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Preface

*You say that you may know Jesus or that you may know God. You may have even read part of the bible or practiced religion. Jesus said in the New Testament, **"The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."** The bible says the if you know Jesus, then you know God! The bible says that Jesus is God. The question is, do you know how to love God? Do you know how to "Put God First?"*

*It was also clear from the bible, that Jesus did not like the Pharisees and scribes. You see, the Pharisees and scribes served as leaders of the church for the love of mammon or money. In what they did in the practice of religion, they did not serve God, out of love for God. Jesus said, **"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."** Pharisees and scribes that sought to be worship or salutations by man were going to receive the greater damnation, **"And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces, And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts: Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation."***

It is clear from bible doctrine, that when you “Put God First” in all that you do, you’ll show your love of God. You will show your love of Jesus and his Gospel, in loving God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength.

*When you put your trust in God, you become children of God. **For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.** Now, as a child of God, can man’s religion demand that you become a member of a church? Demand that you get baptized in water in front of the congregation and give a profession of faith? If man’s religion “Put God First” in all they do, they would not separate the children of God.*

Salvation for Jews and Gentiles in the New Testament is by choice. Salvation by God’s grace is achieved by putting your faith in Jesus Christ. Not by works. You choose God and salvation. God gives you a choice. If God gives you a choice to choose salvation, then does it really make sense that man’s religion demand that you do works to join their church?

We go to a church on this earth to be with other children of God. To associate with the children of God. To worship God. To show our love of God. When we are borne again as a new creature in Christ, we want to be around our brothers and sisters in Christ. Not for the love of money, but for the love of people. The church is our meeting place. As such, it needs to be heated, cleaned, cared for, etc. God’s church on earth needs a pastor. He has expenses. That is when we recognize that donations are necessary to take care of the pastor and keep our meeting place clean and cared for. God tells us to be a good steward and take care of what God gives us.

If you have some basic questions about bible doctrine and the practices of man’s religion, then “Put God First” was written for you. “Put God First” was written to expand your knowledge of bible doctrine. All verses are directly from the bible. That is

right, just bible. Multiple verses are presented to reinforce bible doctrine. You can't take one verse and place all your trust on that one verse. Your knowledge of the bible should be like a painted picture. That picture tells a story through the many strokes of God's paint brush. God will fill you with knowledge as you continue to study his word.

The number of messages within the bible are endless. The following are a few that will help you in your search to understanding God's Word.

- *Jesus is the Son of God. The bible also tells you that Jesus is God.*
- *Baptism with water does not save you or guarantee you everlasting life.*
- *The Holy Ghost is the third person of the Holy Trinity. How do you acquire his power?*
- *Tongues – the power to spread God's word.*
- *What rewards does God have waiting for you?*
- *Fearing God is the beginning of knowledge.*
- *What are fleshly weapons?*
- *When you put your trust in Jesus Christ, you are told to sin no more.*
- *Faith without works is a dead faith.*
- *When you have put your trust in Jesus, you are told to "Do."*
- *How are you to pray?*
- *Death—the Final Frontier: You must choose.*

*These are messages intended to reinforce your knowledge of Jesus and how to "Put God First" from the teachings in the Bible. The verses from God's Word or the Bible are presented in **bold block letters** on the following pages. These verses should help in answering these questions and many more that you may have. In most cases, there are multiple verses presented from multiple authors in the Bible that reflect on the same meaning*

in God's Word. You should read and understand God's Word as a whole. You must understand his doctrine. God demands it. Don't put your trust in a man that collects tithes, wears a fancy suit or a gold trimmed robe. That man will not stand with you on judgement day, as you stand before Jesus Christ. You alone will answer to Jesus. Study your bible, so you can be prepared.

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

The message of salvation written in the New Testament is for the Jews and Gentiles. You must read and understand the New Testament. Do not let the devil tell you the Bible is hard to read. As shown in the verses in this publication, it is easy to read and understand.

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

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

Introduction: Put God First

When you are walking in the flesh, you feel as though you are the master of destiny. You worship and enjoy the things of the flesh that shows no love to God. You show more love of earthly treasures, money, alcohol, sex, curse and cuss, than you show for Jesus. All you do is based on your decisions. You have lived your life up to this point by leading yourself. Unbeknownst to you the devil is leading you down the wrong path and the outcome of your decisions are not always sweet. You sin continually and you may experience hardship, pain, suffering, loss of family and financial hardship. The devil is working overtime in your life and you just think that you make bad decisions. You may have been exposed to the bible, know of Jesus, go to church and may have even been baptized in water. Done some sacraments or works required of you by the church. Man may have even told you that you have everlasting life with Jesus. At this point, most people stop. You did not Put God First in your life. Your walk with God had ceased or may have never begun. You were at front door of God's earthly kingdom, but you didn't go in. You started your turn to God, but you didn't take God's hand and let him lead you. Your other hand was still gripping that of the devil and your life of sin.

