

# The True Gospel & The Ignored Power of God's Spirit

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***John 1:12-13 Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.***

***John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.***

***Romans 10:9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.***

***2 Corinthians 1:21-22 It is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.***

***Ephesians 2:10 We are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, that God prepared ahead of time that we should walk in them.***

***1 John 2:26-27: I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. But the anointing that you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in Him.***

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# Introduction

## The True Gospel & The Ignored Power of God's Spirit

Christianity is all about Spiritual War. We have a Gospel (*the Good News of Jesus Christ*), because of the War between God (*Yahweh*) and the fallen angel Lucifer (called Satan or the Devil). ***Revelation 12:7-9 Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.*** Satan corrupted the perfect world God created, by infecting it with sin; resulting in evil, illness, and death. ***1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*** God (*Yahweh*) sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ (*Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation*) to rescue our souls from Satan. ***John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*** Humans are unique and precious because they are created in the image of the only God (*Elohim – Supreme Being*). ***Psalms 8:4-6 What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet.*** Humans are the pinnacle of God's creation and were made alive with the breath of God. ***Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.*** God's purpose in rescuing us from Satan's Curse of Evil, is NOT so we can be temporarily fulfilled and happy in the world. Christ was sent to restore and redeem us with the peace, joy, and fulfillment that is only found in God's Kingdom. ***John 16:33 In Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*** As we humbly turn from the desires of *this* world, we are spiritually reborn into a new life with Christ. ***John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*** The Gospel of Christ is not a message of religious behavior to a set of rules, beliefs, or

traditions. It is a message of surrendered repentance. God's perspective of our life and purpose is different from the world's view. ***1 Peter 2:9-10 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.***

As God works to rescue us from sin and evil, Satan is working to destroy us. ***1 Peter 5:8-9 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour***. God offers salvation to everyone, but only those who turn to Christ in repentance are saved. If we don't think we are lost, then we will have no desire to be saved. ***Romans 10:9-10 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*** Deceit began with Satan's Curse of Evil. ***John 8:44 He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*** Many hear only what they choose to believe and filter out the truth. ***2 Timothy 4:3-4 To suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.*** Christ promised that His Father (Yahweh) would send us His Spirit of Truth to guide us. ***John 14:16-17 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.*** We are taught, led, and guided by God's Spirit within our New Hearts. But God's truth is easily twisted when filtered through human minds. ***2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*** It is only by God's grace that we can see His truth. Truth that comes to us from outside of this world. ***John 8:23 You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.*** Christ is the only gate or path through which we can find a new life with God. ***John 10:9 I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved.***

## **A. God's Outreach and Message of Hope to Our World**

There is no one like God. *Isaiah 46:9 I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me.* God created us in His likeness. *Genesis 5:1-2 When God [Elohim] created mankind, He made them in the likeness of God [Elohim = Supreme One]. He created them male and female and blessed them.* God is infinite. Apart from God revealing Himself to us, we are unable to know Him. Beliefs are easily distorted when filtered with ideas from this fallen world. *Isaiah 55:8-9 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord [Yahweh]. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."* God told us not to create physical images of Him, nor to worship false gods or created images. *Exodus 20:3-5 You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.* The only clear image of God came to us in Christ. *Colossians 1:15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.* Still, the god of *this* world, Satan, continues to blind the minds of unbelievers. *2 Corinthians 4:3-4 Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.* Christ called His Father *the only true God*. *John 17:3 Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.* God is also revealed in His creation. *Romans 1:20 Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.* Nothing is hidden from God and we will be judged in *Truth* and *Accountability*. *Hebrews 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.* God gave Israel His Law and held them accountable for their behavior, while also revealing His *Grace, Kindness, and Mercy*. *Exodus 34:6-7 He passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving*

**wickedness, rebellion and sin.**” Like a loving parent, God shows His love for us with justice and accountability, which is balanced with kindness and mercy. Israel was unfaithful in representing God to other nations, but God still loved Israel and held them accountable for their disobedience, sin, and transgressions. Yet God promised to forgive, pardon, and redeem them from their unfaithfulness and evil nature – through a future messiah. ***Micah 7:18-19 Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of His inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; You will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.*** When we understand God’s requirements for justice, balanced by His gracious mercy, we appreciate the origin of the Gospel. ***1 John 4:9-10 The love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*** In the Gospel, God requires obedience and personal responsibility; but also displays His gracious love by forgiving those who turn to Him and repent. Our wickedness, evil, and rebellion are removed by the Blood of Christ ***Titus 2:11-15 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*** As we experience pain, suffering, death, and fear, The God of All Grace gives us new hope. ***1 Peter 5:10 The God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*** As we hear the Gospel of Christ and turn to Him in repentance, Christ redeems us from sin and gives us a new heart to live a new life in Him. ***Ephesians 4:22-24 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*** Although God’s prophets talked about a coming Messiah, the details and full plan were a mystery. No one on the earth, including Satan, understood it. Only when God implemented His plan of deliverance in Christ, was this mystery of salvation

revealed. **Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.** The Gospel was first given to the Jews, and then it was extended to the Gentiles (non-Jews). Christ's messages of salvation included warnings about false prophets and false teachers. As Christ works through His Followers to spread the Gospel, Satan works to deceive us with false and counterfeit gospels. **Jude 1:4 For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.** The world has developed false ideas about God; leading many to false hopes in lies about Christ and salvation. How can any human represent God unless God is working through them? Lies and deception have been around ever since Satan took control of our world. Satan works within our hearts to deceive us with corrupted, and distorted false gospels. **2 Corinthians 11:13-15 Such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.** God warns us about false prophets, false messages, and false gods that come to us from the world. **1 Timothy 4:1-2 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.** We can study God's Word of Truth (the Bible), but our views may be filtered through human logic - including my thoughts and ideas as I write these words! It is only our connection to God's Spirit that can teach and enlighten us to discern truth from lies. **1 John 2:27 As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in Him.** Apart from the power and guidance of God's Spirit, we are easily deceived in our souls (mind, will, and emotions). The logic of this world creates corrupted opinions and interpretations of God. Most of us desire to know God's direction and purpose but may not understand the details. But God has already given us a starting point with His will and desire for all people – to be (1) honest, (2) compassionate, and (3) have an attitude of humility. **Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord**

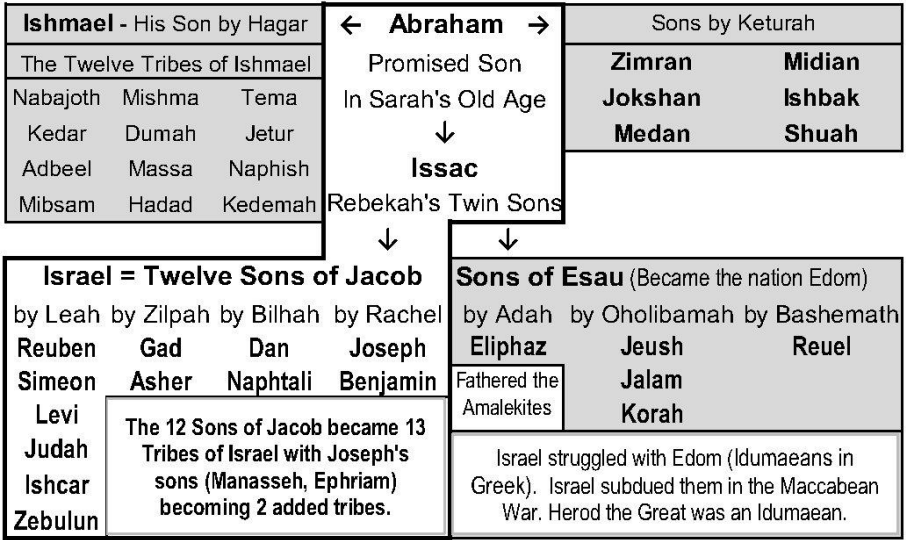


*require of you? To (1) act justly and to (2) love mercy and to (3) walk humbly with your God. Not only does the Bible tell us to practice Justice, Mercy, and Humility, God also wrote this on our hearts. **Romans 2:14-15** *Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.* It is one thing to know God's will; it is another thing to obey Him. Our love for God is shown in obedience, not knowledge! **John 14:23** *Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves Me will obey My teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."* If we are stressed, confused, and in turmoil, God tells us to come to Him and find true peace. **John 14:27** *Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.* When we experience turmoil, we can ask God to fix our problems. But God may come back to us and tells us not to fear and to rest in Him, as He answers our prayers in a different or unusual manner. **Matthew 11:28-30** *"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."* Apart from the power of God's Spirit, it is not possible to follow God's will for our life. Christ brings us the power of God's Spirit with nine spiritual gifts - distributed uniquely to all Believers. **1 Corinthians 12:8-11** *To one there is given through the Spirit a [1] message of wisdom, to another a [2] message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another [3] faith by the same Spirit, to another [4] gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another [5] miraculous powers, to another [6] prophecy, to another [7] distinguishing between spirits, to another [8] speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the [9] interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He distributes them to each one, just as He determines.* These gifts glorify God, as God's Spirit works in the Body of Christ on earth brings hope, encouragement, love, and the light of Christ to everyone. It is only in the power from the Gospel of Christ, that we can find our true purpose and meaning in life, as we follow and obey God.*



# 1. Messengers were Sent to us by God - Through His Nation Israel

God connects to us through those devoted to Him. God used the patriarchs (Abraham, Jacob, Moses) and prophets from His nation Israel, to communicate a message of repentance and deliverance from evil. ***Isaiah 30:15 This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would***



**have none of it.”** Israel included thirteen tribes defined by the twelve sons of Jacob, with Joseph split into two tribes - Ephraim and Manasseh. Twelve tribes had property allocations with boundaries. The thirteenth Priestly Tribe of Levi lived dispersed among the other twelve tribes. As priests, the Levites represented God to Israel and were supported by a ten percent tithe on

12 Sons of Jacob			13 Tribes of Israel			
Birth Order of Jacob's 12 Sons	1	Reuben	There is no tribe of Joseph. Joseph was replaced by his two sons, creating thirteen (13) tribes.	Reuben	1	The tribe of Levi did not own property. They were priest who served God and represented God to the other 12 tribes who owned property.
	2	Simeon		Simeon	2	
	3	Levi		Levi	3	
	4	Judah		Judah	4	
	5	Dan		Dan	5	
	6	Naphtali		Naphtali	6	
	7	Gad		Gad	7	
	8	Asher		Asher	8	
	9	Ishcar		Ishcar	9	
	10	Zebulun		Zebulun	10	
	11	Joseph	→	Manasseh	11	
			→	Ephriam	12	
12	Benjamin		Benjamin	13		

all Israelites. God worked through Israel in His plan to rescue all nations from sin and evil. *Genesis 12:2-3 The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”*

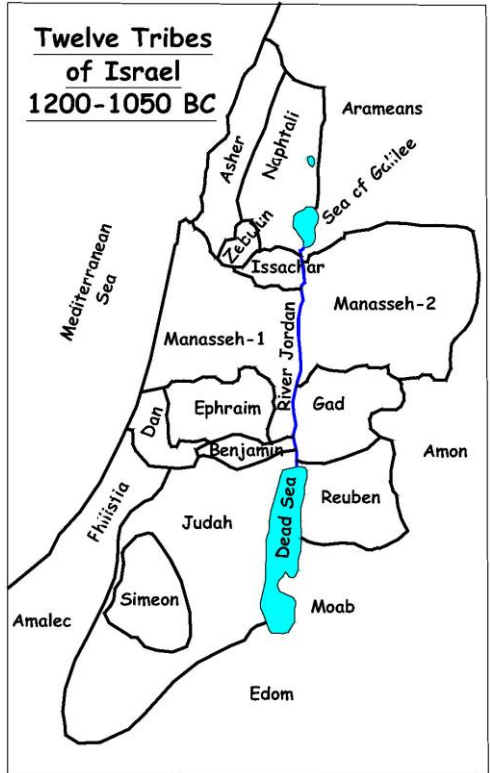
When Israel struggled with sin, God called them to repent. For example, when God confronted King David on his adultery and the murder of Uriah, David repented.

*Psalm 51:1-2 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.*

David was broken about his lies and deceit. He became an example for others to repent before God. *Psalm 51:13-17*

*I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, You who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of Your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare Your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart You, God, will not despise.* God’s message of *forgiveness with repentance* is repeated throughout the Bible.

*1 Samuel 15:22 Has God as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.*



- **God called Israel to be a Light to All Nations** – Israel failed to represent God to the world. *Jeremiah 23:16* **“Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord.** This message of repentance in God’s Light was carried into the New Testament. But false teachers perverted God’s message of truth and repentance. *2 Peter 2:1-3* **There will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories.** As with Israel, Christianity also has false teachers who are deceived and deceive others. *2 Timothy 3:12-13* **Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.** It is God’s Own Spirit that enlightens and guides us in truth with His Gospel of Light for all people. *John 8:12* **I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.** But we have *two* natures: (1) an *Inner-Man* (led by God’s Spirit); and (2) an *Outer-Man* (led by human logic and academic knowledge). *1 John 2:26-27*: **I am writing to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you [Human teaching to our Outer-Man]. But as His anointing teaches you [God’s Spirit teaches our Inner-Man] about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit - just as it has taught you, remain in Him.**
- **God Calls us to Truth, Honesty, and Accountability** – We are all born with a fallen nature and propensity to sin. Our fallen nature shows us our need to be saved: *Romans 3:10-12* **There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.** We have all lied. *Proverbs 12:22* **Lying lips are an abomination to God, but those who act faithfully are His delight.** We may even lie to God, yet He knows it before the lie leaves our lips. God warns us about deceptions from human traditions.

**Colossians 2:8** See to it that no one takes you captive by hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. Apart from the power of God's Spirit, we are easily deceived, confused, and fooled by Satan. We are now in the End Times and Christ gave us warnings about false prophets.

**Matthew 24:10-14** At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

- **God's Love and Plan to Redeem Us** – The primary theme of the Bible is God's love for mankind. **Jeremiah 29:11** *I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*. We are fallen and stained by Satan's Curse of Evil, but God created a plan of redemption for everyone. **Romans 5:8** *God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*. God's salvation is delivered to us by His Only Son, Jesus Christ. **1 John 4:9-10** *This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins*.

God's standards for justice are clear, but no one can meet them.

**Galatians 3:13-14** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

God's messages to Israel pointed to the future Messiah as the only solution for Satan's Curse of Evil, illness, sin, and death. To connect with God, we must understand we are lost. The awareness of our sin causes us to turn to Christ and repent. We are saved by the Blood of Jesus Christ (*Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation*) – a plan created by God (*Yahweh*). **Romans 1:16-17** *The gospel is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. In the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*

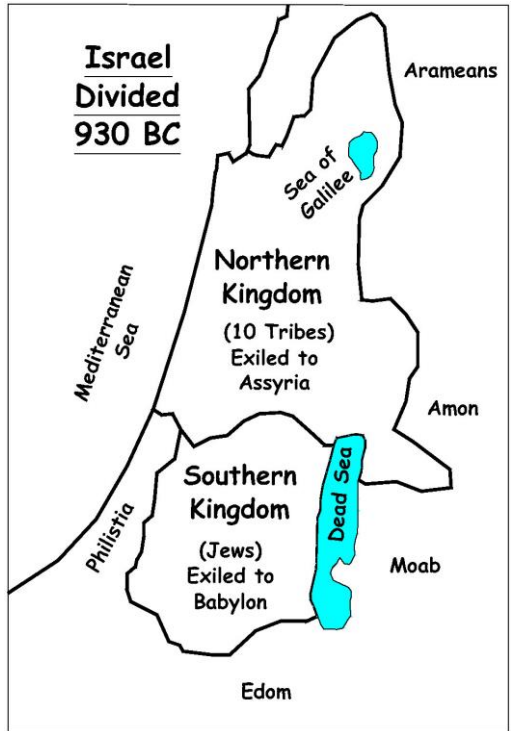
**2. God’s Final Message – Our Salvation is in Christ Alone**

In God’s messages to our world, He described two kinds of People Groups. Depending on the Bible Translation, there was God’s Nation Israel and Pagans. ***1 Corinthians 12:2** You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. In addition, the people of God’s Southern Nation of Judah were referred to as Jews, and non-Jews were referred to as Gentiles. ***Romans 1:14-16** I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. God worked with His Nation Israel as a light to represent Him to the other nations. ***Isaiah 49:6** I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth”.* Because of King Solomon’s sin, the nation Israel was divided into the Northern ten tribes of Samaria and the southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin. God divided Israel because Solomon was disobedient and lived a carnal lifestyle. God held Solomon accountable for his sinful behavior. The consequences of his sin impacted all of Israel for the following 900-years. Although God gave King Solomon wisdom and worldly blessings, He ignored God’s warnings about pagan nations. ***1 Kings 11:1-2** King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh’s daughter—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, “You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods.” Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. The Southern Kingdom became known as Judah (the Jews) included the tribes of***

<b>Israel Split by Solomon's Sin</b>	
<b>Southern Kingdom of The Jews</b>	<b>Northern Kingdom 10 Lost Tribes</b>
<b>Judah</b>	<b>Reuben</b>
<b>Benjamin</b>	<b>Simeon</b>
Priestly Tribe of <b>Levi</b> spread within the other 12 tribes	<b>Dan</b>
Part of Simeon was Absorbed within the tribe of Judah	<b>Naphtali</b>
	<b>Gad</b>
	<b>Asher</b>
	<b>Ishcar</b>
	<b>Zebulun</b>
	<b>Manasseh</b>
	<b>Ephriam</b>



Judah and Benjamin. It also included the corresponding Priestly remnant from the tribe of Levi. Judah rebelled and was judged by God. There were three waves of judgment on Judah. The first in 608 BC, the second in 597 BC, and the third in 586 BC, which is when Jerusalem was sacked, and the Jews were exiled to Babylon. The Jews were held captive for 70 years (490 years of Sabbaths), and in 516 BC were allowed to return to Jerusalem. They rebuilt the temple and became the remnant nation of the



Jews, which God used to bring us His Promised Messiah, Jesus Christ. God continues to use His remnants from around the world to preach the Gospel of Christ.<sup>1</sup>

God had already judged the Northern Kingdom of Israel much earlier with battles that ran from 740 BC to 722 BC. He used the Assyrians to attack and exile them to Assyria because of their disobedience. Unlike Judah, these ten-lost tribes were never allowed to return to their Northern Kingdom homeland and were scattered among the world's other nations. Only a small remnant of the Northern Kingdom (Samaritans) remained and were treated as outcasts by the Jews. The Samaritans worshiped falsely on Mount Gerizim. In 70 AD, the Romans destroyed the Jewish Temple and scattered the Jews throughout the world, just as the Northern Ten Tribes of Israel had been scattered earlier by the Assyrians. Today, the location of God's Twelve Tribes (along with the Priestly Tribe of Levi) is uncertain. But God has always reached out to His Nation Israel, encouraging them, and calling

**1 Thanking the Faithful Remnant** by Ken Ham, Dec. 6, 2019 Answers in Genesis. <https://answersingenesis.org/ministry-news/core-ministry/thanking-the-faithful-remnant/> (Oct-12-2020).



them to repentance, no matter where they are located. **James 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.** God's salvation in Christ was given to the Jews first and then to the Gentiles (non-Jews). **Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.** Yet Christ loves all people and crosses boundaries to rescue us from death and sin. **Matthew 10:7-8 Proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.** The first person to whom He revealed that He was the Messiah, was a Samaritan woman. **John 4:9-10 The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."** The world is thirsty for God and hungry for the meaning of life. **John 7:37-39 Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."** By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. No human can meet the righteous requirements of God's law. But the Christ brings His righteousness into our reborn Inner-Man through His Blood and Sacrifice. **2 Corinthians 5:21 God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.** We are made pure and holy by repenting and accepting the new life given to us in Christ. It was through God's instrument, the Nation of Israel, that He brought salvation to all the nations through His Only Son, our Jewish Messiah. But no human can explain the mind, purpose, or plan of God as He offers salvation for everyone willing to humbly surrender their will and turn to Christ in repentance. **Romans 11:33-34 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?"**

### **3. Our Deliverance from Evil, the Gospel (Good News) of Christ**

Our world was corrupted with evil. Originally God created healthy people in a perfect world and declared everything He created was good. **Genesis 1:31 God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.** Although we became corrupted by Satan’s Curse of Evil, God planned to rescue us and remove the curse of evil and destroy its root cause - Satan. God sent His Son in human form as a righteous sacrifice to break Satan’s Curse on our visible world. **John 1:14 The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.** Christ declared He was not of THIS world. **John 18:36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If My kingdom were from this world, My followers would be fighting to keep Me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, My kingdom is not from here.”** Christ was different from any other human. He was divine, and His conception came from outside of THIS world - supernaturally from God. **Luke 1:34-35 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; He will be called the Son of God.** Jesus lived a humbled life and surrendered Himself to the will of God His Father, who worked through Him. Jesus did nothing by Himself, but relied on God, His Father, to do all things through Him. **John 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.** God was in His Kingdom (outside of this world) and was joined continuously with His Son. Likewise, a Christian’s Body becomes an extension of God’s Loving Kindness and Power. It is as if a Believer is a lifeless human glove covering the hand of Christ. This allows the Power of Christ’s Hand (working inside a surrendered human glove) to be the true power of Christ working in our world. A glove does nothing; unless it covers a living hand and is used by the power of the living hand it covers.

