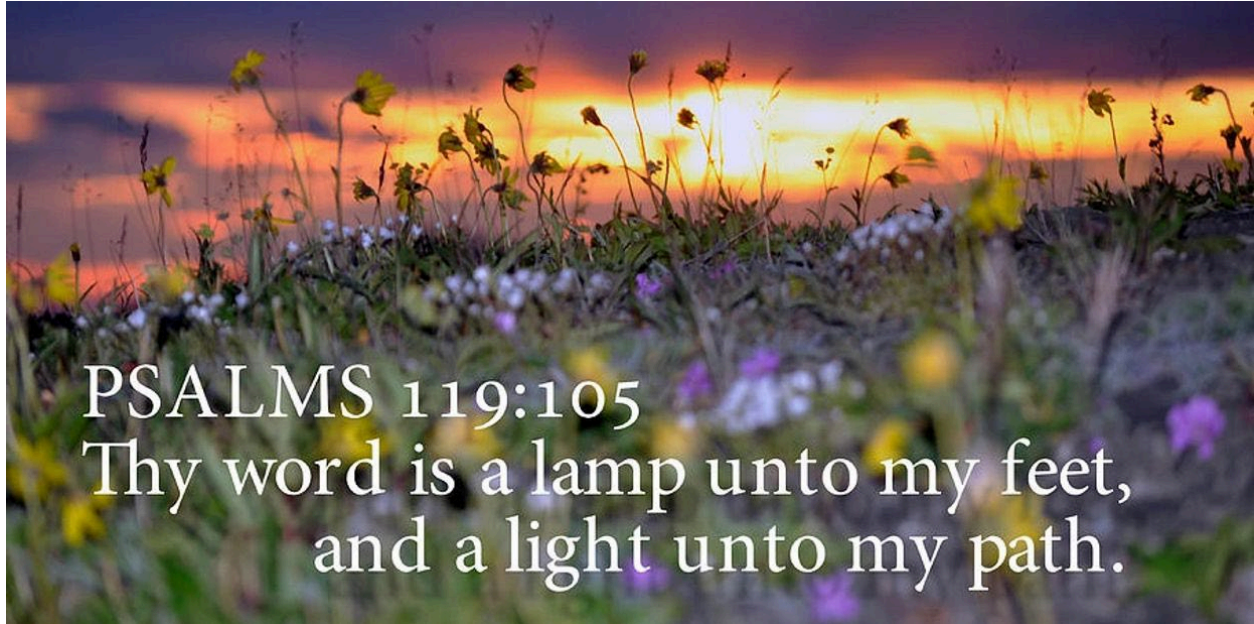


# The Right Path

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## False Teachings

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## The Sinners Prayer?

This **false teaching that has corrupted the hearts and** minds of men, women and children known as the “**the sinners’ prayer**” or “**prayer of salvation**” comes from **man-made doctrine** that has been taken from scriptural verses and passages out of context.

These are but just some of the scriptural verses and passages that have been used and taken out of context to support this false teaching of the “the sinners prayer” or “prayer of salvation” ([Luke 18:10-14](#), [Acts 2:21](#), [Acts 16:31](#), [Romans 10:9-13 NASB](#), [Revelation 3:20](#)).

The Holy Bible in the Old Testament or Old Covenant days the people did pray to God for the sins, and the sins of others as written through-out the Old Testament or Old Covenant, but these people were all part of the Old Testament or Old Covenant laws, statues, and ordinances.

In the scriptural reference of [Luke 18:10-14](#), our Lord Jesus was teaching the people about humility and seeking God’s mercy and not praising themselves as being righteous and proud treating others with contempt. The tax collector was declared freed from his sins by being justified by his words and actions of humility, repentance, and reverence for God.

In the scriptural reference in [Luke 23:39-43](#), when our Lord Jesus Christ told one of the one of the criminal’s that were being crucified with Him, that he would be with Him that day in paradise because he knew that him and the other criminal were receiving the just reward for their deeds and that Jesus did nothing to deserve what they were doing to Him. The criminal was repentant of his deed, he feared God, and believed that Jesus was the Christ the Messiah. Our Lord Jesus in [Luke 13:1-5](#) told the people that needed to repent or perish. Perish represents being cast to hell.

### ***Strong's Concordance***

***Greek:*** *apollumi: to destroy, destroy utterly (Greek added)*

***Strong's number:*** [G622](#) *(Strong's number added)*

***Original Word:*** *ἀπόλλυμι*

***Part of Speech:*** *Verb*

***Transliteration:*** *apollumi*

***Phonetic Spelling:*** *(ap-ol'-loo-mee)*

***Definition:*** *to destroy, destroy utterly*

***Usage:*** *(a) I kill, destroy, (b) I lose, mid: I am perishing (the resultant death being viewed as certain).*

### ***HELPS Word-studies***

[622](#) *apóllymi* (from [575](#) /*apó*, "away from," which intensifies *ollymi*, "to destroy") – properly, fully destroy, cutting off entirely (note the force of the prefix, [575](#) /*apó*).

When our Lord Jesus Christ had told some of the people that their sins were forgiven or that salvation has come to their house as in ([Matthew 9:2](#), [Luke 7:47](#), [Luke 19:9](#)) represents not only the faith that they had in God, also their belief in the word of God, that Jesus was a teacher that came from God and that no one could perform the signs that Jesus was doing or had done.

### ***Strong's Concordance***

**Greek:** *sémeion*: a sign (Greek added)

**Strong's number:** [G4592](#) (Strong's number added)

**Original Word:** σημεῖον, ου, τό

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Neuter

**Transliteration:** sémeion

**Phonetic Spelling:** (say-mi'-on)

**Definition:** a sign

**Usage:** a sign, miracle, indication, mark, token.

### ***HELPS Word-studies***

[4592](#) *sémeion* – a sign (typically miraculous), given especially to confirm, corroborate or authenticate. [4592](#) /*sémeion* ("sign") then emphasizes the end-purpose which exalts the one giving it. Accordingly, it is used dozens of times in the NT for what authenticates the Lord and His eternal purpose, especially by doing what mere man can not replicate or take credit for.

In all these circumstances all these people were living under the Old Covenant or Old Testament laws and not the New Covenant or New Testament that we live under as we have been living under the New Covenant or New Testament for just about 2,000 years.

As written in the inspired word of God our Lord Christ Jesus was given all authority ([Matthew 9:5-8](#), [Matthew 11:27](#), [Matthew 12:6-8](#), [Matthew 12:42](#), [Matthew 28:18](#), [John 3:35](#), [John 17:2](#), [Acts 2:36](#), [Romans 14:9](#), [1 Corinthians 15:27](#), [Philippians 2:1-11](#)) in heaven and on earth and under earth. He is God with us ([Isaiah 8:8-10](#), [Matthew 1:21-23](#), [John 1:1-2](#), [Hebrews 1:8-9](#)).

