# LIBERTY CHURCH

# STATEMENT of FAITH

This church in and of itself is to fully recognize and represent the LORD our GOD by bringing great glory and honor to the LORD JESUS CHRIST in all we say and do, it is to represent the divine wisdom and manifold inheritance that the bride of CHRIST has been given in this day and time. With a radiant confidence in HIS finished works we gaze upon HIM, as He ransoms the creation back to the Creator. We exist to worship the MOST HIGH GOD and enjoy HIM forever. We are to carry GOD's presence and carry the will of the GOD, honoring what He honors and cherishing what He cherishes. We shall LOVE the LORD our GOD with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to LOVE our neighbor as we love ourselves.



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#### LIBERTY

#### GOD:. YAH/Yahweh:. EL

uncreated/eternal-being/loving father We acknowledge the Father (Father literally meaning to come from ) GOD is a triune GOD.

Yah or Jah, is a short form of Yahweh (in consonantal spelling YHWH called the Tetragrammaton), the proper name of GOD in the Bible. It is where we receive the term Hallelujah or halleluyah which literally means praise-GOD. Other recognizable terms or names such as Isaiah or Jeremiah or Zechariah all denote the name Yah within and then paired with a attribute or statement of identity, virtue or cause. As an example, from the name "(Zekharyah) meaning "YAHWEH remembers," from גָּרָרָ ferring to GOD.

The Hebrew name for JESUS is Joshua or Yehoshua, meaning "THE LORD SAVES" or "THE LORD IS SALVATION."

Also referred to as EL-the LORD, meaning might or strength of power. El is GOD. Names referring to His majesty are names like Elijah or Emanuel, and Elshaddai which all contain the name "EL" before or after the attribute affiliated with it. In a similar manner the names denote virtue or proclamation of who GOD is and what He has done or is doing in the life of creation.

ONE GOD, three personages. Like ice, water and gas or fog or steam, the element H20 is able to have three distinct forms and specific attributes yet remain inseparable from its permanent existence as ONE individual element. GOD reveals this for us to understand Him and to relate to the fellowship of His personage and personality.

Hear O' Israel and America the LORD our GOD is ONE. We acknowledge that the GOD of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob is our GOD. The great I AM and the Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. This is the GOD who created, creation and the remarkable and supernatural ability to create, starting with the universe itself, the earth, the global ecosystem, angelic beings, human beings and every creature both of earth and of the heavens above and below, the celestial bodies and their luminary tracks.

#### Exodus 3:14

Today in many avenues, debuting in prayer books, songs and scriptural translations, GOD is referred to as HASHEM, literally meaning "the name". Believing Jews around the world speak this instead of the tetragrammaton YHWH in the name of respect, and in holiness with all fear. In written form in English, it takes on the form of G-D. In prayer or in reference to material such as prayer books and other religious articles, the name ADONAI is used, which is the literal Hebrew word for LORD. In later times the early sages totally refrained from calling GOD so much so that they added the vowel points called nikud for the term ADONAI over the Tetragrammaton, so they would always say the word, Adonai and not the name YAHWEH. Early Christian scholars taking hold on the Hebrew language read this verbatim and attempted to transliterate the consonants and vowel points coming up with a hybrid word named Jehovah. This is not the name of GOD nor was He ever referred to as such but skipping the generational knowledge passed down from the elders and sages of Israel, one can understand why such an incident has transpired.

#### THE DIVINE NAME

The LORD revealed HIS powerful name to the prophet Moses that He desired to be known by. It was no coincidence that this name and the revealing of the name denoted closeness and the friendship that the LORD GOD graciously extended to Moses. It was written here that the LORD became a friend as it said the LORD GOD would speak face to face with Moses as a man to his friend.

exodus 33:11

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:13-14 ESV

This is first the form of future tense of I WILL BE.

In the New Testament we see all JESUS teaches us to still keep this hallowed reference when calling to the Father GOD.

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." Matthew 6:9 ESV

"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. "Malachi 3:6 ESV

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain." Exodus 20:7 ESV

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13 ESV

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The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27 ESV

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. Exodus 15:2 ESV

Saying, "A hand upon the throne of the LORD! The LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation." Exodus 17:16 ESV

You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them. Psalm 89:9 ESV

#### THE NAME OF JESUS

In recent pursuits of biblical and theological accuracy one will come across the naming convention of the Savior and Messiah. The name of JESUS stems from the transliteration of the name literally meaning YAHWEH SAVES or YAHWEH is SALVATION. In the Hebrew language there is no J, so the transliterated term or name would be Yehoshua or Yahashua loosely relating to the name Joshua, in English. After a rendering in the Greek the y becomes and i and the name becomes Josus. Again rendering English for the Greek the name JESUS is derived. Having the literal meaning YAHASHUA, the "LORD ADONAI SAVES" or the "SAL-VATION OF HASHEM," which is the recent convention for the tetragrammaton.

If you reverse the transliteration process from Jesus going straight to Hebrew, you will render the name Yeshua. This is a very famous rendering and well accepted.

Though denominations and groups alike may vary in the selection of the name and the belief in their specific selection, when GOD said every tribe and tongue will praise HIM, perhaps HE considered names and languages differ from region to region. The idea that creation is returning to CREATOR is the main idea, basically the person that the name summons.

# DENOMINATION/s

While no biblical data certifies the origins of such claims as to be named or identified under such profiles as a specific or identifiable denomination, man has named each organization. They are named after the chief or principle theme or revelation of the identity of GOD or the belief structure that they hold to be true regarding the identity of GOD and the teachings pertaining to Him and life in Him. Having said this, we recognize many organizations do exist and differ from each other which vary in their theological identity and belief structure. These branches and para branches focus on certain aspects of the faith at large as to magnify and/or specialize in certain theological ideals. Typically pertaining to the doctrine of divinity and/or the experience of humanity, salvation of man or the relations of man to man in respects of the faith, gifting and/or manifestations, both historically documented and biblically verified yet apart from the general ideal of a doctrinally balanced and well rounded Christlogical imperative (Christ centeredness).

We hold no such views other than the origin of the church and its purpose corroborated by the New Testament in our day and time as to GOD in the authority of JESUS CHRIST HIM-SELF as head of the church.

This is likened to the military of the United States in its specific yet separate branches. Although there is the Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy, Navy Reserve, Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps, and the Special Forces communities, they all serve the same country and work for the same President and Commander in Chief. So are there some churches and denominations who focus or specialize on several tasks or items of theological interest or belief as to distinctly separate themselves from others, but serve the same interest of the kingdom and the Commander and Chief, the LORD JESUS CHRIST as head of the church.

1 corinthians 12:12-13 1 corinthians 1:10 colossians 3:14-15 galatians 3:27-29

# THE FATHER ALMIGHTY GOD

Our GOD is ALIVE. Our GOD is our FATHER.

Father means to come from, and we who believe come from GOD and are adopted by Him to the praise of His glory.

HE is the GOD of Kings and the KING of gods.

Uncreated and eternal, HE is a SPIRIT, and is worshiped in spirit and in truth.

HE is LIGHT and HE is LOVE. HE is GOD and there is NO OTHER.

1 corinthians 8:6 isaiah 64:8 matthew 7:11 john 17:11 romans 15:6 ephesians 1:3 1 peter 1:3 1 john 1:3 isaiah 63:16 1 john 1:5 1 john 4:8 isaiah 45:5 isaiah 46:9

#### ONE GOD, Many Names/Attributes

Unlike other false religions there is only ONE triune GOD, yet He has many names/titles. The Lord GOD is also referenced of many names/titles found in the Scriptures and given and revealed to men over many years. When man has a new revelation of GOD, a new name appears, such as if we have a financial need and we pray to GOD, He then provides and reveals HIS name as Jehovah-Jireh or Yahweh Yireh (Jehovah/Yahweh will provide). That we may call to HIM according to our need knowing that He is not only able to meet the need, He is the author and source of all true provision.

Concerning healing as another example, His revealed name is Jehova Rapha or Yahweh Rophe meaning the LORD of restoration, healing or to heal or restore.

-see APPENDIX for complete list

# JESUS is CHRIST the LORD

Jesus is GOD in the flesh, GOD with US. Everlasting Father, Mighty GOD. He was manifested in our day and time for the sins of the whole world. He was with GOD in the beginning, and sent to earth to ransom mankind, as the only begotten SON being from the Father. He is now at the right hand, ONE with GOD. He is the LIGHT of the world. He now stands in the most holy place not made with the hands of man but made with the hands of GOD in the heavenly sanctuary ever living to make intercession for us.

The SON, JESUS CHRST is the radiance of GOD's glory and the exact representation of HIS being, sustaining all things by HIS powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the MAJESTY in Heaven.

HE who knew no sin became sin so we might become the righteousness of GOD. HE who was perfect took on our imperfections so that through Him we might be made perfect. He who was divine became human so that we who are human might partake of the divine nature. Glorified forever, JESUS CHRIST is the LORD of LORDS and KING of KINGS.

HE humbled HIMSELF and took on the form of a servant, coming not to be served but to serve and became obedient to the point of death for the sins of men. Jesus gave His life as a ransom for many. Therefore GOD has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the NAME that is above every NAME that has ever been given and there is no other name under Heaven or upon the earth whereby men call upon to be SAVED.

He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

john 1:14 john 8:58 john 10:30 john 20:28 romans 9:5 romans 8:34 Hebrews 1:8 matthew 1:23 matthew 20:28 mark 10:45 mark 2:7-12 john 1:1-3 john 5:23 john 17:5 john 14:8-9 john 8:12 acts 4:12 romans 10:17 1 timothy 3:16 1 john 4:14 Hebrews 1:3 Hebrews 7:25 Hebrews 2:17-18 2 corinthians 5:21 titus 1:3 2 peter 1:4 revelation 19:16 EVERY EYE will SEE HIM In HIS glorified and resurrected body, every eye will behold HIS GLORY

isaiah 66:18 revelation 1:7 matthew 24:30

#### HE is WORTHY to be WORSHIPPED FOREVER

Hebrews 1:6 philippians 2:10 matthew 14:33 matthew 2:2 isaiah 45:23-25 matthew 28:9 matthew 28:17

HE is worthy of ALL GLORY and HONOR

revelation 4:11 revelation 5:12 revelation 5:13 Hebrews 3:3 john 5:23

HE is the Only Begotten SON of GOD

john 5:23 romans 1:1-7 acts 10:36 philippians 2:11

ONE with the FATHER

john 14:7-14 john 8:19 john 10:30 john 7:21-23

HE is the LIGHT of the world

john 1:9 john 8:12

HE is the BREAD of LIFE

john 6:35 john 6:41 john 6:48

HE is the Eternal Healer and Redeemer of Mankind

john 1:9-12 john 3:14-16 john 6:40 galatians 3:13 titus 2:14

HE has Resurrected from the Dead unto Glory

1 peter 1:3 romans 6:4 isaiah 66:18

HE is the Judge of the Living and of the Dead

john 5:22 james 5:9 acts 10:42 2 corinthians 5:10 romans 2:16

HE is the Opener of the Heavenly Seals

revelation 5:4-5 revelation 6:1 revelations 8:1

HE Was and Is and Is to Come

revelation: 1:4 revelation 1:8 Hebrews 13:8

HE Lives ever to make Intercession

Hebrews 7:25 isaiah 53:12

EVERY KNEE WILL BOW and EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS that JESUS CHRIST is LORD to the Glory of GOD the FATHER

isaiah 45:23 romans 14:11 philippians 2:10

The CHRIST is also referred to in hundreds of names/titles both in prophecy regarding and in the fulfillment of the written Scriptures.

# VIRGIN BIRTH

JESUS CHRIST was not born with the normal agency of a father. He was born of the HOLY SPIRIT with The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY as His paternal Father. The angel Gabriel came bearing news of this to Mary. That this conception was of GOD. Mary was a virgin but when the HOLY SPIRIT came upon her she became pregnant and gave birth to the Son of GOD. She was to name Him JESUS, which means the LORD SAVES. Joseph, her fiancé nearly put her away quietly due to the pregnancy until GOD revealed to him of the overshadowing of the Most High. Joseph then took Mary's hand in marriage and helped her raise the child.

This event was the only time in the history of the world that this has and ever will transpire.

matthew 1:18-25 luke 1:26-38 isaiah 7:14

# MARY/Immaculate Conception

Scripture does not support the idea of the "immaculate conception" which means Mary was without sin, and that is why she was able to participate in the virgin birth. She was a human and said, "My spirit rejoices in GOD my Savior," meaning she is and was also in need of a savior. She bore children after the Lord JESUS of a natural order with her husband Joseph. The Scriptures do not recognize Mary as a deity, nor is she worthy to be worshipped or prayed to, yet she is blessed forever and has a song to tell of the favor of GOD that came upon her. Mary said her soul "magnifies the LORD," — but she is not to be magnified.

luke 1:42 luke 1:47

# HOLY SPIRIT of GOD

This is the Spirit of GOD. Hovering over the waters in the very beginning, GOD spoke and the SPIRIT of GOD moved and created. He is the residential agent of GOD upon the earth. HE is the one whom JESUS sent to us from the Father as the promise, which is also referred to as the ghost of CHRIST. It is for this reason, to seal our hearts as a guarantee of what is to come and to bring the kingdom of GOD within our soul to comfort and complete us.

HE takes no glory unto Himself but soberly and simply gives that which HE is given. HE lives ever to glorify the Lordship and personage of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. He directs our hearts into the peace of CHRIST and pours the love of GOD into the human heart. HE, as a gift and promise, testifies to the FATHER GOD from whence HE came. HE speaks and reveals that which presides and emanates from the throne, yet HIS temple and home is in human beings. HE is responsible for the convicting and confirming of the human soul in the will of GOD and works within the human spirit to do GOD's will.

After GOD's revelation of JESUS CHRIST's redemption and our repentance, the HOLY SPIR-IT is responsible for the regeneration and renewal of the human soul. Giving gifts and producing fruit as HE wills, both to individuals and severally, this member of the Triunity of GOD is unequal to any spirit who ever was, is and will be. HE is HOLY, HE is the gift of GOD and where HE is there is LIBERTY.

genesis 1:2 job 33:4 psalm 104:30 ephesians 1:13-14 john 16:13-14 job 33:4 psalm 104:30 1 corinthians 6:19 2 corinthians 1:22 2 corinthians 3:17 acts 2:38

Helper-Completer, Convicting Agent and Sanctifier, Given to Men. john 15:26 1 john 4:13 romans 8:26 Two-Fold Empowerment:

One: Internal Residence upon Confession 1 corinthians 12:3 1 corinthians 3:16-17

Two: Baptism upon Confession acts 1:8 acts 2:38

HOLY SPIRIT Characteristics and Manifestations include permanent fruit and gifts/gifting to serve the body of CHRIST, furthering the purposes of regeneration and the glorification of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

#### FRUIT of the HOLY SPIRIT

Generated of the HOLY SPIRIT through the spirit of man being made evident through the soul of the person and regardless of the personality. These attributes are available and expected to mature within all believers from the time of salvation in due process until the time they stand before the LORD.