A Spirit-Led Christian Waits for and Relies on the Living Spirit of God within them to Do Everything. The Power of God’s Spirit enables Christ to live through and inside a Spirit-Led Christian. Satan’s Curse of Evil is destroyed by the Blood of Christ. **1 Peter**

***1:18-19 It was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. This victory over Satan is called the Gospel of Christ. ***Ephesians 2:13 You who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*** Christ is also called The Arm of The Lord in a prophecy from Isaiah 53. ***John 12:37-41 Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in Him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.” Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about Him.*** The Gospel of Christ redeems us and allows the power of God’s Spirit to re-create us as we turn to Him in repentance. ***Ephesians 2:8-9 It is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.*** We do not become worthy by self-effort, agreeing to a set of rules, or following a church standard. Christ starts with us As Is and He takes the credit for recreating us. ***2 Corinthians 12:9-10 “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*** As we repent and surrender our lives to Christ, He cleanses us with His Shed Blood and transforms us by the Power of God’s Spirit. ***John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from Me YOU CAN DO NOTHING.*** Christ did *nothing* on His own. ***John 5:30 “I can do nothing on My own.”*** So how can we think our enlightened human-efforts can be used to follow and understand God’s will or plan? ***2 Corinthians 4:6 For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.******

## **B. The Mystery of God's Promises – Revealed in Christ**

No one fully understood the prophecies about the Messiah and His future reign on earth. The Jewish theologians didn't understand Christ would come first as a *Suffering Servant* and then returned 2000 years later as a *Conquering King*. Christ didn't fit into the Jewish theologian agenda - just like Christ doesn't fit into the agenda of today's theologians ***Zechariah 14:8-9*** *On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter. The Lord will be king over the whole earth.* [referring to Christ's second coming] *On that day there will be one Lord, and His name [Yahshua] the only name.* God loved Israel but was disappointed by their representation of Him to other nations. ***Ezekiel 36:17-21*** *I poured out My wrath on them because they had shed blood in the land and because they had defiled it with their idols. I dispersed them among the nations, and they were scattered through the countries; I judged them according to their conduct and their actions. And wherever they went among the nations they profaned My holy name, for it was said of them, 'These are the Lord's people, and yet they had to leave His land.' I had concern for My holy name, which the people of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone. Israel had been disobedient so God scattered them among the nations. Yet God promised to redeem them, gather them back to Israel, and give them a new heart. ***Ezekiel 36:24-32*** *“I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. [God brought the Jewish people back to Israel in 1949] I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be My people, and I will be your God. I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine. Then you will remember your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will loathe yourselves for your sins and detestable practices.* [this will occur at Christ's second coming] I want you to*

***know that I am not doing this for your sake. God shows His glory in Israel's Messiah; a Mystery until Christ was revealed in the Good News (Gospel) of Christ. Luke 24:25-27 "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.***

God's prophets foretold messages about the coming Messiah and future redemption, but no one comprehended the details. ***Ephesians 3:4-6 You will see that I understand the mystery about Christ. In the past, this mystery was not known by people as it is now. The Spirit has now revealed it to His holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is the Good News that people who are not Jewish have the same inheritance as Jewish people do. They belong to the same body and share the same promise that God made in Christ Jesus.***

Believers become a Living Temple and Permanent Dwelling for God when they turn to Christ in repentance. As we surrender our imperfections and failures to Christ – God is glorified in His Son, our Jewish Messiah. Followers of Christ are blessed and receive:

1. The righteousness of God comes into us through our repentance. ***1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.***
2. God's Son, Jesus Christ, has taken the penalty for our offenses. ***Romans 5:8 While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.***
3. We are cleansed by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. ***1 John 1:7 The blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.***
4. God gives us a new heart and puts a new spirit within us. ***Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.***
5. God's Spirit teaches us His truth. ***John 16:13 When He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth.***
6. God's Spirit now dwells within us as His Temple. ***1 Corinthians 3:16 you are God's temple and God's Spirit dwells in you.***
7. Gentiles receive the Jewish promises in Christ. ***Galatians 3:14 Blessing given to Abraham come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.***
8. There is a new humanity for Israel and all nations. ***Ephesians 2:15 He has abolished the Law with its commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace.***

## 1. **The Mystery of A Holy Nation in Christ – Our New Country**

God separated the nation Israel to use them as an instrument in His plan to defeat Satan's curse of evil. ***Genesis 12:2-3 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*** Israel was God's chosen and beloved nation, but they were disobedient. God split Israel into the Southern Kingdom of Judah and Benjamin (the Jews) from the Northern Kingdom (ten tribes). God worked through the Jews to bring us the Gospel of Christ. When Christ began teaching, He said His disciples would become a light for others. ***Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*** The Bible describes two kinds of people - Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews). God planned to rescue all nations with a Messiah, delivered through God's nation Israel. Specifically through the Southern Kingdom and the tribe of Judah (the Jews). ***John 12:46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness.*** As foretold, the Jews rejected Christ as their Messiah. ***Matthew 21:42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"*** Although many turned to Christ, as a nation, the Jews rejected Christ and God turned to the Church to proclaim the Gospel. ***Acts 28:28 This salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles.*** The power of God's Spirit works within Christ's *Body of Believers* (the Church) to deliver the Gospel. ***John 15:26-27 When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me.*** This Church Age is temporary. When the Seventh Trumpet of the end times is sounded, God will open the eyes of all Israel so they can see Christ as their Messiah. ***Romans 11:26 Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved.*** Gentiles are adopted into the nation of Israel as a wild branch, so people from all nations can receive God's salvation and glory. ***Romans 11:17 If some of the branches have been broken off [Jews], and you, though a wild olive shoot [Gentiles], have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root.*** This is in



fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham. **Genesis 22:18** ***In your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.***” In the Gospel of Christ, anyone who repents can become part of God's eternal blessings on Israel, as God invites us to become a *people of God*. **1 Peter 2:9-10** ***You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*** All of us, the Jews, the rest of Israel (Samaritans and the lost ten tribes), and the Gentile World (non-Israelites) are blinded by Satan, who uses lies to deceive us. **2 Corinthians 4:4** ***The god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*** Unless God opens our eyes, we are blind and cannot see the light of Christ. **Ephesians 1:18** ***I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people.*** It is only God's Spirit, who can open the eyes of our hearts. It is the Gospel of Christ that unites all people in the world as a single Holy Nation. **Ephesians 2:12-18** ***You were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, Who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in His flesh the Law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross. All who turn to Christ in repentance, become God's new temple and are joined to Christ in the blessings prepared for those who love Him.*** **Ephesians 2:21-22** ***In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.*** God has made two kinds of people (Jews and Gentiles) into one Holy Nation that is united to God our father. **Psalms 33:12** ***Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance.***

## **2. The Mystery of God Sacrificing His Only Son to Save Sinners**

Before Christ's sacrificial crucifixion, no human could meet the requirements of God's Law. Israel failed to fulfill God's requirements for righteousness and obedience. But God still used Israel, and the tribe of Judah, to send Christ into this world. Christ was God's Messiah and the perfect sacrificial lamb who fulfilled the righteous requirements of God's Law. By His crucifixion, Christ paid the debt and canceled the penalty of our sin. **2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.** Christ kept God's Law in perfect obedience to God, His Father. **John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.** Christ is described as the last Adam, sent from God's unseen kingdom. The first Adam was of this visible world and brought sin into the world. The last Adam is Jesus Christ, the perfect righteous sacrifice, whose crucifixion destroyed Satan's power over sin. **1 Corinthians 15:45-49 So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.** Christ, the sacrificial lamb, was conceived by God and not infected with the sin of our world. Christ met the righteous requirements of God's Law, and as our Messiah, He rescued us and paid the penalty for our sin. **Romans 8:31-32 If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?** Christ continues to purify us as God's plan for restoration of this world advances. The redemptive work of Christ will not be finished until evil, pain, illness, sorrow, and death are destroyed. **Acts 3:19-21 Repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that He may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive Him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as He promised long ago.**

### **3. The Mystery of God's New Temple – Within Believers**

No human can be in God's presence and live. *Exodus 33:20 You cannot see My face, for no one may see Me and live.* Yet God promised there would be a future day when He would dwell within the hearts of His people. *Ezekiel 11:19-20 I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws. They will be My people, and I will be their God.* How can a pure, holy, infinite, and unmeasurable God dwell within our sin-infected hearts? *2 Chronicles 6:18 Will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You.* It is through the Gospel of Christ that God gives us a new heart and reborn spirit when we turn to Him in repentance. As we are cleansed by the blood of Christ and follow Him in obedience, God's Spirit dwells within us and teaches us to depend on Him. *1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?* Christ gives us a new purpose, direction, and plan through the power and guidance of God's pure, holy, and sacred Spirit. *Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* Our natural *Outer-Man* is of THIS world, with its desires and carnal nature. We also have an unseen *Inner-Man*, ruled by our *New Heart*, and guided by the authority and power of God's Spirit. *2 Corinthians 6:16 For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make My dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.* God's Jewish temple was intended to be a house of prayer. Christ was angered when the Jewish priests turned it into a *religious business*. *Matthew 21:13 It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers.* God has always desired to have us come to Him and learn from Him with a pure heart. *Ecclesiastes 5:1 Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil.* God now works in us as we become His vessel and ambassadors, shining the light of Christ into our darkened world. *Ephesians 2:10 We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

## **C. There are Three Key Parts to the Gospel of Christ**

As we surrender our goals, desires, plans, and failures, Christ gives us a new life, direction, and hope, based on His purpose. ***Ephesians 2:10 We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*** Surrendering to Christ may include daily repentance, listening-prayer, fasting, reading and meditating on God's Word, and obeying the commands of Christ. Even as we choose to die to the desires of *this* world, we need the Power of God's Spirit to motivate and lead us. It is the blood of Christ that brings nourishment and energy to our spiritual organs. Christ is the *Bread of Life*. ***John 6:27 "Don't work for food that spoils. Instead, work for the food that lasts into eternal life. This is the food the Son of Man will give you."*** The spiritual food from Christ grows nine types of spiritual fruit - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control. The spiritual fruit of our *unseen Inner-Man* is reflected back in our *visible Outer-Man* world. It does not come from a form of godliness, academic knowledge, church doctrine, or traditions. ***2 Timothy 3:5 Rather than lovers of God, holding to the outward form of godliness but denying its power.*** As we surrender our *Outer-Man*, Christ is displayed by our *Inner-Man*. We *breathe* prayers to God, and God *breathes back* His voice to our Soul and Spirit. ***Job 32:8 It is the spirit in a person, the breath of the Almighty, that gives them understanding.*** God's energy enters our spiritual bodies, and the toxic human waste, tragedies, and personal failures of the world leave us; allowing God's Spirit to use us for His purpose. ***Isaiah 48:17 I am the Lord your God. I teach you what is best for you. I lead you where you should go.*** The power of God's Spirit works in us when we surrender our plans to Christ and seek His plan for us. ***1 Peter 1:23-25 You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever."*** It is only by God's grace that we are led to repent and surrender our lives to the Gospel of Christ. ***2 Timothy 2:25 Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth.*** It is a mystery how God works with each of us differently; with no *cookie-cutter* formula to follow.


There is only one Gospel. **Romans 10:9-10** *If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.* Satan works to confuse us and pervert the Gospel. **Galatians 1:6-7** *I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.* In the words of Martin Luther, *Your God is too human.* Our Gospel has three parts:

1. **Forgiven & Redeemed by The Blood of Christ.**  
The Shed Blood of Jesus Christ breaks Satan’s curse of evil.

2. **Taught & Led in The Power of God’s Spirit.**  
God’s Spirit teaches and guides our *Inner-Man*.

3. **Received by Repenting and Surrendering our Self-Will Desires. Experiencing God in our Personal & Private Prayers.** As we acknowledge our sin and repent, Christ leads us in turning from the desires of *this* world to the true life we find in God’s Kingdom. **1 Corinthians 2:4-7** *My message was not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.*

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ**  
*God’s Redeeming Love for All People*



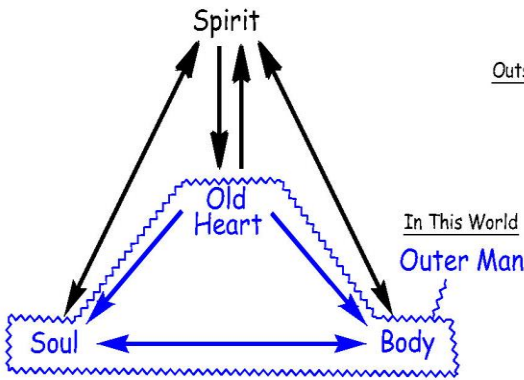
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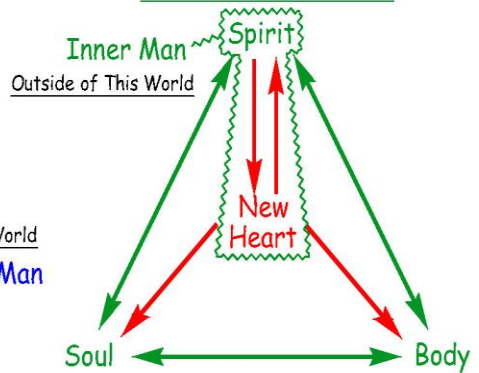
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## Inner Man Led



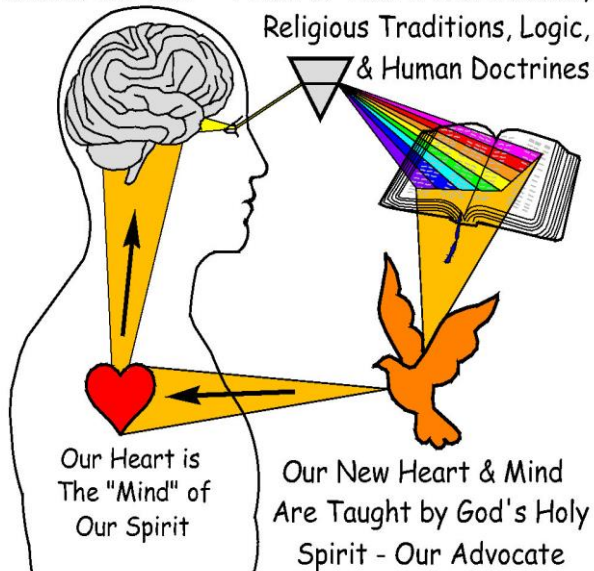
Outer Man Led (with an Old Heart) versus Inner Man Led (with a New Heart)

The only way we can connect with God is to be Born Again in Christ. John 3:3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." As we repent, Christ redeems us by giving us a New Heart and Reborn Spirit. We now have the freedom to either follow Christ from our Soul's Outer-Man or be guided by our Heart's Inner-Man. God's Spirit teaches our Inner-Man. The teachings of this world feed the mind and emotions of our Outer-Man Soul with an academic

understanding of God. As we learn from our Inner-Man Heart and Spirit, God enlightens us with His Truth in the power of God's Spirit. John 6:45 It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from Him comes to Me.

Our Brain is the Mind of Our Soul

We Filter The Bible with a Prism of This World's Ideas, Religious Traditions, Logic, & Human Doctrines



Our Heart is The "Mind" of Our Spirit

Our New Heart & Mind Are Taught by God's Holy Spirit - Our Advocate



## 1. **Forgiven and Redeemed by The Shed Blood of Jesus Christ**

Only the Shed Blood of Christ has the power to break Satan's Curse of evil and remove the sin that permeates our hearts.

***Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.*** We cannot fight evil, greed, corruption, pain, grief, illness, and death, by using the wisdom of this world. There may be some temporary relief to suffering or injustice, but all people die, and all cultures have either imploded or were destroyed by evil. The only permanent remedy and solution for death, illness, and evil come from the Blood of Christ. ***Revelation 2: 11 They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.*** Christ lived a perfect and sinless life in human form and willingly sacrificed Himself in obedience to God's plan of destroying sin and evil. ***Hebrews 2: 14-15 Children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of Him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil - and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*** We can attempt to meet some religious code and use human-logic to find God or avoid death. Our human minds can easily turn to the world's ideas of progressive socialism, life fulfillment, humanity movements, global unification, modern spirituality, or other promises from the world. But everything from the world comes from the Prince of this world – Satan. ***1 John 4:5 They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.*** Anything that comes out of our world is a detour from God's enlightenment and divine truth. God's truth is from outside of this corrupted world. The only answers to life's problems come from God; an unseen source who is outside of our world. The only person who truthfully declared He was NOT of THIS world is Jesus Christ. ***John 8:23 But He continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.*** The Blood of Christ broke the barrier of sin and evil separating us from God and cleansed us from sin. The Gospel made it possible for God to  dwell inside our hearts. Followers of Christ do not fix or repair their own lives or the lives of other people. It is Christ dwelling within our hearts, by the power of God's Spirit, that transforms and heals our lives. ***Philippians 2:13 For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.***

## 2. **“Inner-Man” Taught and Led in The Power of God’s Spirit**

The Gospel comes to us by the power of God’s Spirit. **Acts 1:8 You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.** Yet we cannot understand or accept the Gospel, apart from God’s enlightenment of our hearts. The awareness of our need for God comes from God’s Spirit. **John 16:8-11 He will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in Me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see Me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.** Apart from turning to the Gospel, there is no forgiveness of sins and no joy from our new life in Christ. Spiritual truth is from Christ alone; delivered in the power of God’s Spirit. God’s Spirit softens our hearts so we will receive the Gospel. Our natural hearts resist the Gospel and rely on human logic, academic knowledge, and the wisdom of this world. **1 Corinthians 1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.** God’s Spirit guides, teaches, and empowers surrendered followers of Christ (*Inner-Man Christians*). **Psalms 32:8: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you.** Christ calls us to yield our will (*Outer-Man*) and to live a life directed by God’s indwelling Spirit (*Inner-Man*). People are not capable of resisting evil in their own strength, logic, or abilities. We need to depend on the power of God’s Spirit to overcome evil. **1 Corinthians 2:4 My message and My preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.** We learn to rely on the guidance, teaching, and power delivered to us by God’s Spirit to live our new life in Christ. God’s truth comes to us from outside of this world. **John 14:6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”** The Gospel of Christ is not a message of religious behavior to a set of rules, beliefs, or traditions. It is a message of surrender to God by repentance in Christ. The Only True God (*Yahweh*) revealed His salvation as a mystery in the Old Testament. A mystery that was fully revealed by Christ (*Yahshua = Yahweh’s Salvation*) in the New Testament. **Deuteronomy 4:39 Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.**

### 3. We Grow in Christ by Obediently Surrendering to His Teaching

We can profess our love for Christ, but the only way we can show it is in obedience to His commands. *John 14:23-24 Jesus replied, **“Anyone who loves Me will obey My teaching. My Father will love them, and We will come to them and make Our home with them. Anyone who does not love Me will not obey My teaching.*** But obedience to Christ is only possible when we yield our human efforts to the loving power of God’s Spirit within us. We may *think* we are doing God’s will by following some path, but only God’s Spirit can show us His plan and will for our lives. *Philippians 2:12-13 Continue to **work out your salvation with awe-inspired fear and trembling. For it is not your strength, but it is God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work by strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose for His good pleasure.*** We are taught by discipleship from the power of God’s Spirit teaching our *Inner-Man*. It is not an academic study to our *Outer-Man*. Discipleship teaches us in the power of God’s indwelling Spirit. *Evangelism* refers to the good news or Gospel of Christ – the announcement. We can share the Gospel with others but need to remember it is only by God’s grace and power that we are led to repent. We receive God’s grace for both salvation and repentance. It is God who enlightens our darkened souls about our need to be saved. *Romans 2:4 Do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?* It is God’s Spirit, who reveals Himself to us. *1 Corinthians 2:14-16 The unspiritual man does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him?”* It is unfortunate when we rely on our soul (mind-will-emotions) to be taught Outer-Man academic knowledge rather than God’s truth taught to our Inner-Man Spirit. *1 Corinthians 2:13 We speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.* We need to humbly and patiently wait on God’s Spirit to teach our *Inner-Man Spirit*. As we surrender our lives to God, His Power transforms us from the inside to the outside. How this is *worked out* is different for everyone.

