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*This book is dedicated to the lost of the world
that find Jesus and walk in the glory of God.*

*To my friend, cousin, faithful follower and
brother Rick Blevins who went home in 2023
and currently giving glory to God.*

*Make today, the day that you decide to
accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.*

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Preface

Today, I come to you as a servant and disciple for Jesus Christ. My obedience to the miracles God sent me, has led me down a path that I never imagined I would be walking. God has given me talents that I never even knew I had. My obedience to God's Word has grown those talents in a manner that gives glory to God and helps the lost and addicts of the world overcome their addictions. This sixth book, "New Beginning" is a testimony of the gifts that God has given me.

How you respond to miracles that God gives you will determine your ultimate walk with him. God wants you to act on that miracle in a manner that gives glory to God. He will give you the strength to succeed. Miracles are not always monetary or blessings from God. He may be sending you instructions to act on.

"New Beginning" is about starting your spiritual walk with Jesus, growing in the knowledge of God's scripture and becoming a disciple for Jesus Christ. God is looking for your heart! Will today be the day that you start your walk with Jesus Christ. Loving God and neighbor as yourself. Living a life that gives glory to God. He has given you talents and is ready for you to start using them for him. God wants you to grow the talents he has given you by acting on his miracles. By your actions, your life will be a testimony of God's goodness and through righteousness your light will shine amongst the dark of the world. You no longer have a desire to sin and you recognize God's blessings daily. Always looking to give glory to God, every single day. On judgement day, Jesus will say, "Well done my good and faithful servant."

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*Remember, Jesus is the mediator between you and God the Father. All your prayers for salvation should go to Jesus Christ. Jesus is God. The words Jesus spoke are “**Bold and Underlined.**”*

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Introduction:

Jesus came to earth as the Son of God, to offer a free gift of everlasting life or salvation to those that abide in the word of God and believe in Jesus. The gifts from God in the New Testament are available for those that are righteous in the eyes of God. For your service to God's kingdom, you are promised crowns in heaven. Religion is profitable for those that prey on the weak and unknowing. Works of religions, ceremonies, sacrifices, money and laws can never be used by you to acquire God's free gift of salvation. The devil and the love of money is a powerful combination and addiction that many religious leaders of the flesh cannot overcome. God knows where your heart is. When your heart is his, he will use you for his honor and glory.

Many believers are self-righteous in the eyes of God without showing love for God or neighbor. They have no knowledge in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Man typically has no patience for God. He is told to be a doer of God's word and not just a hearer. The hearer only and self-righteous are like unto a man that beholds his natural face in a glass. He is the proud that feels blessed by just knowing of Jesus. For him the sins of the flesh, doesn't matter in God's eyes and neither does the worship of idols. He does not recognize the impact that his sinful life is having on his loved ones, his blessing from God and his relationship with God. The devil has convinced him that the self-righteous life he is living will earn him God's blessings and the gift of everlasting life. Sound familiar? Ask yourself, if you gathered with believers to give glory to God in the last week. Have the sins of the flesh, lust of the flesh, lasciviousness or drunkenness ever impacted your relationship with God or your family? Has it impacted your witness for Jesus Christ. Do you feel secure in your gift of everlasting life, without serving God?

Historically, my experience is that males tend to be more self-righteous than females. Females will give up of themselves to raise children. Males typically put all their righteousness in self to earn for the family. Never having to rely on God, a man's life is self-fulfilled righteousness in one's own talents and skills. In your mind's eye, all your blessings were the result of your skills. Man, rarely gives God any glory.

Works of religion may have convinced the lost or worldly that you'll earn righteousness in the eyes of God by maintaining your commitment to religious ceremonies. This includes things like partaking in circumcision, water baptism, Sunday service, saying you believe in Jesus and do nothing for him. For the self-righteous, you've convinced yourself that you are righteous by just being you. Convincing yourself that for your do-little effort you've earned God's grace and can't lose it. You are saved from eternal damnation. You become righteous in your own eyes. You engage in the worship of idols (money, sports, alcohol, drugs, etc.) and struggle with personal relationships. You can't understand why God is not blessing you!

In the Old Testament, the Jews were led by the Pharisees and leaders of the religious to adhere to the laws of religion and for their sins they spent endless hours daily in the offering of sin sacrifices of the shed blood and flesh of lambs and animals seeking forgiveness of their sins. What started out as Ten Commandments from God grew into 600 plus religious laws. There was no time to show love of God or neighbor. Religion consumed them. Few Jews had little love for God. Oh, how man loves the things of this world. We all know that King David loved the things of the flesh.

In the New Testament the Jews did not understand Jesus. His Gospel was based on believing in him, living a righteous life and showing your love of God and Neighbor. As a man they did not

see how Jesus had the power to forgive sins and heal people. They did not nor would they recognize Jesus as God.

*Jesus tells you over and over again in the New Testament that if you believe in him, then you don't abide in darkness and sin. He gave you two great commandments; love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. Self-love is not even a commandment in God's line of love. Man will always love self-first. The love of religion is second because you've been told you earn God's righteousness in meeting religious works. You've now met the minimum religious commitment. No love is left over for God or your neighbor. You desire God's love to take care of the things of the world, including health, finances and failed relationships. Man loves the sins of the flesh, drunkenness etc. You say you love God but give him no glory. Jesus asked you in the New Testament, "**How can you say you love me who you can't see and then hate your neighbor who you can see.?**" Jesus said, "**You honor me with your lips but your heart is far from me.**"*

Jesus hates religion. He performed many miracles on the sabbath in the face of the Pharisees showing love for his neighbor. He demanded worship from his children and failure to show love of God and neighbor was unacceptable. He told them that no man should be called Father except for God the Father in heaven. They did not believe in Jesus. Jesus threw parable after parable in their face of showing love of God and man and they failed miserably. For the Pharisees, adherence to earthly works of religion was more critical than loving your neighbor.

Jesus gave you the choice to follow him. You have a free-will to choose Jesus or not. To choose life or not. As a minor, you may have participated in religious ceremonies as directed by your parents and religious leaders. You likely didn't understand the specific religious significance of the ceremony or that ceremony

gave you a false sense of salvation that it wasn't intended to do. As you got older, you thought it meant something in the eyes of God. You thought you were special. When you are of age and sin rules your life, this ceremony meant nothing. Your heart was not right with Jesus. Regardless of the religious ceremony, you've figured out that no one is righteous, no not one. If you say you have no sin, you lie. Sin is sin. All unrighteousness is sin. Jesus shed his blood once for the forgiveness of sin. Works of religion are not required for sin forgiveness. Repenting of your sins and living a righteous for God is how one shows his love and belief in God. You ask to be with Jesus in heaven. You show your faith by your works. You strive to be a doer of his word. Simple and yet so difficult. In this day of instant gratification, man has no patience for God nor his blessings. A pill, drink or drug offers a quick numbing effect. Even if God called you on the phone, his message would be ignored.

Jesus told the Samaritan woman that she could have asked for living water. He could only influence her free-will. This was her choice. She knew he was Christ. She was one of the first great witnesses to the Gentiles. Jesus waited for her at the well. She was a sinner. Jesus knew what her heart was capable of.

John 4:10 - Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

A priest, minister or teacher can only present the Gospel to you. Man has the power only to influence your decisions. It is up to you to make a decision and accept Jesus. To fall in love with Jesus. Not out of habit or traditions of man, but out of choice. God is looking for your heart. You are converted or born again as a child of God, when the love in your heart changes from

self-love to love of God and neighbor. When your heart is right with God, you are his. Nothing else matters but serving him. Loving God, your neighbor and feeding his sheep or the sharing of God's message. When you realize that most people do not know Gods message in the New Testament, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it hurts your heart knowing that they are likely on their way to hell. God says to feed his sheep. If you love your neighbor, you share God's Word. Most people are scripture illiterates and don't even know how to tell people of God's love, of God's will, of his message of salvation.

Your walk through the scriptures is not of a broken spirit being led by the eyes of a fool. It is a life enriched with God's wisdom and knowledge that leads you to the free-gift of everlasting life. A wicked man cannot take the gift of everlasting life from God without abiding in God's doctrine and pervert God's ways of judgement.

Proverbs 17:22-24 - A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones. A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment. Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

I look forward to that glorious day, being not deceived. To be one with the living God and creator of all. Letting my light shine before men.

Matthew 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Are you ready to join me? Are you ready to be a disciple for Jesus Christ?

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

Chapter 1: New Beginning

A God-believing and righteous Lot and his family lived in a city of sin. God's angels told Lot to gather his family and leave this filthy city for he was going to burn it down. Lot told his boys of God's plan. He gathered his girls and wife and left the city. His boys did not leave. Lot did as God commanded and he put Lot into the city of Zoar. When you do as God commands, he puts you into a glorious place.

Genesis 19:22-23 - Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

God has been telling you to start or grow your life, in Jesus Christ. God wants you to get to know Jesus through his doctrine, his bible. God had a dislike for the Pharisees. All God wanted the Old Testament Jews to do, was walk in his ways, keep his commandments and live a righteous life for God. The Pharisees grew God's commandments into a religion that no longer gave glory to God. Full of works and sin offerings that robbed God of the glory he was due.

1 Kings 11:38 - And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

God's desire for the Jews and Gentiles in the New Testament is the same. Know God, believe in Jesus, repent of your sins, abide in his doctrine, follow his ways and live a righteous life, all for the glory of God.

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

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

Matthew 16:24 - Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

1 Timothy 6:11 - But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

It is clear that God does not want you to abide in darkness and sin. When you love God, you don't walk with the devil. You can't serve two masters.

John 12:46 - I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

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

2 John 1:9 - Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.

John 8:12 - Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

You know what God wants. Like Lot, when God tells you to get out, you get out. When you are in Christ and believe in him, you are

a new creature. All things become new. The sun shines on your Zoar.

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.

Like Lot, many were called. His boys died. His wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. Only Lot and his two girls escaped that sinful city. Many were called, but few are chosen.

Matthew 20:16 - So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

Do you hear God calling? Jesus made it clear in his Gospel, that peace on earth and salvation are obtained by believing in his death, burial and resurrection, repenting of your sins, being born again or converted as a child of God and living a righteous life for Jesus by serving only God with the end everlasting life. The way is simple. Abide in his doctrine and you'll find life in Jesus. Few will find it.

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

The rich and the proud will not stoop this low to find Jesus. You must be humble. When you are humble and hear the word of God; the Lord shall lift you up. Faith comes by hearing the word of God.

James 4:6,10 - But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

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

Jesus's commandments are clear; Love God and love your neighbor.

Matthew 22:37,39 - 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. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

You say you love God, but do you keep his commandments? Do you love your brother? When was the last time you had charity toward your brother? How then can you say that you love God.

John 14:15 - If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1 John 3:18 - My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

1 John 4:20 -If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

You repent of your sins and turned from your sinful life at your will. When you are converted, you sinneth not. Jesus was righteous. As a born-again child of God, you are righteous.

John 3:3,5-7 - 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.

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

1 John 5:17-19 - All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that

wicked one toucheth him not. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

1 John 2:29 - If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

Jesus's gift of everlasting life is given to those that are born again, living a righteous life and abiding in God's his doctrine.

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

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.

Romans 5:2,4-5 - By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Start your walk with Jesus today, study and exercise charity as a doer of God's word.

Romans 1:16-19 - 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.

1 Peter 4:7-8 - But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

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

Chapter 2: Miracles

God sends you miracles every day. The question from God is, "are you sober to receive those miracles?" Do you really believe in him and will you act on that miracle you receive. When you are living in the spirit, you recognize the miracle as a gift from God and do exactly as God wants you to do, all for glory of God. You talk to God. He talks to you through miracles. Acting on miracles may not be exactly what you want to do. When living in the flesh, you will judge in the flesh and do nothing. In the do-nothing case, you may even go to church. You shout out that you believe in songs and worship and do not act on the miracle. You may have even been blessed with a lot of money! I often wonder if the devil blesses one with money to keep them living for the devil. Money satisfies the flesh. Are you corrupted for money and the things of the flesh with no charity in your heart?

Do you really believe in God, when you live in the flesh and ignore miracles from God. Rarely does one act on a miracle from God. You are but one person. What difference could one miracle make? Let's see.

Joseph, Mary's husband, could have ignored that dream, but he didn't. He was a tradesman and he was in demand with loads of money on the horizon. A woman with child and without a husband in those days would have been stoned to death. As a Jew or Gentile believer that one dream that Joseph accepted is the difference between you having a life with the one true God. The difference between having our sins forgiven by the gospel of Jesus Christ or condemned to live in hell. One Mary with child; One Joseph; one dream. Outcome was the difference between life or death for mankind.

Matthew 1:18-21 - Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Salvation for mankind just didn't require Joseph to follow one dream, but multiple dreams. The wise men were told in a dream not to return to King Herod. They did as instructed by God. Joseph responded to two more dreams.

Matthew 2:12-14,19-21 - And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

I've experienced many blessings and miracles in my life that I attributed to man with no glory to God. Shortly after I accepted Jesus as only my Lord and Savior, I got a text on my

cell phone, “**Ecclesiastes**”. I was at work and couldn’t even spell that chapter in the Old Testament. I never spoke “**Ecclesiastes**”, so why would voice texting of “**Ecclesiastes**” appear on my phone. I went on to read that book seven times. Working your fingers to the bone for the love of money is vanity! In the end, all of it is vanity. When COVID hit and I had a chance to retire, there was no doubt that I was retiring. God took care of me.

