

Out of Darkness

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Preface

Today, I come to you as a servant for God.

My walk with Jesus was elevated to the next level when I received the pocket text "Romans" on my phone. On 9/6/21, after texting the time, 8:28, I had put my phone in my pocket. Minutes later I pulled my phone from my pocket and it had a pocket text the phrase "Romans".

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

On that Labor Day morning, I needed to be directed out of the darkness of man-made religion by misleading people not in accordance to God's word. Salvation can only occur with repentance. I was under great distress! From bible numbers, we know that 9/6/21 means a visit from God to man in a time of distress. God visited me and gave me his word in Romans 8:28 and told me to have faith and he will take care of me! That verse gave me strength to stand up against the evils of man-made religion. Three days later the jail ministry was God's and no longer were heretics coming to the jail abusing God's word. There is no confusion when you abide in God's word. The message is clear.

Psalm 118:5 - I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

God's visit changed my life and there is no turning back.

Jesus demands that you repent and turn from your sins and live a righteous life for him for the gift of everlasting life. Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins. So, what does it mean to live a righteous life? Jesus told you to love God with

all your heart, mind, soul and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. Avoiding the sins of the flesh was more than stealing, adultery or murder. It includes fornication, idol worship, drunkenness, etc. He tells you to abide in his word.

So simple, but yet so hard for the lost to manage.

To accelerate my knowledge of the bible and yours also, I created Bible Matters to cover specific subjects and areas of the bible. These are published weekly on Facebook. I started the Facebook page over 6 months ago and have managed to post 77 lessons from the bible. In that time period, 30 of those lessons were taught in the jail ministry to those with non-violent addiction issues. Many of them hear at least 8 lessons. Some 12 lessons. If you let God in your heart, then you are able to overcome your addictions and struggles of this world. Not by dwelling on the things of the earth, but on God's Word.

Once you believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, God offers you the gift of everlasting life. All he asks for in return is for you to love him and love your neighbor as yourself. Not for the love of mammon (money) or filthy lucre, but for the love of the children of God.

There is no greater love that you can show, but to recognize that most of the people that you see on a daily basis, do not believe or even recognize the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are lost and likely on their way to hell. All God wants is for you to share his word.

As you read and understand God's Word, the Holy Ghost will grow in your heart and be made stronger. You will understand God's gift and will look forward to being with Jesus in heaven. Not maybe in heaven, but a promise that you will be in heaven with him. That promise is direct from Jesus himself!

Luke 23:43 - And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

*“**Out of Darkness**” offers those lessons from the bible that will allow you to grow into a faithful servant for God. No longer being happy with the thought of everlasting life, but growing into a loving, faithful servant with God directing your life. No longer, just a child of God, but a servant.*

*God has a plan for you and is looking for you to be one of his servants. Let your journey begin. Today, decide to love Jesus and follow him. You never know which path God wants you to go. Just trust him, go and worship him in everything you do! Stay in his word and you will hear from him. Don't doubt yourself and he will direct you. He will put the power of God into your heart and direct you “**Out of Darkness**”. Follow God's word and on judgement day, you will hear, “**Well done my good and faithful servant.**”*

*Remember, on judgement day, you will stand before God. All your prayers should go to God. Jesus spoke the word of God. The words Jesus spoke are “**Bold and Underlined.**”*

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

Introduction:

*As a believer in Jesus Christ, he wants you to do the following:
believe in him; be born again; Love God; Love your neighbor;
not abide in darkness; live a righteous life; give God the glory
and not the traditions of man. Your gift for such behavior is
peace on earth and everlasting life with Jesus and Lazarus.*

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

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

Matthew 22:14 - For many are called, but few are chosen.

Luke 9:26 - For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

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

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

As a believer in Jesus Christ, you live a righteous life. Not the sinful past life of a lost man.

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

When you give God the glory, you no longer live in the traditions of men. Seeking to tell others of what God has done for you.

Mark 5:18-20 - And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

The man possessed with the devil is no longer held to the traditions of men. He did not deny Jesus and told everyone what great things Jesus had done. Are you holding to the traditions of men? Are you denying Jesus in your life, living among the lost? Do you ever tell anyone about Jesus? God is about love and not for profit or filthy lucre.

1 Peter 1:18 - Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

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

Galatians 1:14 - And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

You're told not to follow the commandments of man by your tradition, but only the commandment of God.

Matthew 15:3-4,6,8, 9 - But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Do not to deny Jesus. Do not continue to live in the traditions of ungodly men.

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

God is so serious about you denying him, that he doesn't want you to worship idols or deny him before men. Peter denied God time and time again. Do not be a Peter.

Matthew 26:75 - And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Matthew 10:33,38-39 - But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

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

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

Be always willing to share God's word.

Matthew 10:42 - And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Matthew 10:32 - Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

Hold fast to the traditions you have been taught by God's Word.

2 Thessalonians 2:15-17 - Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. 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, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

Thessalonians 3:6 - Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

Be ready to share God's word in all that you do. Take up your cross and follow him.

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

When you put your faith in God, you don't need man's traditions. Man's traditions can't save you. Do not deny Jesus by your traditions. Jesus told the disciples that he would destroy man's church. When he died on the cross, he said it was finished and the veil was ripped from the top to the bottom.

Mark 13:1-2 - And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here ! And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

John 19:30 - When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Matthew 27:51 - And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

*After 3 days, Jesus restored salvation to those that decide to follow him. Put all your trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Your opportunity to walk, "**Out of Darkness.**" Do not be ashamed or deny Jesus before men, but confess the grace and goodness of Jesus Christ and be a faithful witness.*

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

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

Chapter 1: Out of Darkness

Day after day, the same old thing. Always in motion, but never moving forward. Feeling lost with no way out and no promise of tomorrow. Sound familiar. Such is the life of an unbeliever without God. Do you want out? Yes, there is a way out of darkness. Man-made religion is darkness. Darkness will blind your eyes to the truth. You must decide, if you want to be in the light. Humble yourself and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Jesus Christ is the truth and true light.

1 John 2:8-13 - Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

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.

Man-made religion is full of spiritual wickedness.

Ephesians 6:12 - For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

You will understand the hidden things of darkness that have kept you from the light. Jesus will deliver you from the power of darkness. Not by the wisdom of men, but by faith in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 4:5 - Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Colossians 1:13 - Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

1 Corinthians 2:5 - That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

In God, there is no darkness. Accept the grace of God and be cleansed of your sins by the blood of Jesus Christ. He is the true lamb. The lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. He will cleanse you of all unrighteousness. God has already chosen you. Time for you to choose him. Put your sunglasses on and get ready for his marvelous light, being born of God by the blood of Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:5-7,9 - This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 Peter 2:9 - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1 John 5:4-6 - For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

1 John 1:7 - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

You will no longer be in darkness as children of the light. Your whole body shall be full of light. You shall not stumble when you hold the hand of Jesus Christ and walk in the light.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-10 - But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

Luke 11:34-36 - The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but

when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

John 11:9-10 - Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

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

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.

It is time for you to walk as children of light. For the love of God and love of man. Not conformed to this world. To the perfect will of God. Our one and only Potentate. The King of kings.

Ephesians 5:8 - For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

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 Timothy 6:14-16 - That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

*When you walk into the light, you are separated unto the Gospel.
No longer walking with the devil, but only serving Jesus Christ.
In God, was all things made. He was life and the life was the
light of man. Lost in man-made religion, you cannot
comprehend the power of Jesus Christ. God spoke all things
into existence.*

**Romans 1:1 - Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an
apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,**

**John 1:3-5 - All things were made by him; and without him was
not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the
life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness;
and the darkness comprehended it not.**

**Psalm 33:6 - By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and
all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.**

How do you stay in the light? Believe and serve the Lord.

**Romans 12:11 - Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving
the Lord;**

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

Chapter 2: Lost

The lost of this world walk in darkness, not abiding in the God's word and full of sin. In love with lucre, mammon and serving the devil. Man-made religion, like that created by the Pharisees and scribes, created commandments or traditions that they expected man to follow.

Mark 7:5-9 - Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

When you are bound to the commandments of man, God's doctrine is mute. You likely don't even understand the will of God or the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God has no mercy on those religious leaders that have created religious lies that God's children have to follow. God's anger is so serious that these leaders should be cast into the sea. On judgement day, I would not want to be one of these leaders or deceivers!