## **D. The Gospel of Christ – God’s Salvation for All Nations**

Everyone from all nations is called to repent and receive Salvation. The same Gospel is meant for Jews and Gentiles but presented in two different formats; as shown in Acts 2 (for the Jews) and Acts 17 (for the Gentiles or Greeks). God loves everyone but treats Jews differently from Gentiles. When the Jewish nation rejected Christ, God *temporarily blinded the Jews* to the Gospel and worked with the Church to further His Kingdom. ***Romans 11:7-8 What the people of Israel sought so earnestly they did not obtain. The elect among them did, but the others were hardened, as it is written: “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear, to this very day. Very soon, God will reopen the eyes of Israel and they will return to Him through their own Messiah, Jesus Christ (Yahshua = Yahweh’s Salvation). Romans 11:25-26 Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. God’s love and promises are irrevocable, but He holds each of us personally accountable for our behavior and choices. Romans 11:28-29 As far as the gospel is concerned, they [the Jews] are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God’s gifts and His call are irrevocable.***

- **Jews** understood God, Evil, Sin, Death, and Creation. The **Gentiles** had many different and diverse views on God, Evil, Sin, Death, and Creation.
- **Jews** believed in One True God (Yahweh). **Gentiles** in many Gods.
- **Jews** knew God created us, the world, and the universe. **Gentiles** had fabricated countless views, opinions, and ideas on human origins.
- **Jews** were waiting for God’s Messiah to reign on earth and rescue them from sin’s curse of evil. **Gentiles** had no concept of a Messiah, nor sin’s curse of evil, nor the need to be saved from sin.
- **Jews** rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah, but most **Gentiles** were ignorant of a Messiah being sent to earth from God.

Whereas Jews wanted miraculous signs that showed them Christ was God’s Messiah, Gentiles wanted logical wisdom that would explain and prove Christ came from God. Yet the Gospel unites all people in Christ. ***1 Corinthians 1:22-24 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of***

**God.** Ken Ham gives an excellent presentation on Acts 2 (Jewish evangelism) versus Acts 17 (Gentile evangelism); available through Answers in Genesis.<sup>2</sup> Only personal repentance in Christ can heal and erase our deepest wounds and sorrows. ***Acts 20:21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.*** Following are the Jewish and Gentile Gospel presentation formats:

(1.0) **Gospel Message for the Jew** – Jews understood the existence of God and the origin of evil, sin, death, and creation. The first Gospel was preached as the Jews celebrated the Feast of First Fruits or Shavuot (Pentecost); when God gave them His law. But God promised He would later place His law in their hearts. ***Hebrews 8:10-11 I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest.*** This also became the day when God’s Spirit came into Believers to teach and guide them from within their New Hearts. ***2 Corinthians 1:22 He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.***

(1.1) **Jewish Message – God’s New Covenant** – A Jewish gospel message was given at Pentecost (Feast of Shavuot), a celebration of God **Giving His Old Testament Law to Israel.** The Jewish crowd was confused, as God **Gave His New Testament Spirit to Fulfill His Old Testament Law.** God’s Spirit came upon this group and the Church began as God’s **New Instrument** in His **New Covenant.** ***Acts 2:1-6 On the day of Pentecost, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.***

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2 Ken Ham, Communicating the Christian Message in a Secularized Culture, DVD by Answers in Genesis (AIG), 800-778-3390. <https://answersingenesis.org/store/product/reengage-conference-communicating-christian-message/>, 2018. Online <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiRcY08hMg0>

- (1.2) **Jewish Message – God’s Spirit Poured Out on Man** - The first part of God’s prophecy in Joel was fulfilled when God’s Spirit came upon this group of Jews who observed it being fulfilled. **Acts 2:14-18** **Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: “In the last days, God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on My servants, both men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.**
- (1.3) **Jewish Message – God’s Coming Wrath** - The prophecy from Joel includes a call to repent and be saved from God’s coming wrath on the **Day of the Lord** – Christ will return as the Church Age ends, the earth is judged, and Christ’s Millennial Reign begins. **Acts 2:19-21** **I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**
- (1.4) **Jewish Message – Christ is God’s Messiah** – Christ brought salvation to the Jews as God’s Messiah. The Jews rejected Christ, but God used their disobedience to bring salvation to all nations. **Acts 2:22-36** **“Listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross. But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. David said about Him: “I saw the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, You will not let**



**Your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that He would place one of his descendants on His throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that He was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did His body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”**

**(1.5) Jewish Message – God’s Calling to Repentance** – Many of those listening to this message repented and surrendered their lives to Christ. **Acts 2:37-41** *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

**(2.0) Gospel Message for the Gentiles or Greeks** – In contrast to the Jews, Gentiles had many gods and countless views of life from multiple religions. But Gentiles had no concept of the One True God (Yahweh) and the origin of evil, sin, death, or creation. **Acts 17:22-23** *Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.*

- (2.1) **Gentile Message – God Made Us & Wants Us to Find Him** – God has revealed himself to all nations, through His Only Son Jesus Christ (*Yahshua = Yahweh’s Salvation*). In contrast to false gods, the true God cannot be served with human hands to meet His needs. God created us and gave us the breath of life. Out of love for us, God has revealed His plan to connect with everyone from all nations. *Acts 17:24-29* **“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather, He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us. ‘For in Him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are His offspring.’ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill.”**
- (2.2) **Gentile Message – God Sent Christ to Save All Nations** – In the past, God overlooked our ignorance about Him. But now that He sent Christ to save us by destroying Satan’s curse of evil and the consequences of sin, God is warning everyone of His coming judgment. God is calling all people to repent and turn to Christ. As a sign or proof of God’s plan, God raised Jesus Christ, our Jewish Messiah, from the dead. *Acts 17:30-31* **“In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead.”**
- (2.3) **Gentile Message – Believe God’s Message & Repent** – Some of those listening to Paul’s message became followers and believers in Christ. *Acts 17:32-34* **When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, “We want to hear you again on this subject.” At that, Paul left the Council. Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.**

The Gospel of Christ is God's Call of Salvation for all nations. God sent His Son to turn us from Death to Life, from Darkness to Light. Christ comes to the fallen and broken sinners of our world – all those who need a Savior. ***Mark 2:17 It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.*** God's Spirit shows us we are lost and calls us to repentance. ***John 16:8 He will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment.*** God's Spirit calls those who know they're separated from God, as well as those who don't know they're lost and have no desire to be saved. Evil and death come from Satan, who lies and promotes himself as God. ***2 Thessalonians 2:4 [Satan] opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.*** Satan blinds our hearts and distracts us from turning to Christ. When we repent, we make a 180-degree turn in our life direction. ***2 Corinthians 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*** Sin and evil are rooted in Pride and Arrogance. Our new life in Christ is found in Humility and Repentance. We follow Christ in His death by dying to the desires of our flesh. ***Romans 6:7-8 Anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him.*** Our new life is in power from the Gospel of Christ, not from academic knowledge, church attendance, or human ideas. ***1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.*** We live as surrendered vessels, displaying the power of Christ, and being taught by Christ, as promised in Isaiah 54. ***John 6:45 It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from Him comes to Me.*** Both Jewish and Gentile Believers are transformed into a new nation; created by the Blood of Christ. ***Ephesians 2:11-13 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*** We are a New Humanity created in Christ, and fellowship with Believers from our Inner-Man Spirit. All Believers, both Jew and Gentile, form

a New Holy Nation and are led by God's Spirit in:

- **Truth** - *John 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*
- **Grace** - *Romans 6:14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*
- **Repentance** (Turning 180° from Sin) - *Acts 3:19 Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.*
- **Salvation from Evil** (Forgiven in Christ) - *Psalms 62:1 For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.*
- **Cleansing Our Hearts by Christ's Blood** - *Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*
- **Renewing our Mind** - *Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*
- **Guidance** - *Ezekiel 36:27 I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My rules.*
- **Obedience** - *Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.*
- **Following Christ in His Suffering** - *1 Peter 2:21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.*
- **Receiving the Peace of Christ** - *Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*
- **Showing our Love for God by Obedience to Christ** - *John 14:23-24 If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words.*
- **Experiencing Eternal Hope in Christ** - *Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

## **1. Gospel Taught in God's Power - Not Religious Knowledge**

We are told to rely on God's Spirit within us for instruction and guidance. *Galatians 3:2-3* **Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit [Inner-Man], are you now being made perfect by the flesh [Outer-Man]?** Not only does God (Yahweh) dwell inside our new hearts, but His Spirit teaches us everything. *John 14:26* **The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.** We may not always listen, but God has always been here to teach and guide us. *Psalms 32:8* **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.** Before the Gospel of Christ, no human could resist sin and the temptations of this world. In the Gospel of Christ, we are free to turn from sin in the authority and power of Christ. God's Spirit teaches us through our *Inner-Man* and gives us the power to obey Christ. *Ephesians 6:10-12* **Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.** Even though God teaches us directly by His Spirit, we may depend more on academic teaching from books, creeds, and doctrines, instead of waiting on His Spirit. God's Spirit teaches us to recognize false teaching and counterfeit gospels. *1 John 2:26-27* **I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.** Satan uses lies and schemes as he works through false teachers, corrupted gospels, compromised churches, and those *selling God's word for profit*. *2 Corinthians 2:17* **Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.** We are warned to test any teaching. *1 John 4:1* **Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.** Any teaching from God's Spirit can be confirmed with the Bible.

The Gospel attests to Christ's goodness, kindness, love, perfection, and purpose. Even His enemies declared this truth. ***John 7:46 No man ever spoke like this man!*** Christ was declared to be the Son of God. ***Romans 1:3-4 The gospel concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.*** Christ gave us a path to connect with God and He is our advocate or High Priest, representing us to God His Father. ***Hebrews 7:24-25 Because Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.*** As we surrender our life to Christ, He cleanses us and teaches us to rely on His power. We are purified by the blood of Christ so God's Spirit can dwell within us and teach us from the new heart of our *Inner-Man*. ***1 Peter 3:18 Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.*** As our *Outer-Man* surrenders and yields to the power of God's Spirit, our *Inner-Man* grows and is re-created by Christ. ***2 Corinthians 4:16 We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*** We are called to turn away from the desires of our world and turn to the light of Christ. ***John 8:12 I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*** False gospels are driven by Satan, who uses lies to build on the human-logic and academic understanding of this fallen world. They are delivered by false apostles, who listen to the voices of *this* world. ***2 Corinthians 11:13-14 Such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.*** False gospels may use the name of Christ but are disobedient to the commands of Christ. We are warned about claiming the name of Christ and not following God's will. ***Matthew 7:21-23 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.'***



## **2. The Gospel – Christ’s Church Shines His Light into Our World**

The true church is the diverse collection of all Believers; built on God’s power, through personal and private repentance to Christ. ***Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.***

Christ gives us a New Heart, which becomes the New Temple and dwelling place of God on earth. ***Ephesians 2:19-22 Therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*** In contrast to the ***True Inner-Man Church, Outer-Man Churches*** are founded on human logic, academic knowledge, building programs, religious traditions, and world systems.

Salvation in Christ begins with personal and private repentance. The Gospel brings deliverance from evil, forgiveness, restoration to God, and a new life lived in the power of God’s Spirit. God may lead us to make amends and confessions to others for past offenses, but our confession and repentance begin with God alone. Personal confessions with others may cause a problem since people are fallen creatures that are subject to the temptations of our deceitful world. We are told without repentance, there is no salvation. ***Luke 13:3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.*** After Christ completed His work and left this earth, He promised to work through the power of God’s Spirit; inside and through His followers to (1) protect them, (2) guide them, (3) teach them, and (4) to shine ***His Divine Light*** into the world. Christ did not call on His followers to ***make disciples of all nations*** from self-efforts. Instead, God uses ***His Power*** from God’s Kingdom, to work from within believers. ***Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*** The Bible is clear that truth, understanding, and love for others come to us in God’s power - God working with our ***Inner-Man***. Our growth in Christ is not from religious traditions, human efforts, or the academic understanding of our ***Outer-Man***.

***2 Timothy 1:6-7 I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit***

**God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.** God's Spirit supplies us with an unseen power that comes to us from His Kingdom. We are called to represent Christ in this world by surrendering our perspective on a problem (including our personal desire to help someone) to the perfect power of God's Spirit. God's Spirit teaches us to rely on Christ for guidance and direction. **1 Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.** This miracle cannot be explained with human understanding. **Romans 1:16 It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith.** Our transformation comes from God's Power, not human-efforts, good intentions, religious creeds, or academic knowledge. God may work and speak to us through the lives of pastors, teachers, and other people, but our spiritual growth and understanding are rooted in our personal and private dependence on God - in the power of His Spirit.

Christians have two natures and chose to live from their **Inner-Man** or **Outer-Man**. We are given freedom from sin and are free to turn away from the cravings and desires of the world **Romans 6:6-7 Our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.** Inner-Man followers of Christ rely on power from God's Spirit and manifest the kindness of Christ as a light to the world. **Titus 3:4-7 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.** Our true purpose, fulfillment, and meaning are found as God's vessels; designed and created for His purpose. We connect to God in Christ alone - not by religious systems or creeds. The ONLY creed recited by Christ, was the Jewish Shema - **Deuteronomy 6:4 (HCSB) Listen, Israel: The LORD (Yahweh) our God, the LORD (Yahweh) is One.** Christ is in this world by the power of God's Spirit, manifested by His True Church of surrendered Inner-Man Believers. God works in the power of His Spirit; without the world's systems, commercial organizations, social agendas, or institutionalized creeds. **Galatians 1:6-7 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people**

**are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.** The early church depended on God's Spirit for guidance and direction. **2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.** Believers find God's purpose and plan for their life in Christ alone. The early church did not have Building Programs. They had small home gatherings and Discipleship Programs, similar to some churches and home Bible studies of today. Early Christians were led by God's Spirit -within them to further the gospel. Sadly, many churches have adopted the world's systems of evangelism, missions, building programs, and other external systems that focus on Outer-Man efforts. But God dwells with the Inner-Man of His Spirit-led followers. **Acts 7:48-49 The Most High does not live in houses made by human hands. As the prophet says: "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. What kind of house will you build for Me?"**

We are warned about false teachers who are deceived by Satan and promote corrupted teaching, self-glory, and financial gain.

**2 Timothy 2:3-4 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.** The Bible is full of warnings about false gospels filtered with human logic, instead of reliance on God's Spirit. Apart from the guidance of God's Spirit, well-intentioned people may distort or corrupt God's message. This was true throughout history and is true today.

- **1 Timothy 6:3-5 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.**
- **Matthew 21:12-13 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling**

**doves. “It is written,” He said to them, “My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of robbers.”**

Throughout history, God’s wrath was directed at false leaders and teachers for their disobedience and love for *this* world. Whether living under the Old or New Testament, the *Outer-Man Old Heart* chases the desires of *this* world – the (1) lust of the eyes, (2) lust of the flesh, and (3) pride of life. ***1 John 2:16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.***

**The True Church of Christ**

**Built on God’s Power**

Truth & Responsibility  
Grace with Accountability  
Forgiveness if Repentant  
Holy Spirit’s Inner Counsel  
Funds for the Poor & Needy  
Private Connection to Christ  
Taught by God’s Spirit  
Read God The Bible & articles  
from Spirit-Led Writers  
Personal Repentance for Evil  
Love of Christ shown by  
Obedience to His Commands  
Hand Up to the Needy  
Direct Teaching from God’s  
Word & God’s Spirit  
True Path Using God’s Power  
Honest & Open Conversations  
Faith & Hope – While Humbly  
Waiting on Christ’s Leading

**False Institutionalized Church**

**Built on Human-Effort**

Appearance of Truth - Deception  
Grace with no Accountability  
Forgiveness with no Repentance  
Outer Man - Human Logic Counsel  
Funds for Building Programs  
World-Based Social Groups  
Taught Academic Knowledge  
Read opinions from World-Based  
Writers on God & The Bible  
Organization Councils Define Evil  
Love is shown by Public Relations  
& Politically Correct Behavior  
Hand Outs to Social Programs  
Teaching of Church Traditions &  
Academic Ideas or Opinions  
False Path with Human-Efforts  
Lies, Deception & Manipulation  
Fear & Doubt – And Depending on  
Politically Correct Human Logic

The only cure for evil is to turn to Christ in humble and honest repentance. Both salvation and forgiveness of others require repentance. ***Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.*** Christ has also told us to forgive others ***if*** they ***repent***. ***Luke 17:3 If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them.***

### **3. The Gospel – Creates A Living Temple for God to Live with Us**

God's plan to rescue His creation and saves us from evil and death has never changed – it is the Gospel of Christ. The details of the Gospel were revealed by God with increasing detail in the transition from the Old to the New Testament. The Gospel plan was hidden in the Old Testament but fully revealed and fulfilled by Christ in the New Testament. In the Old Testament, God's Spirit was given selectively and temporarily to rest upon a person for a purpose and duration. After David sinned and repented, he described God's spirit in: ***Psalm 51:10-12 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.*** In the Old Testament, God's Spirit entered and left a person, as shown with King Saul. God's Spirit entered Saul when he was called to be the King and departed when Saul was disobedient. ***1 Samuel 16:14 The spirit of the Lord departed from Saul.***; and in ***1 Samuel 18:12 Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul.*** In the New Covenant, God's Spirit enters a believer and never leaves. ***1 John 4:15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.*** In the Old Testament (*God's Covenant with Israel*), the leaders and Priests taught a person's *Outer-Man*. In the New Testament (*God's Expanded Covenant with All Nations*), God's Spirit teaches us directly from our *Inner-Man*. We receive teaching that is directed by God's Spirit through the Bible, pastors, teachers, and books. This teaching from God's Spirit enlightens our New Heart, which is the mind of our Reborn Spirit. ***John 14:26 The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.*** We learn to humbly rely on and wait for God's Spirit to teach us on the inside. Can a corrupt and finite person, apart from a pure and loving God, possibly know, understand, or even comprehend an infinite God using *human* logic and reason? Of course not! Believers need to turn away from the voices that come to us from the chaos of *this visible world* and listen to the voice of Christ speaking to us from *the unseen Kingdom of God*. ***John 10:27-28 My sheep hear My voice. I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of My hand.***

We live in an age when the logic of our fallen world distorts the truth and promotes confusion, lies, and disorder. The True Gospel of Christ is explained by Sin, Righteousness, and Judgment. ***John 16:7-11*** ***But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. When He comes, He will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in Me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see Me no longer; and about judgment because the prince of this world now stands condemned.*** We need to ask ourselves if we are preaching sin, righteousness, and the judgment to come, or using our human-logic and church traditions? A good explanation of what happens when we use human arguments with “Intellectual Preaching” to share the Gospel instead of relying on the Power of God is described by Ray Comfort, of Living Waters Ministry, in the first half of his presentation, **Where We Went Wrong with Ravi**. The following excerpt is from Ray Comfort’s presentation:<sup>3</sup>

- “... The big lesson we should all take from this tragic situation with Ravi is to listen to our apologists and ask **are they preaching sin, righteousness, and the judgment to come?** *Are the hearers being impressed with eloquence, or have they been awakened to their terrible danger? Do they tremble, as did Felix after hearing Paul preach in Acts 24 and 25? Intellectual preaching produces intellectual converts who name the name of Christ but are strangers to the new birth. Each of us should be asking if we were talked into our faith or did we have an encounter with the living God. If we came through the door of argument, then all it will take is for a better argument to cause us to leave by another door. Take to heart Paul's warning about such so-called conversion. **1 Corinthians 2:1-5** ***And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*** We're called to be*

<sup>3</sup> Ray Comfort, Where We Went Wrong with Ravi?, Living Waters: Feb-12-2021, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08sBACcVc\\_0&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08sBACcVc_0&feature=youtu.be) (access Feb-15-2021).



witnesses of Christ. No judge wants an eloquent witness. He just wants to hear the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. And the truth is in Jesus. It is in Christ crucified for the sin of the world. Failure to preach that ultimate truth; and we're not true and faithful witnesses. We're wasting both our time and the time of our hearers. As a ministry, we believe in the use of apologetics as commanded in 1 Peter 3:15. But we have a problem when we elevate apologetics above the gospel, and never preach the actual good news of salvation. Paul reminds us that it's the gospel, not apologetics that's the power of God unto salvation.