When a person who has read and or heard the gospel, believed in the gospel ([Romans 10:17](#)), obeys the gospel ([John 3:36](#)) will receive faith ([Romans 10:14-17](#), [Romans 12:3 NASB](#)) and repents of their sins ([Mark 1:15](#), [Luke 13:5](#), [Acts 17:30](#)), confesses that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God ([Matthew 10:32-33](#), [Matthew 16:16](#), [John 11:27](#), [1 John 5:13](#)) and is baptized will be forgiven of their sins and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit ([Mark 16:16](#), [John 3:1-7](#), [Acts 2:38](#), [1 Peter 3:21](#)), with an appeal to God for a good conscience ([1 Peter 3:21](#)), and will have peace with God ([Acts 10:36](#), [Romans 5:1](#), [Ephesians 6:23](#), [Philippians 4:8-9](#), [1 Peter 1:2](#), [2 John 1:3](#)), and will begin your walk in a newness of life ([Romans 6:3-7](#), [2 Corinthians 5:17](#), [Ephesians 4:17-27](#), [Colossians 3:1-17](#)). As you begin your new walk of life you need to be obedient to the faith ([Psalms 2:1-12](#), [Matthew 6:24](#), [Luke 6:46-49](#), [Luke 9:23-26](#), [John 3:36](#), [Romans 6:16-17](#), [Romans 6:20-23](#), [Titus 3:1](#), [1 Peter 1:14](#)), being faithful unto death ([Matthew 10:32-33](#), [Matthew 18:3](#), [Matthew 28:18-20](#), [Mark 1:15](#), [Luke 12:8-9](#), [Luke 13:1-5](#), [Luke 13:50](#),

[Luke 24:47](#), [John 8:24](#), [John 11:25-27](#), [John 20:30-31 NASB](#), [Acts 2:36-38](#), [Acts 3:17-23](#), [Acts 5:31-32 NASB](#), [Acts 8:12](#), [Acts 22:16](#), [Acts 26:15-20](#), [2 Corinthians 7:10](#), [Romans 2:4](#), [1 Peter 3:21](#), [Revelation 2:10-11](#)).

In [Matthew 13:10-15](#) in the inspired word of God, the Apostle Matthew as written states “Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: ““You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.””

The son of God, Christ Jesus our Lord is the only way for salvation ([John 14:6](#), [Acts 4:10-12](#)). Our Lord is the new covenant with much better promises and spiritual blessings and a life of eternity with God in the new heavens and new earth ([Romans 15:8-10](#), [1 Corinthians 11:25](#), [2 Corinthians 1:20-22](#), [Ephesians 1:3-14](#), [Hebrews 8:6-7](#), [2 Peter 1:3-4](#), [2 Peter 3:8-13](#))

These are but just some of the scriptural verses and passages that have been used and taken out of context to support this false teaching of the “the sinners prayer” or “prayer of salvation” ([Luke 18:10-14](#), [Acts 2:21](#), [Acts 16:31](#), [Romans 10:9-13 NASB](#), [Revelation 3:20](#)).

In [Luke 18:13](#), **the context of this scriptural verse in has been distorted**, the words “But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’”). This verse teaches us humility and seeking God’s mercy and not praising themselves as being righteous and proud treating others with contempt. The tax collector was declared freed from his sins by being justified by his words and actions of humility, repentance, and reverence for God.

In [Acts 2:21](#), **the context of this scriptural reference has been distorted**, the words “And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved’ means to repent of your sins, confess Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God and to be baptized in the name of the Jesus Christ or in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. ([Matthew 28:18-20](#), [Acts 2:38](#), [Acts 22:16](#), [Romans 6:3-11](#), [1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#), [Galatians 3:25-29](#)).

In [Acts 16:31](#) the context of this scriptural reference **also has been taken out of context and distorted by teaching that by “faith only” you can be saved**. The Christian faith requires obedience with our faith by works or deeds done in faith ([John 3:21](#), [Acts 6:7](#), [Romans 6:17-18](#), [Romans 15:18](#), [Romans 16:26](#), [Galatians 5:22-23](#), [Ephesians 2:10](#), [Philippians 2:1-16](#),

[Colossians 1:10](#), [Titus 3:1](#), [James 2:14-25](#), [1 Peter 1:2](#), [1 Peter 1:14](#), [1 Peter 1:22](#), [Revelation 3:1-6](#)).

In [Romans 10:9-13 NASB](#), this scriptural passage that also **has been taken out of context and distorted and corrupted** by false teaching that by stating that **faith only saves you** is also their use of [Acts 2:21](#) “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord you will be saved.” means to repent of your sins, confess Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God and to be baptized “in the name of the Jesus Christ” or “in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit ([Matthew 28:18-20](#), [Mark 16:15-16](#), [Acts 2:38](#), [Acts 22:16](#), [Romans 6:3-11](#), [1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#), [Galatians 3:25-29](#))..

The scriptural passage of ([Romans 10:9-13 NASB](#)) should have included ([Romans 10:1-21 NASB](#)), which included that **faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ** (emphasis added).

Now that you believe you need to repent of your sins, and confess Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God, and be baptized ([Acts 2:38](#)), and then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and become an adopted child of God ([Galatians 4:4-7](#)), and have an appeal to God for a good conscience ([1 Peter 3:21](#)), and you begin your walk in newness of life ([Romans 6:3-11](#)). You need to be obedient to the faith ([Matthew 6:24](#), [John 8:34-36](#), [Romans 6:16-17](#), [Romans 6:20-23](#), [Titus 3:1](#)) being faithful unto death ([Matthew 16:26](#), [Luke 8:15](#), [Acts 11:23](#), [Revelation 2:10-11](#), [Revelation 3:10-11](#)), enduring, steadfast, hopeful and rejoicing ([Luke 8:15](#), [Luke 21:19](#), [Romans 5:1-5](#), [Romans 8:18-25](#), [1 Corinthians 4:12](#), [1 Corinthians 10:13](#), [1 Corinthians 15:58](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:16](#), [2 Thessalonians 1:4](#), [2 Timothy 2:24](#), [Hebrews 6:19](#), [Hebrews 10:35-39](#), [Hebrews 12:1-17](#), [James 1:3-4](#), [James 1:12](#), [James 5:10-11](#), [1 Peter 2:19-25](#), [1 Peter 3:14-17 KJV](#), [1 Peter 4:12-19](#), [Jude 1:17-25](#), [Revelation 2:3](#)) so we can live an eternal life with God ([Jude 1:21](#)).

In this single scriptural verse ([Revelation 3:20](#)) the teaching **has been taken completely out of context; the false teachers have distorted and corrupted the inspired word of God with this distortion of the truth** given us others saying that “Jesus is knocking at the door of all sinners for them to answer the door by praying to Jesus and asking for forgiveness of their sins and to have Jesus come into their heart and save them.” The context for this passage is revealed in [Revelation 3:14-20](#), the Apostle John is revealing that the Lord is letting the Christian’s in the body (the Church) in Christ at Laodicea that they are being disciplined and they are to be zealous and repent of their sins, to cleanse themselves from defilement and need to be zealous for good works and to strengthen their faith. The ones that heed His message will be the ones that will be saved. This message is also for all Christians that they need to be zealous for good works and to repent of your sins to be cleansed of any defilement, and to strengthen their faith.

## Conclusion

In the inspired word of God in [Isaiah 59:1-2](#), tells us “Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.” When we choose evil (to sin) and refuse good (upright and honest) your prayers are no longer heard by God.