The devil will tell you:

- 1) God loves you and you can now live your life as before. He wants you to be happy!*
- 2) You were baptized in water!*
- 3) Jesus died for your sins and you have everlasting life. God is all forgiving. He will forgive you for living in sin.*

Living in sin is not always happy. You struggle. Your family and loved one's struggle. Your coworkers struggle when you don't

show up for work. Remember the #1 thing the devil wants. He wants you to be miserable, while he is telling you living in sin will make you happy. You may even have experienced financial success. God's Word tells us how to serve him, with the gifts he has given us. Walking with God is a choice you make. But you must choose. You either walk with God or you walk with the devil. If God doesn't recognize your walk with him, then you are still walking with the devil. Jesus himself tells you that you cannot serve two masters.

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.

When you Put God First, you decide to walk with God The love of Jesus Christ is in you. No longer walking with the devil You fear God. When you do not fear God, then you will still walk with the devil The fear of God is not in you

Romans 3:18 - There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Finally, you realize that you are walking with the devil and you've had enough. When you finally accept your walk with God, you want to understand the directions that Jesus gave you in the New Testament on how to live a righteous life. You recognize the sins of the flesh that Jesus told you about in the New Testament. Jesus tells you that you are his sheep. You know his voice and you follow him. He knows you, because he dwells in your heart and all you do is for him.

John 10:27-28 - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Most people heard his voice, but do not follow him. Jesus does not know them. How do you know him and follow him? You use

the knowledge and instruction he gave you in the New Testament. You thank him daily for the peace and gifts he has brought into your life. You pray before meals. You enjoy being with brothers and sisters of Christ. You give God the glory, every single day. You love God and your neighbor.

Jesus told the rich man how to earn everlasting life by loving his neighbor and not serving the things of flesh in his life. That was too much for the rich man to part with. He was at the front door of God's earthly kingdom, but he didn't want to go in. God gives you a choice. You must choose God or the devil. The rich man loved his earthly stuff and would not accept God's hand and be led by Jesus. Salvation is not about following earthly, religious or man-made laws.

Luke 18:18-23- And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

God does not want you to sell everything you have. God wants you to use the gifts he has given you to promote his kingdom here on earth.

When you Put God First, you walk with Jesus through the front door of God's earthly kingdom. You repent of your sins and turn from your sinful habits to God. You humble yourself and you

tell Jesus that you are a dirty rotten sinner. By faith, you put your trust in Jesus Christ as the son of God who shed his blood for the forgiveness of your sins, repent of your sins and ask God of forgiveness. You turn to God and ask him to take control of your life for peace on earth and you ask him for everlasting life in heaven when you leave this world. God will exalt you, when you turn to him. He knows what is in your heart. The Publican had a heavy sinful heart. He humbled himself, repented of his sins and was exalted!

Luke 18:9 -And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

When you Put God First and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you feel different. You've already decided to walk through the front door of God's earthly kingdom. You are born again as a new creature when the Holy Ghost comes into your heart. You feel the Spirit of God filling your heart! You know your sinful habits and you stay away from them. God wants you are to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ through the study of Bible doctrine, praying and glorifying God. You Put God First in all you do. This is a big change in your life and is not always convenient. Growing in the glory of Jesus Christ is not easy. When you Put God First in all that you do, you will

then feel the glory of God in your life. The angels in heaven are celebrating in heaven! You are putting God first. No more walking with the devil! There is joy in heaven. What a glorious day it is. You rejoice and thank God for his power and mercy.

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

When you Put God First, your life will change. You continue in his word. Your grow in the knowledge of truth. You know the truth and the truth shall make you free!

John 8:31-32 - Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

You may not be on this walk with God. You have never had a chance to Put God First in your life or direct the decisions you made in your life. You want a change in your life and you want to Put God First, but you don't know where to start. When you Put God First and study his word, he will direct you. Follow these steps.

First: Recognize Jesus as God. When you Put God First, your walk has begun. When you put Jesus Christ first, you put God first. Jesus Christ was the Word. The Word was God.

John 1:1-4 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Second: You must recognize the power of God as the creator of heaven and earth. Fear him as all powerful. He is too be feared above all gods. God hates the sins of the flesh presented in the

New Testament. When you Put God First, you turn from these sinful habits to show your love for God because you know sin offends him.

Psalm 96:4 - For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

Psalm 66:5-6,16 - Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men. He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him. Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

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

Third: All things are possible with God when you finally Put God First. What you couldn't do on your own, is now possible with God.

Luke 18:27 - And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Fourth: You Put God First and fear God. You study God's word. You continue in his word. You hear his voice. You are perfect in holiness with the Kingdom of God within you! You repent of your sins to be cleansed, ask Jesus for forgiveness and turn to God.

Proverbs 2:5 - Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

2 Corinthians 7:1 - Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Fifth: You ask to be with God in paradise. You seek God's Kingdom. Jesus gave the criminal on the cross salvation without any of the works of man's religious practices.

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

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

Six: The bible tells us to Put God First into your heart. When you feel God in your heart, you are now a member of God's heavenly home on earth. You must believe in Jesus Christ to accept your gift of everlasting life in heaven.

Luke 17:20-21 - And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Seventh: Put God First in all you do! Do not turn back to your old life.

Luke 17:30-31 - Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down

to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

If God healed you today, then you only turn to give glory to God.

Luke 17:12-15 - 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,

As you study the Bible and grow in the faith of our lord Jesus Christ you will then recognize that you are different. The old man that walked with devil has passed away. You are a new man. You are a new creature. The kingdom of God is within you.

When you Put God First, you live a righteous life for God. By how you walk, people will see the righteousness of God in you. You don't have to shout that you are a believer of God. They can see it. They know it.