We come to God in Christ - our High Priest. Christ represents us to His Father, the God of the universe (*Yahweh*). **1 Timothy 2:5** *For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.* God's Spirit enlightens both our Hearts (the mind of our Spirit) and our brains (the mind of our Soul) about God's Truth. Christ teaches us to yield our Outer-Man and surrender to the guidance of our Inner-Man. In contrast to *Inner-Man* Christians, *Outer-Man* Christians rely on the logic, reason, and common sense of their human minds. **Proverbs 3:5&6** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart [Inner-Man] and lean not on your own understanding [Outer-Man]; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.* The self-efforts of our *Outer-Man* can be deceived, twisted, and redirected by Satan, the ruler of this world. Although the Blood of Christ defeated Satan, and he lost his authority, he continues to spread lies. **Hebrews 2:1** *We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.* People can attempt to improve the world with human-efforts, but this usually results in more evil with devious behaviors presented in the name of God. We are easily deceived and can justify our behavior and actions from a *self-enlightened* world's perspective. God's divine wisdom and power are not of this world. The only solution to rescue a person comes from outside of this world by the Gospel of Christ, delivered to us in the power of God's Spirit. A power that is not of our world. **John 17:16** *They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.* The only solution to deal with the evil of our world is to let Christ use His power to defeat evil for us, instead of using *Outer-Man* human-efforts. Christ promised God's Spirit would be an inner guide for His followers, as they learn to wait for and rely on God's Spirit. **Galatians 5:25** *If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.*

## **E. Gods Salvation – A Restored Life for Those who Repent**

God's Salvation is offered to every person, but only given to those who turn to Christ in repentance. We are stained by sin and came from a fallen world, so we cannot approach the pure and holy True God (Yahweh). It is only by the blood of the perfect and sinless man, God's Son, Jesus Christ (Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation), that we can be cleansed. In Christ alone, we can come near to the Unapproachable, True, and Living God (Elohim = Supreme One).

***1 Timothy 6:15-16 God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Who alone is immortal and Who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see.*** Christ's sacrifice has cleansed us so the Spirit of the Only True God can dwell and guide us from within our New Hearts. ***1 Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?*** Although Christ reigns at the right hand of God, He supernaturally works inside all Christians in the power of God's Spirit. ***2 Corinthians 6:16 For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."*** Although finite humans cannot explain the workings of the infinite God, we can accept God's truth as revealed to us in Christ. ***Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit that dwells in you.*** Christ is the Gate that allows us to pass through the barrier of evil that separates us from God. ***John 10:9 I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved.*** The veil separating us from God was pierced and opened by the Blood of Jesus Christ. ***Mark 15:37-39 With a loud cry, Jesus took His last breath. The temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom.*** A Roman commander was standing there in front of Jesus. He saw how Jesus died. Then he said, "***This man was surely the Son of God!***" God has rescued us from Satan's Curse of Evil by the Shed Blood of Christ. ***Romans 5:8-9 God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.*** ***Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by His blood, will we be saved through Him from the wrath of God.*** We have the assurance of salvation from our Inner-Man by the manifestation of Christ's presence within us. Our new life is also evidenced by the changes to our Outer-Man lives with new priorities, attitudes, and behaviors.

When evil entered this world, it stained and corrupted our human hearts. **Jeremiah 17:9** ***The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?*** There is evil within our natural hearts that prevents us from coming near and connecting with God. Pride began when Satan rebelled. His pride has entered the world as Satan lies and tells us there is no God. **Psalm 10:4** ***In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.*** Through the perfect sacrifice of God's Son, we are cleansed from sin and given a New Heart to replace our old *heart of stone*. **Ezekiel 11:19-20** ***I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws. They will be My people, and I will be their God.*** Christ described the working of God's Spirit in a transition from the *Old Testament to the New Testament*. **John 14:16-20** ***I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, because He abides with you, and He will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.*** The nations of Israel understood God's Spirit dwelt *with* His chosen prophets and priests, to guide and direct them. But when Christ completed His work the relationship of God's Spirit changed from being *with us* to being *in us*. Before the Gospel of Christ, God's Spirit dwelt *temporarily with* God's chosen prophets, leaders, or priests. After Christ's redemptive work was completed, God's Spirit could *dwelt inside* those who repented and were cleansed by the Blood of Christ. God promised to never leave those who turn to Christ. **Hebrews 13:5** ***I will never leave you or forsake you.*** The indwelling of God's Spirit is a *permanent Seal* – a guarantee. It is not that God's Spirit covers believers with a seal; *God's Spirit is the seal!* **Ephesians 4:30** ***And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.*** Not only does God promise and guarantee a new life, but *Jesus Christ is the new life inside us!* **Colossians 3:2-3** ***Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*** When we are *in* Christ, we become a New Vessel or Temple where God lives in a continual relationship with us.

## 1. **Knowing God – His True Name, Commands, Laws & Purpose**

For clarity, I used the names of God from modern translations in this booklet. But this *ignores God's true name "Yahweh"*, used over 7,000 times in the *original text*.<sup>4</sup> God told Israel His name was **Yahweh**. *Exodus 20:2-3 (RSB)* <sup>5</sup> **I am Yahweh thy Elohim [Supreme One], which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other mighty ones [Elohim] before Me.** God's angel told Joseph to name Mary's son **Yahshua**<sup>6</sup> (*Yahweh's Salvation*) because *He would save His people from their sins*. *Matthew 1:20-21 (RSB)* **The angel of Yahweh appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Miriam thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Yahshua: for He shall save His people from their sins.** Most translations do not use God's name (*Yahweh*) or Jesus's name (*Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation*) but substitute them with *titles, generic changes, church traditions, and translation changes*. In our world, the name "*God*" is used to describe countless gods from all religions. There is no other *Supreme One (Elohim)* in all the universe. **Yahweh** is the Only True God. Most Bible translations use the term "*God*" or "*LORD*" and "*Lord*," yet **Yahweh** said to not even mention the name of other gods. *Exodus 23:13* **Be careful to do everything I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.** The following quotations are from the Yahweh Restoration Ministry's book **Your Father's Name**:<sup>7</sup> [quote from page 3] "...*The obvious purpose of a name is to distinguish one individual from another. That should go without saying, yet how many think about that simple fact when it comes to their Heavenly Father? They have been taught to call Him by a generic label, which He Himself says is unacceptable. It is amazing that all religions are known by the name of the one worshiped... except Christianity. Anciently the god*

4 Alan Mansager, **Does His Name Matter? - Yahweh**, Yahweh's Restoration Ministry, YouTube, Jun-29-2015. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJvknfKk3c&t=643s> (accessed Jan-14-2021).

5 RSB Refers to the **Restoration Study Bible**, Yahweh's Restoration Ministry translation with the true names of God from the original Hebrew text. <https://yrm.org/> (Accessed Jan-15-2021).

6 Dan Baxley, **Yeshua vs YaHshua**, June, 2014 – Update: July, 2020. <https://servantsofyahshua.com/yahshua-or-yeshua-.html>. (accessed Feb-20-2021).

7 **Your Father's Name**, Yahweh Restoration Ministry: Oct-10-2012, <https://yrm.org/your-fathers-name/> (access Feb-19-2021).

of the Akkadians was Marduk; the god of the Ammonites was Moloch; the god of the Greeks was Zeus; the god of the Romans was Jupiter; the god of the Moabites was Baal-peor; The god of the Muslims is Allah, and the god of the Christians is...God? **Using a nondescript, indefinite, impersonal, nonidentifying title does not identify the One you worship!** Capitalizing that title doesn't turn it into a name, no more than capitalizing the title "mister" does. **By removing His Name from our Bibles and our worship we denigrate Him** and bring Him down to the lowest common denominator..." Another quote from **Your Father's Name** shows other religions have specific names for their *gods*, and even Satan is called "*the god of the world*": [quote from page 2] "...The Apostle Paul wrote, "For although there may be so called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed **there are many 'gods' and many 'lords,'**" 1Corinthians 8:5 (ESV). **Even Satan is referred to by the common term "god"!** Paul wrote, "...in whom the **god of this world** hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving..." 2Corinthians 4:4. Using the same designation for our Creator that is used for the evil one, as well for false deities of the pagans, presents serious issues. Replacing His Name with a common title is identity theft. The Third Commandment is **explicit about the necessity of His true Name in our worship.** "**Thou shalt not take the name of Yahweh your Elohim in vain; for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.**" The word vain is the Hebrew shoaw and means emptiness, worthlessness, waste, ruin. Removal of His name brings it to a state of ruin and desolation. To distinguish the Heavenly Father from other so-called deities, those who refuse to call on His Name are forced to add qualifying descriptions like "the great god," and "the one and only true god." By its very nature **a title must be buttressed with many adjectives in order to nail down exactly who you mean.** But a personal name easily solves this identity problem, and of course is entirely appropriate as well. He commands His people to call on His revealed, personal Name. **It should be obvious that the title "god" is a broad-spectrum, general term and is not capable of individual identification ....**"

Peter preached the Gospel and said to repent and be baptized in the name of **Yahshua** (*Yahweh's Salvation*). **Acts 2:38 (RSB) Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** Yet, Bible translations use the English name *Jesus Christ* instead of **Yahshua**, which means *Yahweh's Salvation*. The Living God (**Yahweh**), teaches us His Truth to our **Inner-Man**. **1 John 2:26-27 These things I have**

written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. We are to have the mind of our Jewish Messiah, Yahshua (Yahweh's Salvation), and follow Him in obedience. **Philippians 2:5-11 (RSB)** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Messiah Yahshua: Who, being in the form of Elohim [Supreme One], thought it not robbery to be equal with Elohim: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the stake. Wherefore Yahweh also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Yahshua every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Yahshua Messiah is Master, to the glory of Yahweh the Father. We can be easily led astray by trusting in *religious* ideas from human minds. **Isaiah 9:16** Those who guide this people mislead them, and those who are guided are led astray. Because of God's unapproachable and pure perfection, it is only in Christ that we can come to God in His promises, purpose, and power. **Ezekiel 36:26-27 (RSB)** A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them. God is self-existent, pure, perfect, and flawless. As fallen humans, we can only approach God (Yahweh) in the perfect, sinless, sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation) God's perfect and Only Begotten Son. We may not understand Yahweh's power but are surrounded by the proof of His existence. **Romans 1:20-22** Since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools.



## 2. The Gospel of Christ makes us Vessels of the Living God

We may ask God to intervene and enhance our *Outer-Man purposes in this world*, but God wants us to rely on His power every day to guide and enlighten our lives. God designed his purpose for our life within us. **2 Timothy 2:21 If anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.**

As we turn away from the evil rooted in our souls, we are called to be instruments of God. Even the Apostle Paul, who had devoted his life to destroying Christianity, was cleansed by the Blood of Christ and used as an *instrument* to further the Kingdom of God **Acts 9:15 “This man is My chosen instrument to proclaim My name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.”** Before he surrendered his life to Christ, Paul was like most Believers in that he was misdirected and kicking against the conviction of God’s Spirit. **Acts 26:14-15 We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ “Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’” the Lord replied.** God used Paul as His *chosen instrument*, and he became a *surrendered vessel or container of God*. **2 Corinthians 4:6-7 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.** It is God’s power and light that shines forth from people who are surrendered and broken vessels of Christ, so they will display God’s light to the world. We may be broken, cracked, and damaged, but our holes and imperfections shine the *Inner Light of Christ* out to the world. God takes our disappointments and failures to use them for His purpose. Christ heals our wounds and restores us to God, using our broken lives to build up our character in ways we may not understand. **Romans 8:28 We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.** Paul asked Christ to heal him of a *thorn in the flesh* but was told *No*. Paul’s strength came from his weakness and forced him to rely on God’s Power. **2 Corinthians 12:9-10 But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my**

weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. Believers are described as vessels created by God to do good works. Ephesians 2:10 We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Although God's grace brings BOTH Salvation (saved from sin, evil, and death) and Sanctification (our growth of, humility, understanding, and character in God's power), neither of these can be experienced without true Repentance – the act of turning to Christ in humble confession and surrender. 1 John 1:7-9 If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. As we surrender our will in obedience to Christ, the Blood of Christ cleanses and purifies our sin-stained souls. Although our lives may be broken, Christ uses us as redeemed vessels for His purpose and His glory. 2 Timothy 2:22-23 Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. Vessels do not perform work. They are only containers that hold something of value within them. Believers become a new dwelling place that holds the God of the universe inside them, allowing the light of Christ to shine out of their New Hearts. A vessel is not used to do something; it is used to contain something. Institutionalized religions use world systems to work or perform a service for God. But we cannot do anything for God. Romans 11:35 Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them? We are called to surrender our broken lives and allow God to work through us in His Power. Just as a potter forms clay vessels for various uses, God forms people for different uses. Romans 9:21-22 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use? What if God, although choosing to show His wrath and make His power known, bore with great patience the objects of His wrath— prepared for destruction? As we turn to Christ and surrender our

will, we wait for God to use and re-direct our lives. **2 Timothy 1:9-10** *He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.* God forms us into new creatures that He uses as instruments to further His Kingdom. **Isaiah 64:8** *You, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.* Unless we become surrendered vessels, we pursue God with ideas that come from a deceived world and our human minds. **Proverbs 19:21** *Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.* As we spend time alone with Christ, waiting and allowing Him to teach us, our direct connection with God’s indwelling Spirit is deepened. **Psalms 145:18** *The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.* God’s Spirit now counsels us within our spirit. Our instruction and knowledge of God come directly through God’s Spirit of Truth – not from academic understanding. **Psalms 32:8** *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.* God also comforts us in our sorrows. **Psalms 34:18** *The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.* As we learn to wait for and rely on Christ, we find fulfillment in God’s purpose for our lives. Without Christ, our temporary lives are rooted in the values of *this* temporal world. We are left with a God-shaped vacuum within us. God created us to be vessels for His purpose. Nothing but God can satisfy our desire for fulfillment. We can pursue education, religion, science, relationships, or anything else, but nothing in the world can gratify the longing in our soul or fill the God-shaped void within us. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.* Fulfillment comes from experiencing the unique purpose God works within us. As we surrender to God, we become vessels that shine the light of Christ into our darkened and fallen world. **Luke 8:16** *No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.*

### 3. **God’s Spirit of Truth – Indwells Our New Hearts & Guides Us**

The increase of chaos and evil is overwhelming. Cultures promote blatant immorality, government corruption, and distorted legal systems. Even churches adjust their beliefs to be *Politically Correct* with the world. People rely on opinions and new religious ideas, instead of the Power of Christ. ***1 Corinthians 4:20 The kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.*** It is by faith, that we learn to rely on God’s power and *not* self-efforts. ***James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.*** Our true strength and power are in Christ *alone*. ***John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from Me you can do nothing.*** Faith is in our confidence and assurance of God’s promises. Our life and the reality of our existence cannot be explained apart from God’s creation.<sup>8</sup> Believing in the existence of our universe by pure chance and an accidental event is ***not faith in natural processes***, it is the definition of ***credulity*** (gullibility). Credulity is the opposite of faith. It accepts the impossible and believes earth and life appeared by blind and undirected chance – without a design or purpose. Credulity is a “*readiness or willingness to believe especially on slight or uncertain evidence.*”<sup>9</sup> In the words of Dr. David Menton, “*The word credulity seems to perfectly fit belief in bacteria-to-man evolution. Faith, on the other hand, generally involves belief or trust in something or someone who has proven faithful*”.<sup>10</sup> Astrophysicist and author, Dr. Jason Lisle, gives an excellent presentation on scientific facts related to (1) genetics, (2) informational science, and (3) geological history, in the video, **Science Confirms Biblical Creation**.<sup>11</sup> Dr. Lisle explains assumptions used in evolution and exposes faults with evolutionary arguments that contradict the proven laws of science – such as the *First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics* and the *Law of Biogenesis (All Life Comes from Life)*. The Bible

8 Bob Dutko, “Evidence for Creation vs. Evolution: Top 10 Proofs”, P.O. Box 380942, Clinton Twp., MI 48038; <https://toptenproofs.com/blogs/articles> (Dec-17-2020).

9 Credulity. 2018. In Merriam-Webster.com. Retrieved November 1, 2018, from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/credulity>

10 Dr. David Menton, Faith or Credulity?; (AIG Newsletter on Oct-1-2010). Retrieved Nov-1-2018, <https://answersingenesis.org/blogs/david-menton/2010/10/01/faith-or-credulity/>

11 Dr. Jason Lisle, Ph.D., “Science Confirms Biblical Creation”, Institute for Creation Research, Calvary Chapel Quakertown YouTube, Aug. 24, 2016, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=XatoDTiXRqY&feature=youtu.be> (accessed Apr-7-2020).

defines confident faith. **Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.**

Confident faith in God is at the core of our Salvation. Faith is NOT blindly believing in something as a type of self-effort Positive Thinking. We are told to give a reason for our faith and hope, which includes science, philosophy, archeology, history, and our conscience. **1 Peter 3:15 Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.**

God's answer for our disappointments, failures, sin, and death, is the Gospel of Christ. **Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.** As we seek God for answers to our prayers, we receive the power of Christ - promised for those willing to wait. **Isaiah 40:31 They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.** Understanding faith from the teachings of Christ gives a description focused on God, instead of an explanation based on human understanding.

**John 16:3 When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but will speak whatever He hears, and He will declare to you the things that are to come.** Our connection to God is provided by God, not by the insights, wisdom, or academic understanding of human logic. Christ praised the faith of two people. Neither was Jewish but had two traits – (1) Humility about themselves and (2) Confidence in God's power. The first a Roman Soldier: **Matthew 8:8 The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed.** The second, a Canaanite woman: **Matthew 15:27-28 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."** Then Jesus answered her, **"Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."** And her daughter was healed instantly. Our faith comes from confidence in the Living Word of the Bible that God's Spirit uses to enlighten our Inner-Man. **Romans 10:17 So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.** Humility about ourselves, and confidence in God, provide harmony between God and man. The active presence of God in our life is dependent on the inactive work of our Outer-Man self-efforts. We need to be taught by God's Spirit as we learn to wait

and *rest in Christ*. Likewise, the *True Church* relies on the power of God's Spirit for guidance and direction. **Acts 1:8 You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.** The Acts 2 Church was fully surrendered and reliant on the unseen power of God's Spirit. The *True Church* has no building programs, marketing agendas, or administrators presiding over its formation. The visible Institutionalized *Outer-Man* Church has many forms and may attempt to imitate the Acts 2 Church with a visible duplication process and human efforts. The success of the Acts 2 Church came from the power of God's Spirit *alone!* **God's Spirit = God's Power.**

In Christ, we have a personal relationship with *God (Yahweh)* through *His Son (Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation)*, our Messiah, the only mediator who represents us to God. **1 Timothy 2:5 There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people.** It is the Blood of Christ that makes us clean and free of evil so that God's Spirit can dwell within our New Heart. **Romans 8:9a You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.** The verse continues by describing the Spirit of Christ that is also within us. **Romans 8:9b And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.** When we repent, Christ gives us a New Heart and Reborn Spirit. The New Hearts and the Reborn Spirits of all believers have collectively become the New Temple of God. **1 Corinthians 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?** We are assured of our salvation and a new life because God's Spirit is in us. **1 John 4:13 This is how we know that we live in Him and He in us: He has given us of His Spirit.** As we are cleansed by *His Blood*, Christ presents us to God His Father. Christ then teaches us to follow Him in the crucifixion of our desires. **Galatians 5:24-25 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.** Believers sacrifice the desires of their *Outer-Man* as they learn to obey Christ out of love for Him and God, His Father. **Colossians 3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.** As we yield our logic and



human reason to God, His Spirit connects with our New Heart and Reborn Spirit. We are now taught, guided, and led by the Pure and Holy Spirit of God. **Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.** Without the grounding of the Bible, we can easily misinterpret the leading of God's Spirit and be deceived by our thoughts, logic, reason, and human-efforts – no matter how pure our intentions. **1 John 4:1 Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world.** Christ's teachings are not of our world, and we need the power of God's Spirit to understand and obey the truth of God's Kingdom. **1 Thessalonians 1:5 Our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power.** Yielding our life can be difficult if we follow the religious or academic understanding of this visible and temporal world. Our life battles occur in an unseen spiritual world and have eternal consequences. Even if our body is destroyed, we are saved for an eternal life in Christ. **2 Chronicles 20:15 The battle is not yours but God's.** As we learn to rely on the Power of Christ within us, God's Spirit guides us and fights our battles for us. **1 Peter 2:11-12 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles [since our real life is now in God's Kingdom], to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.** Are we surrendered vessels of Christ, humbly living for God's plan and purpose? Or do we try to use God's power to advance our plan or some human-based view of God's plan? **Ephesians 2:19-20 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.** The Gospel of Christ makes our New Heart sensitive to God's voice. A child can understand and accept the Gospel, yet those who are proud and educated by the standards of this world will reject the Gospel as foolishness. **1 Corinthians 2:14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.** Our desire and understanding of God's salvation can only come to us from the power of God's Spirit.

