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Our God in the very beginning established His Sovereign authority by the words given to us that were written in the sacred writings or Holy Bible in the book of Genesis

# Genesis 1:1-3

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

# Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

In these next scriptural references that are just but a few of the scriptural references that reveal what comes from a man's' heart.

# Genesis 6:5-8

<sup>5</sup> The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. <sup>7</sup> So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." <sup>8</sup> But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

### Matthew 12:33-37

<sup>33</sup> "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. <sup>34</sup> You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. <sup>35</sup> The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. <sup>36</sup> I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, <sup>37</sup> for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

#### Matthew 15:18-19

<sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

In these next scriptural references that are just but a few of the scriptural references that reveal what comes from the evil that we do as a people (<u>Romans 1:24-32</u>, <u>Romans 6:12-9</u>, <u>Romans 13:11-14</u>, <u>1 Corinthians 5:9-13</u>, <u>1 Corinthians 6:9-10</u>, <u>1 Corinthians 15:33-34</u>, <u>1 Corinthians 15:50</u>, <u>Galatians 5:19-21</u>, <u>Galatians 6:7-8</u>, <u>Ephesians 5:1-13</u>, <u>2 Peter 3:1-7 (ASV)</u>, <u>James 4:1-6</u>, <u>James 4:13-17</u>).

In these next scriptural references, that are just but a few of the scriptural references that reveal what is the most important things we should be doing as a person and as a people (Zechariah 7:9-10, Matthew 7:24, Matthew 10:32-33, Matthew 10:32-33, Mark 8:35, Luke 12:8-9, John 8:24, John 3:16-21, Acts 2:38 (ASV), Acts 2:42 (ASV), Acts 8:12, Acts 20:7 (ASV), Acts 17:30-31, Romans 6:3-11 NASB, Romans 12:1-2 (ASV), 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 NASB, Galatians 3:27-29 NASB, Galatians 5:24-26, 1 Timothy 2:1-8 (KJV), Hebrews 3:12-14 (ASV), Hebrews 10:22-26 (ASV), 2 Peter 3:9-13 (ASV), Revelation 2:10 (ASV),

In these next scriptural references that are just but a few of the scriptural references that reveal basic truths that are written throughout the Old and New Covenants that we need to understand (Deuteronomy 10:14, 1 Chronicles 29:11-13 ASV, Psalms 34:1-9, Psalms 34:11-14, Psalms 145:17-20, Proverbs 15:33, Zechariah 7:9-10, Matthew 5:43-48, Matthew 11:28-30 (ASV), Matthew 26:51-52, Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 5:1-5, Romans 8:18, Romans 15:2-6 (ASV), Hebrews 10:35-39, Hebrews 12:1-6).

In this next two scriptural passages are just but few of the many that was revealed through David and Daniel that our God and Father will set His King and Son our Lord and Christ Jesus as ruler of all nations and the ends of the earth are His possession as this was fulfilled.

#### Psalms 2:1-12

1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, 6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." 7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

#### Daniel 2:44

<sup>44</sup> And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,

In this next scriptural reference, we learn that if we seek to please God even our enemies will be at peace with us.

#### Proverbs 16:7

7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. In this next scriptural reference, we learn to strive to be at peace with everyone, regarding our enemies we honor the words of God.

#### Romans 12:18-21

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

In both the Old Covenant and the New Covenant, we are told that man shall not live on bread alone but every word that comes from the mouth of God.

#### Deuteronomy 8:3

<sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

#### Matthew 4:1-4

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.""

In this next scriptural passage, our Lord Jesus Christ tells us to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness first above all things and our daily needs will be added to us, and not to anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of us.

#### Matthew 6:25-34

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup> "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has been revealed as the Word that became flesh as written in this next scriptural passage. This is just but one of the scriptural references that reveals Our Lord Christ Jesus within the Godhead (Deity or Divine), and the Godhead is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In these next scriptural references, we learn to believe and trust in the inspired word of God.

# John 3:17-21

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.".

# 1 Corinthians 1:9

<sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

# 2 Corinthians 13:14

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# Philippians 2:1 NASB

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

In this next scriptural reference, as written "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." These words need to be heeded!

# Mark 16:15-16

<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.
<sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

# John 3:36

<sup>36</sup> Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

# John 11:25-26

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

In these next scriptural references, we learn that we are subject to the governing authorities.

## Romans 13:1-7

1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

#### Titus 3:1-8

1 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. 3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

#### 1 Peter 2:13-17

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

The Apostle Paul wrote these words in the epistle of Ephesians that we need to learn.

# Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

The Apostle Paul in these next scriptural references gives us these words of encouragement and guidance so that we can grow closer to our Lord Christ Jesus and to be found within him and striving to stay focused in this life not on earthly things but on heavenly things.

# Colossians 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

In this next scriptural reference, the inspired writer of Hebrews gave us these words that we need to understand and learn.

# Hebrews 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

The Apostle Paul revealed that we will need to suffer in this life as we have become soldiers in Christ, we need to be a good soldier and not to get entangled in the affairs of everyday life.

# 2 Timothy 2:3-4 (ASV)

<sup>3</sup> Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of this life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier.

In these next scriptural references, the Lord's brother James reveals to us that we need to be steadfast under trials of our faith so that we can receive the crown of life from God.

#### James 1:2-4

<sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

#### James 1:12

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

#### Conclusion

We are under the Sovereign rule of God, and we should be joyful, and only through faith being in Christ Jesus our Lord can we receive salvation and eternal life.

We need to pray for all the people outside the body that they become saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, we also need to pray that all the brothers and sisters in the body that they lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty and that they remain alert and pray always, and that they are counted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and stand before the Son of Man. We need to pray for all those in the world that are of authority that they seek to do the will of God and to let the peace of Christ rule our hearts and be thankful.

#### Luke 21:36 (KJV)

<sup>36</sup> Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

#### 1 Timothy 2:1-8 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; <sup>2</sup> For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. <sup>3</sup> For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; <sup>4</sup> Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; <sup>6</sup> Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. <sup>7</sup> Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. <sup>8</sup> I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting

Strong's Concordance alétheia: truth Strong's number: <u>G225</u> (added) Original Word: ἀλήθεια, ας, ἡ Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine Transliteration: alétheia Phonetic Spelling: (al-ay'-thi-a)

# Definition: truth

**Usage:** truth, but not merely truth as spoken; truth of idea, reality, sincerity, truth in the moral sphere, divine truth revealed to man, straightforwardness.

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225 alétheia (from 227 /alēthés, "true to fact") – properly, truth (true to fact), reality. [In ancient Greek culture, 225 (alétheia) was synonymous for "reality" as the opposite of illusion, i.e. fact.]

#### Ephesians 6:18 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

The worldly government's come and go but the word of God stands forever.

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