and born again are all associated with living a life for Jesus. You are told not to continue in sin.

Romans 6:1-4 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 10:9-10 - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

1 Corinthians 6:14-20 - And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 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? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Timothy 2:3-5 - For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to

come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Better yet. What did Jesus tell you in John? Jesus includes a conditional requirement, "Heareth my word." If you hear his word and believe in God, you'll pass from death onto life. Jesus tells us to "sin no more."

John 5:24 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 8:11 - She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

John also tells you that when you are born of God, you become sons of God. Jesus is the propitiation for your sins and the mediator between God and you. When you are born of God, you don't commit sin or ye sin not! You show evidence of God in you.

John 1:12-13 - But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

1 John 2:1-2 - My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 3:9 - Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1 John 5:17-18 - All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

What did Jesus tell you in Mark? Jesus tells you that all men should repent and believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:15 - And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Mark 2:17 - When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance

Mark 6:12 - And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

Mark 16:16 - He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

“Born of God”, “born again” and “born of the Spirit” are phrases that refer to your transformation, when you accept Jesus as your Savior. The Holy Ghost comes into your heart. You are a new man. The phrase, “Born Again” is only used three (3) times in the Bible. All in the New Testament. Twice by Jesus and once by Peter. “Born Again” is a powerful verse for the New Testament Christian. When you are “born again” you are spiritual alive and living your life for Jesus.

John 3:3 - 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.

1 Peter 1:22-25 - Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren,

**see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:
Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of
incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth
for ever.**

When you accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ, you accept the forgiveness of sins offered by the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. When you are "born again", your sins are buried under the blood of Jesus with the old man and you are "born again", walking in the newness of life, as a new man, born of the Spirit, and free of your sinful past.

What did Jesus tell you in Luke? He tells you to repent.

Luke 5:32 - I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Luke 13:3 - I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish

Luke 24:45-47 - Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Luke 15:10 - Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Definitions.

Repent: To turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life.

Remission: the cancellation of a debt, charge or penalty.

Jesus recognizes you as a sinner. His Word, tells you over and over again, to repent of your sins. It is clear that Jesus is telling you to turn from your sinful past and that he has taken care of your sin debt. If you walk in darkness, you fail to recognize the Word of God. If you walk in light, you abide by the Word of God and follow his commandments and are living a righteous life. You have a clean heart, that is right with the Lord. You are transformed into a new creature.

1 John 2:8-11 - Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

1 John 3:14-18 - We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Acts 8:21-22 - Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Romans 12:2 - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

As you walk with the Lord in the Spirit of Righteousness, will you sin again? Absolutely. Jesus knows you are human. He understands it. He was human. You now have the ability to recognize sin. You are told to repent and confess your sins. Do this daily.

Luke 17:3-4 - Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

1 John 1:9-10 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

*So, can you live in darkness, sin daily and just confess them? What do you think? You are not to be double minded. You are told to walk in the light and the Spirit of Righteousness. You must understand the Word of God. Remember on judgement day you will stand before Jesus and God. He does not want you to be a servant of sin and to live your life for the devil. You are to deny ungodliness. On judgement day, you want Jesus to tell you, **“well done, my good and faithful servant.”** If you walk in darkness with sin ruling your life and do nothing for the Lord, he may just say, **“I never knew you”**.*

James 1:8 - A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

2 Corinthians 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Titus 1:15-16 - Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Galatians 6:7-8 - Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Matthew 7:23 - And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Titus 2:11-12 - For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

1 John 2:3-4 - And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

You are told to believe in Jesus and his Word. On judgement day, you want to hear the words, "well done my good and faithful servant." You no longer want to be a servant of sin walking with the devil, but a servant of Jesus by following the Word of God. Remember, the devil knows that Jesus died on the cross,

was buried and rose again. The devil is not going to heaven. Jesus wants to make sure that you know how to get to heaven. Repent of your sins, believe in Jesus Christ and walk with him daily! Jesus will forgive your sins. You are not to live your sins. Walk in righteousness, serving the Lord. Then will your eyes be opened to a new spirit, to a new life and free of darkness.

Acts 26:18 - To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Sin will no longer have dominion over your life. You are a servant of righteousness. You accept the gift of the Holy Ghost into your heart. This transformation is exactly how Paul describes your new life in Romans.

Romans 6:1-2,6,9,12,14-15,18,22 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Your old friends are watching you. They want you to fail, because they loved it when you sinned with them. They had a buddy to

walk with the devil. God wants you to do good works. Not to do what is evil. When you sow evil, you reap evil.

Galatians 6:7 -Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

OK. You are struggling with your walk with Jesus. The apostles struggled. There were times, when they lacked faith and the power of God in their hearts. How do you become a winner through Jesus? You must do the most powerful thing in the bible. You must seek God's help by prayer and fasting.