In [Romans 7:7-12](#), the Apostle Paul tells us that he was alive and not dead until he sinned,

In [Romans 6:20-23](#), the Apostle Paul tells us that our sins bring us shame our sin are our wages of death, in Acts 9:9 reflects Saul (before he became a Christian, Apostle, preacher and teacher) prayed and fasted for three days and they were not heard. The only way to be forgiven and cleansed of our sins is follow the plan of salvation.

The "the sinners' prayer" or “prayer of salvation” is not the truth, and this is a ungodly thing to teach others young or old. **These prayers will not save you from your sins** and it is not a part of the plan of salvation, (believe, repent, confess, be baptized, be faithful unto death ([Matthew 10:32-33](#), [Matthew 18:3](#), [Matthew 28:18-20](#), [Mark 1:15](#), [Luke 12:8-9](#), [Luke 13:1-5](#), [Luke 13:50](#), [Luke 24:47](#), [John 8:24](#), [John 11:25-27](#), [John 20:30-31 NASB](#), [Acts 2:36-38](#), [Acts 3:17-23](#), [Acts 5:31-32 NASB](#), [Acts 8:12](#), [Acts 22:16](#), [Acts 26:15-20](#), [2 Corinthians 7:10](#), [Romans 2:4](#), [1 Peter 3:21](#), [Revelation 2:10-11](#)).

In the word of God and you will die in your sins, be condemned to hell if you do not obey the truth.

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Are we Born with Sin?

This false teaching and false belief that people are "Born with Sin" has been spread from generation to generation by false teachers and blind guides both men and women that are either

unaware of the truth or aware of the truth and suppressing the truth doing this for deceitful gain, and worldly and ungodly desires. This false belief of being born with sin is just but one of the many false teachings that are part of many of these false teachings in man-made religions that are being taught and spread to take from you and everyone else that listens to them ([Ephesians 4:14](#)).

This false teaching is strongly associated to being born with inherited sin comes from the writings of the so-called “church fathers” in the post-apostolic era. Such men as Tertullian (160-220) and Cyprian (200-258) first formulated the doctrine and it was later popularized by Augustine (354-430) and John Calvin (1509–1564). The basis of his belief is from the inspired word of God in ([Genesis 3:17-19](#)) where Adam is described as having disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit of the tree of knowledge in the Garden of Eden. This, the first sin of man, became known as the original sin.

These false beliefs are being taught from **men and women that have distorted and corrupted the word of God.**

In [Genesis 3:16-19](#) addresses the punishment that we have all received because of the sins that Adam and Eve committed when they disobeyed the commandment of God. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God they brought about physical death for all mankind, the pain of childbearing for women would be multiplied and yet the wife would desire and be ruled by her husband. God cursed the ground because of what they had done, and life became hard, and they were told to leave the garden of Eden separated from the presence of God and had lost the paradise that God had created for them. This separation from God is what happens to anyone who sins, this separation from God reflects what is written ([Isaiah 59:1-2](#), [Romans 7:7-12](#)) God no longer hears our prayers.

These **false teachers and blind guides have caused so many men, women, and children to be condemned to hell** as they have passed from this life into the next life not knowing the truth and receiving salvation. Today still men, women, and children are still being led down these same false teachings and false beliefs while some give up to suicide either by self or assisted suicide, some stop believing or in seeking God, some becoming atheists, some seek God through other man-made religions, some seek what is known as being spiritual or regenerated, and **some follow the false teachers and blind guides completely believing they are saved, and they are not.** These are the blind guides leading the blind ([Matthew 15:13-14](#)) **All these people, men, women, and children** that have become of age and sinned when they **pass away without receiving God’s salvation they will be condemned to hell.**

These **false teachers and blind guides** have led many to **believe these false beliefs** that surround praying to the mother of Jesus, praying to the Apostles of our Lord Jesus, praying to men called saints, praying to false gods, praying to the dead, praying for the dead, praying to statues, praying to objects, praying rituals, etc....

A question that has been asked over and over by many "are we born with sin" and the answer is "NO" and we need to spread that truth with the truth. In [Romans 5:12](#) the Apostle Paul teaches us that "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned" This scriptural verse [Romans 5:12](#) tells us that the death, the consequence of sin, spread to all men not because of Adams sin, because all men have sinned. (Cited from "[Are Children Born with Sin](#)" Apologetics Press).

A **child is born with "NO SIN"** and this is found written within both the Old and New Covenants or Testaments in ([Deuteronomy 24:16](#), [1 Kings 8:32](#), [2 Kings 14:6](#), [2 Chronicles 25:4](#), [Psalms 51:5](#), [Ezekiel 18:4](#), [Ezekiel 18:20](#), [Ezekiel 28:15](#), [Matthew 18:1-3](#), [John 3:3-4](#), [Romans 7:8-11](#), [Romans 9:10-12](#)).

These next three scriptural passages speak about the truth about the third and fourth generations that hated God and the punishment that came about from their wickedness and every intention of the thoughts of man was continually evil. These scriptural passages have been used to support that sin is inherited.

These scriptural passages **do not support that the sin of the father will be passed down to his children**, it states that the wickedness of man has brought about the destruction of mankind. The wickedness and evil intentions have caused God to grieve over His creation. If it wasn't for Noah finding favor in God's eyes there would be no mankind, animals, birds and creeping things.

#### [Genesis 6:5-8](#)

5 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. 6 And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 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." 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

#### [Exodus 20:5-6](#)

5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

#### [Deuteronomy 5:6-10](#)

6 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 7 "You shall have no other gods before me. 8 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 9 You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 10 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.



These next scriptural verses tell us that the sins of the father will not be inherited to or held against his children and the sins of the children will not be held against the father.

[Deuteronomy 24:16](#)

16 “Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.

[1 Kings 8:32](#)

32 then hear in heaven and act and judge your servants, condemning the guilty by bringing his conduct on his own head, and vindicating the righteous by rewarding him according to his righteousness.

[2 Kings 14:6](#)

6 But he did not put to death the children of the murderers, according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, where the LORD commanded, “Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. But each one shall die for his own sin.”

[2 Chronicles 25:4](#)

4 But he did not put their children to death, according to what is written in the Law, in the Book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, “Fathers shall not die because of their children, nor children die because of their fathers, but each one shall die for his own sin.”

[Ezekiel 18:4](#)

4 Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

[Ezekiel 18:20](#)

20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

[Ezekiel 28:15](#)

15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.

This next scriptural passage tells us that those who obey God will receive wonderful blessings. God will show His steadfast love for mankind that obeys His word. God will also bless the fruit of the womb which represents children.

In this passage God speaks of the blessings that He pours on the people that obey His word.

#### [Deuteronomy 28:1-6](#)

1 “And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. 3 Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. 5 Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. 6 Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

This next scriptural verse needs to be addressed to take away the false teachings that surround the context what King David stated.

#### [Psalms 51:5](#)

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity; And in sin my mother conceived me.

The first part of this scriptural verse "**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity**" tells us truth that King David was born not with sin but into a sinful world (emphasis added).

The second part of the scriptural verse. "**In sin my mother conceived me**" reveals that his mother like all people were and are sinners as stated in this next scriptural verse (emphasis added).