Love - an intense feeling of deep affection/one-sided charity without the hopes of gain. Joy - a feeling of great pleasure and happiness in a sense of fulfillment. Peace - freedom from disturbance, quiet and tranquility or inner freedom. Patience - to accept or tolerate delay, trouble or suffering without getting angry or upset. Kindness - the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate. Goodness - the quality of being good, particularly, towards all without reservation. Faithfulness - the quality of being faithful, fidelity, focused and committed. Gentleness - the quality of being kind, tender or mild-mannered with meekness. Self-control - to control oneself and one's emotions or desires especially in difficult situations.

galatians 5:16-22

#### GIFTS of the HOLY SPIRIT

Generated of the HOLY SPIRIT, these gifts are given severally or individually as the Spirit wills. These are wholly supernatural manifestations testifying to the work of GOD and the Spirit of GOD within the life of the believer. They are designed to comfort and confirm that the LORD our GOD is with us.

These might come audibly or orally and/or they may come by the human hand(s) or body. These may also come by dream and/or vision. They are able to come in trance visions and still or open visions by an unction or knowing in your spirit/revelation.

Words of Wisdom - is a supernatural word regarding or addressing the present or future. Words of Knowledge - is a supernatural word regarding or addressing the present or past. Gift of Faith - is given to accept/begin or sustain supernatural activity for any duration. Gift of Healing - is for the empowerment of the believer to heal supernaturally. Working of Miracles - generates the ability to sustain natural order or reverse natural order. Gift of Prophecy - is a supernatural word to confirm, comfort or to edify and exhort. Discerning of Spirits - is the ability to make distinction between spirits and spirit beings. Tongues - is the ability to speak a word(s) from the Spirit of GOD in an unknown language. Interpretation of Tongues - is the ability to interpret the tongue(s) spoken in the unknown language.

1 corinthians 12:4-1

#### GIFTING Capabilities/Enhancements

Releasing capabilities and gifts into human souls to further the works of GOD, advancing the gospel in regard to the ministry and the body of Christ at large, both corporately and individually.

#### romans 12:6-9

Gift of Prophecy - orally or in written form, the forthtelling / foretelling of GOD's heart / mind to edify, exhort and comfort.

Gift of Service - the acts of service by good deeds or sharing in the tasks of others out of the overflow of good will.

Gift of Teaching - teaching the Scriptures publicly or privately with insight and revelation so that minds are able to comprehend and retain the knowledge therein.

Gift of Exhortation - this is more than a word of encouragement but the building up of saints in faith and for works and instruction for the kingdom.

Gift of Contribution - giving/contributing monetary or goods contribution in above measure of a giving heart to build or further the LORD's kingdom.

Gift of Generosity - sharing or giving of one's items, finance or time, talents or energy to self-lessly help others in need individually and/or corporately.

Gift of Leadership - guiding the body or flock of GOD into their appointed place and position by example in word and deed.

Acts of Mercy - this is manifested in comfort, counsel, or contribution when crises arrives or as the human experience needs/requires due to the effects of sin/the fall.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's grace. 1 peter 4:10

#### DREAMS/VISIONS

Promises and prophesies all minister and proclaim that GOD still does and will speak to His people in similar matters as before, for it is written, JESUS CHRIST is the SAME YESTERDAY TODAY and FOREVER. GOD, who beforehand spoke in dreams and visions to the prophets and the apostles, promises us in our day and time, that HE will still speak to His servants both in dreams and in visions.

These dreams and visions are from the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD revealing what is to come, inspiring and instructing men in the night. GOD and HIS angels are able and have and do come to the natural realm in the created confines of the earth and are able to be seen by all others. They also appear to men coming in or through the spirit realm, individually, personally and privately. These divine beings are made visual in the day or night, by visions and by dreams. It is also through these avenues or giftings that the human is caught up to the third heavens or to the courts of the LORD GOD, in an open vision or by the spirit.

john 16:13 Hebrews 13:8 daniel 2:19 matthew 2:13 acts 16:9 acts 9:10-11 acts 10:3 acts 2:28 acts 2:17

# MAN/Mankind

Mankind was/is created in the image of GOD both fearfully and wonderfully for His divine purposes. Human beings DID NOT evolve from a lesser form of life, neither apes, nor chimpanzees nor amebas. In fact, we did not evolve from anything but rather we had devolved, so to speak, since the fall. Our life span was decreased from the hundreds of years to less than 120. We were made from the dust of the earth and filled with the breath of GOD. Then HE came and again filled us with the Spirit of GOD, breathing upon HIS creation once more, enabling us to live redeemed and reverse the curse of the fall, giving us the keys of the kingdom and power over all things in HIS precious name as partakers of the divine nature. JESUS gave His own life and GOD granted us, in the New Covenant, the ability to choose for ourselves whether we would love and worship the FATHER as intended and created. GOD is LOVE and LIGHT and in HIM is LIFE. Pledging to cleanse us from all unrighteousness and every item coming from the fallen atmosphere we entered unto, by HIS own blood and by HIS own Spirit in Covenant. To those who believe, redemption and everlasting life awaits, for we were chosen in CHRIST JESUS before the world began.

Being the image bearers of the divine and eternal GOD, we have been commanded to LOVE and to be the SALT and LIGHT of the earth. Seeing how the earth is filled with fallen beings, fallen angels and fallen systems, we must look to our Creator both now and forevermore as HIS beloved and chosen creation. We men of all races, colors and creeds have one blood and have been created by GOD to seek HIM and happily find HIM and both enjoy and worship HIM forever.

genesis 2:7 john 20:22 genesis 1:26 ephesians 1:4 genesis 6:3 acts 17:24-27

Created Image Bearers/Created in True Righteousness and Holiness. ephesians 4:22-24 genesis 1:27

TRI-PART Beings / / Spirit / Soul / Body

The spirit of a man is the conscience, intuition and communion. The soul of a man is his mind, will and emotions. The body of a man is flesh, bone and blood.

1 thessalonians 5:23 Hebrews 4:12 genesis 2:7 1 corinthians 2:14 job 32:8 proverbs 20:27 ecclesiastes 12:7 acts 7:59 1 corinthians 2:11 1 corinthians 6:20 james 2:26 matthew 10:28 matthew 16:26 luke 1:46-47 psalm 62:1 psalm 42:11 psalm 63:1 psalm 103:1 3 john 1:2 proverbs 16:24 leviticus 17:11

Created Fearfully and Wonderfully psalm 139:14 genesis 1:27

Fallen and Redeemed 2 peter 1:4 titus 2:13-14

All of mankind has sinned and fallen short of the glory of GOD but JESUS has redeemed us by laying down His own life, making peace by the blood of the cross. It is here that He reconciled all things unto Himself both on earth and in heaven.

colossians 1:20 romans 3:23 ephesians 1:7

#### COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

We look to the Bible's example of individuals in covenant, both Old and New, as the revealing of the personage of the Godhead as it relates to mankind. This covenant is not just a contract but the pledge of fellowship and the provision of the means to have fellowship with GOD, by GOD. HE promises to give us a new spirit and a new heart.

ezekiel 36:26 2 corinthians 3:6 Hebrews 10:16-18

Our covenant is New and CURRENT. Hebrews 8:13 Hebrews 8:6

GOD can be known.

The God who revealed Himself to Moses in the Old Covenant/Testament as "I AM that I AM" and made covenant with the nation of Israel is the same GOD of the New Covenant/ Testament who revealed Himself through Jesus Christ and made a covenant with us. And so as the covenant of GOD changed the GOD of the covenant did not, ONE GOD, SAME GOD.

Hebrews 9:15 2 peter 1:16 Hebrews 1:3 Hebrews 8:6 Hebrews 8:7-8 Hebrews 9:15

He who unites himself with the LORD is one with HIM in Spirit. 1 corinthians 6:17

-see APPENDIX for other BIBLICAL/Historical Covenants

# THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

On these GREAT commands hang the law and the prophets. These fulfill the law and establish the very heart of the kingdom. GOD's love and HIS command to HIS children are such. In fulfilling the two you are fulfilling the ten and fulfilling the ten you are fulfilling the whole law. LOVE fulfills the law.

The first and great command is to LOVE the LORD your GOD with all your Heart, all of your Soul, all of your Mind and all of your Strength, and the second is like it, to LOVE your neighbor as you LOVE yourself.

mark 12:30-31 matthew 22:37-40 luke 10:27 deuteronomy 6:5 deuteronomy 11:1 romans 13:8 matthew 19:17

### TEN COMMANDMENTS

These commands were given to Moses at Mount Sinai in the book of Exodus. The first set was divinely engraved of GOD Himself and the second set was engraved by Moses. These commands were referenced by the Lord Jesus and by Paul the Apostle. These commands were given to the church in the wilderness and were preached and taught entirely until John the baptist. In the New Covenant these reveal and govern the human conscience and still stand, however the fulfillment and the key to obey these is to love. These reveal what not to do but the GREAT commands reveal what to do. JESUS goes on to change the focal point from works and law externally to love/grace and truth internally by releasing the commands, asking people to be inwardly righteous, not merely outwardly.

exodus 34:27 exodus 20:1-17

In the New Covenant, JESUS says it is no longer suitable to break these but not even to think about breaking them. matthew 5:28

In the law of love, as stated in the GREAT commands, these and the rest of the law is fulfilled. romans 13:8

You shall have no other God before me.

You shall not make for yourselves a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor your father and mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet, anything that is your neighbors.

exodus 20:1-17 deuteronomy 5:16-20 luke 18:20 matthew 5:21 matthew 5:27 romans 7:7-12 romans 13:8-10

# THE CROSS/Crucifixion

The crucifixion of the Lord Jesus took place around 33 AD in Jerusalem just outside the gate. Jesus Christ was publicly tried and executed at the order of the Jews by the Roman soldiers under Pontius Pilate, the fifth prefect of the Roman province of Judea. The place of the crucifixion was called Golgotha which literally means "the place of the skull." It was for the sacrifice of mankind that He took on the cross and it was the very reason He came. Because of this one historic act, HE made atonement for the sins of the entire human race.

This is literally the act/process of public execution where a man is flogged, or whipped/ beaten, then nailed to a cross beam, then secured unto another lateral beam, vertical or slanted or a literal tree before his feet are also then nailed in. This occurs to invoke suffocation or blood loss until the passage of life occurs. JESUS who is forever blessed became a curse for us so that mankind suffering from the curse could now be forever blessed. He who was perfect became imperfect so that we who were imperfect could become perfect.

1 john 2:2

matthew 27:32-56 john 19:18 1 corinthians 2:2 galatians 3:13 galatians 2:20 john 12:27 isaiah 53:5-6 1 peter 3:18

JESUS came for this reason and to be lifted up on the CROSS, and for this reason HE would draw all men to HIMSELF and to the FATHER. As the serpent was lifted in the wilderness, as a remedy for those bitten by the snakes, the bronze serpent Moses made served as a cure and model to look up and lift our heads to the LORD. JESUS serves as the same model, that those who have been wounded by man, JESUS would hang on the cross for men to look up to.

As with the bronze serpent, history tells us that men later began to burn incense to it as an idol and forgot its true symbolism or the LORD of the item. In the same way, people burn incense to the statues of the LORD JESUS CHRIST instead of trusting for a living example of faith in HIM for what He has done for us. CRUCIFIED for us, HE, however is no longer on the cross but resurrected and alive.

numbers 21:9 2 kings 18:4 john 3:14-16 john 6:40 Hebrews 12:12 psalms 16:8

The CROSS is the very power of GOD for those who are saved. 1 corinthians 1:18

JESUS was crucified as the LAMB slain before the world began. revelation 13:8

The Cross is the FINAL and FINISHED atoning work. 1 corinthians 1:18 john 17:4 JESUS said those whosoever would come and follow Him must deny their own lives and take up their cross and follow Him. mark 8:34 matthew 10:38

#### THE BLOOD of the LORD

The blood of the LORD JESUS CHRIST is perfect and eternal, sinless and powerful. It is the blood that made atonement for our sins and paid the price and ransom of our lives and our redemption. It is by the blood that the LORD purchased the souls of men from amongst the earth.

HIS precious blood was shed for the sins of mankind. It is the blood that cleanses the human conscious from dead works. In the shedding of the blood we are made worthy and washed white. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.

By His blood we are sanctified and saved, redeemed and remembered. Because His blood was poured out we have forgiveness of sins, and the remission or removal of sins for He died and shed His blood once and for all.

If we receive His blood we will live forever as the life is in the blood and it is the blood that makes atonement for the life, and makes our eternal garments clean.

john 19:33-34 john 6:54-55 mark 14:23-24 matthew 26:28 1 john 5-6 acts 20:28 Hebrews 9:12-14 Hebrews 9:22 Hebrews 10:19-20 Hebrews 10:22 Hebrews 13:11-12 Hebrews 13:20 colossians 1:19-22 1 corinthians 10:16 1 corinthians 11:25 romans 3:25

ephesians 1:7 ephesians 2:13 revelation 7:14 Hebrews 13:20 1 john 1:6-9 1 peter 1:18-19 revelation 1:5 revelation 12:11 revelation 7:14 leviticus 17:11

#### CONVICTIONS

While we understand and retain the right that each individual's conditions/convictions may vary, the nature of the convictions/inner witness or moral compass is only supported from the revealed will of GOD, both in the Scriptures and by the HOLY SPIRIT. As it relates to the maturity of man being transformed into the image of the LORD JESUS CHRIST within each man, it largely pertains to the relentless pursuit of Holiness and Perfection with LOVE as it relates to the nature and personage of God. GOD is PERFECT. GOD is HOLY.

Convictions are both the revealed will of GOD that the believer is ready to enter into, prepositionally speaking, or failing to enter into by disobeying/disregarding. These conviction are impressed onto the human conscience/human spirit from the HOLY SPIRIT. They are felt and experienced also in the dynamics of the human mind/soul and are even able to alter the physical feeling(s) of a person. Convictions are granted and to be kept/obeyed for the sake of FREEDOM and SALVATION, safety and sanctification, regarding the process of maturation.