Matthew 17:14-21 - And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?_And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Tell Jesus you want to enjoy the things of this earth that he has planned for you. Tell Jesus you want the gift of an overwhelming Holy Ghost that will guide and direct your life. Read and study the word of God, daily. That word of God will give you the power of a Holy Ghost to direct you. Right now, you need a Super Hero in your life. The Holy Ghost is the one

you need. The Holy Ghost will help you decide, what is right and wrong. The Holy Ghost will help you turn from the devil and turn your heart to loving Jesus.

So I ask, "Are you a saved Christian or a lost want-to-be?"

Repentance is the difference between being a lost want-to-be and being saved from eternal damnation. Jesus tells you to repent of your sins, believe the Gospel and walk in righteousness. Today, decide that you are going to sin no more and walk in the spirit. When you do this, you are, "Glory Bound!"

To God be the glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 4: Righteousness

As you wonder through life walking with the devil; lost in sin, hardship, pain and suffering, imagine that there is an interactive video game titled, "Righteousness" playing that you must decide if you want to go play. You can't just walk right in. You must first put your trust in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. You won't go in alone. Walk in "born again" with the Holy Ghost as a new man through the strait gate turnstile named "Repentance". Get ready to experience the kingdom of God and the Fruits of the Spirit. Stay in the game and at the conclusion of the game, you'll experience the gift of everlasting life. Heaven will be waiting!

Currently you are lost in sin, experiencing hardship pain and suffering.

It is time to enter at the strait gate

Matthew 7:13-14 - Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Get ready to experience the kingdom of God and the fruits of the Spirit.

The outcome of living in the world of darkness and lost in sin is death and hell. Matthew 7, Verse 13 is telling you that the ways to death, darkness and hell are many. The wide gate and broad way says you can go and turn to whatever human desire there is too satisfy today's wants. You are walking side by side with the devil. You act like there are no consequences. Kill babies, fornicate, drink alcohol like a fish, live in sin and do whatever you want! Living a life of unrighteousness.

However, you frame it, the outcome is death and hell or just bad luck. Hence verse # 13. Coincidence. Nope. God put those words exactly where he wanted them.

You must decide if you want to enter into the strait gate. Matthew 7, Verse 14 is telling you the path to "Righteousness". When you are driving a long journey, there are many twists and turns. I was on this journey for over 59 years. Finally, you humble yourself and ask for directions to the strait gate. You ask Jesus to save you. The instructions are to go straight ahead. No more left and right turns. Stay on this road and you will arrive. This is exactly the message Jesus is giving you in verse 14. There is only one path to righteousness. One path to serving God. One path to live a Christian and righteous life. One path to show your love for God and love for your neighbor. One path to obtain life everlasting by believing in Jesus. Nothing and no one else! Not your mama. Not Mary. Not the pope. No one else! Only Jesus.

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

You see, when you enter that strait gate, it is not about what you know. 8 years ago, when I was saved, I could not rattle off bible verses? I had never owned a bible. I entered into that strait gate by faith. I was done walking with the devil. I was on my way to hell. My sight was no longer focused on the things of this earth. It was time for me to close my eyes and let God be in control. I did not look back. It is about faith. Walking by faith in God. The devil, sin, and earthly lusts will all be yelling at you. Do not be like Lot's wife. Do not look back.

2 Corinthians 5:7 - For we walk by faith, not by sight:

Genesis 19:26 - But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

If you decide to walk the path to righteousness through this strait gate, then devil will be mad. He will be working full time to pull you back into the cesspool of his kingdom. Submit yourself to God. Stop worshipping sports, sex, sin, beer, bourbon, wine, drugs, the things of this world or following any other religion or god. The path is narrow. It is not by being double minded, living in and out of sin, by entering and backing out of that strait gate.

James 4:7-8 - Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

No one can depend on you if you are double minded. Wanting to play in sin and also in righteousness. You are unstable in all you do. Jesus will not know you. If you continually serve the devil daily, then you are likely not saved!

James 1:8 - A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Do not let your physical being be a way for the devil to pull you back out of the pathway to righteousness. Don't give the devil a chance to pull you back into sin. Avoid those things that drag you into sin.

Matthew 18:8 - Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

Matthew 18:9 - And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

Get the power of the Word of God in your life. Grow in knowledge to love and serve the Lord.

2 Peter 2:20 - 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.

Do not hesitate and go through that strait gate and then the turnstile named "Repentance". Be born again of the Spirit as a child of God. Enter the kingdom of God, abide in his doctrine, do righteous works and get ready for his blessings. Let the Holy Ghost sanctify you today, as a child of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 - And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Once through the strait gate, you will experience the kingdom of God, right here on earth. No longer bound in sin. Jesus is the only way to heaven. Do not look back. Your actions of living a righteous life are evidence of being saved. Keep your eye on the Lord and walk by faith.

