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Preface

Will you be ready when Jesus comes?

Do you know positively that you have everlasting life and recognize it as a gift from God?

Do you have faith to live your life for God?

Beyond the 10 commandments, do you understand the sins of the flesh and what offends God?

Did you know that Jesus Christ is the only, yes only, mediator between you and God?

Do you have a basic understanding of the Bible?

As a good person, am I going to heaven?

Do I have to get baptized in a man's church for salvation or to be with Jesus in heaven?

As a lost, unsaved or unsure person, do you wonder about your role in this life and your life after this life on earth?

These are questions you may have about Jesus Christ and the Bible.

*The verses from God's Word or the Bible are presented in **bold block letters** on the following pages. Words spoken by Jesus Christ are **bold block, underlined letters**. 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.*

The New Testament is for the Gentiles and Jews. The gift of everlasting life offered to you by the grace of God and is only available to you as presented in the New Testament.

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 God has for them.

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Introduction: Jesus is Coming

“Jesus is Coming”, how sweet are those words.

Most churches don’t discuss the return of Jesus Christ to this earth. They may not tell you how to prepare for this coming. When he returns, there will be no time:

- *To tell Jesus Christ that you are sorry for your sins.*
- *To contact the ones you love and say, “He is here.”*
- *To talk to a religious leader and ask what is going on and how do I prepare for this.*
- *There will be no time to accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

You must be prepared. Jesus Christ will either know you or he won’t know you when he comes. If he knows you, you will live with him, forever!

Ask yourself these questions:

- *Do I understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ?*
- *Am I ready for Jesus?*
- *Do I know if I have everlasting life?*
- *Am I saved from eternal damnation?*
- *Will Jesus Christ know me?*

From the Bible, you know that Jesus Christ, your Lord, is no stranger to this earth. It also doesn’t take a miracle for Jesus Christ to come to the earth. He came in the Old Testament several times. Jesus Christ came by the faith of the Old Testament saints. In the Old Testament book of Daniel, three believers were put into the fiery furnace. Four men were in the furnace. The fourth as the Son of God.

Daniel 3:17,23-25 - 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. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spoke, and said unto his counsellors, did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. 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.

Jesus Christ is the reason for the New Testament. The Gospel of Jesus Christ and the messages from Jesus and the disciples are presented in the New Testament. In the New Testament, Jesus Christ worked many miracles, died on the cross, was buried, rose again and ascended into heaven. Immediately after Jesus ascended in heaven, two angels dressed in white, told the disciples of Galilee that Jesus will return just like he left! No second-hand reporting of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Direct from God himself!

Acts 1:9-11 - And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Verse after verse in the New Testament, Jesus and the disciples tell you many times that Jesus will be coming again!

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 - And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 - For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so, shall we ever be with the Lord.

Revelation 19:11, 13 - And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

It is clear from this verse that Jesus is coming again and will descend from heaven to the earth. Do not plan on making amends with Jesus at some later time or tell yourself that there is time to turn to the Lord. You may feel that your mom and dad lived to their 80's and you have many years to turn to and fall in love with Jesus Christ. My friend died at 65, while taking care of his 105 year old parents. He thought he had plenty of time to make amends with Jesus. You don't know not the day or the hour when Jesus will come. Only the saved or believers will be meeting Jesus. The unsaved will not be meeting Jesus.

Jesus says you won't know the day or the hour when he is coming!

Matthew 24:30 - And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matthew 25:13 - Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 26:64 - Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Mark 14:61-62 - But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

2 Peter 1:16 - For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Are you ready for Jesus when he comes again? What god do you worship? How and where do you spend your time, throughout the week. Do you worship the god of money, alcohol, football, etc. or are you saved from eternal damnation and ready for Jesus comes again by believing in the Gospel of Jesus Christ that is offered in the New Testament? Only you can decide, that by faith, you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that died on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins, he buried those sins in the tomb and was resurrected as a living God. The Bible tells you to repent of your sins and accept that change of

heart toward sin and be born again by receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost into your heart and soul. It is this change of heart that distinguishes you from the devil. See, the devil knows that Jesus is the Son of God. The devil knows that Jesus died on the cross. The devil knows that Jesus took your sins to the tomb. The devil knows that Jesus rose again and ascended into heaven. The devil does not want you to believe in Jesus. The difference between the devil and the saved, is a change of heart toward sin. The saved, no longer wants to continue in sin. You live unto God. The devil is all for sin! The devil will try and convince you that it is OK to live in sin and that God doesn't care. For me, I don't trust the devil.

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.

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

Romans 6:1-2,6,10 - 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. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he lives, he lives unto God.

*On that judgement day when you stand before Jesus Christ, do you want Jesus Christ to say, "**I never knew you**" or do you want him to say, "**well done my good and faithful servant.**"*

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

Matthew 25:23 - His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

*On judgement day, I want to hear these words, "**well done my good and faithful servant.**" If you want to hear these words, then you no longer want to be a servant of sin, but a servant of Jesus Christ by following the Word of God. Only then will you be ready to meet Jesus Christ in the air when he comes again on his scheduled visit to the earth!*

You likely have many unanswered questions from this introduction of Jesus is Coming and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I'd like to tell you as a saved Christian, saved at 59 years old, salvation is not rocket science. It does not rely on a man or religion to tell you that are saved. It does rely on an understanding of God's Word in the New Testament and accepting the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Where do I start, you may be asking yourself? The following chapters have been prepared to help you get started on the journey of understanding God's message for the Jews and Gentiles.

- 1) Chapter 1: Gospel of Jesus Christ – This chapter presents God's Word through several verses in the Bible on the gift of everlasting life and being saved from eternal damnation. A simple message, but a must in understanding and living God's Word.*
- 2) Chapter 2: Religion: This chapter are for those that may have grown up in a church, don't fully understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ and just can't believe that salvation offered by belief in Jesus Christ can be as simple as a gift. Jesus Christ did not support the religious leaders that suppressed the people and held them hostage. He gave you many examples in the*

New Testament to help reinforce this free gift he has given you. He wants you to worship only God. Not man's religions.