Shortly after retirement, I got another text on my phone, “**Romans 8:28.**” God wanted my service to defend his word. “**Romans 8:28**” occurred on 9/6/21. In bible numbers: 9 – Visitation, 6- Man, 21 – Distress. God visited me in a time of distress and I acted on his word. God now serves his word to the lost in a jail ministry and several other ministries in Spirit and Truth. When you do as God commands, God is joyous. Blessings continue in your life.

Recently, God needed me again to defend his word. He sent me back-to-back messages on 1/15/23 of the same content that led to “**Romans 8:28**”. In bible numbers: 1-Unity, 15-New Direction, 23- Death Resurrection Life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ tells you to bury your old life and be resurrected as a child of God, taking a new direction in your life, being one with God and into a new life. To be one with God, means I serve him.

If all you knew is Acts 16:31 and someone says just to believe in that one verse for salvation, then God’s doctrine is dead. Love of God and neighbor may not be served with knowledge of only this one verse. You are told to serve his doctrine with a pure heart.

God sent me three messages on 2/25/23 & 2/26/23 that lead to Bible Matter 228: Salvation: Preponderance of Evidence. In Bible numbers: 2 is Witnesses; 28 is led by the spirit. God led

me by the spirit to create this bible message. It is the study of salvation as reported by the eight New Testament bible witnesses.

God could have taken care of the men that were serving the devil in any of these cases. But you see, God wants you to follow righteousness and with a pure heart call on the Lord and serve him.

2 Timothy 2:22,24-25 - Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

I witnessed to a man that gave me the best witness ever. He said everyone was praying for him, even the boys he had coached in the past. He had died on the hospital table, rose above his body and saw the instruments attached to his body. He went to the best place ever, never wanting to come back. It was so unbelievable that he said it was hard to explain the joy and peace he felt. Then he came back. He had been dead 20 minutes. God is real. Put your trust in him!

I was congested with allergies on 3/25/23. I was tired and could have went home after the Saturday ministry, but I didn't. God gave me Ezekiel 3 at Stonelick Lake.

Ezekiel 3:7,17,19-22 - But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted. Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from

his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul. And the hand of the Lord was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.

Is your heart hardened like the house of Israel? He will talk to you. It is up to you to turn from your wickedness. God sends miracles to test your faith. Are you willing to serve him with a pure heart? If he convicts you in the spirit, then will that conviction show forth as a work of the flesh out of faith in Jesus. Show your faith by your works. Accept his miracles.

James 2:26 - For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead.

Today, show your faith in God and let him direct your way. God sends his disciples out two by two. Every wrong turn you make and every person you randomly meet has been put there for a reason. Tell them about Jesus. All God wants you to do is plant seeds. If God pricks the heart with the message you hand them, then they will search for his word. Show your love of neighbor, by giving them God's Word. Copy and hand lessons to your friends, family and stranger. Make God smile.

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

Chapter 3: New Testament: Preponderance of Evidence

Jesus died on the cross to offer victory over death for Jew and Gentile in the New Testament. The Old Testament prophets told you of Jesus and the events that were going to happen in the New Testament. Thus, the Old Testament is sanctified by these events in the New Testament that proved the prophets correct. The prophets told you exactly of the events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus.

John 19:24,28,36-37 - They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

The New Testament is the compiled transcripts of eight witnesses that either walked with Jesus, were brothers of or recruited by him. Jesus, Matthew, Peter, Paul and John state to use two or three witnesses to establish God's word! God's word is presented in the contract given by God in the New Testament. You must use this contract to establish the basics of your belief in Jesus Christ. It is clear that God wanted you to use his word to gain wisdom. God wants you to study his word to grow in grace, knowledge and righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 18:16 - But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

John 8:17-18 - It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

2 Corinthians 13:1 - This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

Matthew 11:2 - Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

Bible doctrine is built on multiple witnesses.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Hebrews 10:28 -He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

God wanted to make sure his message got to Mary Magdalene correctly. He sent two angels. Mary could trust two angels.

John 20:11-13 - But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

Jesus tells you that you error in not knowing the scriptures. Do not be led away by the wicked.

Matthew 22:29,33 - Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.

2 Timothy 3:16 - All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Through the knowledge of the scriptures, you will be able to filter through the deceivers of the world. These deceivers are being led by the devil.

Matthew 24:4,13-14 - And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

God tells you that priests or teachers are to give glory to his name through the knowledge of his word. Loving God from the heart and not for the love of money. Yet some fail. The devil and the love of money is a powerful combination and addiction that many people of the flesh cannot overcome.

Malachi 2:1-2,7-8 - And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the Lord of hosts.

2 John 1:7 - For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Children without the knowledge of God's word are vulnerable.

Mark 10:14-15 - But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

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

Deceivers talk a good talk, but their heart is far from loving God. Jesus gave you two great commandments. Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. Love of yourself is last! A deceiver, teaching false doctrine, is walking hand in hand with the devil. God has no love for a deceiver.

Mark 9:42 - And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

God gave you a bible, written in your language. He wants you to study it and learn for yourself, not to follow deceiver's false doctrine.

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

This is where it is difficult for any that do not come to God with the attitude of a little child. You will not have an open mind! Your pride and traditions will blind you. A pride that is centered on self-righteousness. For instance: God wants me to relax; He is OK with me drinking a bottle of wine a night. How about, I worked hard all week; He is OK if I sleep in and don't go to

church on Sunday. Your self-righteousness will not let you yield to the spirit.

Mark 7:13 - Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Luke 4:4 - And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

When you believe in Jesus, do you continue in your lust of the flesh? No. Jesus tells you to hear God's word and do it. You repent and turn from your sinful past and live your life in the glory of God.

Luke 8:21 - And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

Jesus tells you not to continue in the sins of the flesh. If you sin, confess your sins and return to righteousness.

1 John 2:1 - 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:

The scripture is not open to private interpretation. Someday you will stand before God with no deceiver by your side. You will answer for your walk here on this earth. Don't be deceived. This is exactly why we use the preponderance of evidence from two or three witnesses to establish the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:20 - Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

Follow God's word. The word of God could have been a one-edged sword, but it isn't. It is sharper than a two-edged sword. God

wants you to use two edges. Be smart. Pray for discernment in understanding "all" God's word. Do not be deceived.

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.

The preponderance of evidence in God's word will direct you. Get ready to enjoy your life with Jesus.

To God be the Glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 4: Jesus is God: Preponderance of Evidence

Jesus made it clear that out of the mouth of two or three witnesses will speak the truth. What Jesus said is of his Father. His word is the testimony of two people. God sent two angels to greet Mary Magdalene at the sepulchre.

John 8:17-18 - It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

Matthew 18:16 - But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

2 Corinthians 13:1 - This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

John 20:12 - And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

The preponderance of evidence standard will be used to confirm that Jesus is God. Up to four verses from each of the eight witnesses of the New Testament will be used for each of the multiple facets in this case. Jesus is referred to as Christ 537 times in the New Testament. Jesus is also the Word.

Hypothesis: Scripture tells us that Jesus is God and God is three persons in one. Let's find out.

Case Testimony: Is God a Spirit?

1 John 4:12 - No man hath seen God at any time...

John 4:24 - God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

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

Case Testimony: Is Jesus, God in spirit manifest in the flesh? Jesus is Christ. Mary was conceived of the Holy Ghost, or God in the Spirit.

1 Timothy 3:16 - And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Jude 1:25 - To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen

John 1:1,14 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

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

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

1 John 4:2 - Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

2 Corinthians 1:21 - Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

Luke 9:20 - He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God.

Luke 4:41 - And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

**Mark 8:29 - And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.**

Jude 1:21 - Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

**Matthew 1:18 - Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise:
When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.**

Case Testimony: Is God made up of three beings?

1 John 5:7 - For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

**Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying,
All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

Case Testimony: The devil has declared also that Jesus is the Son of God.

Matthew 4:6-7 - And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Luke 4:41 - And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

Mark 3:11 - And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

Mark 5:7 - 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.

Case Testimony: God's word has declared that Jesus is the Son of God, as God manifest in the flesh. He is called the Son of the living God.

Matthew 16:16 - And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

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

Luke 1:31, 32, 35 - And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: ... therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

John 1:41 - He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

John 6:68-69 - Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

Acts 9:20 - And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

Romans 1:4-6 - And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from

**the dead: By whom we have received grace and apostleship,
for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:
Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:**

**1 Corinthians 1:9-10 - God is faithful, by whom ye were called
unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I
beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no
divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together
in the same mind and in the same judgment.**

**1 Peter 2:5 - Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house,
an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable
to God by Jesus Christ.**

**2 Peter 1:17 - For he received from God the Father honour and
glory, when there came such a voice to him from the
excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased.**

*Decision: The preponderance of evidence standard has confirmed
that Jesus is Christ. Jesus is God. Christ is God. Jesus is the Son
of the living God. Jesus was conceived of the Father through
the Holy Ghost. The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are
one. God is the spirit in heaven which no one has seen. God
came to the earth in the flesh and sacrificed himself for your
sins. God sent God the Holy Ghost to dwell in you. God added
names for each of his three beings: God the Father. Jesus is
God in the flesh. Holy Ghost is God in the spirit. Jesus as God
performed miracle after miracle and did not have to call on
God the Father. That is because, Jesus is God and he is all
powerful. Jesus dwelled on this earth as the Son of God. Jesus
tells us that he and the Father are one. Jesus is the Word.
Believe on him. DO NOT abide in darkness. Believe by faith.
You must believe by faith that Jesus is God. By believing in his*

shed blood for the forgiveness of sins by his death, burial and resurrection and living a righteous life serving him, you can have eternal life with him in heaven.

John 6:47 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

1 John 1:7 - 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 cleanseth us from all sin.

Romans 5:1 - Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Timothy 1:12,14-15 - And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

2 Timothy 1:10 - But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Colossians 3:24 - Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Galatians 3:26 - For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Jude 1:21 - Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

On judgement day, you will stand before Jesus. God hates deceivers more than he hates sinners. These are not the only verses that has declared that Jesus is God. Study his Word. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega. The Almighty.

Revelation 1:8 - I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

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

Chapter 5: Drunkenness: Preponderance of Evidence

Nothing leads to more destruction in relationships, home and careers than drunkenness. God promises Fruits of the Spirit for his followers that abide in his word. You may be in a relationship, living in the sins of the flesh and you can't understand why you don't feel God's blessings. Such is the case with drunkenness. The preponderance of evidence standard will be used to confirm God's position on drunkenness.

Case Testimony:

A man in the flesh will immediately point to these two verses to justify his drunkenness. Jesus drank wine. It is OK!

Matthew 11:19 - The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

Luke 7:34,38 - The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

There was not a Jerusalem Water Works 2000 years ago. People drank wine to settle their stomach. Drinking a little wine to settle your stomach does not constitute drunkenness. I've traveled to over 25 countries and on occasion had to settle my stomach.

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

When you love God, you are a testimony of the things God has given you. You are a testimony by knowing and living his scripture. The scripture is the new wine. A drunkard does not desire to fill his body with the new wine of God's Scripture. A

drunkard desires the old wine. The drunkard is the old bottle. When you repent and turn from your sin, you are the new bottle. New wine will be preserved in the new bottle.

Matthew 9:17 - Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

Mark 2:22 - And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

Luke 5:37-39 - And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

A righteous life starts with knowledge of sins of the flesh in the New Testament. Your righteous life in Christ starts by prayer. You repent of your sins and desire to escape the things of the past. The devil is setting snares to pull you back into drunkenness. Judgement day will come upon you when you are least aware. God tells you that you must always be ready. The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Matthew 24:48-51 - But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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

1 Corinthians 6:10 - Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:21 - Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

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

When you choose Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you want to live a glorious life, serving him. He does not want you to live a life as a drunkard. Nor does he want you to lead others to drunkenness or to make them stumble. You neither love God, nor your neighbor when to lead them into drunkenness.

Luke 12:45-46 - But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

Habakkuk 2:15 - Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!

Romans 14:15-21 - But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

Jesus tells you to always be ready for his coming. Make no provision for the flesh.

Romans 13:13-14 - Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

1 Corinthians 5:11 - But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

A drunkard cannot give glory to God. Submit yourselves to each other in the fear of God and be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18-21 - And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus

Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Repent and pray to God for a change in heart and the power to change your life from drugs and alcohol. Do not keep company with those that do not love God.

1 Corinthians 5:11 - But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

It is time for you to be smart. Do not be deceived. Do not let the devil devour you.

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

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

It is time for you to be great in the eyes of the Lord. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. He did not drink wine or strong drink. Jesus is the truth. Today, hear and be a doer of God's Word.

Luke 1:15-16 - For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

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.

John 18:37 - Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

John 3:21 - But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Decision: God hates drunkenness. Sin and drunkenness leads you away from the kingdom of God. A child of God does not walk with the devil. God wants you to be part of his kingdom on earth by believing in Jesus Christ and living a righteous life for him. When you believe in Jesus, you accept by faith that by abiding in his doctrine he offers you the gift of eternal life.

Today, repent of you sins, pray and start your walk with Jesus.