To God be the glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 5: Salvation

Salvation or being saved from eternal damnation in the New Testament is a gift offered by the grace of God by faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The New Testament, says by grace you are saved through faith. You have faith and love Jesus and believe from the heart. All things become new. You are a new creature. No longer a servant of sin. You believe, repent and live a life unto righteousness and are born of him. For all this, you are promised eternal life. You must have faith by trusting in his Word.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please him : for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Matthew 6:33 - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

John 12:47 - And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

John 10:27 - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1 John 2:28-29 - And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is

righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

1 Corinthians 15:34 - Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

Romans 8:10 - And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Romans 10:9-10 - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Matthew 25:46 - And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

There is only one way to obtain faith. By hearing the word of God.

Romans 10:17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

*The only path to salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ. You are his sheep and you follow him. You hear his Words (doctrine) and believe. Only Jesus, the Son of God, has the power to save you. Humble yourself and tell him that you are a sinner, you deserve death and hell and that you are truly sorry for your sins. (See Galatians 5:19-21) You tell Jesus that it is only by his shed blood that your sins can be forgiven. You ask him to cleanse you of your sins and that you want to be with him in heaven. You repent of your sins and turn your life of sin around 180 degrees as a new creature, born again child of God unto righteousness. **Not born again by the will of man, but by the will of God.** Only the will of God can save you. Man cannot tell*

you that you are saved. You want to love Jesus from your heart. You only worship Jesus.

Being saved includes a change of heart toward sin. This is made possible by believing in Jesus and repenting of your sins. You are genuinely sorrow for your sins. Jesus was beat, shed his blood and died on the cross for you. Get it. There is no greater sign of love. The Son of God died on the cross for you! He is asking you many times to repent of your sins. When you repent, you'll receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. You are a new creature. You turn from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. "Repent" is contained in sixty (60) New Testament verses. Jesus said fifteen (15) times that you must repent. Repent is a powerful step in being saved.

Acts 3:19 - Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Revelation 3:19 – As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

2 Corinthians 7:10 - For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

If Jesus said repent, then believe it. You cannot argue with God about repentance. You are saved on his terms and not yours. When you are born again, you turn away from sin and are born of God. Sin will no longer have dominion over you.

John 3:20 - For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

1 John 3:8-10 - He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Matthew 23:27 - Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

1 John 3:5-6 - And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

Cleansing the soul of dead men's bones or repentance is necessary for salvation. Jesus gave you a simple parable to show you this. He said that you can't put new wine in old bottles. The bottles will burst. You can't stuff the Holy Spirit in and around sin or dead men's bones! You cannot serve two masters. The sin or bones must be cleaned out first. You are born again as a new creature. Your body or temple is of the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit. Your born again body is like a new wine bottle.

Luke 5:37 - And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

1 Corinthians 6:19 - 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?

What is born again? You are born again as a child of God.

Not born of water in the flesh, as a sinner of corruptible seed, but born of the spirit as a new creature. No longer serving sin.

1 Peter 1:23 - Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Romans 6:6-7 - Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth you should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.

John 3:5 - Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

You no longer worship the gods of the flesh. You no longer walk with the devil in darkness and death, but serve a living God unto righteousness! One hundred and twenty seven (127) verses in the New Testament speak unto righteousness. Jesus spoke twenty (20) verses unto righteousness. You no longer are a servant of sin. You no longer want to walk with the devil. You are no longer full of dead men's bones. No longer walking in darkness, but in the newness of the Spirit, abiding by the Word of God and led by the Holy Spirit. By serving Jesus, he has accepted you as a child of God. You serve a living God. You abide by God's Word. Jesus gives you eternal life to be with him in heaven by faith.

2 Chronicles 7:14 - If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Hebrews 9:14 - How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to

God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

John 15:4-7 - Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

How do you believe and get faith? Several versus expand on believing in Jesus to include a relationship by abiding in the doctrine or Word of God. To grow your faith, make sure you understand the doctrine of Jesus Christ. A sinner does not abide in the doctrine of Jesus Christ. Please, don't try and deceive God. A deceiver is one that does not abide in the doctrine of Jesus Christ. Don't be a fool and think you know it all. Remember, then unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

2 John 1:7-10 - For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

1 Corinthians 3:18 - Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

1 Corinthians 6:9 - 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,

*Let's be clear. You cannot deceive God. You cannot pay or have someone else say a prayer and ask if you believe in Jesus and then tell you that you are saved. You cannot just rattle off the words of an "ABC repeat after me plan of salvation." You cannot say your saved and live an unrighteous life. God is not impressed! **He said you must be born again as a new creature!***

When you put your trust in Jesus, you need to understand that God hates sin. He knows if you are a sinner loving the devil or in love with Jesus. If you are a servant of sin, then God knows it! He knows the number of hairs on your head. Just remember that you cannot deceive God and he will not be mocked. If you love him, then you abide in His doctrine. What you sow is what you reap. If you sow sin, you will reap sin. If you sow righteous, then you will reap righteousness. God will be with you.