It may also be that a conviction revealed and obeyed will guide or lead the believer in specific parameters to, or against that which is beneficial or permissible by an imparted command to keep the believer HOLY to GOD and/or protected against that which is not beneficial or even dangerous. The HOLY SPIRIT guides us also with conviction to keep one on track, reminding us of the commands and moral or ethic principles. His convictions keep us upon the narrow path/road and into the fullness of JESUS' will for our lives.

john 16:8 1 peter 1:16 matthew 5:48 john 1:12 acts 23:1 1 timothy 3:9 Hebrews 10:22 2 corinthians 1:12 1 timothy 1:19 matthew 7:14

#### CORRECTIONS

As the agency of preservation of mankind upon the earth, we are to correct and lead and guide the children of GOD back into proper standing with the Godhead and in the matters of salvation. Many mistake this for judging. However, the Bible is clear that we are responsible for the matters of correction. This is not always convenient or comfortable but as SALT and LIGHT, following JESUS, we must destroy the works of darkness, and bring revelation and freedom to those who are bound.

#### 1 john 3:8

This means has been commanded and delegated to the followers of the LORD JESUS CHRIST as ambassadors of the kingdom by HIS MAJESTY to save, teach, train, redeem, refute, rebuke, exhort, CORRECT and comfort the word of GOD. It is that we would defend the doctrines and the kingdom. The Scripture explicitly says, "Declare these things: exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you."

Man to man, public or private, we are to move in LOVE, bringing light to the subjects, circumstances and situations devoid of the counsel or presence of GOD. In that mankind might be liberated from the grip and power of darkness and see and hear the light of GOD and turn.

2 timothy 4:2 2 timothy 3:16 2 timothy 2:15 titus 2:15 john 12:46 ephesians 5:11-14 acts 26:18

#### CONFESSION

Confession is not limited to the revealing of hidden/secret/sinful matters but actual matters. GOD has commanded us to confess. We are to confess what is in our hearts unto Him. Confession of sin and confession for glory. The glory and honor such as confessing, "JESUS is LORD" is to be SAVED. Other confessions validate and keep our freedom from the tools of the enemy. Fear is the opposite of faith and many for fear do not confess sins, fearing the consequence of shame or failure concerning self-image or identity in regard to the perspective of their fellow man. The Bible teaches us that if we confess our sins then HE is just and faithful to forgive and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In our submission to one another and in confession there is reverence for CHRIST and in the confession of transgressions there is healing and forgiveness.

romans 10:9 1 timothy 6:12 ephesians 5:21

The agency of the human conscience and the mind of man is in conflict often with each other. We are by fallen nature prone to hide things from GOD and from each other due to fear. GOD has asked us not to hide and to come out of agreement with the darkness and deeds done in secret so they would not master us. In doing so, we validate that we are of the light and need not be ashamed or condemned because of His LOVE and MERCY. The new nature working within us points to who we really are in Him. It is for this reason that we may approach one another and GOD boldly in the area of confession, that we may be liberated from the pangs of sin and condemnation. Once we confess what was or is in the darkness, it is in the light and is no longer darkness.

1 john 1:9 james 5:16 proverbs 28:13 psalms 32:5 genesis 3:8-10 matthew 18:21-22 ephesians 5:13-14

# ATONEMENT / Forgiveness

Because of the cross and the work of JESUS at the FATHER'S will, HE has made atonement for our sins. This means that a price has been paid, or a ransom, for the sins of humanity. This atoning work has liberated us from the bondage of decay and the encampment of the enemy. HE in His sacrifice has paid for the sins of mankind ONCE AND FOR ALL, which we are and were not able to pay for, by HIS precious blood. We then appropriate this through the gift of repentance and turning away from such deeds and actions/intentions as the Scriptures admonish.

JESUS has done all the groundwork and labor but we need to abide and participate. IF we confess our sins and turn from them, HE is faithful and just to forgive them. IF we do not repent and do not confess or turn, though it is possible to live and live free, we are then disqualified from the inheritance, due to disobedience. WE must come to GOD on HIS terms and HIS commands, not our own ideals or perceptions about HIM, for it was HE who knew no sin that became sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of GOD in HIM.

1 john 2:2 isaiah 53:5-6 john 1:29 romans 3:25 Hebrews 7:27 romans 5:10 1 timothy 2:6 matthew 1:21 matthew 26:28 mark 10:45 matthew 20:28

# SCRIPTURES

We believe the Scriptures are divinely inspired of the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD and are infallible. The Scriptures are useful for the man of GOD, that he may be equipped and empowered by its authoritative measures. The Scriptures and the authentication of such are able to save and make men wise to inherit salvation. Covering each and every matter as it pertains to life itself. The Scriptures and the SPIRIT of GOD are our invitation to the WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD.

From the book of Genesis to Revelation, we acknowledge the revealed personage GOD and of the LORD JESUS CHRIST by the WILL of GOD, HIS SALVATION and the COVENANTS between and attitudes towards mankind. We revere these sacred texts as the WORD(s) of GOD HIMSELF.

#### SCRIPTURES/Rhema and Logos

The Living and Established Word.

The Bible is full of texts. They are living and active texts, not just texts but texts charged and alive by the SPIRIT of GOD and GOD HIMSELF.

The Rhema is the word alive which is an utterance.

This is a word that speaks to a present situation and circumstance coming out of the passage or page to the person.

The Logos is the established word, meaning discourse and/or reason. This is the word for doctrine and dogmas or teachings for discipline and the establishment of discourse.

Naturally, both Rhema and Logos align with the personage of GOD and HIS current covenant.

2 timothy 3:16-17 john 1:1 Hebrews 5:13-14 Hebrews 4:12

The Scriptures role is to define church and kingdom orthopraxy and biblical doctrine in a balanced measure, taking to oneself the WHOLE COUNSEL of GOD.

Biblical Chapters and Biblical Books list -see APPENDIX for complete list

#### SCRIPTURES/Written Texts

They glorify and testify to the LORD JESUS CHRIST and the kingdom that is both now and forever, revealing the personage of GOD ALMIGHTY, the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship and finally the promises of GOD.

The Scriptures reveal the historicity of the people of GOD, the military campaigns and the conquests including the real estate divinely promised to Abraham and to Isaac and to Jacob, as a lasting covenant establishing the state and inheritance of modern day Israel.

The Old and New Testament entail both practical and spiritual instructions of the way of life, both morally, economically and ethically, here on earth and in the eternal kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Though the authorship of the text is widely ranged and seemingly aged, the Scriptures remain current in our culture, inerrant and infallible. They are able not only to equip the man of GOD for works or ministry and of service, but are able to define and establish discipline and protocol, both in the ordinances of governance of the Christian life and in the managing the affairs of the church body, locally and at large.

The Scriptures reveal the humanity and the divinity of the SON of GOD and the historic lineage of the Savior of all mankind in His role here on earth and at the right hand of GOD.

# ORIGINAL LANGUAGE of TEXTUAL WRITINGS

Koine Greek and Masoretic/Classical Hebrew Origins Aramaic and/or Ugaritic/Ancient Languages

We acknowledge the written chapters and Scriptures of the Canonized Bible to be composed of:

39 Books to compose the Old Testament written first in Masoretic/Classical Hebrew 27 Books to compose the New Testament written first in Koine Greek/Aramaic

-see APPENDIX for complete list

Archeological evidence points to the validity of the historical text including the sojourning and exodus, the military campaigns and the conquests as noted above, the settling in the land promised, forming the borders of modern day Israel.

The Dead Sea scrolls were discovered between 1946/7 and 1956 and were preserved copies of the original manuscripts dating back from 250 BC and 68 AD and other sets created dating back to 800 BC and unto 1100 AD giving testimony to the unaltered word of GOD.

Additional books such as the Apocrypha and other extra biblical writings, although some are historically valid, do not entail the glory or the counsel of the Godhead, thus leading to the denial or exclusion of canonization in modern day and widely used translations.

# DOCTRINE

These elementary doctrines/beliefs and practices/foundations of the faith are imperative for the establishment of discipline and faith in the religion and faith given and taught by the LORD JESUS CHRIST. JESUS CHRIST began to both do and teach. From His example we source our doctrine. Each and every member of the kingdom of the LORD JESUS CHRIST is admonished to give themselves fully to the doctrines written in the New Testament. In doing so, one is able to be made wise unto salvation and able to save themselves and those who hear them.

All of what we believe is in the word of GOD. From Genesis to Revelation our option has been taken captive to the higher and eternal mind of CHRIST. We do not lean on our own understanding but relinquish all states of belief to be determined by the LORD our CRE-ATOR. We then use that Bible as our instruction manual for the human experience and with proper hermeneutics or biblical interpretation and with the right heart of mercy and grace, we form our belief structure through extracting points from the text that are both balanced, supported and confirmed. The doctrine that is both authorized by GOD and validated in the Scriptures and in signs and wonders following, we then move confidently into our confession.

2 timothy 2:25 2 timothy 3:14-15 2 timothy 3:16 1 timothy 4:16 2 timothy 4:2 titus 1:9 acts 2:42

# THE ELEMENTARY TEACHINGS

There are ELEMENTARY Teachings and MATURE teachings.

These beginning/elementary doctrines and teachings come from the passage in the sixth chapter of Hebrews and are aimed at maturing the believer into the things of GOD. So that they be fervently equipped for each and every good word and work and would have their discernment, through reason of use, able to distinguish between good and evil and between good and GOD. These teachings and doctrines are essential for the growing establishment and practice of solid truth for a firm foundation in the faith given by the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

From milk to meat, the process of our maturing comes by the skillful application and right dividing of the Word of GOD. Loving GOD and obeying HIS commands from the time of our confession that JESUS CHRIST is LORD and onwards through the process of maturation and salvation will allow us the ability to discern between good and evil and go on towards maturity.

Hebrews 6:1-5 2 timothy 2:15

Elementary Teachings/Foundation of Repentance from Dead Works Turning from and ceasing to practice the works of man, the fruits of the flesh and from the non-repentant or lifeless deeds which do not glorify GOD the FATHER or the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

matthew 4:17 luke 17:3 matthew 3:8 isaiah 30:15 luke 5:31-32 acts 3:19 acts 5:31 galatians 5:16-21

# Elementary Teachings/Faith towards GOD

Faith is a living and active substance. It is a relationship of believing and accepting the grace offered through faith that GOD does exist and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek HIM. Asking, seeking, knocking, fixing our eyes on the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the author and perfecter/finisher of our faith from the time of our confession that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.

1 john 5:5 1 john 5:13 1 timothy 4:12 galatians 3:22 galatians 2:20 ephesians 3:16-17 ephesians 2:8 Hebrews 11:1 1 peter 1:21 acts 26:18

Elementary Teachings/Instructions about Washings/Baptisms Immediately following Repentance, Baptism is the act of full submersion in still or moving water by another believer to obey the first commands of JESUS after confession by identifying with His death, burial and resurrection.

mark 16:16 john 3:5 1 peter 3:21 acts 2:38 acts 10:48 acts 22:16 matthew 3:16 colossians 2:12 matthew 28:19 galatians 3:27 ephesians 4:5 romans 6:3-4

#### Elementary Teachings/Laying on of Hands

The setting of ones hands upon another believer in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST for the approval/appointment and impartation/implementation of gifts or blessing.

Includes but is not limited to conformation/commissioning for missions or ministry.

mark 10:16

mark 7:32 acts 8:17 luke 4:40 numbers 27:18 acts 6:6 acts 13:3 1 timothy 4:14 2 timothy 1:6 1 timothy 5:22

# Elementary Teachings/Resurrection of the Dead

The resurrected bodies of the saints rising up to the eternal judgement seat of JESUS CHRIST the JUDGE. Those who have already died before will rise first in orderly form to the judgement seat, then to reward and everlasting life or eternal punishment and everlasting contempt.

john 11:25-26 john 5:24-25 luke 20:35-36 acts 4:33 acts 24:15 acts 26:23 romans 6:5 1 thessalonians 4:16 isaiah 26:19 daniel 12:3 john 5:28-29 philippians 3:11 1 corinthians 6:14 1 corinthians 15:3-4 1 corinthians 15:20-23 1 corinthians 15:35-44 1 corinthians 15:52

Elementary Teachings/Eternal Judgement

The account for what we said and did in the earthly temporal bodies we resided in during our lifespan on the earth, whether we believed and served the ONE TRUE GOD in word and deed or rebelled against the gospel of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

matthew 12:36-37 matthew 13:49-50 matthew 16:27 john 5:22 acts 10:42 romans 2:5-10 acts 17:31 romans 14:10-12 1 corinthians 4:5 2 corinthians 5:10

# THE MATURE TEACHINGS

There are ELEMENTARY Teachings and MATURE teachings.

Coming from the same passage in Hebrews chapter six, these teachings are the mature principles of CHRIST JESUS. These teachings are the invitation of the experience of salvation of the fullness of the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD and HIS SALVATION. One should release thanksgiving at each stage of understanding and should acknowledge that GOD has both brought us into the fellowship and bestowed the unsearchable riches in CHRIST for us, His beloved.

These listed doctrines are the dynamics and principles of fellowship manifested of GOD. Taking the believer from milk to meat is taking the believer from theory to production. These doctrines, beliefs and behaviors are the fullness of the life of GOD in the saints and what we see personally modeled by the LORD JESUS CHRIST for the church eternal to enter in and to enjoy.

With wisdom and true discretion we must test all things and hold fast to what is true. We must hold true to what we have attained and that we must hold fast and hold true until the day of CHRIST JESUS. Taking heed to the true doctrine and to what we have learned in CHRIST as not to waiver from it, that we may grow up into HIM who is the head, into JESUS CHRIST.

Hebrews 6:1-5 ephesians 3:14-17 Hebrews 10:23 ephesians 4:14

## Mature Teachings/Enlightened

The illumination of the human mind/human spirit in regard to the wisdom and revelation pertaining to the matters of salvation in the knowledge of GOD and in the length and depth and width and height of the LOVE of GOD in JESUS CHRIST our KING.

john 1:9 ephesians 1:18 john 8:12 ezra 9:8 isaiah 9:2 psalms 19:8 psalm 18:28 daniel 2:22 Hebrews 10:32 2 corinthians 4:6

Mature Teachings / Tasted the Heavenly Gift The fellowship of the LORD JESUS CHRIST and HIS SALVATION. GOD translated us from the unfruitful world into the eternal works purposed before the world began.