To God be the glory in all you do. Amen

Chapter 6: Forgiveness: Preponderance of Evidence

A proud man refuses to humble himself and bow to the Lord, Jesus Christ. The proud, the lost, the sinner has no place for Jesus in their life. Jesus has instructions for you in but one word, "humility." On judgement day your knee, every knee will bow to Jesus.

1 Peter 5:5 - Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Romans 14:11 - For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

The preponderance of evidence standard will be used to confirm the forgiveness of sin in the New Testament.

Case Testimony:

Jesus took it upon himself to be the propitiation for your sins. Not by man. Not by the blood of bulls. But by the living God, the Son of man that was born without sin.

Hebrews 1:3 -Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Hebrews 10:4 - For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Luke 5:24 - But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

Mark 2:7,10 - Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins,

Matthew 9:6 - But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

1 John 1:6-7,9 - If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 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 cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Romans 6:9-11 - Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Your money or sacrifices can never take away sin. It is removed only by the blood of Jesus Christ.

John 19:33-37 - But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

Matthew 26:28 - For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Revelation 1:5 - And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Colossians 1:14 - In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

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

The death of Jesus on the cross fulfilled his prophesy.

Psalms 22:16 - For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

Luke 24:6-8 - He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words,

Luke 24:46-47- And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

*Does your life change when your heart is right with God?
Absolutely. Your eyes are open. You walk in the light.*

Acts 26:18 - To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they

may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

James 5:15-16,20 - And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Decision:

The decision is clear. It is only by the death, burial and resurrection with the shed blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses you of all sin. Jesus came to earth so that your eyes could be open and to turn you from darkness to walking in the light of your sweet-smelling Savior. Today, Jesus is coming for you. Walking in his light is a decision you have to make. The decision starts with you. Repent of your sins and seek God's forgiveness. Draw near to God with a pure heart.

Acts 8:22 - Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Hebrews 10:22 - Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

2 Timothy 2:22 - Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

When you show up on judgement day, you want Jesus on your side!

**1 John 4:15 - Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of
God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.**

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

Chapter 7: Repentance: Preponderance of Evidence

To be converted from the child of the devil to the child of God requires you to act differently about sin. Jesus says that all unrighteous is sin. Forgiveness of sin in the Old Testament was by works of the flesh and sacrifice of animals and blood. In the New Testament forgiveness of sins is by the shed blood of Jesus Christ without physical works by you. Study the bible with discernment. For example: Someone presents you one verse and then tells you that for the gift of salvation, you don't have to repent of your sins. In the following verse, one can only surmise that Paul, as a Pharisee in the Jewish religion of physical works, was referring to repentance here as a physical sacrifice of animals and blood. Do not be deceived by individual, standalone verses.

Romans 11:29 - For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

The preponderance of evidence standard will be used to confirm God's position on sin. Does God want you to repent and turn from sin to be a child of God? Let's find out.

Case Testimony:

When you repent of your sins and accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, God sends you the Holy Ghost to dwell inside of you. You are a new vessel. If you sin openly then you blaspheme the Holy Ghost and are in danger of eternal damnation.

Matthew 12:31 - Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

Mark 3:29 - But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

Luke 12:10 - And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

In another example, Ananias sold a property. He did not give all of what he said. He kept back part. His reward was death. When you repent of your sins, you turn from all your sins. You don't keep any back.

Acts 5:2-5 - And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

Judas walked as an Apostle for Jesus Christ. He was a pawn in God's plan for salvation. When he repented of his sins, by works, he gave the sin money back. How many of you repent and still like the rewards of sin.

Matthew 27:3 - Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Holy Ghost comes upon those that repent of their sins with a heart toward God. To be pure in heart with your soul purified. To see God, unto life.

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

Acts 11:18 - When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

1 Peter 1:21-23 - Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

John the Baptist baptized with water for sin forgiveness. Your sins are forgiven by the blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus baptized you with the power of the Holy Ghost to refrain from sin unto a life of righteousness. God wants your heart, not lip service. Jesus tells you to 15 times in the New Testament to repent of your sins. When you repent of your sins, God sends the gift of the Holy Ghost. Times of refreshing will come from the Lord. Do not live a life supporting or living in sin.

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:

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.

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

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

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

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

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

It is clear that you are to repent of your sins to be part of the kingdom of God. Jesus does not want you to perish. When you choose Jesus, you choose to live a righteous life for the glory of God. That is your reasonable service.

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

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

Luke 24:47 - And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

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.

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

Decision: God hates sin and desires you to repent of your sins and with a pure heart to enjoy the Kingdom of God. God wants you to be part of the kingdom of God here on earth by believing in Jesus Christ and living a righteous life for him. When you believe in Jesus, you accept by faith that by abiding in his doctrine he offers you the gift of eternal life. Accept the gift of the Holy Ghost. Today, repent of your sins, pray for guidance and start your walk with Jesus.

Pray for strength to lead you to a righteous life, in the glory of God. Confess your faults one to another for accountability. When you are walking with a brother or sister in Christ, there is strength in numbers. Use the gathering of Christians to build your strength and keep you from temptation.

Acts 8:22 - Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

James 5:16 - Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

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

Chapter 8: Converted: Preponderance of Evidence

Case Background: The lost, natural man walks in darkness with the devil. His life is for the lover of self that leads to the destruction of self and relationships with others. No love of God. No love of neighbor. He may know of Jesus, but never gives God the glory. This lost man maybe you. You may even be going to church, but do you give God the glory in everything you do? If you are lost, then your life is stagnant and likely imploding on you with no peace in sight. You enjoy your life of sin, drunkenness and self-fulfilling worship. Tired and weary, you know there is something bigger for you on the horizon, but you just don't know how to get there. Your heart is glazed over to pure thoughts, ears are dull and eyes are closed. You are OK and righteous in your eyes. You may even feel that you are going to spend eternity in heaven with this life. The bible says you must be born again or be converted to be a child of God in the kingdom of God. Let's find out!

Out of the mouth of two or three witnesses the preponderance of evidence standard will confirm that a child of God has been converted as presented in the New Testament.

Case Testimony:

Matthew 13:15 - For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Your wisdom is foolish in the eyes of God. The natural man may be going to church. He uses a verse or two from the bible to justify sin. In works they deny him. Don't be foolish.

1 Corinthians 3:19-21 - For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;

Titus 1:16 - They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

*God directs you to hear his word. There will be that one verse, that one message that pricks your heart. I was living religion my whole life. Serving self and not God. I was baptized and thought I was going to heaven. I was not living my life in the glory of God. God finally pricked my heart with **Proverbs 30:5-6**. God's word is quick and powerful. A discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. On 12/3/13 my life changed to give God the glory in all that I do.*

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.

Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged 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.

To be born again or converted is a testimony of God's power in the New Testament to a change in your heart toward sin. A righteous or converted life, allowing Jesus to be the center of your life. You can feel the power in his word and this taste of God satisfies your soul. The sin and worship of the devil that ruled your life is a fading memory, but you still get reminders.

You continue to pray, study God's word and to grow your heart in the love of Jesus.

Psalm 51:13 - Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Mark 4:11-12 - And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

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

This conversion is rarely a single exposure to God's word. For me, it was continual exposure and the study of God's word for six months. During this transition period God's word was tasting good, but so was the taste of the natural sinful man. The natural man likes a self-righteous soul. As you grow in God's grace, you start to enjoy God's blessings. The devil is telling you that God wants you to enjoy life. A little sin is not bad.... Your heart longs for Jesus, but the natural man craves sin. You are a double minded man. Unstable in all your ways.

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

Let God control your life to get you through this transition phase. Humble yourself in the eyes of God. Let your works show your love of God. Study God's word daily. Hear God's word weekly so he can heal your heart. Pray continually for God's grace and strength: That this conversion be complete: For strength: For sight: For hearing.

John 12:39-40 - Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

Luke 22:32 - But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Acts 28:28 - Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

God wants your conversion to be complete. He wants you to release that foolish natural man pride, humble yourself at the foot of the Lord and become as a little child. A child believes by faith. The converted man believes by faith that his sins are forgiven by the shed blood of Jesus Christ, through his death, burial and resurrection of Jesus on the cross. Pray that the hour comes upon you. The hour when the Son of man is glorified. The natural man is crucified by Jesus and the Spirit is glorified in your heart to the converted or born-again man as a child of God.

John 12:23,25,27-28 - And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

Decision: The converted or born-again man is a doer of God's word. You forget the natural man who you were. You no longer abide in sin and darkness. You become of child of God, not looking to

fulfill a life of sin. Your desire is to walk with Jesus. You desire to be a new man. Walking in the light of Jesus Christ

James 1:22-25 - But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

John 14:12 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

You glory in the love of God's commandments. You love God and your neighbor, being free of the sins of the flesh. You show your love of God through the love of your brother by hope and charity.

1 John 4:19-21 - We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

You live a righteous life in the glory of God. To get to know the only true God and Jesus Christ. You follow Jesus and abide in his doctrine. You study his word. You enjoy the fellowship of brothers and sisters in Christ.

John 12:46 - I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

John 17:3-4 - And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I

**have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work
which thou gavest me to do.**

**John 14:12 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me,
the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than
these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**

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

Chapter 9: Salvation: Preponderance of Evidence

Salvation is the terms of the New Testament contract between you and God. The New Testament is the compiled transcripts of eight witnesses that walked with, were brothers of or recruited by Jesus. Jesus, Matthew, Peter, Paul and John state to use two or three witnesses to establish God's word! Scripture is not open to private interpretation. A deceiver cannot take one or several verses out of context and come up with a false message of salvation.

Matthew 18:16 - But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

John 8:17-18 - It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

2 Peter 1:20 - Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

*Righteousness is living in a Christ-like manner in contrast to living in sin. There are many verses that state the sins of the flesh, including: **Matthew 15:19-20, Mark 7:21, Luke 21:34, Acts 21:25, Romans 1:28-32, Romans 13:13-14, 1 Corinthians 5:11, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:5, Titus 2:9-14, Jude 1:7.***

What is God's message of salvation in the New Testament? A preponderance of evidence will point to God's gift of everlasting life in heaven as told by the eight witnesses.

Case testimony:

Is everlasting life in heaven available to the children of this world?

Jude 1:3,5,21 - Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

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.

Matthew 24:4,13-14 - And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

John 5:39 - Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

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

Luke 1:77-79 - To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

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.

2 Timothy 3:15 - And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

James 2:18- Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

James 2:23-24 - And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only

Do you have to understand sin, repent and turn from your sin for this gift?

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

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

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

Luke 24:47 - And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Romans 6:6,22-23 - 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. But now being made

free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Is a pure heart, doing the will of God and living a righteous life required for this gift?

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.

Matthew 7:21 - Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

1 Peter 1:22-23 - Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

John 12:46 - I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Mark 10:25 - It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Mark 13:13 - And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Luke 21:36 - Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

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

James 1:27 - Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

1 Peter 4:6-8 - For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Decision: You are the jury. God's message of salvation is clear. Believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, repent of your sins and be converted or born again as a child of God. Live a righteous life by doing the will of God; by serving and showing your love for God and neighbor and not abiding in darkness or sin. Religious acts are not required for God's gift. Keep yourself in the love of God, show your faith by your charity and Jesus promises you in the end, everlasting life with him in heaven.

1 Corinthians 1:17 - For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

It is clear that God does not offer salvation in terms of a verse or two from the bible and not abiding in God's doctrine. A wicked

*doer would take heed and be an abomination in the sight of the Lord. A wicked man cannot promise you the gift of everlasting life from Abraham's bosom. (The bosom was the Old Testament heaven for the saints or believers in God. See **Luke 16:22**) The wicked man would pervert the ways of God's judgement. Jesus is the one given by God to judge. Be wise with a merry heart and live a righteous life for Jesus Christ.*

Proverbs 17:4,22-24 - A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue. A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones. A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment. Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

Keep yourself in the love of God.

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

Chapter 10: Deceivers: Preponderance of Evidence

Jesus came this earth as the Son of God, to offer a free gift of everlasting life or salvation to those that abide in the word of God and believe in Jesus. Religion is profitable for those that prey on the weak and unknowing. Works of religions, man's traditions or customs, sacrifices, money and laws can never be used by you to acquire God's free gift of salvation. The devil and the love of money is a powerful combination and addiction that many religious leaders of the flesh cannot overcome. The preponderance of evidence standard will be used to decide if God loves deceivers.

Case Testimony:

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

2 John 1:7 - For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

When you turn to Jesus and repent of your sins, he asks you to humble yourself and be as little children. Being excited for this free gift, you no longer have faith in the things of this world, money, lusts of the flesh, but instead having faith in the things of God. Desiring to live a righteous life for him and seeking his knowledge from his word. By serving him and not to continue in your sinful ways.

Matthew 18:3 - And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 21:8,34-35 - And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

1 John 3:7-9 - Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 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.

1 John 1:8 - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1 John 2:1 - 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:

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

Galatians 6:3,7 - For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. Be not deceived; God is

not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

God warns teachers seeking to profit, harm or teach false doctrine to you as a little child; not to be deceivers.

Matthew 18:6 - But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Mark 9:42 - And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

Luke 17:2 - It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

Matthew 24: 51- And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mark 14:21 - The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

Deceivers talk a good talk, but their heart is far from loving God. A deceiver does not have the love of God in their heart.