## **F. Satan Distorts God's Truth with Lies from this World**

We are told to beware of Satan's schemes. **1 Peter 5:8-9 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.**

God's Spirit dwells with our Inner Man to teach us God's truth and reveal Satan's lies. **2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.:**

### **1) Christ came to destroy Satan's work of Evil.**

**1 John 3:8 The devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.**

### **2) Satan is a deceiver who disguises himself and his servants as angles of light and servants of righteousness.**

**2 Corinthians 11:13-15 Such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.**

### **3) Satan is the Father of Lies and there is no truth in him.**

**John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.**

### **4) Satan is the god of THIS world and blinds the minds of unbelievers.**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-4 If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

### **5) Our true battles are with forces of evil, that can only be won by God.**

**Ephesians 6:11-12 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

We are either taught by a spirit of falsehood from the world or taught by God's Spirit of Truth. **1 John 4:4-6** *The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.* God revealed Himself to Israel and said: **Deuteronomy 6:4** *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.* God warned Israel to separate from other nations and pagan idol worship. **Exodus 34:12-14** *Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you. Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles. Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.* Solomon was given wisdom and financial blessing but ignored God's warnings about pagan gods and foreign wives. **1 Kings 11:2** *The Lord had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love.* Solomon was disobedient and pursued the delusions of this world and his heart drifted away from the one true God. **1 Kings 11:11** *"Since this is your attitude and you have not kept My covenant and My decrees, which I commanded you, I will most certainly tear the kingdom away from you and give it to one of your subordinates."* As punishment, God split Israel into the Northern Kingdom of ten tribes and a Southern Kingdom of Judah and Benjamin. Solomon was the wisest man in the world, yet he disobeyed and ignored God's warnings and commands as he pursued the cravings of the world. **1 Kings 4:29-30** *God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore.* Satan uses the desires of this visible world to lead us astray. Our knowledge and understanding of God is useless if we choose to pursue (1) the cravings, or desires of our flesh, (2) the riches of this world or the desires of our eyes, and (3) the appeal for the world's recognition and significance or the pride of life. **1 John 2:16** *All that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.* If we rely on human logic and self-efforts, we are deceived from within by the Outer-Man logic of a world ruled by Satan. **Revelation 12:9** *The*

**great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.** We are in no position to oppose Satan with human logic and this world’s ideas. We need to **surrender** our will from the desires of this visible world, patiently **wait** for God, and **rely** on the Authority and Power of Christ. Only the **Shed Blood of Christ** is capable of defeating Satan. **Revelation 12:11 But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.** Recognize the battle belongs to Christ. Allow God’s Spirit within you, to protect you from Satan and lead you into God’s truth! **Hebrews 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?** Two examples of lives fully surrendered to Christ are Smith Wigglesworth and Maria Woodworth-Etter.<sup>12</sup> They had **NO** formal education or religious training. Smith Wigglesworth never attended school and didn’t learn to read until he was in his twenties. The power of God’s Spirit worked in them to display Christ with mighty miracles and healings. These Spirit-Filled Believers ignored **this** world’s *Outer-Man* interference of human-logic, worldly wisdom, academic reason, and religious traditions. **John 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.** These surrendered believers displayed Christ’s divine power through lives **lived in THIS world, but NOT of THIS world.** God’s Spirit guides us as we turn to Him in humility and repentance; surrendering our will and waiting for God’s Power to find our meaning and purpose according to God’s plan. As creatures of habit, we can develop useful paradigms or **expeditious tools** to reach a goal. This can be useful in work, activities, and relationships. A good discussion on discipline that is driven by habits is discussed in a book by Charles Duhigg, **The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business**<sup>13</sup>. Habitual patterns can be a **double edge sword**. Following a defined or **focused path or plan**, may give us direction and discipline to achieve a goal; but can also seduce us into a belief paradigm and patterned image of God that puts us into a **religious box**. Sometimes it’s easier or more convenient to follow a

12 Andrew Strom, Healing Evangelists – How God’s Power Came, 1996; <http://www.evanwiggs.com/revival/portrait/healing.html> (Accessed Jan-10-2021).

13 Charles Duhigg, The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do In Life and Business, published by Random House (2012); ISBN: 978-1-400-06928-6.

religious process or church system than to follow the Inner-Man leading of God's Spirit. God's Spirit conflicts with the world. ***James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.*** God's Spirit guides our Inner-Man – if we are willing to wait for God to lead us. When we follow human logic or a system of academic rules from our Outer-Man, we miss a private, personal, and unique connection with the infinite God (Yahweh). ***Ephesians 3:16-17 I pray that, according to the riches of His glory, He may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through His Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.*** By thinking outside the box we step back and question our goals and purpose. We can be misdirected by the religious traditions of this world when we pursue God with an Outer-Man academic view instead of an Inner-Man Spirit-Led perspective. Compare Judgment to Accountability; observe how it affects our behavior towards others. Instead of humbly waiting for God to reveal Himself to us in our personal Bible study and listening prayer, we may grab onto a Religious System or a Church Doctrine we assume is true. Following is a quotation from the presentation: How to Brainwash a Christian. “Most pastors aren't necessarily men of god they are just bible students....To become a preacher they need to get a university degree which means they must go to seminary, the Christian version of a university, and study biblical history. They assimilate current Christian books absorb the teachings of professors learn social skills and master the art of delivering sermons...Without this degree, a person is not qualified to be a pastor. Under these guidelines, Jesus himself would not qualify to be a pastor. What's completely overlooked is that a pastor needs to be immersed in the Holy Spirit to be qualified to shepherd the church and he must hold to sound doctrine....It is the Holy Spirit that makes somebody an overseer, not a university degree....Some deny the authenticity of the bible. Many seminary professors are themselves just intellectuals, comparable to modern university elitists who conjure up what appeals to their thinking. Most are not immersed in the Holy Spirit and do not teach according to the steadfastness of the truth of scripture....Many teach process theology, claiming theology is evolving and it is in the process of transformation. The more they know and the more the student knows the more they feel like experts, and become resistant to correction...” ***1 Timothy 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.***<sup>14</sup>

<sup>14</sup> John Noonan (spelliong?), How to Brainwash a Christian, Tommy D YouTube Channel, Nov-21-2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEPN0N6vpyk> (accessed Feb-9-2021).

## 1. **Satan is an Angel of Light – Working to Lead Us Astray**

God is the creator. Satan, the Evil One, is a counterfeiter. Satan blinds our minds to keep us from seeing the light of the Gospel. God sent Christ to us in the image of God, as our promised Messiah. **2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

Unless God opens our eyes, we cannot see the light of the Gospel of Christ. **Ephesians 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people.** Only God's Spirit can open the eyes of our hearts and minds. We need to recognize the battle against evil belongs to God. **1 Samuel 17:47 It is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give all of you into our hands.** Self-efforts or human understanding cannot protect us from Satan. Only the power in the **Blood of Christ** can defeat Satan. **Revelation 12:11 They have conquered him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.** Christ defeated Satan, but Satan is still the prince and ruler of this evil world. We need to depend on the power and authority God gave to Christ, in our struggle and battle with evil. Satan attacks both believers and non-believers with **distractions, deceptions, and discouragement.** **Colossians 2:8-10 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.** Satan creates counterfeit gospels focused on religious systems, self-efforts, programs, and academic knowledge; keeping us from relying on the power of God's Spirit. We are warned to be alert and seek God's will for our lives. **Ephesians 5:13-17 Everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but**



**understand what the Lord's will is.** Satan and his demons are smart. We are in no position to use our human efforts and the *Outer-Man* wisdom of this visible world to resist the devil. **James 2:19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder.** As we learn to surrender our self-efforts and depend on the power of God's Spirit, we become yielded vessels who let Christ fight our battles for us. Satan's battle of deception is against all of God's creation but especially targeted towards God's Nation Israel and God's True Church. Counterfeit churches have already surrendered to Satan's lies and are driven by a politically correct appearance. Anyone can be deceived by false teaching if they rely on their *Outer-Man* human logic. Without the enlightenment of God's Spirit, we are unable to comprehend the things of God since they are spiritually discerned. **1 Corinthians 2:14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.** The key difference between any Religion and True Christianity, is Christ's Truth and Power. God's Spirit delivers His Truth and power to all Believers, as they are disciplined and taught by Christ. A process referred to as sanctification (Christ's direct guidance and teaching from within our Reborn Spirit). **John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.** Any religion, including Institutionalized Christianity, which depends on human-efforts to express love to others and love to God will fail. The true love of God comes from the power of God's Spirit and is delivered with kindness and compassion. All religions from this world are polluted. **1 Corinthians 8:5-6 Even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.** The visible Institutionalized Outer-Man Church has many forms and relies on religious systems and methods from our visible world. False religions include forms of Christianity rooted in traditions that show a form of godliness but lack the divine peace of Christ. **John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you, I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**

## 2. Corruption of the Gospel by the Prince of THIS World

We are warned about false Gospels. *Galatians 1:6-7* *I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.* The shed blood of Christ has cleansed the evil from our soul; allowing God's Spirit to dwell within our New Heart and teach us *ALL* things. *John 14:26* *The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.* The teaching of *this* world is from Satan. *Ephesians 2:1-2* *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.* Are we following the *True God* revealed by the Gospel of Christ? The same God of Abraham, Israel, King David, and Jesus Christ? We are warned that not everyone who claims to know God will be saved, but *only* those who *do the will of God*, Christ's Father. *Matthew 7:21-23* *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but ONLY the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!’* Is our understanding of God true and accurate, or are we pursuing God in vain by following an image based on human rules and the traditions of the world? *Mark 7:6-9* *“These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. They worship Me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules. You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions”.* And He continued, *“You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!”* Christ warned us the *Human Traditions of our world Nullify* the Word of God! *Mark 7:13* *Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.* Human traditions are from *this* world. A world ruled and directed by Satan. *1 John 5:19* *We know that we are God's children, and that the whole world lies under the power of the evil one.* God's truth is not based on the sincerity

of our beliefs, knowledge, or understanding, but on the power of God. A power in the Gospel of Christ that uses God's truth and authority to transform our lives for God's purpose. **1 John 3:18 Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.**

Are we reflecting the kindness and peace of Christ or are we living a Form of Godliness that lacks the power of God's Spirit?

**2 Timothy 3:2-5 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.**

Christians are taught directly by God's Spirit – not by the academic understanding of the world! **1 John 2:26-27: I am writing to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you [Human teaching of our Outer-Man]. But as His anointing teaches you [God's Spirit teaching of our Inner-Man] about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit - just as it has taught you, remain in Him.**

Our Outer-Man human understanding comes from the ruler of THIS world, Satan. **John 17:15 I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.** We are warned to examine our lives to see if we are in the faith. **2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?** When we are overwhelmed by life pressures, it is easy to disregard God's voice, speaking to our Inner-Man, and have an academic view of the Bible. **John 5:40 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about Me, yet you refuse to come to Me to have life.**

The only way we remain in Christ is through obedience to His commands. **1 John 2:3-6 We know that we have come to know Him if we keep His commands. Whoever says, "I know Him," but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys His word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did.** We are told

there will be false teachers secretly perverting the Gospel with lies and heresies. ***2 Peter 2:1-3*** *There were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.* How tragic for a Believer to abandon their faith in Christ to follow *the teachings of demons!* ***1 Timothy 4:1-2*** *The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.* The world's definition of *Heresy* is not based on God's Truth. It is based on popular opinions that are *Politically Correct*. But God's Spirit of Truth works within us, as we turn away from the world and follow Christ in obedience to God's will. ***2 Timothy 2:21*** *Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.* God designed us to be His vessels according to His plan and purpose for our life. A plan we discover and experience as we surrender the desires of *this* world, to a life of obedience to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (*Yahshua*). ***Ephesians 2:10*** *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* We experience our new life by *crucifying the desires of THIS world* and turning to Christ in humility, repentance, and surrender. ***Galatians 2:20*** *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live [Outer-Man], but Christ lives in me [Inner-Man]. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.* We are told salvation is given to those who repent and surrender their stubborn hearts. ***Romans 2:5*** *But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when His righteous judgment will be revealed.* It is only by God's grace that He enlightens us, and we understand our need to repent. ***2 Corinthians 7:10*** *Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings*

**death.** We cannot live our new life in Christ using human-efforts. God's Spirit strengthens us, as we learn to patiently wait for Christ's guidance and turn away from the attractive and seductive things of the world. **Isaiah 40:31 They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.** Our life purpose and meaning are not found in the success and financial security of this world. Fulfillment is found in our relationship with God. A relationship created by the Gospel of Christ. **Psalm 51:10-12 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.** Satan strives to attack the church with false teaching, counterfeit gospels, and corrupted leadership. **2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.** There are many counterfeit gospels but only one true Gospel. **John 14:6-7 Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you know Me, you will know My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him."** Before Christ left this world, He warned His followers that there would be false messiahs and false teachers. **Matthew 24:24 False messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones.** False Gospels use the logic and reason of this world and ignore the power of the True Gospel. **1 Corinthians 1:18 The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.** When we use this world's human logic and academic understanding, we are following the wisdom from the prince of THIS world, Satan. **Galatians 1:11-12 The gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.** Satan is an Angel of Light and a master at creating counterfeit gospels to lead us astray. **Hebrews 2:1 We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.**

### 3. **Counterfeit Christianity - Councils of Nicea & Constantinople**

The Bible never mentions a trinity. Martin Luther stated, “*The name ‘Trinity’ is nowhere to be found in the Holy Scriptures but has been conceived and invented by man.*” Pagan religions had followed trinitarian gods from before the time of Abraham. The Gospel of Christ was presented to polytheistic Greeks and Romans who had worshiped trinitarian pagan gods for centuries. **Acts 17:16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.** The one God of Israel contrasted with the trinitarian beliefs of pagan nations:

- Babylon trinity (Nimrod, Semiramis, Tammuz)
- Indian trinity (Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva)
- Ancient Egyptian trinity (Amun, Re, Ptah)
- Bible Times Egyptian trinity (Isis, Serapis, Horus)
- Greek trinity (Zeus, Apollo, Athena)
- Roman trinity (Jupiter, Mars, Venus)

Although the trinity is absent from the Bible, historical records on pagan worship give us details and history of the trinitarian gods of Babylon, Mesopotamia, India, Egypt, Greece, and Rome. The first creed for a Christian trinity appeared at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD – led by a pagan emperor. Trinitarians claim early Christians believed in a trinity, but this conflicts with the historical records. An excellent presentation exposing the trinitarian lie with a review of early church documents is provided by Sean Finnegan.<sup>15</sup> Some distortions of church history, along with Sean Finnegan’s exposure of these misrepresentations, are paraphrased below:

- **Polycarp** (69-155 AD) “Oh Lord God Almighty ... **[omitted text]** ... I bless you and glorify you through the eternal and heavenly high priest Jesus Christ your beloved son through whom be glory to you with Him and the Holy Spirit both now and forever” this is an incomplete quote from the Martyrdom of Polycarp. The **omitted text** ...Father of Jesus Christ through whom we have received the knowledge of You, the God of angels and powers of all creation, and of the whole race of the righteous who live in your presence, I bless you.  
**Polycarp identifies God solely as the Father of Christ but does not describe a trinitarian doctrine.**
- **Justin Martyr** (100-165 AD) “For, in the name of God, the Father and Lord of the universe, and of our Savior Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, they then receive the washing with water”

<sup>15</sup> Sean Finnegan, **The Trinity Before Nicea** – before 325 AD, 21st Century Reformation, Jun-6-2019. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmRdZmPIGrA&t=286s> (Accessed Jan-16-2021).



**This quotation shows Justin Martyr believed that God the Father was the only true God and does not describe a trinitarian doctrine.**

- **Ignatius of Antioch** (35-107 AD) from his Epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 7 “*But our Physician is the only true God, the unbegotten and unapproachable, the Lord of all, the Father and begetter of the only begotten Son. We have also as a Physician the Lord our God Jesus the Christ the only begotten Son and Word, before time began, but who afterwards became also man, of Mary the Virgin. For the Word was made flesh.*”

**Ignatius does not describe a trinitarian doctrine.**

- **Irenaeus** (130-202 AD) “*The church, though dispersed throughout the whole world, even to the ends of the earth, has received from the apostles and their disciples this faith: one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are in them; and in one Christ Jesus, the Son of God, who became incarnate for our salvation; and in the Holy Spirit, who proclaimed through the prophets the dispensations of God, and the advents, and the birth from a virgin, and the passion, and the resurrection from the dead, and the ascension into heaven and the flesh of the beloved Christ Jesus, our Lord, and His manifestation from heaven and the glory of the Father to gather all things in one and to raise up anew all flesh of the whole human race,...*”

In another quotation from Irenaeus (Against Heresies 3.9.1) he states: *The Lord Himself handing down to His disciples, that **He, the Father, is the only God and Lord, who alone is God and ruler of all ...***

In another quotation from Irenaeus (Against Heresies 5.18.2) he states: *And thus one God the Father is declared, who is above all, and through all, and in all. **The father is indeed above all, and He is the Head of Christ;** but the Word is through all things and is Himself the Head of the Church; while the Spirit is in us all, and He is the living water, which the Lord grants to those who rightly believe in Him, and love Him, and who know that “there is one Father, who is above all, and through all, and in us all.”*

**Irenaeus does not describe a trinitarian doctrine.**

- **Tertullian** (160-220 AD) He was the first to use the term Trinitas.

But trinity and trinitas refer only to **a grouping of three**. For example, Theophilus of Antioch (To Autolyucus 2.15) used *trinity* in Greek to describe the moon’s phases and compared it to a trinity grouping of God, His word, and His Wisdom. In the same book (Against Praxeas 9), Tertullian goes on to say: *The Father is not the same as the Son since they differ one from another in the mode of their being. For the Father is the entire substance, but the Son is a derivation and portion of the whole, as He Himself acknowledges: **My Father is greater than I.**” In the Psalm, His inferiority is described as being “a little lower than the angels.” Thus the Father is distinct from the Son, being greater than the Son, inasmuch as He who begets is one, and He, who is begotten is another; He, too, who sends is one, and He who is sent is another; and He, again, who makes is one, and He*

through whom the thing is made is another.

**Tertullian was not a trinitarian and clarifies this truth with Scriptures. His use of Trinity or Trinitas is simply a grouping of three.**

- **Origen** (186-253 AD) A scholar and prolific writer. He completed On First Principles, in 225 AD and died in 253 AD. Quotations from his writings include:  
(On First Principles 1.3 – Greek Fragment 9) **“The God and Father, who holds the universe together, is superior to every being that exists,** for He imparts to each one from His own existence that which each one is; the Son, being less than the Father, is superior to rational creatures alone (for He is second to the Father); the Holy Spirit is still less, and dwells within the saints alone. So that in this way the power of the Father is greater than that of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and that of the Son is more than that of the Holy Spirit, and in turn the power of the Holy Spirit exceeds that of every other holy being.”  
(Against Celsus 8.15) “For we who say that the visible world is under the government to Him who created all things, do thereby declare that the Son is not mightier than the Father, but inferior to Him. And this belief we ground on the saying of Jesus Himself, **“The Father who sent Me is greater than I.”** And none of us is so insane as to affirm that the Son of man is Lord over God. But when we regard the Savior as God the Word, and Wisdom, and Righteousness, and Truth, we certainly do say that He has dominion over all things which have been subjected to Him in this capacity, but not that His dominion extends over the God and Father who Ruler over all.”