Partaking in the inexpressible gift of GOD and HIS inheritance in the saints.

john 3:16 james 1:17 ephesians 2:8 john 4:10 romans 6:23 romans 5:15 2 corinthians 9:15

Mature Teachings/Shared in the Holy Spirit

Partaking in the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit and HIS guidance and help pertaining to salvation and the glorification of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

romans 8:11 acts 6:10 2 timothy 1:7-8 1 thessalonians 1:5 romans 8:26 1 corinthians 12:5-11 galatians 5:22-23 john 16:8-11 john 16:13-15

Mature Teachings / Tasted the Goodness of the Word of GOD Living not on bread alone but on every truth that breathes in the Word of GOD. It is reading, the living realities revealed and actively walking and obeying the declared and proclaimed teachings and truths in the written and inspired Scriptures.

Fixing our eyes on CHRIST JESUS, the author and perfecter of our faith, thus making one wise to inherit salvation.

john 1:1-3 Hebrews 4:12 2 timothy 3:16-17 psalm 119:105 james 1:22 isaiah 40:8 luke 11:28 matthew 7:24 psalm 18:30 matthew 24:35 matthew 4:4 john 1:14

### Mature Teachings/The Powers of the Age to Come

This is the kingdom's resource of virtue, confidence and confirmation, both of the resurrection power from which the other side of immortality exits and the seven spirits before the throne of GOD residing eternally in the coming age/heavens, and the witness of the assurance of the life after this life. acts 1:8 luke 24:49 matthew 12:28 luke 24:49 ephesians 3:16 isaiah 11:2 romans 15:19 1 corinthians 15:54 peter 1:3-4 acts 4:33

### MINISTRY

The word MINISTRY means "to serve" so ministry in any form is to serve.

While there are many facets to the ministry including offices, titles and organizations, it ultimately takes form in these parameters in our day and time but is not limited to them. The ministry we speak of is when the messenger becomes the message and takes what he has freely been given and begins to freely give.

We are both the persevering agents and the agents that change the world, bringing salvation to the ends of the earth. SALT and LIGHT at GOD'S command and authentication, we are to go forth in this appointed ministry and bear fruit unto GOD. Once this is established in the heart of a man, he is to be committed to the work of the LORD GOD. The ministry of the LORD GOD includes ministers and offices including the agency of administered positions, both voluntary and paid. This all exists to bring testimony to the LORD's finished work and the abundant life HE has commissioned us to have, all while reaching the lost and dying world.

acts 13:47 romans 11:6 romans 12:7 ephesians 3:7

### THE FIVE FOLD Ministry

The five fold ministry consists of five complete ministry gifts bestowed upon the church by the LORD JESUS CHRIST. When HE ascended, HE gave gifts to men, HE gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers for the work of GOD and the equipping of the saints for works of ministry and into the fullness of their identity as the bride of Christ. JESUS is and was all five of these ministries on the earth so HE is the example the five fold ministers follow.

One who is called by GOD should show certain earmarks for the calling of the ministry. Confirming such people through the agency of the laying on of hands or ordination and qualification all proceed the inner witness confirmed and established in the hearts and minds of saints and the Spirit of GOD. This means they have been sent/sanctioned by the LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF to serve and for acts of service, both enabling and equipping saints for service.

ephesians 4:11-14 1 corinthians 12:28a

As the expression and gifting of CHRIST HIMSELF, the five fold ministry needs to be solely dedicated to prayer and the ministry (preaching and teaching) of the word.

acts 6:4

## APOSTLES/The Five Fold Ministry

An apostle is one who has been sent by the LORD JESUS CHRIST Himself with or without the agency of man. An apostle is a slave of righteousness and a bondservant of Christ, laboring to make pure the body of the Lord and present them unto the Lord as a devoted and stable body lacking nothing by faith. It is to raise the body of Christ into the fullness of His stature and personage unto maturity in the faith.

The apostle should have the heart to spiritually father and see the body of CHRIST as sons and daughters.

Apostle means "sent one" / /JESUS is the Chief/Head Apostle.

Hebrews 3:1 1 corinthians 9:2 2 corinthians 12:12 acts 5:12-16

## PROPHETS/The Five Fold Ministry

Title description of a prophet is one who has been commissioned at birth to speak the very words/oracles of GOD to edify, exhort and comfort.

The prophet should have the heart to make the body clean/right before GOD and see the body of CHRIST as HOLY. HOLY unto the LORD.

Prophet means "mouthpiece". JESUS is a prophet.

matthew 21:10-11 matthew 14:5 acts 11:27 acts 21:10 1 corinthians 14:29

### EVANGELISTS/The Five Fold Ministry

Title description of the evangelist is to preach the message entrusted to him to covert souls to the LORD our GOD.

The evangelist should have a heart to win the lost and see the body of CHRIST as connected as ONE. ONE church, many congregations.

Evangelist means "messenger or preacher, to announce or bring good news". JESUS is our evangelist.

ephesians 3:7 2 timothy 4:5 matthew 9:37-38 romans 10:11-15 mark 1:14-15 luke 4:18-19

### PASTORS/The Five Fold Ministry The description of a pastor is a steward or Shepherd of the flock of GOD.

The heart of the pastor should be to keep peace and unity in the body and see the body of CHRIST as the FLOCK. The chosen FLOCK of GOD.

Pastor means "shepherd". JESUS is the Pastor/Shepherd and bishop of our souls.

1 peter 5:4 john 10:11 Hebrews 13:20 jeremiah 3:15 1 peter 5:1-5 1 peter 2:25

### TEACHERS/Five Fold Ministry

Title description of a teacher is one who expounds on words to impart understanding of meaning/translation, and interpretation of the Scriptures.

The heart of the teacher should be to instruct and mature disciples after and into the fullness of the stature of Christ and see the body of CHRIST as students and disciples. The next tier of chosen people. Disciples of CHRIST.

Teacher means "instructor/master". JESUS is our Master/Teacher.

luke 6:40 john 1:38 john 3:1-2 colossians 3:16 exodus 18:20 galatians 6:6 romans 15:4 titus 2:7-8 titus 2:1

### MINISTRY Offices

Elders/Bishops//Deacons

These roles are sent to serve the body of CHRIST. Their offices and sphere of influence are limited to the locality of the local church and all serve to help steward the church in word and deed in the affairs and ministries as it pertains to doctrine, discipline and daily operations.

These offices are put into power/enlisted for service by the five fold ministry/local church government or authority to allow the five fold devotion to prayer and the preaching and teaching of the word.

Elders/Bishops//Deacons do not have authority over the Senior Minister/Senior Pastor or head elder of the local church but come alongside him, submitting to him to serve GOD's imparted/revealed vision to both raise and serve the flock as stewards of GOD's grace.

Hebrews 13:17 1 peter 5:1-4 1 peter 4:10 acts 6:4

The office of the Elder and the Bishop are the same office referred to as residential oversight. These are not ministries though they minister. They have specific duties and functions that pertain to the local congregation that are warranted in Scripture as offices.

The word elder means older or aged. The word bishop means overseer.

The office of the deacon is similar in that he is a resident oversight for the local church. This office of deacon is not a ministry but he is a minister in the things of the church and the body of CHRIST.

The word deacon means servant.

1 timothy 5:17 1 timothy 3:1-7 1 timothy 3:8-13 2 timothy 2:15 acts 20:28

titus 1:5-9 acts 14:23 acts 20:17 acts 6:3 Hebrews 13:7

### QUALIFICATIONS of the Elder/Bishop and Deacon

These qualifications must precede the office of the elder, the bishop and the deacon. These men must be the following criteria biblically and meet these specific requirements to serve in the capacity in these roles before the flock of GOD.

Of an honest report Full of the HOLY SPIRIT Full of wisdom These offices must be blameless The husband of one wife Temperate Sober-minded Of good behavior Hospitable Able to teach Gentle One who rules/manages the affairs of his own house well Having his children in submission with all reverence "having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination" A good testimony among the outside Not given to wine Not violent Not greedy for money Not quarrelsome Not covetous Not a novice lest he be puffed up with pride and fall into the same condemnation as the devil

The offices of Elder/Bishop//Deacon are designed to help manage and sustain the affairs of the local church.

The ministry offices are in place to oversee the matters of church and the people. Their sphere of influence is limited to the local church.

At times a ministry gifting can or will occur simultaneously with offices ordained or appointed but generally a member of the ministry office will not be over a member of the ministry

counsel in a corporate setup as appointed. Ie. Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers and Evangelists. Senior Minister or Board of Elders/Directors.

Deferring to the local structure setup for worship and worship practice, the highest ecclesiastical or clerical member or apostolic counsel will empower a board of elders/directors to define the roles and positions to be carried our by the local assembly.

## THE GREAT COMMISSION

When JESUS CHRIST resurrected, He appeared to the disciples commanding them to go to Galilee. There they went to met HIM on the mountain to where they were directed. There He appeared and the apostles worshipped HIM. Then with very concise directions, He stated "All authority has been given to me" and then commissioned them straightway with the same charge of authority, and commanded them saying, "teach them to observe all that I have commanded you."

JESUS did not just speak and leave but included the most assured and secure promise, to abide with them to the end of the age. Once this happened, the apostles went from students to teachers. The messengers became the message. They now have no limitations and perfect understanding of their mission. Preach, teach and to do the works necessary for the teaching and preaching to be validated. Bring glory and honor to the LORD GOD and expand the kingdom in all word and deed. They do not have to come up with a method, or a meeting plan but are now eye witnesses of His majesty. There is no strategy, simply salvation. Remember that the LORD GOD has not and will not ever release a command or commission without releasing the grace to fully obey it. Once you have seen the invisible you can do the impossible.

We therefore have been commanded to go forth with the good news, casting out demons, healing the sick, raising the dead and bringing sight to the blind, hope to the hopeless and SALVATION to the ends of the earth. Long or short distances or durations, both and first locally, then abroad are all independent factors that will vary. But the love of GOD and the preaching of the new KING and kingdom will not. Whatever is symptomatic from the fall now has a remedy. Repent for the kingdom is at hand. If it is broken, we fix it, if it is lost, we find it, if it is rent, we mend it, any and everything all in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, for it is from He that this enablement comes.

So then the GREAT COMMISSION is the preaching and teaching and demonstration of the kingdom of heaven. As it is written, everyone that calls upon the name of the LORD WILL BE

SAVED, and who then will they call on Him if they have not believed? And how are they to believe on Him in whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.

matthew 11:27 matthew 28:19-20 isaiah 61:1 romans 10:10-15

## GOSPEL/The Good News

In the New Testament, the gospel's presentation is twofold. It is word and deed. We not only have the message, we have the messenger, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of GOD and are justified by His grace as a gift through the redemption that is in CHRIST JESUS. We now not only preach the message of hope, we hope by it. We have been saved and sanctified whereby now we minister the very same freedom that has enabled us to be free. JESUS CHRIST and JESUS CHRIST crucified, making a way back to the FATHER. This gospel of CHRIST is the power of GOD, no longer sinners and slaves but SONS. No longer separated by race, nation, color or creed, to the Jew first and then to the Gentile, SALVATION to he that believeth. He in its basic sense has redeemed us and reversed the curse from the fall and the effects of sin, eternally. He has also fulfilled the law which was the limiting factor on the human soul, calling all men to repent and believe on HIM.

Now to clarify, JESUS was murdered and the apostles were executed, disciples scattered all because of this "good news." How could anyone reject such a salvation? It is because the stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense. They stumble because they disobey the word. They love their dark deeds and the light that shines upon them exposes their sin. When this happens and the exposure of sin is revealed, the only way to free oneself is to stop the source of light, so they kill the prophets and crucify the LORD. Is this the only way?! No, there is the good news, "He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory." The good news is now we may repent and be born again, sharing in His death and resurrection unto eternal life. Our deeds are no longer dark but having been brought into the light, they are no longer dark at all, but light. In fact we are no longer dark at all, but dead. Now the life we live we live by faith in the Son of GOD, GLORY to GOD in the HIGHEST.

The devil works hard to blind the eyes and understanding of mankind to stop the message and label it as foolishness or cunningly devised fables. However after seeing the LORD JE-SUS CHRIST, and the power of HIS resurrection, these deceptions and distractions all appear without their carnal camouflage. Being sent directly by HIM, one must understand that there is a difference between the gift and the Giver. The disciples were very excited at this dispensing of power and authority exclaiming "even the demons are subject to us". JESUS corrected them saying, "Do not rejoice over this but that your names are written in the Lamb's book of life."

For GOD so loved the world that HE gave HIS one and only SON so that whosoever believes on Him will not perish but have everlasting life. The SON JESUS CHRIST the LORD, means YAHWEH SAVES. JESHUA in the Hebrew is JESUS and the CHRIST or anointed one is what the word MESSIAH stands for. The SAVIOR. LORD is MASTER and making the most beautiful name ever to be granted and named amongst men on earth or under the earth and in the heavens, even the high heavens, that in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, men might be saved. HE never sinned, slipped or slandered. HE did good and glorified His FATHER in Heaven. HE helped, saved, sanctified, and sought after the lame, the lost, and the lonesome. He ransomed the hurting and helpless, the broken and betrayed.

#### JESUS CHRIST is MEEK and LOWLY. HE is the WISDOM of GOD.

JESUS came to the world to save sinners. He humbly took on the form of a servant and served, laying down His life as a ransom for many. HE shed His own blood upon the earth and hung on the cross bearing our sin and shame, dying the death of a criminal. HE died and was buried and was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, HE first descended into the lower parts of hell and death, then He ascended to the heavens and after making purification for the sins of the world, HE sat down at the right hand of GOD. He who knew no sin became sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of GOD. HE gave us power to become the sons of GOD and has Himself first loved us, while we were yet sinners, He died for us. He has called and chosen us before the foundation of the world to bear fruit and good works unto His Father. He is the only one worthy to eternally redeem the inhabitants of the earth whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Everyone wants to see a sign and a wonder or miracle but not everyone wants to follow HIM, to lay down their life. The sacrifice JESUS made for us is not limited to HIS triumph over Satan and the display of power, but the true sense of ransom. JESUS sent away the crowds when the heart was not right and once they became hungry for a gift of GOD instead of the GOD of the gift. JESUS always protected the gospel and the spirit and heart of which it was presented. Our good news is: GOD came with us to remove the darkness and the works of

Satan and those who were formerly enslaved, making their tragedy to triumph and their disqualified and destroyed lives to be made partakers of the divine nature...HE traded the ashes for beauty and the dust for destiny.