Matthew 10:30 - But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Galatians 6:7 - Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

2 John 1:9 - Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

The bible says there is only one path which leads unto life, but of course you may not believe that.

Matthew 7:14 - Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it

You cannot get to heaven your way. You are saved by God's terms. You are saved by God's will. Here are a few examples. These people are double minded. They want to serve the flesh and sin and with what is left over, maybe serve God. They want to walk with the devil on the left hand and God on the right hand. Remember. God does not want to share you with the devil. You cannot serve God and the devil, simultaneously.

1 Corinthians 10:20-21 - But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

Luke 16:13 - No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Can you lose your salvation in these cases?

Example 1 – You are presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but do nothing with it. Never pray, never repent of your sinful habits, never go to church and never give God the glory. You live an unrighteous life serving the devil. If you die in this state, then per the Gospel, you've not been born again. You will not experience everlasting life. Mistake: The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. You are not serving Christ. You

have not repented of your sins. You are living an unrighteous life.

Example 2 – You know of Jesus from your religion, but you don't put your faith in Him for salvation. Your religion is loaded with works that must be accomplished to show your love of your religion. You may have been baptized in water, but have no love for Jesus. You've not repented of your sins. If you die in this state, then per the Gospel, you've not been born again. You will not experience everlasting life. Mistake: You put no faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ to save you from eternal damnation. If your actions and belief have you performing all the religious acts or laws of your religion that they have imposed on you for salvation, then you have not accepted this gift of God. You do not believe that Jesus has done it all and has washed your sins away by His shed blood. If you don't believe that Jesus did it all, then you've not accepted this gift of God. Your hope is in the religious laws and not the blood of Jesus. Jesus has become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

Example 3 – Your religion has many gods. You decide to say the "ABC repeat after me prayer for salvation" and add God to your repository of gods. If you die in this state, then per the Gospel, you've not been born again. You will not experience everlasting life. Mistake: God tells you to worship Him with all your strength, mind and soul. You can't have your book of gods and add God for fire insurance for escape from eternal damnation. You don't believe that Jesus can do it all. Non-believers will not experience everlasting life in heaven.

Example 4 - You are an abortion doctor. You like the idea of everlasting life by believing in Jesus. You confess your sins, but never repent and turn from your unrighteous life of killing babies every day. You have a car wreck and die of the flesh.

You've not been born again. You will not experience everlasting life. Mistake: The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Jesus tells you to love your neighbor as yourself and that you must repent and turn from your sin. Killing God's children is neither loving God nor loving your neighbor. You must hear his voice. Use your doctor skills to heal your neighbor, not kill them.

Pretty straight forward up to this point. Now the question. You consider yourself to be saved from eternal damnation. Question? Can you lose your salvation? Remember. You are justified by grace, not the law.

Galatians 5:4 - Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

Let's assume you can lose your salvation. That would imply, that once lost, you'd have to accept Jesus as your savior again; You'd have to believe in his death burial and resurrection again; you would have to believe that your sins are forgiven forever, again. You'd have to believe that forever is not forever.

To prove this assumption wrong, by definition, you can't accept something, you've already accepted. You can't believe again something that you already believe; God would have to take back his free-gift; and the devil would pluck you out of the hand of God. If these statements are true, then all these verses are a lie. God would be a liar.

Titus 1:2 - In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Well, in Titus 1:2, God tells you he cannot lie! If he cannot lie, then you can't give back his free-gift of eternal life; no man will pluck you out of his hand; you can't accept something that

you've already accepted; you can't believe again something that you already believe; Jesus will not die again on the cross for your sins. He did it once, forever!

Hebrews 10:10, 12-14 - By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

In Hebrews 10:10, 12-14 God tells you that Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins, forever! By one offering, he has perfected you that are sanctified, forever.

John 10:27-29 - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

In John 10:27-29, Jesus is telling you that you are his sheep and you follow him by repenting of your sins and living a righteous life. If you follow him, then he gives you eternal life and by his power, no one can pluck them out of his Father's hand. You see the devils knows what you know in order to obtain salvation. The devil is not following Jesus. The devil will not have eternal life in heaven.

Hebrews 6:4-6 - For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

In Hebrews 6:4-6, God is telling you that it is impossible for you to lose what you have, because if that were so, the Son of God would have to be crucified afresh. Friends. That is not happening. Once you are saved, you know sin and confess your sin daily. If you sin, then you repent and tell Jesus you are sorry and confess your sin. Ask him for the power to turn you from your sin and ask Him to give you direction on how to serve Him and move on, serving the Lord.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Remember, you are saved by the will of God on his terms. Per the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the New Testament, Jesus told you how to live on this earth and believe in him. You are his sheep, you hear his voice and you follow him. You will feel the presence of God in your life. Jesus said fifteen (15) times to repent of your sins. You repent of your sins and are born again as a new creature into a righteous life. Jesus said twenty (20) times to live a Christ-like life unto righteousness. You abide in the Word of God. You are saved by the Will of God. No longer walking in darkness serving the devil, but in light serving God. Forever is really forever.