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

Following Jesus is a choice you make. First because you want a change in your life, to live a righteous life, enjoying family and enjoying those things that God has waiting for you. Salvation is

a gift offered by the grace of God to those that believe on the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. To those that repent of their sins, turn to God and follow God's doctrine. Born again as a child of God.

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.

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

John 3:3,5-7 - Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Religious leaders cannot do anything to convince you to live your life for God. They cannot perform a ceremony such as water baptism or tell you to repeat some verses and tell you that you've been born again and have everlasting life. God's message is clear in the New Testament. You must know the doctrine of Christ (God's doctrine). If you don't abide in God's doctrine, then you don't have God in your heart.

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

When Lot and his family left Sodom, his wife was still thinking of her old life in Sodom. Their sons were there. She looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. Symbolic of not abiding in God's Word. When God speaks, you listen.

Luke 17: 32-33 - Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

You may like your old life. Never planning on making any changes. Never repenting of your sins. You may even be going to church. You are living a lie, not as a new creature. By hearing God's word, you know how to do good, but you choose not to. You will be judged by Jesus on judgement day.

Hebrews 12:15-17 - Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Revelation 21:27 - And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie:

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

John 12:48 - He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

You are told to be a doer of God's word. Not just a hearer, boasting yourself before men. Do not be a fool.

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.

Matthew 7:21,23,26 - Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

After repenting of your sins, living a righteous life, being a hearer and doer of God's word, you are cautioned on deviating from God's doctrine and then turning your life back to God. Do not frustrate the grace of God.

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

Confess your sins to Jesus, pray for strength and turn your life back to God and he'll cleanse you of all unrighteousness. Prepare yourself for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

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

God is not mocked. Whatever a man sows, he reaps.

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

Just as it happened during Christ's ministry on earth. There are disciples that went back and no longer walked with him. They will be judged on judgement day. Be not one of these!

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

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

Chapter 3: Theories

When you put your trust in a theory, you continue to look at discovered facts in relationship to the theory. A theory can be folklore, earthly observations or an opinion. Discovered facts can then be used to confirm or rebuke the theory, thus the proof behind a theory is developed. A theory is false, until proven true! A scientist must have an open mind and not be biased, even if they came up with the theory. As negative facts start to rebut the theory, they will constantly downplay the discovered fact as false. Never seeking the truth. Note: A theory is not fact. Man will challenge even the most robust of facts in observations. In the end, you take it all in and decide if you want to believe the theory.

Theory: It takes millions of years to form fossils. (Proven False)

Fact: A leather mining hat was left in a mine in Tasmania, Australia, following a volcanic eruption on June 10, 1886. Following excavation, the miner's hat was found fossilized or rock hard after it had been covered with water after only 20 years. A petrified ham and sausages were also found at this excavation site.

Dinosaur footprints, horse footprints, human footprints have been found throughout the world all formed on the same rock beds. Many other observations of fossils formed in a short time can be found from published sources on the web. (i.e "Origins: Speak to the Earth" by Larry D. Booher).

Theory: It takes millions of years to form fossil fuels. (Proven False)

Plant matter from the time of dinosaurs millions of years ago is stated as leading the reaction that formed fossil fuels. How are all the dinosaur fossils from that time period found near the

surface of the earth, side by side with human and horse foot prints and that plant matter is buried deep within the earth's crust. It doesn't make sense. Plants and animals coexisted.

Like oil, coal was said also to be formed 300 million of years ago. This is well before man and the advancement of society with metallurgy. In 1944, a bell with the Hindu god, Garuda, on the top was found contained within a lump of coal by Newton Anderson in Buchannon, West Virginia, USA.

Lignin (fibers) have been heated in a lab for short periods in the presence of clay and have formed coal in less than a year. Low grade coal is forming at the base of wooden bridges in America in the wooden beams in the presence of water and pressure.

In 1985 dead plankton was found in the Gulf of California heat vents to be forming oil in the presence of heat. Oil wells that were considered empty are recharging as the earth creates more hydrocarbons.

Theory: Noah and the ark from the very first book in the bible, Genesis, is not just a story. (Proven True)

Genesis 6:4,5,8,12-15, 17- There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three

hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die.

Giants have been confirmed with the evidence of dinosaur bones!

Ron Wyatt with his two boys, Danny and Ronny, found Noah's Ark on Mt. Ararat in Turkey in 1977.

Theory: Moses lead the children of Israel out of Egypt, crossing the parted Red Sea (Proven True)

Exodus 13:18 - But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

Exodus 15:4-5 - Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Ron Wyatt found chariot parts in the Gulf of Agaba in 1978. Gold plated chariot wheels have been found in the only place chariots could cross the Red Sea.

Theory: The power of God is revealed in prayer. (Proven True)

A million times people have prayed for the lucky numbers of the lottery! Your prayers never seem to get answered. So much so, that you tend to believe that there is no God that answers prayers. Do not pray for the things of this world, but of the spirit.

Matthew 21:21-22 - Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only

do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

God provided miracle after miracle for those that believed on him. Noah believed and listened to God. Moses believed and listened to God. Gentiles and Jews were blessed with miracles from God. I'm here to tell that God is real. My Bible Matter 9/6/21 will tell you that God is real. I prayed for direction from God for his ministry and he delivered! For this activity you must have faith.

Theory: Deny the Lord and you will be punished! (Proven True)

Luke 22:59-61 - And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaeen. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

Jesus's #1 draft pick, Peter, only wrote two books of the bible. He saw every miracle that Jesus performed on earth. After Jesus rose from the dead, Peter went fishing. As a child of God, Jesus wants you to believe, trust, love and be a faithful follower and witness. Do not deny God.

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

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

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

God's Word is real! Decide that you will do God's will and be a faithful follower for Jesus Christ. Others should see Jesus in you by the way you behave. Being a Christian is not a game of cheering only at church. It is a livelihood for doing God's will and spreading the word of God to the lost of this world! Share the gospel with those you meet and give them an opportunity to decide to follow Jesus. Scared? You should be. Be scared on earth and not before Jesus on judgement day!

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.

Matthew 24:14 - And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

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

Chapter 4: *Predestinate*

God has chosen you to be a vessel of light in this dark world in which you live. When you first study his word, it is not apparent that God has a plan for you, but he does. Is it known right away? No. When you grow up in a church, you see what others do and you believe that is what you are supposed to do. God has a plan for you in his kingdom, beyond your wildest imagination. It is not based on man-made religion, but on God's word. Most churches just want your money. To be a faithful giver. As you read his word and are around other believers, God will direct you. What he asks you to do, may not be in your plans, but it is in his. You have skills that you don't even know you have. Being a disciple for Jesus Christ was the furthest thing from Saul's mind on that road to Damascus. Saul got the message and went for it and what a beautiful thing he did. Saul turned Paul into the greatest apostle of all time. Four years ago, I took on the jail ministry and yes, it was the furthest thing from my mind and with God's help, we are making a difference. Will you be next? God has given you the talent. He is just waiting for you to blossom.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 - But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

You don't blossom overnight. Even after Saul witnessed the stoning of Stephen and was born again on his way to Damascus, it took

three years before he met with Peter in Jerusalem. Paul, a Pharisee, at the top of the Jewish food chain, was chosen to be an apostle for the Gentiles. He accepted the command to preach among the heathen. I had studied the bible three years, when I was given the opportunity to be part of the jail ministry. God knows when the time is right for you.

Galatians 1:16-20 - To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

Ephesians 3:1,6,8 - For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

As you study God's word, the Holy Ghost will work in your heart. To you, God's predestinate plan will be revealed. When God is for you, who can be against you.

Romans 8:27,30-31 - And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

When you are in God's hand and under his power, nothing can separate you from the love of God. No one, can pluck you from his hand.

Romans 8:38-39 - For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 10:29 - My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

Once you put God in control and no man is able to pluck you from his hand, then you will blossom. On that Monday morning when I received Romans 8:28 on my phone, I knew exactly what I needed to do. Man or no man, it was time for me to put a stop to false doctrine at the jail. I knew exactly what I needed to do. I was no longer interested in serving man's made-up religion. My only desire is to serve Jesus Christ and his kingdom here on earth. All I do is for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31-32 - Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

After seven years of studying the bible, I knew the difference between right and wrong. I know that God does not want you to slight his word. God does not look kindly on those that abuse his word. God is so serious about his doctrine, that anyone that abuses it, their name will be removed from the book of life.