Romans 1:17 - For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.

When you Put God First, God wants us to be his servant. To be his witness. To tell others about the good things God has done in your life.

Colossians 3:22 - Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

Decide today that this will be your first day for the rest of your life and you will start by putting God first. Above and beyond these

steps, God wants you to study his word. On the following pages are some misconceptions that man may impose on you, as a new believer in Christ, to perform in order to join the earthly church. These works required by man are not required to be part of God's kingdom.

Put God First in all that you do. You will study God's Word. Your walk with God has begun new or anew. You will live a righteous life for God! You will love God with your heart, mind and soul. Love your neighbor. Be a fervent servant of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Chapter 1: Jesus Is God

Jesus is God manifest in the flesh. God the Father is the Spirit, that no one has ever seen. Jesus is of the Spirit. Jesus and the Father are One. There are many verses in the Bible that tell you that Jesus is God. If you don't believe that Jesus is God, then you need to read and understand the bible. Jesus tells you that he is God.

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

John 10:27-30 - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

John 14:9 - Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

John 17:11 - And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

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.

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

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: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 4:7 - Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Matthew 4:10 - Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

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

As God, Jesus is the Word. Jesus tells you to abide in his Word. The Word was God! Thus, Jesus was and is God.

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

The New Testament, tells you that Jesus is the Word and the Son of God. The apostle John tells you that the Word was with God from the beginning and the Word was God. Jesus was born in the flesh. For the most part, the Jews received him not. All the disciples that walked with Jesus during his ministry on this

earth saw the many miracles and believed that Jesus was the Son of God. God told you that the God of the flesh, Jesus, will be referred to as the Son of God.

Luke 1:31-35 - 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: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Mary was conceived of God by the Holy Ghost. This does not make Mary a god. If she was a god, then the angel would not have to explain to her, how she was conceived of child. She was conceived of God. Mary is the mother of Jesus, born in the flesh. She is also the mother of James, Joses, Simon, Judas and at least two sisters. God does not want us to worship false gods. False gods would include people, places or things. Think about it. If Mary was a god, then wouldn't she know where Jesus was when he was in the temple at twelve years old, lost for three days. Do not worship false gods. Give God the glory in all you do and in all your worship.

Luke 2:42-46 - And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not,

they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

As God, Jesus did not have to call on God the Father in the Spirit to perform miracles. He did them, because he is God.

Mark 4:37-41 - And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

John 5:7-9 - The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

The disciples recognized Jesus as God. As the living God. As the light of the world.

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

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.

2 Corinthians 3:3 - Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

John 9:3-5 - Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

You don't need to read modern day bible translations and come up with a different conclusion. You must accept that Jesus is God!

Remember, Jesus is the mediator between you and God the Father. All your prayers for salvation should go to Jesus Christ. Jesus is God.

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To God be the glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 2: Baptism

By the grace of God, he has promised you the gift of eternal or everlasting life by believing in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You've accepted this gift and you now wonder how baptism by water plays into this gift. The bible is clear on baptism by immersion. Before the Gospel of Jesus Christ was established by his death, burial and resurrection, John the Baptist preached the baptism by immersion for repentance of sins for the Jews only. John was living life as an Old Testament Jew, baptizing people in water for the repentance of sins. John the Baptist made it clear that Jesus will baptize the believer with the Holy Ghost. John the Baptist died before the Gospel of Jesus Christ was established. Thus, John the Baptist's baptism, was not a baptism of Salvation!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Acts 19:2-6 - He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let's research the definition of Baptism:

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

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

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

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

Romans 6:4 - Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Similarity of Water Baptism to the Gospel of Jesus Christ is as follows:

Gospel of Jesus Christ

*Jesus died on the cross for
your sins*

*Jesus body in the flesh was
buried in the grave*

*Jesus was resurrected from
the dead.*

Water Baptism

*Your old sinful life has been
crucified with Jesus.*

*Your old life is buried as you
are dunked under water.*

*You arise, born again out of
the water with Jesus in
the newness of life.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chapter 3: Holy Ghost

In the Christian walk with the Lord, the Holy Ghost is the most misunderstood spirit in the Holy Trinity. You know that the Godhead in Christianity or the Holy Trinity consists of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Thus, God consists of three persons, that are coequal, coeternal and consubstantial. You know that God the Father sent his Son, Jesus Christ to be the savior of the world. What about the Holy Ghost? You may have the following questions about the Holy Ghost. Who is the Holy Ghost? What does the Holy Ghost do? How do you accept the Holy Ghost?

Who is the Holy Ghost?

You know from the bible that the Word is Jesus Christ.

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.

How do you receive the gift of the Holy Ghost?

Contrary to popular belief, the Holy Ghost is given to you only by God. A minister, a church member or priest cannot give you the gift of the Holy Ghost and tell you that he is part of you now. You can't get the gift of the Holy Ghost by a religious sacrament. Man likes to act like God and he thinks he can give you the gift of the Holy Ghost. He can't! If you get baptized under water, the Holy Ghost does not come upon you. The Holy Ghost does not just magically appear into your being when you hear of Jesus and you like the thought of a gift of everlasting life. The bible is clear as to how you receive the Holy Ghost. If you accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ, his death, burial and resurrection, then you repent of your sins and turn your life over to God. Repenting of your sins is the only way to

discard your old sinful flesh and to be born again as a new creature walking in the Light of Jesus Christ. Being born again has such an effect on your spiritual being, that you will remember the date, time, place and subject matter being presented at the time of your bornagain experience!