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

Children without the knowledge of God's word are vulnerable.

Mark 10:14-15 - But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto

me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

God gave you a bible, written in your language. He wants you to study it. Don't be deceived.

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

2 Timothy 3:15-17 - And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

This is where it is difficult for those that do not come with the attitude of a little child. Your pride and traditions will blind you. Your religion will make you lame and you are not capable of walking in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. You must get knowledge from God's word.

Mark 7:13 - Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Luke 4:4 - And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

When you believe in Jesus, you hear God's word and do it. You repent and turn from your sinful past.

Matthew 12:50 - For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Luke 8:21 - And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

Jesus sent his disciples on their way and to spread God's word, not for the love of money or filthy lucre.

Romans 16:18 - For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

Mark 6:7-8 - And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse:

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

Decision: God hates deceivers. A deceiver (i.e. teacher of false doctrine) is not teaching God's word and betraying the Gospel of Jesus Christ; God tells them that it would be better if that man had never been born. God tells you to put your trust only in God's Word. Love God and love your neighbor. Be ready to stand before the Son of man.

James 1:26-27 - If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Luke 21:36 - Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

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

Chapter 11: Saved: Preponderance of Evidence

Saved: Preponderance of Evidence

Out of the mouth of two or three witnesses the preponderance of evidence standard will confirm when a child of God is considered saved as presented in the New Testament. Saved, eternal life and everlasting life in heaven can mean the same term. Remember, that both the Old and New Testament uses the word saved as either saved from their enemies or adversaries or saved as in everlasting life with Jesus. Within the context of the bible verses understand how the word saved is being used.

Hypothesis: How or when is one considered to be saved as referenced in regards to gift of eternal or everlasting life?

These versus are self-explanatory. No need for narrations.

Matthew 10:20,22,24 - For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

Matthew 19:16,17,20-22,25,29 - And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. When his disciples

heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Matthew 24:11-14 - And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Mark 10:26-27,29-30 - And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Mark 13:13 - And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Luke 7:50 - And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Luke 8:10-12,15,18 - And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of

God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

Luke 13:23-25,27 - Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

Luke 18:29-30 - And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

John 6:27-29,40,47 - Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which

seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

John 5:24-25,34-36,38-39 - 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. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

John 10:9-10,14,16 - I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

John 12:46-48,50 - I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

Acts 2:21,26,38,43-47 - And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 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. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

Romans 6:22 - But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Galatians 6:8-9 - For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

1 Corinthians 1:17-18 - For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Timothy 2:3-4 - For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Revelation 21:24-27 - And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And

**there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth,
neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie:
but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

*Decision: By testimony of the witnesses, the decision is unanimous.
Being saved with everlasting life with Jesus in heaven, is
reserved to those that by faith believe in Jesus Christ, repent of
their sins, hearers and doers the word of God, walking in the
light of Jesus Christ and enduring to the end. Do not be
deceived. Workers of inequity will not be with Jesus in heaven.*

*Look for sanctification through truth in God's word and be willing to
share God's word as living water. Read and understand God's
word. He will send you direction. Take up your cross and
follow him. Your reward will come. Have faith.*

**Matthew 16:24-25,27 - Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any
man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his
cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall
lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find
it. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father
with his angels; and then he shall reward every man
according to his works.**

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

Chapter 12: Sabbath

Are you willing to serve God with a pure heart? Following the commandments of Jesus, loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself. Jesus is God manifest as man and lived his life as servant to God. He experienced the religion of the Pharisees that drove vendors into the church and the attempt to worship God by unending animal sacrifices gave no glory to God. Something as simple as the ten commandments grew into worship of man's religion. God knew that man could not appreciate the gifts from God by working seven days a week. Love of God, family and friends would take the back seat. The love of money would crush God's love and man would serve the devil for the love of money. All God wanted was for the sabbath to be a day of rest!

Exodus 16:23 - And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

Exodus 16:26 - Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

A day of rest doesn't serve man's religion. No longer allowed to work, you had to observe sabbath in the sanctuary.

Leviticus 19:26,30 - Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times. Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord.

Now observe the seventh year as a day of rest for your fields and take no fruits and grain from your fields.

Leviticus 25:4 - But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the Lord : thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

Sanctuaries are empty! Pharisees need you to come to the sanctuary and worship God by offerings and animal sacrifice.

Numbers 28:4,6,8-11 - The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer at even; It is a continual burnt offering, which was ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord. And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meat offering of the morning, and as the drink offering thereof, thou shalt offer it, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord. And on the sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof: This is the burnt offering of every sabbath, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering. And in the beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the Lord ; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot;

Much better. Sanctuaries are full. Pharisees needed to build large houses of worship dedicated in the name of the Lord. An ordinance for Israel.

2 Chronicles 2:4 - Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.

Wait. All this for Israel, for man! In the Old Testament a simple command by God, to rest on the sabbath grew into holding

believers hostage on the sabbath. Now the sabbath day of rest required work: Performing blood and burnt offerings: Not eating anything with blood: Resting on the seventh year; build a sanctuary or house unto the Lord: all as an ordinance for ever to Israel.

No works of religion or demanding a day of worship at man-made temples are required by God. This is the teachings of Jesus. In the New Testament, Jesus destroyed the serving of man and religion by showing the Pharisees how their works, laws and requirements for believers on the sabbath did not give glory to God. Jesus told you; if you are hungry, then God will provide for you, even on the sabbath.

Matthew 12:1-8,10-14 - At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not

lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

By holding the sabbath holy and without work, Jesus told them that they were hypocrites. Pharisees can perform acts of religion on the sabbath, but Jesus cannot love his children on the sabbath?

John 7:23 - If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?

God's message and the gospel of Jesus Christ is simple! Love God and love your neighbor every day. Do not be fooled by man and his religion.

Colossians 2:16-18 - Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

There is no mandatory day of worship of God on the sabbath in man's temple. Teaching the works and doctrines of man is not required. You choose to be with believers on the sabbath to hear God's word and seek refreshment in the things of God. You seek refreshment with a pure heart.

Matthew 15:8-9 - This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth 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.

God wants you to worship him by showing your love of God and neighbor, everyday!

Matthew 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Don't be fooled and fall into the worship idols on God's day of rest. Don't justify the worship of the Holy Grail of idols, alcohol and football or sports on the day of rest. Also don't be fooled into the worship of God on man's religion day of worship only to worship idols the other six days of the week. Religion says God demands your worship on the day of the sabbath. God demands that religious leaders are not to pick and choose what to impose on God's children by polluting salvation by grace in the New Testament with works of religion from the Old Testament. The Gospel of Jesus Christ does not require animal sacrifice and the sabbath year of rest! You see, God wants you to worship him by showing the love of God and neighbor, every day of the week. He just wants your heart! Nothing can hide your light.

Matthew 5:14 - Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

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

Chapter 13: Be Righteous

When my brother Ron died in a plane accident, the minister stood over the roses (no coffin) and commuted his spirit to everlasting life. This statement threw me. His body was in the bottom of the ocean. No minister could commute his spirit to eternal life from roses. The minister could not anoint the body with oil. Eternal life is either good or bad depending on where you go! I looked at man-made religion; I couldn't see where anyone can get to heaven when one dies in an accident. It is said that the tradition of last rites must be administered. This is said of last rites:

“Although the tradition of the dead doesn't refer to physical death, there's a misconception that a deceased person can still receive religious traditions after death. A deceased person cannot accept the tradition of last rights. If a person wishes to anoint and they're uncertain how long it's been since the person passed, then they can still offer the tradition in good faith.

The best bet for a believer is to live a prayerful life, seek constant forgiveness, align their lifestyles to fit within their values and beliefs, and go to confession during their life. “

It was that last sentence that threw me into the study of the Bible.

“The best bet....align their lifestyles to fit within their values and beliefs” is questionable. No one can get to heaven by betting on their own sinful lifestyle. A true believer in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ has obtained forgiveness of their sins by the blood of Jesus Christ. By following the doctrine of Jesus Christ in the bible, you don't have to bet on eternal salvation. Aligning your lifestyle to fit within your values and beliefs is in conflict with God's Word. It implies that any sinner, that justifies sin in their mind, could get to heaven! God is looking for your lifestyle to align with one

living a righteous life for Jesus and not your own lifestyle of serving sin. All sinners are righteous in their own eyes. No one is righteous in the eyes of God when you are living a sinful life of earth. Humble yourself and become as little children. Jesus says to repent and be born again. Search the scriptures so that you can know and be sure of God's gift of eternal life. You are told to live a life that is acceptable to God, as his servant. Put your trust in God's Word and not the traditions of man.

Romans 14:17-19 - For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

John 5:39 - Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

I'd like to say my brother is in heaven, but only Jesus can determine that. Jesus is the mediator between you and God.

In this life, all that matters is belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and living a life of righteousness! From the study of the New Testament, what a relief it is to know that God is just looking for your love of him, your neighbor and your righteousness unto God. This is the righteousness of a Christ-like life.

Romans 10:3 - For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Not by your own righteousness based on how you feel and living in sin, but by God's doctrine given to you in the New Testament.

Romans 6:13,16-18 -Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves

unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Why are you told to live a righteous life unto God? Because that is your minimum service. Christ sacrificed his life on earth and shed his blood for your sins.

1 Peter 2:24 - Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Righteousness is not obtained by works of religion, like circumcision as in the case of the Jews. Throw aside the traditions of man.

Mark 7:7-8 - Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

Romans 4:9 - Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

A righteousness which is obtained only by faith in Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:22 - Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Righteousness that starts with a pure heart seeking to live a life pleasing in the eyes of God. The virtues, ordinances and promises from God, all stem from a God like life, living unto righteousness.

2 Peter 1:1-9 - Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: 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: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

You live unto righteousness in a body which is dead unto sin, so that you may have eternal life unto Christ.

Romans 5:21 - That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Do not be a fool. Seek solace and gratitude. Be glad in the Lord.
Ride on that highway of holiness where fools don't ride.*

Isaiah 35:1-10 - The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there : And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

For you that are studying the bible through this book, be glad that God's Word is coming to life before your eyes. Decide today, to live your life in a manner pleasing to God and free of sin. Loving God and loving your neighbor. Following him, feeding his sheep and serving his people with fervent charity. Let your light shine before men. Decide to "Be Righteous."

Matthew 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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

Chapter 14: Be Smart

Approaching life is a choice: Smart vs. Stupid: Control vs havoc: Love vs. hate: Rich vs. poor: Light vs. darkness: Righteousness vs. Sin: Jesus vs devil: Family vs. drunkenness: Romans 6:6 vs John 6:66..... You are born into sin and you live a life of sin, until you decide to make a change. God is asking you to be smart regardless of your parent's traditions, your schooling or how blessed you may think you are. You only get to heaven by abiding in God's word. Understanding God's word will put you in control. You'll love God and your neighbor, while being rich in the things of God. Living in the light, a righteous life following Jesus. Be a servant unto Christ and doing God's will from the heart. All for God's glory and not for the praise of man.

Ephesians 6:1-2,4-7,10-12,17-18 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication

in the Spirit, and watching there unto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Abiding in Jesus and his word is mandatory, so as not to abide in darkness. Not hoping for everlasting life.

Romans 11:25-26 - For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

John 12:46 - I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Abiding in darkness is walking with the devil and being a servant of sin. You must first recognize that you are living a life of sin in God's eyes. What is sin you ask? God's word will tell you in the New Testament. When you are in sin, you are walking with the devil. You ask for forgiveness of sin, repent and start your walk with Jesus. When you repent of your sins and are born again as a child of God you are no longer a servant of sin.

Mark 2:10 - But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins,

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.

1 John 5:17-18 - All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth

not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

God loved you first. He knew that if you spent all your time and energy with sacrifice and offerings for forgiveness of sin, then you could not serve him. God sent his son, Jesus to be a propitiation for your sins. Jesus will forgive you of your sins.

1 John 4:10 - Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Romans 6:20,22 - For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

The word hope is used 133 times in the Bible. Not once in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke or John did Jesus tell you to hope for everlasting life. When you abide in his word, you will have everlasting life. The word hope is used 56 times by John, Paul, James and Peter in the Epistles. Their hope is that you abide in God's Word and not the things of this earth, filthy lucre and the traditions of man.

1 Peter 1:21 - Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

If you slip into a short walk with the devil, then Jesus will throw you a lifesaver. Confess your sins daily. Don't delay. Ask for forgiveness.

Hebrews 6:6,10 - If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye

have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

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.

This is your most important decision. Walking with Jesus and not serving sin versus walking with the devil and serving sin. Your choice. One gives you everlasting life in heaven versus the other which is hell.

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

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

Jesus warns you not to follow the traditions of men.

Colossians 2:8 - Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Mark 7:7-8 - Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

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;

Jesus told you to follow him and share his word. Do not be ashamed of his word. Be a doer of his word.

Mark 8:38 - Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Luke 24:47 - And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

James 1:22-23 - But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

1 John 5:20-21 - And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Be smart. Keep yourself from idols and be a doer of his Word. The one, two punch for freedom and life with Jesus Christ.

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

Chapter 15: Sin Not

“Not my will but yours be done!” So simple a phrase. When you believe in Jesus and no longer walking in darkness, you are not your own. Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. Glorify God with your body and spirit!