To God be the glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 6: Strong Drink

As a believer in Christ, is it acceptable to drink wine or strong drink?

Many religious denominations consider consumption of strong drink and wine taboo. Some don't even caution against it. Some religions even promote it. They have it on tap at the church and sell it at every festival. Thus, it must be OK, right? Strong drink would be any drink with alcohol, wine, mind altering and illegal drugs.

In the Old Testament, the Jews were warned about strong drink.

The woes of strong drink are presented in over nineteen (19) Old Testament verses. You are deceived by it and are not wise to drink it. Only one (1) verse in the New Testament, presents John the Baptist, a Jew, as drinking neither wine or strong drink. John the Baptist is living in the Old Testament age of salvation by works when Christ came into the world. The Old Testament Jew stayed away from strong drink. Only recommended for the sick and dying.

Proverbs 20:1 - Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Proverbs 31:4-6 - It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

Luke 7:33 - For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil.

Luke 1:15 - For he (John the Baptist) shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

God gave you his Word in the Bible. He wants you to understand his doctrine. Jesus came to heal the blind. Let him heal you today. The New Testament refers the consumption of strong drink resulting in drunkenness to be a sin of the flesh. Drunkenness is the #2 sin of the flesh presented in the New Testament in over ten (10) verses. Fornication is the #1 sin of the flesh presented in over thirty (30) verses. It is clear that Jesus does not want you to sin and to drink strong drink.

Hebrews 3:13-15 - But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

No one wants to hear that they should not engage in strong drink. If the bible says you should not engage in strong drink, then you should not drink alcohol or do drugs. That is sound doctrine. Any decision you make in terms of living in the New Testament, should be in accordance to sound doctrine. Do not be deceived.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Ephesians 5:6 - Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Matthew 24:4-5,11 - And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Hebrews 3:13 - But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

As a young believer in Christ, you've now accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Like a rebellious teenager, you say what is the big deal with strong drink. It is not like committing murder or adultery. You know the sins of the flesh. It doesn't say to avoid strong drink. It says to avoid drunkenness and nothing about strong drink. There is no law or sins of the flesh that says thou shalt drink no strong drink.

You may have struggled with peace in your life and struggled with job, finances and marriage due to drunkenness. God has promised you to the fruits of the Spirit by living a righteous life and you are ready!

So, as a young believer, you study the Word of God. You want to find out if you can drink alcohol. You find verses that supports drinking wine. Jesus drank wine. So, it must be OK. Right!

Luke 7:34 - The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

1 Timothy 5:23 - Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

Ephesians 5:18 - And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Well. Jesus is God. He resisted the devil for 40 days in the wilderness, without food and water. You are not likely strong at resisting the devil. If you drank alcohol before you were saved, you are weak in resisting temptation. The devil will be working overtime. You were his, before Jesus came along. The devil wants you back. The devil wants you to be miserable.

The devil wants you to think that one alcoholic drink won't hurt.

Jesus wants you to be strong. He wants you to resist temptation. To enjoy the Fruits of the Spirit, you must understand the sins of the flesh. You must endure temptation. You must fear, that sin brings death, darkness and strife. You must not be a fool.

James 1:12-15 - Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Proverbs 20:3 - It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

So how must you be strong and not meddle in sin?

First. You believe that sin is bad. Repent, turn from your sin toward God and be born again, no longer wanting to be entangled in the sins of the flesh. You can overcome this world. Christ has made you free. You no longer want to be entangled in bondage and the sins of the flesh.

1 John 5:4-5 - For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:18-19 - We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

Galatians 5:1 - Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Romans 13:13 - Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Second, you realize that you are weak. You know that you must abstain from fleshly lusts (i.e. alcohol). You need the power of the Holy Ghost in your life to keep you strong, free from the sins of the flesh. God knows how to deliver the ungodly out of temptation.

1 Peter 2:11 - Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

2 Peter 2:7-9 - And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

2 Timothy 2:19,22 - Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Third, humble yourself before God. Be meek. By faith, you must be made strong. Ask him for strength. Ask him to save your soul. Pray for strength to keep you free from sin.

James 1:14,21 - But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Luke 21:34-36 - And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

As you humble yourself before God, you must recognize that there is one thing that will make you weak and keep you in sin...Strong drink. Strong drink has led to adultery, fornication, wrath, strife, hatred and even murder. When you are sober, the Holy Ghost can work in your heart. The Holy Ghost will say no. Strong drink will weaken your spirit. You will be tempted and drawn away into your own lust, which brings on sin. The Holy Ghost will no longer be able to guide you. The devil will be in control.