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

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.

Repenting of your sins is the only way to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. It is with a clean heart, focused on a righteous life walking with Jesus Christ, does the Holy Ghost come into your heart. Repenting of your sins is the one thing you must do to obtain God's favor and receive the gift of everlasting life!

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

Acts 19:2-6 - He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

God knows what is in your heart. He doesn't act on that which is in your head. Everyone loves the thought of everlasting life. The question is; Will you love Jesus Christ, from your heart? Only when God knows that you love Jesus Christ from your heart, does he send the gift of the Holy Ghost.

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

Acts 4:29-33 - And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 10:44-46 - While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

The Holy Ghost is a gift you must accept. When God sends him, you must accept him, much the same way that you must love Jesus Christ.

Acts 7:51 - Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

Hebrews 3:6-8 - But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

As you study the bible and fill your hearts with bible Doctrine, the Holy Ghost will teach you how to serve God. The Holy Ghost has a plan for you. Will you stay away from your life in the flesh and accept the teachings and directions of the Holy Ghost? Because the Holy Ghost is with you daily, he is your Comforter.

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.

Luke 12:12 - For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

Acts 13:4 - So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

If after knowing of Jesus Christ and confessing of your sins and you don't have a love for Jesus then you will cease your walk with Jesus Christ. You won't read the Bible. You won't share God's Word with anyone. You never give God the glory in your life or at church. If you find the thrill of professional sports or alcohol, more satisfying than showing your love for Jesus, then you are most likely not saved and you don't have the Holy Ghost in your heart. You've ceased your walk with Jesus and are walking with the devil. Do you have everlasting life? You can answer that question. It happened in the time of Jesus's walk on this earth. It happens today.

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

The Holy Ghost acting in your life is evidence of being born again. You accept his direction. It is a choice you make. If you show up in an uncomfortable position at a fleshly party and the Holy Ghost is telling you to get out, then you leave. If you are walking with the devil, you will ignore the direction of the Holy Ghost and you will decide to stay there to see what happens.

The Holy Ghost acting in your life is the proof that you love Jesus in your heart. I pray today, that you fall in love with Jesus Christ and accept God's gift of the Holy Ghost.

To God be the Glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 4: Tongues

Speaking in tongues in the New Testament was a gift offered by Jesus Christ to the early disciples, so that they could speak the language of foreign lands, as they spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles into all the world. These disciples were not Hebrew language scholars selected from local universities. They were working class Galileans, selected by Jesus during his walk here on earth. They were fishermen, doctor, tax collectors, tent makers and zealots. Jesus started his life as a carpenter. Jesus knew that he had to bless the disciples with the ability to speak in foreign languages or foreign tongues so as to be able to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is nothing more rewarding than to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in the language of the foreign country you are visiting. I did this multiple times, with the books of John and Romans distributed in Portuguese, Spanish and French. These were received freely when presented in the language of the country you are visiting. Thus, 2000 years ago, Jesus knew that the disciples did not have time to learn the language of the foreign countries they were going to visit in order to effectively spread the Gospel. They needed the gift of tongues or the ability to speak in languages, foreign to the native tongue of Hebrew. Thus, tongue in the bible is referred to as the language of the foreign country that you are visiting and engaging in conversation with the people born in that country.

In the book of Acts, Paul was speaking to the Jews in Jerusalem. He was accused of being an Egyptian and bringing Greeks into the Temple. He had traveled around the Mediterranean preaching on Jesus Christ. When it came time to defend himself in Jerusalem, he spoke in the Hebrew tongue and the people listened.

Acts 21:37-39 - And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek? Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers? But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

Acts 22:2 - (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)

Jesus gave his disciples, one assignment, to spread the Gospel into all the world. For this they needed to speak in new tongues or languages foreign to Hebrew.

Mark 16:15-20 - And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 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 every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

The gift of speaking in tongues for the disciples was associated with their confirmed belief in Jesus Christ and the result of being born again with the gift of the Holy Ghost. Thus, the Holy Ghost had given them this ability.

Acts 1:4-8 - And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from

Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

Acts 2:4,7-8 - And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Acts 19:6 - And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Thus, speaking in tongues is the ability to speak and prophesize in a language understood by man to edify the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Speaking in tongues was a gift from the Holy Ghost. Speaking in an unknown tongue edifies no one, but yourself! Thus, speaking in tongues is the ability to speak in a language known by man.

1 Corinthians 14:2-5,8-9 - For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him ; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He that speaketh

in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

Speaking in tongues is not associated with being baptized in water! You know that John the Baptist, baptized in water. You know that Jesus baptized with the Holy Ghost. It was this baptism by the Holy Ghost that gave the early disciples the ability to speak in tongues.

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

Acts 10:44-46 - While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

Acts 11:15-16 - 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.

You also know that Jesus did not baptize anyone with water!

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

When you accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost is a gift you accept. Although you may not necessarily speak in tongues, the Holy Ghost gives you the ability to witness and speak and edify the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people you meet, in a manner that the people understand.

