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INTRODUCTION

The author of this work has served the Lord for a number of years in the country of Malawi and more recently in Rhodesia. Back in 1970 while on a study and preaching trip through Africa, I visited in the Gilliam home in Blantyre, Malawi. Although I missed seeing Bro. Gilliam, since he was out of the country conducting some meetings, I still remember the rest of the family and how nice they were to me at that time.

Having printed numerous books in India, and now in Singapore, and having shared them with workers of other countries, some of our materials were eventually sent to the Gilliams in Umtali, Rhodesia. As a result of this, Bro. Gilliam wrote to thank me for the books that had been sent and to request more. I thank God for such a dedicated family and for the opportunity I have had to work with them in Africa through literature.

While I was visiting in Africa I heard that Bro. Gilliam was in the process of completing this work. He felt that a book of this type would be of great assistance to the Lord's cause among those with whom he was working. It was therefore printed in English and also in some of the local African languages. Having been sent a copy, I immediately concluded that we likewise needed to print this book here in India. This is the proof of that.

You will find that although this work is brief in comparison to a more complete concordance, still it is more than a concordance. This is a book that is filled with the major subjects and topics of the Bible with an abundance of points and scripture references to help the reader under-

stand what the Bible teaches on these matters. Being compiled by a Christian, then you can have confidence in it. It is arranged in alphabetical order and where you can quickly find the information that you need. You are encouraged to become familiar with it and use it along with the Bible to teach God's will.

We are happy to commend this work to you, believing that it will be a major contribution to the Lord's cause in Singapore and Malaysia.

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ACCESS TO GOD

I. *Sinners Are Unable To Reach The Holy God in Their Sins:*

1. Their sins separate them from God—Isa. 59:1-2.
2. They are strangers and enemies because of sins—Col. 1:21.
3. They are dead in their sins and without God—Eph. 2:1, 12.

II. *Sinners Find Access To God Through Jesus Christ:*

1. Jesus is the One Mediator between God and man—1 Tim. 2:5.
2. He is the only Way to come to God—John 14:6; Acts 4:12.
3. Christ brings us to God through his sufferings—1 Peter 3:18; Heb. 10:19, 20.
4. We are brought near to God through his blood—Eph. 2:13.
5. Jews and Gentiles have access through the Holy Spirit—Eph. 2:18.
6. We have our access by faith—Rom. 5:2.
7. We have strong, confident access through faith in Christ—Eph. 3:12.

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III. *Christians Should Draw Near To God In Their Prayers Through Christ:*

1. We ask the Father in the name of Christ—John 16:23, 24.
2. If we sin, Christ our Advocate intercedes with the Father for us—1 John 2:1.
3. Christ helps those who are tempted—Heb. 2:17-18.

4. We draw near to God with confidence because of our Great High Priest—Heb. 10:21-23; 4:14-16.

ADULTERY – FORNICATION

I. *Christians Must Not Commit Adultery.*

1. To avoid fornication let every man have his own wife—1 Cor. 7:2.
2. Whosoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, causes her to commit adultery—Matt. 19:9; 5:32.
3. For out of the heart proceedeth adulteries and fornications—Matt. 15:19; Mark 7:21-22.
4. The body is not for fornication—1 Cor. 6:13.
5. Do not have fellowship with fornicators—1 Cor. 5:9-11.
6. Fornicators must be disfellowshipped by the church—1 Cor. 5:1-13.
7. Abstain from fornication—1 Thess. 4:3.
8. Flee fornication—1 Cor 6:18.
9. Mortify (put to death) fornication—Col. 3:5.
10. Neither let us commit fornication—1 Cor. 10:8.
11. Some do not repent of their fornication—II Cor. 12:21; Rev. 9:21.

II. *The Punishment Of Fornicators.*

1. God will judge fornicators and adulterers—Heb. 13:4.
2. Fornicators and adulterers will not inherit the Kingdom of God—1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21.
3. They will not enter the Holy City—Rev. 22:15.
4. They shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone—Rev. 21:8.

ANGELS

I. *Nature And History Of Angels:*

1. They were created by God—Nehemiah 9:6; Colossians 1:16.
2. They are innumerable—Heb. 12:22.
3. They continually worship God—Psalms 103:20; Rev. 5:11–13; 7:11–12.
4. They continually worship Christ—Heb. 1:6; Rev. 5:11–13.
5. They obey Christ—Eph. 1:21; Col. 1:16; 2:10; 1 Peter 3:22.
6. They are ministering spirits—Heb. 1:14; Acts 27:23.
7. They always take care of God's people—Psalms 34:7; 91:11–12; Daniel 6:22; Matt. 18:10.
8. Some people entertained angels unawares—Heb. 13:2.
9. Sometimes they appeared as men—Gen. 18:2, 16.
10. They do not marry—Matt. 22:30; Mk. 12:25.
11. They desire to know the eternal purpose of God in the gospel—1 Peter 1:10–12.
12. Some were disobedient and are kept in everlasting bondage—II Peter 2:4; Jude 6.
13. Everlasting fire has been prepared for angels of Satan—Matt. 25:41.

II. *The Work of Angels In The Old Testament:*

1. They informed Abraham and Sarah of the birth of Isaac—Genesis 18.
2. They destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—Gen. 19:1–13.
3. They delivered Lot and his daughters—Gen. 19:15–16.
4. They were seen in Jacob's dream—Gen. 28:10–11.
5. They gave the law to Moses on Sinai—Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19.

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6. They led Israel to the land of promise—Exodus 23:23.
 7. One tried to prevent Balaam from doing evil—Numbers 22:22-35.
 8. They delivered Jerusalem from Assyria's attack (siege)—II Kings 19:35.
 9. They delivered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fiery furnace—Daniel 3:13-28.
 10. They shut the lions' mouths and saved Daniel—Daniel 6:16-22.

III. *Jesus Christ And The Service Of Angels:*

1. An angel notified Zacharias of the birth of John the Baptist—Luke 1:11-12.
2. One appeared to Mary and told her she would bear Jesus—Luke 1:26-38.
3. One appeared to Joseph concerning Jesus—Matt. 1:20.
4. They preached (proclaimed) to the shepherds concerning the birth of Jesus—Luke 2:8-13.
5. They strengthened Jesus when He was tempted—Matt. 4:11; 22-43.
6. They guarded the tomb of Jesus and first proclaimed his resurrection from the dead—Matt. 28:2-7.
7. They proclaimed Jesus' coming again—Acts 1:9-11.
8. They shall return with Jesus in flaming fire—II Thess. 1:7-11; Matthew 16:27; Mark 8:38.
9. They shall assist him when he separates between the good and evil—Matt. 13:41-42.
10. Jesus is far superior to angels—Hebrews 1:4-14.

IV. *The Teaching Of Jesus Concerning Angels:*

1. Angels are in heaven—Matt. 22:30.
2. God's people have their angels—Matt. 18:10.
3. They rejoice when one sinner repents—Luke 15:10.

4. They shall hear the confession and denial of men—Lk. 12:8.
5. They take the righteous to Paradise—Luke 16:22.
6. They shall assist God on the day of judgement—Matt. 13:41; 25:31.
7. The reapers on the last day are angels—Matt. 13:39.
8. They shall separate between the evil and good—Matt. 13:41, 49.
9. They know not the time of the Lord's coming again—Matt. 24:36.
10. Satan has his angels—Matt. 25:41.

V. *The Church And The Service Of Angels:*

1. Angels set free the apostles from prison—Acts 5:19; 12:7.
2. They struck down Herod, an adversary of the church—Acts 12:23.
3. They stood by Paul and strengthened him—Acts 27:23-24.
4. They minister unto those who receive salvation—Hebrews 1:14; Matt. 18:10.
5. Christians shall judge angels—I Cor. 6:3.
6. They rejoice when a single sinner repents—Luke 15:7-10.
7. Jesus did not come to redeem angels, but men—Heb. 2:16.
8. Christians must not worship angels—Colossians 2:18; Revelation 19:10; 22:9.

ANGER – WRATH

I. *People Of Wrath Work Unrighteousness:*

1. A wrathful man stirreth up strife—Prov. 15:18; 29:22.

2. He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly—Prov. 14:17.
3. The wrath of a king is as messengers of death—Prov. 16:14.
4. Anger resteth in the bosom of fools—Eccl. 7:9.
5. Anger is a work of the flesh—Gal. 5:19-20.
6. The wrath of man does not work the righteousness of God—James 1:20.

II. *People Of God Should Avoid Anger:*

1. Be ye angry and sin not—Eph. 4:26.
2. Let not the sun go down upon your wrath—Eph. 4:26.
3. Wrath of a Christian to be put away—Eph. 4:31.
4. Put away anger from your heart—Col. 3:8.
5. Separate yourself from wrath—Rom. 12:19.
6. They must be slow to anger—James 1:19.
7. They must pray without wrath—I Tim. 2:8.
8. Elders must be slow to anger—Titus 1:7.
9. The one who is angry with his brother without a cause is a sinner—Matt. 5:22.
10. Fathers provoke not your children to wrath—Eph. 6:4.

III. *One Slow To Anger Truly Excels:*

1. A soft answer turneth away wrath—Prov. 15:1.
2. He that is slow to anger appeaseth strife—Prov. 15:18.
3. The discretion of a man deferreth his anger—Prov. 19:11.
4. He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding—Prov. 14:29.
5. He that is slow to wrath is better than the mighty—Prov. 16:32.
6. He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh

a city—Prov. 16:32.

IV. *Examples Of Anger:*

1. Cain—Gen. 4:5.
2. Balaam—Num. 22:27.
3. Saul—I Sam. 20:30.
4. Naaman—II Kings 5:11-12.
5. Jonah—Jonah 4:1-4.
6. Herod—Matt. 2:16.

V. *Sometimes Anger Is Justified:*

1. Moses was angry because of the deceitfulness of Pharaoh Exod. 11:8.
2. Moses was angry because of the idol worship of Israel—Exod. 32:19.
3. Nehemiah was angry because of the mistreatment of the poor—Neh. 5:1-6.
4. Jesus was angry because of the hard hearts of the Pharisees—Mk. 3:5.

TO BE ASHAMED

1. I am not ashamed of the Gospel—Rom. 1:16.
2. Be not ashamed of the testimony of the Lord—II Tim. 1:8.
3. I am not ashamed because I know him—II Tim. 1:12.
4. The Christian is not ashamed when he suffers—1 Pet. 4:16.
5. There is nothing of which I shall be ashamed — Phil. 1:20.
6. Whoever is ashamed of Christ, Jesus will also be ashamed of him—Matt. 10:33; Mark 8:33; Luke 9:26.

AUTHORITY OR POWER

I. *The Authority of God.*

God is the Creator and the owner of everything that exists. He has power or authority over men, angels, and all creation—Gen. 1:1; Psalm 135:5-6; Daniel 4:34-35; Psalm 24:1. Acts 14:15-17; 17:24; 28; I Peter 4:19; Rev. 4:8-11; Rev. 1:8.

II. *The Authority of Jesus Christ.*

1. He taught as one having authority or power—Matt. 7:24-29; 11:27; John 6:46; 6:68.
2. The authority or power of Christ comes from God the Father—John 5:19, 7:16, 8:28, 12:49; Matt. 17:5.
3. God speaks through Christ, who has all authority—Heb. 1:1-2; Matt. 28:18; Acts 2:36; 4:12; 10:36; Phil. 2:9-11; Eph. 1:20-23; I Peter 3:22; Rev. 17:14; 19:16.

III. *The Authority Of The Apostles.*

1. Jesus gave them power through the Holy Spirit—John 14:26; 15:26; 16:12-14; Acts 1:8.
2. The Apostles' words are God's words—Gal. 1:8-12; I Cor. 14:37; I Thess. 2:13.
3. Those who reject the Apostles reject Christ and God—Matt. 10:40; Luke 10:16; I Thess. 4:8; Gal 1:8-9.

IV. *Some Other Instances Of Authority.*

1. In families.

- (1) A husband has authority over his wife—I Cor. 11:3; I Tim. 2:12; Eph. 5:22; I Peter (3:1-6)

- (2) Parents have authority over their children—I Tim. 3:4,12; Eph. 6:1-3.
2. Civil authorities.
- (1) They are ordained of God—Romans 13:1-6
John 19:11.
- (2) Christians should be subjected to those in authority—Romans 13:1; I Peter 2:13-17; Matt. 17-21. *x dale*
- (3) But they should obey God rather than men—Acts 4:19; 5:29.
3. The authority of Satan.
He has power over those who practice wickedness, but that power is destroyed by Christ—Luke 22:53; Col. 1:13; Heb. 2:14-15; I John 3:8; Acts 26:18; Romans 16:20; I Peter 2:9; I Cor. 10:13.

BACKSLIDING – TURNING AWAY FROM GOD

- I. *God's People May Backslide And Become Separated From God.*
1. My people are bent on backsliding—Hosea 11:7.
 2. Some have fallen from grace—Gal. 5:4.
 3. They must take heed lest they fall—I Cor. 10:12.
- II. *They Are Warned That They Must Abide In Christ And Not Cast Away Their Faith.*
1. They must abide in Christ—John 15:1-6.
 2. Take heed lest any of you have an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God—Heb. 3:12-14.
 3. That which they have heard must abide in them—I John 2:24.
- III. *Those who Turn Away From God Shall Be Punished Severely.*

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1. Their punishment shall be greater than they who never knew the way of righteousness—II Peter 2:20-22.
2. They crucify to themselves again the Son of God—Heb. 6:4-6.
3. They shall receive punishment greater than death without mercy—Heb. 10:26-31.
4. They shall be beaten with many stripes—Luke 12:47-48.

IV. *Our Responsibility Towards Backsliders:*

1. To warn them—Ezekiel 3:17-21; II Tim. 4:2.
2. To pray for them—Luke 22:32; John 17:11,15.
3. To strengthen them—I Thess. 5:14.
4. To exhort them—Heb. 3:12-13.
5. To restore them—Gal. 6:1; James 5:19-20.
6. To withdraw from those who fail to repent—II Thess. 3:6; I Cor. 5:9-13.
7. To continue admonishing them as brothers—II Thess. 3:14-15.

BAPTISM

I. *Who Should Be Baptized?*

1. Those who have been taught—Matt. 28:19.
2. Those who believe—Mk. 16:15-16.
3. Those who are convicted of sin—Acts 2:37.
4. Those who repent—Acts 2:38.
5. Those who received his word were baptized—Acts 2:41.
6. “When they believed—they were baptized”—Acts 8:12.
7. They heard, believed, and were baptized—Acts 18:18.

II. *How Were People Baptized In The New Testament?*

1. "Much water" is required—John 3:23.
2. Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan—Mk. 1:9.
3. Jesus, when he was baptized, came up out of the water—Mk. 1:10.
4. They both went down into the water—Acts 8:38.
5. They came up out of the water—Acts 8:39.
6. They were buried with Christ through baptism—Rom. 6:4.
7. Buried in baptism and raised up—Col. 2:12.

Note: The word "to be baptized" (baptism) comes from the Greek and means to *cover or to hide, or to immerse*. It does not mean to *sprinkle or to pour*.

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III. *Why Must People Be Baptized?*

1. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Mk. 16:16; I Peter 3:21.
2. Unto the forgiveness of sins—Acts 2:38.
3. Be baptized and wash away your sins—Acts 22:16.
4. In order to walk in a new life—Rom. 6:4.
5. To be born anew of water and the Spirit—John 3:3-5.
6. The washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit—Tit. 3:5.
7. In order to come into Christ—Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27.
8. In order to put on Christ as a garment—Gal. 3:27.
9. In order to obey God—Matt. 28:19; Acts 10:48.

IV. *After People Are Baptized, What Must They Do?*

1. They must continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship—Acts 2:42.

2. They must not forsake their assembling together—Heb. 10:25.
3. They must grow in grace and knowledge—I Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18.
4. They must put off the old man of sin—Col. 3:5-9.; Eph. 4:22.
5. They put on the new man—Col. 3:10-14; Rom. 13:14; Eph. 4:24.
6. Their manner of life must befit the Gospel—Phil. 1:27.
7. They must keep themselves unspotted from the world—James 1:27.
8. They must be ready unto every good work—Titus 3:1; 3:8, 14.
9. They must take heed lest they fall—I Cor. 10:12.
10. They must adorn the doctrine of God with a good manner of life—Tit. 2:10; I Peter 3:34.

BLOOD

I. *Shedding Of Blood Means Death At The Hands Of Others:*

1. Cain shed the blood of his brother—Gen. 4:8-10.
2. Whoever shed blood was also killed—Gen. 9:6,
3. The wicked are swift to shed blood—Isa. 59:7; Rom. 3:15.
4. God hates the hands which kill innocent people—Prov. 6:16-17.
5. God will not hear the prayer of one who sheds blood—Isa. 1:15.
6. Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood—Habakkuk 2:12.
7. David was prevented from building the temple because he shed much blood—I Chron. 22:8; 28:3.
8. Judas betrayed innocent blood—Matt. 27:4.

9. God will bring punishment to compensate for the blood of his servants—Rev. 19:2.

II. *The Blood Of Animals Was Offered As Sacrifices:*

1. The sacrificial blood was sprinkled on Aaron and his garments—Exodus 29:21.
2. The blood of animals made atonement for souls—Lev. 17:11.
3. The blood of animals was the blood of the Old Covenant—Heb. 9:19-20.
4. The high priest entered the Most Holy place year after year with blood—Heb. 9:7.
5. The blood of bulls and goats did not remove sins—Heb. 10:4.
6. The blood of animals typified the blood of Christ. It confirmed that “without the shedding of blood there is no remission”—Heb. 9:22.

III. *The Blood Of Christ:*

1. He made peace through the blood of his cross—Col. 1:20.
2. God brings people into fellowship with Him through Christ’s blood—Eph. 2:13.
3. He purchased the church with his blood—Acts 20:28.
4. We are set free from sins by his blood—Rev. 1:5.
5. We are justified by his blood—Rom. 5:9.
6. We are redeemed by his blood—Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14.
7. We wash our clothes white in the blood of the Lamb—Rev. 7:14.
8. We have faith in his blood—Rom. 3:25.
9. The great price of our purchase is his blood—I Cor. 6:19-20; I Peter 1:18-19.
10. Jesus purchased people for God with his blood—Rev. 5:9.

11. We have eternal redemption by his blood—Heb. 9:12.
12. We enter into the Most Holy Place by his blood—Heb. 10:19.
13. The blood of the eternal covenant—Heb. 13:20.
14. The blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin—I John 1:7.
15. We overcome Satan through the blood of the Lamb—Rev. 12:11.
16. The one who sins deliberately counts the blood of Christ as of no account—Heb. 10:29.

THE BODY

I. *The Body May Become An Instrument Of Unrighteousness:*

1. The body of sin—Rom. 6:6.
2. The body of death—Rom. 6:12.
3. The body which is dead because of sin—Rom. 8:10.
4. The ungodly dishonour their bodies among themselves—Rom. 1:24.
5. The immoral person sins against his own body—I Cor. 6:18.
6. The works of the flesh separate man from God—Gal. 5:19-21.
7. The works of the flesh must be put to death—Rom. 8:12-13; Gal. 5:24.
5. The immoral person sins against his own body—I Cor. 6:18.
6. The works of the flesh separate man from God—Gal. 5:19-21.
7. The works of the flesh must be put to death—Cor. 9:27.
8. The body must be brought into subjection—I Cor. 9:27.
9. The body may be cast into Gehenna—Matt. 5:29.

II. *But The Body Also May Be An Instrument Of Righteousness:*

1. The body is not for fornication, but for the Lord—I Cor. 6:13.
2. The Christian glorifies God in his body—I Cor. 6:20.
3. Christ is magnified in the body of his people—Phil. 1:21.
4. The body presented as a living sacrifice—Rom. 12:1.
5. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit—I Cor. 6:19.
6. The body shall be redeemed—Rom. 8:23.
7. The body of the Christian shall be changed—Phil. 3:20-21; I John 3:2.
8. The Christian must not be anxious about the needs of the body—Lk. 12:22.
9. The Christian adorns the heart more than the body—I Peter 3:3-4.

III. *Jesus And His Body:*

1. Christ chose a human body and was like man in all things—John 1:14; Heb. 2:14-18; 4:15.
2. He knew hunger, thirst, and pain—Lk. 4:2; John 19:28; I Peter 2:21; 3:18; 4:1.
3. He freely gave his body to purify humanity—Heb. 10:10.
4. He bore our sins in his body— I Peter 2:24.
5. His body was buried—Matt. 27:58-60; Mk. 15:46.
6. His body was raised from the dead—Acts 2:31-32; Luke 24:39.
7. In the Lord's Supper the bread symbolizes his body— Mk. 14:22; Lk. 22:19; I Cor. 11:24; 10:16.
8. Whoever eats the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner is guilty of profaning his body— I Cor. 11:27.

IV. *The Church Of The Lord Is The Body Of Christ:*

1. The church is compared to a body—Rom. 12:4-5; I Cor. 12:12.
2. The church is the body of Christ—Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18.
3. We were called in one body—Col. 3:15.
4. We were baptized that we might enter one body— I Cor. 12:13; Rom. 6:3-4.
5. Christ is the Saviour of the body—Eph. 5:23; Acts 20:28.
6. Sinners have fellowship with God in the body of Christ—Eph. 2:16.

BOOK OF LIFE

1. Names written in heaven—Lk. 10:20.
2. Their names are in the book of life—Phil. 4:3.
3. Those who are written in the Lamb's ~~Book~~ are those who enter heaven—Rev. 21:27.
4. Those who are not written therein shall be cast into the lake of fire—Rev. 20:12, 15.

CALLING

I. *How Does God Call?*

1. According to his purpose—Rom. 8:28.
2. According to his grace—II Tim. 1:9.
3. Through Christ the Power of God—I Cor. 1:24.
4. Through the Gospel— II Thess. 2:14.
5. The Spirit and the ~~Bride~~ say, "Come!"—Rev. 22:17.

II. *What Is The Nature Of Our Calling?*

1. Not according to man's wisdom—I Cor. 1:26.
2. The heavenly calling of God—Phil. 3:14.

3. The holy calling—II Tim. 1:9.
4. In peace—I Cor. 7:15.
5. Some refuse their calling—Matt. 22:3-6.
6. Many are called; but few are chosen—Matt. 22:14.
7. We must make our calling sure—II Peter 1:10.

III. *To What Are We Called?*

1. To enter into the light—I Peter 2:9.
2. In order to belong to Jesus Christ—Rom. 1:6.
3. To the fellowship of Christ—I Cor. 1:9.
4. To holiness—I Thess. 4:7.
5. To freedom—Gal. 5:13.
6. To his glory and virtue—II Peter 1:3.
7. To eternal life—I Tim. 6:12.
8. To one hope—Eph. 4:4.
9. To the marriage feast—Rev. 19:9.
10. To a worthy manner of life—Eph. 4:1.
11. To suffer hardship—I Peter 2:21.
12. To follow Christ's example—I Peter 2:21.

CHILDREN

I. *The Bible Says Of Children That:*

1. They are a gift which comes from God—Genesis 33:5.
2. They are a heritage from God—Psalm 127:3.
3. Children's children are crown of old men—Prov 17:6.
4. They are known by their doings—Prov. 20:11.

II. *Responsibility Of Parents to Their Children:*

1. Teach them diligently the Word of God time and again—Deut. 6:6, 7.
2. Teach them to fear God—Deut. 31:12-13.

3. Teach them the Scriptures from their infancy—II Tim. 3:15.
4. Train in the way they should go so that they go not astray later—Proverbs 22:6.
5. They must punish them when they are disobedient—Prov. 13:24; 22:15; 23:13, 14; 29:15, 17; Hebrews 12:5-9.
6. They must not provoke or discourage their children—Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21.
7. They must set a good example before them—II Tim. 1:5.

III. *The Responsibility Of Children:*

1. To remember their Creator—Ecclesiastes 12:1.
2. To fear Jehovah—Proverbs 24:21.
3. To obey God—Deut. 30:2.
4. To hear the instruction of their parents—Prov. 1:8,9.
5. To respect those who bore them—Eph. 6:2; Heb. 12:9.
6. To keep their commandments—Prov. 6:20; Eph. 6:1; 3:20.
7. To care for those who bore them—I Tim. 5:4.
8. Not to follow the evil example of their parents—Ezekiel 20:18.

IV. *Wicked Children:*

1. They despise their father and mother—Prov. 15:5, 20.
2. They curse their father—Prov. 30:11.
3. They make them ashamed—Prov. 19:26.
4. They are the calamity of their parents—Prov. 19:13.
5. They cause them to sorrow—Prov. 17:25.
6. They despise their elders—Job 19:18.

V. *In some Ways Children Are Examples To Adults:*

1. Mature people must receive the kingdom of God like a small child—Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17.
2. The kingdom of God is of such—Matt. 19:13; Mark 10:14.
3. Those who do not repent and become like little children shall not enter the kingdom at all—Matt. 18:3.
4. They must humble themselves as little children—Matt. 18:4.
5. In malice (evil intent) be children—I Cor. 14:20.

VI. *Christians Are Children Of God:*

1. They were born again of water and Spirit—John 3:3, 5.
2. Those who receive Christ are children of God—John 1:12.
3. They are children of God through faith—Gal. 3:26, 27.
4. Those who do righteousness are children of God—I John 3:10.
5. Those who are led by the Spirit are children of God—Rom. 8:14.
6. The Spirit bears witness with their spirits that they are children of God—Rom. 8:16.
7. They are called children of God, and such they are—I John 3:1.
8. They are children of light—John 12:36; Eph. 5:8; I Thess 5:5.
9. They are beloved children—Eph. 5:1.
10. They are obedient children—I Peter 1:14.
11. They are children of the resurrection—Luke 20:36.
12. But some become “disobedient children”—Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6.
13. Those who are such shall become “children of cursing”—II Peter 2:14.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

I. *All Christians Must Grow In Spiritual Power:*

1. They must put away every evil attitude—I Peter 2:1.
2. They must long for the necessary milk that they may grow thereby unto salvation—I Peter 2:2.
3. They must grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord—II Peter 3:18.
4. The eyes of their understanding must be enlightened—Eph. 1:18.
5. They must be followers of God—Eph. 5:1.
6. They must add Christian attributes to their faith—II Peter 1:5-11.
7. They must be renewed in the spirit of their minds—Eph. 4:23.
8. They must be transformed by the renewing of their minds—Rom. 12:2.
9. They must be transformed into the image of the Lord—II Cor. 3:18.

II. *To Grow In Spiritual Power:*

1. We must remember the greatness of our salvation—I Tim. 1:12-16; II Peter 1:9; I Peter 1:18-19.
2. We must be constant in prayer:
 - (1) The example of Daniel—Dan. 2:17-18; 6:10; 9:3-19.
 - (2) The example of Jesus—Mk. 1:35; Luke 3:21; 6:12; 22:41-46; John 11:41-42; Heb. 5:7.
 - (3) The example of the original church—Acts 2:42; 3:1; 4:24-31; 6:4; 12:5; 13:3.
 - (4) The example of Paul—Eph. 1:15-19; 3:14-19; 6:18; Phil. 4:6-7; Col. 4:2.
3. We must fill our hearts with God's Words—Psa. 119:9, 11; John 17:17; Acts 17:11; 20:32; I Peter

2:2.

4. We must remember that we are examples to others—Matt. 5:13-16; Phil. 2:15-16; Titus 2:9-10; Matt. 18:6; I Cor. 10:31-33.
5. We must not stumble because of other Christians; our faith must rest in God, not in men—Rom. 3:3-4; II Tim. 2:11-13.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

I. *The Church In New Testament Usage*

1. The word “church” means a “called out” body, a convened assembly of people. It is not just a company who have come together to share their own thoughts but a body of people called together to hear the voice of God.
2. It is used in three senses in the New Testament:
 - (1) Universal church—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22, 23; Col. 1:18.
 - (2) Local congregation—Rom. 16:1; Gal. 1:2; I Cor. 1:2; 16:19.
 - (3) The actual assembly—I Cor. 11:18; 14:19, 23.
3. It is never used in the New Testament as a denomination, a group larger than the local church but smaller than the universal church.
4. It never means a material building in the New Testament.
5. There is “one body”—the church in the New Testament—Eph. 1:22, 23; 2:16; 4:4; Rom. 12:4-5.

II. *The Glory And Grandeur Of The Church.*

1. It was in God’s eternal purpose—Eph. 3:8-11.
2. It is the fulness of Christ—Eph. 1:22; 23.
3. It is the body reconciled to God—Eph. 2:11-18.
4. It is the dwelling place of God in the Spirit—Eph.

- 2:18-22.
5. It is God's holy temple—I Cor. 3:16-17; II Cor. 6:14-16.
 6. It is the family of God—Eph. 2:19; 5:1-2; I Tim. 3:15.
 7. It is the bride of Christ—Eph. 5:22-23.
 8. It is God's militant army—Eph. 6:10-17.
 9. It will be presented to Christ in splendor—Eph. 5:27; II Cor. 11:2.
 10. It will be saved by Christ—Eph. 5:23.

III. *The Church Belongs To Christ*

1. He is its builder—Matt. 16:18.
2. He is its foundation—I Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20.
3. It is His body—Eph. 1:23; Col. 1:24.
4. He is its head—Eph. 1:22; 5:23.
5. He purchased it with His blood—Acts 20:28.
6. It is subject to Christ—Rom. 7:4; Eph. 5:24.
7. It is sanctified and cleansed by Christ—Eph. 5:26; 27.
8. He adds the saved to it—Acts 2:41, 47; 5:14; 11:24.
9. It is the fulness of Christ—Eph. 1:23.
10. He is its Saviour—Eph. 5:23.

CONFESSING CHRIST

I. *To Confess Christ Is sometimes Difficult:*

1. Those who confessed Christ were put out of the synagogue of the Jews—John 9:22.
2. Some leaders failed to confess Christ because of the Pharisees—John 12:42-43.
3. When afflicted, Christians must continue to confess Christ—Matt. 10:32-33.
4. Those who are ashamed of Christ shall be rejected—Mk. 8:38.

5. If we deny Him, we shall be denied by Him also—
II Tim. 2:12; Matt. 10:33.

II. *However, God Continually Desires All People To Confess Christ:*

1. Those who confess Christ as Lord shall be saved—
Rom. 10:9-10.
2. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the
Son of God—I John 4:15.
3. He who confesses the Son has the Father as well—
I John 2:23.
4. The spirit which confesses that Christ came in the
flesh proceeds from God—I John 4:2.
5. Christians must hold fast their confession—Heb. 3:1;
4:14.
6. Every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
—Phil. 2:9-10.

III. *Christ Shall Confess Those Who Confess Him:*

1. He shall confess them before His Father—Matt.
10:32.
2. He shall confess them before the angels of God—
Luke 12:8.
3. He who overcomes shall be confessed before God—
Rev. 3:5.

IV. *Examples Of Confessing Christ:*

1. Nathanael—John 1:49.
2. Peter—John 6:68-69; Matt. 16:13-18.
3. The man who was blind from birth—John 9:25,
35-38.
4. Martha—John 11:27.
5. Stephen—Acts 7:52, 59.
6. Paul—Acts 9:29.

7. Timothy—I Timothy 6:12.
8. Some Christians at Pergamos—Revelation 2:13.

CONFESSING SINS

- I. *God Wanted The Children Of Israel To Confess Their Sins:*
 1. Those who had brought a trespass offering—Leviticus 5:5-6.
 2. God was pleased with those who confessed their sins—Lev. 26:40-42; Hosea 5:15.
 3. Jeremiah exhorted the people to confess their sins—Jeremiah 3:13.
 4. Daniel confessed his personal sins and those of his people Daniel 9:1-20.
 5. Those who confess and forsake their sins shall receive mercy—Prov. 28:13.
- II. *Christians Must Also Confess Their Sins:*
 1. If we confess our sins, God will forgive us—I John 1:9.
 2. The one who refuses to confess his sins deceives himself—I John 1:8, 10.
 3. Confess your faults one to another—James 5:16.
- III. *Those Who Confess Their Sins Must:*
 1. Submit to their punishment—Leviticus 26:41.
 2. Be of a humble heart—Jer. 3:25; Isaiah 64:6, 7; Lk. 18:13.
 3. Leave their sins—Prov. 28:13; Ezekiel 18:30-31.
 4. Pray for forgiveness—Psalm 51:1; I John 1:9.
- IV. *Examples Of Those Who Confessed Their Sins:*
 1. Nehemiah—Nehemiah 9:16-38.