- 3) *Chapter 3: Why the Bible: Presents a brief overview of the Bible, Old and New Testament and why you use the KJV 1611 version. The New Testament is for the Jews and Gentiles. Understanding the message in the New Testament is critical in understanding the gift of Salvation and how to live for God.*
- 4) *Chapter 4: My Way or God's Way: Living life God's Way starts with a change in heart.*
- 5) *Chapter 5: Baptism: Water Baptism is symbolic in nature. It is not required for salvation.*
- 6) *Chapter 6: What's next: How do I show my love for God?*
- 7) *Chapter 7: Take up thy Cross: Show your love by serving God.*

These are just meant to be overviews and to be a help in the start of your journey in understanding the Bible and the gift of everlasting life. Find a Bible preaching, Bible believing church. If you show up for service and no one is carrying a Bible in their hands or no bibles in the pews, then run away! Church is about worshipping God and understanding God's Word. If the minister is not preaching from the Bible, you are getting man's word and not God's Word.

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To God be the glory in all you do! Amen

Chapter 1: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is presented in the New Testament for the Jews and Gentiles. This Gospel is the message on the gift of eternal life by belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, asking for forgiveness of your sins and asking to be saved. What is this Gospel? Simply stated in Corinthians.

I Corinthians 15:1-4 -...I declare unto you the gospel...that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ includes the message on how to conduct your life and salvation or everlasting life. Salvation or everlasting life is a gift of God. You can't earn it or pay for it. Water Baptism will not save you. You can only be saved by faith. Believe this message from God. He cannot lie! A work would be something physical that you must do to earn your gift. Water Baptism by water submersion would be a work. This verse says you can't pay or do work for salvation. It is a gift. When was the last time, you paid for a gift? It is free.

Ephesians 2:8-10 -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.

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

John 3:15 -That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Romans 6:23 -For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord

Contrary to popular belief, only believers in Jesus Christ can achieve everlasting life in heaven. Today, the majority of religious and non-religious people believe that just the love of God will get them into heaven. They believe that just because you are a good person, you've earned your ticket to heaven! You can never be so wrong. Jesus himself told us that you must believe in him to have everlasting 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

Believing on Jesus Christ means more than just knowing of him. In the above John 5:24, "heareth my word" means to understand God's words and instruction in the New Testament. When you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you are considered his sheep. Jesus tells us that when you are his sheep, you hear his voice, he knows you and you follow him! Not just know of him, but you follow him and he knows you.

John 10:27-28 - 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.

Everlasting life is not a gift for the devil that knows of Jesus. Everlasting life is not a gift for non-believers or those that know of Jesus, but haven't accepted or follow God's word. New Testament disciples of Jesus that went back to doing their old thing and no longer walked with Jesus did not earn the gift of everlasting life. These disciples knew of Jesus, but decided not to follow him after they once knew him. The devil did not pluck these disciples out of Jesus's hand, because they no longer followed him. They gave up on Jesus. Don't let religion or the

devil fool you into thinking all good people go to heaven! Don't let religion fool you into thinking that if you are baptized in water then you are going to heaven. You must be a follower of Jesus and you hear his word, you know him and he knows you.

John 6:66 - From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

You can only lose everlasting life, if you have never believed in the Gospel Jesus Christ offered by the grace of God or you feel that only following the law or man's religion will get you to heaven.

Galatians 5:4-6 -Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Let's get started on the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Follow these steps for an understanding of the Gospel presented in verses that supports God's message

Step 1: You must accept that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that God loves you.

John 1:34 -And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

John 4:25, 26 -The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

1 John 4:12-15 - No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the

world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

John 3:16 -For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 11:27 -She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

Acts 8:37 - And Philip said, if thou believe with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Galatians 2:20 -I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Jesus Christ was with us from the beginning of creation. He is the Word. The Word was God. Thus, Jesus is God!

John 1:1,10,14 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 10:30 - I and my Father are one.

Step 2: Accept that you are a sinner.

What is sin? God told Adam in the Old Testament to avoid the sin of eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In the New Testament, God is telling you to avoid the sins of the flesh.

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, Envy, murders, drunkenness, reveling, 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.

Romans 3:10 -There is none righteous, no, not one.

Romans 3:23 -For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Jesus tells you in the New Testament to love God and your neighbor.

Luke 10:27 - And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Your sins have separated you from God. Before Jesus will become your Savior and give you eternal life in Heaven, you must first know and accept that you are a sinner and in need of Him to save you from death and hell.

Step 3: Agree that your sin must be paid for.

Nothing you can do, can pay for your sins. Forgiveness of your sins is a gift of God by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. You must ask Jesus for forgiveness of your sins. Do it daily!

Ephesians 1:7 - In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Romans 6:23 -For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Revelation 20:14-15 -And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

According to God's Word, we are all sinners, and your sin must be paid for. If you fail to trust Christ in this life, you will die without Him and spend eternity separated from God in a literal lake of fire.

Step 4: Repent of your sins and turn from the devil to God.

To realize the gift of everlasting life, God demands that you repent and turn from your sin, be spiritually born again and have faith in Jesus Christ.

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

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

Mark 1:14-15 - ...Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

You see, there is no greater gift that you 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 Christ, in the newness of life.

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.

Romans 6:4 - 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.

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, show your love for God and receive the gift of everlasting life!

2 Peter 3:9 – 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.

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 Christ, 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 repent of your sins and change your life for Jesus Christ!

Step 5: Believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins and then rose again.

Romans 5:8 -But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

I Corinthians 15:1-4 -...I declare unto you the gospel...that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

The best news that anyone could ever tell you is that God loves you and Jesus died for you. All your sins were laid on Him. He paid your sin debt in full. He then overcame the power of death by raising back to life. The devil thought he conquered Jesus when he died on that cross. Jesus showed him!

Step 6: Trust Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

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.

God promises you salvation and being saved from eternal damnation.

Romans 10:9 -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.

Ask Jesus Christ for eternal life with him in heaven.

Romans 10:13 -For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

By faith, you can believe that God loves you. You can believe that you are a sinner and that sin must be paid for; but if you are

not willing to trust God by accepting the Lord Jesus as your personal Savior, you will die without Christ.

Acts 20:21 -Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept this new life and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ by the Holy Ghost into the Kingdom of God. You are to be a new creature here on earth. You are born again, as a new creature in the likeness of Jesus Christ. You are a servant of Jesus Christ and no longer a servant of mammon or money and sin.

Matthew 6:24 -No man 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.

Matthew 5:8 -Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Let's review the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Eternal life is a gift from God for followers of Jesus Christ.

(Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 1:2, John 3:15, Romans 6:23, John 5:24, John 10:27-28, John 6:66, Galatians 5:4-6)

- 1. Do you accept that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (John 1:34, John 4:25-26, 1 John 4:12-15, John 3:16, John 11:27, Acts 8:37, Galatians 2:20, John 1:1,10,14, John 10:30)*
- 2. Do you accept that you are a sinner? (Galatians 5:19-21, Romans 3:10, Romans 3:23)*
- 3. Do you agree with the Bible that sin must be paid for? (Ephesians 1:7, Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:14-15)*

4. *Repent of your sins and turn from the devil to God. (Luke 13:3, Mark 1:14-15, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 6:4, Acts 2:38, 2 Peter 3:9, Galatians 4:6-7)*
5. *Do you believe that Christ died for you, then rose from the dead three days later? (Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)*
6. *Do you see that you must trust Christ as your personal Savior? (John 3:3, Romans 10:9; Romans 10:13, Acts 20:21, Matthew 6:24, Matthew 5:8)*

If you now understand God's one and only way to Heaven, then do not pass up your opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior. The Bible pleads with you to do it now!

2 Corinthians 6:2 -...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation...

In your own words, trust Christ right now with a prayer similar to the following:

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I am sorry for my sin and I need to be saved. I believe that you died on the cross to pay for my sin, and that you arose from the grave because of your power over death and hell. I'm putting my faith and trust in you alone to forgive my sins, I know longer want to serve the devil, I repent of my sins, accept the gift of the Holy Ghost and turn to you. Please come into my heart, save me from hell and take me to Heaven when I die. Thank you, Jesus, for your gift of eternal life. Amen."

Everlasting life begins when you accept and follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You know Jesus and you follow him. Jesus and his Father are one. Put your trust in Jesus Christ and the devil cannot pluck you from his hand. The Lord Jesus said:

John 10:27-30 - 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. I and my Father are one.

There is only way to God the Father and that is through Jesus Christ:

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.

Put your trust in only Jesus Christ, starting today. Enjoy the gifts he has planned for you. When you repent of your sins and turn toward God, you are telling God that you are ready to live a righteous life. You are no longer a servant of the devil and sin. You feel different. God is in your heart. You want to abide in his doctrine. But God knows that the devil is all around you. As hard as you may try, yes you are likely to sin again. When this happens, repent and confess your sins to Jesus Christ.

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.

The devil will try and convince you to be ashamed of your life with Jesus. Tell the devil to bug off. The strongest people I know are Christians. They have spiritual strength through Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost. It is that one, two punch that will change and support your life for Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 1:8 - Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

Jude 1:15-21 - To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard

speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Like the apostles, you can now feel the power of the Holy Ghost in your life. It is a power you can feel.

Acts 2:2-4 KJV - And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

How do you start? Pray and fast daily. Read the bible. Get strong in the Lord. Start with the New Testament. Recite this verse daily.

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

You will feel the power of Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost working in and directing your life.

To God be the glory in all you do! Amen.

Chapter 2: Religion

You've read the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Simply stated, it says to believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior for salvation. If you have been wrapped up in religion, man's laws and man's word, then you are finding it hard to believe that your sins can be forgiven forever and that you can have everlasting life without works. Your religion may require you to abide by more laws and commandments than what is in the bible. You are asking yourself, "How can my sins be forgiven and be saved by just believing in Lord Jesus Christ and is it really that simple?" Believe! Yes, it is that simple! The bible gives you the message of salvation in God's Word. God does not want you to go to hell, but to have eternal life. God cannot lie. He wants you to be saved from eternal damnation and have life everlasting with Jesus Christ.

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.

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

Man's religion distorts God's Word. Religion does not want you to know that salvation is that simple. You are warned of false prophets.

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.

Man's religion wants you to worship the flesh with their laws, commandments or sacraments of man, in lieu of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:25 - Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

God gave the Jews or Israelites the ten commandments.

Exodus 34:28 -And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

For the Jews, the 10 commandments grew to a total of 600+ laws that are included in the Mosaic law. Religiously observant Jews are required by the tenets of their faith to abide by the Mosaic law. Ask yourself. Are you worshipping God's Word or man's laws?

In the New Testament (that is written for the Jews and Gentiles) God gave you 2 commandments:

Luke 10:27 -And he answering said, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

The truth is simple. Adam and Eve gave you sin. Jesus Christ took sin away. Christ is the end of the law. The end of salvation by works.

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

Now are you starting to understand why the pharisees and scribes wanted Jesus dead. If Jesus Christ is setting the believers free, then, how can they keep the Jews in bondage and earn a living! When you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and are baptized by the spirit of the Holy Ghost, you become a son of God.

John 1:9-12 -That was the true Light, which lights up every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 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:

As a son of God, do you think God wants you to worship men of religion, that want to be treated like oligarchs. NO! Jesus warns you not to worship men in the bible. Worship only God.

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

Luke 20:46 -Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;

Exodus 20:3 -Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Exodus 34:17 -Thou shalt make thee no molten gods

Men of faith or priests have no special powers. They cannot forgive you of your sins. They can't command your soul to heaven after you die. They cannot give you the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Hebrews 10:11 -And every priest stands daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

You must ask God for forgiveness of your sins. Repent and accept the gift of the Holy Ghost and be born again as a son of God.

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.

Water baptism does not save you from eternal damnation. There is no verse in the New Testament that says you must be "saved" by baptism by water. Yes. NONE! You are recalling that John the Baptist, baptized with water. That is true. It was only for repentance of sin, to get the Jews ready for the Lord Jesus Christ. He baptized people with water, before the Gospel of Jesus Christ and salvation by grace was sealed at the resurrection of Jesus.

Matthew 3:11 - I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

If you are looking at a bible, other than the KJV Bible, you may be looking at verses that have omitted verse 37. Verse 37, is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Deleting this verse, creates a conflict in your version of the bible. It implies that you can be saved by water baptism, which is in no other place in the Bible. Throw your version of the bible away and go buy a KJV 1611 version!

Acts 8:36-38 – And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? [37] And Philip said, If thou believes with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

God's Word says to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. One of the malefactors that died on the cross, next to Jesus was saved without water baptism. Many other verses support Jesus Christ message of salvation.

Luke 23:42-43 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou come into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Acts 16:31 -And they said; Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Romans 10:9 -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.