**Origen’s writings do not describe a trinity and refute its ideas.**

But Trinitarian’s use Origen to support their beliefs. In 543 AD, Emperor Justinian condemned Origen as a heretic and ordered his books burned. Yet, portions of Origen’s works were translated into Latin by Rufinus in 397 AD and seem to support a Trinitarian Doctrine. However, **Rufinus declared he had changed Origen’s writings to make them conform to his own personal beliefs.** (On First Principles, Preface of Rufinus 3) “Wherever, therefore, I have found in his books origins books anything contrary to the reverent statements made by him about the Trinity in other places, **I have either omitted it as a corrupt and interpolated passage, or reproduce it in a form that agrees with the doctrine** which I have often found him affirming elsewhere.”

**The Rufinus translations of Origen** were **altered, changed, or omitted** to conform them to Rufinus’ own **agenda and an acceptable Church Doctrine.** As stated by G.W. Butterworth, (Origen On First Principles - Gloucester, MA: Peter Smith, 1973), pp. xli, xlix.) “**Fear of heresy is with him a stronger motive than love of truth** ... He has shown himself willing to alter the text, or to omit portions of it, on no evidence whatever, and for no purpose except to conciliate the prejudices of his readers and to **give greater authority to his translation.**”

**Quotations from Origen, translated by Rufinus, are corrupted.**

The doctrines of Nicea morphed into the Roman Church, which continued using man's traditions to develop doctrines outside of the Bible and unaware of the alterations to scriptures; including:

- **John 1:18 (NIV - note a) No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known.**  
Altered Text John 1:18 (NIV) No one has ever seen God, but the ~~one and only Son, who is himself God~~ and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.
- **Matthew 28:19 Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in My name.** As correctly interpreted in 80 Bible translations.<sup>16</sup>  
Altered Text Matthew 28:19 (NIV) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **1 Timothy 3:16 (NIV – note a) The mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated in Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.**  
Altered Text 1 Timothy 3:16 (NIV) Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.
- **1 John 5:7-8 (NIV pre-14<sup>th</sup> Century Vulgate) For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.**  
Altered Text New King James Version (NKJV) For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

A useful resource on altered text and the history of Bible corruption is [www.jesuswordsonly.com](http://www.jesuswordsonly.com).<sup>17</sup> God revealed Himself to Israel with His first commandment. ***Exodus 20:20:2-3 (RSB) I am Yahweh thy Elohim (Supreme One), which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*** God then instructed Israel to make no kind of image or likeness of Him. ***Exodus 20:4 (RSB) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that***

<sup>16</sup> **Matthew 28:19,20** - 80 Versions with the Shorter Ending; [http://www.trinitytruth.org/matthew28\\_19bible-translations.pdf](http://www.trinitytruth.org/matthew28_19bible-translations.pdf) (Dec-2019)

<sup>17</sup> **Matthew 28:19 In Original Gospel of Matthew: Trinitarian Formula or Not?;** Jesus Words Only website, <https://www.jesuswordsonly.com/topicindex/633-matthew-28-19-in-original-gospel-of-matthew.html> (accessed Mar-29-2020)

*is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.* An often overlooked command is God's instruction to NEVER use the name of any other gods. *Exodus 23:13 Be careful to do everything I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.* God chose to work with Israel as His instrument to rescue all nations with His promised Messiah. *Isaiah 49:6 "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."* In the New Testament, Christ reveals Himself as God's promised Messiah. *Luke 4:18-21 "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."* An excellent and detailed presentation on Biblical truth and correctness of God's Oneness is: **The Trinity Lie Exposed - God is ONE Not a Trinity.**<sup>18</sup>

When the Gospel of Christ is preached throughout the world, it is done in the name of God the Father (*Yahweh*) and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (*Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation*). *1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.* Both God our Father and Christ our Lord and Savior are described as separate in power and function throughout the New Testament. The New Testament refers to Christ as the Son of God (about 47 times) and Son of Man (about 89 times). Neither the Old Testament nor the New Testament describes God the Son nor God the Holy Spirit. It is only in man-made creeds and theology books that we find the terms God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit comes forth from God the Father Himself (*Yahweh*)! *2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put*

<sup>18</sup> **The Trinity Lie Exposed - God is One Not Three**, [www.ChristadelphianVideo.org](http://www.ChristadelphianVideo.org);  
Christadelphian's Bible Study, Jan-19-2013 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBpufPEE\\_p\\_4&list=PL6QYUOcHu\\_TJ9VcDtps3A\\_9i5ctzjI8T0&index=23](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBpufPEE_p_4&list=PL6QYUOcHu_TJ9VcDtps3A_9i5ctzjI8T0&index=23) (Accessed July-20-2020).

**His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.** The Holy Spirit is not another being. **2 Timothy 4:3-4** **For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.** The only true image of God is revealed in Christ, God's only begotten Son. **Colossians 1:15** **The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.** Christ never taught the trinity and referred to His Father as the only true God. **John 17:3** **This is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.** We become like Christ. **1 John 3:2** **We know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.** Christ is in the Father and one with the Father. Similarly, we become one in Christ and have unity with God His Father in Christ alone! We are one with Christ and God in our unity and purpose! But we don't become Christ or God. **John 17:21-23** **All of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are one—I in them and You in Me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.** When asked what was the most important commandment from God, Christ answered **The Lord our God, the Lord is One.** **Mark 12:28-29 (RSB)** **Which is the first commandment of all? And Yahshua answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; Yahweh our Elohim is one Yahweh.** Even demons know that God is one, and they tremble in fear. **James 2:19 (ESV)** **You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!** History has exposed an institutionalized church that adapted an image of God created by pagan emperors with a political agenda of unification and control. God's truth supersedes all the political agendas and plans of this world's rulers and religions. **Habakkuk 2:18** **Of what value is an idol carved by a craftsman? Or an image that teaches lies? For the one who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak.** It has been said, **Christianity conquered paganism, and paganism corrupted Christianity.** God opposed the trinitarian pagan gods of Nimrod, Isis, Serapis, Horus, Zeus, Apollo, Jupiter, Venus, and others. **Jeremiah 10:2** **The Lord**

says: **Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the heavens, though the nations are terrified by them.**

How can we expect God to answer prayers made to an image of God rooted in pagan beliefs? God’s warnings date back to the pagan idols used by Satan to lead Israel astray. **Ezekiel 14:3 These men have taken their idols into their hearts, and set**

**the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces. Should I indeed let Myself be consulted by them?** Some versions of the

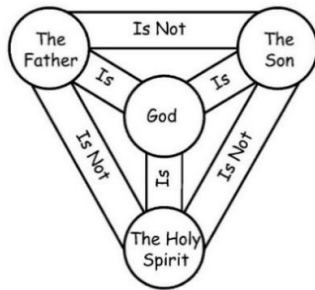
Nicea council’s history have been sanitized for religious conformity. Rather than debate differences, we can expose the fruit of the councils, since historians agree on these key results:

1. Constantine's brutal history and murder of his family members.
2. The council’s hatred and persecution of the Monotheistic Jews.
3. Persecution of those not agreeing to the newly developed creeds.
4. These creeds were created by human thought, not God’s Spirit.
5. The councils used the world’s ideas, not the power of God.
6. Pagans used trinitarian concepts for centuries; it wasn’t new.

The reformation exposed false teachings, but some churches still accepted human creeds and ignored the very words of Christ, as described by J. Dan Gill in his article **Shema! – The Creed of**

**Jesus**:<sup>19</sup> “Christians today often recite creeds which were devised by post-biblical Gentile Christians centuries after Christ. They do that, while at the same time having never learned the Shema, the biblical creed which God himself gave to Moses. It is that creed which Jesus affirms. When he is approached by a Jewish man who asks him which is the most important of all of the commandments, Jesus responds that it is: **Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one.** - Jesus (Mark 12:29) ...Why has the creed of Jesus been so tragically neglected by post-biblical Christians? Isn’t it because his creed does not teach the later dogma that God is multiple persons? Isn’t it because His creed does not assert that He Himself is also God in addition to His Father?

Furthermore, isn’t the creed of Jesus neglected — perhaps avoided — because it declares that only one individual is God, thus completely disallowing that two or three persons are the one God? When will we as Christians stand up boldly for Jesus and his teaching about God? When will we join with the man who asked the question, “which is most important of all?” and respond as he did to the words of Jesus? **Well said, teacher! You have truly said that He is one and there is no**



"MAN'S DOCTRINE" OF THE TRINITY

19 J. Dan Gill, **Shema! – The Creed of Jesus**, (Nov-4-2018). <https://www.21stcr.org/doctrine-of-trinity-article/new-expanded-god/shema-the-creed-of-jesus-tr/> (Access Feb-13-2021).



**other but Him.** (Mark 12:32). When will we as Christians come to love and celebrate Jesus' creed and affirm that only one individual is God? When will our children learn the words of Jesus about God? When will our clergy finally abandon a stubborn affirmation of post-biblical ideas that they themselves admit have never made sense? When will a clergyman run to Jesus, and against all others, unceasingly speak his words about God? Again, it is Jesus who said that His Father is "**the only true God**" (John 17:3)...Church creeds and statements of faith which propose multiple persons as one God simply must give way to **the creed of Jesus: only one individual is God** — the Father. Likewise, our various post-biblical statements of faith must give way to YHWH's own words: "**I am God, and there is no one like me**" (Isa. 46:9). Why not let go of our post-biblical Gentile Christian traditions about a multiple person God? Why not revise our statements of faith? Let us boldly rewrite them so that they **rest upon and quote the actual words of Jesus** in Mark 12:29 and John 17:3. Let our statements of faith quote the words of YHWH himself in Isaiah 46:9. ...As a Christian, deciding about this matter is not difficult for me. **It is the creed of God given by Jesus which is to be relied on unconditionally.** Words found in the Bible itself are of necessity always preferable to those of later theologians and church councils. In the case of those later decisions and writings, inspiration may be doubted. Utmost confidence should be placed in the Bible, and Christians should all agree that in Scripture true inspiration is certain. We must put an end to interpreting the Bible through the lens of later theologians and councils. Rather, we must reverse that approach and test later doctrinal developments by the Bible itself. When we do, those later innovations all collapse."

The world's definition of Christianity is based on acceptance of the Trinitarian Doctrine in classifying themselves as Christian - including churches that deny the Bible is inerrant (without errors). We would expect churches that deny the inerrancy of the Bible to accept the trinity since it originated from human ideas and is absent from the Bible. Christ continually referred to His God and My God. ***Revelation 3:12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of My God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from My God; and I will also write on them My new name.*** We can lose God's Truth in trinitarian teachings, as described in a video by John Schoeneheit.<sup>20</sup> Truth destroys the work of Satan (the Father of Lies) with the (1) Original Source Documents and (2) Full Disclosure. Truth not only exposes Satan's lies about church corruption but exposes lies about atheistic communism and

<sup>20</sup> John Schoeneheit, **Consequences of Believing in the Trinity** (Parts 1, 2 & 3), Oct-17-2012, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9B8ypkRV-g> (Accessed July-20-2020).

progressive socialism. As stated by Andrei Sakharov who gave the Soviets the atomic bomb, *“I've always thought that the most powerful weapon in the world was the bomb and that's why I gave it to my people, but I've come to the conclusion that the most powerful weapon in the world is not the bomb but it's the truth.”*

Most are unaware of the true history of the Nicene Council and persecutions by pagan emperors, as described by J. Dan Gill in his article **Forced Trinitarian Orthodoxy Prevails**.<sup>21</sup> *Multi-person orthodoxy ultimately triumphed not because it was a good idea or because it was biblical — it was neither. Rather, it prevailed because of persecution. With the coming of Emperor Constantine the Great and his embracing of Christianity, Christians were allowed to exist freely in the Roman world. However, that freedom applied only to people who adhered to the version of Christianity approved by Constantine .... authority in matters of faith now rested with the emperors. When people today sometimes laud Constantine and his successors for ending the persecution of Christians, they forget that it was at the expense of other Christians who disagreed with the new mandated theology. Constantine's successors continued inflicting suffering on men and women who dared to differ. Some 55 years after Nicaea, emperors Gratian, Valentinian II and Theodosius I decreed to the citizens of Constantinople that all who embraced the doctrine of the Trinity would enjoy their favor. ...and they shall be smitten primarily by Divine Vengeance and secondly by the punishment of Our Power, which we have received by Divine favor. ...A short time later, the emperors go on to command the proconsul of Asia that “all churches shall presently be surrendered to those Bishops who affirm the concept of the Trinity.” ... It was more than three centuries after Christ that Constantine's successors were turning reality on its head by making a concerted effort to suppress people who held to the true, biblical understanding of God as one individual. Christians ... had been persecuted in times prior to Constantine's conversion in 312 CE. Now persecutions were reserved for those Christians who would not walk in lockstep with the dictates of the emperors, including adherence to the new multi-person orthodoxy. Orthodox Christians observed Constantine's brutality and yet went on to honor him as a saint. While they themselves had earlier endured great persecutions, strangely they now became friends of the persecutors. In fact, Trinitarian Christians came to persecute minority Christians in the centuries subsequent to Constantine. Hence, the persecuted became the persecutors. In that regard, those Gentile Christians were really more the children of the emperors than of Jesus who was non-violent (John 18:36) and insisted that his disciples are to “love their enemies” and to pray even for “those who persecute them” (Matt. 5:44). Thus, with the advent of state approved and state-enforced Christianity came centuries of Christian on Christian hate.*

21 J. Dan Gill, **Forced Trinitarian Orthodoxy Prevails**, (Nov-6-2018). <https://www.21stcr.org/doctrine-of-the-trinity-history/forced-trinitarian-orthodoxy-prevails/> (Access Feb-13-2021).

## **G. Freedom in Christ to Follow God's Plan and Purpose**

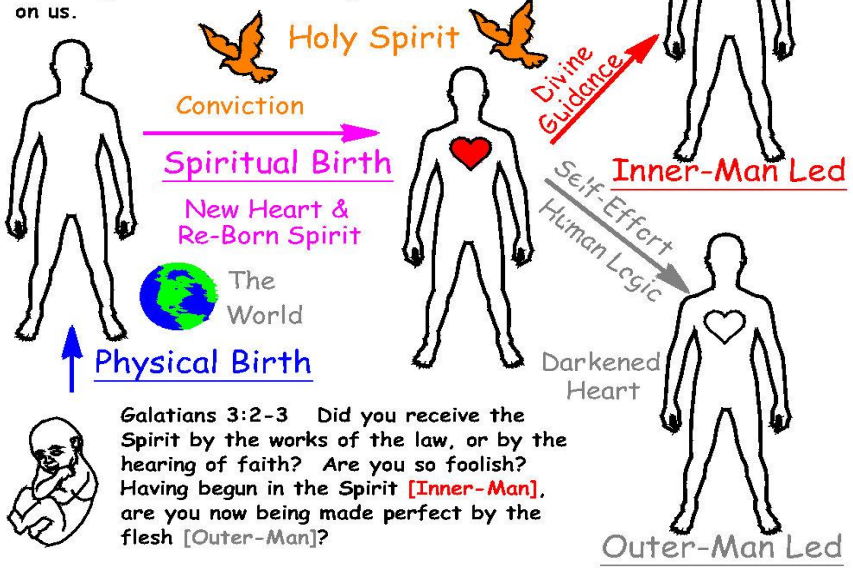
God has given us free will. We can choose a path that moves us closer to God or a path that moves us away from God. ***Proverbs 14:12*** *There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.* We continually choose between good and evil; right and wrong; God's path and our path. The choices we face differ for everyone but are made individually. We may follow a path contrary to our will because we are forced to satisfy or appease another person. This could include an outward, forced, or *publicly stated* view of God that contradicts our true beliefs. Small choices we make today can affect our life and influence others for eternity! ***Matthew 7:13*** *Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.* Christians live in two separate worlds. We have a *visible life* lived from our *Outer-Man Reality* in THIS world, and an *unseen spiritual life* lived from our *Inner-Man Eternal Reality* in God's Kingdom – our *Reborn-Life* is lived *outside of THIS world.* Our human heart pumps life-giving blood that carries oxygen throughout our body to keep it alive. Our blood provides nourishment to grow our physical organs that manifest a physical life in *this* world. Our physical life is described or valued by our successes, failures, wealth, reputation, character, and positive or negative interactions with family, friends, and those we encounter. In contrast to our *Outer-Man Life* is our *Inner-Man Life.* Our *Inner-Man* represents our spiritual life, lived outside of *this* world in God's Kingdom. As Believers, we have a new spiritual heart that pumps the *blood of Christ* into our fallen and infected souls as it recreates us into the image of Christ and draws us back to God. ***John 12:31-32*** *Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.* God is a creator and Satan is a counterfeiter. Satan deceives many of us as an angel of light. ***John 8:44*** *He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.* We don't know when we're deceived and trust in God's Spirit for direction. ***Galatians 6:7-8*** *Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*

## **1. Recognizing Two Different Kingdoms & Two Different Worlds**

There is God's Kingdom of truth, goodness, and purity. Versus Satan's Kingdom of Evil. Presently we live in a corrupted world, but a new world, ruled by Christ, is to come. Christ is not physically on earth but is present within all Believers, who learn to live and follow Christ in the power of God's Spirit. ***John 17:11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given Me, so that they may be one, as we are one.*** Presently we live in a physical earth body that was corrupted by sin. Sin brought us pain, illness, death, and evil when the world fell under the dominion and authority of Satan. Satan's power and authority were broken by Christ. Even though Satan was defeated, he is still the prince of this world and attacks us with lies; through deception, distraction, and discouragement. ***2 Corinthians 4:3-4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*** The earth was corrupted by the Fall of Man, which brought pain, illness, death, and evil into the world. ***1 John 5:19 We know that we are God's children, and that the whole world lies under the power of the evil one.*** Christ promised He will return to defeat the armies of the world, restore Israel, and rule the earth for 1,000 years (the millennial reign of Christ on earth). ***Revelation 20:4-5 They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.*** The Bible also describes a future world. ***John 14:2-3 In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place [in Heaven] for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.*** Believers will live with Christ for eternity in a New Heaven and Earth. ***2 Corinthians 4:16-18 Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.***

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." **Surrendered Soul**

Ephesians 1:7 In Jesus Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace that he lavished on us.



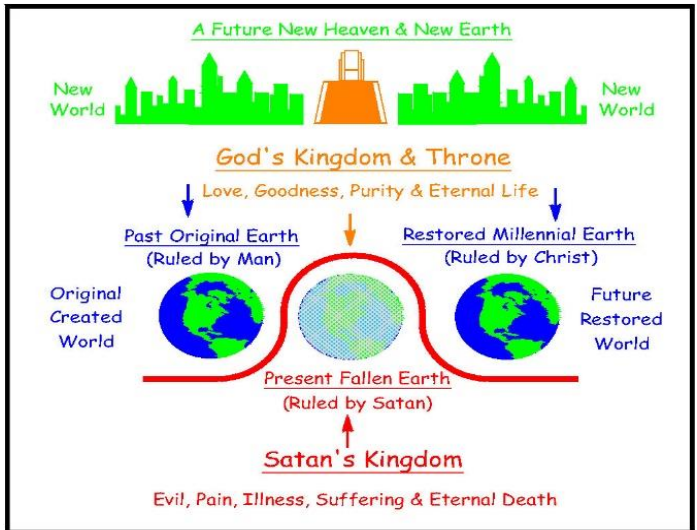
Galatians 3:2-3 Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit [**Inner-Man**], are you now being made perfect by the flesh [**Outer-Man**]?

## 2 Births & 2 Lives

### Physical Birth vs. Spiritual Birth

### "Outer-Man" Led Life vs. "Inner-Man" Led Life

We live as ambassadors, for Christ in this fallen world.  
**2 Corinthians 5:20** We are Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.