2. Daniel—Daniel 9:1-20.
3. David—Psalm 32:5; 51:4.
4. Jeremiah—Jeremiah 14:20.
5. Those who were baptized by John—Matt. 3:6.
6. Peter—Luke 5:8.
7. The Publican—Luke 18:13.
8. The lost son—Luke 15:21.

CONSCIENCE

I. *The Work Of The Conscience:*

1. The conscience is not designed to tell us what is right or wrong, but it passes judgement on whether we have done what is right according to our knowledge or not.
2. It continually accuses or excuses—Rom. 2:15.
3. If our conscience does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God—I John 3:19-21.
4. It bears witness concerning our actions—Rom. 9:1.
5. When people who know the truth commit sin, their consciences hurt.
 - (1) Adam and Eve—Gen. 3:8.
 - (2) David—I Sam. 24:5; II Sam. 24:10.
 - (3) Saul—I Sam. 24:16-22; 26:21-25.
 - (4) Judas—Matt. 27:3-5.
 - (5) Herod—Mk. 6:14-29.
 - (6) The people on Pentecost—Acts 2:37.
6. However, if someone was taught error, he will continue to have a good conscience although he is doing wrong—Acts 23:1; 26:9.
7. Thus the conscience must be trained by the will of God which is written in the Holy Scriptures.

II. *A Good Conscience:*

1. The end of the commandment is a good con-

- science—I Tim. 1:5.
2. A pure conscience—II Tim. 1:3.
 3. A conscience void of offence towards God and people—Acts 24:16.
 4. A good conscience in all things—Heb. 13:18.
 5. To be subject to the government for conscience—Rom. 13:5.
 6. To suffer because of conscience—I Peter 2:19.
 7. To have a good conscience among those who revile us—I Peter 3:16.
 8. But the conscience sometimes is weak because of being accustomed to erroneous teaching and practices—I Cor. 8:1-13; 10:24-33.

III. *An Evil Conscience:*

1. Some thrust from them a good conscience—I Tim. 1:19-20.
2. Some have their conscience seared as with a hot iron—I Tim. 4:2.
3. They have their conscience defiled—Tit. 1:15, 16.
4. They harden their hearts—Eph. 4:17-19; Heb. 3:13, 15.

IV. *Cleaning The Conscience:*

1. Sacrifices in the Old Testament were unable to purify (perfect) the conscience—Heb. 9:9.
2. The blood of Christ purifies the conscience from dead works—Heb. 9:14.
3. Hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience—Heb. 10:22.
4. Baptism is the appeal to God for a clear conscience—I Pet. 3:21.
5. The consciences of Christians are purified day by day with blood—I John 1:7-9.
6. But if one sins deliberately and stifles his conscience,

he shall receive fearful punishment—Heb. 10:26-31.

CONVENANT (Compact, Agreement)

I. *Covenants Between Men:*

1. Jacob and Laban—Gen. 31.
2. Gibeon and Israel—Joshua 9.
3. Israel commanded not to make covenants with the inhabitants of Canaan—Judges 2:2; Exodus 34:12-13; Deut. 7:2-4.
4. David and Jonathan—I Sam. 18:3; 23:14.
5. A husband and his wife—Malachi 2:14.

II. *Covenants Between God and Man:*

1. With Noah—Gen. 6:18; 9:9-11. The rainbow the sign of that covenant—Gen. 9:12-16.
2. With Abraham—Gen. 12:1-3; 15:12-17; Please notice Lk. 1:72; Acts 3:25; Acts 7:8; Gal. 3:17.
 - (1) Circumcision of the flesh a sign of that covenant—Gen. 17:9-14.
 - (2) Fulfilled in Jesus Christ—Gal. 3:8; 3:15-29; Acts 3:25-26.
3. With Israel—Exodus 24:1-8; Deut. 4:13; 23; 5:1-21.
4. With David—that he would set a descendant on his throne—Psalm 89:3-4, 29-37; II Sam. 7:12-17; Isa. 55:3-4. These words were fulfilled in Christ—Lk. 1:32-33; Acts 2:30-33; Acts 2:30-36; 13:34.

N.B. According to the word of God, covenants between God and men originated from God Himself as the one with power to direct his creatures. Men did not make covenants with God as his equals. They were neither able to add to these covenants, to subtract from them nor to change them. They either received or rejected the covenant which God offered

to them through His grace and mercy.

III. *In The Old Testament God Promised To Give A New Covenant*

1. The New Covenant would not be like the first—Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:6-12.
2. The Messiah (Christ) would Himself be a Covenant—Isa. 42:6.
3. A Covenant of peace—Isa. 54:10; Ezek. 34:25; 37:26; Eph. 2:17.
4. An eternal covenant—Jer. 32:40; Heb. 13:20.

IV. *Jesus Christ Established A Superior Covenant Through His Blood.*

1. He offered “the blood of the new covenant”—Matt. 26:28; Mk. 14:24; Lk. 22:20; I Cor 11:25; Heb. 9:20; 10:29.
2. He gave a covenant superior to the former one—Heb. 7:22; 8:6.
 - (1) Blood of bulls and goats was unable to remove sins—Heb. 10:4; 11. The blood of Christ removes all sins—I John 1:7; Heb. 9:14.
 - (2) The sacrifices of the Old Covenant were offered over and over; Jesus gave Himself once and for all—Heb. 9:25-28; 10:12, 14.
 - (3) Christ Himself is the Mediator of the New Covenant—Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24.
 - (4) The Covenant of Christ is eternal—Heb. 13:20; 8:12.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

I. *Death On The Cross Was Despicable In The Eyes Of Man:*

1. It was a shameful death in the eyes of the Greeks—I Cor. 1:23.
2. It was like a stumbling block to the Jews—I Cor. 1:23; Deut. 21:23; Gal. 3:13; I Peter 2:8.

II. *Jesus Endured The Cross Because Of Us:*

1. He laid down his life freely—John 10:18.
2. He became a curse for us (in our place)—Gal. 3:13.
3. He endured the cross because of the joy which was set before him—Heb. 12:2.

III. *Preaching Of The Cross Is The Power To Save People:*

1. Jesus died for our sins so that we could be saved—I Cor. 15:1-4.
2. The words which appear to be foolish are God's power to save sinners—I Cor. 1:18; 1:23, 24.

IV. *Our Glory Is In The Cross Of Christ:*

1. We are to know nothing save Jesus and him crucified—I Cor. 2:2.
2. We are to glory in the cross of the Lord—Gal. 6:14.

CROWN WREATH

I. *Crowns Were Worn As Evidence Of Rulership:*

1. The great dragon (Satan) had on his heads seven crowns—Rev. 12:3.
2. The beast which came out of the sea had upon his horns ten crowns—Rev. 13:1.
3. However, both of these have only usurped authority. Jesus Christ himself is the rightful King of kings and Lords. He has "many crowns", Rev. 17:14; 19:16; please notice Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:20-23; I Peter 3:22.

II. *Crowns (wreaths) Were Worn By Victors In Games And War, At Times Of Feasts, And Weddings:*

1. Christ the Conqueror wears a crown of gold—Rev. 6:2; 14:14.
2. He was crowned with glory and honour—Heb. 2:9.
3. Christians hope for a crown of life—Rev. 2:10; James 1:12; of righteousness—II Tim. 4:8; of ~~Glory~~—I Peter 5:4.
4. Those wreaths were of flowers and leaves and thus spoiled quickly, but Christians have the hope of an incorruptible crown—I Cor. 9:25.
5. But a man is not crowned unless he strives lawfully—II Tim. 2:5.
6. Our crown may be taken away—Rev. 3:11.
7. Those who are saved shall cast their crowns before the throne and praise God who prepared them for salvation—Rev. 4:10-11.

III. *Jesus Christ Was Crowned With A Crown Of Thorns Before His Crucifixion:*

1. Matt: 27:29.
2. Mark 15:17.
3. John 19:2.

DARKNESS

I. *Darkness Does Not Hide From The Presence Of God.*

1. Darkness does not hide one from the eyes of God—Psalms 139:11-12.
2. God will make manifest the hidden things of darkness—I Cor. 4:5.
3. What has been said in darkness will be heard in light—Lk. 12:3.

II. *Sinners Are In The Power Of Darkness.*

1. The way of the wicked is like deep darkness—Prov. 4:19.
2. The fool walks in darkness—Eccl. 2:14.
3. The wicked confuse light and darkness—Isa. 5:20.
4. The rulers of the darkness of this world—Eph. 6:12.
5. The wicked love darkness rather than light—John 3:19.
6. Formerly Christians were in darkness—Eph. 5:8.
7. The one who walks in darkness has no fellowship with God—I John 1:5-7.
8. The one who hates his brother is in darkness—I John 2:11.

III. *Christ Came To Deliver Men From Darkness.*

1. He delivered us from the power of darkness—Col. 1:13.
2. He calls us from darkness into light—I Peter 2:9.
3. Those who repent turn from darkness to light—Acts 26:18.
4. They are not of darkness, but children of light—I Thess. 5:4-5.
5. Light has no fellowship with darkness—II Cor. 6:14.
6. The one who believes in Jesus does not remain in darkness—John 12:46.
7. One who follows Jesus does not walk in darkness—John 8:12.
8. They who walk in the light are not overtaken by darkness—John 12:35.
9. Let us cast off the works of darkness—Rom. 13:12.
10. We must have not fellowship with the works of darkness—Ephesians 5:11.

IV. *Eternal Darkness Is Reserved For The Impenitent.*

1. The angels who sinned are kept in pits of darkness—II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6.
2. The blackness of darkness awaits the wicked—II Pet. 2:17; Jude 13.
3. Those who are lost will be thrown into outer darkness—Matt. 8:12; 22:13; 25:30.

DEATH (means a “separation”)

I. *Death Of The Body.*

1. Is a separation of the body and spirit—Jas. 2:26; Eccl. 12:7.
2. Death entered the world because of sin—Gen. 2:17; Rom. 5:12.
3. Everyone dies through Adam—I Cor. 15:21-22.
4. Appointed unto man to die—Heb. 9:27; Eccl. 8:8.

II. *Spiritual Death.*

1. It is separation from God because of sins—Isa. 59:1-2. Eph. 2:1-2.
2. Sinners are dead in their trespasses—Col. 2:13.
3. Sinners are alienated from the Life of God—Eph. 4:18.
4. The “prodigal” son was “dead”—Lk. 15:24, 32.
5. To be carnally minded is death—Rom. 8:6.
6. One who lives in pleasure is dead—I Tim. 5:6.
7. If Christians walk according to the flesh, they will also die—Rom. 8:12-13; 6:1-2, 16, 23.

III. *Eternal Death.*

1. Wages of sin is death—Rom. 6:23.
2. Sinners are worthy of death (deserve to die)—

- Rom. 1:32.
3. Lust leads to eternal death—Jas. 1:14-15.
 4. This is the second death, the lake of fire—Rev. 20:14-15; 21:8.
 5. It is eternal punishment—Matt. 25:41, 46.
 6. It is eternal destruction—II Thess. 1:7-10.

IV. *The Death of Christ.*

1. He tasted death that he might destroy Satan, who had the power of death—Heb. 2:14-15.
2. He tasted death in the place of every man—Heb. 2:9. *(not physical death but separation from God)*
3. He abolished death and brought life and immortality to light—II Tim. 1:10.
4. He overcame death in His resurrection—Rom. 6:9; Rev. 1:18.
5. He is the Prince of life—Acts 3:15.
6. He is the Lord of the living and the dead—Rom. 14:9.
7. He is the Resurrection and the life—John 11:25.

V. *As a Result, Christians:*

1. Are freed from the fear of death—Heb. 2:15.
2. Are freed from the law of sin and death—Rom. 8:2.
3. Have come out of death and entered into life—John 5:24; I John 3:14.
4. Have been given life—Eph. 2:1; Col. 2:13.
5. Walk in newness of life—Rom. 6:3-4.
6. Have received eternal life—John 5:24; I John 5:11-13.
7. Those who keep the word of Christ will never see death—John 8:51; 11:25-26.
8. Death cannot separate them from the love of God—Rom. 8:38-39.
9. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second

- death—Rev. 2:11; 20:6.
10. The death of their bodies is called “sleep” only—
I Cor. 15:18; I Thess. 4:13-14.

DECEIT – TO BE DECEIVED

I. *Numerous People Habitually Deceive or Are Deceived.*

1. Deceitful prophets—Jer. 23:36; 14:14.
2. Deceitful apostles—II Cor. 11:13.
3. A false witness is habitually deceitful—Prov. 24:28.
4. The wicked deceive with their lips—Prov. 24:28.
5. The tongue is deceitful—Psa. 52:4; Rom. 3:13.
6. Sinners are deceived—Titus. 3:3.
7. Deceivers shall lead and be led astray—II Tim. 3:13.
8. With all wicked deception—II Thess. 2:10.
9. Unstable souls are beguiled—II Peter 2:14.
10. Flattering words and fair speeches deceive—Rom. 16:18.
11. Some handle the Word of God deceitfully—II Cor. 4:2.
12. Deceit comes (proceeds) from the heart—Mk. 7:22.
13. Deceitfulness of riches chokes the word—Matt. 13:22; Mk. 4:19.

II. *God's People Must Not Practice Any Deceit:*

1. Jehovah abhors those who are deceitful—Psa. 5:6.
2. Christ strongly rebuked deceivers (hypocrites)—
Matt. 23:13, 15, 23, 27, 29.
3. Jesus was without deceit—Isa. 53:9; I Peter 2:22.
4. The righteous do not swear deceitfully—Psa. 24:4.
5. They are without a deceitful tongue—Zeph. 3:13;
Psa. 120:2.
6. They put away the lusts of deceit—Eph. 4:22.
7. They must not preach those things which come

from deceit—I Thess. 2:3.

8. They do not perform their righteousness to be seen of men—Matt. 6:1-6.

III. *Examples of Deceit:*

1. Satan—Gen. 3:1, 4, 5; II Cor. 11:3; I Tim. 2:13-14; John. 8:44; Rev. 12:9.
2. Rebekah and Jacob—Gen. 27.
3. The brethren of Joseph—Gen. 37:31, 32.
4. Balaam—II Peter 2:15; Jude 11.
5. Herod—Matt. 2:7.
6. Judas—Matt. 26:48-49.

IV. *But It Is Possible for a Person to Deceive Himself:*

1. The one who thinks he is something when he is nothing—Gal. 6:3.
2. The one who hears, but does not obey the word—James 1:26. x insert period
4. The one who pretends to be wise—I Cor. 3:18.
5. The one who says he has no sin—I John 1:8.
6. The one who thinks that the unrighteous shall receive the kingdom of God—I Cor. 6:9.
7. The one who has fellowship with the wicked—I Cor. 15:33.
8. Those who seek to sow to the flesh and to reap eternal life—Gal. 6:7-8.

DRUNKENNESS

I. *Drunkenness Is Sin:*

1. Wine takes away the understanding—Hosea 4:11.
2. Be not drunk with wine—Eph. 5:18.
3. It is a work of the flesh—Galatians 5:19-21.
4. It is the desire of the Gentiles who know not God—

I Peter 4:3.

5. Drunkards shall not enter into the Kingdom of God—I Cor. 6:10.
6. Drunkards cannot be selected as leaders of the church—I Cor. 6:10.
7. We must not walk in drunkenness—Rom. 13:13.

II. *Drunkenness Leads To:*

1. Suffering—Proverbs 21:17; 23:21.
2. Quarrels—Proverbs 23; 29-30.
3. Sorrow and wounds—Proverbs 23:29.
4. Erring in judgement—Isaiah 28:7.
5. Shameful things—Isaiah 28:8.
6. Being led astray—Proverbs 20:1.
7. Setting at naught the work of God—Isa. 5:11-12.
8. Weighing down the heart—Luke 21:34.

III. *Examples of Drunkenness:*

1. Noah—Genesis 9:21.
2. Lot's daughters made him drunk—Genesis 19:31-35.
3. Nabal—I Samuel 25:36.
4. David made Uriah to be drunken—II Samuel 11:13.
5. Benhadad—I Kings 20:16.
6. Belshazzar—Daniel 5:4.
7. Some of the Corinthians—I Corinthians 11:21.

IV. *The Punishment of Drunkards:*

1. Woe unto those who make others drunk—Heb. 2:15.
2. Wine at the last bites as if it were a serpent—Proverbs 23:31-32.
3. Drunkards are to be disfellowshipped from the church—I Corinthians 5:11.
4. They shall not enter the Kingdom of God—I Cor.

- 6-10; Galatians 5:21.
5. They shall be punished together with those who are deceitful—Matthew 24:48-51.

THE EARTH (WORLD)

I. *God Is The Creator And Lord Of The Earth.*

1. It was created by God in the beginning—Gen. 1:1
Prov. 3:19.
2. He is Lord of heaven and earth—Acts 17:24.
3. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof —
Exodus 9:29; Psalm 24:1; I Cor. 10:26.
4. God fills heaven and earth—Jer. 23:24.
5. The earth is God's footstool—Isa. 66:1; Acts 7:49.
6. God is Judge of the earth—Gen. 18:25.
7. The eyes of Jehovah run to and fro through the
whole earth—Zech. 4:10.
8. God gave the earth to man that ~~they~~ might exercise
dominion over it—Psalm 115:16; Gen. 1:28. X ^{dele}
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II. *The Goodness of the Earth.*

1. God visits the earth, and blesses it—Psalm 65:9-13.
2. The earth is full of God's riches—Psalm 104:24.
3. The earth is full of God's lovingkindness—Psalm
33:5; 119:64.
4. The earth is full of God's glory—Isa. 6:3; Psalm
72:19.
5. God is the King over the earth—Psalm 78:69.

III. *The Evil Character of the World.*

1. It was corrupt in God's sight—Gen. 6:11.
2. Satan is the prince of this world—John 12:31;
14:30.
3. Satan is the deceiver of the world—Rev. 12:9.

4. The whole world lies in wickedness—I John. 5:19.
5. The world did not know God—I Cor. 1:21.
6. The world hated Jesus—John 7:7; 15:18.
7. The world does not know the children of God—I John. 3:1.
8. God made foolish the wisdom of the world—I Cor. 1:20.
9. The world will be condemned—I Cor. 11:32.

IV. *Jesus Christ And The World.*

1. It was created through Christ—John 1:1-3.
2. Jesus glorified God the Father on the earth—John. 17:4.
3. Christ's Kingdom is not of this world—John 18:36.
4. Christ was lifted up from the earth on the cross—John 12:31.
5. Jesus came to earth that He might:
 - (1) Bear witness to the truth—John 18:37.
 - (2) Take away the sin of the world—John 1:29.
 - (3) Save those who were sinners—I Tim. 1:15.
6. Jesus is:
 - (1) The Saviour of the world—John 4:42; I John 4:14.
 - (2) The Redeemer of the whole world—I John 2:1.
 - (3) The Light of the world—John 8:12.
 - (4) The One Who Reconciles the world to God—II Cor. 5:18-19.

V. *Christians Are Warned Concerning The Temptations Of The World.*

1. The righteous are pilgrims on the earth—Psalm 119:19; I Pet. 2:11.
2. They must not love the world—I John 2:15-17.
3. The one who seeks friendship of the world makes himself the enemy of God—Jas. 4:4.
4. They must keep themselves unspotted from the

world—Jas. 1:27.

5. They are to be crucified unto the world—Gal. 6:14; 5:24.
6. They are not to conform to the ways of the world—Rom. 12:1-2.
7. They must not walk according to the course of this world—Ephes. 2:2.
8. They must live soberly and righteously in this world—Titus 2:12.
9. Their affections are not to be set on earth—Col. 3:2.
10. The cares of the world choke out the Word of God—Matt. 13:22.
11. They should not lay up treasures upon the earth—Matt. 6:19.
12. Demas left God because he loved this present world—II Tim. 4:10.

VI. *But They Have An Important Mission To The World.*

1. God wants the world to be saved—John 3:16-17, 12:47.
2. The gospel is to be preached in all the world—Matt. 26:13; 28:19; Mk. 16:15.
3. Christians are the salt of the earth—Matt. 5:13.
4. Christians are the light of the world—Matt. 5:14-16; Phil. 2:15-16.
5. Christians inherit the earth—Matt. 5:5.
6. Christians exercise authority upon the earth—Rev. 5:10.
7. Christians shall judge the world—I Cor. 6:2.

VII. *Future Destiny Of The Earth.*

1. The faithful of the O.T. were pilgrims on earth—Heb. 11:13-16.
2. The earth will vanish away like an old garment—Isa. 51:6; Heb. 1:11-12.

3. The earth will pass away—Matt. 24:35; Mk. 13:31; Lk. 21:33; I Jno. 2:17.
4. Earth and its works to be burned up—II Pet. 3:10-11.
5. There will be a new earth—II Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1.

ELECTION

I. *The Election Of Israel*

1. God chose Abraham and separated him that he might bless him and his seed—Gen. 12:1-7; 15:1-19; 22:15-18; Neh. 9:7-8.
2. He chose the children of Israel, redeemed them from bondage, and brought them into the promised land—Exod. 3:6-10; Deut. 6:21-23; Psa. 105.
3. God chose them because of his grace, not because of their goodness or power—Deut. 7:6-8; 9:4-6; Ezek. 16:3-6.
4. The purpose of the election of Israel was that they be his holy people and declare the glory of God to the Gentiles—Isa. 43:10-12; 20-21; Psa. 79:13.
5. The responsibility of Israel because of their election:
 - (1) They must worship Jehovah—Psa. 147:19-20.
 - (2) They must keep his law—Lev. 18:4-5.
 - (3) They must not follow the evils of the Gentiles—(Lev. 18:2-3; Lev. 20:22-27; Deut. 14:1-2.)
 - (4) They must trust God in their times of trouble—Isa. 41:8-14.

But Israel became conceited because of their election, acted rebelliously, and were punished—Micah 3:11; Amos 3:2; 5:27; 7:17.
6. God chose various leaders for Israel:
 - (1) Moses—Psa. 106:23.
 - (2) Aaron—Psa. 105:26.
 - (3) Priests and Levites—Deut. 18:1-5.
 - (4) Prophets—Jer. 1:5.

- (5) Kings—I Sam. 10:24; II Sam. 6:21; I Chron. 28:5.
- (6) Messengers of Jehovah—Isa. 42:1-7; Matt. 12:18-20.
7. Blessings of election were taken from them because of the unbelief and disobedience of Israel—Jer. 6:30; 7:29.

II. *Election In The New Testament:*

1. Jesus is the Chosen One of the Father—Lk. 9:35; Isa. 42:1; Lk. 23:35; I Pet. 2:4, 6.
2. The church came into the place of Israel as the elect of God—Matt. 21:43; Gal. 3:8, 14, 27-29; Eph. 2:11-22; 3:6-12; Rom. 2:28-29; I Pet. 2:9-10; James 2:5.
3. Various leaders were chosen by Christ or the church:
 - (1) Apostles—Lk. 6:13; Acts 1:24; 9:15.
 - (2) Deacons (servants)—Acts 6:5.
 - (3) Other messengers—Acts 15:22, 25.
 - (4) The brother who was chosen to travel among the churches—2 Cor. 8:18-21.

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III. *The Election Of Christians:*

1. The choice of God comes from grace, not from our goodness—Rom. 11:5; II Tim. 1:9; Rom. 4:5; 5:6-8.
2. God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world—Eph. 1:4-11; II Thess. 2:13; Rom. 8:29.
3. The purpose of our election is that we be conformed to the image of Christ—Rom. 8:29; Eph. 1:4; II Cor. 3:18; Phil. 3:21.
4. Christians make sure their election by following a good manner of life—II Pet. 1:5-10; Col. 1:23.
5. In the same manner as the Israelites mentioned above, Christians also may lose their blessings of

election through unbelief and disobedience—John 15:1-6; Rom. 11:20-22; 8:12-13; II Pet. 2:20-22.

ENMITY – ENEMIES

I. *People Can Be Enemies Of God.*

1. People who practice wickedness create enmity with God—Romans 5:10; Col. 1:21.
2. Friendship of the world is enmity with God—James 4:4.
3. The carnal mind is enmity against God—Romans 8:7.
4. An enemy of all righteousness—Acts 13:10.
5. The enemies of the cross of Christ—Phil. 3:18.
6. Satan is the great enemy of God and his people—Matt. 13:28, 39; Luke 10:19; I Peter 5:8; Rev. 12:10.
7. Christ reconciled men unto God through his death—Col. 1:21-22; Eph. 2:14-16.
8. Christ must reign till he puts all his enemies under his feet—I Cor. 15:25-26; Acts 2:35; Heb. 1:13.

II. *Enmity Or Hatred Among People.*

1. Hatred is forbidden because it is one of the works of the flesh—Gal. 5:20.
2. Some shall hate Christians because of their faith—Matt. 10:36; Gal. 4:16.
3. Love your enemies—Matt. 5:43-45; Romans 12:20.
4. Do not treat a disfellowshipped man as an enemy—II Thess. 3:15.

ENVY – JEALOUSY

I. *God Seeks To Prevent Envy Among People.*

1. Rejectors of God are full of envy—Romans 1:29.

2. Some remain in malice and foolishness—Titus 3:3.
3. There were jealousy and strife in the Corinthian church—I Cor. 3:3.
4. Where jealousy and selfish ambitions exist, there is every evil—James 3:14-16.
5. We must not walk in envy—Romans 13:13.
6. Put away all malice and envy—I Peter 2:1; II Cor. 12:20.
7. Let us have no envy of one another—Gal. 5:26.
8. Love envies not—I Cor. 13:4.

II. *Examples Of Envy Or Jealousy.*

1. Cain—Genesis 4:4-5; I John 3:12.
2. Saul—I Samuel 18:1-9.
3. Chief priests—Mark 15:10.
4. Sadducees—Acts 5:17.
5. The Jews—Acts 13:45; 17:5.
6. Some indeed preach Christ because of envy and rivalry—Phil. 1:15.

ETERNAL LIFE

I. *Eternal Life According To the Promise Of God:*

1. It is a promise of God—Tit. 1:2; I John 2:25.
2. It is a gift of God—Rom. 6:23; I John 5:11.
3. He who hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal—John 12:25.
4. He who is steadfast in good works shall receive eternal life—Rom. 2:6, 7.
5. The end result of holiness is eternal life—Rom. 6:22.
6. One who hates his brother has no eternal life—I John 3:15.
7. Christians should take hold of eternal life—I Tim. 6:12.
8. Some count themselves unworthy of eternal life—

Acts. 13:46.

II. *Eternal Life Is Only Through Jesus Christ:*

1. He gives the water of eternal life—John 4:14.
2. He is the food of eternal life—John 6:27,54.
3. His words are of eternal life—John 6:68.
4. He gives eternal life—John 17:2, 3.
5. He is life eternal—I John 5:20.
6. Eternal life is given to those who trust in Jesus—John 3:16; 5:24.
7. Those who obey Him have eternal life—Heb. 5:9.
8. Those who consistently hear the words of Christ and follow him have eternal life—John 10:27-28.

EVIL

I. *Characteristics Of Evil People:*

1. The Israelites did evil by forsaking God—Judges 2:11; Psa. 106:13, 21, 28.
2. Rebels to God are filled with evil—Rom. 1:29.
3. Evil spirits—Lk. 7:21; 8:2; 11:26; Acts. 19:12.
4. Works of the world are evil—John 7:7.
5. Some love darkness because their deeds are evil—John 3:19.
6. Because of his evil works, Cain killed his brother—I John 3:12.
7. People are enemies of God because of their evil works—Col. 1:21.
8. The one who does not forgive his brother is evil—Mt. 18:32.
9. The lazy man is evil—Matt. 25:26.
10. Self-praise is evil—James 4:16.
11. Evil words proceed from an evil heart—Matt. 12:33-37; Lk. 6:45.
12. All evils proceed from the heart—Mk. 7:21-23.

13. Evil comes from lust—James 1:13-15.
14. Evil people shall wax worse and worse—I Tim. 3:13.

II. *The Forgiveness of the wicked:*

1. God sent Jesus to turn the people from iniquity—Acts 3:26.
2. Jesus delivered them from this present evil world—Gal. 1:4.
3. The evil ones must cease to do wrong—Isa 1:16.
4. If they cease from their sins, they shall live—Ezek. 33:11-15.
5. An evil conscience is cleansed by the blood of Christ—Heb. 10:22.

III. *Christians Must Not Practice Evil:*

1. They are at war with the evils of the world—Eph. 6:10-17
2. They must not speak evil—Eph. 4:2, 31; I Pet. 3:10.
3. They must endure when others do evil to them—I Pet. 2:20-23; 3:9.
4. They must not lust after evil things—I Cor. 10:6.
5. In evil they must remain babes—I Cor. 14:20.
6. They must put off all overflowing of wickedness—James 1:21.
7. They must put away all evil—I Pet. 2:1.
8. They must not use their liberty as a cover for wickedness—I Pet. 2:16.
9. They must not have an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from God—Heb. 3:12.
10. They abhor (hate) evil—Rom. 12:9.
11. They overcome evil with good—Rom. 12:21.

EXAMPLE

I. *We Are Warned By Examples Of Evil.*

1. Angels who sinned—II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6.
2. Cain—Gen. 4:13-15; I John 3:12; Jude 11.
3. The people of Noah's time—Gen. 6:5-6; II Pet. 2:5; Lk. 17:26-27.
4. People of Sodom—Gen. 13:13; 19:13; II Pet. 2:6; Jude 7; Lk. 17:28-29.
5. Esau—Heb. 12:16-17; Gen. 25:27-34.
6. Balaam—II Pet. 2:15; Jude 11; Rev. 2:14.
7. The prophet of Judah—I King 13:11-34.
8. The children of Israel—I Cor. 10:12; Heb. 3:15-19; Jude 5.
9. Demas—II Tim. 4:10.
10. Diotrephes—III John 9.
11. The Scribes and Pharisees—Matt. 23:1-12.

II. *We Are Strengthened By Good Examples—Heb. 12:1.*

1. Abraham—an example of faith—Heb. 11:8-10; 17-19; Rom. 4:18-23.
2. Job—an example of endurance—Jas. 5:11; Job 1:20-22; 2:9-10.
3. Joseph—an example of holiness and forgiveness—Gen. 39:8-10; 50:15-21.
4. Moses—an example of humility—Num. 12:3.
5. David—an example of a worshipper of God—Psa. 23:2-4.
6. Daniel—an example of courage—Dan. 6:7-10,22.
7. Peter—an example of boldness—Acts 4:19-20; 5:29.
8. Paul—an example of self-Sacrifice—Phil. 1:21; I Cor. 9:19-23; 10:33; 11:1; II Cor. 12:15.
9. John—an example of love—I John 3:14-18; 4:17-21.

III. *Jesus Christ—The Example In All Things:*

1. Trust—Lk. 23:46; I Peter 2:22-23.
2. Endurance—Heb. 12:1-3; I Peter 2:21.

3. Humility—John 13:4-17; Phil. 2:5-8.
4. Prayerfulness—Mk. 1:35; Lk. 22:41-44.
5. Courage—Lk. 9:51; 11:39-52.
6. Zeal—John 2:13-17.
7. Self-sacrifice—II Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:7.
8. Love—John 15:13; 10:11; Gal. 2:20.
9. Forgiveness—Lk. 23:34; I Tim. 1:12-7.

IV. *Christians Must Also Be Good Examples:*

1. Elders of the church—I Pet. 5:3; Heb. 13:7; I Tim. 3:7.
2. Teachers—II Tim. 2:2; James 3:1.
3. Preachers—II Thess. 3:9; I Tim. 4:12.
4. Parents—II Tim. 1:5; Eph. 6:4.
5. Servants—Titus 2:10.
6. Women—I Pet. 3:1-6.
7. All Christians—Matt. 5:13-16; Phil. 2:14-16; I Peter 2:11-12; I Cor. 10:23; Col. 4:5, 6.

FAITH

I. *What Must We Believe?*

1. In God—Mk. 11:22; Heb. 11:6.
2. In Christ—John 14:1; 8:24; Rom. 10:9-10.
3. The writings of Moses—John 5:46, 47, Acts 24:14.
4. The writings of the prophets—Acts 26:22, 23, 27; II Pet. 1:20-21.
5. The Gospel—Mk. 1:15; 16:15-16.
6. The promises of God—Rom. 4:20-21; Heb. 11:13.