#### [Romans 3:23](#)

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

These next scriptural references compare the innocence of children to the greatest in the kingdom of heaven and being born again to even see the kingdom of heaven. The comparison of being converted like a child or being born again to see or enter the kingdom of heaven compares innocence to a child's life. The word innocence is defined as free from moral wrong, not corrupted.

#### [Matthew 18:1-3](#)

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

#### [John 3:3-4](#)

3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?”

This next scriptural passage tells us that children are a blessing and a gift from God, and like the arrow in a hand of the warrior are the children of one's youth, blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them.

#### [Psalms 127:3-5](#)

3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. 5 Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

The way to raise a child has been given us in the inspired word of God, these are but just a few of the scriptural references that address this ([Deuteronomy 4:9](#), [Proverbs 4:1-4](#), [Proverbs 19:18](#), [Proverbs 22:6](#), [Proverbs 29:15-17](#), [Ephesians 6:4](#), [2 Timothy 1:5](#), [2 Timothy 3:15](#), [Titus 2:1-6](#), [Hebrews 12:7-10](#)).

**All these false teachings cause children that are growing up and need guidance and support are being led down a path of eternal fire and torment in hell if they are not taught the truth.**

These scriptural references speak of the day and tells us how we should look at our time here. ([Proverbs 27:1](#), [Matthew 6:34](#), [Luke 10:38-42](#), [Luke 12:16-21](#), [Ephesians 5:15-16](#), [Philippians 4:6](#), [James 4:13-17](#), [1 Peter 5:8](#)). Our Lord Christ Jesus is the way, the truth and the life ([John 14:6](#)) and the way of salvation ([Romans 10:17](#)).

#### Conclusion

With hope this has shed the light on the darkness of anything associated to a child that is "born with sin" or a "child that inherits sin from their father or mother. In the Holy Bible a child is born without sin and remains that way until they sin. Let us help all people with the truth on how to find salvation.

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## Death, Hades, Tartarus, Hell, Purgatory & Paradise

### [Revelation 1:17-18](#)

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

This will hopefully shed the light of our marvelous Lord Christ Jesus on these false teachings and false beliefs associated to Hades, Tartarus, Hell, and Purgatory.

#### ***Strong's Concordance***

***Greek:*** *thanatos: death (Greek added)*

***Strong's number:*** [G2288](#) *(Strong's number added)*

***Original Word:*** *θάνατος, ου, ὁ*

***Part of Speech:*** *Noun, Masculine*

***Transliteration:*** *thanatos*

***Phonetic Spelling:*** *(than'-at-os)*

***Definition:*** *death*

***Usage:*** *death, physical or spiritual.*

#### ***HELPS Word-studies***

[2288](#) *thánatos* (derived from [2348](#) /*thnḗskō*, "to die") – *physical or spiritual death; (figuratively) separation from the life (salvation) of God forever by dying without first experiencing death to self to receive His gift of salvation.*

#### ***Strong's Concordance***

***Greek:*** *hadés: Hades, the abode of departed spirits (Greek added)*

***Strong's number:*** [G86](#) *(Strong's number added)*

***Original Word:*** *ᾅδης*

***Part of Speech:*** *Noun, Masculine*

***Transliteration:*** *hadēs*

***Phonetic Spelling:*** *(hah'-dace)*

***Defined as:*** *Hades, the abode of departed spirits*

***Usage:*** *Hades, the unseen world.*

### **HELPS Word-studies**

**86** *hádēs* (from 1 /A "not" and *idein/eidō*, "see") – properly, the "unseen place," referring to the (invisible) realm in which all the dead reside, i.e. the present dwelling place of all the departed (deceased); Hades. [Luke 16:23](#), [Revelation 20:13-14](#);

### **Strong's Concordance**

**Greek:** *tartaróō*: to cast into hell (Greek added)  
**Strong's number:** [G5020](#) (Strong's number added)

**Original Word:** *ταρταρόω*

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** *tartaróō*

**Phonetic Spelling:** (tar-tar-o'-o)

**Definition:** to cast into hell

**Usage:** I thrust down to Tartarus or Gehenna.

### **HELPS Word-studies**

**5020** *tartaróō* – properly, send to Tartarus ("Tartaros"). The NT uses [5020](#) (*tartaróō*) for the netherworld – the place of punishment fit only for demons. Later, Tartaros came to represent eternal punishment for wicked people.

"[5020](#) (*tartaróō*) is a Greek name for the under-world, especially the abode of the damned – hence to cast into hell" (A-S); to send into the subterranean abyss reserved for demons and the dead.

[In Greek mythology, Tartarus was a "place of punishment under the earth, to which, for example, the Titans were sent" (Souter).]

### **Strong's Concordance**

**Greek:** *geenna*: Gehenna, a valley W. and South of Jer., also a symbolic name for the final place of punishment of the ungodly (Greek added)

**Strong's number:** [G1067](#) (Strong's number added)

**Original Word:** *γέεννα, ης, ἡ*

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** *geenna*

**Phonetic Spelling:** (geh'-en-nah)

**Definition:** Gehenna, a valley west and South of Jerusalem, also a symbolic name for the final place of punishment of the ungodly

**Usage:** Gehenna, and originally the name of a valley or cavity near Jerusalem, a place underneath the earth, a place of punishment for evil.

### **HELPS Word-studies**

**1067** *géenna* (a transliteration of the Hebrew term, *Géhinōm*, "the valley of Hinnom") – Gehenna, i.e. hell (also referred to as the "lake of fire" in Revelation).

Gehenna ("hell"), the place of post-resurrection torment (judgment), refers strictly to the everlasting abode of the unredeemed where they experience divine judgment in their individual

*resurrection-bodies. Each of the unredeemed receives one at the Great White Throne Judgment ([Rev 20:11-15](#)), i.e. a body that "matches" their capacity for torment relating to their (unique) judgment.*

A man-made religion "Catholicism" originated from distorting and corrupting the inspired word of God, all the aspects of life from before birth till death and of faith with God the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

This man-made belief and teaching of a place called "Purgatory" known within their belief has no truth to it. Their document that supports this false belief and teaching is "[CCC 1030-1](#)"

Section "[1030](#)" states: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

Section "[1031](#)" states: The church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. the tradition of the church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:

As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.

Section "[1032](#)" states: This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:

"Let us help and commemorate them."

If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.

#### [Job 1:4-5](#)

4 His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. 5 And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

The Catholic churches scriptural reference of [Job 1:4-5](#) where Job's desire to offer burnt offerings for his sons and daughters in case they had sinned and cursed God in their hearts,

Job's sons and daughters were alive and not dead being prayed for as the Catholic religion would have you to believe.

The Catholic church states the concept of an after-death purification from sin and the consequences of sin are stated in these New Testament passages to support their false teaching of and their false doctrine of "purgatory" ([Matthew 5:25–26](#), [Matthew 12:32](#), [Luke 16:19,26](#), [Luke 23:43](#), [1 Corinthians 3:15](#), [Hebrews 12:29](#)).

They also reference to books and letters that are outside the inspired word of God. The book is called II Maccabees chapter 12 verse 46 that is being used to support purgatory. This reference to this book is none other than creating false doctrine. These false teachings come from these books and letters called "deuterocanonical books, or Apocrypha, and the Gnostics gospels."