Revelation 22:19 - And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out

of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Presenting false doctrine and having my name removed from the book of life, terrifies me. You can be sure that everything that I publish, is exactly how God wants you to hear it and it will always give God the glory. When I was born again, I was born of incorruptible seed. Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Always giving God the glory! I do not seek to please men. I seek to please God as a servant of Jesus Christ.

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

2 Peter 3:18 - But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Galatians 1:10 - For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

Today, decide that you will abide in God's word. When the time is right, you will blossom under God's guiding hand. You will then know the predestinate plan that God has for you!

Ephesians 1:11-12 -In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

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

Chapter 5: Ready, Set, Go

Your walk with Jesus is like any decision you make in life. There are three steps in the decision process.

- 1. Ready: You must first decide that you want to participate.*
- 2. Set: You first become a passive participant learning and making a decision as to participate.*
- 3. Go: You decide, this is for you and you become an active participant.*

Let's go over a simple example. At one point you will or did decide to drive a car. Let's relate this decision to the ready, set, go steps.

- 1. Ready: The ready step is that you want to be a driver. You see the activity done daily and you want to gain mobility. In this activity some things are a given. For instance, you can drive on the road or the dirt. You must have a vehicle, license and typically drive on the paved road to participate.*
- 2. Set: You now get the tools to participate. You study to understand how to drive peacefully with others.*
- 3. Go – You pass the test and are now a participant. You can be a passive participant by riding a taxi or rental service. You can be an active participant by purchasing a car and being the driver of the vehicle. You drive your car on the paved road. You do the speed limit and try not to get distracted. You want to get where you going in one piece. When you do it right, it won't cost you too much and you'll have an enjoyable time as a participant. Minimal stress, minimal cost and minimal damage along the way. When*

you do it wrong, you crash and burn and your driving experience does not get you where you are going.

You have to decide if you want a life with Jesus Christ. You typically don't immediately see the outcome in this activity. The decision steps are not quite so clear. There are two outcomes. Death and everlasting life in hell or alive with Jesus and everlasting life in heaven. You may never have been presented with this participation activity. You may think Jesus is a hoax. The devil may have presented you the theory of evolution and you say it makes sense. What is not explained in this theory is how an unexplained phenomenon first created the 2nd most intelligent creature in the universe. If all of life came from a single cell being formed in a hot Sulphur spring, then why isn't the DNA of all living things identical. DNA studies do not support evolution. Why does a horseshoe crab have copper-based blood and not iron? Evolution doesn't explain how a miner's hat is fossilized after 20 years underwater or how a brass bell is found in a lump of supposedly 300 million year old coal by Newton Anderson in 1944. Go look these up on the internet!

God provided miracle after miracle for those that believed on him. Stories in the bible abound. Noah believed and listened to God. Noah and the ark were real. Moses escaped from the Egyptians and the crossing of the Red Sea were real. Evidence has been found in both cases. The early Jews in the Old Testament were blessed with many miracles from God. Gentiles and Jews were blessed with miracles from Jesus in the New Testament. You may be a non-believer. I'm here to tell that God is real. The bible and Bible Matter 9/6/21 will tell you that God is real. The decision steps are directed by God in the New Testament. For this activity you must have faith.

You are presented several verses of man's made-up religion, and you tell yourself, you believe and are going to heaven! Not quite so easy. Driving occurs on the road and not just in your mind.

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

The outcome of your decision is everlasting life in hell or heaven. Let's go through the steps.

- 1. Ready - Your decision begins when you want to understand God's doctrine in the bible and not religious traditions. You want everlasting life in heaven. Many people are stuck in this step.*
- 2. Set – You study to see what is involved in this decision.*
- 3. Go – You accept God and Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. You love God, repent of your sins and look forward to being with him in heaven. You do not deny him before men and live a righteous life by abiding in his word.*

Make the decision today and get ready for the second coming of Jesus.

Luke 12:40 - Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Let's study some versus.

Ready: *Believe that God made all things.*

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

John 1:3 - All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

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

Set: You study to know God's word. You learn of the sins of the flesh. You draw nigh to God. You may claim to know him but your actions deny him. You believe that Jesus died once for the forgiveness of your sins. The love of sin and money will keep you double minded. Never gaining the glory of God. Do not get stuck in this step.

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

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

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

James 4:8 - Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

2 Timothy 2:12 - If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Go: You repent of your sins and are no longer a servant of sin. Born again as a new creature. You love God and you hear God's word. You keep his word. You live a righteous life for him. You serve him by feeding the flock of God.

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

John 3:3,5,7 - Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 8:51 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

Matthew 22:37-39 - Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 - For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

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;

Do you really love God? Do you really love your neighbor? Tell others of the saving grace of God. Decide today to "GO" with Jesus.

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

Chapter 6: Sin

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

You're a good person. You're not really a sinner in your eyes. In God's eye we are all sinners. When you sin, God wants you to immediately confess your sins to him

1 John 1:8-10 - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

When you are living in the flesh, you are immersed in sin. Everywhere you look is sin. You cannot look upon these things without thoughts of desire. Nothing is pure in your eyes. The whole world lies in wickedness. When you are born again as a child of God, sin takes on a different meaning. You are of God and no longer does your mind take you to wickedness.

1 John 5:18-21 - We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

1 John 3:5-6 - And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him

sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

This is your time for a new beginning. Romans 8 is written about your new beginning in the Spirit. No longer a servant of sin.

Let's look at the Bible number 8.

Eight (chet)

New Beginning- Chet is a fence in Hebrew. It can also signify an inner room, even the heart itself.

Eight is the number of new beginning. The sons of Abraham were to be circumcised on the eighth day (Gen. 17:12), because the eighth day was the lawful time for the presentation of the firstborn (Ex. 22:29, 30). It took a full seven days to consecrate the priests (Lev. 8:33), and then they emerged from the tabernacle on the eighth day. God then manifested His presence to the people on the eighth day (Lev. 9:1, 4, 24).

In the New Testament, Jesus was raised from the dead on the eighth day to fulfill the law of the wave-sheaf offering (Lev. 23:10, 11). Likewise, Pentecost occurred seven weeks later on the fiftieth day, which was also the eighth day (Lev. 23:15-17). As we showed earlier, Jesus prophesied on the eighth day of Tabernacles (John 7:37-39) about the outpouring of the Spirit. These examples all fulfill the law of the presentation of the firstborn on the eighth day in Exodus 22:29, 30.

The Spirit has made us free from sin.

Romans 8:1-9,14 -There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 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. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

A new beginning implies that there is an old past. The old past is living in the flesh of man. Bible number 6 is man. When you decide to turn from sin, you go to the Bible and open Romans 6 and turn from your (man's) sinful past.

Romans 6:1-2,6-10,22 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

With the promise of everlasting life, decide today to no longer serve sin and walk after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1-2 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Out of you will flow rivers of living water!

John 7:38 - He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

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

Chapter 7: Will of God

This is the will of God. That you believe in Jesus, glorify God, abide by his word, spread his word and enjoy the gift of everlasting life. Knowing the will of God starts with a study of the scriptures! Let no man deceive you.

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

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

Matthew 24:4 - And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

John 14:23 - Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

John 8:31-32,47,51 - 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. He that is of God heareth God's words: ... Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

Matthew 22:14,29,37-39 - For many are called, but few are chosen. Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Jesus is the light of the world. He came to save the lost.

John 9:5 - As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

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

You must choose Jesus Christ to enter into the kingdom of God. You must believe as a child. Humble yourself.

Luke 10:42 - But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Matthew 18:3,11 - And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

Matthew 23:11-12 - But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

James 4:4,6-8,10 - Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 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.

When you believe on Jesus, you believe on his doctrine and you follow him. Worship God on spirit and truth.

Luke 24:7,46-48 - Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it

behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.

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

John 10:27,28,30 - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; ... I and my Father are one.

Luke 6:49 - But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

Matthew 12:36,50 - But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

When you believe on Jesus, you repent of your sins and turn your life to God. Born again as a new creature willing to share the Word of God. Not all will receive you.

Luke 13:3,24 - I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

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.

John 6:29,33,47-48 - Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

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.