II. *Characteristics Of Faith:*

1. It is a precious faith—II Pet. 1:1.
2. It is most holy—Jude 20.
3. It works—I Thess. 1:3; Gal. 5:6.

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4. It is connected with repentance—Mk. 1:15.
5. It comes through (by) the Word of God—Rom. 10:17; John 20:30-31.
6. Christ is the Author and Finisher of faith—Heb. 12:2.
7. It is dead without works—James 2:19-26.
8. It brings salvation to people—Acts 16:31; Eph. 2:8.
9. It produces peace, joy, and hope—Rom. 5:1; 15:13; I Pet. 1:8.
10. It prevents conceit (pride)—Rom. 3:27; 4:2; Eph. 2:9.
11. It is continually tested—Heb. 11:17; James 1:3; I Pet. 1:7.
12. It acts as a shield to quench the flaming darts of Satan—Eph. 6:16.
13. It overcomes the world—I John 5:4.

III. *Faith Brings To Us The Blessings Of God:*

1. Justification—Rom. 3:28; Gal. 2:16; Rom. 5:1.
2. Salvation—Eph. 2:8; Acts 16:31.
3. Holiness—Acts 15:9; 26:18.
4. Forgiveness of sins—Acts 10:43.
5. Access to God—Rom. 5:1-2; Eph. 3:12.
6. The Holy Spirit as a gift—Gal. 3:14; Eph. 1:13.
7. Peace—Rom. 5:1.
8. Joy—Rom. 15:13.
9. Hope—I Pet. 1:8.
10. God's keeping power—I Pet. 1:5.
11. Victory—I John 5:4.
12. Eternal life—John 3:16; I John 5:13.
13. Promises of God—Heb. 6:12; Gal. 3:22.

IV. *Through Faith The People Of God:*

1. Live—Gal. 2:20.
2. Continue to stand—Rom. 11:20; II Cor. 1:24.

3. Walk—Rom. 4:12; II Cor. 5:7.
4. Receive a good report—Heb. 11:2.
5. Are established (strengthened)—Acts 16:5. X *strengthened*
6. Resist Satan—I Pet. 5:9.
7. Extinguish the arrows of Satan—Eph. 6:16.
8. Overcome the world—I John 5:4.
9. Die—Heb. 11:13.

V. *Therefore Christians Must:*

1. Be filled with faith—Acts 6:5; 11:24.
2. Have sincere faith—I Tim. 1:5; II Tim. 1:5.
3. Abound in faith—II Cor. 8:7.
4. Abide in faith—Acts 14:22; Col. 1:23.
5. Be strong in faith—Rom. 4:20.
6. Stand fast in faith—I Cor. 16:13; Col. 1:23.
7. Have faith with a good conscience—I Tim. 1:19.
8. Pray that faith may increase—Lk. 17:5.
9. Draw near to God in fullness of faith—Heb. 10:22.
10. Verify in (faith) with works—James 2:19-26.
11. Try themselves if they are in the faith—II Cor. 13:5.
12. Receive the one who is weak in faith—Rom. 14:1.
13. Take to themselves the shield of faith—Eph. 6:16.
14. Fight the good fight of faith—I Tim. 6:12.
15. Keep the faith—II Tim. 4:7.
16. Ask in faith—James 1:6.
17. Add virtue to faith—II Pet. 1:5.
18. Contend for the faith—Jude 3.

VI. *Examples Of Faith:*

1. Abel—Heb. 11:4.
2. Enoch—Heb. 11:5.
3. Noah—Heb. 11:7.
4. Abraham—Rom. 4; Heb. 11:8-10, 17-19.
5. Moses—Heb. 11:24-28.
6. Caleb—Num. 13:30; 14:24.

7. Rahab—Heb. 11:31; James 2:25.
8. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—Dan. 3:13-30.
9. Daniel—Dan. 6.
10. Peter—Matt. 16:16; John 6:68, 69.
11. Martha—John 11:27.
12. Stephen—Acts 6:5.
13. Barnabas—Acts 11:24.
14. Paul—II Tim. 1:12; 4:7.

FAITHFULNESS

I. *God Is A God Of Faithfulness:*

1. The faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy—Deut. 7:9-10.
2. God of faithfulness and without iniquity—Deut. 32:4.
3. His faithfulness endures to all generations—Psa. 100:5.
4. He does not lie or fail to make sure his words—Num. 23:19-20.
5. He, who called us, is faithful—I Cor. 1:9.
6. He is faithful, having provided us a way of escape when we are tempted—I Cor. 10:13.
7. In sanctifying and preserving without blemish—I Thess. 5:23-24.
8. In establishing us and keeping us from evil—II Thess. 3:3.
9. The one who promised is faithful—Heb. 10:23.
10. Forgiving us our sins—I John 1:9.
11. The faithful Creator who preserves Christians' lives in his hands—I Peter 4:19.

II. *But The Faithfulness Of God Does Not Guarantee Our Faithfulness:*

1. God is true, even though every man is a liar—Rom.

- 3:3-4.
2. The Israelites rejected God, the Faithful One, and were lost in the wilderness—I Cor. 10:1-10.
 3. The failures of the children of Israel act as a warning to us—Heb. 3:6-19; 4:1-11.
 4. Christians grieve the Holy Spirit and are insolent towards him when they do evil—Eph. 4:25-32; Heb. 10:25-31.
 5. God preserves the faithful—Psa. 31:23.
 6. God, the Faithful One, shall reject his people who are unfaithful—II Tim. 2:11-13.

III. *Faithful Words:*

1. All the commandments of God are faithful—Psa. 119:86.
2. The wounds of a friend are faithful—Prov. 27:6.
3. Words of Jesus are faithful and true—Rev. 21:5; 22:6.
4. Elders of the church must hold fast the faithful word—Tit. 1:9.
5. Faithful is the saying that:
 - (1) Jesus came to earth to save sinners—I Tim. 1:15.
 - (2) Godliness is profitable unto all things—I Tim. 4:8,9.
 - (3) The responsibility (office) of overseers (bishops) is a good work—I Tim. 3:1.
 - (4) God's people must be careful to maintain good works—Tit. 3:8.
 - (5) If we are dead with him, we shall also live with him—II Tim. 2:11.
 - (6) If we endure, we shall reign with him—II Tim. 2:12.
 - (7) If we deny him, he will also deny us—II Tim. 2:12.
 - (8) If we are unfaithful, he abides faithful—II Tim. 2:13.

IV. *Faithful People:*

1. Moses was faithful in all his house—Num. 12:7; Heb. 3:2, 5.
2. Abraham was faithful—Neh. 9:8; Gal. 3:9.
3. Daniel was faithful before his king (master)—Dan. 6:4.
4. Paul was counted faithful—I Tim. 1:12.
5. Timothy, one who was faithful in the Lord—I Cor. 4:17.
6. Silvanus, our faithful brother—I Pet. 5:12.
7. Tychicus, a faithful minister—Eph. 6:21.
8. Onesimus, a faithful brother—Col. 4:9.
9. Epaphras, a faithful servant of Christ—Col. 1:7; 4:7.
10. Stewards must remain faithful—I Cor. 4:2.
11. The Word of God must be committed to faithful men—II Tim. 2:2.
12. Wives of deacons must be faithful in all things—I Tim. 3:11.
13. Servants must show forth all good fidelity (faithfulness)—Tit. 2:10.
14. He that is faithful in little is faithful in much—Lk. 16:10.
15. Those who are faithful shall overcome Satan—Rev. 17:14.

V. *The Reward Of The Faithful:*

1. The one who is faithful in small things shall be made ruler (have authority) over many things—Lk. 19:17.
2. The one who is faithful in what is another's shall receive that which is his own—Lk. 16:12.
3. The one who is faithful in riches (mammon) of unrighteousness shall receive the true riches—Lk. 16:11.
4. They shall receive the crown of life—Rev. 2:10.

5. They shall enter into the Lord—Matt. 25:21.

FALLING FROM GRACE

I. *The People Of God Are Kept By God Through Their Faith:*

1. They are kept by Jesus Christ—Jude 1.
2. Kept by the power of God through faith—I Peter 1:5.
3. Those who consistently hear the words of Christ and follow him are kept in his hand—John 10:27-28.
4. God is able to make his servants stand—Rom. 14:4.
5. God provides Christians who are tempted with a way of escape—I Cor. 10:13.
6. God gives grace to those who humble themselves—I Pet. 5:5-7; James 4:6.
7. They are punished (chastened) by God, that they may not be condemned with the world—I Cor. 11:32; Heb. 12:5-12.

II. *But God's People May Cast Away Their Faith And Be Destroyed:*

1. Some have cast away their faith—I Tim. 4:1.
2. Those who seek to be justified by the law fall from grace—Gal. 5:4.
3. Those who give up faith (stop believing) separate themselves from God—Hebrews 3:12.
4. They must give diligence lest they fall after the same example of disobedience—Heb. 4:11.
5. He who supposes he stands must take heed lest he fall—I Cor. 10:12.
6. If they live after the flesh, they shall die—Rom. 8:12-13.
7. They are warned lest they fall away from their own steadfastness—II Peter 3:17.

8. They must look closely lest anyone fail of the grace of God—Heb. 12:15.
 9. Those who sow to the flesh shall reap corruption—Gal. 6:7-9.
 10. Those who are sanctified by the blood of Christ may trample Christ under foot and be destroyed—Heb. 10:29.
 11. Those who do not remain in Christ shall be cast into fire—John 15:1-6.
 12. Those who refuse the one who speaks shall not escape (be saved)—Heb. 12:25.
- Notice: These warnings were all written to Christians, not outsiders.

FEAR

I. *Holy Fear—Respect And Awe Before God Because Of His Character:*

1. Why are people to fear God?

- (1) Because he is holy and righteous—Rev. 15:4.
- (2) Because of his greatness—Deut. 10:12, 17.
- (3) Because he shows no favoritism—Deut. 10:17, 20.
- (4) Because of his goodness—I Sam. 12:24.
- (5) Because of his forgiveness—Psa. 130:4.
- (6) Because of his great works—Joshua 4:23-24.
- (7) Because of his judgement—Rev. 14:7.
- (8) Because he has power to cast into Gehenna—Lk. 12:5.

2. Responsibility of People to Fear God:

- (1) The beginning of wisdom is to fear the Lord—Prov. 9:10.
- (2) Fear God and give him glory—Rev. 14:7.
- (3) The fear of the Lord is clean—Psa. 19:9.
- (4) To fear God is to hate evil—Prov. 8:13.
- (5) We must serve God with reverence and fear—

Heb. 12:28.

- (6) We perfect holiness in the fear of God—II Cor. 7:1.
 - (7) The wicked have no fear of God—Psa. 36:1; Prov. 1:29; Rom. 3:18.
 - (8) Christians must work with fear and trembling—Phil. 2:12.
 - (9) They must pass the time of their sojourning in fear—I Pet. 1:17.
 - (10) They must give their answers with reverence and fear—I Pet. 3:15.
 - (11) Submit to one another in the fear of Christ—Eph. 5:21.
 - (12) The duty of man is to fear God and keep his commandments—Prov. 12:13.
3. Examples of some who feared God:
- (1) Abraham—Gen. 22:12.
 - (2) Joseph—Gen. 39:9.
 - (3) Noah—Heb. 11:7.
 - (4) The early church—Acts 9:31.
 - (5) The Gentiles who worshipped the Lord were called “those who feared God”—Acts 10:2; 13:16, 26.
4. Blessings of those who fear God:
- (1) His mercy is toward them that fear him—Psa. 103:11, 13.
 - (2) One who fears God and works righteousness is accepted with him—Acts 10:35.
 - (3) To fear God is to cease from sin—Exod. 20:20.
 - (4) Fear of Jehovah is a fountain of life—Prov. 14:27.
 - (5) God is pleased with those who fear him—Psa. 147:11.
 - (6) Those who fear Jehovah depart from evil—Prov. 16:6.
 - (7) Blessed is the person who fears Jehovah—Psa. 112:1.

Suggestion

God-fearing

X (8) The fear of women adorn^s the Word of God—
I Pet. 3:2.

(this suggest being
afraid of women)

II. *Fearing Man:*

1. Pilate delivered Jesus because he feared the people—
John 19:8.
2. Fear of the Pharisees caused some to fail to follow
Jesus—John 7:13; 9:22; 12:42-43.
3. Christ tells us we must not fear in this way— John
14:27.
4. We must not fear those who kill the body—Matt.
10:28.
5. We must not fear nor be dismayed because God is
with us—Isa. 41:10; 43:1.
6. What can man do to us if God is our Helper?—
Psa. 56:4; Heb. 13:5-6.
7. Those who are with us are more than our opposition
—II Kings 6:16.
8. The fearful shall be cast into the lake of fire—
Matt. 10:33; Rev. 21:28.

III. *The Fear Of Sinners Because Of Judgement And Punishment:*

1. Those who are sinners fear the judgement of God:
 - (1) Adam hid himself because of fear—Gen. 3:8-10.
 - (2) Belshazzar feared greatly—Dan. 5:5, 6.
 - (3) Felix was seized by fear—Acts 24:25.
 - (4) Some shall attempt to run away from the terror
of God—Isa. 2:19; Rev. 6:15-17.
 - (5) An evil conscience causes fear—Prov. 28:1;
Lev. 26:17, 36.
2. Weak Christians are warned by the examples of
others:
 - (1) Sinners in the church to be disfellowshipped

- that others may fear—I Tim. 5:20.
- (2) Having seen that some fell, Christians must fear—Rom. 11:20.
 - (3) They must fear lest they fall short of their rest—Heb. 4:1.
 - (4) Fearfulness of judgement on those who sin wilfully—Heb. 10:26-31.
3. However, those who love God with the whole heart have no fear in this:
- (1) Christ sets free those in bondage to the fear of death—Heb. 2:14-15.
 - (2) Christians do not receive the Spirit of bondage and fear—Rom. 8:15.
 - (3) God did not give us a spirit of fear—II Tim. 1:7.
 - (4) Perfect love casts out fear—I John 4:18.

FEASTS AND CELEBRATION

I. *Feasts Of The Jews.*

1. **Passover**—the feast of unleavened bread. Commemorated the deliverance of the Jews from Egyptian bondage—Exodus 12:1-20; 13:6-10; Luke 22:15; Mark 14:12-16; John 2:13; 6:14; 11:55; 13:1.
2. **Pentecost**—feast of the first fruits, or “feast of weeks”—Exodus 23:16; Lev. 23:15-21; Num. 28:26; Deut. 16:16; Acts 2:1, 20:16; I Cor. 16:8.
3. **Feast of Tabernacles**—feast of ingathering at the end of the year—Exodus 23:16; Lev. 23:33-36; Deut. 13-17; John 7:2.
4. **The day of blowing the trumpets**—Numbers 29:1; Lev. 23:24.
5. **Feast of the day of Atonement**—Lev. 23:26-31; Exodus 30:10; Heb. 9:7-28.
6. **Feast of Purim**—in remembrance of deliverance of the Jews in the time of Esther—Esther 9:17-28.

7. Feast of Dedication—John 10:22. In remembrance of deliverance and rededication of the temple by the Maccabaeans (164 B.C.).
8. Jesus and his disciples (because they lived under the law) kept these feasts—Luke 2:41; 22:8; John 4:45, 5:1; 7:2, 12:20.

II. *Additional Ideas Relating To Feasts:*

1. He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast—Proverb 15:15.
2. God hates feasts appointed or made by the doers of iniquity—Isaiah 1:11-17; Amos 5:21-24, 8:10.
3. Feasts which include carousing and drunkenness are forbidden—Romans 13:13; Luke 21:34; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:18; I Peter 4:3; Proverbs 23:20.
4. Christ is our Passover—I Cor. 5:7.
5. Let us keep the feast of sincerity and truth—I Cor. 5:8.

FORGIVENESS

I. *God Is A God Who Delights In Forgiving Sinners Who Truly Repent. Neh. 9:17; Dan. 9:9; Exodus 34:6-7.*

- Suggestion* → *God's forgiveness*
1. The forgiveness of God is full and perfect:

- (1) He removes our transgressions far from us—Psalm 103:12.
- (2) He blots out our sins—Isa. 43:25; Acts 3:19.
- (3) He casts our sins into the depths of the sea—Micah 7:19.
- (4) He forgives all our iniquities—Psalm 103:3: all trespasses—Col. 2:13; sins and all unrighteousness—I John 1:9.
- (5) He remembers sins no more—Isa. 43:25; Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:12.

2. How are people forgiven?—

(1) Alien sinners:

They must believe in Jesus Christ—Acts 10:43.

They must repent—Acts 2:38; 3:19.

They must confess Christ as Lord—Rom.
10:9-10.

They must be baptized into Christ—Acts 2:38;
22:16.

Thus, they are washed in the blood of Christ and
their sins are forgiven—Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14.

(2) Christians when they commit sin:

They must repent—Acts 8:22.

They must confess their sins—I John 1:9.

They must walk in the light rather than dark-
ness—I John 1:5-7.

Thus, they also are forgiven through the blood
of Christ, and their hearts are cleansed through
the grace of God.

II. *Christians Must Also Forgive Others:*

1. Reasons for forgiving others:

(1) Because of the mercy of God—Lk. 6:36.

(2) So that we also may enjoy forgiveness—Mk.
11:25; Matt. 6:14-15.

(3) Because this is God's will—Eph. 4:32; Col.
3:13; Matt. 18:21-35.

(4) Following the example of Christ—Lk. 23:34; I
Pet. 2:20-23.

(5) It is the glory of a man—Prov. 19:11.

2. Forgiveness must be:

(1) With forbearance—Col. 3:13.

(2) With mercy—Gen. 45:5-11; Rom. 12:20.

(3) With love and prayer—Matt. 5:44.

(4) Often—Matt. 18:22; Lk. 17:4.

(5) An essential ingredient of prayer—Mk. 11:25.

3. Examples of forgiveness:
 - (1) Joseph—Gen. 50:20-21.
 - (2) Stephen—Acts 7:60.
 - (3) Paul—II Tim. 4:16.
 - (4) Father of the prodigal son—Lk. 15:11-32.

GENTLENESS – MEEKNESS

I. *Outstanding Examples of Gentle People:*

1. Moses was more meek than all people of his time—Num. 12:3.
2. Paul—I Thess. 2:7; II Cor. 3:5.
3. Jesus is the Great Example of meekness—Matt. 11:29; 21:5; II Cor. 10:1.

II. *Christians Must:*

1. Follow meekness (gentleness)—I Tim. 6:11.
2. Put on meekness—Col. 3:12.
3. Receive the word with meekness—James 1:21.
4. Answer with meekness—I Peter 3:15.
5. Show all meekness to all men—Tit. 3:2.
6. Meekly instruct those who oppose themselves—II Tim. 2:25.
7. Restore the sinning brother in a spirit of meekness—Gal. 6:1.
8. Abide in the meekness of wisdom—James 3:13.
9. Put on meekness as a fruit of the Spirit—Gal. 5:23.
10. Women beautify themselves with the adornment of a spirit of meekness—I Peter 3:1-4.

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. *The Holy Spirit Is Freely Given To The Redeemed:*

1. The Holy Spirit is sent to enter our hearts when God

forgives our sins—Acts 2:38; 5:32; Gal. 4:6; Rom. 5:5.

2. The Holy Spirit abides in Christians as the holy temple of God—I Cor. 3:16; 6:19; Eph. 2:22. Please note John 4:13, 14; 37-39; II Cor. 13:14.

II. *The Holy Spirit Is The Evidence And Surety Of Our Redemption:*

1. The surety of sonship and evidence of forgiveness:
 - (1) Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:15-16; Notice John 14:18.
 - (2) II Cor. 1:22; 5:5; I John 3:24; 4:13.
 - (3) Eph. 1:14; 4:30.
2. The ministry of the Spirit in us:
 - (1) He helps our weakness and prays for us—Rom. 8:26; please note Eph. 6:18; Jude 20.
 - (2) We have life in the Spirit who guides our steps—Gal. 5:25.
 - (3) He bears in us “fruit of the Spirit”—Gal. 5:22-23.
 - (4) He helps us to put to death the deeds of the body—Rom. 8:12, 13.
 - (5) He changes our characters. He sanctifies (sets apart) us when we are saved—II Thess. 2:13; I Pet. 1:2. He proceeds to separate us and to change us, little by little throughout our whole life—II Cor. 3:18; Rom. 12:2; Matt. 17:2; Col. 3:10.
 - (6) He gives us joy and peace—Acts 13:52; Rom. 14:17.
 - (7) We abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit—Rom. 15:13.
 - (8) He helps us to preserve the truth which was given to us—II Tim. 1:14.
 - (9) He shall give life to our dead bodies—Rom. 8:11.
3. The Holy Spirit in the letter to the Ephesians:
 - (1) He seals us who are saved—Eph. 1:13.
 - (2) We have access through the Spirit to the Father

—Eph. 2:18.

- (3) He builds us into a habitation of God—Eph. 2:22.
- (4) He revealed the will of God through apostles and prophets—Eph. 3:5.
- (5) He strengthens us in our inner selves—Eph. 3:16.
- (6) He is the bond of Christian unity—Eph. 4:3.
- (7) He should fill us and prevent sin and give joy—Eph. 5:18-19.
- (8) He gives his sword, which is the Word of God—Eph. 6:17.
- (9) He helps our prayers—Eph. 6:18.

III. *But The Holy Spirit Is Unable To Help At All Those Who Refuse His Ministrations:*

1. Christians are instructed that:

- (1) They be filled with the Spirit—Eph. 5:18; Col. 3:16; Lk. 11:13.
- (2) They walk in the Spirit—Gal. 5:16-18.
- (3) They sow unto the Spirit—Gal. 6:7-9.
- (4) They live in the Spirit—Rom. 8:1-13.
- (5) They be led by the Spirit—Rom. 8:14; see Deut. 8:14, 15.
- (6) They bear the fruit of the Spirit—Gal. 5:22-23.

2. Christians are warned that:

- (1) They must not grieve the Holy Spirit of God Eph. 4:30; Please see verses 25-32, where we may see how the Spirit may be grieved.
- (2) They must not quench the Spirit—I Thes. 5:19 read also I Thess. 4:4-8; 5:6-8; 5:14-22.
- (3) They must not do despite unto the Spirit of grace—Heb. 10:26-29; Please notice Hebrews 4:4-6; Lk. 11:24-26; II Peter 2:20-22. Because of the “deceitfulness of sin” we may be doing so gradually and unknowingly and not realize that

God has departed from us—Hebrews 3:12-13;
Judges 16:20.

GIFTS

I. *Every Good Or Perfect Gift Is From God*

1. Good gifts come down from the unchangeable Father—James 1:17.
2. He gives rains and fruitful seasons even to ~~Pagans~~—^{X^{no} cap} Acts 14:17; Matt. 5:45.
3. He supplies physical necessities to His own—Matt. 6:25-34.
4. He provides for those who ask, seek, and knock—Matt. 7:7-10.
5. He gives good things to them who ask Him—Matt. 7:11.
6. He grants unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness—II Peter 1:3.
7. “Living water” is the gift of God—John 4:10-14.
8. Salvation is the gift of God—Eph. 2:8-9.
9. Christians have tasted of the heavenly gift—Heb. 6:4.
10. He gives wisdom to those who ask in faith—James 1:5-8.
11. He gives greater grace to the humble—James 4:6.
12. Rest given to the weary—Matt. 11:28; Rev. 14:13.

II. *Jesus Christ Is The Great Gift Of God*

1. Given as a covenant for the people and a light to the Gentiles—Isaiah 42:6.
2. God spared not his own Son—Romans 8:32.
3. He gave His Son because He loved us.—John 3:16.
4. Christ was given as the propitiation for our sins—I John 4:10.
5. He is the living bread given from heaven—John 1:27, 50-51.

6. The gift of God is eternal life in Christ—Romans 6:23.
7. He is God's "unspeakable gift"—II Cor. 9:13.

III. *The Holy Spirit Is Given To Them Who Obey God*

1. The Father gives the Holy Spirit to His children—Luke 11:13; I Thess. 4:8.
2. Penitent baptized believers receive the Holy Spirit as a gift—Acts 2:38.
3. He is given to them who obey God—Acts 5:32.
4. He is sent into their hearts because they are His—Gal. 4:6.
5. Through the Holy Spirit the love of God is shed abroad in their hearts—Rom. 5:5.

GIFTS OF GOD

I. *Temporal Gifts In This Life:*

1. Rain and seasons of harvest (fruits)—Lev. 26:4-5; Isa. 30:23; Acts 14:17.
2. All good things—Psa. 34:10; I Tim. 6:17; James 1:17.
3. Food and clothes—Matt. 6:25-33.
4. We must ask for our daily food—Matt. 6:11.
5. We must remember that all things come from God—Deut. 8:7-20.
6. We must give thanks at all times—I Tim. 2:1; Phil 4:6; I Thess. 5:18.

II. *Divine Gifts Of A Spiritual Nature:*

1. Jesus Christ—John 3:16; 4:10; 6:32, 33; II Cor. 9:15.
2. The Holy Spirit—Acts 2:38; 5:32; Lk. 11:13.
3. Grace—James 4:6; I Peter 5:5.

4. Repentance—Acts 11:18; Romans 2:4.
5. Rest—Matt. 11:28; II Thess. 1:7; Rev. 14:13.
6. Wisdom—Prov. 2:9; James 1:5.
7. Glory—Psa. 84:11; John 17:22.
8. Eternal life—John 6:27; Rom. 6:23.
9. All things—Rom. 8:32.

GOD THE FATHER

The people of earth can know that God exists through seeing His creation—Romans 1:19-23; Psalm 19:1-4. However, they cannot know His character or His will without His revelation which is in the Holy Bible. God has revealed Himself in the writings of the prophets and especially through His Son Jesus Christ—Heb. 1:1-3; John 14:9.

I. *Characteristics Of God.*

1. God is Eternal:
 - Psalm 102:24-27.
 - Psalm 90:1-4.
 - Exodus 3:13-14.
 - Isaiah 57:15.
 - Jeremiah 10:10.
 - I Timothy 1:17.
 - Revelation 1:8.
 - Revelation 4:8, 9.
2. God is the Creator of all things:
 - Genesis 1:1.
 - Nehemiah 9:6.
 - Psalm 8:3.
 - Ecclesiastes 12:1.
 - Acts 17:24.
 - Hebrews 11:3.
 - I Peter 4:19.
 - Revelation 4:11.

3. God is omniscient (knows everything):
 - Job 37:16.
 - Psalm 147:4, 5.
 - Psalm 139:2-4.
 - I Chronicles 28:9.
 - Matthew 10:29-30.
 - Romans 11:33-36.
4. God is omnipresent (is everywhere):
 - Jeremiah 23:23, 24.
 - Psalm 139:8-12, 23-24.
 - Hebrews 4:13.
 - Acts 17:28-29.
 - Jeremiah 16:17.
5. God is omnipotent (has all power):
 - Genesis 1:3, 11.
 - Psalm 33:8-9.
 - Jeremiah 32:17.
 - Isaiah 40:21-31.
 - Matthew 19:26.
 - Revelation 11:17.
 - Hebrews 13:5-6.
6. God is unchangeable:
 - Malachi 3:6.
 - I Samuel 15:29.
 - Numbers 23:19.
 - James 1:17.
7. God is Faithful:
 - Deut. 7:9; Psalm 100:5.
 - I Cor. 1:9; 10:13.
 - I Cor. 1:9; 10:13.
 - I Thess. 5:23, 24; II Thess. 3:3.
 - Hebrews 10:23; 6:17-18.
 - I John 1:9.
 - Romans 3:3-5; Titus 1:2.
 - II Timothy 2:11-13.
 - I Peter 4:19.
8. God is jealous:

- Exodus 20:5, 34:14.
Joshua 24:19; Deut. 4:24.
Hebrews 10:31; 12:29.
Matthew 6:33.
James 4:4.
Colossians 3:1-2.
9. God is the one who searches the hearts:
I Chronicles 28:9; I Kings 8:39.
I Samuel 16:7.
Acts 1:24.
Romans 8:27.
Luke 16:15.
Revelation 2:23.
10. God is impartial:
Deut. 10:17; II Chronicles 19:7.
Acts 10:34, 35; Romans 2:11.
Galatians 2:6; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:25;
I Pet 1:17.
11. God is Merciful:
Deut. 4:31.
Exodus 34:6.
Psalm 116:5.
Psalm 145:8, 9.
Matthew 5:45; Luke 6:36.
Romans 2:4.
Titus 3:4-5.
Luke 15:11-24.
12. God is Holy:
Isaiah 6:3.
Revelation 4:8.
James 1:13.
I John 1:5.
Leviticus 11:45.
I Peter 1:15-16.
13. God is love:
I John 4:7, 8, 19.
Romans 5:8.

Ephesians 2:4-7.
John 3:16.
Hebrews 12:6-7.
I John 3:1.

II. *The Writers Of The New Testament Taught The Oneness Of God As Presented In The Old Testament And Also Taught That God Is "The Father And The Son And The Holy Spirit"*

1. This truth was revealed especially in the coming of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. They demonstrated that there are three in one.
2. Scriptures which demonstrate this truth:
 - (1) Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:35.
 - (2) Matthew 3:16, 17; Mark 1:9-11; John 1:32-34.
 - (3) John 14:7-23.
 - (4) John 6:5-15.
 - (5) Matthew 28:19.
 - (6) Ephesians 2:18; 3:2-5, 14, 17; 4:4-6; 5:18-20.
 - (7) I Corinthians 12:4-6.
 - (8) II Corinthians 13:14.
 - (9) Hebrews 2:3-4; 6:4-6; 10:29-31.
 - (10) I Peter 1:2; 4:13-19.
 - (11) I John 5:3-8.
 - (12) Jude 20, 21.
 - (13) Revelation 1:4-6.

III. *Jesus Christ Revealed God Perfectly:*

1. Jesus was called Immanuel "which interpreted is, *God with us*"
 - (1) The Word which was with God in the beginning, (and "was God") became flesh and made known the Father—John 1:1-2, 14, 18.
 - (2) The Son reveals the Father—Matthew 11:25-27.

- (3) He who sees the Son sees also the Father—John 14:7-11.
 - (4) “Who is the image of the invisible God”
Colossians 1:15.
 - (5) He is the brightness of his glory and the true representation of his nature—Hebrews 1:3.
2. How do we see God in Jesus Christ?
- (1) Jesus showed that God continually loves sinners and wants them to be saved—Mark 2:15-17; Matt. 23:37; Luke 23:34.
 - (2) Jesus showed that God seeks sinners although they do not know Him—Luke 19:10; John 9:35; Romans 8:32; I John 4:10.
 - (3) Jesus showed that God cares for every person and rejoices when one repents—Luke 15:1-32.

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

I. *The Gospel Is Described In The Bible As:*

1. The dispensation of the grace of God—Eph. 3:2.
2. The gospel of peace—Eph. 6:15.
3. The gospel of God—Rom. 1:1; I Thess. 2:8.
4. The gospel of His Son—Rom. 1:9.
5. The gospel of Christ—II Cor. 2:12; I Thess 3:2.
6. The gospel of the grace of God—Acts 20:24.
7. The gospel of the kingdom—Matt. 24:14.
8. The gospel of your salvation—Eph. 1:13.
9. The gospel of the glory of Christ—II Cor. 4:4.
10. The mystery of Christ—Eph. 3:4.
11. The word of God—I Thess. 2:13.
12. The word of his grace—Acts 14:3; 20:32.
13. The word of salvation—Acts 13:26.
14. The word of reconciliation—II Cor. 5:19.
15. The word of truth—Eph. 1:13.
16. The word of faith—Rom. 10:8.
17. The word of life—Phil 2:16.

18. The ministration of the Spirit—II Cor. 3:8.
19. The doctrine which is according to godliness—I Tim. 6:3.
20. The eternal gospel—Rev. 14:6.

II. *The Gospel Is The Good News Concerning Jesus Christ And The Salvation Which Is In Him.*

1. The Saviour was born for all people—Lk. 2:10, 11.
2. He died for sinners and rose from the dead—Rom. 4:25; I Cor. 15:1-4.
3. God promised the Gospel long ago in the holy writings of the prophets—Rom. 1:1-2.
4. Life and immortality are brought to light through the Gospel—II Tim. 1:10.
5. It did not come from man, but through the revelation of Jesus Christ—Gal. 1:11-12.
6. It is the power of God to save people—Rom. 1:16; Mk. 16:15-16.