James 1:14-15 - But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Isaiah 11:2 - And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

Ezekiel 36:27 - And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

John 16:13 - Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

So, you have one strong drink at home and tell yourself, one drink is not bad. Your spirit is weakened. Instead of studying the bible, you turn on the computer and pornography appears on the screen. You head to the store and your buddy invites you to his house for a barbeque. You are offered one more drink and you say that is not bad. You can handle one more drink. He has a pool and a "knock-out" person comes up and starts flirting with you! Your eyes are full of lust. The devil now has hold of your heart and sin has occurred. Thus, the cycle of strong drink, deceit and sin. Strong drink will steal your spirit. God is not mocked. If you sow in sin, then you will reap sin.

Galatians 6:7 - Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

2 Peter 2:14 - Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

1 John 2:16 - For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

God's Word tells you to refrain from strong drink.

1 Timothy 3:8 - Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

Titus 1:7 - For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

Titus 2:3 - The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

Strong drink will lead your eyes to darkness. Keep your eyes from darkness, sin and death. Your eyes are the gateway to the soul. Keep your eyes in light and you will be full of light, righteousness and love for God.

Matthew 6:22 - The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Today, accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. God does not want you to engage in strong drink and sin. God does not want you to be a friend of worldly lusts. Understand sound bible doctrine and get filled with God's Word. Avoid temptation, strong drink and get ready for the gifts and blessings that God has waiting for you. You can never obtain righteousness when you are living in sin. Submit yourself to God and the devil will flee from you. Your desire for strong drink, will go the way of the devil. Avoid strong drink. If you are sick, can't sleep or on your death bed, see a doctor for a prescription that doesn't steal your spirit.

James 1:12 - Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

James 4:1-7 - From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because

ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Thanks be to God for his power and glory. Starting today, give God the glory. Study his word. Serve him with love. He will guide you through this life, with his power. Tell yourself, that strong drink is a thing of the past.

To God be the glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 7: My Church

Jesus and the apostles recognized that overtime, churches and administrations would develop that were not of a sound bible doctrine. The love of money is too strong. They also knew that over time, false teachers would infiltrate the church and deny salvation only offered by the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Are you smart enough to pick a church that 100% believes in the gift of salvation, offered only by the blood of Jesus?

1 Corinthians 12:3-6 - Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

One thing this verse says is that regardless of the differences in the operations and administrations, it is important that the churches worship and follow the doctrine of the New Testament. The church of the apostles served only Jesus. Jesus only wants you to worship him alone by faith. Most Christian churches follow the teachings of the KJV 1611 or modern versions, which teaches that Jesus is the Son of God. These Christian churches fall under the discussion in the above verse. Operations and administrations may be different but the doctrine is the same. Salvation can only be obtained through faith by believing in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. As a Christian, when you die, your spirit immediately goes to heaven to be with the Lord. No one can pray you to heaven. No church leader can command your soul to heaven. You alone, must believe, when you are alive. You can do no works or give no money to buy your way to heaven. You are saved only by faith. Period.

There are churches that offer salvation without belief in Jesus. The bible says that your sins are forgiven by the blood of Jesus. Any other teaching is heresy!

2 Peter 2:1 - But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Jude 1:4 - For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some church denominations may interpret one or two bible verses in a manner to drive a specific work required for salvation. What is a work? Require that you must be baptized with water to come to that church. Require that you must be led to salvation by a leader of that church. Require that you must do things not in the New Testament that the church requires, or it is a sin. These are all made up works to fulfill the desires of men, to control the members of the church. Things, all created by the devil to try and separate God's people and destroy the kingdom of God here on earth. Remember the criminal on the cross in Luke 23:40-43 (see Introduction Chapter). He was saved by repentance and believing in Jesus! No works. The modernday bible versions will be eliminating this verse soon!

Regardless of the denomination of the church, it is important that you understand the basic doctrine of the New Testament and Gospel of Jesus Christ. Salvation can only be obtained by putting your faith and trust in the shed blood of Jesus. Salvation is a gift, offered by the grace of God. You can do no work or follow laws to obtain salvation. Salvation in the New

Testament is by grace and faith in Jesus. Salvation in the Old Testament was by laws. You are living under the New Testament, as you are being guided by the Holy Spirit to live a righteous life per the New Testament doctrine and not the laws of the Old Testament. If a leader of the church quotes Old Testament laws by which you are required to do in order to belong to that church, then get up and leave. This is a sure sign of a heretic!

Galatians 5:18 - But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

When you are saved, you belong to God. You become a son of God. You don't belong to a man-made church. So, if a church leader says you must join the church to come there, then get up and leave!