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 - Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Your glory in the Lord is reflected in your new walk with Jesus, as a born-again child of God. The Light of the world is in you. No longer stumbling in the dark. You have the Light of life.

John 11:10 - But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

John 8:12 - Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Ephesians 5:6-8 - Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

John 12:46 - I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

*No longer enjoying the sins of the flesh. Your walk is your witness.
Others will see the love of Jesus and the love of your neighbor
in your walk.*

Matthew 19:17-19 - And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Matthew 22:37-39 - 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 neighbour as thyself.

You will teach others by your actions! You will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:19 - Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Loving in deed and truth. Your heart is before the Lord. Your light will shine by your good works.

1 John 3:17-19,22-23 - But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. And

whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

Matthew 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

There is no better time for letting your light shine before men, than by showing your love of your neighbor. If you say you believe in Jesus and show no works of love for your brother, then you are still stumbling in darkness. Your faith will show by your works.

1 John 2:9 - He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

James 2:17-18 - Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

The love of God and your neighbor is always on your heart. When you sin against your brother, you sin against Christ. When you are of God, you hear God's words.

1 Corinthians 8:12 - But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

John 8:47 - He that is of God heareth God's words: ...

With the Holy Ghost directing your spirit, your conscience will convict you. Your conscience will no longer dwell on dead works, but to serve a living God!

John 8:9 - And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

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?

Dead works are those things that man-made religion imposes beyond those written here. All men and women are created equal in the eyes of God. Dead works of men mean nothing. Jesus did not demand a special dress code. Jesus did not demand special foods on certain days. Jesus did not demand mandatory church attendance on certain days. Jesus did not demand water baptism or for you to confess your sins to man.

Jesus only demands you to worship and glorify the Lord thy God. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. You know the truth and the truth has set you free from sin and man-made religious commandments and the tradition of man.

1 Corinthians 7:19,23 - Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God. Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

Mark 7:8,13 - For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Today glory in the freedom Jesus has brought to your life.

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

Chapter 16: Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost is the third person of the Trinity; The Father, the Son and Holy Ghost. The Father is God in spirit, which no one has ever seen. The Son was born in the flesh, died on the cross, shed his blood once for the forgiveness of your sins, ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father. The Holy Ghost is a gift sent by God to those that obey the word of God.

Acts 5:32 - And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

The Holy Ghost was sent by God to the disciples, after Jesus ascended into heaven.

1 John 5:6-8 - This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

The gift of the Holy Ghost can only be sent by God.

Luke 1:13-15 - But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

John the Baptist knew that the Holy Ghost can only be sent by God.

Luke 3:16 - John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet

of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

Jesus tells his disciples when the Holy Ghost shall come upon them. They needed the Holy Ghost to direct their lives.

Acts 2:1-2,4 - And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 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 they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Holy Ghost is only made available by God to those, who have a repentant heart for God. Not available out of sacrifice, for money or by man's traditions.

Acts 8:19-22 - Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

If you never have a repentant heart, then you blaspheme the Holy Ghost. The outcome is not good!

Mark 3:28-29 - Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

A repentant heart draws you closer to God. When your heart is right with God, you are no longer full of dead man bones.

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

The Pharisees heart was hardened towards Jesus and the things of God. A sinner's heart is hardened to the Holy Ghost. When you come to Jesus with the attitude of a child, your heart is softened by the word of God. When your heart is right with God, the gift of the Holy Ghost is sent down from heaven.

1 Peter 1:12 - Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Acts 11:14-16 - Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

God knows when your heart is right with him.

Hebrews 10:16-18 - This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

Acts 15:8 - And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

With the gift of the Holy Ghost descending upon you, you have been born again in spirit.

1 Peter 1:23,25 - Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

With the Holy Ghost directing your life, you will grow in the power of God.

1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 - For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

Hope makes you not ashamed. God sends the Holy Ghost upon you and you no longer desire a life of sin, but a righteous life living for God. God in your life is not an embarrassment, but a blessing. God's love and blessings will bring joy to your life. A life, serving Jesus. A life God had planned for you.

Romans 5:5 - And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

The Holy Ghost will bring into remembrance the word of God, which you have been taught.

John 14:26 - But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

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

Chapter 17: Judge Not

As man achieves awards and gifts, one likes to feel superior. Such as may be the case as being born again. You've accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and by his grace you are offered forgiveness of your sins. Often one has a tendency to look upon and judge the lost or those that don't believe as you do, as inferior or not on the path to everlasting life. You are told to judge not. Salvation, offered to you through faith and love in Jesus Christ, is available to the lost. His grace and love are exceedingly abundant.

1 Timothy 1:14-15 - And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

All unrighteous is sin. You are not to judge any one sin as being more severe in the eyes of God to any other sin. Drunkenness is no different than murder. When you seek after God, your desire is to live a righteous life. No longer a servant of sin. Only Jesus can forgive you of your sins. Jesus told you to repent and turn from your sin.

1 John 5:17 - All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

Romans 3:10-11 - As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

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.

When you judge the lost, you have predispositioned them as being incapable of loving God. Incapable of seeking God. Their sin is no larger or smaller than your sin. The sin you are judging could be considered a splinter in the eye of the lost. Your sin could be considered by God as a beam that is in your eye.

Matthew 7:1-3 - Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Jesus did not judge the lost. He offered forgiveness of sins to those that came to him and asked for forgiveness. He did not come to condemn the world, but to save the world.

John 12:46-48 - I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

That person or persons you are judging, has one sin that you may disagree with. Mary Magdalene was a woman of seven sins controlled by devils. Not one sin, but seven. Jesus healed Mary Magdalene of seven sins. Mary Magdalene was the most faithful of the followers during Jesus's ministry. Mary Magdalene loved God so much, that she anointed his feet with Spikenard before his crucifixion. Following his death and burial, she came to the tomb to anoint Jesus's body with sweet spices. After rising from the dead, Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene first. A beautiful story of forgiveness and salvation.

John 12:3 - Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

Mark 16:9 - Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

That lost person that you are judging, may be one request from wanting to know Jesus Christ. The world to them may seem lost, and they see no love of God in this world. When you deny them from seeing the love of God, by your judgement, you are offending one of the little ones in God's eyes. Be always willing to share the love of God with anyone you see or come in contact with.

Mark 9:41-42 - For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward. And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

Jesus does not want you to deny him to the lost.

Matthew 10:33 - But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Sharing the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ and asking them to come hear the word of God and worshipping God may be all that is needed to convert them to partake in God's love and forgiveness. Do not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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.

God is sending people your way every day. He is waiting and wanting you to be his servant here on earth. Your witness may plant a seed of the paw message of salvation. Water this seed with God's love. Grow this seed with God's word. The Holy Ghost will tell you what to say. You may be in the line of witnesses, that God is using to convert this sinner and save them from the devil and death. Your love for the lost covers a multitude of sins. These are the easiest times to be a witness for Jesus Christ.

James 5:20 - Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

That lost person you thought about judging, may be the next Mary Magdalene. Their sins that are forgiven may be many. Where much is forgiven, much is loved.

Luke 7:37-38,44-48 - And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

*The lost person you thought about judging, may be chosen of God.
Judge not and be the first to share the good news of Jesus
Christ. God is looking for you to be a faithful servant.*

**Matthew 20:16 - So the last shall be first, and the first last: for
many be called, but few chosen.**

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

Chapter 18: Hope

Many millions of immigrants came to the United States of America with a hope of a better life with only the shirts on their back. Not hoping for money, but just for a better life. A better life they did make for themselves and their loved ones. In this money driven world, you make a mistake by hoping for money, as you will never find joy and happiness in money. The immigrants did not see a better life. By faith, from what they heard, they had hoped for a better life. A lesson you can use to help direct your life for the glory of God.

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not see

Are you tired of struggles and strife in your life? God's grace will strengthen and stabilize you. Gird up your loins and be ready to fight for the blessings God has given you. Pray that your hope might be in God.

1 Peter 5:10 - But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

1 Peter 1:13,21 - Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

You can only find joy and happiness in the blessings that God gives you. You have skills and talents that you are not using. You have joy in family that you are not experiencing. Using the spirit of God in your life, hope for the life here on earth that God has waiting for you. Living a life for God will align you with living a righteous life with the end eternal life. God's plan

for you is to obtain a peaceful life, now and forever. By knowing the scriptures, God's word will strengthen and direct you.

Romans 15:4,13 - For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. 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.

Colossians 1:11 - Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

Hope for a better life now and forever with a ready mind and heart for God and not filthy money. This is a promise that God has made. Make your calling and election sure and if you do the things of God, you shall never fail.

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

2 Peter 1:4-10 - Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your

calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Sanctify God in your hearts and be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in you. God knows how to deliver you from temptation. Purify yourself and turn from sin. You will obtain righteousness by faith.

1 Peter 3:15 - But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

2 Peter 2:9 - The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

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

Galatians 5:5 - For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Rejoicing in the glory of God and not ashamed of God's love.

Romans 5:2,4-5 - By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Psalms 16:9 - Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Are you not feeling this hope yet? Is your heart sick? You must want a change in your life.

Proverbs 13:12 - Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

Start by humbling yourself before the mighty hand of God.

Recognize that you cannot do it on your own. You've tried it without God. The Jews tried it without God and it didn't work for them either. They were strangers in a land of promise, without hope and without God.

Ephesians 2:12 - That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

You must recognize that you need God in your life. Always looking for that blessed hope. Start with prayer. Casting all your cares upon him because he cares for you. Be sober and be vigilant as the devil seeks to devour you. In God's word, you will live. He will strengthen your heart.

1 Peter 5:6-8,10-11 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Romans 12:12 - Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Psalm 119:114,116 - Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word. Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Psalm 31:24 - Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

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

Chapter 19: Love Me

God's love is simple. Do. God figured out in the Old Testament that you don't get love out of don't. God gives you a free will in the New Testament. He gives you the will to follow him. You choose to follow him. Why? Because you love him. The devil has blinded the world with hate. Hate of everything and everyone that doesn't look like you or believe as you believe. The devil uses the hate of past generations of dark times to keep that hate alive. When you hate the devil wins. When you are blind, the devil wins. There is only one solution! Love.

2 Corinthians 4:4 - In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

You hate because you do not know God's Word. You are blind to the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. You do not know his word. The instructions Jesus gave you are clear. Love him. Know him. Keep his commandments. Feed his sheep. I was raised as a child of God. After studying his bible, I can tell you the following: I did not love him. I did not keep his commandments. I did not feed his sheep. I was a sponsor during religious ceremonies and I shunned my responsibilities. My eyes were blinded by the devil of this world. I fell short. I've let the devil do my work. Thankfully I found Jesus before it was too late.

God does not care about your past. Repent of your past. God is love. Decide today that you will hear his word. That you will love Jesus. That you will walk in the light. That God will be in you.

John 8:42-43 - Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God;

neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

John 8:12 - Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

1 John 4:16 - And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Decide today to love God from the heart and be a hearer of his Word. To know him. To overcome the world and love all the children of God. That you will have the love of Mother Teresa.

John 8:42-47 - Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

When you love God, you keep his Words.

John 14:23-27 - Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word

which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

When you love God, you are a doer of his Word.

John 14:12-15 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1 John 3:23 - And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

1 John 5:1-5 - Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Decide today to continue in God's love. To love God. To love all neighbors. Let charity rule your life.

John 15:9-14,17-1 - As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. These things I command you, that ye love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

1 Corinthians 13:3-4,6 - And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Decide to love Jesus, know God's word and feed his sheep. When Jesus talks to Simon, he is talking to you. Jesus does know all things. Let your love shine throughout the world. May your peace and love be multiplied. Honor all men. Pray for God's mercy. Feed his sheep and follow him.

John 21:15-17,19 - So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou

knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Jude 1:20-21 - 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.

1 Peter 2:17 - Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Jude 1:2 - Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

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

Chapter 20: Do

The bee seeks pollen and for his work, it becomes righteousness as honey! A child of God seeks to study God's word and by abiding in his word and doing, you become righteous. You must be doers of the word to fight off the evil of this world. Worshipping false gods is a do. Addiction is a do. Sin is a do. Eating too much is a do. You must be doers of the word and not hearers only. Do God's work. Only then will you be pure in heart!

Romans 13:12-14 - The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

James 1:22-23,25 - But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

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

Doing God's work, reinforces God's word in your heart. Doing is the transformation of God's word from passive knowledge to active love for God in your heart. Your faith becomes substance. When you love God, you will love your neighbor and obeying God's desire for you to live a righteous life. No longer serving

*sin, but serving a living God and doing the will of the Father.
Ready to see Father in his kingdom.*

Matthew 7:21 - Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Colossians 3:23-24 - And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

1 John 2:17 - And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Be faithful, do God's will, abide in God's word and you will bear fruit. Pray and Jesus will reward and provide. You will prosper.

Psalms 31:23 - O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

John 15:4,7 - Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Psalms 1:3 - And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

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.

Ephesians 6:8 - Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

By doing, only then will you overcome the wicked one. You will be born again as a child of God. Doing God's will.

1 John 2:14 - I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

1 John 2:29 - If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

1 John 3:7 - Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

Romans 2:12-14 - For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Psalm 106:3 - Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

God is all powerful. He is looking for you to do his will. Look for his miracles.