These books which consist of a total of fourteen books, eight were translated and canonized into the Old Testament and these eight books and the thirty-nine inspired by God were translated from memory by 70 Jewish scribes into the Greek Old Testament called the Septuagint LXX, this was done in the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C.E. Eight books that were canonized to be included with the Old Testament. These eight additional books were not found in the Hebrew Text or Hebrew canon of the Old Testament, and they have been determined to be not to be part of the inspired word of God. These man-made religions known as the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Oriental Orthodox Churches, and the Assyrian Church of the East include these along with the Gnostic gospel letters and consider all these to be part of the Bible.

The accepted canon of the inspired word of God contains thirty-nine books of the Old Testament and In the New Testament the Old Testament is known as known as the "Sacred writings" or the "Holy Scriptures" or "Scriptures" ([Matthew 21:42](#), [Romans 1:2](#), [2 Timothy 3:15](#)) and the twenty-seven books or epistles are known as the New Testament or New Covenant.

These following scriptural references are reflecting the scriptural reference that are being used by the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Oriental Orthodox Churches, and the Assyrian Church of the East Catholics false teaching and false belief of "purgatory" and the scriptural references context of the original writings given us and the interpretation.

#### [Matthew 5:25–26](#)

25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.

26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

### [Matthew 5:21-26](#)

21 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

The interpretation of [Matthew 5:21-26](#), is that Our Lord Christ Jesus is telling us that we need to reconcile quickly with our brother or sister in the body first before attending worship services on the Lord’s Day because we will be judged for being angry or hating our brother or sister in the body because it is like killing them in your heart and walking in darkness ([John 12:35](#), [1 John 2:9-11](#), [1 John 3:15](#), [1 John 4:20-21](#)). Their use of the scriptural references **has been and still is being taken out of context and distorted by the Catholic church.**

The Catholic church also states, as for certain lesser faults, we must believe that before the final judgment there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come.

From this Catholic teaching states that **certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain other offenses can be forgiven in the age to come.**

These following scriptural references are reflecting the scriptural reference that are being used by the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Oriental Orthodox Churches, and the Assyrian Church of the East Catholics false teaching and false belief of being “pardoned in this age and the age to come” and the scriptural references context of the original writings given us and the interpretation.

### [Matthew 12:31-32](#)

31 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

### [Matthew 12:31-37](#)

31 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. 33 “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.



34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. 36 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, 37 for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

The interpretation of [Matthew 12:31-37](#), is that our Lord Christ Jesus is telling us that every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, and whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit by rejecting the gospel and or by rejecting the Holy Spirit within your heart and or by accusing the Holy Spirit to be an agent of Satan will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. By our words of everyone who’s heart is good out of their mouth the words spoken will be good and by their fruit they will be known, and everyone who’s heart is words are bad out of their mouth will be evil and by their fruit they will be known. Each person will be known by their fruit. On the day of judgement everyone will give an account every careless word they spoke, by your heart produces your words and by your words you will be justified or condemned.

An additional in-depth explanation of the eternal sin of the Holy Spirit can best be explained as that the Pharisees knew that Lord Jesus was righteous and contrary to this, they said “he has an unclean spirit” they put falsehood for truth, darkness for light, evil for righteousness and closed their eyes and heart to the Lord. Their blasphemy was of a kind that blotted out the hope of heaven, and there can be little doubt that the same type of blind, senseless opposition to the Lord today would have the very same consequences. (Cited from “[Coffman’s commentaries on the Bible Matthew 12](#)” verses 31-32.)

The reference to Judas Maccabeus is from doctrine that has been determined to be false doctrine and not scriptural writings, they are deemed not to be inspired by God, due to the errors inherent in them and should be regarded as false doctrine.

These following scriptural references are reflecting the scriptural reference that are being used by the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Oriental Orthodox Churches, and the Assyrian Church of the East Catholics false teaching and false belief of being “purified from sin and made holy after death to go to heaven” and the scriptural references context of the original writings given us and the interpretation.

The Catholic churches scriptural reference to verse 15 in 1 Corinthians “If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.”

#### [1 Corinthians 3:10-15 ASV](#)

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder I laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. <sup>11</sup> For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> But if any man buildeth on the foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble;

<sup>13</sup> each man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself shall prove each man's work of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If any man's work shall abide which he built thereon, he shall receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire.

The interpretation of [1 Corinthians 3:10-15 ASV](#)

**If any man's work shall abide which he built thereon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.**

The fact that people do not fully understand this passage is implicit in the truth that some have built up the theory of purgatory, based partly on what is stated here. The whole concept of purgatory is foreign to the word of God, but the advocates of it are still deriving immense revenues through the preaching of it. Again from Macknight: The Romish clergy, seeing that this doctrine properly managed, might be made an inexhaustible source of wealth to their order, have represented this fire of purgatory as lighted up from the very beginning of the world, and have kept it burning ever since, and have assumed to themselves the power of detaining souls in that fire, and of releasing them from it; whereby they have drawn great sums of money from the ignorant and superstitious.[23]

This writer is grieved to know that even now there are some, who were once baptized into Christ and served as elders of God's church, whose children are paying to get them prayed out of purgatory! What this verse actually means is that the persons led to Christ through the efforts of any Christian may defect from the faith, proving themselves wood, hay or stubble, and that the loss of such souls will not affect the salvation of a Christian teacher, whose reward would in some manner unknown to us have been far greater if they had not defected, and whose salvation "so as through fire" is understood by such language to be only by the narrowest margin, "by the skin of his teeth" ([Job 19:20](#)).

**Yet so as through fire ...** has the meaning of "something resembling" an escape from fire, as in "snatching them out of the fire" ([Jude 1:1:23](#)); and it is certain that this phrase has absolutely nothing in it of actual fire. It is a figure of speech, prompted possibly by Paul's reference to the judgment and the fire of that day, but not to be identified as the same thing.

The doctrine of purgatory is not merely unscriptural and anti-scriptural, there being not one word in the entire scriptures to support such a monstrous thesis; but it is effectively refuted in a single question: "If any church believes in such a thing, and in their own power, through prayer, to deliver people from it; why do they not pray all people out of it immediately for sweet charity's sake?" Cited from "[Coffman's commentaries on the Bible 1 Corinthians 3](#)" verses 14-15

Our Lord Jesus spoke of the rich man and Lazarus in [Luke 16:19-31 NASB](#) when a person dies they body goes to the grave and there spirit goes into the Haden realm as we find written in [Luke](#)

[16:22-23 NASB](#), The soul that is righteous will be carried away by angels to Abraham's bosom ([Luke 16:22 NASB](#)) into Paradise ([Luke 23:43](#), [2 Corinthians 12:3](#), [Revelation 2:7](#)) a place of comfort, and the soul that is unrighteous is placed in torment and agony ([Luke 16:25 NASB](#), [2 Peter 2:9 NASB](#), [Jude 1:6 NASB](#)) where their soul that unrighteous cannot cross into the a paradise the place of comfort and where the righteous cannot cross from paradise into torment and agony ([Luke 16:26-28 NASB](#)) both the souls of the righteous and souls of the unrighteous will remain until the day of judgement when we are judged by our words and deeds ([Luke 6:37](#), [Revelation 20:11-12](#)).