To God be the Glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 5: Rewards

The promises and rewards that God has in store for those that follow him are a far cry above what man gave Jesus Christ. A crown of thorns.

Mark 15:17 - And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head.

Reward for following man: Reward of unrighteousness

2 Peter 2:12-14 - But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

Rewards for following Jesus: When you desired to accept the promises of God, you made a commitment to walk in his ways. You no longer live in the flesh, being a servant of sin, walking in darkness, but being born of God and doing the will of God. You abide in his Word.

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

1 Peter 4:2 - That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

Romans 12:2 - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may

prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 - But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Hebrews 11:5 - By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

When you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, rewards for both this life on earth and life in heaven are promised. Manifold means much.

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

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

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.

Mark 10:29-31 - 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. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

Revelation 22:12 - And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

When you no longer walk in darkness you will recognize gifts sent from God. You are in him. It is not by chance. God makes good on his promises. Those gifts are not always financial in nature. Peace on this earth is considered a gift. Time well spent with family is a gift from God. A promise of much reward from God.

James 1:17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

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

1 John 2:14,17 - 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. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Where your heart is, that is where your treasure is. A corruptible crown is for those who deal in fleshly things. An incorruptible crown is laid up for those in heaven, for those that live a righteous life in the Kingdom of God, here on this earth.

Matthew 6:18,20-21 - That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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.

All you do is of a ready mind. Not for money. But for the will of God. God's rewards with the crown of glory.

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;

1 Peter 5:4 - And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

All you do is for the glory of God for that you earn crown of rejoicing.

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.

What you do, you do by faith, living a righteous life, earning the crown of righteousness.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 - I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 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.

Because you have chosen to abide by the Word of God, the devil will be tempting you overtime. Continue in God's Word and you'll earn the 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.

Today, give glory and sing praises to the Lord for all his rewards and blessings both in this life and life everlasting.

To God be the Glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 6: Fear God

Oh, how sweet it is knowing that you are one with God. Through Jesus Christ, you no longer have to fear God. You can be part of his plan of salvation, by either being a Gentile or a Jew and coming to the Light, Jesus Christ. Otherwise, you'll live in darkness, without peace unto the wicked.

Isaiah 12:1-6 - And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord ; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Isaiah 60:1-3 - Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Isaiah 48:22 - There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.

The power of God, rained plagues on Egypt, time after time, until Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Exodus 11:1,5-7 - And the Lord said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall

surely thrust you out hence altogether. And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

Mighty countries could not defeat the children of Israel. When they served God, he protected them. Joseph did great things, because he feared God first. The midwives also did great things, because they feared God.

Isaiah 37:33-36 - Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it. By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the Lord. For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. Then the angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

Genesis 42:14-15,17-18 - And Joseph said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies: Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. And he put them all together into ward three days. And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God:

Exodus 1:15-20 - And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.

When you fear God, you sin not. You live, because you fear God.

Exodus 20:20 - And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

Deuteronomy 6:2,13,24 - That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

When you don't fear God, you do as the devil wants. You see no power in God. Your heart is wicked. You are miserable, but don't know why.

Psalm 36:1-2 - The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

Romans 3:16-18 - Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes.

So today, ask yourself, "Do you fear God?" Are you ready to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? It is only by fearing God, are you able to let go of the hand of the devil and walk with Jesus Christ. You know the consequences of walking with the devil. Today, decide that you will give glory to God, in all you do!

Ephesians 5:20-21 - 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.

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

To God be the Glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 7: Fleshly Weapons

Daily you struggle with sin in your life. You are men, born of the flesh. Only Jesus Christ gives you the power to overcome the weakness of fleshly weapons. When you repent and give up on sin and accept Jesus Christ into your heart, you show your love for God.

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.

Psalm 23 contains 6 verses. Each verse is powerful! Understand God's word and with Jesus Christ you can have the power to resist sin and evil which is of the devil. Jesus Christ, as the son of God, in the flesh, had the power to resist the devil. He chose not to accept the temptation of the empty promises of the devil.

Matthew 4:1-11 - Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 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. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of

them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Only Jesus Christ will give you the power to resist and overcome the devil.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 - For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ

God sent his Son to overcome death and sin. You are alive, because you serve a living God!

Romans 8:3-6,10, 13, 14 - For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

When you are God's children, the power of God in you, the Holy Ghost, is more powerful than fleshly weapons. Fleshly weapons are those tools used by man.

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

*You have no power in the flesh to overcome the power of the devil.
Run to Jesus and he will take care of your stronghold.*

Proverbs 18:2,7,10 - A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself. A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul. The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Pray continually for strength to resist the devil.

Matthew 26:41 - Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

You do not live after the flesh. God wants you to enjoy this life, your family and the gifts he has given you. Honor him and you'll experience wealth as a son of God.

Romans 8:13-14 - For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

*Do you have the power of the Holy Ghost, when you give into sin?
No. You must be strong in the faith!*

1 Corinthians 16:13 - Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

How do you stand strong???

Make a change in your life to see a change in your life.

Make a change for your loved ones to overcome the flesh.

Turn from your sin and engage fully into the God's Word for 6 months, day and night.

Attend a Bible believing church. No idols or false prophets. No side agenda. No religious practices. Get the power out of the Word of God that you need to overcome the devil.