We are not just enlisted into the heavenly army but first delivered ourselves from the bondage of decay of slavery. We were self-serving and self-preserving slaves of sin and suffered the fate of fear, being eternally separated from GOD unto a heavenly adoption. Whereby He made peace by the blood of the cross, grafting us into the tree of faith and the heavenly family, forever now children of the ONE and LIVING GOD. Next, He sent the HOLY SPIRIT as a seal of promise and as a GUARANTEE or down payment of what is to come. Salvation, saved and sanctified and sealed now in this name, having put all things in created order in subjection under His feet, we bring GOD the FATHER through HIM great GLORY and HONOR.

luke 10:17 ephesians 1:14 isaiah 61:1-3 romans 1:16 romans 3:23-24 romans 5:8 romans 10:10-13 john 3:16 1 corinthians 5:21 1 corinthians 15:3-4 1 corinthians 15:27-28 2 corinthians 1:22 galatians 3:13-14 philippians 2:6-8 colossians 1:19-20 colossians 2:13-14 Hebrews 1:3 1 timothy 1:15 1 timothy 3:16 1 peter 2:7-8 luke 5:32

The JEW FIRST

The salvation promised to the Jews was fulfilled in the LORD JESUS CHRIST as Messiah. For hundreds of years the people of GOD waited and hoped for the Savior, Emanuel GOD with us. Appearing to His own people first, JESUS CHRIST came in the form of a servant to redeem and save the lost. To gather His bride and make her spotless and radiant before Him.

The will of GOD was revealed prophet after prophet and messenger after messenger, but as history tells us of the rejection of such messengers, their Message finally reaches maturity as JESUS CHRIST came to ransom ISRAEL. Battered, beaten and crucified, JESUS gave HIS life freely to those who would believe and receive Him.

Sent of the FATHER, JESUS came fulfilling the law and the commandments, blessed be His name. He came to His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet, to all who did receive Him, He gave the right to become the children of GOD. Children not born of natural descent nor of human decision or a husbands will but born of GOD.

There is no difference between JEW and GENTILE in the KINGDOM of HEAVEN. Man is made of one blood to seek the LORD and to find HIM. JESUS was written about in Isaiah 53 for the Jews to clearly see in the Old Testament and perpetually abiding even in the wilderness, HE was there.

Now the time has come, that everyone who calls upon the name of the LORD WILL BE SAVED.

isaiah 53:1-12 colossians 3:11 john 10:16 john1:11-13 acts 18:4-6 acts 17:24-27 romans 1:16 romans 9:24 romans 10:12-13 romans 11:25 romans 11:28-29 1 corinthians 10:4

#### Then the GENTILE

A Gentile is a person or persons who are a nation at large not related to Israel. Formerly thought of or considered unclean outside of converting to the law, the LORD showed HIS

promise and seal by giving the HOLY SPIRIT to the Gentiles. This desire of GOD and fulfillment of the Scriptures and prophecies proclaims and tells of the fullness of the Gentiles being saved and filled with the very SPIRIT of GOD. This will release the revelation and dispensation of the salvation of the Jews. For as it is written, "He came to His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet, to all who did receive Him, He gave the right to become the children of GOD. Children not born of natural descent nor of human decision or a husbands will but born of GOD."

When the HOLY SPIRIT was poured out upon mankind, the LORD GOD grafted Gentiles into the kingdom by the HOLY SPIRIT and not through the workings of men or keeping the law. HE knew their hearts and gave the HOLY SPIRIT to them to bear witness. This receiving of the promise is not due to the trespass or rejection of Israel but rather to provoke them to jealously as to receive all that was and is promised to them, even salvation. There however is no difference between JEW and GENTILE in the KINGDOM of HEAVEN. Man is made of one blood to seek the LORD and to find HIM.

acts 15:7-9 romans 1:16 romans 9:24 romans 10:12-13 romans 11:25 romans 15:9-12 romans 9:25 hosea 2:23 john 1:11-13 1 peter 2:10 2 corinthians 10:22 colossians 3:11 ephesians 1:13 galatians 3:14 john 10:16 ephesians 3:8-10 acts 17:24-27 acts 18:4-6 acts 28:28

### MISSIONS

Originating in the New Testament as the Great Commission, those sent out in His name were to go and do even as HE did. JESUS CHRIST serves as the example for all of this as HE first gave HIS life traveling and doing the works of the FATHER with power and authority before HE delegated unto us the same mantle. Whether we are traveling a great distance or one that is small, a mission is when one or more individuals have been sent out in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST to do His bidding.

In our days many people think missions/missionaries must be people committed to an underdeveloped and unreached third world country or commit to doing humanitarian works to have an authenticated mission. Though this may often be the case, any mission where the gospel is not preached is no mission at all, whether highly cultivated in technology and commerce or small villages struggling to get electricity to the remote parts. This being said, many missionaries or one sent on a mission have completed outstanding works to better the environment or the lives of the people that they have had laid upon their heart. There are countries or villages that have often have been built entirely by missions/missionaries. Schools, hospitals, Bible colleges, landing strips, wells, homes and other lasting and needed items. This is done in love and to match the good work and word preached unto them.

Biblically we see missions in another sense. We only see the apostles being sent out to preach and build the kingdom. The gospel, and the whole gospel. There were no humanitarian works and no limitations on the location except strict obedience to the HOLY SPIRIT. This does not mean that good deeds are not valid, but we must draw a distinction with the ways of our current culture versus the legitimacy of the Scriptures. Many churches claim mission work when indeed it is just humanitarian work. No gospel is preached and no souls are saved. If good deeds/humanitarian work accompanies the gospel, that is good. But again, no preaching the gospel, no mission.

mark 16:15 acts 1:8 acts 13:47 romans 10:13-14 matthew 24:14 1 chronicles 16:24 revelation 14:6 mark 13:10

## MARRIAGE

Marriage is and must be kept holy before the LORD GOD. It is a model or representation of unity between CHRIST and the church. GOD's will for marriage is the HOLY union of a man and a woman in covenant with HIM. That is what marriage is. It is a covenant between two people resulting in the procreation of the human race and the exchange of two individual lives in for one singular more powerful agency. A covenant is unlike a contract in that a contract is temporal in nature and has rates and reasons of exchange or termination that may result/occur based upon figures, performance or position with reviews and resignation. A covenant is based upon a promise of permanence until the death of one or more parties involved. Only one exception besides death to end a covenant is granted of the LORD which is stated of the LORD Himself as unfaithfulness or the act of adultery. This is when one party shares his or her body with another party in sexual relations. Since this is the original seal of the marriage, making it holy, the sharing of oneself to another or strange person, joining in a bond with more than words but word and deed, that one may understand how this might nullify the marriage agreement in regard to the covenant. A person may choose to forgive and remain in covenant, but is not obligated to under the word of GOD.

This agency reveals and shows the bond of the Godhead eternal through marriage in itself, if faithfully done right, though it in and of itself, is not an eternal agency. It is a type of the marriage with GOD. In marriage, the couple is not just a model of CHRIST and the church, the LORD literally gives them a portion of the same spirit to unify them. It is often quoted what the LORD joined let no man separate and again, a three stranded cord is not easily broken. This all speaks to permanence and the blessed power of GOD and HIS keeping power and will to unite us. The two becoming ONE. It is a type of the union of CHRIST and the church to bear fruit and gifts to the body at large by joining families and friends announcing and enjoying the empowerment of the former single identities into one more powerful agency.

ephesians 5:25 Hebrews 13:4 matthew 19:4-6 mark 10:9 genesis 2:22-24 proverbs 18:22 ecclesiastes 4:12 colossians 3:18-19

Marital/Covenant Relations

Any and all sexual relations are to be between covenant married couples only. Male and female. GOD has blessed the union between male and female, husband and wife. This bond is the seal of the covenant and alone has the ability to procreate into the image of those adhering into one flesh before GOD. It in the confines of marriage is blessed and sacred. As the GODHEAD created us in Their image, so when we love one another in the bond of the covenant, the sacred co-creative authority of GOD is released into a new life and sacred being in the image of those sealed in the covenant to testify of the ONE new flesh.

Hebrews 13:4 1 corinthians 7:3-5

## Premarital Sexual Relations/Adultery

Sexual intercourse and any such activity is directly commanded to be abstained from outside of the bonds of the covenant of marriage. Sexual impurity, adultery or immorality are directly in violation of God's revealed will and command.

Concerning adultery, it is the act of sexual intercourse or activity with another party while engaged in a marital covenant. JESUS said whosoever looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. These create a soul tie and cause people to pretend to have the marital bond without the commitment or cost of the covenant. Pleasure over purpose has left people depressed, diseased and destroyed.

These unwarranted sexual activities are devoid of GOD and HIS blessing. This has a price tag on the human life if not repented of. The person who ignores these words or commands will also himself be ignored by GOD. We are commanded not even to share a meal with the sexually immoral or associate with them.

In repentance from these acts and in turning from practicing them, there is mercy and there is no condemnation, but as JESUS said, "Go and sin no more."

acts 15:29 matthew 5:27-28 1 thessalonians 4:3 1 corinthians 5:9 1 corinthians 5:11 1 corinthians 6:18 1 corinthians 10:8 jude 1:7 revelation 2:22 ephesians 5:5 genesis 1:26 john 8:11

## MULTIPLICATION / Procreation

This is the blessed fruit of the covenant. NOTE: Children are a blessing and promise God gave to Abraham. Bearing children unto the LORD is the highest inheritance on the earth for us. It is mandated several places in Scriptures where we are commanded to be fruitful and multiply. It is when GOD allows us and our covenant bond to testify to His co-creative authority, thus making them into our image as HE did with all of mankind. Our great journey of discipleship starts here and we are able to raise our children in HIS holy ways that they might so inherit salvation. Like us, they have their own free will and will be able to choose for themselves by HIS blessed grace what walk they will have before our GREAT GOD. The purpose of the union of marriage by the joining of lives and of flesh is GODLY OFFSPRING.

In our day and time Christians all over the earth are missing the truth here as it pertains to childbearing. The usage of birth control and contraceptives for fear for the lack of trust in GOD'S provision have kept them from being fruitful and multiplying. Societies claim of "children are just not for me…" have rendered couples childless and many to never know the gift of life. The people who are against bearing children were at one time children themselves. Do they not remember? They are uninformed as to the true nature of childbearing in the heart and eyes of God, as His will is for us to procreate according to the very image and likeness we were created in. Riddled with stories of unbelief and fear, fragile minds all seeking to be pardoned from this blessed gift will justify a decision to take matters into their own hands and stop the Lord from creating descendants through them. "We are not ready…" and "it's our choice" have all robbed saints of the treasure GOD has forever spoke of as inheritance. In the generations past, the revelation of this great gift had expanded nations and kingdoms to their full potential. Yet in our day and time, the devil has convinced many saints this is optional, and as the war rages, independence and the lack of trust renders a generation fruitless, while our enemy is rejoicing.

malachi 2:15 psalm 127:3 genesis 1:26 genesis 1:28 genesis 9:7

# Adoption / The FATHER'S Heart

The agency of adoption is a wonderful solution to appease the command for procreation for those who are barren, and the some who are unable for medical/personal and/or other reasons. It is also a wonderful idea for those already bearing children of natural descent whose hearts the Father has enlarged to serve at this capacity. Adoption is an expression and will-ingness of our heavenly FATHER unto us to receive, revive, restore and redeem.

The uncommitted couples out of wedlock who leave children fatherless and motherless are issues that are ravaging societies, customs and cultures today and are leaving children void of having the experience of parental guidance the LORD GOD originally intended. Some abandoned children and some simply forsaken due to fault, failure or fatality, all have residence in the FATHER'S heart. For HIS heart is for the fatherless, the widow and the orphan.

Here, the LORD GOD places the idea or individual(s) upon the heart of a believer or pair of believers to adopt a child into his or her or their home. While agencies prefer married couples for the terms of adoption, this is not the limitation. While married couples mostly adopt after being unable to have children of their own, they also may adopt after having their own biological children. The fact of the matter is, adoption is on the FATHER GOD's heart ALWAYS.

Whether or not a couple is inspired by a mission field experience or a local agency has recruited interest, the adopting of children both locally and abroad is precious to the LORD and to the body of CHRIST. It gives hope to the hopeless and selflessness a proper avenue to pass on the gift of the kingdom and parental temporality we have been honored by as stewards of GOD's grace to train up a child.

We have ALL BEEN ADOPTED into the heavenly kingdom and eternal family as beloved sons and daughters of the MOST HIGH GOD.

deuteronomy 10:18 james 1:27 psalm 68:5 psalm 10:14

## THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION / Co-Heirs

This reality declares that we have been legitimately adopted by the gift of GRACE into the eternal family of GOD. For GOD so loved the world that HE "GAVE" HIS one and only SON, so that whosoever believes in HIM would not perish but have eternal life.

From whom every family on heaven and earth derives its name, GOD the FATHER of the LORD JESUS CHRIST has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. HE has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of HIS beloved SON, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins.

Because of HIS one and only begotten, GOD the FATHER HIMSELF invited us to join the heavenly heritage. As the gift of GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST gave us power to become the sons of GOD, even as through adoption, now as legitimate children and legal heirs.

In this process we have gone from the spirit of slavery to the spirit of adoption. From slaves to SONS.

romans 8:14-16 romans 8:17 Hebrews 12:8 ephesians 3:15 galatians 4:7 galatians 4:31 1 peter 1:20 ephesians 1:5 colossians 1:12-13 john 1:12

# PRAYER

Prayer is the essence of the heart of creation, to call back to the Creator, a response of yearning for contact with the divine that is deep within the soul of man. Before the fall, the first man and his wife enjoyed deep fellowship and communion with the Godhead. Because of the fall and the separation it caused, the trouble and decline of mankind troubled the soul of GOD and man. GOD in His wisdom did not leave us as orphans but harkened to our cry making a way back to the Father. In Genesis, we find that men began to cry out again to the Father, seeking HIM for restoration and reconciliation not long after the fall. Man since the beginning was created as a son to his Father, with a sense of recognition for connection and a premonition to call upon His Father when in need, a simple helpless cry, moving the Father's heart to save. It is the basic vocal communication from man to GOD. When mankind is in need of help due to trouble, transition, or temptation, it is GOD who helps. In crisis or famine or in the simple need for love or peace in the human soul, it is GOD who answers. Faithful and True, He combs men and woman everywhere in His love and healthy fear, searching the matters and affairs of the human heart to be made strong by them.

Prayer is petition and thanksgiving, praise and adoration, all from our hearts to the Father. It can happen privately as JESUS admonished in the confines of our bedroom or any other room with door closed, that the FATHER who sees in secret may reward openly or corporately. Prayer can also occur in a place of worship amongst two or more people as when the apostles prayed and the meeting place was shaken.