There are "NO" **prayer or prayers that can help anyone after they have passed away as many false teach** others to believe ([Psalms 49:14](#), [Psalms 50:22-23](#), [Luke 16:19-30](#), [John 3:1-7](#), [John 3:36](#), [1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#), [Hebrews 12:14-17](#), [James 1:14-15](#)).

These scriptural verses and passages define "hades i.e., Tartarus or Hell" as a world or place of punishment and without hope. It is not a place for purification or cleansing of your sins as false teachers and false religions teach ([Matthew 11:22-24](#), [Matthew 16:18 NASB](#), [Luke 10:13-15](#), [Luke 16:22-26](#), [Acts 2:25-28](#), [Acts 2:29-33](#), [Revelation 1:17-18](#), [Revelation 20:11-15](#)).

## Conclusion

Seek the gift of salvation, do not trust man but trust in God and in His inspired word so that when the Lord returns in the clouds to bring the children of God home you will be joined with Him in the clouds in the air or when your soul passes from this life into the Haden realm your soul rests in comfort in the place called "Paradise" where you will wait until the day of judgement before you can go home to the new heavens and new earth. ([Luke 16:19-31](#), [Luke 23:42-43](#), [2 Corinthians 12:1-6](#), [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#), [2 Peter 3:13](#), [Revelation 2:7](#), [Revelation 21:1-4](#)).

## *Strong's Concordance*

**Greek:** *paradeisos: a park, a garden, a paradise*

**Strong's number:** [G3857](#) (*Strong's number added*)

**Original Word:** *παράδεισος, ου, ό*

**Part of Speech:** *Noun, Masculine*

**Transliteration:** *paradeisos*

**Phonetic Spelling:** (*par-ad'-i-sos*)

**Definition:** *a park, a garden, a paradise*

**Usage:** *Paradise.*

## **HELPS Word-studies**

[3857](#) *parádeisos* – an ancient Persian word meaning "enclosure, garden, park."

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### The Rock, The Church and The Keys to the Kingdom?

This is to reveal the truth as given to us by the inspired word of God that will expose the false beliefs that have created false religions surrounding several key biblical words and scriptural references that have been taken out of context in the Holy Bible.

This scriptural passage [Matthew 16:15-20](#), is used to support a man-made religion “the Roman Catholic Church” with false teachings and false beliefs about our Lord and Christ Jesus when He was talking with His disciples about who the people and His disciples believed Him to be.

This passage has been **taken out of context, and distorted, and corrupted**. This false belief affects the hearts, minds and souls of men, women, and children that have placed their trust in these people that teach and preach these false beliefs. These people are blind guides to all that they teach and preach. All these people, the teachers, preachers, and the blind that follow them are headed on a path to condemnation.

#### [Matthew 16:15-20](#)

15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The inspired word of God will provide the true light on this darkness.

The words are that our Lord Jesus Christ tells Simon Bar-Jonah that you are “Peter” establishes his name as Peter and “upon this rock I will build my church” establishes the foundation “on this rock” to build upon. The words “I will build my church” are future tense and that the church has not been established yet and the word church defined by the Greek meaning is the body of faithful baptized believers in Christ Jesus whom God calls out from the world and into His eternal kingdom.

[The English word "church" comes from the Greek word kyriakos, "belonging to the Lord" (kyrios). [1577](#) /ekklēsia ("church") is the root of the term's "ecclesiology" and "ecclesiastical."]

**The church is the body of faithful baptized believers called out from this world that are the body in Christ.**

#### ***Strong's Concordance***

**Greek:** *ekklēsia: an assembly, a (religious) congregation (Greek added)*

**Strong's Number** [G1577](#) (Strong's number added)

**Original Word:** *ἐκκλησία, ας, ἡ*

**Part of Speech:** *Noun, Feminine*

**Transliteration:** *ekklēsia*

**Phonetic Spelling:** *(ek-klay-see'-ah)*

**Definition:** *an assembly, a (religious) congregation*

**Usage:** *an assembly, congregation, church; the Church, the whole body of Christian believers.*

#### ***HELPS Word-studies***

[1577](#) *ekklēsia* (from [1537](#) /ek, "out from and to" and [2564](#) /kalēō, "to call") – properly, people called out from the world and to God, the outcome being the Church (the mystical body of Christ) – i.e. the universal (total) body of believers whom God calls out from the world and into His eternal kingdom. [The English word "church" comes from the Greek word kyriakos, "belonging to the Lord" (kyrios). [1577](#) /ekklēsia ("church") is the root of the terms "ecclesiology" and "ecclesiastical."]

The church is the Lord's church, and He is the head of the body, and the body of the faithful baptized believers are the church. Our Lord Jesus Christ has been given all authority of the church, heaven and on earth. These truths are written in the Holy Bible.

These are but just a few of the scriptural references that state that Jesus our Lord and Christ has all authority ([Matthew 9:6 NASB](#), [Matthew 28:18-20 NASB](#), [Mark 1:27 NASB](#); [Mark 2:10 NASB](#); [John 5:25-28 NASB](#), [John 10:18 NASB](#), [John 17:1-2 NASB](#)).

The words that Jesus our Lord and Christ spoken are given to us to hear for our foundation ([Psalms 118:22 NASB](#); [Isaiah 28:16 NASB](#); [Matthew 7:24-27 NASB](#), [Matthew 21:33-43 NASB](#); [Luke 6:46-49 NASB](#); [Romans 9:30-33 NASB](#); [1 Corinthians 3:11 NASB](#); [Ephesians 2:20 NASB](#); [1 Peter 2:3-10 NASB](#)).

The difference in the Greek meanings of the words “Peter” and “Rock” are as follows; The word “Peter” as defined in the Strong’s Greek Concordance defines the Peter as a stone or boulder.

### ***Strong’s Concordance***

***Greek: Petros: "a stone" or "a boulder," Peter, one of the twelve apostles (Greek added)***

***Strong’s Number: [G4074](#) (Strong’s number added)***

***Original Word: Πέτρος, ου, ό***

***Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine***

***Transliteration: Petros***

***Phonetic Spelling: (pet'-ros)***

***Definition: "a stone" or "a boulder", Peter, one of the twelve apostles***

***Usage: Peter, a Greek name meaning rock.***

### ***HELPS Word-studies***

[4074](#) Pétros (a masculine noun) – properly, a stone (pebble), such as a small rock found along a pathway. [4074](#) /Pétros ("small stone") then stands in contrast to [4073](#) /pétra ("cliff, boulder," Abbott-Smith)

"[4074](#) (Pétros) is an isolated rock and [4073](#) (pétra) is a cliff" (TDNT, 3, 100). "[4074](#) (Pétros) always means a stone . . . such as a man may throw, . . . versus [4073](#) (pétra), a projecting rock, cliff" (S. Zodhiates, Dict).

The word “rock” as defined in the Strong’s Greek Concordance defines the rock as a large mass of rock.