III. *The Gospel Of Christ Saved:*

1. Those who crucified him—Acts 2:22-41.
2. Those who practiced sorcery—Acts 8:5-13; 19:18-19.
3. People who were religious—Acts 8:26-40; 10:1-11, 11.
4. Those who persecuted the church—Acts 9:1-19; 22:1-16.
5. Pagans—Acts 16:30-34.
6. Those who worshipped idols—I Thess. 1:8-10.
7. Sinners of every type—I Cor. 6:9-11.

IV. *Some Do Not Obey The Gospel:*

1. It was rejected by many Jews—Acts 13:46; I Thess. 2:15-16.
2. Some pervert (twist) and spoil the Gospel—Gal.

- 1:6-7.
3. The Gospel is hidden unto those who are lost, and whose minds have been blinded by Satan—II Cor. 4:3-4. X no cap
 4. Those who preach another Gospel are to be accursed —Gal. 1:8-9. X no cap
 5. Those who do not obey the Gospel shall be punished —Mk. 16:16; II Thess. 1:8-9. V no cap
 6. Through our evil manner of life we may hinder the Gospel—I Cor. 9:12. V no cap

V. *Our Responsibility Towards The Gospel:*

1. We must not be ashamed of it—Rom. 1:16.
2. Our manner of life must be worthy of the Gospel—Phil. 1:27. X no cap
3. We must walk uprightly according to the truth of the Gospel—Gal. 2:14. X no cap
4. We must not be moved away from the hope of the Gospel—Col. 1:23. V no cap
5. We must know suffering for the Gospel—II Tim. 1:8; 3:12. X no cap
6. We are personally indebted to preach the Gospel—Rom. 1:14; I Cor. 9:16. V no cap
7. We must minister the Gospel—Rom. 1:1; 15:16; Phil. 2:22; 4:3. X no cap
8. Whoever loses his life because of the Gospel shall save it—Mark 8:35; 10:29. X no cap

GRACE

I. *God Is A God Of Grace:*

1. God of all grace—I Pet. 5:10.
2. His throne is a throne of grace—Heb. 4:16.
3. Spirit of grace—Heb. 10:29.
4. Gospel of His grace—Acts 20:24.

5. Abundant riches of His grace shown in Christ—Eph. 2:7.
6. The glory of His grace—Eph. 1:6.
7. Word of His grace—Acts 14:3; 20:32.
8. His grace extends to all—Titus 2:11.

II. *The Grace Of God Is:*

1. Great—Acts 4:33.
2. Rich—Ephesians 1:7; 2:7.
3. Exceeding—II Cor. 9:14.
4. Manifold—I Peter 4:10.
5. Sufficient—II Cor. 12:9.
6. Abundant—Romans 5:15.
7. True—I Peter 5:12.
8. Glorious—Ephesians 1:6.
9. Powerful—I Cor. 15:10.

III. *Grace Is The Cause Or Ground Of:*

1. Election—Romans 11:5.
2. Calling—Gal. 1:15.
3. Justification—Rom. 3:24; Titus 3:7.
4. Faith—Acts 18:27.
5. Forgiveness of sins—Ephesians 1:7.
6. Salvation—Acts 15:11; Ephesians 2:5, 8.
7. Eternal comfort and good hope—II Thess. 2:16.

IV. *The Grace Of Christ:*

1. The grace of God came through Christ—John 1:17.
2. The grace of God given through Christ—I Cor. 1:4; Rom. 3:24.
3. Christ was full of grace—John 1:14.
4. His words were words of grace—Luke 4:22.
5. The grace of Christ abounded towards sinners—I Tim. 1:14-15.

6. He gave Himself because of His grace—II Cor. 8:9.
7. Through the grace of God Jesus died for every man—Heb. 2:9.

V. *The Children Of God:*

1. Receive grace from Christ—John 1:16.
2. Are under grace—Rom. 6:14.
3. Are justified through grace, not by works of the law—Gal. 2:21; 5:4.
4. Have strength through grace—I Cor. 15:10.
5. Receive grace in time of need—Heb. 4:16.
6. Are heirs of the grace of life—I Pet. 3:7.

VI. *Responsibility Of Those Who Receive The Grace Of God:*

1. Receive not grace in vain—II Cor. 6:1.
2. Abound in grace—II Cor. 9:8.
3. Be established by grace—Heb. 13:9.
4. Be strengthened in grace—II Tim. 2:1.
5. Grow in grace—II Pet. 3:18.
6. Speak with grace—Col. 4:6; Eph. 4:29.
7. Humble themselves to receive grace—James 4:6; I Pet. 5:5.
8. Rejoice to see the grace of God—Acts 11:23.
9. Sing unto God with grace in their heart—Col. 3:16.
10. Watch carefully lest they fall short of the grace of God—Heb. 12:15.
11. Not turn the grace of God into lasciviousness—Jude 4, Rom. 6:1, 15.
12. Serve God with grace—Heb. 12:28.

HEART

I. *The Function Of The Heart.*

1. Men speak out of the abundance of the heart—

- Matt. 12:34; Luke 6:45.
2. Evil cometh out from inside the heart—Mark 7:21-23.
 3. They reason in their hearts—Mark 2:8.
 4. They determine in their hearts—Lk. 21:14; Acts 11:23; II Cor. 9:7.
 5. They are slow of heart—Luke 24:25.
 6. They are troubled in heart—John 14:1.
 7. God's word is sown in the heart—Luke 8:11-12.
 8. They are convicted in their hearts because of sorrow—Acts 2:37.
 9. They are cut to the heart because of wrath—Acts 5:33; 7:54.
 10. Christ lives in their hearts because of faith in Him.—Eph. 3:17.
 11. Where your treasure is, your heart will be also—Matt. 6:21; Lk. 12:34.

II. *Nature Of The Evil Heart:*

1. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations—Prov. 6:18.
2. A perverse heart—Prov. 11:20.
3. A heart full of evil—Ecc. 9:3.
4. A heart fully set to do evil—Ecc. 8:11.
5. The heart is deceitful above all things—Jeremiah 17:9.
6. It is far from God—Isaiah 29:13; Matt. 15:8.
7. He prepared not his heart to seek the Lord—II Chron. 12:14.
8. Their foolish heart was darkened—Rom. 1:21.
9. Do err in their heart—Psalm 95:10.
10. That heart is turned away from God—Deut. 29:18; Jer. 17:5.
11. Impenitent heart—Romans 2:5.
12. Evil heart of unbelief—Heb. 3:12.
13. Hardness of heart—Eph. 4:18.

14. Uncircumcised heart—Lev. 26:41; Acts 7:51.
15. Deceived heart—Isaiah 44:20; James 1:26.
16. Divided heart—Hosea 10:2.
17. Hard heart—Ezek. 3:7; Mark 10:5.
18. Haughty heart—Prov. 18:12; Jer. 48:29.
19. Covetous heart—Jer. 22:17; II Peter 2:14.
20. Foolish heart—Prov. 12:23.
21. Fretful heart against God—Prov. 19:3.
22. Revolting and rebellious heart—Jer. 5:23.
23. Stony heart—Ezekiel 36:26; 11:19.
24. Adultery in the heart—Matt. 5:28.

III. *Characteristics Of A Good Heart:*

1. Heart prepared to seek God—II Chronicles 19:3.
2. A firm heart trusting in the Lord—Psalm 112:7.
3. Pure heart—Psalm 24:4; Matt. 5:8.
4. Heart that is honest and good—Luke 8:15.
5. Broken heart—Psalm 34:18; 51:17.
6. Obedient heart—Rom. 6:17.
7. Filled with the word of God—Psalm 119:11.
8. Circumcised heart—Deut. 30:6; Rom. 2:29.
9. Heart that desires God—Psalm 84:2; 27:8.
10. Faithful heart—Nehemiah 9:8.
11. Lowly heart—Matt. 11:29.

IV. *God:*

1. Continually tries the heart—I Chron. 29:17; Jer. 12:3; Rev. 2:23.
2. He knows the secrets of the heart—Psalm 44:21; Jer. 20:12; Heb. 4:12; Luke 16:15.
3. Searches hearts—Romans 8:27.
4. He looks on the heart—I Sam. 16:7.
5. He opens the heart—Acts 16:14.
6. He gives a new heart—Ezek. 36:26; 18:31.
7. He shines in the heart—II Cor. 4:6.

8. He strengthens the heart—Psalm 27:14.
9. He establishes the heart—I Thess. 3:13.
10. He sends the Holy Spirit to enter the hearts of His children—Gal. 4:6.

V. *People Must:*

1. Prepare their hearts for God—I Sam. 7:3.
2. Give their hearts to God—Prov. 23:26.
3. Apply their heart to understanding—Prov. 2:2.
4. Guide their hearts—Prov. 23:19.
5. Believe in their hearts—Rom. 10:9.
6. Serve Him with all their heart—Deut. 11:13.
7. Purify their hearts—James 4:8.
8. Have a heart of mercy—Eph. 4:32.
9. Keep the heart diligently above all things—Prov. 4:23.
10. Walk in truth before God with all their heart—I Kings 2:4.

HEAVEN

I. *Heaven Is The Home Of God:*

1. You abide in your holy habitation, heaven—Deut. 26:15.
2. The Lord the God of heaven—Jonah 1:9.
3. Your Father in heaven—Matt. 5:16, 45; 7:21; Mark 11:25.
4. Heaven is the throne of God—Matt. 5:34; 23:22.
5. His angels are in heaven—Matt. 24:36; 22:30, 18:10, Luke 2:15.
6. The host of heaven worship Him—Nehemiah 9:6.
7. There is joy in heaven because of one sinner that repents—Luke 15:7, 10.

II. *Jesus Christ Is From Heaven:*

1. He came down to earth from heaven—John 3:13; 6:38.
2. He returned to heaven after he arose from the dead—Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:11; I Peter 3:22; Heb. 1:3; 8:1.
3. He will come again from heaven—I Thess. 1:10; 4:16; II Thess. 1:7.

III. *Believers Of The Old Testament Will Abide in Heaven:*

1. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on earth—Heb. 11:13-15.
2. They desire another country in heaven—Heb. 11:16.
3. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the prophets of God will be within the kingdom of heaven—Matt. 8:11; Luke 13:28.

IV. *Faithful Christians Will Live In Heaven Forever And Ever:*

1. They are partakers of the heavenly calling—Heb. 3:1.
2. Their citizenship is in heaven—Phil. 3:20.
3. Their names are written in heaven—Luke 10:20; Heb. 10:23.
4. They have hope in heaven—Col. 1:5.
5. They have an inheritance reserved for them in heaven—I Peter 1:4.
6. They lay up for themselves treasure in heaven—Matt. 6:20.
7. They have eternal riches in heaven—Luke 12:33; Matt. 19:21. Mk. 10:21.
8. They have a great reward in heaven—Matt. 5:12; Luke 6:23.
9. Those who do the will of the Father shall enter into

the kingdom of heaven—Matthew 7:21.

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10. They shall enter into his heavenly kingdom—II Timothy 4:18.
 11. They shall enter the eternal kingdom of the Lord—II Peter 1:11.
 12. They have a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens—II Corinthians 5:1.
 13. Jesus went to heaven to prepare for them a place—John 14:1-6.
 14. There is no hunger, nor thirst, nor other problems in heaven—Revelation 7:16-17; 21:4.
 15. The sufferings of this present time can not be compared with the glory of heaven—Romans 8:18; II Cor. 4:14-16.
 16. They shall be changed to be like the Lord Jesus—I Corinthians 15:50-54; I John 3:2; Philipians 3:20-21.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. *His Names:*

1. "Holy Spirit"—Matt. 3:11; 28:19.
2. "Spirit of God"—Phil. 3:3; I Cor. 6:11.
3. "Spirit of the Lord"—Isa. 61:1; Lk. 4:18; Acts 5:9.
4. "Spirit of Christ"—Romans 8:9; Phil. 1:19.
5. "Advocate"—John 14:16, 26.
6. "Spirit of truth"—John 14:17; 16:13.
7. "Spirit of grace"—Heb. 10:29.
8. "Spirit"—I Tim. 4:1; Acts 2:4.

II. *His Characteristics*—He is not a force only, but a person or personality. He is able to think, to know, to love, to be insulted, to be sorrowful, and to do other things which a "force" cannot do.

1. "What is the mind of the Spirit"—Rom. 8:27.

2. He knows—I Cor. 2:11.
3. He searches all things, even the deep things of God—
I Cor. 2:10.
4. According to his will (as he wishes)—I Cor. 12:11.
5. They were forbidden of (prevented by) the Holy
Spirit—Acts 16:6.
6. The love of the Spirit—Rom. 15:30; Rom. 5:5.
7. The Spirit speaketh expressly—I Tim. 4:1; Acts 8:29.
8. He bears witness—John 15:26, 27; Acts 20:23;
Rom. 8:16.
9. He prays for us—Rom. 8:26, 27.
10. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God—Eph. 4:30.
11. People tried to deceive the Holy Spirit—Acts 5:3.
12. He can be blasphemed—Mk. 3:29.
13. He may be insulted—Heb. 10:29.

III. *His Works:*

1. The work of leading spokesmen of God to prevent
their going astray in their preaching and in their
writings—II Peter 1:19-21; II Tim. 3:16-17; Matt.
10:19-20; John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 2:1-4; I Cor.
2:9-13.
2. The baptism of the Holy Spirit:
 - (1) The apostles of Jesus Christ were baptized in the
Holy Spirit that they might be guided into all
truth and be able to remember everything which
Jesus taught them—John 14:26; 16:13; Lk.
24:49; Acts 1:1-8; 2:1-4; 4:33; 6:6; 10:39-41.
 - (2) Cornelius and his family (household) were
baptized in the Holy Spirit to demonstrate that
the Gentiles had been accepted by God just the
same as the Jews—through the Gospel—separate
and apart from the Law of Moses. Acts 10:1-48;
11:1-18; 15:7-11.

Notice: Truly, the Apostles of Christ were guided
into all truth, and we have this very same truth

in the Bible, the holy book of God. As it was demonstrated long ago that Gentiles are accepted by God the same as Jews, we still have this same evidence in our Bible. Because of this, the work of the baptism of the Spirit was fulfilled, and there is no such baptism in these days. Paul wrote that there is "one baptism" (Eph. 4:5), and that baptism is in water "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" "unto the forgiveness of sins". That baptism must be preached to all nations unto the end of this present age. Matt. 28:19, 20; Mk. 16:15, 16; Acts 2:38; 8:36-38; 10:48; Eph. 5:26; Titus 3:5; I Peter 3:20-21. All Christians have the Holy Spirit in them, being the temple of God (I Cor. 3:16; 6:19-20), and they are helped greatly by Him but they are not baptized in the Holy Spirit as the Apostles and Cornelius were.

3. Gifts of the Holy Spirit, of various kinds, were given through the laying on of the Apostles' hands. Those Apostles were chosen to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus (Acts 1:1-8, 21, 22; 10:39-41). They also were able to give the power of the Holy Spirit to other people. The Apostles did so by laying their hands upon them. (Acts 6:6, 8; 8:5-24; 19:1-7). Because they were revealing the will of God, the Lord "confirmed the word with signs following"—(Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:3-4).

4. He convicts the world because of sin—John 16:8. How does he continue to convict the world of sin?

- (1) The people were convicted by the preaching of Peter, who was led by the Holy Spirit—Acts 2:4, 36, 37.
- (2) "The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"—Eph. 6:17.
- (3) The word of God is living and active—Heb.

4:12.

- (4) Wherever the Gospel has not been preached, people do not know Jesus Christ and are not convicted of their sins.
5. The Holy Spirit abides in Christians as the temple of God—Acts 2:38; 5:32; Gal. 4:6; I Cor. 3:16, 17 6:19; Eph. 2:20-22; Gal. 5:22-23. Through dwelling in the heart of Christians, the Holy Spirit brings forth the fruit of the Spirit, which is:
 - (1) Love—I Cor. 13:1-6; Col. 3:14.
 - (2) Joy—Rom. 14:17; 15:13; Phil. 4:4.
 - (3) Peace—John 14:27; Rom. 5:1; Phil. 4:6-7.
 - (4) Long suffering—Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12.
 - (5) Gentleness (to have mercy)—Col. 3:12; I Peter 3:8.
 - (6) Goodness—Eph. 4:25-31; Rom. 15:14.
 - (7) Faithfulness—Titus 2:10; Rev. 2:10.
 - (8) Meekness—Eph. 4:2; I Peter 3:4; 5:5, 6.
 - (9) Self-control—Acts 24:25; II Peter 1:6.
6. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us—Rom. 8:26-27.
 - (1) “~~Advocate~~”, as Jesus is an “~~Advocate~~”,—John 14:26; I John 2:1. *X no cap*
 - (2) “Another ~~Advocate~~”—of the same type—John 14:16; Heb. 7:25. *X no cap*
 - (3) “In the comfort of the Holy Spirit”—Acts 9:31. The church of the Lord was established and was multiplied because the Holy Spirit, as her Advocate, comforted the Christians and strengthened them.
 - (4) Jesus Christ only is the “~~Mediator~~” between God and us—I Tim. 2:5. *X no cap*
“A mediator is one who “goes between” two, and brings them into fellowship—Eph. 2:11-16 II Cor. 5:18-19. Only Jesus Christ performed that task.
 - (5) But the Holy Spirit also is an “~~Advocate~~” who remains at a person’s side, and prays for him. *X no cap*

Thus, although we do not know how to pray as we should, the Holy Spirit makes our prayers meaningful and presents them before God.

7. Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit—Matt. 12:31-32; Mk. 3:22-30.

- (1) The example of the Israelites—II Chron. 36:15-16; Jer. 7:8-16; 24-28; Num. 15:27-31. The Israelites hardened their hearts by deliberately refusing God and his word until “there was no remedy (rescue)”, and Jeremiah was told that he was not to pray for them at all!
- (2) In the New Testament—Rom. 1:21-31; Eph. 4:17-19; I Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:7, 15; 6:1-6; 10:26-29; 12:25. These scriptures teach that when people deliberately refuse (reject) the words of the Holy Spirit, and continue to sin deliberately, they may harden their hearts completely until they are unable to repent and to be forgiven. In this way they insult the Holy Spirit and commit “eternal sin”

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE WRITTEN WORD

I. *What Kind of the Book Is The Bible?*

1. We ought to allow the Bible to speak of its own character:

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- (1) II Timothy 3:16, 17—God inspired the Scriptures. See Matt. 4:4.
- (2) II Peter 1:19-21—The Scriptures did not originate with men and their wisdom but with God. Notice also Gal. 1:11-12.
- (3) John 10:35—Jesus taught that the scriptures cannot be broken.

2. These writings are designated thusly in the Bible:

- (1) “Holy Scriptures”—Rom. 1:2.
- (2) “Word of God”—Rom. 3:2; 9:6.

- (3) "Sacred Writings"—(separate and distinct from other writings)—II Tim. 3:15.
3. The words of Scripture are the Words of God:
- (1) Rom. 9:17.
 - (2) Gal. 3:8; Gen. 18:17-18.
 - (3) Acts 4:25.
 - (4) Acts 28:25.
 - (5) II Peter 3:15, 16.

II. *The Attitude Of Christ Concerning The Holy Scriptures:*

1. The Scriptures were inspired by the Holy Spirit—Matt. 22:43; Mk. 12:36.
2. The Scriptures testified of Him—John 5:39, 46, 47; Luke 24:25-27, 44-47.
3. He believed the miracles (signs) which were written in the Old Testament:
 - (1) Concerning the Creation, he believed the book of Genesis—Matt. 19:4-6.
 - (2) Concerning the ark in Noah's day—Lk. 17:26, 27.
 - (3) Moses and the bush—Mk. 12:26.
 - (4) Jonah and the great fish. This story is true and is used as a type of his resurrection from the dead—Matt. 12:39-41.
 - (5) Christ used the Scriptures when he resisted the testing of Satan—Matt. 4:1-10.
 - (6) The Scriptures "must be fulfilled" even to death on the cross—Matt. 26:24, 54, 56; Mk. 14:27.

III. *The Holy Spirit Speaks Through The Word of God:*

1. Through the Old Testament prophets—Jer. 2:1-2; Ezek. 2:1, 2; Hosea 1:1; Joel 1:1; Micah 3:8; Nehemiah 9:20, 30.
2. The New Testament bears witness to the Old

Testament that it came from God—Acts 1:16; 7:51-7:51-53; Mk. 12:36; Heb. 3:7; 9:8; 10:15; I Peter 1:11; II Peter 1:21.

3. Through the apostles and prophets of the New Testament:
 - (1) The promise of Jesus—John 15:26; 16:7-13; Mt. 10:19-20.
 - (2) The fulfillment of that promise—Acts 2:1-47; Gal. 1:11-12; Eph. 3:5; I Thess. 2:13.

IV. *The Holy Spirit Convicts Sinners And Turns Them To God Through The Word:*

1. The testimony (witness) of the Spirit is through the Scriptures:
 - (1) I Peter 1:10-12; II Peter 1:20-21.
 - (2) Eph. 3:5.
 - (3) Hebrews 3:7; 9:8; 10:15-17.
 - (4) Rev. 2:7, 11, 29; 3:6, 13, 22.
2. The Holy Spirit convicts of sins through the word:
 - (1) Convicting—John 16:7-11; II Tim. 3:16-17; 4:2.
 - a. Of sin—John 3:18; 8:24.
 - b. Of righteousness—Acts 2:22, 23, 33; 3:14; 7:52; I Pet. 3:18, I John 2:1.
 - c. Of judgement—John 12:31, 32; Hebrews 2:14, 15.
 - (2) Acts 2:36-37; Eph. 6:17; John 3:5; Titus 3:5.
 - (3) Hebrews 4:12; I Peter 1:23; James 1:21; John 17:17.
3. Examples of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of sinners:
 - (1) On Pentecost—Acts 2.
 - (2) The Samaritans—Acts 8:5-12.
 - (3) The Ethiopian eunuch—Acts 8:26-39.
 - (4) Cornelius—Acts 10:1-48; 11:1-18.
 - (5) The Philippian jailor—Acts 16:25-34.
 - (6) The Corinthians—Acts 18:8; I Cor. 4:15; 6:9-11.

Notice: Where the Word of God has not gone, sinners are not convicted of sin and do not repent. Because of this, we have a great responsibility to preach the Gospel to the whole creation in order that the Holy Spirit may convict them of sin and lead them to Jesus Christ who is able to save them.

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HUMILITY

I. *God Desires All Men To Humble Themselves.*

1. Humble themselves as little children—Matt. 18:4.
2. Humility to prevent strife—Phil. 2:3-4.
3. He blesses those who humble themselves—II Chron. 7:14.
4. He is with the humble—Isa. 57:15; 66:2.
5. He comforts the lowly—II Cor. 7:6.
6. God humbles people so that they might follow in His way—Deut. 8:2-3.
7. Those who humble themselves shall be exalted.—Matt. 23:12; Lk. 14:11; 18:14; Prov. 29:23.
8. But He does not want false humility—Col. 2:18, 23.

II. *The Examples Of Christ*

1. Washing the disciples' feet—John 13:1-17.
2. Leaving His glory and taking the form of a servant—Phil. 2:5-8.
3. He calls the weary and heavy-laden because He is meek and lowly in heart—Matt. 11:28-30.

III. *Children Of God:*

1. Should show forth all lowliness and meekness—Eph. 4:2.
2. Should put on humility—Col. 3:12; I Pet. 3:8.
3. Walk humbly—Micah 6:8.

4. Serve the Lord with all humility—Acts 20:19.
5. Manifest love by humility—I Cor. 13:4.
6. Should humble themselves, and they shall be lifted up—James 4:10; I Peter 5:6.

JEALOUSY

I. *Jealousy Is Sometimes A Good thing.*

1. God is jealous—he doesn't want people to worship other gods—Exodus 20:5; 34:14; Deut. 4:24.
2. Jehovah was jealous for his land—Joel 2:18.
3. God was jealous for Jerusalem and Zion—Zech. 1:14.
4. Elijah was jealous for Jehovah—I King 19:10, 14.
5. A husband may be jealous of his wife—Numbers 5:14, 29; Proverbs 6:34.
6. Paul was jealous over the Corinthians with a godly jealousy that they might not be beguiled by Satan—II Cor. 11:2-3.

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II. *But Jealousy Is An Evil Thing When It Alienates People.*

1. Rachel was jealous of Leah—Genesis 30:1.
2. The Philistines were jealous of Isaac—Genesis 26:14.
3. Joseph's brothers were jealous—Genesis. 37:11; Acts 7:9.
4. We must not envy (be jealous of) the wicked—Proverbs 24:19.
5. We must not envy (be jealous of) the arrogant—Psalm 73:3, 17:20.

JESUS CHRIST

I. *Christ According To Prophecies And Fulfillment.*

1. Seed of the woman—Gen. 3:15; Gal, 4:4; I Tim. 2:15.

2. Seed of Abraham—Gen. 12:3; 22:18; Gal. 3:16; Acts 3:25-26.
3. Born of a virgin—Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Lk. 1:26-35.
4. Born in Bethlehem—Micah 5:2, 3; Matt. 2:1-6; Lk. 2:4; John 7:42.
5. Tribe of Judah—Gen. 49:9; Micah 5:2; Matt. 1:2; Heb. 7:14; Rev. 5:5.
6. Descendant of David—II Sam. 7:12-16; Psalm 89:3, 4; Isa. 9:6-7; Jer 23:5; Matt. 1:1, 6; John 7:42; Rev. 5:5; 22:16.
7. His affliction—Psalm 22:1, 7, 18; Isa. 50:6; 53:1-12; Matt. 26:31; Luke 24:25-26; John 1:29; Acts 8:32-35.
8. Death on the cross—Psalm 22:16; Matt. 20:18, 19; John 3:14; 12:32, 33; Phil. 2:8.
9. His burial—Psalm 16:10; Jonah 1:17; Matt. 12:40; 16:4; 27:63; John 2:18-22; Acts 2:27-23.
10. His resurrection—Psalm 2:1-9; 110:1-2; Mk. 16:19; Acts 2:33-36; Eph. 1:20-23; I Peter 3:22.

II. *Christ Is Called:*

1. Last Adam—I Cor. 15:45.
2. Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end—Rev. 22:13.
3. Amen—Rev. 3:14.
4. Apostle—Heb. 3:1; John 3:17; 5:36; 6:29.
5. Mediator—I Tim. 2:5.
6. Advocate—Heb. 12:24; I John 2:1.
7. King—Matt. 2:2; 21:15; John 18:36; Rev. 17:14; 19:16.
8. Lord—Acts 2:36; Romans 10:9; Phil. 2:11.
9. Good Shepherd—John 10:1-14; Heb. 13:20; I Peter 2:25; 5:4.
10. Emmanuel—Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23.
11. Wonderful—Isa. 9:6.

12. Councillor—Isa. 9:6.
13. God—Isa. 9:6; John 1:1-2; 20:28; I John 5:20; Acts 20:28.
14. Everlasting Father—Isa. 9:6.
15. Prince of Peace—Isa. 9:6.
16. Faithful Witness—Rev. 1:5; 3:14.
17. Governor—Matt. 2:6; Acts 5:31; Heb. 2:10.
18. High Priest—Heb. 3:1; 4:14; 7:26; 8:1.
19. Head of the Church—Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22, 23; 5:23.
20. Lamb—John 1:29; Acts 8:32-35; Rev. 5:6; 7:14; I Peter 1:18, 19.
21. Lion—Rev. 5:5.
22. Prince of life—Acts 3:15.
23. Resurrection and the life—John 11:25; 5:28-29; 10:10; 20:31.
24. Saviour—I John 4:14; Phil. 3:20; Eph. 5:23; Acts 4:12.
25. The anointed One (Messiah)—Dan. 9:25; John 1:41; 4:25.
26. The Word—John 1:1-2; I John 1:1; Rev. 19:13.
27. Jesus—Matt. 1:21, 25; Lk. 2:21; Acts 13:23; 10:38; Heb. 2:9.
28. That man—John 19:5; Acts 2:22; I Tim. 2:5.
29. Son of David—Matt. 1:1; Lk. 1:32; II Tim. 2:8; Rev. 3:5; 2:16.
30. Son of God—Mk. 1:1; Matt. 16:16; John 11:27; I John 5:11-13; 4:15.
31. Son of man—Dan. 7:13, 14; Mk. 2:27, 28; Matt. 12:31, 32; Lk. 19:10; Acts 7:56.
32. Servant of God—Isaiah 42:1-4; 53:11; Matt. 12:14-21; Mk. 10:45.
33. Physician—Matt. 9:11-13; Mk. 2:17; Lk. 5:30-32; 4:23.
34. Prophet—Deut. 18:18-19; John 1:21; Lk. 4:24; 13:33; Acts 3:22-26; 7:37; Matt. 17:5; Heb. 1:1.
35. Stone—Mk. 12:1-11; Acts 4:11; Romans 9:32, 33;

- I Peter 2:6-8; Eph. 2:20.
36. Bridegroom—Matt. 9:14-15; II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:22-5:22-23; Rev. 19:7; 21:9.
 37. Bread of life—John 6:35-68; Rev. 2:17.
 38. The Light of the world—John 8:12; 9:5; 12:35, 36, 46; 3:19-21.
 39. The Way—John 14:6; See Eph. 2:18; Heb. 10:19, 20; Acts 9:2; 19:9.
 40. The Truth—John 14:6; 1:14; 8:32; 18:37; I John 5:20.
 41. The Life—John 14:6; 1:4; 5:26; 11:25; I John 5:11-13, 20.
 42. Judge—John 5:22, 27; 12:47, 48; Acts 10:42; 17:31; II Tim. 4:1; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25:31-46.
 43. The ~~J~~ust one—Acts 3:14; 7:52; 22:14; I Peter 3:18; X ^{no} cap I John 2:1.

III. *Christ's Characteristics:*

1. Holy—Lk. 1:35; Rev. 3:7; Acts 3:14.
2. Righteous—Isa. 53:11; Acts 3:14; 22:14; I John 2:1.
3. Without deceit—Isa. 53:9; I Peter 2:22.
4. Without sin—John 8:46; II Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 7:26; I John 3:5.
5. Without blemish—I Peter 1:19; Heb. 9:14.
6. Faithful—Isa. 11:5; II Thess. 5:3; II Tim. 2:13.
7. One who is true—John 1:14; 7:18; I John 5:20; Rev. 3:7.
8. Obeys the Father—John 4:34; 6:38; 15:10; Heb. 5:8.
9. Lowly in heart—Isa. 53:7; Matt. 11:29; Phil. 2:8.
10. Compassionate—Lk. 7:13; 19:41; Heb. 2:17; 4:15.
11. Long suffering—I Tim. 1:16.
12. Loving—John 13:1; 15:13; 10:15.
13. Giving Himself—Matt. 8:20; II Cor. 8:9.
14. Forgiving—Lk. 23:34.

IV. *Christ Was Human:*

1. Born of woman—Lk. 1:30-31; Matt. 1:24, 25; Gal. 4:4.
2. He was flesh and blood—John 1:14; Heb. 2:14.
3. He had physical life—Matt. 26:38; Lk. 23:46.
4. He increased in wisdom and stature—Lk. 2:52.
5. He knew hunger—Matt. 4:2; 21:18.
6. He knew thirst—John 4:7; 19:28.
7. He knew tiredness—John 4:6.
8. He slept—Matt. 8:24; Mark 4:38.
9. He cried—Lk. 19:41; John 11:35.
10. Man of sorrow and grief—Isa. 53:3-4; Lk. 22:44; John 11:33; 12:27.
11. He was treated insolently—Matt. 26:67; Lk. 22:63, 65; 23:11; I Peter 2:23.
12. He was scourged—Matt. 27:26; John 19:1.
13. Crucified on the cross—Lk. 23:33; John 19:18.
14. Put in a grave—Matt. 27:59-60; Mk. 15:46.
15. Emptied Himself—Phil. 2:6-8.
16. Was in all points tempted like as we are—Heb. 4:15.
17. But was without sin—Heb. 4:15; I John 3:5.
18. One who denies that Christ has come in the flesh is antichrist—I John 4:2, 3; II John 7.

V. *His Divinity—Words Spoken Concerning God The Father Were Also Spoken Concerning Christ:*

1. Jehovah (Lord)—Isaiah 40:3; Lk. 3:4; John 1:23, 27, 29.
- no cap X 2. The ~~B~~eginning and the end—Isa. 44:6; 48:12; Rev. 1:8, 17; 22:13.
3. Lord of hosts—Isa. 6:1-3; 1:13, 14; John 12:41; I Peter 3:15.
- no cap X 4. Eternal ~~C~~reator—Psa. 102:24-27; Heb. 1:8-12; John 1:1-3.
5. Unchanging God—Psa. 102:27; Eccl. 3:6; Heb. 13:8.