Salvation is offered by the grace of God by believing in the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This gift was not made available, until Jesus died on the cross and was glorified. As described, after the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

John 7:37-39 -In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, if any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

God knows your needs before you pray. Pray from the heart. Ask God for everlasting life. God wants you to state and pray for what you are asking for. Prayer for discernment and path to heaven. Your requests should glorify God. Not vain repetitions.

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

Matthew 6:5, 7-8 - And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are : for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the

heathen do : for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do : for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Prayer is used to ask for those things from the Lord, that you can use to serve him. He knows what you need before you ask. He wants you to ask. And when you receive, make sure you thank him!

Matthew 7:7-8 - Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Luke 11:9 - And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

To God be the glory in all you do! Amen.

Chapter 3: Why the Bible

The Bible contains the perfect Word of God compiled by men and women who loved God. Written in 66 books over a period of 1,500 years.

Old Testament: First books of the Bible

The creation of earth, man, Noah's flood, discussion of giants that died during the flood, history of the Jews in captivity of the Egyptians, the plagues, giants, escape to the promise land, worship of false gods and life under the kings, wars, prophets, saints and Jewish life are all in the Old Testament

Genesis 1:1 -In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 6:4 - There were giants in the earth in those days; and also, after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

The Old Testament was written for the Jews and consists of history, Jewish worship and prophesy. Between the last book of the Old Testament and the birth of Jesus Christ presented in the New Testament is approximately 400 years.

The Jews served and worshipped God by following laws and doing works. Sacrifice, sprinkling of blood and giving glory to God was performed by the priests, Aaron and his sons and the Levites.

Exodus 29:15-16 - Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle it round about upon the altar.

The 10 Commandments were given to Moses from God, in the Old Testament for the Jews to follow:

Exodus 20:1-17 - And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.... Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain... Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy... Honor thy father and thy mother... Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox...

Jesus, as the Son of God, did come to the earth in the Old Testament.

Daniel 3:24-25 - Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spoke, and said unto his counsellors, did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. 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

Prophecy in the Old Testament told of the future coming of Jesus Christ. He will be a servant of the Jews and the Gentiles.

Isaiah 11:10 - And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

New Testament: Last books of the Bible

The New Testament was written for the Jews and the Gentiles and consists of the history of Jesus Christ on this earth and instructions for Christian life and worship.

The four gospels, which detail Jesus Christ's life on this earth were written by the four disciples; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These four disciples walked with Jesus Christ on this earth. They witnessed his miracles, death, burial and resurrection. Jesus made it clear that he did not agree with the control that the church, Pharisees and scribes had on the people. Their practices proved them to be hypocrites.

Matthew 15:1,7-9 - Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, these people draw nigh unto me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Healing people and miracles were performed by Jesus. Many were performed on the Sabbath, just to mock the laws that the Pharisees placed on the people.

Luke 6:7 - And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him.

The epistles detail the teachings to the early church by the disciples. The last book, Revelation, was the prophecy written by John, detailing God's kingdom and the second coming of Jesus Christ return to the earth. The most prolific writer in the New Testament was Paul (originally Saul). Paul did not walk with Jesus Christ, when Jesus walked on this earth. Paul was a persecutor of early Christians, responsible for killing of many

Christians including the disciple, Stephen. Paul was blinded and his eyes opened three days later by Jesus Christ from heaven. Paul served Jesus Christ fervently until his death.

Acts 9:3-6,15,20 - And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecute thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecute: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. But the Lord said unto him, go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

If you have a Bible, other than the KJV Bible, you may be missing verse Acts 9:6.

Acts 9:6 -And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Do you think Paul was astonished that the Lord Jesus Christ would have him, as such a vindictive persecutor of the Jews and sinner? And he asked the Lord, what he should do. God will tell you what he wants you to do, if you let him. When Paul fell to the power of Jesus for three days, he was ready for instruction on how to serve him. Like I said before, you should throw your bible away if it does not contain this verse.

In the New Testament, your sins are forgiven forever by the grace of God by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. Does your bible change the verse Hebrews 10:12, by moving the comma from

after forever to before forever? By the shed blood of Jesus Christ, you know that your sins are forgiven, forever. The bible tells you forever. You also know from many verses in the New Testament that Jesus Christ is coming back. He will not sit at the right hand of God, forever. Jesus is coming! Moving this one comma can seriously impact the meaning of this verse and create conflicts in the Bible! It incorrectly refers to your sins being forgiven and Jesus will sit on the right hand of the Father forever. This implies that Jesus is not coming back down to earth! This newer version on the bible is WRONG. Period.

Hebrews 10:12 -But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Like in the above examples, conflicts are created in the newer versions of the Bible. This is the work of the devil. You are likely asking yourself, "What version of the Bible should I use?" You should use only the KJV Bible. The KJV is not copyrighted. All other man-made modified versions of the bible are copyrighted. They also change God's Word. You can't copyright God's Word, but you can surely copyright man's word. Put your trust only in God's Word.

After Jesus died on the cross, the disciples were prosecuted in Jerusalem and they escaped to Antioch. The KJV version uses the Greek manuscripts written by these disciples from Antioch. As you are told from the bible, disciples were called Christians, first in Antioch

Acts 11:26 - And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Other bible translations use transcripts from Alexandria, Egypt.

There is no reference in the bible of disciples that walked with Jesus Christ, settling in Alexandria, Egypt. There is only one verse that talks of a scholar that came from Alexandria that knew the scriptures up to the life of John the Baptist. His name was Apollos. Apollos was taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ by disciples of Paul; Aquila and Priscilla. Apollos did not get instructions from Jesus, from God, or directly from the disciples that walked with Jesus on this earth.

Acts 18:24-28 - And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

One has to ask by who's authority and where did the Alexandria scholars obtain the knowledge to publish New Testament scriptures? Apparently not from any of the eleven apostles that walked with Jesus on this earth and settled in Antioch. Apollo shows us that he had no knowledge of the New Testament. God wants you to understand his word clearly. The devil wants you to be confused. These newer version bibles create conflicts within its own doctrine and they keep changing. All these newer versions of the bible create confusion. Exactly what the devil wants! The first edition of the NIV looks nothing like the current version of the NIV. It is evidence of the devil at

work modifying the word of God. They are stated as easy to read and the devil will welcome you to read these corrupt versions. His mission is to confuse you. Going to hell is also easy. Do nothing, don't put your trust in Jesus Christ and keep telling yourself that good people go to heaven. The devil will readily welcome you to hell.