### ***Strong's Concordance***

***Greek: petra: a (large mass of) rock (Greek added)***

***Strong’s Number: [G4073](#) (Strong’s number added)***

***Original Word: πέτρα, ας, ή***

***Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine***

***Transliteration: petra***

***Phonetic Spelling: (pet'-ra)***

***Definition: a (large mass of) rock***

***Usage: a rock, ledge, cliff, cave, stony ground.***

### **HELPS Word-studies**

[4073](#) *pétra* (a feminine noun) – "a mass of connected rock," which is distinct from [4074](#) (*Pétros*) which is "a detached stone or boulder"

The words that Our Lord and Christ Jesus spoke stating that He will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever he binds on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever he loosed on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Was being directed to all the Apostles as it did also yet include the Apostle Paul, and the Lords brothers James and Jude.

The key or keys represent a figure of speech that are used in the manner by the one holding the key or keys that has been given the authority over what the key is capable of (Cited from "[Coffman's Commentaries on the Bible Matthew 16](#)" verses 18-19).

These scriptural "key" figurative references are also written in [Isaiah 22:22 NASB](#), [Luke 11:52 NASB](#), [Revelation 1:17-18 NASB](#), [Revelation 3:7 NASB](#), [Revelation 9:1 NASB](#), [Revelation 20:1-3 NASB](#).

### Conclusion

This authority was given to all the Apostles and the Lord's brothers as they were guided by the Holy Spirit as written throughout the Holy Bible to teach the doctrine of salvation.

The truth about these false beliefs is that they are distorted and corrupted beliefs that are spread by these false teachers, false prophets, men, and women that are blindly guiding people or by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

The inspired word of God is the truth. We need to continue to shine the light of our Lord Jesus Christ onto the darkness to help all the ones that have been misled and are lost.

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## Spirit of Adoption?

The false belief that surrounds salvation from being "born again" without being baptized (fully immersed in water) is another false doctrine created by man-made religions taking scriptural verses and passages out of context and distorting and corrupting them.

Our Lord stated in the scriptural passages of ([John 3:1-21](#)) our Lord tells us that unless we are born again of water and spirit, we cannot enter the kingdom of God. The Apostle Peter opens the door of the kingdom for those to enter by repentance, confession, and baptism ([Acts 2:32-42](#)).

Through our obedience ([Romans 1:1-6](#)) not only do we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, we also are cleansed from our sins and forgiven ([Ephesians 4:32](#)), we have an appeal to God for a good conscience ([1 Peter 3:21](#)), and we begin a newness of life as children of God ([Romans 6:1-11](#), [Galatians 4:6](#)), we are to be obedient to the faith ([Matthew 6:24](#), [John 8:34-36](#), [Romans 6:16-17](#), [Romans 6:20-23](#), [Titus 3:1](#)), being faithful unto death ([Matthew 16:26](#), [Luke 8:15](#), [Acts 11:23](#), [Revelation 2:10-11](#), [Revelation 3:10-11](#)), enduring, steadfast, hopeful and rejoicing ([Luke 8:15](#), [Luke 21:19](#), [Romans 5:1-5](#), [Romans 8:18-25](#), [1 Corinthians 4:12](#), [1 Corinthians 10:13](#), [1 Corinthians 15:58](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:16](#), [2 Thessalonians 1:4](#), [2 Timothy 2:24](#), [Hebrews 6:19](#), [Hebrews 10:35-39](#), [Hebrews 12:1-17](#), [James 1:3-4](#), [James 1:12](#), [James 5:10-11](#), [1 Peter 2:19-25](#), [1 Peter 3:14-17 KJV](#), [1 Peter 4:12-19](#), [Jude 1:17-25](#), [Revelation 2:3](#)) so we can live an eternal life with God ([Jude 1:21](#)).

Our Lord tells us as written in ([John 3:16](#)) and that all who believe in the Son of God should not perish but have eternal life. We need to believe in the words of God and His Son so we can come into the light and do the good works that are in Christ Jesus that God prepared before hand that we should walk in them ([Ephesians 2:10](#)).

### [Matthew 28:18-20](#)

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

### [Mark 16:14-16](#)

14 Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. 15 And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.



### [John 3:1-21](#)

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 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. 18 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. 19 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. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 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.”

### [John 3:36](#)

36 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.

### [Acts 22:16](#)

16 And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’

### [Romans 8:10-17](#)

10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. 12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

#### [Galatians 4:6](#)

6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

#### [1 Peter 3:21-22](#)

21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

#### Conclusion

There are many false teachings in the world especially when the price is at the highest, your soul and the souls of others are worth more than anything in this world. Therefore, we trust in the inspired word of God and not man-made doctrine.

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#### Salvation by Faith or Belief only?

The false teaching known as “salvation by faith or belief only” is a false belief that is distorted and corrupted, it has been taught by mankind taking several scriptural verses out of context to create a man-made doctrine that offers no forgiveness or salvation only a path to condemnation.

This following scriptural references **have been taken out of context** and used to support this false doctrine. “To confess with mouth and believe in your heart you will be saved.” and “calling on the name of the Lord”.

These scriptural verses and passages were and still are being used to build a foundation of this **false doctrine** called “salvation by faith or belief only” ([Acts 2:21](#), [Romans 3:28](#), [Romans 5:1-2](#), [Romans 10:13](#), [Galatians 2:16](#), [Galatians 3:2](#), [Galatians 3:23-26](#), [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)).

The context of these **scriptural references have been distorted**, the words in ([Acts 2:21](#)) “And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved” and ([Romans 10:9](#)) “because, 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” and ([Romans 10:13](#)) “For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” means to repent of your sins, confess Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God and to be baptized in the name of the Jesus Christ or in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit ([Matthew 28:18-20](#), [Acts 2:38](#), [Acts 22:16](#), [Romans 6:3-11](#), [1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#), [Galatians 3:25-29](#)).

The scriptural reference to [Romans 3:28](#) has been taken **out of context** and the true meaning is referenced to being justified by faith apart from the works of the Law of Moses, and not from the works by faith as written in [James 2:14-26](#).

In the scriptural reference [Romans 5:1-2](#), The context “being justified by faith” includes the works done by faith as the Lord's Brother James explains in the scriptural verses: [James 2:14-26](#), and to have “peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” means we will have peace after we have been obedient and have heard the gospel, believed the gospel, repented of our sins, confessed and have been baptized for the remission of sins and are obeying our the words, teachings and commands of our Lord Jesus Christ as written in the New Testament, and the Lord Jesus Christ's Apostles teachings as written in the New Testament, the Lord Jesus Christ's brothers James and Jude, and the Old Testament writings as written in [Romans 15:4](#).