6. King of Glory—Psa. 24:7, 10; I Cor. 2:8; James 2:1.
7. Mighty God—Isa. 1:24; 9:6; Titus 2:13.
8. Eternal Father—Isa. 63:16; Matt. 5:16; Isa. 9:6.
9. The True God—Jer. 10:10; I John 5:20. *X no caps*
10. Lord of all—Jer. 45:23; Acts 10:36; Rom. 10:12; Phil. 2:10-11.
11. Lord of Lords and King of Kings—Deut. 10:17; Psa. 136:3; I Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14; 19:16. *no caps*
12. Judge—Eccl. 12:14; I Cor. 4:5; II Cor. 5:10.
13. Source of Spiritual Blessing—II Thess. 2:16-17; II Cor. 13:11. *no caps*
14. Our righteousness—Jer. 23:5, 6; I Cor. 1:30.
15. Redeemer—Isa. 44:6; Mk. 10:45; I Tim. 2:6; Heb. 9:15; I Pet. 1:18, 19.
16. Shepherd—Psa. 23:1; Isa. 40:10, 11; John 10:11, 14; I Pet. 2:25; Heb. 13:20.
17. He must be honoured equally—John 5:23.
18. He was worshipped exactly as God the Father—Matt. 28:17; Rev. 5:12-14.
19. "My Lord and my God"—John 20:28.

VI. Christ's Word—Jesus Came To The Earth:

1. To reveal the Father:

- (1) He alone knew to reveal the Father—Matt. 11:25-27.
- (2) He was in the beginning with God but became flesh in order to make known the Father—John 1:1, 2, 14, 18.
- (3) He who has seen the Son has seen the Father—John 14:7-9.
- (4) He is the image of God—Col. 1:15.
- (5) He is the express image of His person—Hebrews 1:3. *X cap*
- (6) He showed that God is a Father of love—Matt. 6:25-34; 10:29-31.
- (7) He showed that God himself cares for each

person—Lk. 15; Matt. 18:10-14.

one word X 2. To take away sin—I John 3:5.

(1) The offering of animals can not take away sin—Heb. 10:4.

(2) But the faithful ones of the Old Testament were forgiven—Isa. 1:18; Psa. 103:12; Micah 7:19.

cap X (3) God was able to do so because ~~he~~ knew that Jesus would die for them as well—I Peter 1:18-21; Acts 2:23; 13:27-40; Heb. 9:15.

cap X (4) Jesus gave ~~himself~~ once in order to take away sin—John 1:29; I Cor. 15:1-4; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:14, 28.

3. To destroy the works of the devil—I John 3:8.

(1) Works of the devil:

a. murderer—to destroy life—John 8:44.

b. liar—to destroy light and truth—John 8:44.

c. the lawless one—to destroy rule (law)—II Thess 2:8.

(2) Jesus destroyed his works:

a. He destroyed darkness by making the light to shine—John 1:4; 8:12.

b. He destroyed death by giving life—John 1:4; 10:10; 17:3.

c. He destroyed lies by teaching the truth—John 14:6; 8:32.

d. He destroyed hate by demonstrating love—John 13:34-35.

4. To become a merciful and faithful high priest:

caps X (1) Being God he became flesh—John 1:1, 2, 14.

(2) Having suffered ~~himself~~, ~~he~~ is able to help those who are tempted—Heb. 2:17-18.

(3) He was in all points tempted like we are—Heb. 4:14-16.

(4) He is our advocate with the Father—I John 2:1-2.

(5) He makes intercession for us—Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25.

5. Three works which He continually performs:

- (1) He governs and rules His people as King of Kings—Acts 2:32-36; Rev. 1:5; 17:14; 19:16.
- (2) He speaks in Holy Scripture as the Prophet of God—Acts 3:22, 23; Matt. 17:5; Heb. 1:1-2; 12:25.
- (3) He intercedes for His people as High Priest—*X Cap*
Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25; I John 2:1.

VII. *The Resurrection Of Christ:*

1. Jesus foretold His resurrection—John 2:19-22; Matt. 16:21; 17:9; John 10:18.
2. The four gospels all testify that He arose from the dead—Matt. 28; Mk. 16; Lk. 24; John 20-21.
3. His apostles preached continually His resurrection—Acts 2:22-36; 3:15; 4:10; 5:30, 31; 13:30-31; 26:8, 23.
4. The meaning of the resurrection of Christ for us:
 - (1) He was proved to be the Son of God—Rom. 1:4.
 - (2) We are justified because of His resurrection—Rom. 4:25; 10:9.
 - (3) We are born again to a living hope—I Peter 1:3-5.
 - (4) His resurrection makes sure our own resurrection to eternal life—I Cor. 15:50-58; I Thess. 4:14-18.
 - (5) Without the resurrection we would be hopeless sinners without God—I Cor. 15:12-19.

JOY

I. *Joy Of The Gospel:*

1. Because of the birth of Christ—Lk. 2:10.
2. The wise men rejoiced to see the star of Jesus—Matt. 2:10.
3. Joy because of his resurrection—Matt. 28:8.

4. The apostles were joyful when Jesus rose from the dead—Lk. 24:41; John 20:20.
5. They rejoiced when Jesus ascended to heaven—Lk. 24:52.

II. *Joy Of Receiving The Gospel:*

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1. Zacchaeus received Jesus with joy—Lk. 19:6.
 2. Some received the Word of God with joy of the Holy Spirit—I Thess. 1:6.
 3. Preachers brought joy to various villages—Acts 8:8.
 4. The eunuch, after baptism, went on his way rejoicing—Acts 8:39.
 5. Gentiles, having heard the Word of God, rejoiced—Acts 13:48.

III. *Joy Of Believing*

1. Joy and peace in believing—Rom. 15:13.
2. Joy through the Holy Spirit—Rom. 14:17.
3. Joy is a gift of the Spirit—Gal. 5:22.
4. Rejoice with joy unspeakable—I Peter 1:8.

IV. *Joy Of The Fellowship Of Christians:*

1. Joy and happiness (consolation) come from fellowship—Philemon 7.
2. The fellowship of (between) Paul and the Philipians—Phil. 4:10.
3. Joy of fellowship of Christians—II John 12.

V. *Joy In The Midst Of Tribulations:*

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1. Joy in the midst of trials/^{of} various kinds—James 1:2.
 2. Joy in great suffering—I Thess. 1:6.
 3. Rejoicing because they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name—Acts 5:41.

4. Those who are tested with Christ, in his suffering, rejoice—I Pet. 4:13.
5. The joy of Christians could not be taken away by the world—John 16:21-22.

VI. *The Gospel Is Preached That People May Abide In Joy:*

1. Great joy unto all people—Lk. 2:10.
2. Christ gave joy to his disciples—John 15:11; 17:13.
3. John wrote that a Christian's joy may be full—I John 1:4.

VII. *The Joy Of God's Work:*

1. Demons made subject in the name of Christ—Lk. 10:17.
2. Rejoicing to see the grace of God—Acts 11:23.
3. Because of the conversion of others—Acts 15:3.
4. Because of faithful Christians—I Thess. 2:19-20; 3:9; Phil 4:1.
5. On hearing that Christians are walking in the truth—II John 4, III John 4.
6. Over one sinner who repents—Lk. 15:7, 10, 32.

VIII. *Eternal Joy Of The Lord:*

1. Exceeding joy at the revelation of Christ—I Peter 4:13.
2. Joy of the Lord—Matthew 25:21.

JUDGEMENT

I. *The Judgement of God:*

1. The judgements of God are true and righteous—Rev. 16:7; 19:2; I Peter 2:23.

2. He will bring every deed into judgement—Ecclesiastes 12:14; Rom. 3:5, 6.
3. He will judge the secrets of men—Rom. 2:6.
4. Felix was seized by fear when he heard of coming judgement—Acts 24:25.
5. Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men—II Cor. 5:11.

II. *The Judgement Of Christ:*

1. The Father gave all judgement to Christ—John 5:22.
2. He has been ordained by God to be Judge of the living and dead—Acts 10:42.
3. God shall judge the world through Christ—Acts 17:31.
4. The Lord, the Righteous Judge—II Timothy 4:8.
5. He shall sit on the throne of his glory and judge the people of all nations—Matthew 25:31-33.
6. His words shall judge people at the last day—John 12:48.
7. He did not come especially to judge, but that he might save people—John 3:17; 12:47.
8. But his coming shall separate the righteous from the unrighteous—Matthew 10:34.
9. Thus, Jesus says, “For judgement came I into this world”—John 9:39.

III. *There Is A Present Judgement:*

1. Satan was judged when Jesus died on the cross—John 12:31; 16:8-11.
2. The wrath of God is revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men—Romans 1:18; John 3:36.
3. He gave up those who deliberately sin to hardness of heart—Rom. 1:24, 26, 21.
4. The one who does not believe in Christ is, in a sense,

already judged--John 3:18.

5. Those who loved darkness more than light were judged--John 3:19.
6. God's people are continually judged and punished, that they should not be condemned with the world--Cor. 11:31-32; Hebrews 12:6-11.

IV. *But Judgement To Come Shall Be On The Last Great Day:*

1. The Lord shall come with his holy ones, 10,000 in number, to execute judgement upon all--Jude 14-15.
2. He shall come with the angels of His might to render punishment on the wicked--II Thess. 1:7-9.
3. The heavens shall pass away, and the earth shall be burned up--II Peter 3:10.
4. Earth and heaven shall flee from the presence of God--Rev. 20:11.
5. All the dead shall rise and be judged--Rev. 20:12-15.
6. All people of every nation shall be gathered before him--Matt. 25:31.
7. Every person shall give account of himself to God--Rom. 14:12.

V. *That Day Of Judgement Is Called:*

1. Day of God--II Peter 3:12.
2. Day of the Lord--II Peter 3:10.
3. Day of the Lord Jesus--I Cor. 5:5.
4. Day of Christ--Philippians 2:16.
5. That day--II Thess. 1:10.
6. The last day--John 12:48.
7. The great day--Jude 6.
8. Day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgement of God--Romans 2:5.
9. The great day of their wrath--Revelation 6:17.

10. The great day of Almighty God—Rev. 16:14.
11. The day of judgement—I John 4:17.

VI. *All People Shall Be Judged:*

1. The dead and the living—II Tim. 4:1; I Peter 4:5.
2. Angels shall also be judged—II Peter 2:4; Jude 6.
- no cap X 3. God the Judge of all—Hebrews 12:23.
4. Fornicators and adulterers—Hebrews 13:4.
5. Those who did not believe the truth—II Thess. 2:12.
- cap X 6. He shall judge his people—Hebrews 10:30.
7. Judgement shall begin at the house of God—I Peter 4:17.
8. Teachers shall receive greater judgement—Mk. 12:40; James 3:1.
9. It is appointed unto man once to die, and after this the judgement—Hebrews 9:27.

VII. *All Things Shall Be Judged:*

1. The works of every person—Romans 2:6; Matt. 16:27; 25:31-46.
2. The secrets of people—Romans 2:6; I Cor. 4:5.
3. The hidden things of darkness and purposes of the heart—Ecclesiastes 12:14; Mark 4:22.
4. Every idle word—Matt. 12:36.
5. The very smallest good works—Matthew 10:42.
6. Things done in the body, good or evil—II Cor. 5:10.

VIII. *Christians Should Have Confidence In The Day Of Judgement:*

1. God is the One who justifies. Who shall condemn them?—Rom. 8:33-34.
2. God does not forget their works and love—Heb. 6:10.

3. He is able to present them before ~~His~~ presence, *Y cap* without blemish, in great joy—Jude 24.
4. They should not be ashamed before Him at his coming—I John 2:28.
5. They should be confident in the day of Judgement—I John 4:17.
6. Those who love His appearing shall receive a crown of righteousness—II Timothy 4:8.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

I. *The Old Testament Prophets Foretold The Establishment Of The Kingdom:*

1. Daniel 2:44—“He shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed”

(1) The four kingdoms of men were these (Daniel 2:38-44).

- a. Babylon
- b. Medes and Persians
- c. Greek (Macedonian)
- d. Roman

(2) In the New Testament ~~Kings~~ Kings of Rome were ruling when men of God began to preach: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand”—Lk. 2:1-2; Matt. 3:2; Mk. 1:14, 15. *Y no cap*

2. Isaiah 2:1-4. The establishment of the house of God at Jerusalem in the last day.

(1) The last day—Acts 2:17.

(2) Jerusalem—Acts 1:8; 2:5.

(3) The house of God is the church—I Tim. 3:15; Heb. 10:21; Eph. 2:19-22; I Cor. 3:16-17.

(4) All nations—Matt. 28:19; Acts 1:8.

II. *The Kingdom And Church Are the Same Thing:*

1. Matt. 16:18-19—Peter received the keys of the

- no cap X kingdom but when he exercised this power through preaching the Gospel, the people who were converted entered into the church (Acts 2).
2. Colossians 1:13—This letter was written to the church—Col. 1:2; 4:16. However, those people were in the kingdom.
 3. The Lord's Supper is in the kingdom. (Matt. 26:29), but the Lord's Supper is in the church of the Lord—I Cor. 11:20-27.
 - cap X 4. The Lord purchased the church with His blood (Acts 20:28), but those who are purchased with His blood are in the kingdom—Rev. 1:5-6.
 - cap X 5. Christ is the King of His kingdom—John 18:36.
 - cap X Christ is the Head of His church—Col. 1:18.
 - cap X Christ is the Shepherd of His sheep—John 10:11.
 - cap X These expressions of relationship emphasize that Christ rules and leads His people.

III. *The Kingdom Was "At Hand" During The Personal Ministry Of Jesus:*

1. The kingdom of heaven has drawn near—Matt. 3:2.
2. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand—Mk. 1:14, 15.
3. The disciples prayed, "Thy kingdom come"—Matt. 6:9-10.
4. The kingdom of heaven has drawn near—Matt. 10:7.
5. The kingdom of God has come near to you—Lk. 9.
- no cap X 6. The kingdom would come with power before the Apostles had died—Mk. 9:1.
7. The Father is pleased to give the kingdom to you—Lk. 12:32.
8. If you do not repent, you shall not enter the kingdom—Matt. 18:1-3.

9. The Lord goes to a "far country" (heaven) to receive a kingdom—Lk. 19:11-15.
10. Until the kingdom of God shall come—Lk. 22:18.
11. When you come into your kingdom—Lk. 23:43.
12. He waited for the kingdom of God—Lk. 23:51.
13. The ~~A~~postles asked him about the kingdom— *X no o.a.p*
Acts 1:6.

IV. *The Kingdom Was Established On The Day of Pentecost:*

1. The coming of the kingdom:
 - (1) The kingdom was to come with power—Mk. 9:1.
 - (2) That power was to come with the Holy Spirit—Acts 1:8.
 - (3) The Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost—Acts 2.
 - (4) Thus, the kingdom of God came on Pentecost.
2. Christ was preached, for the first time, as the king on the throne of David at the right hand of God—Acts 2:29-36.
3. Through their preaching the apostles opened the door of the kingdom of God, and about three thousand people entered into it—Acts 2:37-47.
4. Thereafter, God's word taught that the kingdom had been established—Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:5-6, 9; Heb. 12:28.
5. When Jesus comes again, he shall not establish the kingdom, but present it to the Father—I Cor. 15:23-28. At that time, Christians shall enter the "eternal kingdom" which is in Heaven, II Pet. 1:11; II Tim. 4:18. Please see also Matt. 8:11-12; James 2:5; Acts 14:22; I Cor. 6:9, 10; Eph. 5:5; Matt. 7:21.

KNOWLEDGE

I. *Many There Are Who Know Not God.*

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1. Some knew Him but did not honour Him as God—Rom. 1:21.
2. The world through its wisdom, does not know God—I Cor. 1:21.
3. The Gentiles (Heaven) Know not God—I Thess. 4:5.
4. Some refuse to acknowledge God—Rom. 1:28.
5. Some confess God, but their works deny Him—Tit. 1:16.
6. People are destroyed through lack of knowledge—Hos. 4:6.
7. Eternal punishment awaits those who know not God—II Thess. 1:8-9.

II. *Men Need To Know God And Jesus Christ.*

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1. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Knowledge—Prov. 1:7.
2. All God's children know Him—Heb. 8:11.
3. "I know whom I have believed"—II Tim. 1:12.
4. "To know the love of Christ"—Eph. 3:19.
5. All treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hid in Christ—Col. 2:3.
6. Increasing in the knowledge of God—Col. 1:10.
7. One who knows God keeps His commandments—I Jno. 2:4.

III. *Knowing The Scriptures.*

1. Knowing the Scriptures from childhood—II Tim. 3:15.
2. Many err, not knowing the scriptures—Matt. 22:29; Mk. 12:24.
3. God desires all people to come to know the truth—I Tim. 2:4.
4. Those who know the truth are made free—Jno. 8:32.
5. To be filled with the knowledge of His will—Col. 1:9.

6. Growing in the knowledge of the Lord—II Pet. 3:18.
7. The Christian adds knowledge to his faith—2 Pet. 1:5.
8. But knowledge without love only puffs up—I Cor. 8:1.

LASCIVIOUSNESS (LICENTIOUSNESS)

I. *This Sin Leads One To Commit Sin Without Any Sense Of Shame Or Self-Control.*

1. Those with hardened and calloused hearts give themselves up to licentiousness—Eph. 4:17-19.
2. They consider good moral conduct as “strange”—I Pet. 4:3-4.
3. They revile those who no longer live as they live—I Pet. 4:4.
4. They entice others with licentious passions of the flesh—II Pet. 2:18.
5. They indulge in unnatural lust unashamedly—II Pet. 2:7; Jude 7.

II. *It Is Frequently Associated With Such Sins As:*

1. Greed and Coveting—Mark 7:22; Eph. 4:19; II Pet. 2:2, 3.
2. Adultery and lusts of the flesh—Mark 7:22; II Cor. 12:21; Gal. 5:19; II Pet. 2:18; II Pet. 2:7; Jude 7.
3. Drunkenness—Gal. 5:19-21; I Pet. 4:3; Rom. 13:13.
4. Debauchery, reveling, and orgies—Rom. 13:13.
5. Carousing and wild profligacy—I Pet. 4:3-4.

LONG SUFFERING

I. *God Is Long Suffering:*

1. For this reason He wants people to repent—Rom.

2:4; Ezek. 18:23, 32.

2. He wants everyone to be saved—II Peter 3:9, 15.

cap X 3. He demonstrates ~~his~~ long suffering by forgiving
—Rom. 3:25.

II. *Examples Of the Long Suffering Of God:*

1. In the days of Noah—I Peter 3:20.

2. To the Israelites—Psa. 78:38; Isa. 48:9.

3. To the inhabitants of Jerusalem—Matt. 23:37.

dele s X 4. Toward~~s~~ Paul—I Tim. 1:12-16.

III. *God's People Also Should Be Long Suffering:*

dele s X 1. Because God was long suffering toward~~s~~ them—
Matt. 18:21-35.

2. As God's elect, they put on long suffering—Col.
3:12; Eph. 4:2.

3. They must practice long suffering—II Tim. 3:10.

4. They must preach with all long suffering—II Tim.
4:2.

5. They must remain long suffering to all—I Thess.
5:14.

6. Love suffers long—I Cor. 13:4.

7. That they may inherit the promises through faith—
Heb. 6:12.

8. While waiting for the coming of the Lord—James
5:7-10.

9. It is a fruit of the Spirit—Gal. 5:25.

LORD

I. *Sometimes, The Word "Lord" Means "Owner" (one who has authority over people or things).*

1. The owner of the vineyard—Matt. 20:8; 21:40.

2. The master of the house—Mk. 13:35.

3. The owners of the ass's colt—Lk. 19:33.
4. The master of servants—I Tim. 6:1-2; Ephes. 6:5, 9.

II. *The Name "Lord" Or "Sir" Was Given To Various People.*

1. Those who were respected—Matt. 21:30; Acts 16:30; John 12:21.
2. Words of a servant to his master—Matt. 13:27; 25:20, 22; Lk. 14:22.
3. Those who have servants—Matt. 6:24; Eph. 9:5, 9; Col. 3:22, 4:1.
4. Caesar called lord by his subordinates—Acts 25:26.
5. Sarah called Abraham lord—I Pet. 3:6.
6. Those whose words carry authority or command—Lk. 6:46; Matt. 7:21, 22.

III. *God The Father Is Lord.*

1. Because He is the right ^{ful} owner of all things: *X one word*
 - (1) The earth and the fulness thereof—Psalm 24:1; 50:10-12.
 - (2) Lord of heaven and earth—Matt. 11:25; Acts 17:24.
 - (3) Lord of the harvest—Matt. 9:38; Lk. 10:2.
 - (4) The blessed and only Sovereign (Lord)—I Tim. 6:15.
2. The name "Jehovah" is rendered "Lord" in the New Testament—Lk. 4:14; Acts 2:21; 4:26; Rom. 10:13; 9:29; Matt. 22:44.
3. God the Father is often called "Lord"—Lk. 2:9; 4:12; 10:21; Acts 7:33; Rev. 4:8, 11; Matt. 22:37.

IV. *Jesus Christ Is Lord.*

1. Jesus was called, "Lord" when he was on earth—Lk. 6:5; 11:39; 13:5; 22:61-62; John 6:68; 20:28.

2. However, this was especially true after Christ's resurrection and ascension to Heaven—Acts 2:36; 10:39; Rom. 14:9; Eph. 4:5; Jude 4; Rev. 17:14; 19:11.
3. The faith of the church is "Jesus is Lord"—Rom. 10:9; II Cor. 4:5; I Cor. 12:3.
4. Likewise, all people must submit to Christ as Lord—Matt. 28:18; I Pet. 3:22; Matt. 7:21-23; Lk. 6:46; Phil. 2:9-11.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

I. *What The Lord's Supper Is Called.*

1. The Lord's Supper—I Cor. 11:20.
2. The Lord's Table—I Cor. 10:21.
3. Breaking of Bread—Acts 2:42; 20:7.
4. Communion of the Blood of Christ—I Cor. 10:16.
5. Communion of the Body of Christ—I Cor. 10:16.

II. *For Whom Is The Lord's Supper (Communion)?*

1. Those in the kingdom—Luke 22:23-30.
2. Hence, those who have been born again into the kingdom—John 3:3-5.
3. Since it is a communion of His body and blood (I Cor. 10:16), it is for those who have been saved by His blood and brought into covenant relationship with Him.
4. Since it is a communion of Christ's death, it is for those who have been baptized into that death—Rom. 6:3-5.

III. *Importance Of The Lord's Supper—It Continually Reminds Us Of The Death Of Christ, The Centre And Focus Of Revelation.*

1. The Bible use of memorials:
 - (1) Some examples in the Old Testament:
 - a. Rainbow—Genesis 9:8-17.
 - b. Passover—Exodus 12.
 - c. Sabbath—Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-17; Deut. 5:15.
 - (2) Some New Testament examples:
 - a. Baptism—Rom. 6:3-4.
 - b. The Lord's Supper—Mark 14:22-25; I Cor. 11:23-29.
 - c. The Lord's Day—Rev. 1:10; Matt. 28:1; Acts 20:7.
2. The Lord's Supper points to the sacrificial death of Christ for our sins.
 - (1) Bore our sins in His body—I Pet. 2:24.
 - (2) Redeemed by His blood—I Pet. 1:18-19.
 - (3) Reconciled by His death—Col. 1:21-22.
 - (4) Gave Himself for the church—Eph. 5:25.
 - (5) Died for our sins—I Cor. 15:1-3.
 - (6) Tasted death for every man—Heb. 2:9.
 - (7) Sanctifies through the offering of His body—Heb. 10:10.
 - (8) His blood cleanses from all sin—I John 1:7.
 - (9) Propitiation for our sins—I John 2:2; 4:10.
 - (10) Loosed from sins by His blood—Rev. 1:5-6.
 - (11) Purchased unto God with His blood—Rev. 5:9-10.
 - (12) Robes washed in His blood—Rev. 7:14.
 - (13) Overcame through blood of the Lamb—Rev. 12:11.
3. In remembering often the Lord's death we learn the right concept of:
 - (1) The person of Christ—bore our sins—I Pet. 2:24.
 - (2) The nature of God—God is love—I John 4:8-10.
 - (3) Christian morals and conduct—die to sin and live to righteousness—I Pet. 2:24.
 - (4) The wrath of God—Dire consequences merited

by our sin which cannot be treated as other or less than it is—Rom. 5:9.

no car X 4. The Communion points four ways:

- (1) Backward—Commemorative, ~~sacrificial~~ languages: blood, covenant, poured out, remission of sins.
- (2) Outward—Declarative. His death, resurrection, and return.
- (3) Forward—Anticipatory. “Till He come”.
- (4) Inward—Self-examining. “Let a man examine himself”

DP X IV. *Hindrances To the Proper Partaking Of The Supper.*

1. Pride—“But far be it for me to glory, save in the cross. . .”—Gal. 6:14.
2. Selfishness—“Who loved me and gave himself up for me”.—Gal. 2:20.
3. Estrangement—“One bread, one body”—I Cor. 10:17.
4. Division—“Not possible to eat the Lord’s Supper— I Cor. 11:17-21.
5. Irreverence—“Not discerning the body”—I Cor. 11:27-29.

V. *Some Appropriate Passages For Reading And Discussing At The Lord’s Supper*

1. Matthew 27:27-50.
2. Mark 14:22-25.
3. Mark 15:16-37.
4. Luke 23:32-46.
5. John 19:16-30.
6. II Cor. 5:14-26.
7. I Cor. 15:1-4.
8. Rom. 3:21-26.
9. Rom. 5:6-11.

10. Eph. 2:1-10.
11. Titus 3:3-7.
12. Eph. 2:11-22.
13. Heb. 10:19-25.
14. Heb. 10:1-10.
15. Heb. 9:1-14.
16. Rev. 1:5-6.
17. Rev. 5:6-10.
18. Rev. 7:9-17.
19. John 10:1-16.
20. Isaiah 53.

LOVE

I. *The Love Of God Towards Men:*

1. God is love—I John 4:7-8.
2. It is towards all men—John 3:16.
3. It is towards people who are unworthy of His love—Rom. 5:8; Matt. 5:45; I John 4:10.
4. It is merciful—Eph. 2:4.
5. It gives itself freely—I John 4:9, 10; John 3:16.
6. It brings to people salvation and holiness—II Thess. 2:13.
7. It enables us to be conquerors—Rom. 8:37.
8. Sometimes it chastens (punishes)—Heb. 12:6.

II. *The Love Of Men Towards God:*

1. It must exceed love for everything else—Matt. 6:24.
2. It is the first and great commandment—Matt. 22:37-39.
3. It comes from thankfulness—Luke 7:42, 47.
4. It is obedient—John 14:15, 21, 24; I John 2:5.
5. It is confirmed through helping others—I John 4:12, 20; 3:14.

III. *The Love Of Men For Others:*

1. Everything (all things) must be done in love—I Cor. 16:14.
2. The Christian must walk in love—Eph. 5:2.
3. He must follow after love—I Cor. 14:1.
4. It (love) builds up the church—Eph. 4:16.
5. The motivation of leaders in the church must stem from love—II Cor. 12:15; I Tim. 4:12; II Tim. 3:10.
6. Christians must love their leaders—I Thess. 5:13.
7. Love must begin in the family—Eph. 5:25, 28, 33; Titus 2:4.
8. It must abide towards all brethren—I Pet. 1:22; 2:17.
9. It must reach our neighbours—Lk. 10:27; Rom. 13:9-10.
10. It must extend even to our enemies—Luke 6:27-28; Matt. 5:44.

IV. *Characteristics Of Christian Love:*

1. It must be sincere—Rom. 12:9; I Pet. 1:22.
2. It does no wrong to another person—Rom. 13:10.
3. It is manifested in good deeds—Heb. 6:10; I John 3:18.
4. It must be long suffering—I Cor. 13:4; Eph. 4:2.
5. It is forgiving—II Cor. 2:8.
6. Sometimes it rebukes—II Cor. 2:4.
7. It controls freedom—Gal. 5:13; Rom. 14:5.
8. It motivates our speaking truth—Eph. 4:15.
9. It constrains us—II Cor. 5:14.
10. It is the binding force of Christian fellowship—Phil. 2:2; Col. 2:2.
11. It is the fulfilling of the law—Rom. 13:10.
12. It is the bond of perfectness—Col. 3:14.
13. It is a fruit of the Spirit—Gal. 5:22.
14. It is a demonstration of our discipleship—John

13:34-35.

15. It is greater than all things—I Cor. 13:13.

V. *Love Can Be Misguided:*

1. Love of the world—I John 2:15-17; II Tim. 4:10.
2. Love of self—II Tim. 3:2.
3. Love of the praise of men—John 12:42-43; Lk. 11:43.
4. Love of darkness—John 3:19.

MANNER OF LIFE (BEHAVIOUR)

I. *Christians Must Walk Worthy Of Their Calling—Eph. 4:1.*

1. Worthy of God—I Thess. 2:12.
2. Worthy of the Lord—Col. 1:10.
3. In the Spirit—Gal. 5:16, 25; Rom. 8:4.
4. As holy people should—Tit. 2:3.
5. Worthy of the Gospel—Phil. 1:27.
6. In newness of life—Rom. 6:4; II Cor. 5:17.
7. In truth—II John 4; III John 4.
8. In the Lord—Col. 2:6.
9. By faith—II Cor. 5:7.
10. To please God—I Thess. 4:1.

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II. *Walk In Love—Eph. 5:2.*

1. Walking in love for one another—Rom. 14:15.
2. Walking in wisdom towards outsiders—Col. 4:6; Eph. 5:15.
3. Walking becomingly towards outsiders—I Thess. 4:12; I Peter 2:12.
4. Walking in good works—Eph. 2:10.
5. With a heart which is meek and quiet—I Peter 3:4.
6. In order that we may be an example to others—II

Tim. 3:10; I Tim. 4:12.

7. Walking as Jesus walked—I John 2:6.

III. *As Children Of Light*—5:8.

1. Walking with God—Gen. 5:24; 6:9.

2. In all His ways—Joshua 22:5.

3. In the light of Jehovah—Isa. 2:5.

4. In the light of the countenance of the Lord—Psa. 89:15.

5. As one who humbles himself before God—Micah 6:8.

6. According to his commandments—II John 6.

7. In the light—I John 1:7.

8. Worthily, as of the day—Rom. 13:13.

9. In reverent and chaste behaviour—I Pet. 3:2; 1:15.

10. In love of holiness and godliness—II Peter 3:11.

11. As those who follow after righteousness—I Peter 2:24.

12. Soberly, righteously, and godly—Tit. 2:12.

IV. *They Must Not Walk As The Gentiles Customarily Walk*—Eph. 4:17.

1. In the counsel of the wicked—Psa. 1:1.

2. In trespasses and sins—Eph. 2:1-2.

3. In lasciviousness, lusts, and drunkenness—I Pet. 4:3.

4. In adultery and ungodly passions—Rom. 13:13; Jude 18.

5. According to the flesh—Rom. 8:4; 13:14.

6. In strife and envying—Rom. 13:13.

7. In evil fellowship—I Cor. 15:33.

8. In darkness—John 8:12; I John 1:6.

9. In self-aggrandizement—Dan. 4:37.

10. As disobedient children—I Pet. 1:14.

11. Disorderly—II Thess. 3:6, 11.

12. In Craftiness—II Cor. 4:2.

“Look carefully then how you walk”—Eph. 5:15.

MARRIAGE

I. *Marriage Was Instituted (Established) By God:*

1. God did not want man to live alone—Gen. 2:18.
2. He created woman to be man's helper—Gen. 2:18-22.
3. The first marriage was instituted by God—Gen. 2:23-24; Matt. 19:5-6.
4. God is a witness to marriage—Malachi 2:14.
5. Marriage is honourable in all—Heb. 13:4.
6. It is a way to avoid fornication—I Cor. 7:1-5.
7. It is a way to avoid lust—I Cor. 7:9.
8. What God has joined together, man must not put asunder—Matt. 19:6.