From the Old Testament, you know that God used 10 plaques on Egypt. Pharaoh and his army were also consumed by the Red Sea that was parted for Moses and the Jews to escape the Egyptian army. Would you really trust transcripts from a defeated people and scholars from Alexandria in Egypt for doctrine on the God that defeated them? As for me, I trust the transcripts and the KJV Bible from the disciples that walked with Jesus Christ. Do not trust these other versions. They change God's Word.

I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and was born again on December 3, 2013. The service that evening was taken from Proverbs 30:5-6. After hearing and studying God's Word for 6 months, it was apparent that I had been serving man's religion up to this point. I could not find man's religious practices in the bible. Why was Proverbs 30:5-6 all revealing. Man added all his requirements to the God's Word. I was living and practicing a lie. God tells you not to change God's Word.

Proverbs 30:5-6 - Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

There is only one reason to change God's Word. To dilute God's message, to make the religious leader and what they do bigger than God intended and to hold your congregation hostage to practices that God did not intend for you to follow! If a practice of your religion is not in the New Testament of the

Bible, then you seriously need to reconsider your participation in the practice of man's religion. You are not worshipping in accordance with God's doctrine. Your life everlasting has likely not been sealed by the blood of Jesus Christ and are not likely going to heaven. You must stop religion now. Find a Bible believing church. Get the knowledge you need from God's word to pull you out of the depths of religion and hell.

It is not uncommon for a young believer to have doubt about the bible. You've not experienced any miracles in your life that you can trace to the Word of God in your life. You've likely survived a freak accident and lived. God saved you so you can read his word and have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Recently, I have observed my life with Christ in Proverbs 20.

Proverbs 20:13-22 KJV - [13] Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread. [14] It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth. [15] There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel. [16] Take his garment that is surety for a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman. [17] Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel. [18] Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war. [19] He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips. [20] Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness. [21] An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed. [22] Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee.

Verse [13] - In 2013, I was saved. I gave up my sinful life to be satisfied with God's bread, his word.

Verse [15] - In 2015, I received a pocket text - "Ecclesiastes". Life in the flesh is about vanity in gold (i.e.riches). God's word is a precious jewel. God told life is more than putting my trust in man's riches.

Verse [18] - In 2018, I started working in a jail ministry. Yes, every purpose is established by counsel. Did I yet realize that God was directing my path.

Verse [20] – COVID struck and I readily accepted retirement. I was not bitter with God. I knew it was God's plan for me. I taught God's word remotely over computer video conference meetings and the light of Jesus Christ flourished. The lamp was not put out.

Verse [21] In 2021, I realized that many religions are advocating salvation without repentance. Without repentance, there is no salvation. The end of such belief is not blessed, not heaven and is hell. I received a pocket test, "Romans 8:28." God rewards those that love and serve him. With that I published, "Glory Bound".

Verse [22] In 2022 the battle in the Ukraine with Russia is raging. God has a plan to take care of evil. I am waiting to see...Jesus will save thee from evil. Keep praying. I'm finishing this third edition of "Jesus is Coming," and about to publish my first edition of my third book, "Put God First."

Put God First in your life and he will take care of your evil!

We serve a living God. God's Word is alive. The bible is alive. Miracles are there. Look for them! Accept them. Thank God for them.

To God be the glory in all you do! Amen

Chapter 4: My Way or God's Way

That decision is simple. There are many verses in the Bible that tells you that the only way to righteousness or living a Christ-like life, is God's way! The natural man, the proud and the foolish cannot know God, nor do they desire to know or serve God. The natural man, the proud and the foolish are engrained with the things of this earth. He is looking for many ways to enrich his life here on earth. Seeking the spirit of God is useless to him. He is looking for man's way from the East, South and West. God tells you that he is the judge and you must look in only one direction, to the North or his way for spiritual discernment. When you are of God, you hear God's Word. You do that which is pleasing in his sight.

1 Corinthians 2:14 -But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Psalm 75:5-7 -Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck. For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he puts down one, and sets up another.

John 8:47 -He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

1 John 3:22 - And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

Put your trust in God and let Jesus Christ direct your ways on this earth and for the gift of eternity in heaven. Serving God, starts with a clean heart. May I ask, "What is in your heart?" Your heart will determine if you'll love God, hate God, go to heaven or go to hell. It is that simple. "Heart" is presented in over 884

verses in the bible. The heart is the one thing that must change when you accept, Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Belief in and accepting the power of Jesus Christ in your life starts with the heart. The unbelieving will not understand the importance of this change in heart. Without a change in heart, you will not love God, believe in God, serve God or spread the Word of God. Many verses tell you this! Repenting of your sins and being born again, is followed by a change in your heart toward God. You must have a change in heart to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and the gift of everlasting life. Without a change of heart, you will continue to do evil, live a life of sin and walk with the unrighteous. Your mind may say that you know God. In your actions, you will deny him.

Psalm 14:1 -The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

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.

Matthew 15:8 -This people draw nigh unto me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

Titus 1:6 - They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him,

John 8:32,34,36 -And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

God demands a change in your heart, to accept the gift of salvation. Repentance and sorrow for your sins, opens up your heart and soul to accept the Holy Ghost. Using the power of the Holy Ghost in how you present yourself to others or your testimony and how you live your life, will result from this change of heart. Only then will you rely on God to direct your life and give him honor and praise. A clean heart starts with repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 -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.

Repentance of your sins shows your love for God. You are born into sin. Sin occupies your fleshly being every single day! Fighting temptation and sin shows your obedience and love of God and his Word. Repentance. Wow. You need power to avoid sin! You need a clean heart to be willing to accept that power, given by God, through the Holy Ghost. Only then will you experience the one true God. Prepare yourself a clean heart through repentance, so you can accept and see the power of God working in your life.

2 Chronicles 12:14 - And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord.

Matthew 5:8 -Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Psalms 15:2 -He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.

You show your love for God by knowing and following the instructions in the New Testament. You must listen to, read and study God's word to obtain knowledge.

Matthew 22:37-40 - Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Jesus told you not to serve the sins of the flesh. Avoiding these sins, gives glory to God.

Galatians 5:19-23 - Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envy, murders, drunkenness, reveling, 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.