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

Chapter 8: Sin No More

When you accept Jesus Christ and your Lord and Savior, do you continue in sin? You know that Jesus came to save lost souls and not to condemn the world. You know from the bible, that the apostles, Paul and Jesus's brother tells you to sin no more. Not in one verse, but in many. Jesus came not to condemn you, but to teach you his Gospel and through his teachings, you might be saved. Do you abide in his Word, for this gift?

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

Your God is a living God. Does he have feelings? I think so. Jesus wept. When you are in pain, God is in pain.

John 11:33-35 - 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.

He is not numb to the world. But he also won't be mocked. He rewards those that seek him.

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

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

Romans 6:1-2,4,6,14,22 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that

like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

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

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

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

1 John 3:8-9 - He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

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

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

James 1:8,12-15 - A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

But, you are perfected by keeping his word.

1 John 2:1,5 - My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

So, do you want to offend him? No. You want to live by faith. Not by works. Not by laws. But living a righteous life, serving God, and accepting the gift of everlasting life, offered through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

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

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

When you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, being saved from eternal damnation, you are a new creature. All things become new. No longer a servant of sin. You are saved. All things become new.

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.

God hears those that glorify him.

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

So. What do you do and how do you do it? Easy. All you do is for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 - Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Today, give glory and sing praises to the Lord for all his blessings.

To God be the Glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 9: Faith Without Works

You've accepted and believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You believe in the forgiveness of your sins by his death, burial and resurrection. You say you repented of your sins and have turned your life over to God. You say you've discarded your old sinful flesh and have been born again as a new creature.

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.

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.

Or worse yet, is that you have no clue as to what I am talking about? You attend a religious service every Sunday and hear a sermon. It all sounds good. You may even whoop and holler with the pounding drums and screaming singers! But, when you leave the service, you continue to do the things of the flesh, like you've always done without any regard to the Holy Trinity or Jesus Christ. You know, like fornication, getting drunk at a football game or saluting your friends with a high five of alcohol filled glasses of joy or sharing a needle? Well then per the bible, you've not been born again and do not have the gift of everlasting life. You are a hearer of the word only, deceiving yourself. You have faith without works or are a hearer of the word. Jesus Christ wants doers of the word.

James 1:22-24 - 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.

The question is do you love and have faith in Jesus Christ? Have you been born again as a child of God? Are you truly walking in the Light of Jesus Christ? Or do you have faith without works, still walking hand in hand with the devil, never repenting of your sins and walking hand in hand with the devil? Are you still doing the same thing today, this week, like what you've done before you ever met Jesus Christ?

If you truly love God and Jesus Christ, you feed his sheep or the people of the world that do not know who Jesus Christ is. What is the last thing Jesus told the apostles, before he ascended into heaven? "Feed my sheep!"

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.

How do you feed his sheep? By your testimony. By not walking with the devil. By your walk with Jesus. What you hear from God's word, you put into action. By your works, showing your love for God and neighbor. By being a doer of the word. By passing out a Gospel track, bible or telling someone how Jesus Christ has changed your life. You feel guilty or are chastened, when you fall back into doing the things of the flesh or divers temptations.

James 1:2-8, 12-17, 25-27 - My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he

that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren.] Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. 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.

God knows where your heart is. When you are born again, you have a change of heart toward sin. You have been brought out of the dead and born again as a child of God. Living a life of righteousness, that is pleasing in the sight of the Lord. You are a doer of the word. You have faith with works! Showing your love for God and your neighbor.

Hebrews 13:20-21 - Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you

that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

But you ask, "Are you sure. Faith requires works?" The answer is yes. You show your change of heart toward sin, your belief and faith in Jesus Christ by your works! The spirit of God is alive in you. Your life has changed because you love God. Believers in the bible, had great faith, as evidence by their works. Read Hebrews 11.

James 2:18-26 - 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. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 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. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Accept that chastening that you'll experience with your walk with the Lord. Repent and turn from your sin.

Hebrews 12:1,4-14 - Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye

have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Accept God's favor and gift of everlasting life! Look forward to the life, God has waiting for you by being a doer!

To God be the Glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 10: Do

God has given you a choice in the New Testament to follow him and believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Accept the teachings of Jesus Christ and for this God has given you the promise of the fruits of the Spirit on this earth and the gift of everlasting life. You make a choice to repent of your sins and walk with Jesus. You serve a living God, with a dynamic faith, working and doing for Jesus Christ. Not by showing up for church and then enjoying your life as a drunk for the next 6 days. Verse after verse in the bible you are told to do and not just watch. You either believe in God, seek and serve him with great faith or you are serving the devil, doing no good.

Psalm 14:1-3 - The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Psalm 34:14,16 - Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

Psalm 37:27 - Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

Psalm 53:3 - Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

When you believe, you delight in doing the will of God! You love God from your heart and your actions show your love for him.

Psalm 16:1 - Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

Psalm 25:1,5 - Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Psalm 31:1-2,23-24 - In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness. Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me. O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

Psalm 40:8 - I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Psalm 56:11 - In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Psalm 108:13 - Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 119:1-3,5,10-11,16,29,33-35,39,115,144-146,153,157-158,165-167,171-172,174,176 - Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously. Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path

of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good. Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God. The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live. I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord : I will keep thy statutes. I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies. Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law. Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies. I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word. Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them. Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments. My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly. My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes. My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness. I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord ; and thy law is my delight. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

You must choose to do the will of God. Many of you are lost and have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Many of you have said you accepted Jesus Christ, but are still living a life of sin, living and eating with the swine every day. Somebody may have told you that believe in Jesus and you'll have everlasting life and you can't lose your salvation. Start thinking for yourself. If you are dining with the swine or a dog that has returned to his vomit, then you haven't accepted Jesus Christ. You must choose to accept the light and do the will of God. Period.