II. *Sin In Marriage—Polygamy (Plural Marriage)*

1. In the beginning God gave Adam one wife—Gen. 1:27, 28; 2:22, 23.
2. God desired the two to become one flesh—Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4, 5.
3. Polygamy was begun by the wicked descendants of Cain—Gen. 4:19.
4. Although some of the Old Testament ^{characters} had plural wives, they experienced much trouble therewith:
 - (1) Abraham—Gen. 16:4-6; 21:9-10.
 - (2) David—II Samuel 13:1-38; II Sam. 15:18.
 - (3) Solomon—I Kings 11:1-8.
5. Jesus Christ rejected polygamy, teaching that marriage must be as it was originally instituted by God—Matt. 19:4-5.
6. The Holy Spirit taught that every man should have his own wife, and every woman her own husband—I Cor. 7:1-3.
7. Whoever marries another, or is married to another while the partner lives, commits adultery—Rom. 7:2-3.

8. The glory of the Christian woman does not allow polygamy—I Peter 3:7; Matt. 7:12.

III. *Sin In Marriage—Separation Or Divorce:*

1. Those who marry, or are married without sin are:
 - (1) Those who were not married before—I Cor. 7:9; Gen. 2:18.
 - (2) Those who were married before, but whose partner has died—Rom. 7:2-3.
 - (3) Those who were married before, but whose partners have been put away because of adultery—Matt. 19:9.

Note: We must recognize that sometimes a husband or wife causes his partner to sin because he fails to fulfil his responsibilities towards his partner—Eph. 5:22-23; I Cor. 7:1-5. Example: Husbands who go to another country and leave their wives for a long time.

2. Those who sin when they marry are:
 - (1) Those who have a living husband or wife who has not been put away because of adultery—Matt. 19:9; Rom. 7:2-3.
 - (2) Those who marry the one who was put away but not because of adultery—Matt. 5:32.

IV. *Responsibilities In The Christian Home:*

1. Responsibility of the husband to his wife:
 - (1) He must love his wife as his own body—Eph. 5:25-29.
 - (2) He must be happy with her—Prov. 5:18.
 - (3) He must please his wife and care for her as Christ does the church—Eph. 5:27; I Cor. 7:33.
 - (4) He must not be harsh with her—Col. 3:19.
 - (5) He must care for her as “the weaker vessel”, give respect to her, and help her in the Christian

life "as heirs together of the grace of life"—
I Peter 3:7.

2. Responsibility of the wife to her husband:
 - (1) She must obey him—Gen. 3:16; Col. 3:18; Eph. 5:22-24.
 - (2) She must respect him—I Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:33.
 - (3) She must work together with him—Titus 2:5.
 - (4) She must recognize that "she has no control over her own body, but the husband"—I Cor. 7:1-5.
 - (5) She must please her husband—I Cor. 7:34.
3. Responsibility of Parents to their Children:
 - (1) They must not provoke them to wrath—Eph. 6:4.
 - (2) They must not provoke them to anger, lest they become discouraged—Col. 3:21.
 - (3) They must bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord—Eph. 6:4.
 - (4) They must set good examples—II Tim. 1:5; Phil. 2:14-16.
 - (5) They must teach them the way of truth—Prov. 22:6; Deut. 6:7; II Tim. 3:15; Matt. 28:19-20.
4. Responsibility of children to their parents:
 - (1) They must obey them—Col. 3:20; Eph. 6:1; Luke 2:51-52.
 - (2) They must follow their instructions—Prov. 6:20-23; 30:7; I Tim. 3:4.
Please note Rom. 1:30; II Tim. 3:2.
 - (3) They must respect and help them—Mk. 7:10-13; Eph. 6:2-3.

MEMBERS

I. *Members Of The Body:*

1. Christians must not give their members to sin—
Rom. 6:13.

2. They must give their members to God as instruments of righteousness—Rom. 6:13, 19.
3. War in the members because of lusts—James 4:1; Rom. 7:23.
4. The tongue is a small member but boasts great things—James 3:5.
5. Fornication joins the members of the Christian to a harlot—I Cor. 6:15.
6. Put to death those members on the earth—Col. 3:5.
7. It is better for one member to be destroyed and not the whole body—Matt. 5:29.

II. *Members Of Christ:*

1. Christians are members of the body of Christ—Eph. 5:30; I Cor. 6:15.
2. We are members one of another—Eph. 4:25; I Cor. 12:27.
3. Members are many in one body—Rom. 12:4.
4. All members are necessary in the body of Christ—I Cor. 12:12-24.
5. The members of Christ care for one another—I Cor. 12:25-26.

MIRACLES OF GOD THROUGH HIS SERVANTS

I. *Miracles Of Moses And Aaron:*

1. A staff was changed into a serpent—Exodus 4:3.
2. A hand became leprous—Exodus 4:6.
3. Water was changed to blood—Exodus 4:9; 7:20.
4. A plague of frogs—Exodus 8:6.
5. A plague of lice—Exodus 8:16.
6. A plague of flies—Exodus 8:20-24.
7. A plague of murrain of the herd animals—Exodus 9:3-6.

8. A plague of boils (ulcers) on man and animals—Exodus 9:8-11.
9. A plague of hail—Exodus 9:22-26.
10. A plague of locusts—Exodus 10:12-19.
11. Thick darkness which could be touched—Exodus 10:21-23.
12. The first-born were killed (man and beast)—Exodus 12:29-30.
13. The Red Sea was divided—Exodus 14:21-25.
14. The Egyptians were covered in the sea—Exodus 14:26-31.
15. Bitter water was changed into good—Exodus 14:15:22-24.
16. They brought forth water from the rock—Exodus 17:3-6; Num. 20:11.
17. The people were delivered through the serpent of brass—Num. 21:8-9.

II. *Miracles Of Elijah:*

1. He prevented rain with his prayers—I Kings 17:1; James 5:17.
2. He increased the widow's meal and oil—I Kings 17:14-16.
3. He raised a child from ~~the~~ death—I Kings 17:19-23. *X dele*
4. A burnt offering was consumed by fire—I Kings 18:30-39.
5. Soldiers were destroyed by fire—II Kings 2:9.
6. He caused rain to fall—I Kings 18:41-45; James 5:18.
7. The waters were divided—II Kings 2:8.
8. He was taken to heaven in a whirlwind—II Kings 2:11-12.

III. *Miracles Of Elisha:*

1. He divided the waters—II Kings 2:14.

2. He cleansed impure water—II Kings 2:19-22.
3. He increased a widow's oil—II Kings 4:1-7.
4. He raised a child from the dead—II Kings 4:32-37.
5. He healed Naaman of his leprosy—II Kings 5:10-14.
6. Gehazi was punished with leprosy—II Kings 5:20-27.
7. He caused an axe head to float on the water—II Kings 6:1-7.
8. The Syrians were struck with blindness—II Kings 6:18.
9. The Syrians healed of their blindness—II Kings 6:20.
10. A dead man was revived—II Kings 13:20-21.

IV. *Miracles Of Peter:*

1. He healed a lame man—Acts 3:1-8.
2. He healed those who were sick and demon possessed—Acts 5:15-16.
3. He healed Aeneas—Acts 9:32-42.
5. He healed illnesses of many types—Acts 5:14-16.

V. *Miracles Of Paul:*

1. He brought blindness upon Elymas the sorcerer—Acts 13:9-12.
2. He healed a man who was crippled from birth—Acts 14:8-10.
3. He healed a young woman with a spirit of divination—Acts 16:16-18.
4. He raised Eutychus from the dead—Acts 20:8-12.
5. He was uninjured when bitten by a serpent—Acts 28:3-6.
6. He healed the father of Publius—Acts 28:7-8.
7. He healed diseases of many kinds—Acts 28:9; 19:11-12; 14:3.

OVERSEERS – ELDERS

I. *Overseers (Bishops), Elders (Presbyters), And Shep-*

herds (Pastors) Are The Same Men:

1. Acts 20:17-28.
“He called the *elders* of the church”—(vs. 17).
These are called “*overseers*” (vs. 28).
“Feed” (do the work of shepherds) the church (vs. 28).
2. I Peter 5:1-2:
“The elders which are among you”—(vs. 1).
“*Feed the flock* of God which is among you”—(vs.2).
Taking the “*oversight*”—(vs. 2).
3. Titus 1:5-7:
“Appoint elders in every city”—(vs. 5).
“For a bishop must be blameless”—(vs. 7).
“As the steward of God”—(vs. 7).

II. *There Was Plurality Of Elders Or Overseers (Bishops) In One Church:*

1. “They appointed elders in every church”—Acts 14:23.
2. “They sent it to the elders”—Acts 11:30.
3. “Let him call for the elders of the church”—James 5:14.
4. “And he called the elders of the church”—Acts 20:17.
5. “Together with the bishops and deacons”—Phil. 1:1.
6. “With the laying on of the hands of the elders”—I Tim. 4:14.
7. “The elders which are among you”—I Peter 5:1.

Please Note: God nowhere put one elder or one shepherd (pastor) over a single church or over many congregations.

III. *The Work Of The Overseers Of The Church:*

1. They oversee the flock of God—Acts 20:28.

2. As stewards of God they care for his people—Tit. 1:7; Please see Hebrews 13:17.
3. They tend the flock of God as shepherds—I Pet. 5:2 Acts 20:28.
4. They rebuke false teachers—Tit. 1:9.
5. They continually warn Christians lest they be led astray—Tit. 1:9.

IV. *The Responsibility Of The Church To Her Elders:*

1. She must recognize and respect them—I Thess. 5:12-13.
2. She must imitate their manner of life—Heb. 13:17.
3. She must obey them and submit to them—Heb. 13:17.
4. She must count them worthy of double honour—I Tim. 5:17-18.
5. She must not receive an accusation against them except under testimony of two or three witnesses—I Tim. 5:19.
6. She must rebuke them that sin before all—I Tim. 5:20.

V. *Requirements (Qualifications) Of Overseers Of The Church: (Study carefully these Scriptures):*

1. I Timothy 3:1-7.
2. Titus 1:5-9.
3. I Peter 5:1-3.

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Please Note: The church must teach thoroughly the qualifications of Elders according to the Bible and then look out from among the Christians those who have the requirements. These should be chosen (selected) by the whole church and appointed by a preacher or preachers. Please notice Acts 14:23; 6:1-6; 20:28; I Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9. Those who do not possess the

qualifications according to the word of God must not be selected!

PARABLES OF JESUS

I. *Parables Concerning the Kingdom of God:* ~~x~~ *dele* σ

1. The seed which grows by itself—Mark 4:26-29.
2. The mustard seed—Mark 4:30-32; Matt. 13:31-32
Lk. 13:18, 19.
3. The leaven in the bread—Matt. 13:33; Luke 13:20-21.
4. The hidden treasure—Matt. 13:44.
5. The pearl of great price—Matt. 13:45-46.
6. The great feast—Luke 14:15-24.
7. The marriage Feast—Matt. 22:1-14.
8. The workers in the vineyard—Matt. 19:27-30;
20:1-16.
9. The two sons—Matt. 21:28-32.
10. The wicked ~~T~~enants—Matt. 21:33-46; Mk. 12:1-12; *no cap*
Lk. 20:9-18.

II. *Parables Concerning The Righteous Life:*

1. The wise and foolish builders—Matt. 7:24-27; Lk. 6:46-49.
2. The sower—Matt. 13:1-9; Mk. 4:1-9; 14:20; Lk. 8:4-15.
3. The two debtors—Luke 7:36-50.
4. The unmerciful debtor—Matt. 18:21-35.
5. The merciful Samaritan—Luke 10:25-37.
6. The importunate friend—Luke 11:5-13.
7. The persistent widow—Luke 18:1-8.
8. The foolish rich man—Luke 12:13-21.
9. The unfruitful fig tree—Luke 13:1-9.
10. The chief seats—Luke 14:7-11.
11. The tower—Luke 14:28-30.

12. The wise king—Luke 14:31-35.
13. The dishonest overseer—Luke 16:1-13.
14. The Pharisee and the publican—Luke 18:9-14.
15. The rich man and Lazarus—Luke 16:19-31.

III. *Parables Concerning The Love Of God:*

1. The lost sheep—Luke 15:1-7; Matt. 18:12-14.
2. The lost coin—Luke 15:8-10.
3. The prodigal son—Luke 15:11-32.
4. The two debtors—Luke 7:36-50.

IV. *Parables Concerning The Judgment:*

1. The tares in the field—Matt. 13:24-30, 36-42.
2. The dragnet—Matt. 13:47-50.
3. The ten virgins—Matt. 25:1-13.
4. The talents—Matt. 25:14-30.
5. The pounds—Luke 19:11-27.
6. The sheep and the goats—Matt. 25:31-46.

PATIENCE (ENDURANCE – STEADFASTNESS)

I. *Examples Of Patient People:*

1. Job—James 5:11.
2. Moses—Heb. 11:27.
3. Paul, because of the elect—II Tim. 2:10.
4. Jesus endured the cross—Heb. 12:2, 3.

II. *Patience (Steadfastness) Is A Leading Factor In The Lives Of God's Children:*

1. They bring forth fruit with patience—Lk. 8:15.
2. They live their lives in patience—Lk. 21:19.
3. Through patience they abide in hope—Rom. 15:4.
4. They wait in patience—Rom. 8:25.

5. They run with patience the race that is set before them—Heb. 12:1.
6. They are patient in good works—Rom. 2:7.
7. Love is coupled with patience—I Cor. 13:4, 7.
8. They must follow patience—I Tim. 6:11; II Tim. 3:10.
9. They must add patience—II Peter 1:6.
10. Christ knows their patience—Rev. 2:2, 3, 19.

III. *Christians Must Be Patient (Steadfast) In Afflictions And Trials:*

1. When tempted—James 1:12.
2. When they suffer because of their good deeds—I Peter 2:20.
3. In tribulations—Rom. 12:12.
4. In a hard struggle with suffering—Heb. 10:32.
5. In (the midst of) persecutions and tribulations—II Thess. 1:4.
6. Tribulation produces endurance—Rom. 5:3.
7. Trying of faith produces steadfastness—James 1:3, 4.

IV. *Reward Of Those Who Are Steadfast:*

1. They are blessed—James 5:11.
2. They shall be saved at the time of the end—Matt. 10:22; Mk. 13:13; Matt. 24:13; II Tim. 2:12.

PEACE

I. *God Is The God Of Peace:*

1. God of peace—Rom. 15:33; Phil. 4:9; I Thess. 5:23.
2. God of love and peace—II Cor. 13:11.
3. God of peace, not of confusion—I Cor. 14:33.

II. *Christ, Prince Of Peace, Gives Peace:*

1. Christ is Prince of Peace—Isa. 9:6.
2. He gives his peace which differs from that of the world—John 14:27.
3. He gives peace because he overcame the world—John 16:33.
4. He gives peace all the time—II Thess. 3:16.

III. *We Have Peace with God Through The Blood Of Christ:*

1. Sinners are reconciled to God and are at peace through Christ—Eph. 2:11-17.
2. He made peace through the blood of his cross—Col. 1:20.
3. Those who are justified by faith are at peace with God—Rom. 5:1.

IV. *Those Who Are Pure In Heart Have:*

1. Peace with God—Rom. 5:1.
2. Peace through Christ—John 16:33.
3. Perfect peace—Isa. 26:3.
4. Peace which keeps (guards) them —Phil. 4:7.
5. Peace which rules in their hearts—Col. 3:15.
6. Peace at the time of death—Psa. 37:37; Lk. 2:29; II Tim. 4:6-8.

V. *Christians Must:*

1. Pray for peace—I Tim. 2:1-2.
2. Seek for and follow after peace—I Peter 3:11.
3. Follow peace—II Tim. 2:22.
4. Follow after the things of peace—Rom. 14:19.
5. Live in peace—II Cor. 13:11.
6. Make peace—Matt. 5:9.

7. Bear peace as the fruit of the Spirit—Gal. 5:22; Rom. 14:17; 15:13.

VI. *The Wicked:*

1. Say “peace” when there is no peace—Jer. 6:14.
2. Do not know the way of peace—Isa. 59:8; Rom. 3:17.
3. Things of peace are hidden from them—Lk. 19:42.
4. Have no peace—Isa. 48:22; 57:20, 21.

PRAYER (TO PRAY)

I. *Teachings Of Jesus About Prayer:*

1. Christians must be persistent in their prayers, not faint-hearted—Luke 11:5-8; 18:1-8.
2. They must pray with humble hearts—Lk. 18:10-14.
3. They must pray having believed—Mk. 11:24.
4. They must pray with forgiveness—Matt. 18:21-35.
5. They must not pray in order to impress others—Matt. 6:5-8; 23:14; Mk. 12:38-40.
6. They must pray with watchfulness—Mk. 13:33; 14:38; Matt. 26:41.
7. They must pray for the straying sheep—Matt. 9:36-38.
8. They must pray for their enemies—Matt. 5:44; Lk. 6:28.
9. They must ask for the needs of daily life—Matt. 6:11; Lk. 11:3.
10. They must pray that they will not be overcome with temptations (trials)—Matt. 6:13; Luke 11:4.
11. They must ask to receive the Holy Spirit, or to be filled with the Holy Spirit—Luke 11:13; Eph. 5:18.

II. *The Prayers Of Jesus:*

1. When He was baptized—Luke 3:21.

2. When He withdrew into the wilderness—Lk. 5:16; 6:12.
3. When He sought the Father's guidance in the selection of his apostles—Luke 6:12-13.
4. When He fed the multitudes—Matt. 14:25; John 6:15.
5. When giving thanks—Lk. 10:21; John 11:41; Matt. 26:27.
6. When He was troubled—John 12:20-28.
7. When praying for others—John 17:6-26; Luke 22:31-34; Luke 23:34.
8. At His transfiguration—Luke 9:29.
9. In the Garden of Gethsemane—Lk. 22:39-45; Heb. 5:7-9.
10. On the cross—Matt. 27:46; Luke 23:46.

III. *The Way To Pray:*

1. In the name of Christ—John 14:13.
2. We must abide in Christ—John 15:7.
3. The words of Christ must abide in us—John 15:7.
4. Having kept his commandments—I John 3:22.
5. According to his will—I John 5:14, 15.
6. Having forgiven others—Matthew 6:15.
7. In abundant faith (sufficient faith)—Heb. 10:22; 11:6; Mk. 11:24.
8. In submission to God—Luke 22:42.
9. With confidence—Heb. 4:14-16.
10. Night and day—I Thess. 3:10; I Tim. 5:5.
11. Without ceasing—I Thess. 5:17; Col. 4:2.
12. In all things—Phil. 4:6.

IV. *Prayer For Others*

1. Chiefs (kings) and all rulers—I Tim. 2:2.
2. Preachers—Heb. 13:18; Col. 4:3.
3. All the saints (holy ones)—Eph. 6:18; 3:14-19; Phil. 1:4.

4. All people—I Tim. 2:1.
5. People of our own race (or nation)—Rom. 10:1.
6. Those who are ill—James 5:14.
7. Those who mistreat us—Matt. 5:44.
8. Those who spitefully use us—Lk. 6:28.
9. The brother who is sinful—I John 5:16.
10. One another—James 5:16.
11. However, we are not to pray for those who have hardened their hearts—Jeremiah 7:13-16; 14:12-14.

V. *Examples Of Praying For Others:*

1. Abraham prayed for Sodom—Gen. 18:23-32.
2. Moses prayed for Israel—Exod. 32:11-14.
3. Samuel prayed for the children of Israel—I Sam. 7:5; 12:23.
4. Solomon, at the dedication of the temple, prayed for his people—I Kings 8:30-36.
5. Daniel confessed the sins of the Israelites and prayed for them—Daniel 9:3-19.
6. Jesus prayed for those who crucified him—Lk. 23:34.
7. Stephen prayed for those who stoned him—Acts 7:60.
8. Peter and John prayed for the Samaritans—Acts 8-15.
9. The church prayed for Peter—Acts 12:5.
10. Paul prayed for the Christians in various places—Eph. 1:16; Col. 1:9-12; II Thess. 1:11-12.
11. Paul wanted the Christians to pray for him—Eph. 6:18-19; Col. 4:3; Rom. 15:30-32.
12. The Holy Spirit prays for God's people—Rom. 8:26-27.

VI. *People May Pray in Various Positions:*

1. While standing for that purpose—I Kings 8:22; Mk. 11:25.

2. While bowing down—Psalm 95:6.
3. While kneeling down—Psalm 95:6; Lk. 22:41; Acts 20:36.
4. While falling on the face—Num. 16:22; Joshua 5:14; Matt. 26:39.
5. With outstretched hands—Isaiah 1:15.
6. With uplifted hands—Psalm 28:2; I Tim. 2:8.
7. While lifting up the eyes to heaven—John 11:41; John 17:1.

PRIDE (SELF-ESTEEM)

I. *Characteristics Of Pride:*

1. It is the light of the wicked—Prov. 21:4.
2. It is like a chain around the neck of the wicked—Psalm 73:6.
3. It comes from the heart—Mark 7:22-23.
4. It deceives people—Obadiah 3.
5. It comes with shame—Prov. 11:2.
6. It hardens the heart—Daniel 5:20.
7. It defiles a man—Mark 7:22-23.
8. It is hated by God—Prov. 6:16-17.
9. It is abominable in the sight of God—Prov. 16:5.
10. It precedes destruction—Prov. 16:18; 18:12.

II. *Pride Comes From:*

1. Attempted self-righteousness—Luke 18:11-12.
2. Knowledge without love—I Cor. 8:1.
3. Authority or position without previous experience— I Tim. 3:6.
4. A place of power—Leviticus 26:19.
5. The power of riches—II Kings 20:13.

III. *Examples Of Pride (Self-Esteem).*

1. Satan—I Tim. 3:6.

2. Nebuchadnezzar—Daniel 4:30; 5:20.
3. Belshazzar—Daniel 5:22, 23.
4. Some of the scribes—Mark 12:38-39.
5. Herod—Acts 12:21-23.
6. The Laodiceans—Rev. 3:17.
7. Diotrefes—III John 9.

IV. *The Punishment Of The Proud.*

1. They meet with misfortune (woe)—Isaiah 28:1.
2. They shall be brought down—Psalm 18:27.
3. They shall be humbled—Prov. 29:23; Matt. 23:12; Luke 14:11.
4. They shall be laid low—Isa. 13:11.
5. God resists the proud—James 4:6.
6. They shall be destroyed—Prov. 16:18; 18:12.

V. *Those Who Belong To God:*

1. Must not be proud—Isa. 2:12; Gal. 5:26.
2. Must do nothing through vainglory—Phil 2:3.
3. Must not turn to the proud—Psalm 40:4.
4. Must associate with those who are humble—Rom. 12:16.
5. Must remember they have been saved through grace, not through their own goodness—Eph. 2:8-9.
6. Have no reason for self-praise (boasting)—I Cor. 1:29, 31; Rom. 3:27.
7. Possess love which is not boastful—I Cor. 13:4.

PROMISES

I. *Some Promises Of God*

1. That He shall not again destroy the world with a flood—Genesis 9:8-17.
2. That the seed of Abraham should inherit the land of

Canaan—Genesis 12:7.

This promise was fulfilled in the days of Joshua—Joshua 21:43-45; 23:14-16.

3. That through the seed of Abraham all nations of the earth should be blessed—Genesis 12:3. This promise was fulfilled in Christ—Acts 3:24-25; Gal. 3:14-16, 29.

II. *Promises To Christians.*

1. They are children of the promise—Gal. 4:28.
2. The promise of the Holy Spirit—Acts 2:38; Eph. 1:13.
3. The promise of this life and the life to come—I Timothy 4:8.
4. The promise of eternal life—Titus 1:2; I John 2:25.
5. The promise of eternal inheritance—Heb. 9:15.
6. Of the crown of life—James 1:12.
7. Of the eternal Kingdom—James 2:5.
8. His promises are great and precious—II Peter 1:4.
9. To those who do the will of God—Heb. 10:36.

PROVIDENCE OF GOD

I. *Over The Whole Creation*

1. He is good to all—Psalm 145:9.
2. He preserves them all—Nehemiah 9:6.
3. He gives food to all flesh—Psalm 136:25; 147:9.
4. He cares for the fowls of the air—Matt. 6:26; 10:29.
5. All creatures depend upon God—Psalm 104:27-28; 36:6.
6. He sends rain and sun and fruitful harvests on the good and the evil—Matt. 5:45; Acts 14:15-17.
7. He appointed times and set the boundaries of all nations—Acts 17:26.

II. *Special Providence Over His Faithful Children.*

1. We are before his presence all the time—Psalm 139:1-5.
2. Our times are in the hand of God—Psalm 31:15.
3. He feeds us throughout our life time—Genesis 48:15.
4. He covers us with his wings—Psalm 91:4.
5. He leads believers in the good way—Genesis 24:48, 50; Deut. 8:2-15; Isaiah 63:13.
6. He fulfills his promises—Numbers 26:63-65; Joshua 21:45.
7. God the faithful keeper of his people—Psalm 121:8; Isaiah 27:3.
8. He delivers us from evil—Psalm 91:3.
9. The hairs of our heads are all numbered—Matt. 10:30; Luke 21:18.
10. The beloved of God are preserved forever—Psalm 37:28.
11. His angels keep the righteous in all their ways—Psalm 91:11.
12. Sometimes the way of God seems to be deep and unknown—Psalm 73:16-17; 77:19; Romans 11:33.
13. God makes good come out of evil—Genesis 45:5-7; 50:20; Phil. 1:12.
14. All things work together for good to them that love God—Romans 8:28.

PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED

I. *Evil People Shall Be Punished Because Of:*

1. Lack of knowledge of God—II Thess. 1:8.
2. Their iniquities—Jeremiah 5:25; Amos 3:2.
3. Their unbelief—Romans 11:20; Hebrews 3:18-19.
4. Refusing the law of Jehovah—Hosea 4:1-9.
5. Their disobedience—II Thess. 1:8; Romans 2:8-9;

Ephesians 5:6.

6. Their idol worship—Isaiah 10:10, 11; Rev. 9:20-21.
7. Their evil ways—Jeremiah 21:14; Hosea 12:2.
8. Afflicting the servants of God—Matt. 23:33-36; II Thess. 1:6-10.
9. Sowing to the flesh—Gal. 6:8; Rev. 21:8.
10. Their sin—Romans 6:23.

II. *Jesus Christ Came To Deliver Sinners From Punishment:*

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1. He is unwilling that any should perish—II Peter 3:9.
 2. He wants all men to be saved—I Timothy 2:4.
 3. He came to seek and to save those who were lost—Luke 19:10.
 4. He died on the cross for every man—Hebrews 2:9.
 5. He saves from the wrath to come—I Thess. 1:10; Rom. 5:9.
 6. But he knew that many will follow the broad road which leads to destruction—Matt. 7:13-14.
 7. There shall be a separation on the last day between the righteous and the unrighteous—Matt. 13:42-43; 49-50; 25:31-46.

III. *Characteristics Of Their Punishment:*

1. Gehenna of fire—Matt. 5:22, 29; Luke 12:5.
2. Furnace of fire—Matt. 13:42, 50.
3. Lake of fire—Revelation 20:15; 21:8.
4. Unquenchable fire—Matthew 3:12.
5. Tormented with fire and brimstone—Revelation 14:10.
6. Destruction of body and soul—Matthew 10:28.
7. Judgement of hell—Matthew 23:33.
8. Punishment greater than death without mercy—Hebrews 10:29.
9. Eternal destruction—II Thess. 1:9.

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10. Eternal fire—Matthew 25:41; Jude 7.
11. Eternal punishment—Matthew 25:46.
12. Outer darkness—Matthew 8:12.
13. Blackness of darkness—II Peter 2:17; Jude 13.
14. Everlasting shame and contempt—Daniel 12:2.
15. Second death—Roman 6:23; Revelation 21:8.
16. Forever and ever—Revelation 14:11; 20:10.

REDEMPTION

I. *The Israelites Learned The Meaning Of Redemption:*

1. God redeemed the Israelites from the house of bondage—Exodus 15:13; Deut. 7:8; 24:18.
2. The Israelites redeemed their first-born—Exodus 13:13; 34:20; Luke 2:22-24.

II. *Christ Redeemed Men by His Blood:*

1. He gave up his life for mankind—Matt. 20:28; I Tim. 2:6; Titus 2:14.
2. He is our redemption or salvation—I Cor. 1:30; Romans 3:24.
3. He redeems by his blood—I Peter 1:18-19; I Cor. 7:23; Rev. 1:5; 5:9.
4. The church was purchased by his own blood—Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:5-6.
5. The believers of the Old Covenant were redeemed by Christ—Heb. 9:15.

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III. *We Are Redeemed From:*

1. The bondage of the law—Gal. 4:5.
2. The curse of the law—Gal. 3:13.
3. The power of sin—Romans 6:18-22.
4. All iniquity—Titus 2:14.
5. The present evil age—Gal. 1:4.

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6. The futile ways inherited from our ~~F~~athers—I Peter 1:18.

IV. *Redemption Made It Possible For Us:*

1. To be justified—Romans 3:24.
2. To be forgiven our trespasses—Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14.
3. To receive sonship—Gal. 4:5.
4. To be purified—Titus 2:14.
5. To be sure of eternal redemption—Heb. 9:12.

V. *The Redeemed Are Those:*

1. Who belong to God—I Cor. 6:19-20.
2. Who are the first fruits (to God)—Rev. 14:4.
3. Who have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and are in Christ—Eph. 4:30.
4. Who are zealous for good deeds—Titus 2:14.
5. Who praise God because of their redemption—Rev. 5:9; I Cor. 6:20.

RELIGIOUS UNITY

I. *Unity According To The Word Of God:*

1. Jesus purposed to establish one church—Matt. 16-18.
2. Christ prayed for unity among His believers—John 17:20-23.
3. Christ died to establish unity—Eph. 2:14-16.
4. Christ seeks to reconcile all people in one body, which is His church—Eph. 2:16; 1:22-23.
5. The Holy Spirit rebuked people who brought about division—I Cor. 1:10-13.
6. Strife, dissension, and party spirit are works of the flesh—Gal. 5:19-20.
7. God commands unity—Eph. 4:3-6.
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- (2) One Spirit
- (3) One hope
- (4) One Lord
- (5) One baptism
- (6) One faith
- (7) One God

II. *Reasons For Division:*

1. The traditions of men bring division—Mark 7:7-9.
2. Different names bring about division—I Cor. 1:10-13.
3. Various catechisms also bring about divisions because they do not agree with each other.
4. Divisions exist because religious people do not follow Jesus Christ only as their sole authority—Matt. 23:18 Lk. 6:46; Matt. 7:21-27.
5. When we follow the Word of God only, we shall be one according to the prayer of Jesus. (John 17)

REPENTANCE

I. *What Is Repentance?*

1. Not merely sorrow. Sorrow produces repentance—II Cor. 5:10; Acts 2:37, 38.
2. Not a good manner of life A good manner of life follows as the fruit of repentance—Acts 26:20.
3. It is to change one's mind and to determine in one's heart to forsake evil and to follow righteousness—Matt. 21:29; Luke 15:17-19.
4. Thus a person repents because of sorrow towards God and his repentance will be demonstrated by a good manner of life.

II. *God Wants Everyone to Repent:*

1. He commands all people to repent—Acts 17:30.

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2. He wants all people to come to repentance—II Pet. 3:9.
3. John the Baptist preached that people must repent—Mk. 1:4; Mt. 3:2.
4. Jesus came to call sinners to repentance—Lk. 5:32.
5. Jesus preached that people were to repent—Mk. 1:14-15.
6. The apostles preached repentance—Mk. 6:12.
7. Repentance must be preached to all nations—Lk. 24:46, 47.
8. Christ Commands His church to repent—Rev. 2:5, 16, 3:3.
9. Repentance precedes salvation—II Cor. 7:10.
10. People repent unto life—Acts 11:18.
11. There is joy in heaven because of the repentance of one sinner—Lk. 15:7, 10.

III. *Reasons For Repentance:*

1. The long suffering of God—I Pet. 3:20; II Peter 3:9.
2. The goodness of God—Rom. 2:4.
3. Chastening of God—I Kings 8:47-50; Rev. 3:19; I Cor. 11:32.
4. Godly sorrow for sin—II Cor. 7:10; Acts 2:37-38.
5. The heart which wants forgiveness and the Holy Spirit—Acts 2:38.

IV. *The Fruits Of Repentance:*

1. Fruits that demonstrate repentance—Matt. 3:8.
2. Deeds worthy of repentance—Acts 26:20.
3. A humble heart—II Chron. 7:14; James 4:9-10.
4. Turning from wicked ways—Jonah 3:10; Matt. 12:41.
5. Putting off the old man of sin—Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:5-9.
6. Putting on the new man of righteousness—Eph.