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

Mark 7:13,16,20-23 - Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

Luke 12:8 - Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

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 alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Luke 9:5 - 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.

Jesus remembers your work here on earth!

Luke 23:42-43 - 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.

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

Chapter 8: Made Free

Sin will keep you in bondage. The worship of idols will keep you in bondage. How many Sundays are lost from being shared with your family with the worship of the NFL? You will be chained to the things of this world and will not enjoy the blessings that God has waiting for you. When you are finally fed up with the sin and things of this world, your life will change when you put your trust in Jesus Christ. The Holy Ghost will come upon you and free you of the chains of bondage. These soldiers were keeping Paul in bondage.

Acts 12:6-7 - And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

Who or what is keeping you in bondage. Have you had enough? When you are ready, the Holy Ghost will raise you up and the chains of bondage will fall off.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 - Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Jesus wants your love, directly from your heart and not by performing works or acts of laws through man-made religion. You understand from the heart, the doctrine presented from God's Word. The freedom from sin is a gift from God with the end everlasting life. No longer seeking to please the flesh, but

only Jesus Christ. Fearing God and honoring Jesus Christ, the king.

Romans 6:17,18,20,22-23 - But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 8:1-2,5-6,8,10 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 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. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

1 Peter 2:15-17 - For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

How do you get started? Present yourself as a living sacrifice. Stop all unrighteousness. Got a problem that you can't handle? Avenge not yourself. The Lord will repay. The truth will make you free. Jesus speaks the truth.

Romans 12:1-2,19 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 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. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

John 8:32, 36 - And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

When you believe in Jesus, you are not ashamed of his Gospel. His Gospel is the key to release you from your earthly jail cell. Not of the bondwoman, but of the free! Christ is the end of the law for those that believe. His grace will free you.

Galatians 4:31 - So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Romans 9:33 - As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumbling stone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

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 10:9-11,13 - 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. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For

whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:1-4 - Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

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

When you repent of your sins and turn to God, the Holy Ghost will sanctify you and give you power. You will be free born. Born again unto the spirit. A spirit of righteousness. Power to resist the devil and power to glorify the Lord. You will be the light of the world.

Acts 22:28 - And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born.

Romans 15:13,16 - Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 5:14-16 - Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before

**men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your
Father which is in heaven.**

May you light up the world in all that you do.

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

Chapter 9: Responsibility

God's message of salvation in the New Testament for the Jews and Gentiles is clear. You are saved by the grace of God, through faith in him. Jesus shed his blood so that your sins could be forgiven. His one sacrifice offers the forgiveness of your sins, past, present and future. That one act of self-sacrifice took care of your sin debt. Nothing that you can do can take care of your sin debt. Jesus Christ is the only one that can take care of your sin debt.

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

Being free from sin, you become a servant of righteousness with the end everlasting life through Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:18,20,22-23 - Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Being saved from eternal damnation through only faith. God's message is clear. No hidden meaning. No hidden sacrifices or works required by you.

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.

An yet man complicates this free-gift. Man complicates everything he touches. All for the sake of filthy lucre or money. If a man requires more than the offering of a free-gift for everlasting

life, then those actions are frustrating to God. Anything you have to do to offer for sin forgiveness in the eyes of man is a slap in the face to Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for your sins. As for me, I will not slap Jesus in the face. Do not deny him!

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

As a believer in Jesus Christ, you have the responsibility to understand this gift. Please don't complicate it! You are as a child that is learning God's word.

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

As a teacher of God's word, one has the responsibility not to deceive a child of God.

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

God is so serious about this act of irresponsibility in the sharing of his Word. It is an act of unrighteousness where God will remove the false teacher's name from the book of life. This terrifies me. My lessons will not deceive you. You can verify each lesson, by reading God's word.

Revelation 22:19 - And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

These false teachers are not a new thing. The simplicity of salvation through Jesus Christ, is hard on man-made religion. Organized

man-made religion can no longer keep you hostage. You've walked "Out of Darkness." During the time of the apostles, certain men tried to introduce circumcision as a requirement for being saved. Peter set these men straight with God's message of salvation through faith in God.

Acts 15:1,5,7,9-11 - And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses. And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

False brethren also followed the apostles and tried to impose circumcision as a condition of salvation.

Galatians 2:3-4 - But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

Titus 1:10-11 - For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

The only thing that matters is faith. Whether Jew or Gentile, circumcision or uncircumcision.

Romans 3:9,29-30 - What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

Salvation is a choice you make. It is your responsibility. Performing a religious act to satisfy man's laws, does not save you and can only deceive you. When you repent of your sins and accept Jesus Christ, into your heart, your life will change. You will be born again as a child of God, with the desire to live a righteous life for Jesus Christ, always abiding in his word. You cannot buy Jesus Christ and have him placed into your heart. Nor can you put Jesus Christ into your heart via a religious act. You have a responsibility to understand God's word. Please do not sell yourself short. As you read and study God's word, he will give you discernment.

Hebrews 4:12 - 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.

Take pride in knowing that you understand God's gift of salvation, simply and only by his Word. Celebrate today by giving God the glory!

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

Chapter 10: Humble

*A very simple phrase, “**Ye must be born again**” spoken by Jesus and yet so many people do not understand it. Man-made religion around the world, use this phrase as a wake-up call to the lost, but rarely do they explain the meaning. “Born again” is used only three times in the New Testament. Jesus’s ministry started with John and Peter. If Jesus said it and they captured it, then you must understand it!*

John 3:3,5-7 - Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

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

You must be “born again” to enter the kingdom of heaven. Your first birth is of the flesh, born as a child of the water in the placenta. Born again or the second birth is of the Spirit or baptism by the Holy Ghost. You get born again by knowledge in the word of God as presented in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with the cleansing of you heart by repenting of your sins and accepting the Holy Ghost into your “clean” heart.

The Spirit as the Holy Ghost is presented in John. The glorification of Jesus was by his death, burial and resurrection. Your sins are forgiven by the blood of Jesus Christ. He is the propitiation for your sins.

John 7:38-39 - He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

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

1 John 2:2 - And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

The gift of the Holy Ghost is presented in Acts, as told to you by Peter.

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.

From John and Acts, everlasting life is given to you when you believe on Jesus, repent of your sins and turn from your sinful ways walking in darkness. If you continue to sin, then you are a servant of sin and you will not abide in the Lord's house forever.

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.

Luke 13:5 - I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

John 8:34-36 - Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the

servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

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

Humble yourself and abide in the doctrine of Jesus. By doing the will of the Father, you shall never see death.

John 8:51 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

Matthew 7:21-24 - Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Do not continue your sinful life and serve the devil. Jesus says you can't serve two masters. You can't serve God and serve the devil sin. If you are not with Jesus, then you are against him.

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

Paul likens born again to you being a new creature. Your old sinful life is passed away, you are 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.

You have a choice in the New Testament to believe on Jesus or not. He came to save the world, not to condemn it.

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

John 10:26-30 - But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. 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.

So, what is sin in the New Testament: It is clear that if you know Jesus, you keep his commandments. You show your belief in Jesus by not being a servant of sin, but by living a righteous life.

Matthew 22:37-39 - Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Galatians 5:17,19-21 - For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these ; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness,

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

You are living in the flesh daily. If you sin, then confess your sins to Jesus.

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

Born again is summarized by John in the last book of the bible, Revelation. If you abide in the doctrine of Jesus Christ and receive the word of God, hold fast and repent, then your name will not be blotted out of the book of life. You will spend eternity in heaven with Jesus Christ.

Revelation 22:12-14 - Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Revelation 3:5,8 - He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

When you are "Born Again", you are as a child of God. Humble yourself and study God's word.

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

Chapter 11: Believe

Believe is an action verb. When you believe you act! When you believe on the Son of God, you have eternal life. you abide in his word. You've been born again, and living a righteous life. Always willing to share his gospel. When he comes again, you shall not be ashamed. You will greet him with open arms.

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

1 John 5:13 - These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1 John 2:24-29 - Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

When you believe you have great faith. Not afraid to ask for miracles. The nobleman asked. Jesus delivered.

John 4:48-50 - Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

Jesus came into the world, so that they that do not believe, might see. When you believe, you cheer and worship!

John 9:37-39 - And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

The lost live in darkness. To see you must have light. Jesus is the light of the world. When you believe you walk in the light. Jesus speaks for the Father. Jesus speaks of the doctrine of the Father. When you believe you seek his glory.