Luke 15:11-24,32 - And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto

them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

Proverbs 22:5,17 - Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them. Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

Proverbs 26:11 - As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

Do not wait till the house is on fire, to show your love of God. It is through knowledge are you able to stand up to the devil. When you do and show your love for Jesus Christ, Jesus will answer your prayer.

James 4:8,10 - Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

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

John 4:34 - Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 9:31,33,35

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Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

John 14:13-14 - 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.

John 6:51 - I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

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.

This is not the science of building rockets. You either believe in Jesus and do his will or you are walking with the devil.

John 2:5 - His mother saith unto the servants, What so ever he saith unto you, do it.

To God be the Glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 11: Idols

When you “Do,” remember who you are serving. You are not serving the flesh, the people, places or things of religion or the things of this earth. You are not to serve a religious idol, a pagan idol or God’s creations on this earth or in the universe. You are not to serve a death of a loved one or saint in the bible. You are to only serve God and our Savior Jesus Christ. No one else. This message is clear in the bible. What was John’s closing message in 1 John? This verse could not be any clearer! We are not to worship idols.

1 John 5:21 - Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Today, the worship of false gods or idols is rampant. They are everywhere. We have the idols of fine clothes, money, beer, whiskey, alcohol, drugs, sports, jewelry, cars, video games, television, gambling, sun worship, sex, abortion, church leaders, country leaders and more. There is so much time in your life for the worship of idols and no time for worshipping God. You’ll throw \$1000 of dollars away on idols, but give nothing to helping your neighbor.

What was the 1st commandment God gave Moses? The first is the most important.

Exodus 20:1-3 - And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Time and time again in the Old Testament the Jews worshipped idols. Regardless as to how well God cared for them, they still turned to idols.

Exodus 32:7-8,31 - And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

Exodus 32:23 - For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

Gentiles are also worshippers of idols. And yes, sometimes these idols were found to have corrupted the Jews. It would be rare to find any Jew that had not worshipped an idol.

Jeremiah 23:13 - And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.

Romans 11:4 - But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

Acts 19:35 - And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter

God knew how weak man was in the worship of chosen leaders. God made sure the graves of fallen leaders were unknown.

Exodus 14:11 - And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the

wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

Deuteronomy 34:5-6 - So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

The apostles knew that they had their work cut out for them. The Gentiles did not have the ten commandments. Worship of idols was quite strong. The Greeks and many others had a complete set of supernatural gods that served their every need.

Acts 21:25 - As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication.

1 Corinthians 12:2 - Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

1 Peter 4:3 - For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

It is clear that Jesus hated the worship of scribes and Pharisees in the New Testament. Church leaders are not to be worshipped. They are not to be praised. Jesus knew that they were in it for the money and not for the love of God. Church leaders are not to have exclusive titles. Jesus could not have been more clear!

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

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

Matthew 23:23 - Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Jesus told his disciples to take nothing for their service of preaching the kingdom of God. What a difference of opinion the religious leaders of today have for their services.

Luke 9:1-6 - Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece. And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart. And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them. And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

Concerning the worship of previous religious leaders, they too were men that just served God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. No special recognitions are to be given them. When you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are called to be a servant of Jesus Christ. Beloved of God and called to be saint. Called to be a son of God.

Romans 1:4-7 - 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: To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 3:1 - Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

God does not want saints to worship saints. He wants you to worship only God and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the mediator between you and God. Give Jesus all the glory, every day.

1 Timothy 2:5 - For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

God does not want us to worship earthly leaders, period. In the Bible, only Enoch, Elijah and Jesus Christ ascended into heaven.

Genesis 5:24 - And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

2 Kings 2:11 - And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Acts 1:9 - And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

No other saints or sons of God, in the bible were taken up by God into heaven. Worshipping the ascension other men and women of the bible is wrong. It is idol worship. Totally made up by religious leaders. If you are worshipping other saints of the bible, then you should consider the will of God and doctrine

that he has requested of you in the bible. You are not to worship false gods or idols and only worship God with all you heart, mind, soul and strength. Period.

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

Chapter 12: Prayer

When you are born again as a son of God, you use prayer for a multitude of reasons. Throughout the Bible, there are many verses on prayer. Let's see how prayer is used.

Prayer is used to give glory unto the Lord. The God that made heaven, earth and all things deserves all the worship and glory that you can give him.

Psalm 29:2 - Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

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

Prayer is used to give thanks unto the Lord. And when you give thanks, God recognizes your appreciation. He blesses many people, but has a special place in his heart for those that thank him. In Luke 17, Jesus healed ten Samaritans. Only one returned to give him glory.

1 Chronicles 16:34-35 - O give thanks unto the Lord ; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.

Luke 17:16-18 - And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

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

Matthew 6:8 - Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

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

John 14:11-16 - Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. 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. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.