4:23-24; Col. 3:10.

7. Walking in the light—I John 1:5-7.

8. Turning to God—I Thess. 1:9.

V. *Examples Of Repentance:*

1. People of Nineveh—Jonah 3:5-8, Matt. 12:41.

2. Zacchaeus—Lk. 19:8.

3. Peter—Matt. 26:75.

4. Jews on the day of Pentecost—Acts 2:38-41.

5. The Corinthians—II Cor. 7:8-10.

6. The prodigal son—Lk. 15:11-32.

VI. *Examples Of Some Who Refused To Repent:*

1. The High priests and rulers of the Jews—Matt. 21:32.

2. The three cities—Matt. 11:20-24.

3. Some Corinthians—II Cor. 12:21.

4. An immoral teacher refused to repent of her fornication—Rev. 2:21.

5. Some although they were punished—Rev. 9:20-21; 16:9.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

I. *The Resurrection Of The Dead In The Old Testament:*

1. Some of whom it is written that they were raised:

(1) The child of the widow of Zarephath—I Kings 17:17-24.

(2) The child of the woman of Shunem—II Kings 4:17-37.

(3) Please note Hebrews 11:35.

2. The restoration of the nation of Israel is called a resurrection from the dead—Ezek. 37.

3. A few Scriptures spoke of the resurrection of the dead:

- (1) Psa. 16:10
- (2) Psa. 49:15
- (3) Isa. 26:19
- (4) Dan. 12:2
- (5) Hosea 13:14

II. *The Resurrection Of The Dead In The New Testament:*

1. Jesus raised some from the dead:
 - (1) The child of Jairus—Mk. 5:22-43.
 - (2) The youth in Nain—Lk. 7:11-17.
 - (3) Lazarus—John 11.
2. He gave commandment to his apostles that they should raise the dead—Matt. 10:8.
 - (1) Peter raised Tabitha—Acts 10:36-41.
 - (2) Paul raised Eutychus—Acts 20:9-12.
3. The Sadducees, a sect of the Jews, denied the resurrection of the dead—Matt. 22:23; Acts 23:8.

III. *The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ:*

1. He claimed he would rise from the dead—John 2:19-22; Matt. 16:21.
2. He fulfilled the Scriptures when he arose from the dead—I Cor. 15:1-4; Lk. 24:26, 46; Acts 2:24-36.
3. He was declared to be the Son of God by his resurrection—Rom. 1:4.
4. He conquered death when he arose from the dead—Rom. 6:9; Rev. 1:18.
5. Because he dies no more he is called “the first fruits of those that slept”—I Cor. 15:20.
6. His resurrection guarantees our resurrection from the dead—I Thess. 4:13-18; I Cor. 15:12-20.
7. We are justified by his resurrection—Rom. 4:25.
8. We symbolized his death and resurrection in our baptism—Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12.
9. We have hope of eternal life because of his resurrec-

tion—John 11:26; I Pet. 1:3-5.

IV. *All The Dead Shall Rise At The Last Day:*

1. The resurrection of Christ gives assurance that all will rise—Acts 17:31; I Cor. 15:21-22.
2. All that are in the graves shall rise—John 5:28-29.
3. There shall be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous—Acts 24:15.
4. Death and Hades shall give up their dead that they may be judged—Rev. 20:12-13.

V. *After The Resurrection Of The Dead Shall Come The Judgement:*

1. It is appointed that the dead be judged—Heb. 9:27; Rom. 14:12; II Cor. 5:10.
2. Everyone shall be judged—Matt. 25:31; John 5:28-29.; Rev. 11:18; 20:11-15.
3. They shall be judged according to their works—Matt. 16:27; Rom. 2:6; Matt. 25:31-46; Rev. 20:12-13.
4. There shall be a separation between the righteous and the unrighteous—Matt. 25:32-34, 41, 46; 13:41-43, 47-50.
5. Those who are saved shall be raised to eternal life—John 5:29; 11:25; 6:44, 54; I Thess. 4:13-18.
6. Those who are lost to judgement and eternal punishment—John 5:29; Matt. 25:41, 46; II Thess. 1:8,9; 20:14-15.

RICHES (WEALTH)

I. *Riches Come From God:*

1. The blessings of Jehovah make rich—Prov. 10:22.
2. It is the crown of the wise—Prov. 14:24.

3. God gives power to obtain wealth—Deut. 8:17-18; Eccl. 5:19; 6:2; Gen. 13:2; Psa. 112:1-3; I Tim. 6:17.

II. *But people Are Warned Against Riches Of The World:*

1. They must not profit from riches gained deceitfully—Prov. 22:16; 28:6, 20; 21:6; Amos 2:6, 7; 5:11, 12; 8:4-6; Joel 3:3; Lev. 19:36; Deut. 25:13-16; Lk. 19:8.
2. They must not forget that riches come from God—Deut. 8:17; Hosea 2:8.
3. They must not trust in riches—Prov. 11:28; Psa. 52:7; I Tim. 6:17; Mk. 10:23-27.
4. They must not elevate riches above spiritual things—Prov. 23:4, 5; 15:27; Lk. 12:21; Rev. 3:17.
5. They must not forget that wealth is not eternal—Prov. 11:4; 23:4-5; 27:24; I Tim. 6:17; Lk. 12:13-21; I Tim. 6:6-10.
6. “Deceitfulness of riches”—Matt. 13:22; Lk. 18:22, 23.
7. A good reputation is better than wealth—Prov. 22:1-2; 13:7; Lk. 12:20-21.
8. They should be content with what they have—I Tim. 6:8; Heb. 13:5; Phil. 4:11-12; Prov. 30:8-9.

III. *Responsibility Of Those Who Have Riches:*

1. To give blesses more than to receive—Acts 20:35; II Cor. 8:9.
2. The collection for the poor saints—I Cor. 16:1-2; II Cor. 8:9.
3. They must do good works with their wealth—I Tim. 6:17-19.
4. They must be faithful in their riches—Lk. 16:9-11.
5. They must lay up for themselves treasures in heaven—Matt. 6:19-21; Lk. 12:33; I Tim. 6:19.

IV. *Riches Of Grace And The Blessings Of God:*

1. The riches of his grace—Eph. 2:7; I Cor. 1:27; 2:2, 3; Phil. 4:19.
2. The true riches are spiritual:
 - (1) Eternal riches in heaven—Lk. 12:33; Matt. 6:20; 19:21.
 - (2) True riches—Lk. 16:11.
 - (3) Rich in the eyes of God—Rev. 2:9.
 - (4) Rich in faith—James 2:5.
 - (5) Making others rich—II Cor. 6:10.

RIGHTEOUSNESS

I. *God is The Righteous One:*

1. He is a God of righteousness—Psa. 7:9; 116:5.
2. He is Righteous and Holy—Rev. 16:5.
3. Righteous Father—John 17:25.
4. Righteous Judge—II Tim. 4:8.

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II. *God Wants People To Be Righteous:*

1. He will judge the world in righteousness—Acts 17:31.
2. Paul reasoned with Felix about righteousness—Acts 24:25.
3. Christians must follow righteousness—I Tim. 6:11; II Tim. 2:22.
4. They are to be filled with the fruit of righteousness—Phil. 1:11; James 3:18.

III. *However, In Their Own Goodness Or Through Their Own Works Men Are Unable To Be Righteous:*

1. There is none good, or without sin—Psa. 14:3; Rom. 3:10, 23.

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2. No man is justified by the works of the Law—Gal. 2:16, 21; Rom. 3:20.
 3. The Jews failed to find righteousness because they sought it through works of the law—Rom. 9:31, 32.

IV. *We are Righteous Through Christ Who Is Our Righteousness:*

1. Jesus Christ is our righteousness—I Cor. 1:30.
2. We become the righteousness of God through him—II Cor. 5:21.
3. Righteousness is from God by faith—Phil. 3:9.
4. We are justified through faith in Jesus Christ—Gal. 2:16.
5. We are justified freely by his grace—Rom. 3:24-28.

V. *Those Who Belong To God:*

1. Hunger and thirst after righteousness—Matt. 5:6.
2. Must seek righteousness—Matt. 6:33.
3. Must do (perform) righteousness—I John 2:29; 3:7.
4. Must follow righteousness—I Tim. 6:11; II Tim. 2:22.
5. Live a life of righteousness—Tit. 2:12; I Peter 2:24.
6. Serve God in righteousness—Lk. 1:74-75.
7. Yield their members as instruments of righteousness—Rom. 6:13.
8. Become bond servants of righteousness—Rom. 6:16, 18.
9. Put on the breastplate of righteousness—Eph. 6:14.
10. Wait for the hope of righteousness—Gal. 5:5.
11. Consider their righteousness as filthy rags—Isa. 64:6

However:

1. They must not trust in their own righteousness—Phil. 3:6-8.
2. They must not glory in themselves at all—I Cor. 1:29-31.
3. They must have no fellowship with unrighteousness—II Cor. 6:14.

In This Way, They Will Have:

1. The fruit of righteousness—Heb. 12:11; Eph. 5:9.
2. Confirmation that they are children of God—I John 2:29.
3. Become heirs in hope of eternal life—Titus 3:7.
4. Eternal glory—Rom. 8:30.
5. A crown of righteousness—II Tim. 4:8.
6. They shall shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father—Matt. 13:43.

SABBATH

I. *The Sabbath Was Saturday, Not First Day Of The Week (Sunday):*

1. “The seventh day is the sabbath”—Exodus 20:10.
2. “The seventh day is the sabbath”—Exodus 31:15.
3. “At the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week”—Matt. 28:1.

II. *The Sabbath Was Known, For The First Time, Near The Mountain Of Sinai:*

1. God kept the first sabbath, but there is no evidence that he gave it to people then—Gen. 2:3.
2. The Scriptures do not tell us that Adam, Noah, Abraham or Jacob kept the sabbath.

3. The first example of people who were given the sabbath is the Israelites when they camped at Mount Sinai—Exod. 16:4, 5, 22-30.
4. God made known to the Israelites the sabbath at Mount Sinai, through the hand of Moses—Neh. 9:13, 14.
5. God gave the sabbath when the Israelites were in the wilderness—Exod. 20:10-12.
6. He gave them that day in which God Himself had rested at the beginning—Exod. 20:11; 31:17.

III. *The Sabbath Was Given Only To The Israelites:*

1. It was given to those whom God brought out of Egypt—Exod. 20:2, 8-11.
2. “He called all Israel” and gave them the sabbath and other laws—Deut. 5:1.
3. God did not make this covenant with their ancestors—Deut. 5:1-21.
4. The Israelites received the sabbath because they had been delivered from Egyptian bondage—Deut. 5:15.
5. The sabbath was a sign between God and Israel, not all nations—Exod. 31:12-17.

IV. *Christ Kept The Sabbath Together With All Jewish Laws:*

1. Jesus was born a Jew, “~~B~~orn under the law”—Gal. 4:4. ✓
2. He received circumcision, and also sacrifice was offered, “according to the Law of Moses”—Lk. 2:22-39.
3. He taught the Jews that they must keep the law of sacrifice—Matt. 8:2-4.
4. He kept the Jewish feasts like the Passover and Tabernacles—Lk. 22:8, 15; John 7:2.
5. He met with Jews in their synagogues—Lk. 4:15, 20.

6. He taught in their temple—Matt. 26:55.
7. He kept the Sabbath because he obeyed the whole law—Gal. 4:4. ✓ X no cap
8. But on the cross he fulfilled the whole law and took it away—John 19:28-30; Eph. 2:14-17. Col. 2:14-16.
9. He took away the first covenant, that he might establish the second—Heb. 8:6-13; 10:9-10.
10. The law was changed—Heb. 7:12.
11. The law was the tutor to bring people to Christ, but then Christians do not continue to obey that tutor—Gal. 3:24-25.

V. *Christians Were Not Given The Sabbath:*

1. Paul preached or argued with the Jews on the Sabbath because he could find many people on that day—Acts 13:14, 42; 17:2, 3; 18:4. ✓ X no cap
2. However, we nowhere read that “he kept” the Sabbath. . . To preach on the Sabbath day is one thing, “to keep” the Sabbath is something else. ✓ X no cap
3. Christians have no law that they must keep the Sabbath. ✓ X no cap
4. There is no example of the early Christians keeping the Sabbath. ✓ X no cap
5. Christians are not judged concerning the Sabbath and other elements of Judaism—Col. 2:14-17; Rom. 6:14. ✓ X no cap
6. The remaining Sabbath rest unto the people of God is that which shall be in Heaven—Heb. 4:1-11; 11:13-16. ✓ X no cap

VI. *The Bible Says Of The First Day Of The Week That:*

1. Christ arose from the dead on the first day of the week—Mk. 16:1-9; Lk. 24:1, 13, 21, 46.
2. Thus, he was demonstrated to be the Son of God upon the first day of the week—Rom. 1:4.

3. After he arose from the dead, Christ met with the apostles often on the first day of the week—John 20: 1, 19, 26.
4. The Church of God was established on Pentecost, the first day of the week—Lev. 23:15; Acts 2:1-47.
5. The Holy Spirit came and began His work on that day—Acts 2:1-4.
- no cup X 6. “About 3000 souls”, the “first fruits” of the ~~g~~ospel (Lev. 23:17), were added to the church on that day—Acts 2:41, 47.
7. The church of the Lord met on the first day of the week to eat the Lord’s Supper and to do other things—Acts 20:7, 2:42; I Cor. 16:2, 11:23-33.
8. In the New Covenant we have these new things:
 - (1) A New Covenant—Heb. 8:13, 10:9-10.
 - (2) A New church—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:20-23.
 - (3) New Commandments—I Cor. 14:37; Mk. 16: 15-16.
 - (4) A new day—Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1-2.
 - (5) A new name applied to that new day—Kuriakos (Greek)—Rev. 1:10.

SACRIFICE

I. *God Required Sacrifices from The Beginning:*

1. Cain and Abel—Gen. 4:1-5; Heb. 11:4.
2. Noah—Gen. 8:20-22.
3. Job—Job 1:5; 42:7-9.
4. Abraham—Gen. 12:7; 14:20; 22:1-13.
- MP Jacob X 5. Jacob—Gen. 31:54; 46:1.
6. Israel in the land of Egypt—Exodus 5:3; 10:25, 26.

II. *Sacrifices of the Law Of Moses:*

1. The Passover—Exodus 12:1-28; Joshua 5:10.

2. At the establishment (Confirmation) of the Covenants—Exod. 24:1-8; Deut. 27:4-8. X ^{no} caps
3. Sacrifice in time of war or mishap (accident)—Judges 20:26; 21:4; I Sam. 7:9.
4. They were forbidden to offer human sacrifices—Gen. 22:11-13; Lev. 20:2, 3; 18:21; Jer. 7:31.
5. The first-born children were redeemed—Exod. 22:29; 34:19; 13:12-16.
6. Various (miscellaneous) sacrifices:
 - (1) Burnt offering—Exod. 29:42; 40:29; Lev. 1:3-17.
 - (2) Meal offering—Exod. 40:29; Lev. 2:1-16; 6:14-18.
 - (3) Sacrifice of peace or thanksgiving—Lev. 3:1-17.
 - (4) Sin offering—Exod. 29:10-14.
 - (5) Trespass offering—Lev. 5:14; 6:7.
 - (6) Drink (pouring) offering—Exod. 29:40-41; Lev. 23:13, 18, 37.
7. Sacrifices must be without blemish—Lev. 1:3; 3:1; Deut. 15:21, 17, 1; Malachi 1:6-8, 13, 14.
8. God did not receive sacrifices from those who were deceitful—Isa. 1:10-17; Psa. 51:16-19; Micah 6:6-8; Amos 5:21-24.
9. Animal sacrifices were not supposed to take away sin—Heb. 9:9; 9:13; 10:1, 4, 11.
10. By those sacrifices, the people learned.
 - (1) The holiness of God.
 - (2) The sinfulness of man.
 - (3) The type of heart which is required of those who draw near to God—I Sam. 15:22, 23.
 - (4) That without the shedding of blood there is no remission—Heb. 9:22.

III. *Jesus Christ Is The Perfect Sacrifice Of God:*

1. The lamb without blemish—Isa. 53:7; Acts 8:32; John 1:29; I Pet. 1:19; 2:22.

2. He is our Passover—I Cor. 5:7.
3. He was slain that he might purchase for God, with his blood, people from every nation—Rev. 5:6-9; 7:14; 13:8.
4. His blood is the surety for the New Covenant—Matt. 26:28; Lk. 22:20; I Cor. 11:25.
5. He gave himself once, for all—Eph. 5:2; Heb. 7:26, 27; 9:25-28; 10:10-14.
6. Because of such a perfect sacrifice, we have:
 - (1) Redemption—Mk. 10:45; Matt. 20:28; Rom. 3:23-25; I Tim. 2:6.
 - (2) Reconciliation—Rom. 5:10; Eph. 2:13-18.
 - (3) Forgiveness of sins—Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; I John 1:7-9.
 - (4) Justification—II Cor. 5:21.
 - (5) Holiness—Eph. 5:26; Rev. 7:14.

IV. *The Lives Of Christians Must Be Sacrificial:*

1. They are (must be) crucified with Christ—Gal. 2:20; 5:24; 6:14.
2. To live is Christ—Phil. 1:21.
3. The love of Christ constrains (lays fast hold of) us—II Cor. 5:14-15.
4. To be put to death because of his name—Acts 21:13; Phil. 1:29-30; Rev. 2:10; 12:11.
5. To lay down (give) one's life because of the brethren—I John 3:16.
6. To give oneself to God—II Cor. 8:5.
7. To present the body a living sacrifice—Rom. 12:1; 6:13, 16, 19.
8. To offer spiritual sacrifices—I Peter 2:5.
9. Giving freely is an acceptable sacrifice—Phil. 4:18.
10. Fruit of the lips is a sacrifice of praise—Heb. 13:15.
11. Good words are a sacrifice—Heb. 13:16.
12. To be offered as a sacrifice—Phil. 2:17; II Tim. 4:6.

SATAN THE SLANDERER (DEVIL)

I. *His Names:*

1. Satan—"adversary"—Job. 1:6-12; Zech. 3:1; Matt. 13:39; I Pet. 5:8.
2. The slanderer—Rev. 12:10; Lk. 4:1; Please see I Tim. 3:11.
3. The tempter—Matt. 4:3; I Thess. 3:5.
4. Beelzebub—"the prince of demons"—Matt. 12:24-28; Mk. 3:22.
5. The wicked one—Matt. 13:19, 38; I John 2:14; 3:12; 5:18, 19.
6. The deceiver of the whole world—Rev. 12:9.
7. The great serpent—Rev. 12:3, 9; 20:2.
8. Father of lies—John 8:44.
9. The prince of the world—John 14:30; 12:31.
10. God of this world—II Cor. 4:4.

II. *His History:*

1. Created by God, he exalted himself, rebelled against God, and became His enemy. Please notice: II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; Matt. 25:41; I Tim. 3:6.
2. He caused Adam and Eve to sin—Gen. 3:1-6; John 8:44; II Cor. 11:3.
3. He afflicted Job—1-2; See also Lk. 13:16; II Cor. 12:7; Acts 10:38.
4. He blinds the minds of unbelievers—II Cor. 4:4; I John 5:19; Rom. 1:21-31.
5. He tempted Jesus—Lk. 4:1-13; Heb. 4:15.
6. He confused and misguided other people—Matt. 16-23; Lk. 22:31-32; John 8:44.
7. He attempts to prevent God's work—Mk. 4:15; Acts 5:3; 13:10; II Thess. 2:18; II Cor. 2:11.

III. *His Characteristics:*

1. He has great power to deceive—II Cor. 11:3; Gen. 3:1; II Thess. 2:10-12.
2. He is manifested as:
 - (1) A clever serpent—II Cor. 11:3.
 - (2) An angel of light—II Cor. 11:14.
 - (3) A roaring lion—I Peter 5:8.
3. He tempts people continually in three ways (I John 2:16):
 - (1) The lusts of the flesh—I Pet. 2:11; Rom. 13:14; Gal. 5:19-21.
 - (2) The lusts of the eye—Prov. 27:20; Eccl. 5:10; Gen. 3:6.
 - (3) The vain glory of life—I John 2:16; Jas. 4:6, 7; Gen. 3:6.
4. Satan works (is active):
 - (1) In false religions—II Cor. 11:13-15; I Tim. 4:1; Rev. 2:9; 19:20.
 - (2) In some schools where God and His word are rejected.
 - (3) In some governments which refuse God and hinder His work—Rev. 13:1-10.
 - (4) In some places of feasts and revellings—Rom. 13:13-14; Prov. 23:20; I Pet. 4:3-4.

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IV. *War Between Christians And Satan:*

1. It is not a carnal battle—Eph. 6:10-12.
2. Jesus defeated (overcame) Satan in his death and resurrection from the dead—Lk. 10:18; Rev. 12:9; Heb. 2:14-15; I John 3:8.
3. Christians shall also prevail over him through Christ—James 4:7; Eph. 4:27; 6:11-19; I Pet. 5:8-9; I Cor. 10:13; Rev. 17:14.

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

I. *Jesus Shall Surely Come:*

1. In the same manner as he went to heaven—Acts 1:11.
2. “I will come again”—John 14:3.
3. He will come again to receive his people—I Thess. 4:13-18.
4. “Every eye shall see him”—Rev. 1:7.

II. *How Shall He Come Again?*

1. In the clouds, with great power and glory—Acts 1:11; Mk. 13:26.
2. On a day which is unknown—Matt. 24:36.
3. In a startling manner—I Thess. 5:2, 3.
4. Without warning—Lk. 17:26-30.

III. *What Will Christ Do When He Comes Again?*

1. He shall raise the dead—John 5:28-29.
2. He shall judge the world—Matt. 25:31-46; Acts 17:31.
3. He shall punish the disobedient—Matt. 13:41-42, 49-50; II Thess. 1:7-9.
4. He shall receive his people into heaven—Matt. 25:34; Matt. 13:43; John 14:1-3; Phil. 3:20-21; I Thess. 4:17-18.

IV. *With Hope In His Coming Again What Shall We Do?*

1. We must not sleep, or be drunken, but watch—I Thess. 5:6.
2. We should watch and pray lest we be burdened with the cares of this life—Lk. 21:34-36.
3. We should purify ourselves—I John 3:3; II Peter 3:14.

4. We should conduct ourselves in a holy manner as those whose hope is set upon his coming again—II Peter 3:11-12.
5. We should preach the way of salvation to all the *no cap x* people that they may be prepared as well—Rom. 1:14-16; II Thess. 1:7-9; Col. 1:28-29.

SECTS

I. *Sects Of The Jews.*

1. The sect of the Pharisees—Acts 15:5; 26:5.
2. The sect of the Sadducees—Acts 5:17.
3. Followers of Christ were called a “sect” by their enemies—Acts 24:5, 14; 28:22.
4. Jesus opposed the sects of the Jews because they left the Word of God and followed their traditions—Mark 7:7-13.

II. *God Doesn't Want Sects Among His People:*

1. God wants religious unity—John 17:20-23; I Cor. 1:10-13; Eph. 4:3-6.
2. Christ did not establish many differing sects:
 - (1) “My church”—Matthew 16:18.
 - (2) “One body”—Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23.
3. God opposes sects—I Cor. 1:1-13; 10:19; Gal. 5:20; II Peter 2:1.
4. Sects exist because people follow the traditions of men and not the Word of God alone—Mark 7:7-12; Romans 16:17.

SELF CONTROL

I. *God's People Must Practice Self-Control:*

1. To keep the heart with all diligence—Prov. 4:23.

2. The one who rules his spirit is better than he who takes a city—Prov. 16:32.
3. Paul preached self-control to Felix—Acts 24:25.
4. Christians must add self-control to their knowledge—II Peter 1:6.
5. Every man who seeks to excel must exercise self-control—I Cor. 9:25.

II. *How To Practice Self-Control:*

1. Remember the examples of holy men and women:
 - (1) Joseph—Genesis 39:7-10.
 - (2) Vashti—Esther 1:9-12.
 - (3) Daniel—Daniel 1:8; 6:1-28.
 - (4) Jesus—Matt. 4:1-11.
 - (5) Paul—I Cor. 9:27; Phil. 3:14-15.
2. Avoid evil associations—Prov. 4:14-16; I Cor. 5:6; 15:33; I Tim. 5:22; II Tim. 2:22.
3. Walk according to a purposeful heart—Daniel 1:8; Acts 11:23.
4. Study in our homes—II Tim. 1:5; 3:15-17.
5. Pray without ceasing—I Thess. 5:17; Col. 4:2; Matt. 26:41.
6. Trust in the promises of God—Heb. 13:5, 6; 4:14-16; I John 2:1; Romans 8:26-39; II Tim. 1:12; John 10:27-29; Rev. 17:14.
7. Remember the high cost of sin—Heb. 12:16, 17; 3:13; 11:24-26; Matt. 27:2-5; Romans 6:23; James 1:14-16.

SERVANT (MINISTER)

I. *A Servant Is One Who Serve Another And Does His Will:*

1. Servants of the king—Matt. 22:13.
2. Servants at a feast—John 2:5.

3. The Israelites were servants of Jehovah—Isa. 41:8; 43:10.
4. The prophets of God were his servants—II Kings 7:19; 21:10; Jer. 29:19.
5. Ministers (servants) of the new covenant—II Cor. 3:6.
6. Servant of righteousness—II Cor. 11:15.
7. Servant of the ~~G~~ospel—Eph. 3:7; Col. 1:23.
8. Servants of Satan—II Cor. 11:14-15.

II. *Jesus Christ Was a Servant:*

1. He humbled himself that he might become a servant—Lk. 22:27; John 13:5.
2. A minister of the circumcision—Rom. 15:18.
3. A servant of Jehovah—Isa. 42:1; Matt. 12:18; Isa. 52:13; 53:11; Acts 8:32-35.
4. He left us an example—I Peter 2:21; Phil. 2:5-8.

III. *Service In The Church:*

1. A servant of the church—Col. 1:24-25.
2. Servant of God—II Cor. 6:4; I Thess 3:2.
3. Servants of the apostles—Acts 13:5; 19:22.
4. All Christians are servants of God and Christ—John 12:26; Col. 3:24; I Thess. 1:9; Heb. 12:28; Rev. 7:15.
5. But in the church there are some people who are chosen to be special servants if they are qualified—Phil. 1:1; I Tim. 3:8-13; Please notice Acts 6:1-6.
6. Phoebe, a female servant of the church—Rom. 16:1.
7. Whoever seeks to be great must be the servant of all—Matt. 20:26.

IV. *The Kings Of The Earth Are Servants Of God:*

1. Cyrus, king of Persia—Isa. 45:1-6; II Chron. 36: 22-23; Ezra. 1:1-4.
2. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon—Jer. 25:9; 27:6; 43:10.
3. David—II Sam. 3:18; I Kings 3:6.
4. Government officials—Rom. 13:4.

V. *Responsibility Of Servants Towards Masters:*

1. To respect (honour) them—Mal. 1:6.
2. They are subject to them—I Peter 2:18.
3. They must remain faithful—Lk. 16:10-12; I Cor. 4:2.

VI. *Examples Of Faithful Servants:*

1. Joseph—Gen. 39:3-4; Acts 7:10.
2. Moses—Heb. 3:5; Num. 12:7.
3. Caleb—Num. 14:24.
4. Job—Job 1:8; 2:3.
5. Samuel—I Sam. 3:9-10.
6. The servants of the centurion at Capernaum—Matt. 8:9.
7. Servants of Cornelius—Acts 10:7.

SIGNS (MIRACLES) OF JESUS

I. *Signs (Miracles) Of Healing Those Who Were Ill*

1. He healed a ruler's child—John 4:46-54.
2. He cast out demons—Mk. 1:23-27, Matt. 8:28-32; 9:32-33.
3. He healed Peter's mother-in-law—Matt. 8:14-15.
4. He healed lepers—Matt. 8:14; Luke 17:12-14.
5. He healed some who were paralytic—Mark 2:3-12.
6. He healed those with withered limbs—Matt. 12:9-13; John 5:2-9.

7. He healed (restored sight to) the blind—Matt. 9:27-30; Mark 8:22-25; John 9:1-7.
8. He healed those who were deaf and dumb—Mark 7:32-37.
9. He healed a woman who was bent over—Luke 13:11-13.
10. He healed a man with dropsy—Luke 14:1-6.
11. He healed all manner of sickness and disease—Mark 1:34; Matt. 4:23-24; Luke 7:21-22; 6:17-19.

II. *Others Signs (Miracles) Of Various Types:*

1. He changed water into wine—John 2:1-11.
2. He helped fishermen to catch many fish—Lk. 5:4-7; John 21:5-6.
3. He fed a multitude of people—Matt. 14:15-21; 15:32-38.
4. He walked on the water (lake)—Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21.
5. He stilled a tempest—Matt. 8:23-27; Lk. 8:22-25.
6. He cursed a fig tree—Mk. 11:12-14; Matt. 21:18-22.
7. He raised the dead—Luke 7:12-15; Matt. 9:18-26; John 11:11-14.
8. He demonstrated (manifested) his glory in his transfiguration—Luke 9:28-32; Matt. 17:1-8; II Peter 1:16-18.
9. He arose from the dead—Luke 24:6; John 10:18.
10. He appeared to his disciples, the doors being shut—John 20:19.
11. He ascended to heaven—Acts 1:9-11.

SIN

I. *The Source Of Sin:*

1. It comes from Satan—John 8:44; I John 3:8.
2. It comes from the lusts of the flesh—Genesis 3:6;

James 1:14-15.

3. It entered the world because of Adam—Romans 5:12.
4. It proceeds from an evil heart—Matt. 15:19.
5. To know to do good, but to fail to do it, is sin—James 4:17.
6. When words are many, sin is not lacking—Prov. 10:19.

II. *Characteristics Of Sin:*

1. It brings about shameful reproach—Prov. 14:34.
2. It is known by the law—Romans 3:20; 7:7.
3. Sin is transgression—I John 3:4.
4. All unrighteousness is sin—I John 5:17.
5. It is deceitful—Hebrews 3:13.
6. Some men's sins are open beforehand—I Tim. 5:23-24.
7. Some others are hidden, but not before God—I Timothy 5:24; Psa. 90:8.

III. *Jesus Christ Alone Had No Sin:*

1. He knew no sin—II Cor. 5:21.
2. He was without sin—Heb. 4:15.
3. He was holy, without sin, undefiled, separate from sinners—Heb. 7:26.
4. He did no sin or guile (deceit)—I Peter 2:22.
5. In Him there is no sin—I John 3:5.

IV. *Christ Redeemed Sinners Through Blood:*

1. The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world—John 1:29.
2. He took away sin through the sacrifice of Himself. Heb. 9:26.
3. He bore our sins in his body on the cross—I Peter 24.

4. We have redemption through his blood—Eph. 1:7; I Peter 1:18-19.
5. His blood washes us to take from us all sin—I John 1:7.

V. *The Way Of Forgiveness Of Sins:*

1. Aliens:

- (1) They must believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God—John 8:24; Acts 16:31.
- (2) They must repent—Luke 24:46-47; Acts 17:30.
- (3) They must confess Jesus Christ as their Lord—Romans 10:9-10.
- (4) They must be baptized unto the remission of sin—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:15-16.

2. The people of God:

- (1) They must confess their sins—I John 1:9; Luke 15:18.
- (2) They must repent—Acts 8:22.
- (3) They must pray—Acts 8:22.
- (4) They must walk in the light—I John 1:7.

VI. *Wicked People:*

1. They are slaves of sin—John 8:34; 6:16.
2. They are dead in their trespasses—Eph. 2:1.
3. They add sin to sin—Isaiah 30:1.
4. Some cannot cease from sin—II Peter 2:14.
5. They have pleasure in (agree with) those who commit sin—Rom. 1:32.

VII. *People of God:*

1. They are freed from sin—Romans 6:18.
2. They are dead to sin—Romans 6:2; I Peter 2:24.
3. They are unable to sin habitually—I John 3:9; 5:18.
4. They continually confess their sins—I John 1:8-10.

5. They are continually ashamed because of their sins—Rom. 6:21.
6. They hate what is evil—Romans 12:9.
7. They separate themselves from sin—II Timothy 2:19.
8. They must put to death sin in their life—Col. 3:5; Rom. 8:13.
9. They pray that their sins may be forgiven—Luke 11:4.