It is this vehicle called prayer that we use to communicate with the GODHEAD. FATHER to SON, SON to FATHER, SPIRIT to SON and SON through SPIRIT, SON to MEN and MEN become SONs. So as the scream of the eagle and the cry of a child, so do the SON's of GOD begin to call out to HIM, our Heavenly FATHER ETERNAL. Blessed be GOD FOREVER in JE-SUS CHRIST'S mighty NAME.

matthew 6:9 philippians 4:6 colossians 4:2 ephesians 1:15-16 1 timothy 2:8 1 thessalonians 3:9-13 1 thessalonians 5:23 2 thessalonians 1:11-12 2 thessalonians 2:16-17 2 thessalonians 3:1-5 ephesians 1:17-19 ephesians 3:16-19 philippians 1:9-11 romans 15:5-7 john 17:20-26 acts 4:24-31 genesis 4:26

### FASTING

In the sermon on the mount, JESUS said, when you fast, the FATHER who sees in secret may reward openly...implying that we, His followers would indeed fast. So what is fasting? It is that we would abstain from water/liquids and/or solid foods for durations both small and great. In the Bible, many people fasted for many reasons and for many days. Jesus' disciples fasted, John the Baptist's disciples fasted, Paul fasted, Moses, Joshua, Elijah, etc. In the Torah, there were certain days when fasting was not even optional but required unto the LORD GOD. In the New Testament, fasting is in the same category as giving and praying. It is in the place of secrecy or doing it only to the Father and not to be seen by men that begets a reward.

Fasting is set up as a divine tool for us to abstain from the natural and receive the supernatural. Fasting is and was to beckon the voice of GOD from on high, to seek guidance or direction. People say when you fast you do not move GOD, but the Scriptures teach just the contrary. As in the specific story of Jonah, the cities' corporate cry and fast, turning from evil caused GOD to see and relent and rejoice. They received the command, then repented and He relented and rejoiced. With any act of obedience or sacrifice such as fasting, giving, loving, or helping with the right heart, we draw near to HIM whose heart is right towards us. As a whole, we see continually it is the heart of the matter of fasting, not the mere absence from solid food.

Fasting is done to draw near to GOD, and still to seek guidance and direction or favor from heaven and the empowerment of the Christian for ministerial or national service. It has been used to divert crises and circumstances and to beckon the ear and eye of GOD. Fasting must be unto GOD. Some individuals have done this and boasted or made it very evident to others as to make themselves seem more mature or more spiritual, but we are admonished to take another approach. In a corporate fast others will know and sometimes in a private fast others will know also. When we fast privately it is sometimes difficult to keep in secret when we as a whole culture eat three times daily, some more/some less. But GOD affirms us and encourages us that HE sees us and knows the motives of our heart and looks in on our lives and thus acts to strengthen us and reward us accordingly when fasting is done namely to draw near to HIM, to obey HIM or to seek HIM.

matthew 6:16-18 esther 4:16 exodus 34:28 joel 2:12-13 nehemiah 1:4 jonah 3:5-9 daniel 10:3 daniel 9:3-5 psalm 69:10 isaiah 58:3-7 zechariah 7:5 2 samuel 1:12 luke 4:2-4 luke 18:12 matthew 6:16-18 acts 13:2-3 acts 14:23

### GIVING

Giving is a great asset in the kingdom. It does a work in the heart of man, blessing him that gives and produces trust, keeping him from the grip of the love of money in the human soul. It is more blessed to give..and again, when you give, the FATHER who sees in secret may reward openly. When we are fearful of lack we become weary and hesitant, even greedy. Instead of looking at GOD's hand for provision, which is correct and proper we look at our hand to keep. This is due to the lack of understanding of GOD's kingdom. GOD is very generous in nature and when we give we are closer to the nature of GOD than of the fallen nature and its sin. It is a selfless act or sharing both out of abundance and sacrificially out of the little. When we give it shows total trust in the LORD as our provider and as it comes to HIS commands, the LORD commands us to give for the sake of the overflowing thanksgiving generated to those who receive. It is for the church to allot a portion to the work of the LORD. Does the LORD need our money? Does HE lack? Certainly not. HE owns the cattle on a thousand hills and the hills that the thousand cattle are on. Remember, it is more blessed to give than to receive. To give is to share in the generous nature of GOD. It is that because when you give, you have to give. Otherwise you cannot give what you do not have, so when the LORD asks us to give perhaps HE has already given first? When we realize this first, the second stage is trust. Can you give what you have been given? When we do, the LORD rewards us in extraordinary measures and validates us beyond measure. Time and time again the verses tell us of abundant provision and unprecedented supply to affirm us in this act of grace.

The LORD will never ask us to do what He has not already done so when it regards and concerns giving, remember for GOD so loved the world that HE GAVE. In giving HIS one and only Son, HE received many sons unto glory. When we give, HE gives then again because it produces the glory to thanksgiving and trust. Giving monetary funds as a portion of one's salary/paycheck or gain is commanded of the LORD GOD. Remember JESUS said, "When you give..." A ten percent allowance is matched to the idea of the tithe. As commonly taught, this is the only portion of Scripture where the LORD says to test Him. That HE will bless us so that we are able to receive all that HE would give in response to the cheerful giver. The offering is above and beyond our tithe as a gift to the LORD.

matthew 6:2-4 proverbs 3:9-10 deuteronomy 15:10 proverbs 11:25 malachi 3:10-12 2 corinthians 9:7 2 corinthians 9:6-11

## TITHE

Ten percent is the portion of contributions of money/goods prescribed Scripturally, both as a command from the LORD to the temple/church, and to support the establishment of worship and activity in the ministry. In the Old Testament, the tithe was the portion that was given to the LORD, and the LORD then gave a portion to the priests to fuel, fund and feed the system of worship. In the New Testament, the tithe is still for the system of worship. In our day and time, the system is more elaborate as not to be limited to a certain temple in Jerusalem but the global body of CHRIST at large with its many members and maintaining ministry for HIS majesty.

ALL are admonished / commanded to tithe.

numbers 18:26 2 chronicles 31:4-5 nehemiah 10:35-37

### OFFERING

The offering is the amount of monetary contributions of money/goods above the tithe or the tenth. This giving is often referred to as extravagant and/or sacrificial. It is here that the believer is taken into the heart of the LORD GOD when cheerfully granted to serve the matters and purposes of the LORD's heart. Money is a tool and we use it for what is important or necessary for us. When we yield to GOD and HIS SPIRIT, agreeing with HIS financial decisions, we are blessed immensely and intensely. ALL are admonished/commanded to give offerings.

deuteronomy 12:5-6 2 corinthians 9:7 luke 6:38 acts 20:35

## ALMS and DEEDS for the Poor

This collection agency refers to the distribution of goods/monetary amounts to uphold and sustain the poor. This needed ministry refers to those in need or those in times of hardship, whether temporarily in need or in permanent trouble/famine due to the mishaps of life, the loss thereof or political and geographic catastrophes.

These circumstances will create opportunities for the giving and supply to meet the needs of others. The community of believers to support and contribute to the needs of others creates a standpoint of the LORD to work within them and testify to HIS goodness and the generosity at work within their souls. Freely have we received, freely may we give.

2 corinthians 9:7 luke 12:33-34 luke 6:38 proverbs 11:25 proverbs 3:9 acts 24:17 acts 10:31 matthew 10:8

# PRAISE/Thanksgiving

When the GOD of our LORD JESUS CHRIST reveals His everlasting goodness and blessed mercy, humans respond in the act of praise and thanksgiving which is GOD's will.

GOD promised to inhabit the praise and thanks of His people. Blessed is GOD forever. When we see or hear of something wonderful or supernatural, it is natural to speak to the item or thing expressing our adoration/awe or approval. This type of praise is out of the overflow of the human heart. Any further act of kindness or answer to prayer or help also begets a response of gratitude.

Praising the LORD is honorable, joyful and excellent. Praising and affirming HIM happens with and when our hearts respond to HIS grace and mercy. We vocally and physically praise, shout, sing and tell of HIS mighty acts and adore HIM. Most praise happens naturally when the LORD answers HIS beloved creation and responds to their cry. Other times we are put to remembrance of His wonderful deeds and learn of HIS splendor through the testimonies of HIS mighty deeds. In songs and Scriptures the LORD is ever praised.

psalm 22:3 Hebrews 13:5 psalm104:33 2 chronicles 5:13 2 corinthians 4:15 2 corinthians 9:11-12 jeremiah 30:19 nehemiah 12:46 psalm 9:1 philippians 4:6-7 colossians 3:16-17 psalm 107:8-9 psalm 95:2-3 1 corinthians 1:4-5 ephesians 1:15-16

## PRAISE/Thanksgiving MANIFESTATIONS

This adoration includes physical participation on several levels. Our body and expression naturally reveals the state of our soul. When free and unhindered by the fear of man and of self-image, the Christian will have every created avenue to bless the LORD.

Some denominations are reserved in this area, yet biblically we find the following expressions and manifestations as evidence of the LORD'S expectations and perception of the response of HIS creation.

romans 12:1

VOICE / Vocal Lifting up your voice to the LORD your GOD

Speak/Speaking unto the LORD GOD in faith and adoration psalm 34:1 psalm 63:5 psalm 105:1

Sing/Singing unto the LORD GOD out of gratitude psalm 18:49 psalm 47:6 psalm 33:1-3 psalm 96:1-2 psalm 98:4 psalm 5:11 psalm 9:11 Hebrews 2:12

Shout/Shouting to the LORD GOD and because of HIM psalm 27:6 psalm 98:4 ezra 3:11-13 luke 17:15 isaiah 12:6 psalm 47:1 psalm 71:23

HANDS/Arms

Lifting up your members to the LORD GOD

Lift/Lifting up arms and hands to HIS MAJESTY psalm 63:4 psalm 134:2 1 timothy 2:8 1 kings 8:22 1 kings 8:54 nehemiah 8:6 deuteronomy 32:40 psalm 63:4 psalm 119:48 psalm 28:2 psalm 141:2 psalm 143:2 lamentations 3:41

Play/Playing instruments unto the LORD GOD psalm 33:2-3 ephesians 5:19 psalm 150:1-5 psalm 98:1-7 amos 6:5 psalm 57:7 2 chronicles 5:13

Clap/Clapping your hands in praise in adoration to the LORD GOD psalm 47:1 psalm 98:8 2 kings 11:12 isaiah 55:12 ezekiel 25:6

POSTURE / Body Presenting yourself before the LORD GOD

Stand/Standing in the presence of the congregation in the house of the LORD GOD psalm 134:1 exodus 33:21 deuteronomy 10:8 2 chronicles 6:3 revelation 7:9 deuteronomy 29:10 1 chronicles 23:30

Bow/Bowing to the ground before HIM and unto HIS MAJESTY in worship

psalm 95:6 1 kings 8:54 nehemiah 8:6 exodus 4:31 1 chronicles 29:20 2 chronicles 20:18 genesis 24:26 exodus 12:27 2 kings 17:36 isaiah 66:23 psalm 138:2 matthew 2:11 mark 5:6 luke 17:16 philippians 2:10 psalm 146:8

Dance/Dancing before the LORD your GOD psalm 149:3 jeremiah 31:13 2 samuel 6:14 psalm 30:11 ecclesiastes 3:4 exodus 15:20-21 1 chronicles 15:29

### WORSHIP

As the grace of GOD upholds us and the splendor of HIS MAJESTY is revealed unto us, our expression and response is called worship. It is when the creation beholds the CREATOR, witnessing the glory of GOD in HIS HOLY HABITATION. The simple process of agreeing with GOD in who HE is and what HE is, is called worship. When GOD reveals HIMSELF physically, mentally and emotionally, we offer ourselves wholly to the LORD, for our GOD is HOLY. It is when a being gives that which he has been given back to the LORD GOD, whether strength or adoration or the free will. When the human heart is given to the LORD GOD and is living in its intended purpose, life and life abundant is released, growing from the heart and out of the mouth.

When the FATHER reveals by the spirit of revelation in the knowledge of HIM who called us into LIFE, we discover the exact image of representation and radiance who upholds all things by HIS powerful word and we respond, JESUS CHRIST IS LORD. This is the beginning of true worship. Seeing and proclaiming GOD'S MAJESTY creates an awe called exaltation. Because we are fearfully and wonderfully made, the agency of worship is the humble and proper acknowledgment of GOD's creator-ship, supreme authority and splendor forever. HE is GOD and we are not. Physically this looks like prostrating oneself on the ground which literally is bowing down to the ground. In the heavens the angels that surround the throne and the elders forever say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY," bowing down to GOD. The created blesses and bows to the CREATOR, exalting and magnifying all that HE is over all HIS creation forever.

Bowing and Offering of Adoration in Awe and Respect and Reverence

When we bow our bodies and our heads, including the members, both eyes and ears, mind and matter, we are giving and submitting all that we are and could ever be to the One who made us and fashioned us. We are submitting to the supremacy of HIS MAJESTY.

psalm 95:6 psalm 5:7 psalm 138:2 psalm 146:8 romans 12:1 ephesians 3:14 exodus 34:8 genesis 24:26 2 chronicles 20:18 2 kings 17:36 nehemiah 8:6 nehemiah 9:6 romans 12:1 isaiah 6:3 isaiah 66:23 revelation 4:8 revelation 4:10 revelation 19:4 mark 5:6 luke 17:16 matthew 8:2 philippians 2:10

### FELLOWSHIP

Because of the grace of GOD and the indwelling Spirit of GOD, believers are able to enjoy a deeper sense and presence of the LORD GOD when they meet together. It is the REDEEMED seeking REDEEMED. JESUS promised us that where two or more gather in HIS name, HE would be there in the midst. Gathering in fellowship is any meeting or meal or prayer or praise that acknowledges GOD. Namely and purposely to meet in HIS name releases presence and the glory of GOD's promised inheritance in the saints. The gospel then has avenue to deepen those who keep it and unlocks a deeper understanding of every good thing we have been given in CHRIST JESUS when our faith in HIM is shared.

This is when the CHOSEN ones come together to further the gospel's process in edification, exhortation and comfort with all willingness to seek the LIVING GOD in HIS purposes. When gathered, it creates an exponential acknowledgment of the presence of GOD and an awareness of HIS very great and precious promises.

acts 2:42-46 Hebrews 10:25 philemon 1:6 ephesians 1:4-5 matthew 18:20

#### BREAKING BREAD

"give us this day our daily BREAD..."