John 15:16 - Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

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

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

James 4:3,7-8,10 - Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

How do you pray? Easy. Pray from the heart, speaking one on one with Jesus. Not for the glory of being heard by strangers or in the synagogue, but between you and God. Not using vain repetitions. God has good ears. You don't need to repeat a prayer to be heard! In the following verses (7) through (13) he gave you an example of a format of a prayer saying the our Father. He doesn't want you to repeat this prayer many times, as this means nothing to God. Say a prayer, giving God glory, asking for guidance and blessing, thanking him or asking for forgiveness. Remember, pray from the heart.

Matthew 6:7 - But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do : for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Matthew 6:5-13 - And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are : for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the

heathen do : for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

When you pray, you must believe that your prayers will be answered. You must have faith. You must believe!

Mark 11:22-26 KJV - And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

When you study the bible and living your life for the Lord, pray for discernment in all that you do. God want you to live a righteous life, for him. You've walked with the devil, for so long, that you need God to show you the way through his teachings from the bible. Pray that God uses the Holy Ghost in your heart to direct your way. If it doesn't feel right, then it is not God's way.

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.

Luke 12:56 - Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?

As you study God's word, you will be told how God intends to use you. Be prepared and look forward to be obedient, a servant for your Lord and a life with Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 5:8-9,12-14 - Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

As you are deeply entrenched in this life in the flesh, few will take time to find this life. Prove Jesus right. Pray for guidance and discernment that you may find the path that leadeth to the life that Jesus Christ has planned for you!

Job 33:26 - He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

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

To God be the Glory in all you do, Amen

Chapter 13: Death-The Final Frontier

Today, there are two things you can be sure of:

- 1) *You can be sure that one day you will die of your flesh and your physical body will return to dust.*
- 2) *You can be sure that your soul or spiritual body will either spend eternity in heaven or hell. This is the final frontier. You must make a decision as to how you will spend eternity.*

In regards to physical death, you can watch what you eat, drink, put into your body, exercise and find someone you love and enjoy to spend time with. Pick friends which edify you and not tear you down.

It is a choice that you must make to determine your spiritual destiny, The Final Frontier. You may choose to ignore the decision. Just be not deceived. One day you will answer to Jesus Christ, the mediator between you and 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.

1 Timothy 2:5 - For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

The first thing, you may think, that if there is a heaven or hell, how do I know which one will I be in. It will be apparent once you are there. Heaven in the Old Testament of the bible is referred to as Abraham's bosom. Luke described a beggar that had nothing, but faith. He died and went to heaven. Lazarus, a rich man had no faith. He did well on earth. He didn't need Jesus. He died and went to hell. He begged for mercy, for the beggar to bring him some water. He is still being tormented today by the flames of hell!

Luke 16:21-24 - And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 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.

Well, if the rich man was so bad, why didn't God judge him on the earth. Be it known, that God does offer judgement here on this earth. You know of Sodom and Gomorrah. Two towns in the Old Testament. The sin in those cities was so great, that God could no longer ignore.

Genesis 18:20 - And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

The only righteous family in the city of Sodom was that of Lot. God sent two angels to tell Lot to leave the city. Lot listened. His married children did not leave the city. God burned up the city with fire and brimstone. You must listen when God talks to you.

Genesis 19:1,14-15,24 - And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law. And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here;

lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;

So, the choice is clear. Today, you must choose how you want to spend your final frontier. Burning in hell with the devil or singing with Jesus in heaven. Do not fear those that kill the body. Fear those and the sins of the flesh that destroy the soul.

Matthew 10:27-28,32-33 - What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

The devil resides in darkness. Jesus is the light of the world. He will preserve his saints or those that live a righteous life for him on earth.

1 Samuel 2:9 - He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

2 Samuel 22:29 - For thou art my lamp, O Lord: and the Lord will lighten my darkness.

Isaiah 29:18-19 - And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

In that day, the deaf will hear and the blind will see. Only those that believe and understand the Word, will be saved. You must believe that Jesus is the light and you must follow his teaching. Only then will you fear God, not follow the devil in darkness and abide with Jesus in the light.

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.

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

John 3:36 - He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

As you walk in the light, repent of your sins, maintain a clean heart and live a life for the Lord, you too can be glory bound for heaven. Now what do you expect in heaven? You will sing his glory and live as angels in heaven.

Psalm 97:6 - The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

Matthew 22:30 - For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

John 14:2-3 - In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Revelation 21:21 - And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

So, the choice is yours. Walk with Jesus with your name written in the book of life or be cast into the lake of fire (ie. Furnace) where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Be not deceived by the devil, unbelievers or religious denominations that practice everything else, but salvation only in Jesus Christ!

Matthew 13:41-50 - The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Revelation 20:10,12,15 - And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:10-12,18-21,23,27 - And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. 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.

It is apparent to see that being in the final frontier, living in the glory of Jesus is more exciting than wailing in a lake of fire. Today, accept Jesus as the Son of God who died for your sins on the cross. Repent of your sins and ask to be with him in heaven. Accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Don't yield to sin and yield only to God. Today, start serving God, walk with the righteous and enjoy his blessings.

Romans 6:4,12-13,22 - Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the

dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 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. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Decide today, to put all your trust in Jesus Christ, walking in His Light and giving him your best!

Ephesians 5:8 - ... but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light

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