Revelation 13:13 - And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

If you don't abide in God's doctrine, then you don't believe in Jesus and you have not God. There is no righteousness in you. To know good and not doing it is sin. Doing good is of God. When you do truth, you are coming to the light of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:25 - But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

1 John 3:10 - In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

2 John 1:9 - Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.

2 Timothy 2:9 - Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

James 4:17 - Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

3 John 1:11 - Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

John 3:20-21 - For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Ephesians 6:5-8,10-11 - Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing

service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Remember, honey is not made in an instance. Abide in God's word and do his will, then your reward of honey will come.

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

Chapter 21: New Man

Being a follower of Jesus Christ is about love. Love of God. Love of neighbor. Love of yourself by walking in love as a new man, you now see things different. These things are no longer just the things of this world, but blessings from God. As a new man you realize that everything you have or will ever have, are gifts from God. Out of love, Jesus gave himself as an offering and sacrifice for your sins. Old Testament Jews could not love God and their neighbor, because they spent their spare time in offering sacrifices for their sins. Jesus said love God and love your neighbor. My death is your sin sacrifice. When you choose to follow me, spend that time you would have spent in sin sacrifice and show your love, by living a righteous life. To walk in love as a new man, as Christ also walked in love.

Ephesians 5:1-2 - Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

The blessings you already have may be some of the most valuable gifts you will ever obtain. Your family, a spouse, children, brothers or sisters or close friends are those that can never be replaced. At one time, being lost in the things of the world, you did not care for these gifts as you should have. The devil was working hard to try and steal these from you! As a new man, these things appear brighter and new. Put all bitterness, wrath and anger away from you. Never give way to the devil and take hold of the blessings God has given you. Forgive as God has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:26-32 - Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour,

working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Put off the old man and the lusts of the world. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:18-24 - Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Put on the new man with a heart towards God. God will direct your paths. The peace of God will keep your heart and mind focused on Jesus Christ. Praying and thanking God for all your blessings.

Proverbs 16:9 - A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps

Philippians 4:4,6-7 - Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

You will experience a new freedom. A new freedom from the want and desires of the things of the world. No longer being deceived and held in the false liberty and bondage of the devil. The time God has given you to spend time with those loved ones are more important than anything else you can partake in.

2 Peter 2:17-19 - These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

Put your trust in Jesus. He will deliver you from death and from the bondage of the devil.

Hebrews 2:13-15 - And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

No longer a servant of sin, you will be made free!

John 8:33-36 - They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

No longer children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Galatians 4:3-5,23,30-31 - Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Being free and led by the spirit of God is light. No longer engaged in the spirit of bondage, fear, lusts of the flesh and death.

Galatians 5:13-14,16,18-25 - For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these ; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings,

murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

*Enjoying the fruits of the spirit, you now walk as a new man, as children of God. Loving God and loving your neighbor.
Walking in the spirit.*

Romans 8:14-16 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

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

Chapter 22: Fruits of the Spirit

As a new man being free and led by the spirit of God, you recognize that the lusts or works of the flesh are nothing more than the devil's tools used to destroy you with the end death.

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

The Spirit of God will reap the blessings of the fruits of the Spirit on you when you walk in the Spirit. Crucify the flesh so that your fruits can blossom.

Galatians 5:22-25 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

After being in the flesh all those years, your flesh desires immediate gratification. Immediately you'll see peace. Your fruits will come. They need to blossom and grow. Like the fruit of the earth, water your walk in the Spirit with acts of kindness and love and fertilize it with God's word. Your new walk will show others that there is hope for them.

James 5:7,18,20 - Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

God's word is like pure nitrogen. The fruit of righteousness and living your life for Jesus is sown in peace and will yield peace. Walking worthy of the Lord.

James 3:17-18 - But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Colossians 1:10 - That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

You must first break up the hard ground of the lust of the flesh. Repent and turn from the salt or sins of the flesh that will kill your fruits.

Matthew 3:8 - Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

Sow in righteousness to break up the hard ground.

Hosea 10:12 - Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Your fruits will flourish in good ground.

Matthew 13:23 - But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it ; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

You will be the first to partake of the fruits.

2 Timothy 2:6 - The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

Being filled with the fruit of righteousness, you give glory and praise to the Lord.

Philippians 1:11 - Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Fruits are growing and maturing for you because you are abiding in God's Word. Unlike the lusts of the flesh, you need Jesus, the vine, onto which you can grow your fruits as a branch. Jesus wants your fruits to be full.

John 15:5,7-11 - I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Waiting for your fruits to mature requires patience. Being accustomed to instant gratification with the sins of the flesh, you desire instant gratification in the fruits of the Spirit. Be patient and always willing to give glory in the Lord. Honor his desire for you. Read and abide in his word daily. Listen to his words come alive by experienced teachers. Sacrifice and give praise to God continually. You will know when your fruits are ripe for the picking.

Hebrews 13:15 - By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

You will not partake in the fruit on the vine until the day of your glory in the Lord.

Matthew 26:29 - But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Your good vine or good tree will bring forth good fruit, because you have not watered it with the lusts of the flesh. God will know you by your fruits because you do the will of God.

Matthew 7:17-21 - Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Be humble and patient. Sow to the Spirit continually and reap life.

Galatians 6:3-4,8 - For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Patience is the key for the good fruits. Fruits picked early are often bitter and sour. Let the sugars develop.

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

Chapter 23: Living Water – Eternal Life

I recently received a fund-raising brochure listing the deceased as having gone off to eternal life. I've gone to funerals where the person leading the service has stated that the deceased has gone off to eternal life. Comforting for the grieving family member and friends to get reassurance that their loved one has gone off to eternal life. Jesus gives you the example of eternal life in the Gospels. Two lives, two outcomes and both ending up in eternal life.

Luke 16:22-24 - And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

The rich man had no love for his neighbor, much less any love for God. The beggar had no riches on earth, but loved God. The beggar is spending eternal life in heaven, while the rich man is spending eternal life in hell. During my first recollection of this phrase, "gone to eternal life," with my light fully a blaze with the love of Jesus, it hurt my heart. It sounds really good for the grieving family members, but let's be honest!

At this point in the study of the bible, you can rest assure that your eternal life with Jesus Christ is on the horizon. You are living in the light with the glory of the Lord leading your way. No longer ashamed of his Gospel and denying him before men, but confessing him before men as your Lord and Savior. You are living life per the will of God. This is the Will of God: Coming to Jesus and born again as a child of God: Believe in Jesus, love

God and your neighbor as yourself: Repenting of your sins, asking for forgiveness and abiding in the Word of God: Living a righteous life and not abiding in sin: Keeping yourself from idols and sharing God's Word: Looking to Jesus as the author and finisher of your faith: Giving God the glory for his gifts, honor and blessings, thanking him always.

Hebrews 12:2 - Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 8:49-51 - Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

With the simple knowledge of the path to eternal life, you can now work on witness. Start by works and leading by example. Showing the love of God and neighbor is more powerful than words. Pray and ask for salvation daily for your family and Jesus will deliver.

John 14:12-15 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

The deeper and more consistent is your study of scriptures, you will know for sure that you have eternal life. No longer being deceived by the leader of the funeral service that wants to spread false comfort. Your heart is now grieving for the lost of

the world. Eternal life is only in his Son, Jesus Christ. This is when you share God's gospel.

John 5:39-40 - Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

1 John 5:11,13 - And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

2 Corinthians 5:1 - For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

God's scripture is living water.

John 4:10 - Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

Never take his living water for granted. Stay in his Word. There were disciples that no longer walked with Jesus. Do not be one of these. Only you can decide your walk with Jesus.

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

Continue to give glory to God, in all that you do. Stay on your path of walking with the Lord, drinking living water and being kept by his power!

1 Peter 1:3-5 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten

us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 John 3:2-11,16,18-19 - Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

Loving God and your neighbor as yourself. Confessing Jesus to all that you meet. Jesus is the Light of the world. Jesus is the

author and finisher of your faith. Stay in his word and drink the living water. Enjoy the gift of eternal life.

Mark 16:15,19-20 - And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

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

Chapter 24: God's Witness

Being a witness for Jesus Christ is the most fulfilling way to show your love for God. There was no greater witness than the apostle Paul. Paul started Christian churches in Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colosse, Thessalonica and more. A labor of love, which started on his way to Damascus. Originally planned to prosecute Christians. But Jesus had different plans for Paul.

Acts 9:3-6 - And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: 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.

Paul had a fleshly plan. He prosecuted the Jews that believed in Jesus. He could have ignored the calling from Jesus, but he didn't. He heard God's word and believed. He immediately turned from sin and became a minister of Christ. He suffered at the hands of the Jews. He never denied Jesus.

2 Corinthians 11:23-26 - Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in

perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

He believed, became a servant and preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was not ashamed of the Gospel. He was the teacher of the Gentiles. Jesus sent him to be a light unto the Gentiles.

Romans 1:15-17,19 - So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. 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. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

Romans 15:16 - That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

2 Timothy 1:11 - Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

Jesus sent him to be a light unto the Gentiles. Jesus told him to be a witness in Rome. Paul was the apostle to Rome.

Acts 13:46 - For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

Acts 23:11 - And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

Paul valued his position as an ambassador and witness for Jesus. He recognized that the lost of the world were blind to Christ.

The Holy Ghost was given to both the Jews and Gentiles who believe.

2 Corinthians 4:4-6 - In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 6:4,6-7 - But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

Acts 15:8 - And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

He taught the Gospel of Jesus to all. Circumcision meant nothing!

Galatians 5:1-2,4-6 - Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. 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 availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Like Paul, when you believe in Jesus, you have the witness in you. God is your witness, when you serve in the spirit.

1 John 5:10 - He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

Acts 2:32 - This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Romans 1:9 - For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

As God's witness, you are under the watchful eye of unbelievers. The lost are waiting for you to turn back to the devil. God is looking for your light to shine among man. He is always giving you the opportunity to witness and share his word. Thus, as your living in this world surrounded by the devil and his workers, those in sin are just waiting to judge you. Waiting for you to slip into sin with them. There is no better witness than to walk away from sin, with your head held high, especially after you have shared God's word!

1 Corinthians 5:11-13 - But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

As a witness for Jesus Christ, try not to offend the brother and sisters in Christ. If they don't eat meat, then don't eat meat in their presence.

1 Corinthians 8:11-13 - And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so

against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

When you preach the gospel, you must live the gospel. You can't preach against sin, by living in sin!

1 Corinthians 9:14 - Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

You are just a sower and waterer of God's seed. God gives the increase. Your only hope is that they accept Jesus and are saved.

Corinthians 3:6-9 - I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building

1 Corinthians 10:31-33 - Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

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

Chapter 25: The Rock

The first Christian church following the death of Christ was built on the Rock. Jesus told Peter who the rock was and Peter knew it! The Rock, the Stone, the Cornerstone was none other than Jesus Christ. Salvation is only through the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church of Jesus Christ is founded upon him. He is the Head, and those who have been born again by the grace of God. You are part of the body of Christ regardless of what local church you might be a member of. Peter is of the flesh and just the son of Jonah. Peter is just a man of flesh. Jesus is the Rock. The Son of the living God. The gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 16:15-18 - He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

The Lord Jesus Christ, and he alone, is the head of his body which is the Church. Jesus told you he was the stone. The builders of the Jewish church or Pharisees, rejected Jesus, the Stone.

Matthew 21:42-43 - Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Peter says very plainly that there is no salvation—there's no remedy for sin except the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter told the non-believing Jews that the head of the Church is Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:10-12 - Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Moses and John the Baptist knew that one would come after them raised by God. You should follow him.

Acts 3:22 - For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

Acts 19:4 - 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.

The Church of Jesus Christ is not in buildings, temples or in treasures on this earth. It is only in righteousness, peace and joy, by believing in Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Ghost given to you by God after the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Romans 14:17 - For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Followers of Jesus Christ and the Church of Jesus Christ was first formed in Antioch. It was there where they were first called Christians.

Acts 11:21,23-26 - And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: 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.

Paul was chosen by Jesus to be the apostle to the Gentiles. Paul started Christian churches in Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colosse, Thessalonica and others.

Acts 19:20-21 - So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed. After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.

There were many saints with Paul that preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Romans. Paul recognized them all.

Romans 16:1,3-16,21-23- I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well beloved Epaenetus, who is the first fruits of Achaia unto Christ. Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us. Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord. Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' household. Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord. Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord. Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them. Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them. Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you. Timotheus my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you. I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord. Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.

Peter defended these early churches that worshipped God in spirit and truth. Salvation was only in Jesus and not the traditions of man.

Acts 15:1-2,5,7,10-12 - And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question. But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses. And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should

hear the word of the gospel, and believe. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they. Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

Jesus Christ is the author and finisher of your faith. In only him should you worship.

Hebrews 12:2 - Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Chapter 26: Good Steward

When you are walking in the light of Jesus Christ, you take care of the gifts and blessings that he has given you. The old sinful self is destroyed. No longer a servant of sin but a servant unto righteousness. You are a good steward, asking and looking forward to eternal life with Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:1-2,6 - 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.

Romans 5:21 - That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:22 - But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Like Jesus rose from the dead, he will raise you up with your body as the temple of the Holy Ghost.

John 2:19,21 - Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. But he spake of the temple of his body.

Being sanctified by the Holy Ghost as a good steward, now respectful of God's gifts. Carrying for the things of God, your family, your body and your blessings.