The breaking of and the reception of bread dates back to at least the days of Abraham. At the time of Abraham and Melchizedek, Abraham triumphantly returned from his defeating the kings, Abraham was blessed by the king and priest of GOD Most High, who offered to him BREAD and wine. Later when Abraham was visited by the LORD, he also commanded his wife to prepare the divine visitors some BREAD and they ate. Then the LORD blessed them and granted them Isaac with a command and promise. Again when the angels of the LORD GOD visited and rescued Lot, Lot prepared a feast and prepared BREAD and the angels ate.

Later in Jewish history, the biblical record tells us that the Moabites and the Ammonites were forbidden to enter the courts of the LORD even to the tenth generation. WHY? This is because they did not come to meet the Israelites with BREAD and water when they came out of Egypt, and they hired Balaam to curse the Nation of Israel. The same inditement is given on the day of judgement of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. "I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink."

This item is thought to be of little or no worth to some but seems to be the fabric of the process of life itself. BREAD is a common sustenance for food, but according to the fiftieth Psalm the LORD specifically says, "Offer to me a sacrifice of thanksgiving" and in Leviticus 7:12-13 we find that the sacrifice of thanksgiving is to bring an offering to the LORD which consists of a loaf of leavened or unleaved BREAD.

In the thirtieth chapter in Proverbs, the writer tells of a scenario possibly transpiring to a reality of having too much sustenance and then denying the LORD or having too little and lacking, thus driving one to steal. He therefore asks humbly this thing before he dies, to receive not too much or too little but only his daily portion, his daily bread. His writing denotes that this portion is the portion to satisfy the human soul which is in line with the grace of GOD and provision of GOD. JESUS refers to this in the teaching on prayer in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapter six specifically requesting "give us this day our daily bread...."

In the Tabernacle of Moses, Aaron and his sons ate and broke the daily bread or the shewbread that was to be daily presented in the presence of GOD. This was as a perpetual statute. It is the bread that was in the Tabernacle in the very presence of the LORD GOD. It was an offering of thanksgiving and stood for a memorial before the LORD GOD.

In the New Covenant, the breaking of bread was instituted by the LORD JESUS CHRIST at the Passover meal. This custom and practice is both necessary and valuable to the human experience of fellowship. The meaning and origin of bread is beyond the consumption of a simple item but the sustenance and provision of the LORD our GOD. JESUS said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven, if anyone eats this bread he will live forever."

When JESUS appeared to the disciples they happened to be eating BREAD, He took the BREAD and blessed it and gave it to them and revealed HIMSELF.

This is the receiving of the daily bread in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST in the blessed presence of GOD, and thanksgiving is offered unto GOD and the remembrance of HIS life is within and upon us.

The BREAD we live on forever is the LORD JESUS CHRIST who is the BREAD of LIFE, and the WORD of GOD. It is HE who came down from heaven and gives life to the world.

john 6:33 john 6:35 john 6:41 john 6:48 john 6:51 matthew 6:11 matthew 26:26 luke 22:19 luke 24:30 luke 24:35 john 21:13 acts 20:7 acts 20:11 acts 27:35 acts 2:42-26 1 corinthians 10:16-17 2 corinthians 9:10-12 matthew 6:11 genesis 14:18 leviticus 24:5-9 leviticus 21:6 exodus 25:30 leviticus 7:13 deuteronomy 23:4 deuteronomy 8:3 proverbs 30:8

## SALVATION

In the days of the gospel in its origins, men and women everywhere waited for the promised Savior. They were waiting for a man who fitted the title of Messiah, both fulfilling Scriptures and ransoming their souls, making propitiation for their sins. Saving, rescuing and validating all they have believed in, waited for and trusted in, are the ideals of this ONE who makes a way back to GOD. It is this GOD/Man CHRIST JESUS that has restored us back to the Father in fellowship separated aside from a religious system since the fall.

The individual who calls out on the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST will be saved. Because JESUS died for all mankind, this atonement is not limited as some teach. This is not limited to the sinner's prayer, which is a guided prayer in repetition with another believer, but when an individual truly believes that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of GOD and died a human death on the cross to make atonement or forgiveness for their sins. Then He on the third day rose from the dead and is now standing at the right hand of GOD ALMIGHTY.

In the soul of man, the FATHER reveals the SON, and the person who accepts this in their heart and proclaims it with their mouth, accepting the invitation, shall not perish but live forever.

john 3:16 Hebrews 9:28 ephesians 2:8-9 Hebrews 1:3 2 corinthians 5:21

The process of salvation is in the tenses of past, present and future as we have been saved and are being saved and will be saved on the day of the LORD. We have been saved from the kingdom of darkness and are being saved from the spirit of the age and the dominion of Satan and the spirit of death into the living hope of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. On that day, we will be rescued and saved from the second death.

Hebrews 7:25 psalm 62:1 acts 2:21 acts 16:13 romans 5:10 romans 10:9-10 acts 4:12 mark 16:16 revelation 21:8

We were chosen in CHRIST before the world began and given the ability to inherit great and PRECIOUS PROMISES. It is life and life more abundant with repentance, reconciliation, redemption, restoration, and resurrection. GOD has and is transforming us into the image of HIS BELOVED SON to abide with HIM FOREVER.

ephesians 1:4 2 peter 1:4

### SANCTIFICATION

This beautiful and difficult process is the regeneration of the human soul from within. This happens when the Holy Spirit is invited to a human habitation and begets a new image/likeness from within the individual. It is difficult because humans do not always understand the process or desire to yield to its duration and dynamics. It involves wholly giving our will to the LORD'S leadership and committing all things truly unto HIM. It is beautiful because it is grafting and forging the nature of man into a partaker of the divine nature, restoring and renewing us from within, healing/regenerating us from the effects of the fall. It is in this process of obedience and grace yielding the great and mighty power working within us that we are transformed into the image of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our sanctification is the agreement with GOD'S justification. NOW we are wholly HIS. First this enters the heart, then the soul, mind, then the strength. Sinners are then sanctified to saints.

Saints are sanctified out of the identity of a sinner. They are now SONs, FOREVER.

1 thessalonians 5:23 romans 5:1

We Have Been Made Partakers in the Divine Nature. 2 peter 1:4

Believing and receiving in the revealed standard of the Holy Spirit in word and deed will aid the believer to learn to trust and lean on GOD in the due process of this transition.

Because of JESUS' work on the cross we are now FREE and in a restored relationship and have the ability to have fellowship with GOD. DELIVERED.

1 corinthians 6:11 romans 8:29 1 corinthians 1:9 2 peter 1:4 colossians 1:13 acts 26:18 philippians 2:13 ephesians 3:20

### SOJOURNERS

Many Christians quote the Scripture that we are in this world but not of it. This is an actual reality in spirit and truth. Our residing here is no more than a visitor in a strange land. As in this atmosphere in its fallen state, our heavenly image cries out for the sons of GOD to be revealed and for the GOD of the sons to be revealed. We know there is more than this for GOD has placed it in the heart of every man. romans 8:20

This means that we pilgrims in this land have our own origin, own customs and laws/beliefs but do not belong to the residing establishment of the godless or unredeemed. We are citizens of heaven and are upon the earth to bring the lost children home.

We are pilgrims on a journey here on earth but do not belong to it.

1 peter 2:11-12 john 17:16 philippians 3:20

### Process of Maturation

Process of our spiritual life cycle:

We were lost and cut off as orphans, fatherless, hopeless and destitute, depraved. The Father revealed the Son and commanded repentance so we confessed the reality of our state and sins. Then of the grace of JESUS CHRIST, saved and adopted as sons, and co-heirs, ransomed us from the power of the evil one and the decay and disorder resulting from the fall and the fallen. In the fall, men have no commitment and no constraint. Apart from GOD there is no good thing, no light and no love. This means whole world systems and entire thought processes are able to cycle without a concern to GOD or an acknowledgement unto HIM. This darkness begets darkness and the regenerating disaster of man apart from GOD breeds confusion and contempt. Finally in the created stratosphere, tearing down with time and gravity, the process of regeneration is now. Lost begets lost and fallen begets fallen. Now the sacred image bearers are orphans in a lost order once chosen and purposed for fellowship and free-

dom, can now only imagine such thoughts amidst the vain, the expired, exposed and expelled.

"Is there more to life than this?"

Finally, the good news: CHRIST in crises, a light in the darkness, a hope to the hopeless. The promised and simple faith finding its fate, reaching for redemption, grace and kindness move to adorn, the weight of mercy bears down and the created call to the CREATOR.... Hands lifted up, hands unto us, open for the LORD and open for the LOVE, one due to faith reaching to receive and One to the grace reaching to redeem. It is here that life begins. We say yes and HE already has. Darkness turns into destiny, despair and deceit become desolate, our hands raise, our hearts raise, our spirit is alive at last. FREE at LAST.

As Sons now to the FATHER of FATHERS. We grow and are matured by the love of the FA-THER. Into HIS image and likeness. Glory to glory we go. We are ever learning to serve as we see CHRIST and learn of HIM. For HE came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. The example exemplifies HE who walks before and behind. The family we have inherited is now real family and we begin to teach the younger what we have been taught. Giving the grace that has apprehended our own life, loving our neighbor as ourself now, Heart and Soul, Mind and Strength fully towards HIM as HE is ever towards us. Growing, we seek and learn all the more in the grace and wisdom provided by the wonderful SPIRIT of GOD, assigned to us since the new birth into the heavenly family. We must not forget where we came from or who has brought us into the family, for it is HE who sustains us and gives us our very breath, redeemed, repented and ransomed. Our free will is HIS gift to come back to HIM, when our ancestors and selves would otherwise wander eternal. BLESSED IS HE WHO OVERCOMES.

Knowing this and standing in LOVE, we then seek to replicate and produce kind after kind as the natural process of creation, no longer sinners but saints. Redeemed and ready, Created fearfully and wonderfully for the CREATOR. BLESS GOD. We are regenerated in spirit and truth, revelation and reconciliation now to the SON that saves, washes and cleanses us HOLY unto the FATHER, and to HE that overcame, forever eternal. Amen

ephesians 2:12 john 3:16 ephesians 2:8-9 1 corinthians 14:20 ephesians 4:13 galatians 5:13 1 samuel 12:24 matthew 7:12 luke 14:14 philippians 3:12 psalm 139:14

## SABBATH/Rest

In Judaeo Christianity the Sabbath is another issue that may cause confusion and contention. In its origin, the Sabbath is found in Genesis finalizing the creation process. GOD worked for six days and on the seventh He rested. There is no dispute on the day from the origin of our faith which has been grafted into Judaism, that the Sabbath is indeed on Saturday. It starts on Friday at sundown and remains until Saturday at sundown as was blessed forever and kept as a solemn time of rest and a time for YAHWEH to meet with His beloved. GOD made a day of rest for man so that the weekly lifecycle of man may be reset and the men may rest. As it regards to the law, we are not mandated to keep such matters as an attempt to practice righteousness as the law is unable to do so. However the commandments and Genesis narrative of GOD resting also denotes something that is ideally beyond the limitations of the law, and focused and centered more in the gift of God's grace to meet with and enjoy God.

Historically the Sabbath was changed in the Roman Catholic church from Saturday to Sunday in the year AD 321 by Emperor Constantine.

Many denominations practice this yet are unawares as to the origins of it biblically and when the church began to meet on the first day of the week in the lunar calendar. However, by the Scriptures and church history, it is evident that such data does not lack but our understanding of it. Many will argue that the Sabbath is not needed anymore and it is not on Saturday, yet they do not dispute Sunday is hallowed or sacred to the LORD, not knowing the historicity or the biblical evidence pertaining to the matter. Some even say they can take any day as a "sabbath" now as the law is abolished, defending their right to have freedom in the matter, but this is not needed. We have freedom to bless GOD apart from any such requirements because of JESUS' finished work on the cross and the HOLY SPIRIT's word based upon the counsel of Jerusalem 50 AD. to the Gentiles, there is no such mandate. Yet the Sabbath is blessed forever, there remains a Sabbath rest.

In disputes of the early converts as to keeping the law, there is no such requirements to keep the Levitical laws. However, the Ten Commandments stand now by the spirit in and upon the tablet of the heart of man and were preached of JESUS Himself in the New Testament in keeping with the themes formerly revealed.

There are Scriptures keeping men from finding their righteousness and judging other men on matters such as we speak since the law was fulfilled in CHRIST, however the freedom to practice such blessed times in the grace and love of GOD is also at the believers discretion, apart from judgements.

We hold no contention on the matter. Saturday is perpetually blessed forever by God Himself and no man is able to change that. JESUS is LORD of the SABBATH.

The writer of Hebrews admonishes us that there is still a Sabbath rest of the people of GOD.

This does not restrain us from worship of God both privately or corporately on any other day either, as in our culture, Sunday is the venerable day. However, the reality of the personage and presence of GOD is in JESUS CHRIST and the freedom in the New Covenant states again that the purpose of a man's heart is evident before the LORD GOD. Sabbath was made for man and not man for Sabbath. We are not to pass judgment on the Sabbath but are not forbidden to keep it, we are forbidden to claim our salvation because of it, as it in and of itself is a gift to man.

The Sabbath is made for man, not man for Sabbath, there remains a Sabbath rest for man and they that enter it cease from their own labors and enter the rest of GOD.

genesis 2:2 exodus 20:11 leviticus 23:3 isaiah 66:23 mark 2:27 romans 14:5 Hebrews 4:4-11 isaiah 58:13-14 acts 13:14 acts 17:2 acts 18:4 colossians 2:14-16 jeremiah 31:33

## SABBATICAL/Vacation

Biblically we find newlyweds are admonished to take a year off or partially off of military or other public duties/service duties to give time for the new marital bonding with all joy in ful-fillment.

This does not stop them from serving and obeying the activities the LORD has sanctioned but enables them to build the bond in life with each other in daily living before there is required or mandatory items competing for their time or that they must/might build their life around and upon.

Regarding the use of other sabbatical timeframes, shorter durations of allotted time for ministers to study or meditate/pray due to the nature of the calling are often needed and appreciated for rest and realignment. These times are not for a break in the kingdom but in the corporation. This is for and by the agency of man to recharge, reset and reflect. Not for pleasure or for pursuit of worldliness or wandering. We find the most fulfillment when any time away is directly for the LORD's purposes, as there is no life apart from HIM. To recognize the difference in the LORD's kingdom pertaining to the body of saints at large and the technicalities of the church gathering in the respects to the corporations at large, though they simultaneously overlap, I say this as to say the building and the builders, brick and mortar, the clocks and the clergy, paychecks and provision, schedules and the saints are all in the grace of GOD and the LORD is orderly and just. Rewarding and strengthening those whose hearts are set upon HIM.

deuteronomy 24:5 Hebrews 4:9-10

## CUSTOMS

The customs we fully identify with are taught from the LORD JESUS CHRIST and those found in the book of Acts. We are to be devoted to the doctrine of the apostles and to prayer and to fellowship and to the breaking of bread. Traveling, doing the good works of the FA-THER and obedience to the HOLY SPIRIT are all the ways of GOD.