**2 Kingdoms & 2 Worlds**  
**God's Kingdom vs. Satan's Kingdom**  
**This World vs. A New World**



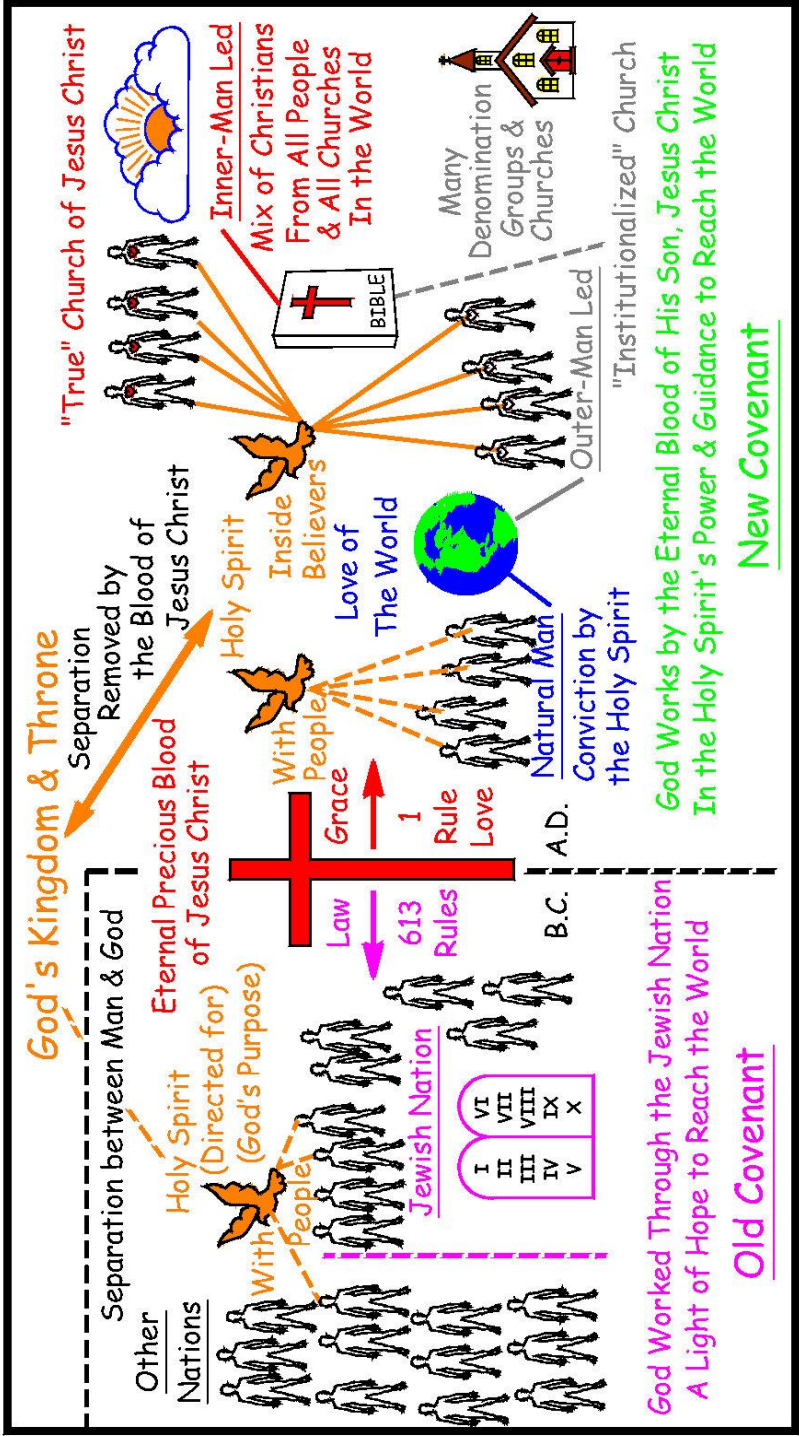


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**2 Contracts & 2 Churches**

Old Covenant & Old Testament vs. New Covenant & New Testament  
 "Institutionalized" Church vs. The "True" Church of Jesus Christ



## **2. We have Two Separate Births and Live Two Different Lives**

We have a *physical birth*, which *gives life to our earthly bodies* and contains our soul (mind, will, and emotions). When we choose to surrender our will and follow Christ, we have a second *spiritual birth*. This spiritual birth *gives life to our Reborn Spirit*. ***1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*** Physical birth provides a *Physical Life* we live *IN THIS* world with our *Earth Bodies*. This contrasts with our *Spiritual Life*, which is lived in Christ with *Spirit Bodies*; and is *OUTSIDE* of this world.

***Philippians 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*** Christ is outside of *this* world, but we are continuously connected to Him.

Christ supernaturally gives every believer a *New Heart* with a *New Life*, in the power of God's Spirit. ***John 1:12-13 But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.*** Christians become ambassadors of Christ and represent Him to the world.

***2 Corinthians 5:20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making His appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*** We are transformed and become *Spiritually Alive* by the Gospel of Christ. When we are spiritually *Born Again*, Christ gives us a *New Heart*, which becomes the new *Temple of God*, the place where God -dwells with us on earth.

***2 Corinthians 5:17 If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new!***

Believers have the freedom to humbly surrender their will and follow God's indwelling Spirit according to God's purpose. Or we can choose to follow our human logic and self-efforts. ***Galatians 2:20 It is no longer I who live [Outer-Man], but it is Christ who lives in me [Inner-Man]. The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.***

By relying on self-efforts, it is impossible to represent Christ as His ambassadors. Since we are ignoring the divine power of God's Spirit, we make our new life ineffective. It is the *Blood of Christ* that purifies and cleanses our fallen souls and allows the *Unapproachable and Pure Spirit of God* to enter and dwell within our new hearts. God calls us to live a new life in His Kingdom.

Our *New life In God's Kingdom*, develops as God's Spirit recreates us in the image of Christ. **John 6:44** **No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.** We can claim the name of Christ, but without the power of God's Spirit, we become self-sufficient and arrogant; manifesting a harsh human-based religion to a fallen world. **James 1:27** **Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.** It is easy to unintentionally rely on human logic and ignore God's Spirit. We may also attempt to represent Christ to the world with our *Outer-Man* academic knowledge or *human wisdom*. Contrast this behavior to humbling ourselves and depending on the power of God's Spirit from our *Inner Man* - allowing God to divinely work through us as *His Vessel*. **John 8:12** **Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."** The love of Christ is manifested by the power of God's Spirit. God's love is poured out to our world as *kindness* and is directed by God's Spirit in God's way and in God's time. Christ provides His followers with a *New Heart* and *Reborn Spirit*. Christ also plants a divine seed within our soul that grows and transforms us on the inside. The desires and prideful *self-efforts of the Outer-Man die*. It is the cleansing blood of Christ, manifested through the *power of God's Spirit that creates a new Inner-Man Life*. **2 Corinthians 3:17-18** **The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.** Our new *Inner-Man* is fresh, pure, and flawless. This new *Inner-Man* is created *Totally by Christ in the power of God's Spirit* as we become *dead to self*. **John 12:24** **Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.** The only way we can show our love for God our Father (*Yahweh*) and Jesus Christ our Savior (*Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation*), is by obedience - shown in the *Death of our human desires*. **John 14:21** **Whoever has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love them and show Myself to them.**

### 3. There are Two Contracts (or Covenants) and Two Churches

The Old Covenant included self-effort rules for personal holiness and a prescribed process for connecting with God. This first plan is referred to as the Old Covenant or Contract; described in the Old Testament. No human could perform, their part of this first plan. But the first plan was a shadow and pre-cursor of God's ultimate plan of deliverance for all people. In the New Covenant or Contract, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to us in a human body and fulfilled all the requirements of the First Covenant. Christ established a New Covenant, based on His sacrificial work as God's promised Messiah. **Mark 14:24 He said to them, "This is My blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many."** The New Plan depends on God's power with no human-efforts. The New Covenant provides the ability to obey God in the Power of Christ's Shed Blood. **Revelation 1:6 To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father.** God calls us to repent and surrender our lives to Christ, so He can use His Power to work through us. The commands of Christ are clear – Love God and Love man. It is by the cleansing Blood of Christ, that God's Spirit dwells within us to lead, guide, empower, and personally teach us. **Jeremiah 31:31-34 "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke My covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."** Christ did not remove the requirements of purity and holiness required by the Old Covenant laws and regulations, but Christ fulfilled them. Christ has paid the sacrificial penalty of sin, for anyone willing to repent of their sins. **Matthew 5:17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.** Christians today celebrate and acknowledge their commitment to

Christ through ordinances, such as Baptism and Communion. *Luke 22:19-20 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you."* Baptism and Communion are an outward expression of an inner change. *1 Peter 3:21 Water symbolizes baptism that now saves you - not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.* People have been given the gift of reconciliation with God, by receiving the purity and holiness of Christ. *Hebrews 9:14-15 The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanses our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! For this reason, Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance - now that He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.* The Spirit of the Living God (*Yahweh*) now dwells inside us to lead, guide, and teach us. God's Spirit works with us in a manner and path that is personal and distinct to our life circumstances. We follow Jesus Christ (*Yahshua*) in His death by crucifying the desires of this world and live a new life in God's unseen Kingdom. *Romans 6:3-4 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

All people, no matter when they lived during the world's historical timeline, are saved, or redeemed from evil in the same way, by the Shed Blood of Jesus Christ. People living before Christ's redemptive work, are redeemed by faith as they looked forward in time. People who lived after the redemptive work of Christ, are redeemed by faith as they look back in time. *Galatians 3:23-26 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.* The indwelling guidance from God is manifested in local church fellowships. God works in local churches through

surrendered believers as the Body of Christ in the world.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-14 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.** There are two churches.

There is God's church, representing Inner-Man Believers. The true church of Christ is made up of a diverse and scattered group of Believers that are led by God's Spirit. The Spirit-Led Believers exhibit the love of Christ to the world. The early church is described in **Acts 2:43-44 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common.** This early church describes Inner-Man followers who are surrendered and rely on the power of God. This church was created by God's Spirit alone; without any building programs, organizations, or human effort.

Secondly, there is an Institutionalized or political Outer-Man Church. The false or counterfeit church is marked by fractional disunity, confusion, Political Correctness, disarray, and conflicting beliefs between groups. Churches based in the world, rely on the world's systems of organization and politics. **Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

Churches based in the world may wage Political Wars against evil; instead of fighting a Spiritual Battle, which relies on the power of God's Spirit. **James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.** We are told to beware of false teaching and misleading spirits. **Romans 16:17-20 Watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.**

## **H. Summary - Gospel of Christ (Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation)**

God (*Yahweh*) developed a plan to rescue us from Satan's Curse of Evil by sending His Son (*Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation*) to destroy the devil's work. ***1 John 3:8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning.***

**The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.** We are saved by faith, not a belief or religious rules

**Ephesians 2:8-10 It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.** Some have said, "Belief is a truth we hold in our mind, but Faith is a fire we hold in our heart."

**Hebrews 11:1 Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.** Faith gives us a healthy and accurate understanding of life and creation. The universe, the earth, and humans were designed and created by the Supreme One (*Elohim*) who's name is *Yahweh*.

**Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.** Our bodies are incredibly designed with complexity beyond our understanding. Our world and universe are beyond comprehension. Credulity believes in Satan's *Impossible Lie*; that *Everything came from Nothing*. Evolution violates and contradicts proven laws of science (*First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics* and the *Law of Biogenesis - All Life Come from Life*); with arguments claiming everything was formed by blind chance. The complexity of life is beyond comprehension - as summarized by Michael Dimond:<sup>22</sup>

- Your body has 100 Trillion Cells, but at conception, there was one single tiny cell with all the complexity that defines you and all your organs.
- 10,000 average size human cells can fit on the head of a pin.
- All species are complex, with unique immune systems designed to defend them.
- Your brain has 100,000,000,000,000 electrical connections (100 Trillion) More than all the connections of all the electrical appliances in the world!
- Your eye has 137 million light-sensitive cells wired to the brain. It is self-cleaning and healing. Designed by God; not arbitrary, undirected, and blind chance.
- Human cells have unique molecular transports moving materials within a cell.
- Key transport bacteria use a 100,000 rpm flagellar motor to move in a cell & need 30 proteins in exact order (not by chance), location, and time or the cell dies.

<sup>22</sup> Michael Dimond, **Creation is Scientific Fact, Wake Up**, Feb-25-2019, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWM5sX132nA&feature=youtu.be> (accessed Apr-16-2020).



- Eight million flagellar motors would fit within a human hair cross-section.
- Cells use thousands of ordered proteins, simplest cells using 600 different kinds.
- Proteins made by sequencing 50 to 1,000 specific amino acids (20 types).
- Some proteins have thousands of sequenced amino acid chains.
- The 20 different amino acid types must be in a specific designed order for a protein to function. They are placed in the correct sequence by DNA in the cell.
- If DNA is absent, amino acids can't be placed correctly, a protein is not formed, and the cell will not survive. But DNA cannot function without at least 75 pre-existing proteins - only produced by DNA. Both are needed as designed.
- DNA and proteins appeared at the same time - as designed & created by God.
- DNA fiber is two-millionths of a millimeter thick, but exceptionally long when uncoiled and flattened. DNA from one of your cells stretches out to 7 feet.
- Yet DNA is so thin that it can't be seen with an electron microscope.
- If all the DNA present in just your body were stretched out and placed end to end, it would run from the Earth to the moon over 500,000 times.
- Yet if you collected a set of DNA from all the people who ever lived on earth, the combined DNA of all people would weigh less than an aspirin.
- DNA's four-letter code (ATCG) is worthless without a system in our cells that can understand DNA code and translate it into machines to build proteins correctly.
- Our cells also make identical copies of DNA with special protein machines that copy, proofread, detect errors, and correct mistakes in our DNA.
- Life requires matter and energy, but also a designed full data code in each cell.

**In Darwinism, death has no hope – just fatalistic progress. Christ overcomes our enemy of illness, pain, and death by the Gospel. The faults of evolution, Darwinism, and the ruin of life include (partial list):<sup>23</sup>**

- **Fault 1** – NO missing links. Life appeared abruptly. Fictional drawings of a Nebraska man “culture” came from one tooth” – later found to be a pig.
- **Fault 2** - Microevolution = species **adaptation**, **NOT** new species evolution.
- **Fault 3** - After 170 years of looking for transitions – many expected but none found.
- In a letter to Fredrick Engels, Karl Marx claimed Darwinism was the foundation for communism; justified the Survival of the Fittest. Progressive Socialism a 1<sup>st</sup> step.
- Communism rooted in atheism. God is replaced by the State to decide who lives.
- Hitler used evolutionary Darwinism to justify a master race & genocide of millions.

The Bible is consistent with both the archeological earth history and the laws of science.<sup>24</sup> The living God (Yahweh) explains the creation and our existence in the Bible (His Word) with a reasonable and plausible explanation for life. **Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is**

<sup>23</sup> Dr. D. James Kennedy, **Darwin's Deadly Legacy**, Wake Up YouTube, Apr-19-2014, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qHb3uq1O0Q&feature=youtu.be> (Apr-16-2020).

<sup>24</sup> Bob Dutko, “Evidence for Creation vs. Evolution: Top 10 Proofs”, P.O. Box 380942, Clinton Twp., MI 48038; <http://www.toptenproofs.com/article.php?id=6> (Oct-23-2019).

*impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. From the world's perspective, there are four questions of life. We're all different, but Christ answers these questions for everyone.*

1. Origin? *Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*
2. Meaning? *Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.*
3. Morality? *Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To (1) act justly and to (2) love mercy and to (3) walk humbly with your God.*
4. Destiny? *Hebrews 9:27-28 People are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.*

We may not understand how to listen and talk with God, but He calls us to honest repentance, not perfect prayers. *Psalm 145:18 The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.*

There are no prayer rules when we go to God with an attitude of surrender and brokenness. *Luke 18:10-14 "The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people - robbers, evildoers, adulterers - or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."* As we turn from the world, our Outer-Man dies, and our Inner-Man grows. Our hearts are changed and given a new purpose; rooted in God's plan for our life. When we repent and turn to Christ, He brings us to His Father to live according to a purpose, and design He created for us. *John 10:9-10 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.* Our salvation is not about church affiliation. *Isaiah 2:22 Stop trusting in mere humans.* Our new life in Christ is about a personal and private relationship with the Only True and Living God - Yahweh.

# **1. God's Plan to Rescue us from Evil through the Gospel of Christ**

God invites us to come near to Him. *James 4:8 Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.* But we cannot come to God unless we are cleaned, since our hearts are stained with sin. God's perfection and purity make Him unapproachable and preclude Him from coming to us. This is why he sent His Son, Jesus Christ, as a path, *door*, or *gate* for us to be cleansed. Only the blood of a perfect, pure, and holy Messiah could remove our transgressions and pay the penalty for our trespasses. There is NO other way we can come near to God, but in Christ, our Savior. We cannot and DO NOT draw near to God by:

- Church Theology
- Giving Money
- Watching Christian TV
- Attending Church
- Reading Christian Books
- Bible School
- Seminaries
- Support Building Programs
- Writing Papers
- Church Membership
- The Correct Doctrine
- Reading the Bible

The only way to come near God is by turning to God's Son, Jesus Christ in open, honest, private, and humble repentance. *John 14:6-7 Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* And the only way we can show our love for God is in obedience to the commands of Christ. *John 14:21 Whoever has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love them and show Myself to them."*

Christ saves any of us who turn to Him in repentance. Unless we recognize and understand we are lost, why would we want to be saved? Saved from what? Using human efforts, none of us realize we are lost. *Romans 3:11-12 There is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.* We only understand our need to be saved when God enlightens our soul through His Spirit. *John 16:8-11 When He [God's Spirit] comes, He will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in Me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see Me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.* The Blood of Christ

defeated Satan's Curse of Evil. When we turn from the desires of this world and choose to follow Christ, God's Spirit enters our soul. ***2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*** God's Spirit teaches us (*discipleship*) and provides the power to become New Creatures that grow in Christ. ***John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth.*** The re-creation of our Inner-Man causes us to become like Christ; a process called sanctification. ***2 Corinthians 3:18 We all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*** Christ causes God's Spirit to dwell within our Inner-Man. This Inner-Man is created as we surrender our will and earthly desires. Christ gives us a Reborn Spirit and a New Heart and we become the new temple and dwelling place of God's Spirit. ***1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?*** God's Spirit connects with us from God's Kingdom and flows into our Inner-Man Spirit as we live in this world. We have a limited understanding and cannot explain the details of God's miracle of salvation or understand how His power recreates our lives. God's work is seen in the world and in transformed lives. ***Colossians 1:26-27 The mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to His saints.*** ***To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*** God's plan was a *veiled mystery* and not explained in the Old Covenant (*Old Testament*). Yet it was understood that God would deliver those who sought Him, from the destructive consequences of evil. ***Psalms 147:11 The Lord is pleased with those who fear Him, with those who wait with Hope for His mercy.*** All of us, from every nation, are being called back to God (*Yahweh*), by hearing and following the commands of God's Son, Jesus Christ (*Yahshua*). ***Galatians 6:8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.***

God is Pure, unapproachable, and Holy. He cannot come to us and we cannot go to Him. We can only come to God in Christ.

**1 Timothy 6:15-16 God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see.** It is only by the Blood of Christ (Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation) that we become purified with a New Heart and can draw near to the One True God (Yahweh). **Hebrews 10:19-22 We have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.** The infinite power of God is in everyone willing to surrender their will to Christ. **Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.** The Gospel creates an Inner-Man Temple for God to dwell with people of all nations. **Ephesians 2:19-22 You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.** To know and understand God, we look only to Christ and learn to rely on His power. **Colossians 2:8-10 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.** We are to guard the pure teachings of Christ and not depart by following false gospels built on counterfeit knowledge. **1 Timothy 6:20-21 Guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.** Are we seeking the God revealed in Christ? Or a counterfeit god developed by Satan through church councils, institutionalized religions, pagan dictators, or demons masquerading as angels of light?