When you desire to accept the promises of God, your basic desire is to sin no more! You want to keep yourself in the love of God. You desire to become a servant to God and the end, everlasting life.

Romans 6:1-2,4,6,14,22 - 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? 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. 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. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Jude 1:17-21 - But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

You no longer live in the flesh, being a servant of sin, but being born of God and doing the will of God.

1 Peter 4:1-2 - Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

1 John 3:8-9 - 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.

You no longer walk in sin and darkness. You know the truth. You don't continue in sin. You are not double minded. Serving sin and serving God. When you are a servant of sin, you are not a servant of God. Sin brings death.

1 John 1:6 - If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

James 1:8,12-15 - A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. 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.

But, you are perfected by keeping his word.

1 John 2:1,5 - 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: But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

May I say that Jesus knows what is in your heart. He knows if you love him and are serving him. You know the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You say accept him as your Lord and Savior, but there is no love toward God nor change in your heart toward sin. Sin overwhelms your daily activity, and you never give God the glory. You should ask yourself, "am I really saved?" It is a simple answer, that that I think, you can provide. If you know and love God, then how you carry yourself and your daily activities will show that you believe and love God. Once you accept that change in heart, you'll want to study God's Word and feed your heart daily. You not only know the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but you believe!

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

Jeremiah 17:10 -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.

Psalm 13:5 -But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

Psalm 28:7 -The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore, my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song will I praise him.

Ephesians 5:18-19 -And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Philippians 4:7 -And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Today is the day to give God the glory. He keeps you safe every day. Sin and the devil will be working overtime to get you to doubt your salvation and return to a life of sin and disbelief. You are so busy doing the things of the earth that you fail to recognize the blessings that God sends your way. Once you accept God and that power offered by the Holy Ghost, you are set! Now go live for Jesus and give God the glory.

2 Corinthians 13:4 -For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

Jude 1:24-25 -Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen

Get peace in your life and enjoy God's love that he has reserved for you! God's love is available for you. Time for you to enjoy it! Stop the fight and enjoy life, God's way.

2 Corinthians 13:11 - Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

How do you get peace? You give your struggles to God. The devil wants to frustrate you and keep you in bondage. Release yourself from the hand of the devil and put your trust in Jesus Christ. The devil will devour you. Let Jesus do your dirty work. Let it go. You need to know the power of God.

Proverbs 20:22 – Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee.

Wow verse [22] again - The Lord will take care of evil in 2022.

1 Peter 5:8 -Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Romans 12:19 - Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Matthew 22:29 - Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

Matthew 28:18 - And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Once you accept God and that power offered by the Holy Ghost, you are set! He delivers us out of the darkness of this world. It makes sense to put him in control. Now go live for Jesus and give God the glory.

Acts 1:8 - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in

Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Colossians 1:13-14 - Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

Romans 15:13 - Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Jesus wins in the end! The power of God.

2 Peter 1:2-3 - Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Ask God for mercy. Ask him for sight and discernment, so that you can read and understand God's Word. When he gives you sight, then follow Jesus! Ask and he shall give it to you. In all his glory.

Mark 10:47-52 - And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy

faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

John 16:5,23-24 - But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Hebrews 4:11-12 - Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Pray Psalm 51:10 daily. Ask the Holy Ghost to watch over and guide you and give you power daily to resist sin. Repent of your sins daily and ask God for forgiveness. Show God that you love him by your actions, works and give God the praise and glory daily. Study your bible and ask God for opportunities to serve him.

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

To God be the glory in all you do! Amen.

Chapter 5: Baptism

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've accepted this gift and you now wonder how baptism by water plays into this gift. Before the Gospel of Jesus Christ was established by his death, burial and resurrection, John the Baptist preached the baptism by immersion for repentance of sins for the Jews only. Gentiles were not baptized by John the Baptist. John was living life as an Old Testament Jew, baptizing people in water for the repentance of sins. John the Baptist made it clear that Jesus will baptize the believer with the Holy Ghost. John the Baptist died before the Gospel of Jesus Christ was established. Thus, John the Baptist's baptism, was not a baptism of Salvation!

Matthew 3:11 - I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

John 1:33 - And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

Jesus did not sin. He died on the cross for your sins. Jesus also did not baptize with water. If baptism by water was required for salvation, then Jesus would have done so. He didn't! Jesus baptized with the Holy Ghost.

1 John 3:5 - And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

John 4:1-2 - When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

You also know that when you believe in Jesus Christ, repent of your sins and are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, you receive the power of the Holy Ghost. You receive the power of the Holy Ghost, not from man in a religious ceremony or from man by reciting a prayer, but only from God. When you believe and repent, God knows what is in your heart.

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. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

John 3:27 - John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

For the Jew or Gentile (or Greek) New Testament believer, salvation is obtained by the grace and the power of God, by believing in Jesus Christ and his Gospel. The gift of salvation is not received by immersion or water baptism. Belief is from the heart. God knows what is in your heart.

Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

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.

Acts 15:8-9,11 - And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

Acts 16:31 - And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Timothy 2:10 - Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14,16 - But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

Jesus told the malefactor on the cross that he would be with him in heaven. No water baptism was required.

Luke 23:40-43 - But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou

comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

On the way to Damascus, Jesus Christ appeared before Saul (Paul) and he was blinded for 3 days. Paul came under conviction. In the meeting with Ananias, Paul confirmed his belief in Jesus Christ, he received his sight and was filled with the Holy Spirit and was then baptized. Belief in Jesus Christ was primary for salvation. Baptism was secondary as a sign of his belief.

Acts 9:17-18 - And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Peter tells you in Acts, to repent of your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Repent of your sins is asking for forgiveness of your past sins and turning from future sins and turning to God. The Holy Ghost comes into your heart and then directs you to live a righteous life.

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.

So far you've seen many versus about the gift of salvation by believing in Jesus. There is no verse in the New Testament that supports the belief that salvation or being saved can be accomplished by only water baptism.

Let's research the definition of Baptism:

1. *The application of water to a person, as a sacrament or religious ceremony, by which he is initiated into the visible church of Christ. This is usually performed by sprinkling or immersion.*

It is apparent that water baptism is a symbol or religious act to show your belief in salvation offered by believing in Jesus Christ. Phillip confirmed with the eunuch that he believed in Jesus Christ as the son of God. Verse [37] - Belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God is mandatory for salvation.

Acts 8:35-38 - Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? [37] And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him

The symbolic nature of baptism is given to you in the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 6:4 - 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.