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

John 1:12 - But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name

Works or laws: This is where some differences may occur on the front end for a new believer. Some denominations offer believers baptism to show you understand the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and the forgiveness of sins. Some denominations believe in speaking in tongues by following the gift of the Holy Ghost. The apostles spoke in tongues to communicate with people of different nationalities. We have bibles in many translated languages. If the basic doctrine and belief in salvation by believing the Gospel of Jesus Christ is present, then there is no need to argue about how one translates the bible and may ask you show your belief by acting

in accordance to a verse in the bible. Determine if they are teaching salvation through Jesus. If not move on or contact us. Jesus wanted his church to be free of laws. Salvation is a gift, offered by the grace of God, in the offering of his Son for death on the cross.

Galatians 2:21 - I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Worldly: Just make sure that your church has not gone worldly on you. Worldly so as to maintain your interest. Worldly by minimizing the teaching of sin in the sermons. Worldly by introducing works into the teachings. Worldly by incorporating false idols into the teachings. Denominations that require works for salvation are against the doctrine of the New Testament. The error in these added items for righteousness, salvation or works, plays into the belief that one may have in these teachings and not in Jesus.

Baptism: Salvation in the New Testament is by believing in Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Water Baptism does not save anyone. John the Baptist told you that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost. You must believe to be saved. Baptism in water is just a symbol. It shows that you have a good conscience toward God.

Mark 1:8 - I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Mark 16:16 - He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

1 Peter 3:21 - The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Acts 19:2-6 - 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. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus

If one does not really understand salvation by grace by believing in only Jesus, repenting of your sins and living the New Testament doctrine, then true salvation may be missed or not fully understood with an added work. For example: One pastor could be pushing water baptism, to tout a numerical count of people getting baptized. If a church pushes baptism as a condition of salvation, then that person may not understand salvation by grace and then go through life, thinking they are saved when in fact they are not. They were just dunked under water. Therein the confusion that Jesus did not want in the New Testament. You are offered salvation by choice by believing in only Jesus. No laws are required.

False idols: Many churches included idols for worship. The Ephesians worshiped Diana the goddess of fertility. The Jews worshipped Baalam and other false gods. Does your church worship men or women of the flesh, besides Jesus. Call no man father other than God in heaven. Those would be considered idols per the doctrine of the New Testament. God does not want you to worship any man or woman, bible saint or prophet, false gods or any other idol. You are to worship and serve only Jesus Christ.

Luke 4:8 - And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

1 Corinthians 10:14 - Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

Matthew 23:9 - And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

Revelation 14:1,7 - Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

If you are starting to wonder about the theology of your church, go to the only valid source available, the 1611 KJV bible and check the validity on your church theology. New age churches must only include salvation by grace from the New Testament. Old Testament theology for the Jews does not play into the salvation by grace.

All salvation theology must be based only on the New Testament.

To God be the glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 8: God's Promises

God's Word is full of promises made to the Jews and Gentiles.

*Throughout the bible, God made promises in 111 bible verses!
He promised wisdom, rest, goodness, bread, water, land, good,
Holy Ghost, Savior-Jesus, eternal life, Spirit through faith, faith,
children of God, salvation, God's blessings, patience, his
coming, etc. Unlike man, God, who cannot lie, keeps his
promises!*

**Titus 1:2 - In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie,
promised before the world began;**

What is a promise?

*PROM'ISE, n. - In a general sense, a declaration, written or verbal,
made by one person to another, which binds the person who
makes it, either in honor, conscience or law, to do or forbear a
certain act specified.*

*God made promises in 111 verses. That is the number 1 in all 3
digits. Promises that include the Son, your Savior in Jesus
Christ, and the Holy Ghost. Is it coincidence that there are 111
verses with promises in the bible? I don't think so. It signifies
strength and unity between the Father, Son and the Holy
Ghost.*

One (aleph) – Unity

*Aleph is an ox in Hebrew. It signifies strength or being first or
"Number One."*

The number one signifies unity or that which is first.

Here are just a few of God's Promises:

Exodus 12:25 – And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

1 Kings 5:12 – And the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

1 Kings 8:56 – Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

1 Chronicles 17:26 – And now, Lord, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

Nehemiah 9:15 – And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

Nehemiah 5:13 - Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the Lord. And the people did according to this promise.

Jeremiah 32:42 – For thus saith the Lord ; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

Acts 2:33,38-41 – Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission

of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 13:23 – Of this man’s seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

Romans 4:13 - For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Galatians 3:14 – That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:22,26,28-29 – But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Ephesians 1:13 – 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,

1 Timothy 4:8 – For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Hebrews 6:12-14 – That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

Hebrews 9:15 – And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 10:31,36 – It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

1 John 2:25 – And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

It is clear that God's promises are for those that believe in his Word. You believe by faith, by abiding in his Word! When you believe, you want to live a righteous life here on earth for Jesus. You repent of your sins and turn your life from the devil and towards God. You abide in his Word. You are born again as a child of God.

2 Peter 3:9,13 – The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

You abide in his Word. You are born again as a child of God. You pray to God and God rewards You. If you do not abide in his doctrine, then God is not in you. You have not been born again!