VIII. *The Punishment Of Sin:*

1. The earth was cursed because of sin—Genesis 3:17-18.
2. Death entered into the world through sin—Romans 5:12.
3. The sting of death is sin—I Cor. 15:56.
4. The soul that sins shall die—Ezekiel 18:4.
5. Sin brings forth eternal death—Romans 6:23; James 1:15.
6. It prevents people from entering heaven—Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:5; Revelation 21:27.
7. The punishment of sinners will be eternal—Matt. 25:41-46; Rev. 20:10, 15; 21:8.

SPEECH

I. *The Power Of Speech:*

1. There is a time to speak and a time to be silent—Eccl. 3:7.
2. Power of life and death is in the tongue—Prov. 18:21.
3. A person speaks from the abundance of the heart—Matt. 12:34.
4. He who keeps his mouth keeps his soul—Prov. 21:23.

5. Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul—Prov. 16:24.
6. The speech of a man makes him known—Matt. 26:73.
7. Moses fell short of entering the land of Canaan because he spoke unadvisedly—Psa. 106:33.
8. The things which proceed out of the mouth defile a man—Matt. 15:18.
9. People shall give account of every idle word—Matt. 12:36.
10. By his word a person is justified or condemned—Matt. 12:37.
11. Whoever blasphemeth (speaks against) the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven—Matt. 12:32.

II. *God's People Must Not Speak:*

1. Fair and flattering words (to deceive)—Rom. 16:18; Prov. 29:5.
2. Evil or guile—I Peter 3:10.
3. Corrupt speech—Eph. 4:29; Col. 3:8.
4. Lies one to another—Col. 3:9; James 4:11.
5. Filthiness or idle gossip—Eph. 5:4; I Tim. 5:13.
6. False witness, blasphemies—Matt. 15:18; Prov. 6:19; 19:9; 25:18.
7. Cursing—James 3:9; Prov. 20:20.
8. Words of oaths (swearing)—James 5:12.
9. Words of slander—I Tim. 3:11; Titus 3:2.
10. Lying words—Prov. 6:17; 12:22; 14:5; 17:4; Eph. 4:25.
11. Words that sow discord among brethren—Prov. 6:19; 17:9.
12. Words of a talebearer—Prov. 18:8; 11:13; 20:19; 26:20; I Tim. 5:13.
13. Words of wrath—Prov. 15:1, 18; 16:32; 29:22; James 1:19-20.

III. *But The Speech Of Christians Must Be*

1. Words of truth and soberness—Acts 26:25; Eph. 4:25.
2. The Word of God without fear—Phil. 1:13.
3. Good words which will build people up—Eph. 4:29.
4. Words to strengthen those who are faint in heart—I Thess. 5:14.
5. Words which comfort those in sorrow—I Thess. 4:18.
6. Words of grace, opportunely spoken—Col. 4:6.
7. Sound speech which cannot be condemned—Prov. 12:18; Titus 2:8.
8. Giving of thanks—Eph. 5:4; James 3:9.
9. Without murmurings or disputings—Phil. 2:14.
10. With meekness and fear—I Pet. 3:15.
11. As an example to the believers—I Tim. 4:12.

SLAVERY

I. *Slavery Of The Body.*

1. Israel was delivered from slavery in Egypt—Exodus 20:2; Deut. 4:20; 5:15; 6:21; Psalm 78; 105.
2. Israel had slaves in the land of Canaan—Exodus 21:1-11; Lev. 25:35-46; Deut. 15:12-15.
3. Christianity did not destroy slavery of the body with violence and riots but through teachings which changed people's hearts—Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:22; 4:1; I Tim. 6:1-2; Philemon 8-21.

II. *There Is Another Slavery Far More Terrible.*

1. Slaves of sin—John 8:34; Romans 6:16.
2. Those in bondage to Satan through fear of death—Heb. 2:14-15.

3. The snare of the Devil—I Tim. 3:7; II Tim. 2:26.
4. To be in the gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity—Acts 8:23.
5. Slaves of false gods—Gal. 4:8.
6. Slaves of traditions of the world—Gal. 4:3.
7. Slaves of corruption—II Peter 2:19.
8. Slaves of divers lusts and pleasures—Titus 3:3.
9. Lying (false) teachers seek to bring Christians into bondage—Gal. 2:4.

III. *Jesus Christ Came To Be A Ransom For Those Under The Slavery Of Sin:*

1. According to the Scriptures the Messiah (Christ) would come to set people free—Isaiah 61:1-2; 42:6-7.
2. Jesus Christ fulfilled these Scriptures—Luke 4:18-21; John 8:36; Eph. 4:8.
3. Jesus, in giving himself, took the form of a servant—Phil. 2:7.
4. Christ brought us freedom—Gal. 5:2; John 8:36.
5. Christ sets the captives free with the Word of Truth—John 8:32; Romans 8:2.
6. Christians are set free from the bondage of sin—Romans 6:18, 22.
7. Christians do not receive the spirit of bondage that they should fear—Romans 8:15.

IV. *Therefore, Those Ransomed Are Bond-Servants Of God.*

1. Having been purchased by God, all Christians are His bond-servants—I Cor. 6:19-20; Rev. 1:5-6; 2:20; 7:3; 22:3.
2. They are bond-servants of:
 - (1) God—Romans 6:22.
 - (2) Christ—John 13:13-16.

(3) Other people—Phil. 2:5-9; Matt. 20:27; Mark 10:44.

3. Messengers (those sent) of Christ as his bond-servants—II Cor. 4:5; Gal. 1:10; James 1:1; II Peter 1:1; Jude 1; Rev. 1:1.

STRIFE – FRICTION – QUARRELING

I. *Things That Bring Strife Among People.*

1. Hatred stirs up strife—Proverbs 10:12.
2. Self-esteem creates strife—Proverbs 13:10.
3. A proud heart stirs up strife—Proverbs 28:25.
4. A perverse man sows strife—Proverbs 16:28.
5. A quarrelsome man stirs strife—Proverbs 30:33.
6. Drunkards stir up strife—Proverbs 23:29-30.
7. A hot-tempered man stirs up strife—Proverbs 15-18.
8. All fools want quarreling—Proverbs 20:3; 18:6.
9. He who loves transgression loves strife—Proverbs 17:9.
10. Where there is no whisperer (tale bearer) quarreling ceases—Proverbs 26:20.
11. Strife comes from the lusts of the flesh—James 4:1.
12. Foolish and unlearned questions gender strife—II Tim. 2:23; I Tim. 6:4.
13. Opposers of God are filled with strife—Romans 1:29.

II. *A Shameful Thing: Contentions Among God's People.*

1. The Corinthians were rebuked because of contentions in the church—I Cor. 1:11; 3:3; II Cor. 12:20.
2. With jealousy and selfish ambition there is disorder—James 3:14-16.
3. They are works of the flesh—Gal. 5:19-21.
4. Some indeed preach Christ from envy—Phil. 1:15.

III. *Ways To Prevent Quarrels Or Contentions.*

1. We should avoid strife—Titus 3:9; Proverbs 20:3.
2. Do all things without grumbling or quarreling—Phil. 2:3, 14.
3. One who is slow to anger keeps down strife—Proverbs 15:18; 17:27; 14:29; 16:14.
4. He who restrains his lips is prudent—Proverbs 10:19; 17:17; James 1:19.
5. Make no friendship with a man given to anger—Proverbs 22:24; 20:3; I Cor. 15:33.
6. The way of love—I Cor. 13:4.
7. Following the example of Christ—Phil. 2:1-8.

THANKSGIVING

I. *The Example Of Christ.*

1. For the cup—Matt. 26:27; I Cor. 11:24.
2. Because God the Father heard his supplications—Jno. 11:41.
3. Because God revealed His will unto the lowly—Matt. 11:25.

II. *Heavenly Beings Continually Thank God.*

1. Because God is the Creator of all things—Rev. 4:9-11.
2. Because He is worthy of praise and thanksgiving—Rev. 7:11-12.
3. Because of His Power—Rev. 11:16-17.
4. Because of the redemption through Christ—Rev. 5:9-14.

III. *Thanksgiving Should Be Offered:*

1. To God through Christ—Rom. 1:8; Col. 3:17;

- Heb. 13:15.
2. To Christ—I Tim. 1:12.
 3. In the name of Christ—Eph. 5:20.
 4. In private worship—Dan. 6:10.
 5. In the public assembly—Psalm 35:18.
 6. In all things, because this is the Will of God—*X no cap*
I Thess. 5:18.
 7. At all times—Eph. 1:16; 5:20; I Thess. 1:2.
 8. When we remember the Holiness of God—Psalm
30:4; 97:12.
 9. Together with intercessions—I Tim. 2:1.
 10. Together with prayer—Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2.
 11. Before we eat—Jno. 6:11; Acts 27:35.
 12. Abundantly—Col. 2:7.

IV. *The Saints (God's People) Give Thanks Because Of:*

1. The goodness of God—Psalm 106:1; 107:1.
2. The eternal mercy of God—Psalm 136:1-3.
3. Christ—"The Unspeakable Gift"—II Cor. 9:15; Rom.
8:32.
4. Rescue from bondage through Christ —Rom 7:
24-25.
5. Victory over death—I Cor. 15:57.
6. God's leadership—II Cor. 2:14.
7. Those obedient to the Gospel—Rom. 6:17. *X no cap*
8. The great power of God's Word—I Thess. 2:13.
9. Grace which is given to others—I Cor. 1:4; Col.
1:3-5.
10. The faith of others—Rom. 1:8.
11. The earnest care of others—II Cor. 8:16.
12. The joy of turning others to God—I Thess. 3:9.
13. The fellowship of brethren—Acts 28:15.
14. The needs of the body—Rom. 14:6-7; I Tim. 4:4-5.
15. Fellowship in the furtherance of the Gospel—Phil. *X no cap*
1:3-5.

V. *To Fail To Give Thanks Is To Sin.*

1. Those who are rebels do not thank God—Rom. 1:21.
2. Some fail to give thanks, even though God gives them good things—Lk. 6:32.
3. Nine lepers failed to give thanks—Luke 17:11-19.

THINGS ETERNAL

I. *God Is Eternal:*

1. The eternal God—Deut. 33:27.
2. The everlasting God—Isa. 40:28.
3. God is eternal—Rom. 16:26.
4. King of ages—Jer. 10:10; I Tim. 1:17.
5. His power is eternal—Rom. 1:20.
6. His love is eternal—Jer. 31:3.
7. His eternal purpose—Eph. 3:11.
8. Jesus is eternal—John 1:1-3; Isa. 9:6.
9. The Eternal Spirits—Heb. 9:14.
10. Things which are not seen are eternal—II Cor. 4:18.

II. *God Has Prepared For His People Eternal Things:*

1. His words are eternal—Isa. 40:6-8; I Pet. 1:24, 25; Matt. 24:35.
2. Eternal gospel—Rev. 14:6.
3. Covenant is everlasting—Heb. 13:20.
4. Eternal redemption—Heb. 9:12.
5. Eternal salvation—Heb. 5:9.
6. Eternal comfort—II Thess. 2:16.
7. Eternal Kingdom—II Pet. 1:11.
8. Eternal home—II Cor. 5:1; Psa. 23:6.
9. Eternal habitation—Lk. 16:9.
10. Eternal life—John 3:16; 5:24; I John 5:11-13; Mk. 10:30; Rom. 6:23.

11. Everlasting joy—Isa. 35:10; Matt. 25:21.
12. Eternal glory—II Tim. 2:10; I Pet. 5:10.

III. *Those Who Are Lost Also Experience Things Eternal:*

1. Eternal sin—Mk. 3:29.
2. Eternal judgement—Heb. 6:2.
3. Eternal chains—Jude 6.
4. Eternal punishment—Matt. 25:46.
5. Eternal fire—Matt. 25:41.
6. Eternal destruction—II Thess. 1:9.

TRADITION (CUSTOM)

Tradition (custom) in the New Testament means teaching which is handed down either through writings or words.

I. *Traditions Of The Jews:*

1. Those customs are also called:
 - (1) "Traditions of the elders"—Matt. 12:9; Gal. 1:14.
 - (2) "Tradition of men"—Mark 7:9.
 - (3) "Commandments of men"—Mark 7:7.
2. Because of their traditions:
 - (1) They made void the Word of God—Mark 15:6.
 - (2) They laid aside (left) the law of God—Mark 7:8.
 - (3) They transgressed the law of God—Matt. 15:3.
 - (4) They rejected the law of God—Mark 7:9.
 - (5) They made the Word of God of no effect—Mark 7:13.
 - (6) They worshipped God vainly—Mark 15:9.

II. *Tradition (Teaching) Given By paul:*

I Cor. 11:2; II Thess. 2:15; 3:6.

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III. *Traditions Of Men:*

1. According to human tradition—Col. 2:8.
2. According to human precepts and doctrines—Col. 2:20-23.

TRUTH

I. *Truth Comes From God:*

1. God of truth—Psalms 31:5; Isaiah 65:16.
2. Christ is truth—John 14:6; 1:14; 8:45.
3. Holy Spirit is Spirit of truth—John 14:17; 16:13.
4. The Holy Spirit guided the apostles into all truth—John 16:13.
5. Word of God is truth—John 17:17.
6. Judgement of God is true—Romans 2:2.
7. Truth came by Jesus Christ—John 1:17.
8. Christ came to earth to bear witness unto the truth—John 18:37.
9. The Truth is in Christ—Ephesians 4:21.

II. *Importance Of Truth:*

1. It accords with godliness—Titus 1:1.
2. It sanctifies people—John 17:17, 19.
3. People purify their souls through obeying the truth—I Peter 1:22.
4. Loins are to be girded with truth—Eph. 6:14; Psalms 91:4.
5. It abides forever—II John 2.
6. The church is the pillar and ground of the truth—I Tim. 3:15.
7. There is no truth in those who do not confess their sins—I John 1:8.
8. People are born by the word of truth—James 1:18.
9. Truth sets sinners free—John 8:32.

10. The one who does what is true cometh to the light—
John 3:21.

III. *Evil People:*

1. Are without truth—Hosea 4:1.
2. Do not speak the truth—Jeremiah 9:5.
3. They teach their tongues to speak lies—Jeremiah 9:3-5.
4. They do not obey the truth—Romans 2:8.
5. They oppose the truth—II Tim. 3:8.
6. They are destitute of the truth—I Tim. 6:5.
7. They make God a liar because they believe not his testimony—I John 5:9-10.
8. They speak evil of the way of truth—II Peter 2:2.
9. The truth is cut off from their mouth—Jeremiah 7:28.
10. They suppress the truth in unrighteousness—Romans 1:18.
11. They changed the truth of God into a lie—Romans 1:25.
12. They have erred concerning the truth—II Tim. 2:18.
13. Some are never able to come to the knowledge of the truth—II Tim. 3:7.
14. They turn away their ears from the truth—II Tim. 4:4.
15. They follow commandments of men that turn from the truth—Tit. 1:14.

IV. *Children Of God:*

1. Worship God in truth—John 4:24; Psalm 145:18.
2. Serve God in truth—I Samuel 12:24.
3. Walk before Him in truth—I Kings 2:4; II Kings 20:3.
4. Rejoice in truth—I Cor. 13:6.
5. Speak the truth to everyone—Eph. 4:25.
6. Think always on truth—Phil. 4:8.

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7. Bind truth upon them—Proverbs 3:3.
 8. Write it on their hearts—Proverbs 3:3.
 9. Maintain truth in the inward parts—Psalm 51:6;
 10. Obey truth—I Peter 1:21.
 11. Receive the love of the truth—II Thess. 2:10.
 12. Manifest truth—II Cor. 4:2.
 13. Handle righteously the word of truth—II Tim. 2:15.
 14. Have their loins girt about with truth—Eph. 6:14.
 15. Speak the truth in their hearts—Psalms 15:1-2.
 16. Speak the truth in love—Eph. 4:15.
 17. Bring back one who errs from the truth—James 5:19.
 18. Are established in the truth—II Peter 1:12.
 19. Love in truth—I John 3:18.
 20. Walk in truth—II John 4; III John 4.
 21. Are fellow workers in the truth—III John 8.
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UNCLEANNES

I. *Sinful People Follow Uncleanness.*

1. Pagans gave themselves to corruption—Romans 1:24.
2. Servants (slaves) of uncleanness—Romans 6:19.
3. They work all uncleanness because of their greediness—Eph. 4:19.
4. Uncleanness is a work of the flesh—Gal. 5:19.
5. Some do not repent of their uncleanness—II Cor. 12:21.

II. *But Christians Are Called To Follow After Holiness.*

1. God hath not called us unto uncleanness—I Thess. 4:7.
2. Preacher's exhortation must not spring from uncleanness—I Thess. 2:3.
3. Put to death uncleanness—Col. 3:5.
4. Uncleanness not to be named among you—Eph. 5:3.

5. The unclean person hath no inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ—Eph. 5:5.

WILL

I. *Jesus Came To Do The Will Of God:*

1. He came to do the will of God—Heb. 10:7.
2. He followed not his own will, but that of God—John 5:30.
3. The food of Jesus was to do the will of God—John 4:34.
4. He prayed, “Thy will be done”—Matt. 26:42; Lk. 22:42.

II. *The Will Of God Towards Us:*

1. It is that not one should be lost—Matt. 18:14; John 6:39.
2. He does not wish that any should perish—II Peter 3:9.
3. We must live according to the will of God—I Peter 4:2.
4. He equips us with everything good that we might do his will—Heb. 13:21.
5. The will of God is that we give thanks in everything—I Thess. 5:18.
6. We must stay perfect and assured in all God’s will—Col. 4:12.
7. The will of God is our holiness—I Thess. 4:3.
8. Christians suffer through the will of God—I Pet. 4:19.
9. However, we must suffer for doing good, not evil—I Pet. 3:17.
10. That we put to silence the foolishness of people by doing good—I Pet. 2:15.

11. We ask according to his will—I John 5:14.

III. *God's People Are Happy In The Will Of God:*

1. I love to do thy good will—Psa. 40:8.
2. Teach me to do thy will—Psa. 143:10.
3. “The will of God be done”—Acts 21:14; Matt. 6:10.
4. They continually say, “If God wills”—James 4:15.
5. Travelling according to the will of God—Rom. 1:10; 15:32; I Cor. 14:19.
6. They give themselves through the will of God—II Cor. 8:5.
7. They do the will of God from the heart—Eph. 6:6.
8. They know what the will of God is—Eph. 5:17.

IV. *We Are Blessed According To His Will:*

1. Through the will of God everything was created—Rev. 4:11.
2. Through the will of God we were begotten by the Word of Truth—Jas. 1:18.
3. Those who do his will enter the kingdom of Heaven—Matt. 7:21.
4. He who does his will abides forever—I John 2:17.
5. Having done his will, we shall receive the promise—Heb. 10:36.
6. We were delivered from the present evil age by the will of the Father—Gal. 1:4.
7. Paul received his commission through the will of God—I Cor. 1:1; II Tim. 1:1.
8. One who seeks to do the will of God shall know of the doctrine—John 7:17.
9. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us according to the will of God—Rom. 8:27.
10. One who knows the will of God, but doesn't do it, shall be punished more severely—Lk. 12:47.

WISDOM

I. *The Wisdom Of God:*

1. Jehovah is God of wisdom—I Sam. 2:3.
2. His wisdom is eternal—Psa. 147:5; Rom. 11:33.
3. His wisdom is past searching out—Isa. 40:28.
4. It is wonderful—Psa. 139:1-6.
5. It exceeds all the wisdom of men—Jer. 10:7.
6. Nothing is hidden from His eyes—Psa. 139:12; Heb. 4:13.
7. It is demonstrated in the Gospel—I Cor. 2:7. Y no cap
8. It is demonstrated through the church—Eph. 3:10-11.
9. His wisdom is demonstrated in his power to:
 - (1) Speak things that are not yet done—Isa. 46:10.
 - (2) Search the hearts—I Chron. 28:9.
 - (3) Know the secrets of the heart—Psa. 44:21; Lk. 16:15.
 - (4) Know words which have not yet reached our lips—Psa. 139:4.
 - (5) Know the needs of his people—Deut. 2:7; Matt. 6:8. X cap
 - (6) Know the number of our hairs—Matt. 10:29-30.

II. *The Wisdom Of Men:*

1. It comes from God—Dan. 2:21.
2. The beginning of wisdom is to fear Jehovah—Pro. 9:10.
3. The rod and reproof give wisdom—Prov. 29:15.
4. It is better than gold and silver—Prov. 3:14, 15.
5. Those who are foolish despise wisdom—Prov. 1:7.

III. *Outstanding People Of God Were Wise:*

1. Joseph received wisdom from God—Acts 7:10.

2. Moses studied all the wisdom of Egypt—Acts 7:22.
3. Solomon had great wisdom—I Kings 3:12; Matt. 12:44.
4. Those who were chosen to act as servants (deacons) were filled with wisdom—Acts 6:3.
5. Paul was given wisdom by God—II Peter 3:15.

5 X IV. *Christian Must Be Wise:*

1. They are to ask God for wisdom—James 1:5.
2. They are to have the spirit of wisdom—Eph. 1:17.
3. They are to have the knowledge of his will in all wisdom—Col. 1:9.
4. They are to be taught in all wisdom—Col. 1:28.
5. They are to be wise unto that which is good—Rom. 16:19.
6. They are to walk wisely towards outsiders—Col. 4:5.
7. They are to make known their works in meekness of wisdom—Jas. 3:13.
8. They are to speak the wisdom of God, not of the world—I Cor. 2:6-7.

V. *However, Wisdom Is Sometimes Evil:*

1. Wisdom of this present age—I Cor. 1:20, 26; 3:18.
2. Wisdom which knows not God—I Cor. 1:21.
3. That which comes from men, not from God—I Cor. 2:13.
4. That which is of the will of fleshly desires and devilish—James 3:15.
5. That which comes from a conceited heart—Isa. 5:21.
6. It considers the cross of Christ of no account—I Cor. 1:17.
7. That which is vain—I Cor. 3:20.
8. Paul refused to preach with wisdom of words—I Cor. 2:1-5.

9. This type of wisdom shall come to an end—I Cor. 1:19, 27.

WITCHCRAFT – SORCERY

I. *God Has Always Opposed Sorcery And Witchcraft.*

1. In the Old Testament witches were commanded to be killed—Exod. 22:18.
2. God warned Israel many times not to practice sorcery—Deut. 18:9-14; Lev. 19:31; Isaiah 8:19-20; II Kings 21:6-11; Malachi 3:5.
3. Babylon was destroyed because of the multitude of her divinations—Ezekiel 21:21-23; Isaiah 47:9, 12.
4. In the New Testament sorcerers are likened to fornicators, drunkards, and murderers—Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 22:14-15.
5. Christian must have nothing to do with anything related to witchcraft—II Cor. 6:14-18.
6. In the Bible those who confessed their sins before God left their sorceries—II Kings 23:24-25; Acts 19:19-20; Eph. 5:6-12.
7. Christians who trust in God, and walk faithfully before Him, are provided with their needs by Him—Matt. 6:31-33; 7:7-11; Phil. 4:6-7, 11, 13, 19; Heb. 13:5-6; I Peter 5:7.

II. *Witchcraft Is Unable To Exercise Power Over Christians Who Trust Their Lord.*

1. “If God be for us, who can be against us?”—Romans 8:31.
2. “In all things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us”—Romans 8:35-39.
3. “All things work together for good to them that love God”—Romans 8:28; I Peter 1:6-7; Heb. 12:5-11.

4. "God gives the peace that passeth all understanding"
—Phil. 4:6-7; Isaiah 26:3; Romans 15:13.

WORKS

I. *Works Of God And Christ:*

1. God is worthy of honour because of his works—
Psa. 19:1-3, 147, 148; Rev. 4:8-11.
2. Jesus came that he might fulfil the work of God—
John 4:34; 5:36; 10:36, 37.
3. His signs or miracles are called works—John 4:34;
5:36.
- cap X 4. He finished His work on earth, but ~~He~~ continues
to work in other ways, such as these:
 - cap X (1) He continues to add to his church those who are
saved—Acts 2:47; 5:14.
 - cap X (2) He abides with his servants—Matt. 28:20;
Heb. 13:5, 6.
 - (3) He intercedes for the saints—Rom. 8:34; Heb.
7:25; I John 2:1-2.
 - cap X (4) At His coming again he will judge the world—
Acts 17:31; Matt. 16:27; Matt. 25:31-46.
 - (5) God works through Christians—Eph. 3:20;
Phil. 1:6; 2:13; Col. 1:29; Heb. 13:21.

II. *Physical Work Which Helps The Family And Others:*

1. God gave man work in the Garden of Eden—Gen.
2:15.
2. Because of man's sin, his work was increased—Gen.
3:17-19.
3. Jesus did the work of a carpenter—Mk. 6:3.
4. Paul gave an example by working with his hands—
Acts 18:3; 20:34-35.
5. Christians must work with their hands that they
may help themselves and others as well—Lk. 10:7;

Eph. 4:28; I Thess. 4:11; I Tim. 5:8, 13; II Thess. 3:10.

III. *Characteristics Of Good Works:*

1. They are through Christ, to the glory and praise of God—Phil. 1:11.
2. They must be done in the name of Christ—Col. 3:17.
3. The Scriptures equip us for every good work—II Tim. 3:16-17.
4. God is glorified through the good works of Christians—Matt. 5:16; John 15:8; I Peter 2:12.
5. Faith apart from works is dead—James 2:17-26.
6. Works produced by faith justify a man—James 2:19-26.
7. People are not justified by the works of the law, or by their own righteousness—Gal. 2:16, 20; Eph. 2:8, 9; II Tim. 1:9.
8. They follow those who die in the Lord—Rev. 14:13.
9. The wicked are reprobate unto every good work—Titus 1:16.

IV. *Evil Works*

1. The works of the present world are evil—John 3:19,; 7:7.
2. The evil works of men without Christ—Col. 1:21; Eph. 2:1-2; 4:17-19.
3. Dead works—Heb. 9:14.
4. Unlawful deeds—II Peter 2:8.
5. Ungodly deeds—Jude 15.
6. Unfruitful works of darkness—Eph. 5:11; Rom. 13:12.
7. Works of the adversary (devil)—I John 3:8; John 8:41, 44.

V. *God's Children:*

1. Are created in Christ to produce good works—Eph. 2:10.
2. God ordained that they should walk in them—Eph. 2:10.
3. They put on good works—Col. 3:12-14.
4. They are filled with good works—Acts 9:36.
5. They are zealous of good works—Titus 3:14; 8:8, 14.
6. They are ready unto every good work—II Tim. 2:21; 3:17; Tit. 3:1.
7. They abound in good work—I Tim. 6:18; I Cor. 15:58; II Cor. 9:8.
8. They are established in every good work—II Thess. 2:17.
9. They exhort one another unto good works—Heb. 10:24.
10. They are examples of good works—Tit. 2:7.
11. They do not work to be seen of men—Matt. 6:1-4.
12. They shall be judged according to their works—II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25:31-46; Rev. 2:23; 22:12.

VI. *Through Good Works, Christians Should Adorn The Doctrine Of God.*

1. They must do good before all men—Rom. 12:17; II Cor. 8:21.
2. The bishops (overseers) of the church must have a good report from outsiders—I Tim. 3:7.
3. Widows must have a reputation for good works—I Tim. 5:10.
4. Workers should adorn the doctrine of God before their masters—Tit. 2:10.
5. The character of Christians must be good before (among) the Gentiles—I Peter 2:12.
6. Other people praise God because of Christians'

good works—Matt. 5:16.

WORSHIPPING IDOLS

I. *Worshipping Idols Is To:*

1. Make a graven image or likeness—Exod. 20:4; Deut. 5:8.
2. Bow down to foreign gods—Deut. 30:17; Psalm 81:9.
3. Go after other gods and serve them—Deut. 8:19; Exod. 23:13.
4. Speak in names of other gods—Deut. 8:20.
5. Fear other gods and offer sacrifices—II Kings 17:35.
6. Worship God with a molten image—Exod. 32:4-6; Psalm 106:19-20.
7. Worship angels—Col. 2:18.
8. Worship the sun, moon and stars—Deut. 4:19; 17:3.
9. Worship evil spirits—Rev. 9:20.
10. Eat sacrifices offered to the dead—Psalm 106:28.
11. Set up idols in one's heart—Ezekiel 14:3-4.
12. Covetousness is to worship idols—Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5.
13. Make their belly their God—Phil. 3:19.
14. Change the truth of God into a lie—Romans 1:25.
15. Be stubborn is iniquity and idolatry—I Samuel 15:23.

II. *Worshipping Idols Was Forbidden To The Israelites.*

1. Exod. 20:4; 34:17.
2. Lev. 19:4; 26:1.
3. II Kings 15:8; 21:11.
4. Ezekiel 14:6.

III. *Idol Worship Is A Foolish And Wicked Thing.*

1. To worship the creature rather than the Creator—Rom. 1:19-25.
2. The Gentiles are carried away with dumb idols—I Cor. 12:2.
3. Idols cannot see, hear, or walk—Rev. 9:20.
4. Idols or images have no power to help those who worship them—Isaiah 44:9-20; Psalm 115:4-7.
5. Those who make idols will be like them—Psalm 115:8; Jeremiah 2:5; Hosea 9:10.
6. To offer sacrifices to idols is to have fellowship with demons—I Cor. 10:19-20.
7. To worship idols is to commit spiritual fornication—Deut. 31:16; Judges 2:17; Hosea 1:2.
8. Gentiles worship abominable idols—I Peter 4:3.
9. Idols are vain (useless) things—Acts 14:15.

IV. *Christians Are Warned Not To Worship Idols.*

1. They should abstain from pollutions of idols—Acts 15:20.
2. It is a work of the flesh—Gal. 5:19.
3. The Thessalonians turned to God from idols—I Thess 1:9.
4. Flee from idolatry—I Cor. 10:7, 14; I John 5:21.
5. Do not keep company with idolators—I Cor. 5:10-11.
6. Some were weak because they were accustomed to idols—I Cor. 8:4, 7.
7. There is no agreement between the temple of God and idols—Joshua 24:14, 15, 23; I Kings 18:21; II Cor. 6:16.

V. *Punishment Of Those Who Worship Idols.*

1. They will not enter the kingdom of God—Gal.

- 5:19-21; I Cor. 6:9-10; Rev. 21:27; 22:15.
2. Their part will be in the ~~lake~~ ^{lake} of ~~fire~~ ^{fire}—Rev. 21:8. X ^{no} _{cape}

WRATH OF GOD

I. *God's Wrath Is Upon Unbelievers And The Ungodly:*

1. Evidenced by God's opposition to all unrighteousness and ungodliness—Romans 1:18.
2. It is upon unbelievers now—John 3:36.
3. It is upon the children of disobedience—Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6.
4. Evil people store up wrath for themselves—Rom. 2:5.
5. Upon disobedient Jews to the uttermost—I Thess. 2:16.
6. It is fearful to fall into the hands of the ~~living~~ ^{living} God—Heb. 10:31. X ^{no} _{cape}

II. *Examples Of God's Wrath Upon Ungodly People:*

1. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah—Gen. 18:20-21; 19:1-28; II Pet. 2:6; Jude 7; Lk. 17:29, 32.
2. The angels who sinned—II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6.
3. The world in Noah's time—Gen. 6:5-7, 13; II Pet. 2:5; Lk. 17:27.
4. Nadab and Abihu—Lev. 10:1-2.
5. The children of Israel in the wilderness—Heb. 3:17.
6. The destruction of Nineveh—Nahum 1:2-6.

III. *The Last Day Will Be The Day Of God's Wrath:*

1. The day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgement of God—Rom. 2:5-9.
2. The day of judgement and conviction of the ungodly—Jude 15.

3. The day of the wrath of God and the Lamb—
Rev. 6:16-17.
4. The wrath of God the Almighty—Rev. 19:15.
5. Eternal punishment—Rev. 20:10; 21:8.

IV. *The Love Of God Sent Jesus Christ That We Might
Escape The Wrath To Come:*

1. We shall escape the wrath of God through him—
Rom. 5:9.
2. He saves us from the wrath to come—I Thess.
1:10.
3. He has not appointed us to wrath but to salvation—
I Thess. 5:9.
- cap x 4. He has reconciled us to God in His death—Col.
1:21-22.
- caps x 5. He continually calls sinners to escape His wrath,
by being reconciled to Him—II Cor. 5:18-20.

“CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU” (Rom.16:16)

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