1 Corinthians 6:11-13,17-20 - And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all

things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

A good steward, not looking to serve man and God. Not looking to make filthy lucre off the things of God. You and your local church is to be used for the things of God. With a heart in love with God. A heart that is not being directed to serve man in sin against the righteousness and direction of the Holy Ghost. A righteousness that yields fruit.

Luke 16:13-15 - No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

We hope in the glory of God with the love of God in our hearts directing the Holy Spirit in everything we do. Not ashamed of our new life with God, but patient in the hope of the glory to God.

Romans 5:1-6 - Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we

have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

God has given you talents You decide if you want to follow Jesus or man! Following man will lead you into the wickedness of a devil's safety net. Following God and growing the talents God gave you by living a righteous life and serving him will yield fruits and blessings. With the Holy Ghost directing your path, that one talent that you know of right now will grow to two and then to five and then to ten.

Proverbs 12:12 - The wicked desireth the net of evil men : but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.

Matthew 25:14-15,19-20,22-25,29-30 - For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 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. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

A good steward that is using your talents doing good works for the Lord. Showing your love of God and neighbor, because you know that Jesus could come at any time.

Luke 12:42-46 - And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

A faithful and wise steward with fervent charity and witness for Jesus Christ. Works of charity covers a multitude of sins. The Holy Ghost will direct your witness from the oracles of God.

1 Peter 4:7-11 - But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover

the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Chapter 27: Bee Big

That little bee on the dandelion is so little, yet so big. The Jews settled in the little country God gave them. The Jews were just happy just being there all by themselves with God taking care of them. At just 8,000 sq miles, Israel is so big. So big in fact, that the rest of the world are terrified of them. The USA rings in at 3.8 million sq miles. China at 3.7 million sq miles. Russia at 6.6 million sq miles. Even the UK at 94,000 sq miles and Germany at 138,000 sq miles. They all dwarf Israel. You all grew up in your own little house, with your little and some not so little families, in a small neighborhood, attending a small school and small church. Secure in your surroundings. Jesus knew what he was doing when he said he'd destroy that temple in three days. His followers could no longer let the temple be their boundary. Jesus needed his followers to be big! Much bigger than the footprint of that temple. Much bigger than your own footprint. Jesus needs you to be big.

John 2:19 - Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

When you believe in Jesus, your body of sin, your temple on this earth, is destroyed by your belief and relationship with Jesus. You no longer serve sin. You know and believe in the Trinity.

- 1) *Believe in God the Father.*
- 2) *Believe in Jesus as God, the Son manifest in the flesh. Jesus died on the cross, was buried and rose again for forgiveness of your sins.*
- 3) *You repent of your sins, baptized by the Holy Ghost and living a righteous life unto the Lord.*

These three raise you up as a child of God, ready to be with him in the end, everlasting life.

Romans 6:1-2,6 - 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.

Jesus was no longer satisfied with little. He wanted his followers to go big. He had a world to save. Jesus's playground was much bigger than Israel. The apostles had to get out of their backyard.

Many of you may still be attending that little church, hoping for that Christmas gift of eternal life offered by grace through the death, burial and resurrection and belief in Jesus Christ. Day after day, week after week, month after month and year after year, just waiting for the second coming of Jesus Christ. Happy to be in your little backyard. You feel secure not using the talents God gave you. He gave everyone at least one. Are you using that talent to give glory to God? Will those with two and five talents grow those talents and give God the glory. God gave everyone at least one talent. He wants you to use it. He wants you to be big!

Matthew 25:15,19,23-25,29-30 - And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 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. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard

man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

We are like one of these ten virgins. We all know of the Lord's coming and we are waiting. Are you the wise or the foolish?

Matthew 25:1-2,4,6,9,13 - Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. But the wise answered, saying, Not so ; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

The wise search the scriptures to get an understanding of Gods will. The wise are filling their hearts with oil, out of the love of God, serving their neighbor and living a righteous life. The wise are much bigger than themselves. They will be ready when Jesus comes. The foolish have no time for scripture. Happy living their old, sinful life serving the devil and false gods. The foolish put off loving God and neighbor, procrastinating and telling themselves, that they have plenty of time till Jesus arrives. They may even show up at church and go through the motions. Jesus tells you to search the scriptures. Many people are hoping for that Christmas gift of eternal life when the Lord comes. And the wise can testify of Jesus and God's will.

John 5:39 - Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

The wise know he is coming and are preparing their lamps. They know that when the Lord comes, few will be with him in heaven. Will you be ready when Jesus comes. Be one of the few that find the straight gate.

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

The apostles had to get out of their backyard. You have to get out of your backyard! Renew your strength by God's word. Mount up with the wings of eagles. Be strong in the Lord and the power of his might.

Isaiah 40:31 - But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Jeremiah 4:13 - Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.

Exodus 19:4 - Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

Ephesians 6:10-12 - Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the

darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Today, are you ready to step out of your secure little surroundings. Are you ready to study God's word and sit on his right hand. Ready to inherit that kingdom that Jesus has planned for you? Your foundation is to be of the world. Let God's Word, the love of God, love of neighbor, faith, hope and charity guide your life. Treat people like Jesus treated people. Today is not the time to judge, but to do as Jesus did.

Matthew 25:34-36,40 - Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

The lost and the dying are all around you. Time to let Jesus comfort you as you walk through the valley of death.

Psalm 23:4 - Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Time for you to be big for the Lord, using your talents, buzzing around, doing his work and teaching the lost of Jesus.

Matthew 28:20 - Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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

Chapter 28: Great Faith

*By faith, the Old Testament is full of believers. Great faith was seen by Noah, Moses, Rahab and the testimonies provided in **Hebrews 11**. These men and women of the bible acted out of love for God and directed their lives to serve him. By faith, Noah spent 100 years building the ark. By faith, Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. By faith, Rahab did not perish with the unbelievers when the walls of Jericho came tumbling down. These men and women did not tailor their lives based on others. They heard the word of God and did it.*

Peter struggled with great faith. Time and time again, Jesus would direct him. He told Peter that he would deny him three times and Peter did. After his resurrection, he told Peter three times to feed his sheep. After that Peter saw John laying his head on the lap of Jesus. Jesus never told John three times to serve him. So, Peter asked Jesus what shall this man do. Jesus told Peter not to worry and follow thou me.

John 21:21-22 - Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do ? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

Men and women of the New Testament had faith. Jesus, as God manifest in the flesh, walked amongst them. He told them that he is the only way to heaven. No one comes before the Father, except through him.

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 yourself into the group of followers that loved Jesus. Throughout your whole life, you were told stories of Old Testament prophets that communicated with God. These were powerful followers that God gave them direction, to direct your

lives. The growth of the Jewish religion was based on these messages to the prophets. And here you are, listening to this man, that says he is God! These men and women had to step out of their group of believers in the Jewish religion and put their hope and trust in one man, Jesus Christ. Most proud Pharisees did not see it. How could these people put all their faith in one man. One of the Pharisees wanted to have dinner with him. The Pharisee did not understand how Jesus would allow a sinner to wait on him! A woman came and washed his feet with her tears and anointed them with ointment. This woman humbled herself at the mighty hand of God. She had great sin. Jesus told her that by faith she is saved and go in peace.

Luke 7:36-48,50 - And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he

turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

We all know that the disciples followed Jesus during his ministry. Not all continued their walk with Jesus. Judas Iscariot betrayed him. Hand-picked apostles failed Jesus. Great faith comes from the heart. The proud have no room for Jesus. The humble know that they are on their way to hell. Only Jesus can save them. Jesus saw that the Gentiles were humble. The Gentiles knew that they were on their way to hell. Time and time again, the Gentiles would give glory to God! This leper fell on his face at Jesus's feet and gave glory to God.

Luke 17:12-16 - And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

No one of the New Testament had greater faith than Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. She was a sinner on her way to hell. She saw Jesus as the Truth. She did

not see truth in the religion of the Jews. She chose Jesus and walked with him during his ministry. Her friends were not there.

Luke 8:1-3 - And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, 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.

Mary Magdalene fell at Jesus feet and asked for her brother to be healed.

John 11:1-4,24-29,32-35 - Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him. Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw

him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, **And said, Where have ye laid him?** They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept.

Mary Magdalene fell at his feet. She anointed the feet of Jesus with ointment and also wiped them with her hair. She knelt at his feet and served him, out of love and to give him glory. Jesus wept. God has a soft spot in his heart for those that kneel at his feet and give him glory. She was at his cross when he died. She went with the body of Jesus to the tomb. She was there at the tomb the third day after the resurrection. John and Peter came to the tomb at her request (John 20-1-18). John believed. They left. Mary stayed, knelt and wept at the sepulchre. Jesus appeared to Mary.

Mark 16:9 - Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

Like Mary Magdalene, you were full of sin, until you put your trust in Jesus. God has pricked your heart. Do not look around to see what others are doing for the Lord. Like a race horse, God is asking you to put the blinders on the side of your eyes and look straight ahead for opportunities to serve him. Not based on what others do, but only based on the love of God and neighbor that you have in your heart by faith. Faith is evidence of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

*Not sure how to serve him? Humble yourself and get on your knees
and weep. God will talk to you. For where much is forgiven,
much will be given. Hear the word of God and then do it!*

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

Chapter 29: Be Christian

Of all the things in this world, Jesus wants your walk with him to be pure in heart. Not with sin, riotous living, distress and despair, but with righteousness, joy, peace, love and charity. Loving God with all you heart, mind, soul and strength and loving your neighbor as yourself. Be Christian or being Christ-like is a state of being where you love God and your neighbor from the heart. Charity rules your life, always eager to spread God's Word and his goodness. Salvation is in Jesus Christ alone and not about pride in what you think is the perfect religion, the perfect bible, being circumcised, baptized in water or meeting some other tradition of religion. It is not about thinking you've outsmarted God and you are "saved" going to heaven as a sinner and no longer subject to God's judgement. Do not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Live your life loving God and loving your neighbor.

Luke 10:25-37 - And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readeest thou? 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. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Jesus wants you to understand his doctrine and be doers of his word. When you are pure in heart you worship only God and refrain from serving the sins of the flesh (i.e. Vanity, Drunkenness, etc.) He wants you to be Christian, serving others like Jesus served others. In the end, you will be judged against his Gospel and not out of vain religion.

James 1:22-23,25-27 - But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Do not worry about how anyone else is serving the Lord. Be a doer of his word. Jesus told Peter to worry about himself and how

he was going to serve God and not to worry about John. Do all you do for the glory of God and not for the praises of man. Just follow Jesus.

John 21:19-22 - This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

You worship God and put your trust in Jesus Christ, so that by faith you can inherit eternal life. All the authors of the New Testament tell you to understand the directions that Jesus has given you on being with him in the kingdom of God in heaven.

The instructions are simple. It involves:

- 1) No works of religion.*
- 2) You repenting of your sins.*
- 3) You living a righteous life on this earth loving and serving God and your neighbor.*

Call on the Lord, out of a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:22 - Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Peter refers to the righteous as inheriting eternal life as being saved.

1 Peter 4:17-18 - For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the

end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Sin will reign to death in your life, if you let it. May the grace of God reign in your life unto righteous and eternal life.

Romans 5:21 - That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Salvation comes by obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We know that idols are nothing in this world. Charity edifies. The humble, who serve God, will be exalted.

Luke 14:11 - For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

1 Corinthians 8:1,3-4 - Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. But if any man love God, the same is known of him. As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

Be merciful and doeth that which is good for your soul. Be sober. Do all things out of charity. For charity covers a multitude of sins.

Proverbs 11:17,19,30 - The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh. As righteousness tendeth to life: so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

1 Corinthians 13:1-10,13 - Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Peter 4:7-8 - But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Today, let the peace of God rule your hearts.

Colossians 3:15-17 - And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do

all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

God will take care of your enemies. Build a habitation in your soul for God, the Holy Spirit. Exalt God in everything you do!

Exodus 15:1-6,18 - Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 2:19 - I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

It is the power of God unto eternal life.

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.

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

Chapter 30: Love

As you look at the country in which you live, ask yourself if the people love each other? Is the love of God present?

For me and likely most of you, your first experience of love from the heart was from your parents. I can testify from personal experience my mother loved from the heart. She sacrificed of herself daily, so that others could feel the love of God. Love emanated from mom. As I went to college and my wife worked full time, my mom volunteered to care for our first-born son. On top of everything else she was doing for people, she took time to care for her grandbaby. She would keep the sick out of the house and eat pickles with her grandbaby on her lap. My son would say "no 'moke g'anma." I do not know when that conversion happened in her heart, from the love of self to the love of God and the love of others, but I know it happened because I witnessed it every day.

Jesus gave you two commandments; Love God and love your neighbor. Peter tells you that the love of others shows your love of God. If you can't love your neighbor, how can you love God.

1 John 4:19-21 - We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

The greatest single evidence of being converted from the love of man to the love of God that I know of in my lifetime besides my mom was Mother Teresa.

Let's look at the love of Mother Teresa.

After Mother Teresa founded her religious congregation, it grew to have over 4,500 nuns and was active in 133 countries as of 2012. The congregation manages homes for people who are dying of HIV/AIDS, leprosy, and tuberculosis. The congregation also runs soup kitchens, dispensaries, mobile clinics, children's and family counselling programs, as well as orphanages and schools. Members take vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience and also profess a fourth vow: to give "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor."