Everyone is offered Salvation, but only those who repent are saved. We are even ignorant of our need to be saved; unless God graciously opens the eyes of our hearts to show us we are lost and fallen creatures. **Ephesians 4:17-18** ***You must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.*** If we don't believe we are lost, why would we want to be saved? God calls us out of His love for us. **1 Peter 2:9** ***God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*** God's salvation comes to us only through the redemptive sacrifice of His only begotten Son. **1 John 4:9** ***In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*** After Christ completed His work and destroyed Satan's Power, He was placed at the right hand of God to unite us with God, His Father. **Hebrews 10:12-14** ***When this Priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time He waits for His enemies to be made His footstool. For by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*** Israel offered symbolic animal sacrifices, but *only* the Blood of our *perfect* Savior, God's Son, can remove the stain of sin from our hearts. **Hebrews 10:4-7** ***It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when Christ came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You prepared for Me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings You were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about Me in the scroll—I have come to do Your will, My God.'"*** Evil and the sting of death is removed by Christ's sacrifice. The light of Christ causes the seed of our *New Heart* to grow in the power of God's Spirit. **Hebrews 13:20-21** ***Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.***



The Gospel gives us a new *Hope of Salvation* and trust in God. ***Colossians 1:19-20*** *In Jesus Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.* Here are two things that can bring us closer to God and our New Life in Christ:

- **Repent** (*to be in Christ for Salvation*) – We find God in personal repentance to Christ. ***1 John 1:9*** *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* As we acknowledge our sin and humbly turn to Christ, we are cleansed, reconciled, and given access to the living God of Israel, *Yahweh*. ***1 Corinthians 5:18-19*** *All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*
- **ObeY** (*to be like Christ through Sanctification*) – We learn to humbly seek and wait on God for guidance and direction. ***Jeremiah 29:12*** *Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.* The only way we can show our love for God is by our obedience to Christ. ***John 14:23-24*** *Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching.* God's Spirit teaches and guides us as we learn to wait and rely on Him. ***Romans 8:26*** *The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.* Instead of using human logic, we learn to listen to God's Spirit and follow His guidance. ***Proverbs 3:5&6*** *Trust in the LORD with all your heart [Inner-Man] and lean not on your own understanding [Outer-Man]; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.* God's Spirit works in *His* power and teaches us to live according to God's plan for our life. ***Jeremiah 29:11*** *I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* As we learn to wait for Christ's guidance and turn away from the visible and seductive things of our world, God's Spirit lifts us up in *His* Power. ***Isaiah 40:31*** *They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

## 2. Satan Deceives & Blinds Us – Wanting us to Reject Christ

We live two lives. One life in our visible physical world and another life in the unseen spirit world. We were born into a world that was created by God. It was originally untarnished and pure but then corrupted by Satan's Curse of Evil. ***1 John 5:19 We know that we are God's children, and that the whole world lies under the power of the evil one.*** Satan brought death, sickness, deceit, and lies into a perfect and sinless world, because of his hatred for God and the people He created. ***Ephesians 6:11-12 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*** We are not always aware of the unseen battles between God's Kingdom of goodness and Satan's Kingdom of evil. ***Romans 7:24-25 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.*** We battle between our new Inner-Man life in Christ and our old Outer-Man life in this world. These two lives create duplicity within our soul (mind, will, and emotions). ***Galatians 3:2-3 Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit [Inner-Man], are you now being made perfect by the flesh [Outer-Man]?*** Believers are free in Christ, to choose which realm will dominate and direct their life. ***Joshua 24:15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.*** As we turn to Christ in humble repentance, His blood cleans our New Heart and Reborn Spirit. We are Born-Again in Christ and have a new life in God's Kingdom as we become alive and responsive to the things of God. Although saved in Christ, we still live in a corrupt world and are subject to its temptations and the desires of our Outer-Man flesh. ***1 John 2:16 everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.*** Satan uses the attractions and enticements of this world to tempt our Outer-Man desires and lead us astray. ***1 Corinthians 3:1 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ.*** We may have been taught the

academic truths of our new life, but unless we rely on the power of Christ to follow God's Spirit from our Inner-Man, we cannot resist Satan's attack on our Outer-Man. We are told to die to the desires of this world and let Christ fight our battles. **Ephesians 4:22-24** *You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.* Satan uses deceptive thoughts to take our minds off God and distracts us with the cares, worries, and desires of this world:

- ◆ Worry – Instead of trusting in God, we worship our fears.
- ◆ Fear – We have Christ's Peace but focus on the world's chaos.
- ◆ Lust – God meets our needs, but we crave desires of the world.
- ◆ Greed – Life's purpose lies in relationships, but we seek things.

Are we following Christ from our unseen Inner-Man (with God's Spirit) or pursuing the cravings of our visible Outer-Man (from the desires of our world)? **James 4:4** Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. We are warned about pursuing the creation instead of the Creator.

**Deuteronomy 11:16** Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. Satan entices us with human views and logic from this world, rather than waiting for God's Spirit to guide us. **2 Peter 2:20** If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. The world's logic and reason use human traditions to nullify God's Word. **Mark 7:13** You nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. Satan's false teaching and deceptions have even filtered into some churches.

**2 Corinthians 4:4** The god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. Only God's Spirit can open the eyes of our hearts and minds, as we learn to rely on God's Spirit to teach and guide us. **Romans 8:11** If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you.

We are warned about turning away from God's truth and following myths. **2 Timothy 2:4** *They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.* The following quotation is from the Yahweh Restoration Ministry's book **Your Astonishing Bible - Truths That Your Church Never Taught**:<sup>25</sup> [quote from page 2-3] "I grew up in a large church denomination. I took for granted that its teachings were the same as the Bible's until the day I was challenged to prove what I had been taught....I found that the more error I tossed out the more insight I was given. ...Here is some of what I discovered:

- I had searched for answers as to why I was worshiping on the first day of the week when the Fourth Commandment clearly teaches that the seventh day is the Sabbath. I was told the day of worship was changed in the New Testament with the Savior's resurrection on the first day of the week. ... I learned that the Savior's resurrection was not on Sunday morning anyway, but had taken place just before sunset on Saturday—exactly three days and nights from the time He was laid in the tomb, just as He promised in Matthew 12:40 as the one signature proof of His Messiahship.
- Why did my church celebrate worldly holidays that were nowhere in the Bible, while ignoring the commanded annual Feast days repeatedly taught in Old and New testaments and celebrated all through the pages of Scripture? Who authorized these changes, I wondered. I could not get a satisfactory answer. The minister said, "Just accept it on faith," and yet 1Thessalonians 5:21 told me to "prove all things" and hold fast to what is right. I could not accept what I could not support from the Bible.
- I also wanted to know why I had been taught that the Old Testament had no relevance today, even though it was the very Bible used by the Messiah, His disciples, and all the early New Testament believers. In fact, it was the only Bible they had because the New Testament had not yet been written or codified. That would not happen for decades. If the New Testament had changed the worship of the Old Testament, then my Savior and His immediate disciples all worshiped in error because they still honored Old Testament teachings. If the Old Testament was my Savior's teaching text, why shouldn't it be my Scriptures as well? Was I not to do exactly what the Messiah did and follow His teachings? Is He not my judge? (2Timothy 4:1) ...."

**Without relying on God's Spirit to teach us, we can be led astray by reading false teaching into God's Word and be deceived.**

25 **Your Father's Name**, Yahweh Restoration Ministry: Oct-10-2012, <https://yrm.org/your-fathers-name/> (access Feb-19-2021).

## Satan's Major Deceptions and Corruptions of The Church

1. **Inerrancy of Scriptures** – Christ taught and believed in creation, the Noahic flood, Jonah's life, etc. If we don't believe these events are true and real, why would we believe any teachings of Christ?
2. **Sabbath Worship** – God ordained the Sabbath as Holy in Genesis 2. Sunday worship began with Constantine to *honor His pagan sun god*.
3. **Good Friday** – Christ declared He would be *three days and three nights in the heart of the earth*. Christ was crucified on Wednesday, Preparation Day, just before the Passover, per *John 19:31*.
4. **Trinitarian Image of God** – “*The name Trinity is nowhere to be found in the Holy Scriptures but has been conceived and invented by man.*” (Martin Luther). Christ said the most important commandment is ‘*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*’ *Mark 12:29*
5. **The Name “God”** – “*God*” is a title used for all deities. *Elohim* means the Supreme One – His name is **Yahweh**. Christ's name is **Yahshua** (*Yahweh's Salvation*). We are warned to not use names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips. *Exodus 23:13*
6. **Loving God without Obedience** – We show our love for God by our obedience. Ignoring this gives a license for habitual sin. *John 14:23*
7. **Christmas and Easter** – The Church adopted these pagan festivals that ignore God's ordained Hebrew Festivals (a picture of Christ).
8. **Human Efforts & Denial of God's Power** – Reliance on *Outer-Man* efforts rather than depending on the power of God's Spirit within our *Inner-Man*. *1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power*. God provides 9 gifts for building the Church: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, and interpretations.
9. **Fundamental Teachings of Christ** – Many have replaced the 6 basic and 6 advanced teachings in Hebrews 6, with doctrines and traditions.
10. **Forgiveness without Repentance** – God may have us overlook an offense, but we are told to forgive others if they repent. *Luke 17:3 **If they repent, forgive them***. God calls us to repent so He can forgive us. *1 John 1:9 **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.***
11. **Tithing** – Used to support a *Levitical Theocracy*. Christ *fulfilled the law* and *His New Covenant did away with a tithe*. *2 Corinthians 9:7*
12. **Eternal Security** – We are assured God will never leave us in *Deuteronomy 31:6-8*. But Christ also warns us to remain in Him or be cast out – *John 15:6*. We are told some Believers will Fall Away – *Hebrews 6:4-6; 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Peter 2:20-22; Hebrews 10:26-31*

### 3. Matthew 7 - Christ's Imperative Warnings to His Followers

Salvation creates a new life that displays the light of Christ. We become a *human-vessel* containing God's Spirit. The light of Christ shines out from us and glorifies both Christ and God, His Father.

***Psalm 119:1-3 Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Blessed are those who keep His statutes and seek Him with all their heart—they do no wrong but follow His ways.***

We can be easily deceived by Satan who can turn pure motives into ambition and arrogance. ***1 Peter 5:8-9 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.*** Christ gives us four key warnings:

- (1) **New Covenant Prelude Message** – Christ gave six blocks (*labeled a to f below*) of New Messianic Covenant teachings. (a) Judge ourselves rather than others. *God convicts us of our sin, but Satan convicts us of another person's sin. Matthew 7:2-3 In the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"* (b) The Gospel is sacred and we are to be careful in how we understand and live it. We are to ask God for (c) His Spirit will guide us and open doors for us (*using the coming New Covenant Power*). ***Matthew 7:6-7 "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."*** (d) We are to look to God for meeting our needs, which becomes clear as Christ unveils the New Covenant Gospel and the Power of God's indwelling Spirit. (e) Christ explains the Golden Rule in showing the love of God towards others. ***Matthew 7:11-12 "If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."*** (f) Christ explains the path to life with God and salvation is narrow and only a few will find it. But the path to destruction is wide and many will follow it. ***Matthew 7:13-14 Enter through the narrow***



*gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

- (2) **Pre-Message Warning on False Teachers** – Leading into Christ’s somber alert about being deceived and *Not Really Knowing Him*, Christ tells us to *Watch Out* for false or counterfeit teachers and prophets that profess to be Believers but teach lies about God. False teaching is shown by its fruit; does it agree with scripture and display the light of Christ? ***Matthew 7:15-20*** “**Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.** Most of us understand the *End Times* are here. ***Matthew 24:3-4*** ***What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age? Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you.”*** Christ explained that false messiahs and prophets would even try to deceive *His Chosen Elect*. ***Matthew 24:24*** ***For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.***
- (3) **Christ’s Imperative Warning** - We are told that *MANY who claim the name of Christ but are disobedient to God*, will be *condemned for eternity!* Even if they (1) *prophecy*, (2) *drive out demons*, and (3) *perform miracles* – *Christ will deny they knew Him.* ***Matthew 7:21-23*** “***Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. MANY will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy in Your name and in Your name drive out demons and in Your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!’*** But Christ gives us His assurance of our salvation. ***Romans 8:16-17*** ***The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.*** We cannot balance an *unseen Inner-Man life* in Christ and a *visible*

Outer-Man life in *this* world. We are called to reject our life in *this* world. **James 4:4** *Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.* Does our behavior reflect our beliefs and verbal professions? **James 1:22** *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.* We aren't Christians by Name but by Doing the Will of God!

- (4) **Post-Message Warning on Obedience** – Christ warns us to Not be Foolish and Put into Practice What We Heard. We do not just listen, believe, and profess Christ. Our lives are to reflect our beliefs. **Matthew 7:24-27** *“Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”* Our life beliefs and faith in Christ are displayed by our behavior, choices, and actions. **James 2:14** *What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?* Saving faith requires obedience to God – not just belief. **James 2:19** *You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder.* In Christ, we are united with God and given a new desire to seek His unseen Kingdom - turning away from the desires and attraction of *this* visible world.

God’s new dwelling place is in the New Heart Christ created in us. **1 Corinthians 3:16** *You are God’s temple and God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?* Even if we fall away from Christ, He calls us back to the solid hope we have in His eternal promises and light. **2 Peter 3:9** *He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.* As we die to the desires of our world, the power of Christ works on our Inner-Man. **Revelation 12:11** *But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.* Our battles belong to Christ alone, as He guides and leads us in the power of God’s Spirit. **2 Chronicles 20:15** *The battle is not yours but God’s.* Christ promised to protect His

Followers with the power in God's Spirit of Truth. ***John 17:15-18 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world.*** The Gospel of Christ is not based on academic knowledge and understanding. It is the power of Christ. ***Romans 1:16 The gospel is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.*** Our ideas about God, need to flow from our *Inner-Man*. ***1 Peter 4:11 Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.*** We live in the world and need to *die to self*. This may include surrendering any *Outer-Man* attitudes of self-righteous pride or arrogance. The darkness of our *Outer-Man* can easily cover the *Light of Christ* from our *Inner-Man*. Unless our *Outer-Man* dies to self, the world cannot see the *Light of Christ* but sees arrogant, judgmental, and offensive Believers. We may be well-intentioned, but our academic knowledge about God lacks the power of Christ. Instead of sharing the love of Christ in the power of God's Spirit, sometimes *Outer-Man* Christians can morph into an arrogant form of *False Christianity* rooted in self-efforts and human-logic that can misrepresent Christ. Anne Lamott conveyed this thought with a quote from one of her friends, "You can safely assume that you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do."<sup>26</sup> We can only come to God in Jesus Christ (*Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation*) since only Christ can represent us to His Father, the God of the universe (*Yahweh*). ***1 Timothy 2:5 There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.*** And only God's Spirit can show us our need to be saved and to seek Christ. ***John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.*** After our fallen hearts are cleansed by the Blood of Christ, God can dwell within us and teach us directly – as He promised through His prophets. ***John 6:45 It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from Him comes to Me.***

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<sup>26</sup> *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott, published by Anchor Books (February 15, 2000); ISBN-10: 0385496095. Anne credits this to her "priest friend Tom".

## Final Notes & Resource Information

1. We find God through Christ in the power of God's Spirit. The intent of this booklet is not to teach or enlighten you about God, but to point you to Christ, so He will teach you His Truth, in the power of God's Spirit. Although this study was helpful to me, I know God's Spirit of Truth works and teaches us differently. What I find insightful may not be useful to others. I hope you find this interesting and enlightening but know God's Spirit will teach you His Truth – NOT man's truth. **1 John 2:26-27: I am writing to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you [Human teaching to our Outer-Man]. But as His anointing teaches you [God's Spirit teaching to our Inner-Man] about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit - just as it has taught you, remain in Him.**
2. For clarity, this paper uses the names of God from modern translations. But this ignores God's name "Yahweh", used over 7,000 times in the original text. God told Israel His name was Yahweh. **Exodus 20:2-3 (RSB) I am Yahweh thy Elohim [Supreme One], which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.** God's angel told Joseph to name Mary's son Yahshua (Yahweh's Salvation) because He would save His people from their sins. Most translations do not use God's name (Yahweh) or Jesus's name (Yahshua = Yahweh's Salvation) but substitute them with titles, generic changes, church traditions, and translation changes. In our world, the name "God" is used to describe countless gods from all religions. There is no other Supreme One (Elohim) in all the universe. Yahweh is the Only True God. Although Bible translations use the term "God" or "LORD" and "Lord," Yahweh told Israel to not even mention the name of other gods. **Exodus 23:13 Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.** Peter preached the Gospel and said to repent and be baptized in the name of Yahshua (Yahweh's Salvation).
3. My prayer and hope for myself and others are that God would empower us to live our lives for His purpose and plan. As we learn to surrender our Outer-Man Self-Efforts and rely on the power of God's Spirit, Christ leads us in our new life, as we learn to show kindness towards others and to ourselves. Christ works in us to develop new attitudes of humility, patience, and confidence in God. God's Spirit directs and teaches us: from (1) His word, (2) His indwelling Spirit and (3) His work in the lives of other Christians, teachers, and pastors who teach God's truth.
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## *Inviting Jesus Christ into Your Life*

If you would like to connect with Christ in a personal and private relationship, here is an example prayer; revise it as you see fit.

**Dear Jesus, I desire to know You and accept your free gift of salvation that came from Your redemptive death for me - as planned by God, Your Father. I come to You privately as I am, with no “Good Works” or merit of my own, and acknowledge my failures, sins, and mistakes. Though I may lack a clear understanding of You, I humbly ask your forgiveness. I know Your crucifixion and shed blood broke the curse of evil in this world and allows me to live a new life as a vessel for You, here on earth. I trust in Your promises to restore me as I become a NEW Creature in You, and as You present me, to God Your Father in His Kingdom. I recognize God’s Holy Spirit will now dwell within me to teach, guide, and direct my life according to Your plan and purpose. I thank You for Your gracious and loving-kindness as I begin my new life, reborn in You, as You replace my old life and goals with Your purposes for my life. It is exciting to know You love me personally, and I am connected with the God of the universe as I surrender my efforts and rely on the power of God’s Holy Spirit to guide me. I desire to live my life for God’s purpose as You make me into Your image! The image of Jesus Christ, God’s Only Begotten Son. Amen.**

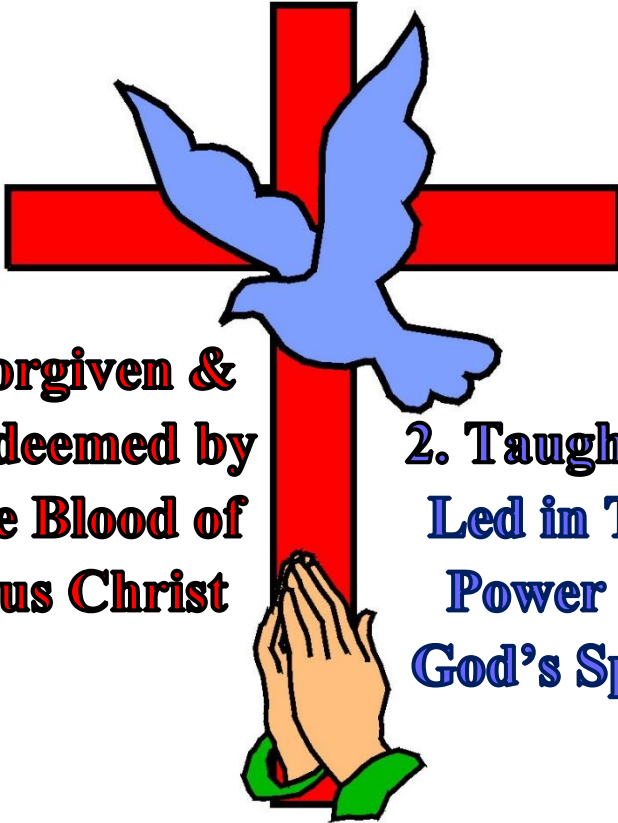
*Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

**A Daily Prayer of Surrender: Dear God, today in the power of Your Holy Spirit, please guide and teach me Your will and purpose, NOT what I think is Your will and purpose. That I become a vessel of Christ, who will wait, trust, and depend on Christ’s power to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to surrender the things I can change, and the wisdom to wait for Your clear direction and purpose in my life. Amen**

*2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things have passed away. Look, all things have become new.*

# The Gospel of Jesus Christ

*God's Redeeming Love - An Invitation to All People*



**1. Forgiven &  
Redeemed by  
The Blood of  
Jesus Christ**

**2. Taught &  
Led in The  
Power of  
God's Spirit**

**3. Received by Surrendering  
Our Self-will & Desires.  
Experiencing God through  
Private & Personal Prayers.**

*John 10:27-30 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."*