Baptism is symbolic in nature. You only achieve righteousness by believing in Jesus Christ. Nothing else. Christ is the end of the law for the Jews and Gentile believers. Nothing you can physically do, can earn you salvation. You are saved only by faith in Jesus Christ. Religion cannot ask you to pay for salvation or do any other work or lead you to believe that water baptism is the act of providing salvation.

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

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.

If repentance or symbolic water baptism was required for salvation, then these bible verses would have told us so, but they don't. Water Baptist would then be a work. For example, Ephesians 2:8 would have stated, "For grace are ye saved through water baptism", but it doesn't' Jesus hanging of the cross would have told the criminal that hung next to him that if he could get baptized in water, then he could be with him in heaven, but he didn't. God made salvation per the New Testament a gift, not a work! God's word tells us that we are saved by faith, you know Jesus, you follow Jesus and you know and believe God's word.

And finally, there are some religions that require water baptism for an infant. This is symbolic in nature. This water baptism does nothing. An infant does not know that there is sin. An infant can't repent of his sins. There is no original sin that a child needs to be cleansed of. Jesus takes all children to heaven. There is no bible verse that supports infant baptism.

Romans 4:15 - Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

To God be the glory in all you do, Amen.

Chapter 6: What's Next

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born manifest in the flesh on this earth, for one reason. To heal the sick for the forgiveness of sin. He does not want anyone to go to hell.

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.

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.

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

Luke 19:10 -For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

God does not want you to dwell on the sins of your past. He wants you to have victory in your life. You can have victory over sin and death, through your Lord Jesus Christ. Repent of your sins and start living for God. Your sins are forgiven. You are born again as a new creature. You are given the gift of the Holy Ghost. You are to live by faith, with God living in your heart, thus serving him. Your sins have been forgiven and you have been saved from eternal damnation. Do not frustrate God, by offering sacrifices for your sins. Jesus Christ did it all. He died once for your sins, my sins and the sins of all mankind. It is done. Your sins are forgiven, forever! Period. You don't have to confess your sins or repent to anyone, other than God.

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

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.

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 Corinthians 3:16 - Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

John 6:47 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 15:57 -But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:21 -And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

1 John 1:5,7 -This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Hebrews 10:12,14,17-18 -But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

Galatians 2:20-21 -I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of

God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

You live by faith in your Lord Jesus Christ. Once you believe in him, you are no longer dead to sin, but a new creature and the light of Jesus Christ, now leads you here on earth. Jesus told Thomas, one of the apostles, that he has faith, because he has seen. Blessed are they that have not seen and believe. That is you and I. Once You believe, Jesus Christ will lead you by his light. You must arise from the dead and be listening for God's direction.

John 20:29 -Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Ephesians 5:14 -Wherefore he saith, awake thou that sleeps, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

Hebrews 11:1,4 -Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaks.

God wants his best from you. He blessed Abel, because Abel offered God the first born of his flock. Abel lived by faith and knew that God would take care of him. He did not offer God some hamburger and steaks. He offered God, his best, the first born of the flock! Cain offered fruits and vegetables. He did not offer bushels of seed from his first crop! Cain did not live by faith. Once you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are commanded to preach the gospel. When you are led by the Holy Ghost, you are considered sons of God. Equal to Jesus Christ as he walked the earth. God wants his best out of you.

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

Romans 8:14 -For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

You understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but don't see any glory in your life. Ask yourself, "Am I still living in the flesh? Am I living the Word of God?" God rewards them that seek and worship him.

John 9:31 -Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

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.

As a son of God, you are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A change of heart allows you to put away your fleshly pride and to thank God for all that he has done for you.

So, as a son of God, do you get drunk on Sunday? Do you start a fight at a football game? Do you continue to use the name of God in vain? Absolutely not, not per the Word of God. You avoid the sins of the flesh. You study God's Word. God's gift of salvation is available to all. You do not hide God's Word or Light under a bushel basket or in your mind. You share God's Word or Light to all that you meet.

Romans 1:16 -For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Matthew 5:15 -Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house

By now you should know that God has given you the gift of everlasting life and you can be sure of your place in heaven. Your responsibility is to spread God's Word. Just like Paul did.

God knows what is in your heart. After Jesus Christ rose from the dead, Simon Peter took several disciples fishing. Simon Peter was one of Jesus Christ's first recruits. He walked with Jesus here on earth and witnessed every miracle. He told Jesus that he would die for him. Jesus Christ, met them at the sea shore and questioned Simon Peter's commitment to share God's Word. Three times he asked Simon Peter if he loved him. By words, Simon Peter said he loved Jesus, but his actions didn't show it. Jesus Christ's final command was for Simon Peter to feed my sheep or spread God's Word. Multiple verses in the Bible tell you to spread God's Word and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

John 21:17 -He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, loves thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Loves thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou know all things; thou know that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

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

Matthew 28:19 -Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Jesus Christ told you that he is the Light of the world. With that Light you can now see the difference between good and evil.

He tells you that message in word and by parable. A parable is Jesus's way to use people experiences so that one can relate to his word. In this next example, Jesus cured the blind man so he could see. This Jewish man was blind from birth. This is the equivalent of God's Word in the bible showing use the Gospel of Jesus Christ can forgive your sins which you've had since birth, so that you can experience the joy of knowing that you have everlasting life and can live for Jesus Christ here on this earth. Your eyes will also be opened to see the coming of Jesus in your life.

John 9:11, 14-16 -He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Then again, the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. Therefore, said some of the Pharisees, this man is not of God, because he kept not the sabbath day. Others said, how can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

The Pharisees' claimed Jesus is not of God, because he did not follow their law of worship on the sabbath. How blind they were.

This blind man believed on Jesus Christ as the Son of God, after God gave him his sight, and he worshipped him. What will you do, with the sight and revelation that you should now have of Jesus Christ? Will you do nothing! Will you follow man's religion or will you open your heart, eyes, worship and follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and spread God's Word!