1 John 2:24-25,28-29 – Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

John 15:7 – If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

As a believer, you are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You have fellowship with the righteous and no longer want to live in darkness with unbelievers, living a life of sin and serving the devil.

2 Corinthians 6:14 – Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?

You believe on Jesus and will have everlasting life. A promise God has made to you, for all those that believe. You pass from death unto light. You pass from the devil and darkness in this world to Jesus, the light and living a righteous life.

John 5:24 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

As you grow in faith, you recognize that you have not always served God in a pure manner.

1 John 3:2-3 - 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. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

God knows you are not perfect. Grow in his Word daily. When you sin, repent of your sins and tell God you are sorry.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

God has made a promise to you, that is, if you abide in his Word. Are you ready for God's promise. What are the sins that you are serving in your life? Repent, turn from that sin and start serving God. It is time for you to feel the power of the Holy Ghost working in and directing your life. Sing and glorify God, whenever you can! Enjoy the blessings and gifts that God will be sending your way.

To God be the glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 9: My Lord and My God

How do you show your love for your Creator and the One that gave you Jesus Christ! Easy. Abide in his doctrine.

God gave you his Word in the Bible. He wants you to understand his doctrine. You show your love and faith in him, when you abide by his doctrine. He absolutely does not want you to sin. Sin will deceive you. In the New Testament, Jesus did not give you laws that you had to do to serve him. God knew that when you are forced to follow man's laws, you cannot show your love for Jesus and serve God. Jesus gave you the freedom to choose in the New Testament. He gives you two options:

Option 1: Believe in Jesus Christ and enjoy the peace, joy and freedom in living a righteous life here on earth. Then you get to enjoy life everlasting with him in heaven or....

Option 2: Believe in the devil and live a life of sin, hardship, pain and suffering here on earth and then you get to enjoy the burning in hell for eternity.

Pride, fear, greed and ignorance will turn you from Option 1 and the devil will gladly take you down the road to Option 2. The devil is smiling while you are struggling in misery. The devil will tell you that beer and wine you are drinking is OK. It is actually good for you. Wine will lower your blood pressure! The devil will tell you that sin you are about to commit is OK. It will make your flesh happy. He will tell you to come on man, it is good for you.

It is really an easy choice. Choose God! Choose his doctrine and only his doctrine to follow.

Did the apostles understand His doctrine immediately? Absolutely not. Thomas told Jesus he did not understand his doctrine, before Jesus died on the cross.

John 14:1-6 - Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Jesus made sure Thomas understood his doctrine after he rose from the dead and before he ascended into heaven.

John 20:25-31 - The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he (Thomas) said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, **Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, "My Lord and my God." Jesus saith unto him, **Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.** But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.**

What would Thomas's life have been, if he was not there eight (8) days after Jesus revealed himself the first time to the apostles after his resurrection? Thomas took the Gospel over 4000 miles to India and to this day is still worshipped by Christians in India. A true testament of love for God.

Has God opened your eyes into the knowledge, power, freedom and love awaiting you by believing in Jesus Christ, your Savior? It is your choice.

John 14:23-26 - 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.

1 John 4:14-21 - And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

How do you serve him? Jesus tells you to love God, love your neighbor and share his Gospel. If you are serving the devil, daily, then you are not likely saved!

Mark 16:15-16 - And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth

and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Today, are you ready to ask the Lord for your eyes to be opened? Are you ready to start your walk with Jesus. Do not walk with the devil. Open your eyes, give your heart to Jesus and follow him! Let Jesus perform a miracle on you and follow him. Do not follow devil!

Matthew 20:29-34 - And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Today, give Jesus the glory as, "My Lord and My God!" Accept the promise of God. He has sealed you with the Holy Ghost in your heart. You'll know what it is like to live a righteous life for Jesus. You are "Glory Bound!"

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 - For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Romans 8:2 - For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

He has called you to serve him. You may not know exactly what role God has planned for you, but he has called you according to his purpose. Study his Word daily. Pray and fast and ask for guidance. Attend a bible believing church and hear God's Word weekly. God will tell you how to serve him according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 - And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Share this book with a lost soul. To that one soul, that is blind or dead in trespasses and sin, you and the Gospel of Jesus Christ could mean the difference between them going to hell or enjoying a victorious life on earth and eternity with Jesus in heaven. They also could be "Glory Bound." Be ready to serve Jesus with a vengeance. Abide in his Word. Accept him today and be ready for a wonderful life.

If you have any questions on how to get started, what church should you attend or have trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, please email us: rick.kjv1611@gmail.com. Read the books of John, Romans, Ephesians, Galatians, 1 Peter, 2 Peter and 1 John until you understand the gift offered by God. Repent and be born again. We would like to rejoice with you and help you to learn more about Jesus, salvation, and what God wants you to do now that you are spiritually born again.

To God be the glory in all you do, Amen

**“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious
appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ”
- Titus 2:13**