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.

John 12:44-47 - Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

John 7:16-18 - Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own

glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

Jesus loved Lazarus, Martha and Mary. Lazarus was sick and died, less than 2 miles from where Jesus was. Jesus had to wait 4 days to visit them. The Jews declared a person dead if they did not come alive after 3 days. Jesus wept, because he had to wait and then show them the glory of God.

John 11:35,39-40,43-45 - Jesus wept. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

When you believe, you seek his words. You desire first-hand knowledge. Not leftovers from organized man-made religion. You desire to know the words that Jesus spoke.

Timothy 3:10,14-17 - But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them ; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That

the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

John 15:4-7,10 - Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

You share his doctrine.

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

You desire to live a godly, righteous life. Looking forward to the glorious appearing of your savior, Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:7-13 - In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things ; not answering again; Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. For

the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Living a righteous life involves those you associate with. You have chosen to walk in the light and be a child of God. Your old lost friends may not believe. God tells you that if they do not receive his doctrine, then receive them not. Find new friends. Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

2 John 1:9-10 - Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

Matthew 16:23-25,27 - But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

You see. Believe is an action verb. Believe and take action!

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

Chapter 12: Study

Throughout the Old Testament, the Jews struggled in their worship of God. There was great love, great faith, periods of intense struggles and periods of wickedness. In every one of these events, the power of God shown forth. Enoch served God with such love that God took him in body to heaven. Man was so wicked that God directed Noah, a man of great faith, to build an ark and filled it with two of every creature and his family to save the world from a great flood. The men of Sodom and Gomorrah were so wicked that God rained fire down on these towns to destroy them and the inhabitants. This was the first reference to death of sin by fire in the bible. The last reference of fire in the bible is in Revelation, with death and hell being cast into a lake of fire. God led the Jews out of Egypt and parted the Red Sea, so they could escape the Egyptians. God gave Moses, simply the ten commandments and yet the Jews worshipped false gods. God hates sin.

Genesis 19:24 - Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;

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

In the New Testament, God sent his son, Jesus Christ, as the savior of mankind. He loved man so much that he was no longer going to destroy mankind, but offered man the freedom to choose. If man would choose to believe in Jesus Christ, then they would be saved from eternal damnation.

John 3:16-17 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into

the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

The time for choosing God is now. You are likely set in your earthly desires and enjoying the sins of the flesh. Jesus tells you to repent and turn from your sinful life. You must become as little children, with great faith in God and an open mind, to accept God's guidance.

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

This is where you must have great faith. Up to this point, you are into the things of the world and have no desire serving God as a child of God. This is when you must choose. Do you want to live a righteous life serving God with the promise of everlasting life in heaven or do you want to enjoy the sins of the flesh, serving the devil with the promise of everlasting life in hell? You must accept Jesus as the light of the world. Ask Jesus for your eyes to be opened and to believe on him.

John 9:5-7,32-39 - As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. 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? He answered and said, Who is he,

Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you believe on him, you abide in his word, you follow him and he knows you. When you walk with Jesus, he knows you and no one can pluck you from his hand. You no longer continue in sin.

John 10:25-30 - Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. 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.

As a child of God, walking with Jesus, Jesus will guide you as the light of the world.

John 11:9-10 - Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

You must die to the flesh and become as little children to be born again. Jesus's friend, Lazarus died and Jesus waited four days before he raised him from the dead. He performed the miracle to test the faith of his disciples. He could have healed Lazarus anytime during those four days. He raised him from the dead,

so they could see the glory of God. Like Lazarus, when you are born again, you are raised from the dead.

John 11:14-16, 25-26, 40 - Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Jesus died on the cross to unite the children of God together to serve only him.

John 11:51-52 - And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

As children of God, by faith you are no longer held into the bondage of this world. Not of the flesh or bondwoman, but of the Holy Ghost, free of the sins of this world, as a follower of God, walking in the love and light of the world, Jesus Christ.

Galatians 4:3-7,9,19,30-31 - Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Ephesians 5:1-8,10-11 - Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

God loves the little children. Today, decide to be free of the devil as a child of God and to start your walk with Jesus Christ.

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

Chapter 13: Prayer

Prayer is the simplest of works, in which you communicate directly with God. It is a time when you are alone, talking to God, one on one, letting him know the desires of the heart. God knows what you want before your brain engages and your mouth opens. It is the time when God is looking for you to communicate with him.

As a child, when you communicated with your father, did you talk to him one on one, or did you recite "Mary had a Little Lamb" multiple times to him, so that your dad knew that you wanted a pet! I didn't think so. You see it doesn't work like that with God either. God wants you to talk to him one on one. Not with vain repetitions.

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.

God is like a super cooled, super computer. He spoke the world into existence. If you tell him a request once, then he understands and comprehends your request, immediately. Please don't repeat. God doesn't need your sacrifice or punishment for the forgiveness of sins. God is simple...he wants your heart, righteous living and service to Jesus Christ. When God rewards, he rewards based on your need not your wants. Answered prayers regarding your service for Jesus Christ, typically gets answered before monetary rewards. You see, God wants you to live in the spirit. Pray for knowledge and spiritual understanding. Pray for God's help in these matters and he will be there for you! Giving thanks always.

Colossians 1:6,9-14,23 - Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

God does not want you to pray for filthy lucre. God despises priests or ministers that make long prayers for the purpose of devouring widows houses or begging for filthy lucre. They will receive the greater damnation.

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.

When you have a need that requires of prayer, immediately stop what you are doing and pray! Call up Jesus and yes just pray. Believing always that Jesus is listening and then he legalizes your need. Be instant in prayer.

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

Matthew 21:21-22 - Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Psalm 5:2-3 - Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord ; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Psalm 61:1 - Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

Psalm 4:1 - Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

That is why it is so important to live a righteous life, free from the sins of the flesh. It is only then will you be able to realize a spiritual need.

1 Peter 4:7 - But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Philippians 1:18-19 - What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Singing of praises unto God, works are well as spiritual prayer.

Acts 16:25-28 - And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

James tells you when, for what and how to pray. Remember, not in vain repetitions.

James 5:12-20 - But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Are you finding it difficult for sincere heart felt, prayer to Jesus. God resist the proud and gives grace unto the humble.

James 4:1-8,10 - From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the

world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 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.

1 Thessalonians 5:15-28 - See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. Brethren, pray for us. Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss. I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Revelation 11:17 - Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

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

Chapter 14: Know Him

Jesus wants you to know him. To know him, is to believe on him.

To believe on him is to have security, knowing you can have everlasting life. You can have confidence, that if you believe on him, what you ask in his name, you shall receive.

1 John 5:13-14 - These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

To know him, is to know his word. When you love one another, God dwells in you. His love is perfected in you.

1 John 4:12,13, 15, 16 - 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. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

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.

1 John 3:18-19 - My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

It is not always easy to study God's word and believe in his Word. When you are into the flesh and man-made religion, you are led to believe that by doing the acts as commanded by man will you gain favor and the blessings of Jesus Christ. Man-made religion will blind you and you will not understand the bible. Your soul and spirit will be divided when you start to comprehend the word of God, often in conflict with man-made religion. God's word is the discerner of the heart. God's word is quick and powerful. When you are offended in reading God's word, pray for guidance, peace and understanding. You must understand God's word to obtain the gift of everlasting life.

Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Not following the works of the law, works of the flesh, worship of idols or following the laws of man-made religion will you start to follow and understand God's word. No flesh shall be justified by works. To know him is to come unto his Word, his truth. Do not let man-made religion or idol worship, confuse your heart!

Galatians 2:16 - Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth

Romans 16:17-18 - Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

Jesus was glorified by his death, burial and resurrection. It is by his shed blood that your sins can be forgiven.

John 19:34-35 - But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

To know him is to spread his gospel and see lost souls saved.

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

To know him is to serve him. Do not deny him.

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

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

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

To know him is to know his works and believe that the Father has sent him, the Father is in him and Jesus is in him.

John 7:29 - But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

John 10:38 - But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

To know him is to keep his commandments and to do good. When you doeth righteousness, you are born of God.

1 John 2:3 - And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

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

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

To know him is to know his power. Faith, not in man-made religion, but in the power of God.