John 9:35,37-38 -Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? And Jesus said unto him, thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talks with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

There is a very similar message from the Gospel of Mark, about Jesus Christ curing a Gentile or man in the country of the Gadarenes, who was filled with the devil and held into this sinful life, bound with fetters and chains. Jesus and his disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee to save one man from sin. One man, a Gentile! Jesus is coming for you. This man was ready and he accepted Jesus Christ, when Jesus came. This man lived about 30 miles, across water from where Jesus was born, raised and started his ministry. This man lived among the dead in the tombs, sinning, crying and cutting himself daily with stones. You live daily among the dead in those to Christ, filled with sin, bound with addictions and unrighteous living, separating you from a life of righteousness and living for God. Jesus exorcised the devil from this man and he went on to worship God and publish in Decapolis of the great things Jesus did for him. What love for a man that gave him a new life!

Mark 5:1-8, 19-20 - And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, and cried with a loud voice, and said, what have I to do with thee,

Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

Thomas the apostle also walked with Jesus. It wasn't until Jesus rose from the dead and confronted Thomas, was Thomas ready to accept him as Lord and Savior. After the apostle Thomas saw the risen Jesus Christ, he glorified God and recognized Jesus Christ as my Lord and my God. He went on to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles into India.

John 20:28 -And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

These stories from the Bible are about you. Like the blind Jewish man, the Gentile man bound in chains or Thomas the disciple, will you accept Jesus Christ, in your life, today? Will you accept the new life that Jesus Christ has waiting for you today? Jesus is coming. He has come to you, today, through the message in this book and verses from the Bible. Will you accept him as your Lord and Savior and will you become a new creature and disciple for Jesus Christ as a Son of God.

Today, give Jesus Christ the glory as, "My Lord and My God!"

To God be the glory in all you do! Amen

Chapter 7: Take up thy Cross

Jesus took up his cross as the instrument by which he gave up his life for us, so that by faith you can have the gift of everlasting life with him in heaven. He could have spent more time on the earth. He had friends and enjoyed teaching and healing. He knew that he was going to have to sacrifice himself to seal the gospel of Jesus Christ and the gift of everlasting life. He loved the people of this earth!

John 11:5 - Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

John 11:36 - Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

John 13:1 - Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

Salvation is offered to both the Jews and Gentiles by grace. No longer by works, as required in the Old Testament. Jesus entered this earth as a poor humble man. He was born in a manger in the lamb stockyard of Israel, Bethlehem. He grew up in the poor rough area of Nazareth. Jesus is the KING OF THE JEWS. Jesus could have entered humanity as a great and powerful king, wealthy and conquered all. But he didn't. He humbled himself and revealed himself as God.

John 19:19 - And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

John 19:17 - And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

Jesus shed his blood on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins. Jesus, as the Lamb of God, offered this path for you to believe

in him. He showed his love for you and took up his cross and gave his life for you! He already was God. He had nothing to prove, except his love for man. His love for you.

John 1:29 - The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 15:13 - Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

While hanging on the cross, he offered salvation to the malefactor on the cross. Dying of the flesh while in pain and he did this out of love. This criminal knew he deserved to die and go to hell for his sins. The criminal took up his cross and defended Jesus in front of the other criminal on the cross. He repented of his sins and asked Jesus to be with him in paradise. Jesus gave him everlasting life. No work. No money. No water baptism.

Luke 23:39-43 - And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Jesus died for you out of love. He healed the sick and dying. At any point he could have said the heck with this. He could have told us that we are all losers and to die in hell. But he didn't. People don't remember Sodom and Gomorrah. He knows there is good in you. You have to choose to believe in Jesus. God will not choose for you. You must choose for yourself. Once you

believe, he is asking for your love. And how do you show your love for God??

Mark 8:34 - And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

It is time for you to take up your cross and follow Jesus. To serve a living God.

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?

At this point, you may not even know how to serve him. When you truly love someone, you want to serve them. When you feel that love in your heart and have that burning desire to serve, then God will show you. Your service can and will change as you grow in the spirit of the Lord.

2 Peter 3:16-18 - As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

You'll never know when the cross will be offered to you. Simon of Cyrene carried Jesus's cross. Simon was the father of Rufus and Alexander. Was this Simon's cross that which eventually led to

Cyrene being an early center of Christianity? Did the guards pick Simon from the crowd or did God?

Matthew 27:32 - And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

Mary Magdalene was healed of seven devils. She could have walked away, satisfied to know Jesus. Her cross was to minister to Jesus and take care of his needs with many sisters. She believed in Jesus!

Luke 8:1-3 - And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

Luke 5:28 - And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

The devil will tell you that you do not need to take up thy cross. God doesn't care if you don't serve him. Go sin. You have everlasting life! God don't care. He loves you! Heck. You are a good person. The devil knows Jesus. Remember, God knows what is in your heart. He will not be mocked! He cares.

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

The devil will tell you that you can never do what others did for Jesus. He wants to convince you how weak you are in faith. Jesus will stand up for you. He stood up for Mary Magdalene.

Luke 10:38-42 - And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid

her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

There is NO verse in the Bible that says "If you know of Jesus or go to church thou shalt be saved". When you believe in Jesus you want to give him your glory. In the 2022 march to the super bowl, the Bengals gave Cincinnati hope. Cincinnatians cheered for the Bengals. They bought Bengal gear and went to the game. God wants the same from us. Unlike the Bengals, God will win in the end. Right now, you are in the fight of your life. That is everlasting life. Whose team are you on? God's team or the devil. What is your cross?

1 Thessalonians 1:9 - For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

When you take up our cross, you turn from the idols of the flesh and turn to God's team. You become new. No longer living in the flesh on the devil's team. You are not worthy being on the devil's team.

Matthew 10:38 - And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of 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.

Take up thy cross and decide today to be a servant for Jesus Christ. Only then on judgement day will you hear:

Matthew 25:23 - His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant;

How does your service start? God has a plan for you.

If you are a new believer in Jesus Christ, then please keep this book for future reference for at least a year. The devil will be working overtime to put seeds of doubt in your heart about your salvation. You will need a quick reference to offer you reassurance. Read verses of the bible around the quotes referenced in the bible. Get to learn Jesus's walk on this earth and how he transitioned from the God of the Jews to the God of all the people of this earth, both Jews and Gentiles! KJV black letter and red-letter bibles are available from local dollar stores if you need one.

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 Christ, salvation, and what God wants you to do now that you are spiritually born again.

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 Christ in heaven. Be ready when Jesus Christ returns to this earth and be ready to meet him in the air! You have time now, to tell your loved ones, friends and strangers how they too, can get ready for Jesus through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Take up your cross and be ready for a wonderful life.

To God be the glory, in all you do. Amen

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