Here is what she said to President Clinton about abortion.

"I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts.

By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

I can stand here and tell you that Jesus knew Mother Teresa.

For most of us, we hold salvation in our mind as beholding it in a glass. God wants that evidence of salvation and love of self to move or be converted to the heart, to the love of others and the love of God by being a doer of God's word. Let that veil covering your heart be taken away! Let your love shine forth!

James 1:20,22-23,25 - For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

2 Corinthians 3:15-18 - But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Mother Teresa says you cannot love when you judge. Lost men judge. Jesus tells you not to judge.

Luke 6:42 - Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

Most people will never show, know or feel the love of people. We are too busy judging. Churches, homes, bars and stadiums are full of people with broken arms received from patting themselves on the back, lovers of self. Jesus made it clear that you are to love him and love your neighbor. You can use his commandment to help you understand if you've been born again or converted in the Spirit of God and on your way to a glorious life serving Jesus. Let's look at some examples.

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

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

Hebrews 9:14 - How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

John 15:4-7 - Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He

that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

How do you believe and get faith? Several versus expand on believing in Jesus to include a relationship by abiding in the doctrine or Word of God. To grow your faith, make sure you understand the doctrine of Jesus Christ. A sinner does not abide in the doctrine of Jesus Christ. Remember, then unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

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

1 Corinthians 6:9 - Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

*Let's be clear. You cannot deceive God. You cannot say love God and live an unrighteous life. God is not impressed! **He said you must be born again as a new creature!***

When you put your trust in Jesus, you need to understand that God hates sin. He knows if you are a sinner loving the devil or in love with Jesus. If you are a servant of sin, then God knows it!

If you love him, then you abide in His doctrine. What you sow is what you reap. If you sow sin, you will reap sin. If you sow righteous, then you will reap righteousness. God will be with you.

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

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

You cannot get to heaven your way without love. You are saved by God's terms. You are saved by God's will. Here are a few examples. These people are double minded. They want to serve the flesh and sin and with what is left over, maybe serve God. They want to walk with the devil on the left hand and God on the right hand. Remember. God does not want to share you with the devil. You cannot serve God and the devil, simultaneously.

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

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

Have you been born again or converted in these examples?

Example 1 – You are presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but do nothing with it. You never pray, never repent of your sinful

habits, never go to church and never give God the glory. You live an unrighteous life serving the devil. If you die in this state, then per the Gospel, you've not been born again. You will not experience everlasting life. Mistake: The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. You are not serving Christ. You have not repented of your sins. You are living an unrighteous life.

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

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

damnation. You don't believe that Jesus can do it all. Non-believers will not experience everlasting life in heaven.

Example 4 - You are person serving in a position of supporting sin. (i.e.an abortion doctor). You like the idea of everlasting life by believing in Jesus. You confess your sins, but never repent and turn from your unrighteous life of killing babies. You've not been converted. You will not experience everlasting life. Mistake: The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Jesus tells you to love your neighbor as yourself and that you must repent and turn from your sin. Killing God's children is neither showing loving God nor loving your neighbor. You must hear his voice. Use your talents to heal your neighbor, not kill them.

*If you don't understand what it means to be converted, then go back to that chapter and reread it till you understand it. Once converted, all Jesus wants is for you to follow him; to **"follow thou me."** Decide how you want to follow Jesus and serve him by serving others. Today, decide that you want to love God from the heart. Let the word of God open your ears and eyes*

Acts 28:27-For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

You want to be a doer of God's word. Show your love of God and fellow man, the best way you know how. Profess your love of God daily, through the love of your fellow man. Make sure they know God. Let Jesus feel your love! When he decides to take you home, he'll receive you with open arms.

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

Chapter 31: Crowns

Jesus's instructions for you are simple. Love God. Love your neighbor. Do the will of the Father. Tell others of his saving grace. He wants you to enjoy the fruits of the spirit while serving him on earth. Beyond everlasting life, Jesus will have crowns waiting for you in heaven.

John 4:34-37 - Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

You see, Jesus wants you to be a doer of his word and not hearers only. For in so doing, you can earn crowns.

James 1:22 - But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

The Jews gave Jesus a crown of thorns. Unlike man, Jesus has laid up crowns for you in heaven for living a life of righteousness and serving him.

Matthew 27:29 - And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

You are told of crowns in the Old Testament. Joseph received one for being separated from his brothers.

Genesis 49:26 - The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the

everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

Sin can rob you of your crowns.

Isaiah 28:3 - The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:

Crowns of glory are given in both the Old and New Testament.

Isaiah 62:3 - Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

1 Peter 5:4 - And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

You are told to live a life of righteousness for the Lord unto a crown of righteousness.

2 Timothy 4:8 - Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband. Her root of righteousness shall not be moved.

Proverbs 12:2-5 - A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord : but a man of wicked devices will he condemn. A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved. A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones. The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

The devil will be working overtime on you! Tempting you with every earthly and fleshly sin he can throw at you. When you love the Lord and resist temptation, you'll receive a crown of life.

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

Revelation 2:10 - Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Stand fast in the Lord so that you will receive an incorruptible crown.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 - Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

Always looking to give joy and rejoicing in the Lord. Getting wisdom from God's word is the most important.

Philippians 4:1 - Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 - For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy.

Proverbs 4:7-10 - Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to

honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

Rejoicing in the Lord when souls are won for the Lord. Teaching wisdom.

Colossians 1:5,6,9-10,25,28 - For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Hold fast to the will of God. Don't let the devil take your crowns. Stand fast in the Lord.

Revelation 3:11 - Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

My boss is Jesus Christ. I take no money for my service to God. I do not have to promote drunkenness to keep church doors open. My only goal is for you to understand his word, how to love and serve God and to enjoy his blessings on earth with the end everlasting life in heaven. I am here to offend no one. If God's

*word pricks your heart, then that is what it is supposed to do.
It is absolutely important that you know God's word.*

*When you stand before God, I want him to tell you, "**Well done my good and faithful servant.**"*

*Grab your Rock and let's go. Thanks be to God for his love, power and glory. Starting today, give God the glory. Study his word. Look for a way to use your talents to serve God. Love God. Love your neighbor. Find a volunteer activity and serve God with fervent charity. He will guide you through this life with his power. Time for you to start a "**New Beginning.**" Be a chosen one as a child of God.*

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

Chapter 32: Charity

Jesus was clear in his Gospel. The end of his commandment is charity. It is last to make sure that it is the first you remember. You show you love of him, by loving your neighbor. That was his message from the beginning. There is no greater love for your neighbor, than sharing God's word. You can't say you love God when you give no love to your neighbor. There can be no charity shown, unless you are a doer of his word. Faith without works is dead. Your love of God is shown by faith, hope and charity with the greatest of these is charity. Your faith is shown by your charity.

1 Timothy 1:4-5 - Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

1 John 3:11 - For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

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

1 John 4:20 - If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

James 1:23 - For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

James 2:20 - But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

1 Corinthians 13:1-4,8,13 - Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 - Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity.

Revelation 2:19 - I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

Jesus shared his parable of the Samaritan helping the man that was robbed, as a fervent act of charity. There can be no greater do, than serving your fellow man out of charity. Being your neighbor has no bounds.

Luke 10:27-36 - 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. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said

unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

Jude is but one chapter in the New Testament. He even knew your faith is shown by acts of charity.

Jude 1:12-13 - These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

Peter says to have fervent charity.

Titus 2:2 - That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

1 Peter 4:7-8 - But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Out of charity, your bond of perfection shows that you understand God doctrine. You and the Lord are one.

Colossians 3:14-15 - And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Charity doesn't bloat your ego. It edifies your relationship with Jesus.

1 Corinthians 8:1 - Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

Decide today, to serve God through charity toward you neighbor. Be a doer of God's word.

2 Timothy 2:22 - Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Starting today, looks for opportunities to love God. To love your neighbor. To share God's word. Inviting all to the Kingdom of God. Share God's blessing out of a pure heart.

1 Corinthians 16:14 - Let all your things be done with charity.

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

Chapter 33: Disciple

As a disciple for Jesus Christ, I have but one goal.

“Make you a disciple for Jesus Christ”.

In order to be a disciple, God has to grow you as fast as he can. You see, Jesus never said that all he wanted was for you to go to church. He doesn't want church people. He wants disciples that follow him. Mother Teresa did not just go to church. She served God with a vengeance.

*Most people will never show, know or feel the love of people. We are too busy judging. Churches, homes, bars and stadiums are full of people with broken arms received from patting themselves on the back, lovers of self. Jesus tells you to follow him, to **“follow thou me.”** Don't worry about how others are being a doer of God's word. Decide how you want to follow Jesus and serve him.*

Each of you know someone whose light is shining forth in the glory of God by serving him. My brother in Christ, Jeff Timmers, light shines forth every day. He is coaching Christian boys and girls to be the best that they can be. God is using Jeff. Jeff is his witness.

That is where God wants you! He wants his light to shine forth through you.

You see, God put me on a ten-year program to get to where I am. He wants me to be big! I will live up to his expectations! God wants everyone of you to be his disciple.

In the last couple of months, God has been sending me miracle after miracle for clarity of his doctrine. Preponderance of Evidence is

a contractual review of the New Testament, taking the testimony of the 8 witnesses and looking for the message of salvation. I've spent my life studying contracts. From multimillion dollar cases involving specification compliance, to a federal lawsuit in Pasadena and twelve years in civil court fighting a judge who did not follow law which was appealed to the state supreme court and overthrown. That fight was a story unto itself. When you start a fight like that it is about principle. God will test you and see if you love people or love filthy lucre. I am a contracts guy. In these civil cases, one looks at the contract for a preponderance of evidence. It was these lessons in the bible, looking at the New Testament as a contract, that has formulated this book, to be used for your, "New Beginning." Read and understand it.

God sent Jesus his Son to give you victory over death. Jesus did not say go to church and you'll have everlasting life with him in heaven. He said feed his sheep, follow him, believe and don't abide in darkness. Modern day Christians don't feed his sheep. Modern day Christians don't follow him. Modern day Christians don't believe in Jesus beyond the church pew. Modern day Christians abide in darkness and walk side by side with the lost. One cannot tell a Christian from a lost man that is serving the devil.

Jesus gave you the parable of talents. He has given you a talent, one two or five, that he wants you to use to serve him. Yes you! On judgement day he will ask you what did you do with your talent(s).

On judgement day you will stand before him, alone. You will have to answer for your sins. For that question, you need to know what is sin. Sins of the flesh is clear in the New Testament. The number 1 and number 2 sins are fornication and drunkenness. I can tell you that drunkenness is death. Nothing will put you

into hell quicker. He tells you that sin is sin. Sin leads to death. Death is hell. God doesn't care what you did in the past. He doesn't care how many religious traditions you received. He doesn't care if you go to church. He doesn't even care if the minister or even the pope is your relative. He only cares if you love him from the heart. He cares if you love your neighbor. Mother Teresa loved God. Mother Teresa loved people. I'm sure that everyday Mother Teresa did not care about the gift of eternal life and doing the minimum to earn God's love. She spent every day showing her love of God, by loving people to the maximum.

Everyone I talk to thinks they are going to heaven because they know of Jesus. The devil knows of Jesus. There are no points for knowing Jesus. The question is, "Does Jesus know you?"

Sins of the flesh are rampant in the so-called Christian communities of all faiths. We are living in the time of the church of Corinth.

Unless God has some disciples, we are doomed as a society. God needs some disciples in his earthly kingdom down here. God needs you to love him from the heart. He needs disciples to fight for the unborn. To visit the sick. To visit the prisoners in jail. To visit the homeless. To share God's word. To pray.

Little Mother Teresa served like a giant. She was David in the world of Goliath. David took with him six stones. It only took one stone to conquer the giant. Mother Teresa took one stone to conquer evil in the world. She took Jesus the Rock. She did not judge. She loved God and his children as Jesus loved. How many of you would say what she said to President Clinton about abortion. Her predictions are coming true. We can't even tell our brothers or sisters that the sin they are living is unacceptable in the eyes of God.

That is because we don't know God's word.

We have got to get people back to God and we must know his word. Study this book. Study your bible.

*Share this book with a lost soul. To that one soul, that is blind or dead in trespasses and sin, you and the Gospel of Jesus Christ could mean the difference between them going to hell or enjoying a victorious life on earth and eternity with Jesus in heaven. This could be the start of a “**New Beginning**” in their lives. Be ready to serve Jesus with a vengeance. Abide in God’s Word. Accept him today and be ready for a wonderful life.*

If you have any questions on how to get started, what church should you attend or have trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, please email us: rick.kjv1611@gmail.com . Read this book several times until you understand God’s word and then read the books of the New Testament starting with: John, Romans, Ephesians, Galatians, 1 Peter, 2 Peter and 1 John until you understand God’s Doctrine. Repent and be converted to a child of God. We would like to rejoice with you and help you to learn more about Jesus, salvation, and what God wants you to do now that you are spiritually born again.

We have several ministries on Facebook, that can be used to obtain more knowledge and lessons from the bible. You can obtain salvation in Jesus Christ, just by reading, studying and practicing the Word of God. Email us at rick.kjv1611@gmail.com and we can direct you to one of these ministries.

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

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

- Matthew 5:16