Our Lord Jesus Christ tells us that unless we are born again of water and spirit ([John 3:1-7](#)) we cannot enter the kingdom of God. The Apostle Peter opens the door of the kingdom for those to enter by being obedient through repentance, confession, and baptism ([Acts 2:32-42](#)) This act of obedience not only do we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are cleansed from our sins and are forgiven, and we have an appeal to God for a good conscience ([1 Peter 3:21](#)), and we begin a newness of life ([Romans 6:1-11](#)), being obedient to the faith ([Matthew 6:24](#), [Romans 6:16-17](#), [Romans 6:20-23](#), [Titus 3:1](#)), and being faithful unto death ([Matthew 16:26](#), [Luke 8:15](#), [Acts 11:23](#), [Revelation 2:10-11](#), [Revelation 3:10-11](#)), enduring, steadfast, hopeful and rejoicing ([Luke 8:15](#), [Luke 21:19](#), [Romans 5:1-5](#), [Romans 8:18-25](#), [1 Corinthians 4:12](#), [1 Corinthians 10:13](#), [1 Corinthians 15:58](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:16](#), [2 Thessalonians 1:4](#), [2 Timothy 2:24](#), [Hebrews 6:19](#), [Hebrews 10:35-39](#), [Hebrews 12:1-17](#), [James 1:3-4](#), [James 1:12](#), [James 5:10-11](#), [1 Peter 2:19-25](#), [1 Peter 3:14-17 KJV](#), [1 Peter 4:12-19](#), [Jude 1:17-25](#), [Revelation 2:3](#)) so we can live an eternal life with God ([Jude 1:21](#)).

These next scriptural verses and passages will show you how important it is that we have both faith and works by faith ([Matthew 5:16](#), [John 3:21](#), [Acts 9:36](#), [Ephesians 2:10](#), [1 Thessalonians](#)

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My hope is that through your study of the Holy Bible you will see the truth and this is what you need to hold onto. The Sacred Texts will help you to see beyond the darkness that is within the world.

In [John 8:12](#) our Lord Christ Jesus tells us that whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness.

[James 2:26](#)

26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

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## Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

The false teaching known as the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit” is being associated to false religions such as the **Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Foursquare Churches**, to the Baptism that was on the day of Pentecost with the twelve Apostles, which included Matthias who replaced Judas Iscariot because Judas Iscariot betrayed our Lord Christ Jesus and committed suicide.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit brought special **divine gifts to the Apostles**, the gifts of tongues, healing, prophecy, to raise the dead, to cast out demons from people and the ability to pass on the Holy Spirit through the laying on of their hands. These **divine gifts ended** soon after the **end of the 1st century when the last of the twelve Apostles and any of the disciples that had received any of these divine gifts had passed away**. These **divine gifts were no longer needed** when the original writings of the New Covenant or **New Testament was completed** by the inspired writers that were guided by the Holy Spirit ([1 Corinthians 13:8-10](#)).

This false teaching and false beliefs have misled people to believe that in some of these man-made religions people have received divine gifts of being able to speak with a tongue or tongues, to heal others by laying on of their hands, able to pass on the Holy Spirit with laying on of their hands and some state they can prophesize and have received direct revelations from God. **All**

**these people are being deceitful and have no divine gifts and have not received any revelations from God, they cannot prophesize. These are nothing but deceitful schemes.**

This false teaching is based on the divine gifts that were given to the Apostles and to the disciples that the Apostles laid hands on. These that are just but a few of the following scriptures that they have taken out of context to support their false religions ([Acts 1:8](#), [Acts 2:1-4](#), [Acts 5:12](#), [Acts 8:17](#), [Acts 9:17](#), [Acts 10:43-46](#), [Acts 19:6](#), [1 Timothy 4:14](#), [1 Timothy 5:22](#), [2 Timothy 1:6](#)).

In ([1 Corinthians 13:8-10](#)) the “perfect” as written in the New Covenant or New Testament represents the inspired written word of God, the Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles and Revelation written by the inspired writers carried along by the Holy Spirit ([2 Peter 1:21](#)) that concluded the need for any supernatural gifts in the world.

## Conclusion

When the Apostles and disciples that had been given the divine gifts, fulfilled their work all divine gifts ceased ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#); [James 1:25](#); [2 Peter 1:3](#); [Jude 1:3](#); [1 Corinthians 13:8-10](#)). Referenced from the Northwest Church of Christ “[The Holy Spirit](#)” article.

My hope that this shines the light of our marvelous Lord Christ Jesus on the darkness associated to the false religions that teach these deceitful schemes on the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

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## Persecuted Christian's around the World?

In [Matthew 5:10-12](#) the inspired word of God tells us as written:

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Please read this carefully in [Galatians 1:8-9](#) we have been given warnings about people who try to teach a Gospel that is contrary to what we have received from the inspired word of God. The false teachers that teach a gospel contrary to the gospel that is written in the inspired word of God are to be accursed.

### ***Strong's Concordance***

**English:** *accursed (English added)*

**Greek:** *anathema: that which is laid up, i.e. a votive offering (Greek added)*

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**Original Word:** *ἀνάθεμα, ατος, τό*

**Part of Speech:** *Noun, Neuter*

**Transliteration:** *anathema*

**Phonetic Spelling:** *(an-ath'-em-ah)*

**Definition:** *that which is laid up, a votive offering*

**Usage:** *a votive offering, a thing devoted to God; a curse, the thing cursed.*

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**331** *anáthema* (from **303** /aná, "up" concluding a process, which intensifies **5087** /tithēmi, "to place") – properly, place up, referring to something pledged (given up) to destruction; a divine curse/ban ("accursed"); an "oath-curse."

[**331** (*anáthema*) is the root of the English word, "anathema."]

In [Ephesians 5:11-13](#) we are told to expose the unfruitful works of darkness. There are people that call themselves “Christians” that are around the world asking for financial help and support and physical help for people that they call “Persecuted Christian's.”

These businesses that call themselves ministries have distorted and corrupted the inspired word of God for deceitful gain ([Isaiah 5:20](#), [Ephesians 4:14](#), [2 Timothy 3:1-5](#)).

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<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

In [2 Timothy 3:12-13](#) the inspired word of God tells us as written:

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup> while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

In [Romans 12:14](#) the inspired word of God tells us as written:  
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

In [Matthew 5:44](#) the inspired word of God tells us as written:  
44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

In [Acts 5:40-42](#) the inspired word of God as written:  
40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.”

In [1 Peter 4:12-19](#) the inspired word of God as written:  
<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” <sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

In these few scriptural references there are no cries for help for being persecuted, this is a blessing to be persecuted for His name. Why would people distort and corrupt this blessing and turn this into a cry for help? ([2 Timothy 3:1-5](#)).

In [Matthew 25:31-46](#) the inspired word of God as written tells us:  
<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

<sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

In [1 Corinthians 4:11-14](#) the inspired word of God tells us as written:

<sup>11</sup> To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, <sup>12</sup> and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; <sup>13</sup> when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things. <sup>14</sup> I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

In [Galatians 6:9-10](#) the inspired word of God tells us as written:

<sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

In [James 2:14-17](#) the inspired word of God tells us as written:

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

In [Hebrews 13:1-3](#) the inspired word of God tells us as written:

<sup>1</sup> Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

We are not to have a blind eye to someone in need both in the body in Christ and or outside the body of Christ.

In [Luke 10:29-37](#) the inspired word of God tells us as written:

<sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the



innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

## Conclusion

When we see or hear of people that falsely state they are in need of help we are to do as what is written in ([Ephesians 5:11](#), [2 Timothy 3:1-5](#)).

In [Proverbs 24:17-18](#) the inspired word of God tells us "Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles, lest the LORD see it and be displeased, and turn away his anger from him.

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