Philippians 3:10 - That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 - And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any

thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

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

Chapter 15: Great Faith

You believe in Jesus Christ and the power of God in your life by faith.

When you fight for God and have a pure heart, there is a good chance you will experience God first hand and you will know it.

No one can tell you any different. Paul suffered greatly because he had a firsthand experience with Jesus Christ.

Thomas doubted the coming of the risen Savior. Jesus appeared to him and he went off to be the patron saint of India, spreading the word of God. I knew salvation without repentance was a farse (See Bible Matters: 9/6/21). Paul, Thomas and I believe because we have seen.

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

John 20:24-25,29 - But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

By faith, Moses fled and took the Israelites from Egypt. Passing through the Red Sea took great faith.

Hebrews 11:24-26,29 - By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

**By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land:
which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.**

Enoch had such great faith that he did not die. God took him. God is a rewarder of them that seek him.

Hebrews 11:5-6 - 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. 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.

So, what is faith? Simply ...

Hebrews 11:1,3 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

By faith, you have been given the gift of everlasting life by believing in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His offering sanctified us. This is where most saved people fall short. By God's word, Jesus told us to feed his sheep. To be a servant for Jesus Christ. For many of you, that requires work. It is not so easy to feed his sheep. To be different. To stand out among the lost.

Not only did Jesus die on the cross, he was shamed in front of the Jewish people. Nothing was more humiliating than being beat and hung naked in front of his mother and brethren. Jesus did it for you. He is now sitting at the right hand of the Father. For everlasting life, what can you do for his earthly kingdom?

Hebrews 12:2 - Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the

cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

He wants you to serve him. To communicate for him. To be a doer of his word without fear. Others see your actions and works for the Lord. Now you are moving into great faith territory, for which God is well pleased.

Hebrews 12:28 - Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Hebrews 13:5-7 - Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Hebrews 13:15-16 - By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Yes, God wants you do be a doer of his word and not just a hearer! With great faith, you will be. Jesus wants your faith to be alive! Paul had great faith. He did not fear. When God is for you, who can be against you!

James 1:20-23 - For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. 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:

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

Acts 20:21-22 - Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

It is a dark world out there, but do not fear. Walking through the valley of death you will fear no evil. The valley of death is not from your car door to the church door. It is everyday life among the lost and unbelieving.

Psalms 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.

Faith does not start with wisdom. I knew I could not wait until I knew all there was about Jesus Christ and the bible in order to serve God. I was never going to be able to memorize bible verses like the best of scholars. Smartest people in the world are afraid to tell people about what they know. Faith starts with belief and knowing that all power comes from God. Fear not. Faith starts with the smallest of belief in your heart. The size of a mustard seed.

1 Corinthians 2:5 - That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Luke 17:5-6 - And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

Today, decide you will serve the Lord. Spread his word. Live a righteous life. Who cares when the lost mocks you! Remember they are lost. God is on your side. His grace has made you free. Time to tell God you love him, by your actions.

2 Corinthians 8:7 - Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

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.

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

Chapter 16: Works

By faith, you believe in Jesus Christ and his gifts. It is pleasing to God that you live a righteous life, loving and serving Jesus. A life made perfect by repenting and turning from you sins as instructed by Jesus. You are saved by grace and not works. If you had to do a work for salvation, then it wouldn't be grace. Man-made religion require your works for salvation. Humble yourself before God, daily. Cast your cares upon him.

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

2 Corinthians 9:15 - Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

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

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

Romans 11:6- And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

There can be no salvation without repentance.

Hebrews 12:15-17 - Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; est there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected:

for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

You are instructed to be a doer of God's word. Why? Because you believe. When you believe, you do works. Your faith will show by you works. Your life will show in your works. Faith without works, is dead!

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

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.

James 2:17-19,21-22,24 - Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 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? Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

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

Remember, you are saved by grace and not works. Works reflect the belief you have in Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 1:9 - Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own

purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

2 Peter 3:13,17-18 - Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen

Works grow the kingdom of God on earth, as well as heaven. Pray for the sick. Spread God's word.

James 5:14,20 - Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 2:11-12 - Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

2 Corinthians 11:15 - Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Your works glorify God and not the flesh. When showing love to your neighbor by a work, always share God's word.

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

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.

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

You work because you are a servant of God. Subject to your master with fear.

1 Peter 2:15-18 - For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

Peter 4:10 - As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Always careful to maintain good works

Titus 3:8 - This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Psalm 145:10 - All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord ; and thy saints shall bless thee.

Yes, your works are remembered!

Acts 15:17-18 - That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

2 Timothy 3:17 - That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

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

Chapter 14: Glorify God

Glorify God

Jesus offered you the gift of everlasting life. Your response when offered this free gift will determine your life here on earth and after you pass from this earth. You can respond as follows:

- a) Reject this gift and tell yourself that you are a good person and are going to heaven on your own.*
- b) Accept this gift and live the life you've always lived, never giving God the glory.*
- c) Accept this gift, live a righteous life to the glory of God, giving God's thanks and glory in all you do!*

Let's look at some response examples from the bible:

c)-Jesus told the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, who had five husbands, all she had ever done. Jesus offered her living water and she recognized Jesus as Christ, the Savior of the world. She immediately went into Samaria and told the men about Jesus. They immediately went to Jacob's well to see Jesus. Jesus stayed there two days and they believed on him. Samaritans were ½ Jew and ½ Gentile. They immediately gave Jesus honor and glory! Jesus testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

John 4:26, 28,29,39-44 - Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he

abode there two days. And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee. For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.

*c)-Jesus healed ten lepers. Only one turned and gave glory to God.
b)-The nine that turned from God gave him no glory. They accepted the gift, but went the way of man.*

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.

c)-John and Peter walked by a lame man since birth as they walked into the temple. The lame man looked upon them for a handout. John and Peter had no gold nor silver. Peter lifted him by the right hand and immediately his legs and ankle bones received strength. He went leaping, walking and praising God as he went into the temple.

Acts 3:7-9 - And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

c)-Jesus gave sight to the blind.

Luke 18:38,41-43 - And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And

Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

The Samaritans, leper, lame and blind all celebrated life and not the love of lucre. The chosen will give God the glory. The chosen will dwell in the Spirit and life and not in the flesh. They are free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Matthew 22:14 - For many are called, but few are chosen.

Romans 8:1-2 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Peter was not always in the spirit. At the crucifixion he denied Jesus three times. When Jesus rose from the dead and appeared before the disciples, Peter took a group of disciples fishing. Lost and religious of the world, deny God daily! a) and b) personalities rarely if ever give God the glory. If it wasn't for an occasional church visit, you would not even think they know of God.

Matthew 26:75 - And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

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

When you believe on Jesus as the Samaritans and the lame man, out of your belly shall flow living waters. Jesus made you free and you want to give him the glory. Jesus wants you to follow after him and deny your old self. You shall not be ashamed. Whosoever shall call upon the name of Jesus shall be saved.

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

Romans 10:11-13 - For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

John 3:35-36 - The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. 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.

When you believe you witness to others and take up your cross and follow Jesus, living a righteous life until the end. Ready to give God the glory in all you do!

John 16:31,33 - Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 7:38 - He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Today, are you blind to the word of God? Have you accepted him as your Lord and Savior? Let Jesus open your eyes. Today, decide

to give Jesus the glory he deserves. Stay in his word. Associate with believers!

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

Chapter 18: Build a Boat

Today, are you building your boat? There does not appear to be an end to the violence in this world. Genocide in Africa and China. A US Government that is promoting sin and violence. Russia is threatening nuclear action in their war with Ukraine. Europe is preparing for nuclear war. The question is, "Are you ready for Jesus?" Who are the seven brothers and sisters in Christ that will be on your boat? God commanded Noah to build the Ark. Noah did as God commanded him to do so. Will you?

Genesis 6:13-14,17,22 - And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

It took Noah 100 years to build the Ark. It was built with alloy rivets and multilayer boards sealed with pitch. No instruction manual. Just Noah's love of God. You have God's doctrine to help you build your boat. Will you be ready when the rains come?

Genesis 7:1,5,23-24 - And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah

only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.
And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

*God chose you in the womb. He is asking for you to follow him.
Today is the day, to arise and follow Jesus.*

Matthew 9:9 - And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

Getting started on your boat, requires you to recognize Jesus as God. God created heaven and earth. Jesus died on the cross and rose again, victorious over death. We are justified by faith in God.

Romans 3:22-26 - Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

John 3:3,5-7 - Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

There is joy in heaven when you repent of your sins and turn to God. Your heart feels it. God knows it. He'll send the Holy Ghost to give you direction. Construction on your boat begins.

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

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.

When you call on the name of the Lord, you are offered everlasting life with him in heaven. Saved from death and hell. It is only by believing in the Son of God are you offered everlasting life.

Acts 15:11 - But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

1 John 5:13 - These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Jesus is the light of the world. You need light when boat building. When you believe in him you do not abide in darkness. You build in the light, abiding in God's Word. Boat building doesn't happen in an instant.

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

By building in the light, you live a righteous life for Jesus Christ. Always seeking to do his will by working on your boat, searching his doctrine. Seeking perfection through good works and abiding in him.

Titus 2:2,6-8 - That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Timothy 3:10,14-17 - But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them ; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

John 15:4-7,10 - Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

When you abide in his word, you are able to detect deceivers on this earth. Those that profess to know God, but teach for filthy lucre's sake. A boat with a hole in it is no good.

Titus 1:10-11 - For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

You desire to live a peaceful life. Not given to much wine. Seeking always to serve the Lord.

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

Isaiah 40:31 - But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Start building your boat. Be always willing to read, understand and share his doctrine. Looking for your seven.

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

Chapter 19: Road to Heaven

You study the Bible to make sure you know how to live your life on earth and how to get to heaven. The Bible is God's GPS. Church leaders can only direct you onto the Road to Heaven. They cannot get you to heaven. On judgement day, you will stand in front of Jesus and him alone. No pastor by your side. No one to argue with God and tell him that you read a verse out of Romans that meant you're saved and you deserve heaven. You must know his word to get to heaven. To know his word is to know Jesus. The questions are:

- 1) Do you love Jesus?*
- 2) Do you know his word?*
- 3) Do you love his word?*
- 4) Do you live his word?*
- 5) Do you know how Jesus thinks?*

During his three year ministry Jesus told you the following:

- 1) He is God.*
- 2) He is the only way to heaven.*
- 3) Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength.*
- 4) Love your neighbor as yourself.*
- 5) Repent of your sins and turn your life toward God.*
- 6) Live a righteous life serving God and not filthy lucre.*
- 7) Tell others of his Gospel , so they too can get to heaven.*

"You" must know, love and believe in Jesus as God.

How to live a righteous life is clear per the Bible. Do not live in sin and worship idols. An idol is anything that you love more than God or your neighbor. Don't drive over sin and nails. God

wants you to marry and not be a drunkard and so much more!
Drunkards aren't on the Road to Heaven.

God does not need your sacrifices or money. He is God. He has everything thing he needs. You are made in the image of God. He is not looking for you to love filthy lucre and build brick and mortar mansions to glorify him. He is looking for one thing out of you. Glorify him by living and sharing his Word.

Everyone you see today is not on this Road to Heaven. Show that you love them, care and invite them to hear God's Word. If you get a message from these Bible Matters that pricks your heart or opens your eyes, pass it on. Others need to hear God's Word. They need directions to enter the Road to Heaven.

Do not worship in the mortar for the love of man.

Acts 17:24-25 - God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

Worship in the spirit for the love of God. When the Lord is talking to Paul, he is talking to you!

Acts 18:9-10 - Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

Nineteen times in the New Testament Gospels, Jesus said that one is in need of repentance to enter the kingdom of God. Your heart and engine must be clean on the Road to Heaven. You don't want to stall. An occasional sin or misfire can be cleaned with a good confession to God. Jesus said twice that you must be Born Again. Born Again with Jesus in your heart. Put Jesus in your tank and cruise on the Road to Heaven.

Keep your windshield clean. Water alone won't keep that windshield clean. Jesus never told you to be baptized in water. Baptism by water means nothing in God's eyes. Living a righteous life is required in God's eyes to see on the Road to Heaven.

God chose Paul to drive the semitruck and deliver the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. This was and still is a major highway to be on. God knew what was in Paul's heart. God is looking for you to drive on this highway in the future.

Acts 26:16-18,20 - But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Acts 22:14 - And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

Acts 28:26,28- Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

Refill your tank, study God's word and know what is required to drive on the Road to Heaven. God knows what is in your heart.

*He will direct you on that Road to Heaven. You won't even
have to steer. Just push that pedal to the metal and hold on!
To God be the Glory in all you do, Amen.*

Chapter 20: Transformation

You have two paths available for you to walk in this life.

- 1) *A life being of this world in the flesh living in unrighteousness.*
- 2) *A life being with Christ in the spirit living a Christ-like life in righteousness.*

You are born into the flesh and your life will be in the flesh, until you decide that you want to walk with Christ in the spirit. You must make this decision. NO one can wave a magic wand and declare you as walking in the spirit. Until you make this decision, you will always be of the things of this world. Always enjoying the sins of the flesh. Never showing love for God. When you are of God, your light will shine to the world and not be hidden under a bushel basket.

Mark 4:19 - And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

1 Corinthians 6:8-11 - Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Mark 4:21-22 - And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick? For there is nothing hid, which shall not be

manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

You may be feeling pretty good about your man-made religion right now. You may even be going to church. Doing everything the leaders ask of you. You sing and talk a good talk in church. But when among the lost in Christ, can anyone even tell that you are a believer in Christ? You'll cheat on your taxes. Maybe claim more charitable deductions than you actually give. Maybe even like to get a buzz on from drugs or alcohol. Always ready to pocket that extra change you get back when a cashier miscounts your change. Living and enjoying sex with your partner, telling yourself that one day you'll get married. You condemn abortion or murder. Always preferring work, sports or entertainment before showing love for the Lord or your neighbor. Maybe even use God's name in vain. Although as good as you may feel, this is representative of living in the flesh in a life of unrighteousness. You like to look at the sins of others to judge your own goodness. You'll see the splinter or sin of others but not the beam of unrighteous life that you are living, as Christ sees you.

Luke 6:41 - And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

When you finally decide to go from walking in the flesh to walking in the spirit, Jesus says that there is a transformation. This transformation is likened to being born again. Your first birth is of the flesh. Your second birth of the spirit. Jesus says this transformation must take place when you walk in the spirit. Jesus says twice in the New Testament that you must be born again, to enter the kingdom of God. You are in the flesh, but walking in the spirit. No longer conformed to the thing of this

*world, but living a righteous life in the spirit of Jesus Christ.
Born again at the will of God. Not at the will of any man.*

John 3:5-7 - Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

1 Corinthians 15:49 - And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

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

The transformation starts by believing that Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins, past present and future. You repent of your sins and turn your life to living a righteous life in Jesus Christ. Your heart is transformed from the love of sin to the love of God. You receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. . The gift of the Holy Ghost is presented in Acts, as told to you by Peter.

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.

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.

Thus, when you are born again, you no longer continue your sinful life and serve the devil. The doctrine of Jesus Christ, says you can't serve two masters. You can't serve God and serve the

devil with sin. You are transformed and walking in the newness of life.

1 John 5:17-19 - All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

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

Romans 6:1-2,4,6,14,22 KJV - 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.

You give God the glory in everything you do. Jesus gave you two great commandments in the New Testament. You believe in Jesus and you desire to keep his commandments, in everything you do.

Matthew 10:32-33 - 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.

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

You no longer seek walking in the flesh or darkness, but you seek fellowship with fellow Christian believers. You seek to walk in the light as Jesus is the light.

1 John 1:6-7 - If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

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

Chapter 21: Righteousness

When you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, your love and faith is reflected in your life. You desire a righteous life and no longer a servant of sin. Sin are those things the deprive you of a glorious life with your family, your neighbor and serving Jesus. When enjoying the things of God, you are no longer living in the dark, being self-absorbed in the things of this world. As a child of God, being born again of the Holy Ghost, you search the scriptures to understand what is sin and how to live a righteous life.

1 John 5:17-21 - All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

The lost man cannot wrap his hands around the spiritual things of God. Moses collected the ten commandments from God and the Israelites constructed a golden calf to worship. The modern lost man still cannot wrap his hands around a spiritual God. Sports, drugs, alcohol and the things of this world are consuming gods that deprive you of joy with your family. When God says to keep yourself from idols, it is because idols will consume you! The Son of God came to give you understanding and direction on living in the light! All God asks is that you give him the glory.

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

Jesus's Gospel is clear in the New Testament. Righteousness is established by abiding in God's word, loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself. All other commandments are based on these two.

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

Mark 10:19 - Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

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

A righteous life begins by understanding the Gospel of Jesus Christ and by realizing that you are a sinner. There is no sin worse than any other sin. Man always wants to compare his righteousness against the apparent righteousness of other. A politician promoting abortion is a sin more deadly than you cheating on your taxes...wrong! All unrighteousness is sin. You must become righteous. The politician knows of God. It is their

responsibility to understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ and become righteous.

Luke 6:41 - And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Where do you start? You are not going to live forever, so you must make a choice. A lost man dies and goes to hell. A child of God dies and goes to heaven. You start by realizing that all unrighteousness is sin, repenting of your sins and believing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

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

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

Your walk with Jesus starts by humbling yourself as a little child with an open mind. Your life may have blinded you to Jesus's Gospel. The more humble you are, the faster and smarter you will become. When you are born again as a child of God, you are as a new creature. Giving up addictions, idols and sin of this world for a glorious life. Your faith and hope is in God. Your sins are forgiven by the grace of God and the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 5:6,10-11 - Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you

perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 18:3-4 - And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

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

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

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

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

Romans 15:6 - That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:11-13 - For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Obtaining righteousness by studying God's Word is like the blind man. Clarity will come with time. Deny yourself and you shall save your life!

Mark 8:22-25 - And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

Mark 8:34-35 - And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

When you know what good is, it is a sin not to do good.

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

Today, start you walk with Jesus and share his Word. Loving your neighbor begins by realizing that they are most likely lost and are on their way to hell.

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

Chapter 22: God and Son

Jesus is the Son of God manifest in the flesh. God the Father is the Spirit, that no one has ever seen. Jesus is of the Spirit. Jesus used the power of God, after being baptized with the Holy Ghost. When you see Jesus, you see the Father. Jesus dwelled on this earth as the Son of 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.

John 7:29 - But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

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

John 10:29-30 - 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 10:38 - But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

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.

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

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

God's word created the heaven and earth. Jesus tells you to abide in God's Word. The Word was with God!

John 1:1,14 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

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.

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.

The New Testament, tells us that Jesus is the Son of God. The apostle John tells us that the Word was with God from the beginning and the Word was God. Jesus was born in the flesh. 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 us that Jesus will be referred to as the Son of God. Mary was conceived of God by the Holy Ghost. Mary is the mother of Jesus. She is also the mother of James, Joses, Simon, Judas and at least two sisters.

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

Jesus performed miracles after he was given the power of the Holy Ghost.

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?

The disciples recognized Jesus as the Son of God and the light of the world.

Matthew 16:15-16 - He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

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

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

Mark 15:39 - And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

Luke 8:28 - When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

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

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

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

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

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

Pray to God, to get knowledge and meaning from his words.

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

Chapter 23: Filthy Lucre

When Jesus sent the disciples on their way to spread his kingdom, he told them to take no money in their purse. Jesus told you not to put your trust in the things of this earth. Jesus knew that filthy lucre or money corrupts.

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

In this next parable, Jesus knew where the young man's heart was. If his heart was of God, then he would have no problem with giving his possessions away. If his heart was of the things of the world, then he would want to hang onto his possessions. Is having possessions bad in the sight of the Lord? No. Jesus doesn't want you to worship them. Love God first and your neighbor second.

Matthew 19:20-24 - The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

If your heart is of the things of this world, then that is where your heart will be. If your whole purpose in life is to collect money and lay up riches for yourself, then you will likely show little love to God and love of your neighbor.

Luke 12:16-21 - And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

The Jews and Gentiles are not the only ones corrupted by filthy lucre. Jesus Christ gave Peter many instructions on serving him during his ministry. Peter understood his instructions. He was to feed to flock of God, willing and not for filthy lucre.

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;

Paul was a Pharisee, that Jesus chose to spread his word. During Paul's ministry, the Gospel of Jesus Christ and salvation by grace was challenged constantly by religious leaders that wanted to introduce religious works to be required for salvation. In Titus, Paul referred religious leaders that want to deceive the children of God as "they of the circumcision." These religious leaders and talkers are those whose mouth

must be stopped. These leaders have made religion their livelihood.

1 Timothy 3:1-3,8-9 - This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

Titus 1:10-11,14-16 - For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Zacchaeus was a rich man that sought Jesus. Zacchaeus repents of his sins and gave his heart to Jesus. He loved his neighbor as himself. He gave half of what he owned to the poor. Zacchaeus sacrificed so that he could just see Jesus. Jesus knew what filled the heart of Zacchaeus. He was lost and Jesus saved him.

Luke 19:1-10 - And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he

sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Jesus will give you the spiritual riches you need according to the riches of his grace, when you put your trust in him. When your heart changes to the Lord, your life will change in ways you can't imagine.

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

Revelation 5:12 - Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

When you seek the things of God, your glory will be in him. Why? Because he loves you! The Father knows you have needs on this earth. Seek him first and your needs will be satisfied.

Psalms 16:8-10 - I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in

hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Luke 12:28-31 - If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Never plan to seek Jesus Christ and his gospel at some point in the future. Do not let the devil fool you into believing that you'll have plenty of time in the future to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior. You can never plan on passing by a certain year. COVID has taken many a lost souls to hell. You never know when you will be called for judgement. God has given you countless times to repent of your sins and live a righteous life for him. Jesus tells you to be ready!

Luke 12:40- Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Let today be your day, when you put your trust in Jesus!

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

Chapter 24: Alpha and Omega

When you desire to step out of darkness, you must recognize that God is the Alpha and Omega.

Revelation 1:10-11 - I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Jesus is the Son of God manifest in the flesh. With victory over death, Jesus spoke the word of God. Jesus is the true Light.

John 1:1,4, 5, 9-14 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Jesus was given the power of the Holy Ghost. A power witnessed by the followers of Jesus during his ministry.

Luke 4:35-36 - And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not. And they

were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

The Samaritans refused to receive Jesus in their village. Jesus knew their thoughts. Jesus was not going to send fire down on them. He came to save men's lives and not destroy them. This experience is no different than the proud and lost of this world that refuse to receive God's doctrine!

Luke 9:55-56 - But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

The Samaritan woman was offered living water from Jesus. Jesus knew she had five husbands. She believed on Jesus and immediately witnessed to the village of Sychar. Many Samaritans believed on Jesus.

John 4:9-10,14,16-18,39,41, 42- Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. And many of the Samaritans of that

city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. And many more believed because of his own word; And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Belief is by faith in God's doctrine and Jesus Christ. Even with Jesus walking amongst his followers, he recognized that many would not believe unless they saw the miracles he performed.

John 4:48 - Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

The Samaritan woman believed without the witness of a miracle. Will you be like the Samaritan woman or the followers of Jesus. In Revelation, John fell at the feet of Jesus. Jesus holds the keys of hell and death.

Revelation 1:17-18 - And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

When you believe in Jesus, he shall be your light.

Revelation 22:5 - And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Repent and obey God's doctrine. Be free of the sins of the flesh.

Revelation 22:7 - Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

When you overcome the sins of this earth and abide in God's doctrine, you shall be a child of God.

Revelation 21:6-8 - And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Jesus sits on the right hand of God. His servants, serve him. His servants abide in his doctrine.

Revelation 22:3 - And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Revelation 22:12-16 - And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Jesus is very serious about you following God's doctrine and doing the will of his Father. He taught with authority. Follow the doctrine Jesus taught.

Matthew 7:21,23,26,28-29 - Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

*You will stand before God on judgement day. He is the Omega. He is the end. His doctrine is clear. Abide in his word! Today decide that you will not be ashamed. You will not deny. You will not reject his Son, Jesus. You will confess God before all you see. Be like the Samaritan woman. Looking forward to that glorious day, when you stand before God and you hear these words, **“Well done my good and faithful servant.”***

John 12:48 - He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

*Thanks be to God for his love, power and glory. Starting today, give God the glory. Study his word. Serve him with love. He will guide you through this life, with his power. Time for you to step **“Out of Darkness.”** Be a chosen one as a child of God.*

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

“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.”

- John 12:46