Any repetitive behavior or action directed by GOD or that is sourced from the love of GOD or the commands of GOD in His righteousness are like the customs delivered to the disciples of and the apostles after JESUS CHRIST. They are for building the kingdom and the progression of the faith. The kingdom is about love, peace and righteousness in all connectedness with the bond of believers and unity in the HOLY SPIRIT. Not works, which fail in producing righteousness in the heart of man. Divisions and events/issues that keep some from equality based upon social setting or natural order forbid man from the things of GOD and any custom apart from the free gift of JESUS CHRIST will indeed lead into that.

The law and its customs/traditions were for good cause and revealed as a school master or teacher to teach us what not to do and what to do but not who to be and who we are. JESUS CHRIST is within us and able to do exactly that. Then what we do is a result of who we are and any custom coming from this place is clean and holy. If our customs are motivated by love then they will fulfill the law.

Our faith as it pertains to customs has originally been grafted into the Jewish faith. However, in the council of Jerusalem in Acts chapter fifteen, a precedent was set of mandates in the law versus liberties as instructed of the HOLY SPIRIT through the apostle James, as head of the church at Jerusalem in 50 AD.

Paul the apostle delivered and shared customs to advance the kingdom, some as not to offend fellow believers or new believers with weak or immature faith and others in respects to the local religious laws as to keep from stumbling and others to empower and add to the camaraderie or to abstain based upon legalism or lethargy. The discretion of keeping these customs or the ceasing from such are all for the advancing of the kingdom of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

mark 10:1 luke 4:16 acts 2:42 acts 17:2 1 corinthians 9:20 1 corinthians 8:13 romans 14:5

Customs and Regulations of the Jewish law are NOT IMPOSED upon the Gentiles EXCEPT for these four things, as revealed in the counsel of Jerusalem found in Acts 15.

1. abstain from the things polluted by idols

- 2. abstain from sexual immorality
- 3. abstain from what has been strangled
- 4. abstain from blood

This does not mean that the law is not holy and good, however it means these are the only requirements for the Gentiles to follow as it regards and pertains to the law. The requirements in the New Covenant are to believe in the LORD JESUS CHRIST and obey HIS commands.

acts 15:22-29

## CHURCH Service COMMANDS/ORDINANCES and Sacraments

To understand the ordinances of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, one must understand that these kingdom legislative commands are the ways and commands of GOD HIMSELF. These are like the constitution of the New Testament. We find these present in the life of the MASTER and the KING of the KINGDOM. HE has never nor will ever ask us to do that which HE has not done first or is not willing to do. HE is the author and finisher of faith and life itself. HE knows how we ought to live and came to give us the ability to receive life and life more abundant both now and forever.

These ordinances are kept and practiced both privately and corporately. They are practiced in the fellowship of the church locally, severally and individually and abroad, within the houses of the members at large. These are considered traditional and basic to the tenants of faith and are the expression and benefits of life redeemed in obedience to the commands and precepts of the LORD JESUS CHRIST and life originally intended and that He granted us to receive.

acts 3:15 Hebrews 12:2 john 10:10 1 john 2:6

# LOVE the LORD, LOVE your Neighbor/LOVE your Enemy

The greatest of these ordinances is the command to love. GOD is love and through HIM the world and everything in it exists. When loving GOD, self and neighbor, we are fulfilling the laws and ways of GOD. The commands and attributes of LOVE are all listed below.

You shall LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD with all your HEART and with all your SOUL and with all your MIND and with all your STRENGTH.

You shall LOVE your NEIGHBOR as you LOVE yourself.

#### LOVE your enemies.

mark 12:30-32 matthew 22:37-40 luke 10:27 deuteronomy 6:5 deuteronomy 11:1 matthew 5:44 1 corinthians 13:4-7

### The Beatitudes/Sermon on the Mount

Each listed beatitude or benediction is a cause and effect or law and order. JESUS sets up HIS kingdom with these precepts of both behavior and belief. These are the right ways and attitudes to approach GOD that stem from an understanding of GOD's heart and the fulfillment of these commands is the original intended protection and blessing meant for all believers.

The Beatitudes deal with the matters of life, namely relating to each and every man and are the centrality of the New Testament conscience.

Commands: Go the extra mile and turn the other cheek Let your light shine before men Before you offer your gift on the altar, be reconciled to you brother Make friends quickly with your accuser Do not swear at all, let your yes be yes and your no be no Give to him who begs from you Love your enemies Be perfect as your heavenly FATHER is perfect

These commands are famous words that speak of mercy and perseverance in which are attributes of GOD and His love. Each ordinance and command listed here are imperative to the life of CHRIST.

galatians 6:2 matthew 5:41 matthew 5:19-20 matthew 5:2-48 matthew 6:1-34 matthew 7:1-27

## Ordination / Confirmation

The agency of ordination comes from the biblical authentication of a person who is to be sent out to do the LORD's bidding. This may happen directly through the LORD JESUS HIMSELF or through the lying on of hands by the apostles/elders. In the New Testament, the apostles laid their hands on those individuals highlighted by the LORD. Sometimes the LORD appeared, directly commissioning them unto service and later appeared to the apostles for the laying on of hands.

This occurs when an individual is called of GOD and members of the five fold ministry can verify by the spirit of witness. This call/calling is and should be evident to all by the witness of progress according to the Scriptures and the Spirit, first by the LORD in the Spirit and then confirmed by man. Then, if apparent to the apostles, a time set apart by the HOLY SPIRIT with fasting will result in the laying on of hands and praying/prophesying as the LORD directs, approves and appoints.

romans 8:16 1 timothy 4:15 acts 13:2-3 2 timothy 2:15 acts 14:23

### Anointing with Oil

Anointing or works of service in a manner of inauguration and appointment and for healing/ commissioning. It may also happen during a guided prayer over an object/item/place, if and when the LORD directs and/or commands. Literally, a person in the five fold ministry will then take olive oil with or without biblical spices and gently pour/smear/rub it onto or over the head/body of the person getting anointed for the purpose of healing, blessing, consecrating anointing or appointing or dedicating unto the LORD our GOD.

james 5:14 exodus 29:7 exodus 28:41 exodus 40:9 exodus 25:6 mark 6:13 Hebrews 1:9 ruth 3:3 isaiah 61:1 luke 7:46 psalms 45:7 leviticus 8:12 1 samuel 16:13 psalms 23:5 luke 7:38 james 5:14-16 psalm 92:10 matthew 6:17 psalm 133:2

#### **Apostles Doctrine**

This doctrine refers to the teaching the apostles received from the LORD JESUS CHRIST Himself and is to abide in the fellowship of the saints and in the church perpetually. These men were hand selected by the LORD HIMSELF and gave their lives to teach and preserve the integrity of the work entrusted unto them as eyewitnesses of His majesty who gave them the secrets of the kingdom. This knowledge of GOD has the ability to save those who preach it and who obey it. Through it, many are corrected from wayward teachings and opposing philosophies to repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth. These teachings glorify the personage of the LORD JESUS CHRIST and have been given in written form that we may believe that JESUS is the CHRIST, the SON of GOD, and that believing you may have life in His name. These doctrines when held fast, are able to make one wise to inherit salvation, both nourishing and presenting every man complete in CHRIST.

acts 2:42 john 20:31 titus 1:9 1 timothy 4:16 1 timothy 4:6 2 timothy 1:13-14 2 timothy 3:14-15 2 timothy 2:25 2 timothy 2:2 colossians 1:28 john 20:31 mark 4:11

### Baptism

This ritual is to identify with the LORD JESUS CHRIST in His death, burial and resurrection. It is commanded in the great commission and commanded to partake in salvation wherever the gospel is preached. A gospel without baptism and repentance to precede is no gospel at all, since the LORD JESUS HIMSELF said no man enters the kingdom unless he is born again of water and spirit and again, if you believe and are baptized you shall be saved.

To comply, one must, of the hand of another believer or five fold ministry be fully submerged into a body of water, whether moving or still, in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

mark 16:16 john 3:4-5 acts 10:48 acts 22:16 colossians 2:12 galatians 3:27 matthew 28:19-20 acts 8:36-38 ephesians 4:4-6 acts 16:31-33 acts 2:38-41 romans 6:1-10 1 corinthians 1:13

### Holy Spirit Baptism

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit transpires at the will of GOD and the faith of the believer asking for enablement and empowerment for Christian service. Its manifestations/evidence is boldness and the speaking in other tongues and the gift of prophecy. These earmarks of the living GOD are seals and signs to both believers and unbelievers alike, testifying to the resident power of GOD.

JESUS said if we would ask HE would send to us the SPIRIT from the FATHER.

luke 3:16 acts 1:5 acts 2:38 matthew 3:11 ephesians 5:18 acts 2:4 acts 19:2 acts 1:8 acts 11:16 luke 24:49 mark 1:8

## Breaking of Bread

As cited in Acts 2:42, after the LORD JESUS CHRIST ascended, the apostles and followers began to break bread house to house. It was this expression and activity which began to share the commonality of LIFE in GOD and the fellowship of eating unto the LORD. As JESUS HIMSELF broke and multiplied bread, it was and is now the believers time and turn to share and supply this great gift to the church body. Meeting specially for this reason and to share life, breaking the daily bread, believers are able to pray and sup together in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST and understand the meaning of HIS body and the blessings it brings. JESUS commanding them to pray like this. "Give us this day our daily bread."

The bread is HIS BODY. When the apostles broke bread JESUS came to them.

acts 2:46 john 6:35 matthew 6:11 matthew 26:26 luke 24:35 acts 20:11 luke 24:30 acts 20:7 acts 27:35 1 corinthians 10:16-17 1 corinthians 11:24-25 matthew 14:19

### Communion/LORD's Supper

This is an ordinance and act of mercy from GOD. We have been commanded to remember our LORD JESUS CHRIST and to obey Him. "As often as you do this, do this in remembrance of Me." What we call communion is to remember the last supper and establishment of the New Covenant forever. JESUS declared this Passover meal to represent the New Covenant in that it was a symbolism of the cross and sufferings He was about to endure for us. The bread would be His body and the wine would be His blood. The bread was His body that was broken for us through whom was placed upon the sins of the world, and the stripes bore that we might be healed. The blood had to be shed for us for the remission of sins as the origin of the New Covenant sealing the promise.

Communion is the receiving of the bread and wine or grape juice in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST to remember His death and covenant promise to the church. In the story of Abraham and Melchizedek, as the priest and king of Salem, Melchizedek instituted both bread and wine as a blessing upon Abraham.

Its origin is the Passover meal found in the book of Exodus when the Israelites were delivered out of Egypt and smeared the blood of a lamb on the front of their doorposts so the angel of death would pass by from the judgements nearing the Egyptians. JESUS commanded us to do this in remembrance of Him. JESUS CHRIST is our Passover Lamb, His body the bread, His blood the wine.

It is this act that is the very institution of the New Covenant and eternal promise. While neighboring the Exodus story, judgement is coming to the earth, but those who are covered by the blood of the Lamb are redeemed and delivered from the wrath of disobedience and unbelief and covered under the covenant.

Whoever eats this meal in an unworthy manner or eats with unreported sin, eats condemnation upon his or her self. For this reason many have fallen sick or even died.

acts 20:7 luke 24:30 luke 22:15 luke 22:19-20 john 6:33 john 6:35 john 1:29 matthew 26:2 matthew 26:17-19 matthew 26:26-28 john 6:48-51 john 6:53-58 1 corinthians 5:7-8 1 corinthians 11:17-34

#### exodus 12:2-11 exodus 12:25-27

## Discipleship

Discipleship and the process of training in the word and ways of the LORD is both commanded in the great commission and seen in the daily lifestyle of the LORD GOD. It is found in the life of Jesus that He began to both do and teach all that He saw/observed the Father doing. As JESUS then prayed and obeyed, doing only what HE saw His FATHER doing, so are we to follow Him doing the works of the FATHER. JESUS is now working with us to further the example of His mighty love and extend the borders of His kingdom.

Working with and alongside the sons of men, we understand that JESUS the CHRIST, our heavenly teacher is patient and kind with us in our progress and our progression as a merciful high priest. He is understanding to our temptations, setbacks and hesitations to take up our cross and follow Him. To truly be a disciple of JESUS you must forsake life, family, dreams, desires and alike, becoming a bond servant and slave to righteousness, counting your own former life nothing, to gain CHRIST who is everything. When one studies and teaches the life and commands of CHRIST, this is referred to as the teachings of the apostles.

acts 2:42 john 5:19 matthew 28:16-20 john 6:45 isaiah 54:13 leviticus 19:2 leviticus 20:7 john 13:15 ephesians 4:20-21 1 peter 2:21 1 john 2:6 john 15:9-14 matthew 10:37-39 matthew 23:10 1 corinthians 2:3 1 corinthians 7:22 matthew 16:24-25 mark 8:34-35 luke 9:23-24

1 peter 1:12 philippians 4:9 luke 14:26-27 john 12:25 romans 6:18 philippians 3:7-8

### Dedication or Consecration

Dedication of children and/or items as HOLY unto the LORD GOD. When the first born is born he is taken to the temple/church to be dedicated to the LORD GOD. It may also be that a place or thing may be presented to the church or item for service that is to be consecrated unto the LORD GOD.

It is here that the LORD's people may pray and prophesy over the infant/child, or item speaking forth unto or over. Here the child or item may be anointed with oil as a seal.

exodus 13:2 deuteronomy 11:19 1 samuel 1:26-28 1 samuel 1:11 jeremiah 1:5 psalm 127:3 proverbs 22:6 ephesians 6:4 luke 2:22 mark 10:16

### Lifting up of Hands for Prayer and for Worship

Biblically we see men lifting up hands during prayer and petition unto the LORD our GOD. In the Old Testament a specific plea to GOD was specifically to all who lifted up hands and heart to the LORD GOD for the LORD to see and hear them.

We join this understanding, our great freedom to lift our hands unbound, and the ability to give and lift our hands as to give these hands and works of our lives to the LORD our GOD.

As in the days of Moses leading the Israelites under GOD's direction when his hands were up to GOD, the people of GOD were victorious. As it is with us, we are living in a place of victo-

ry in the LORD GOD and when our eyes and hands are lifted up fastened and focused upon the LORD JESUS CHRIST and not ourselves, HE is triumphant and we are victorious in HIM.

1 timothy 2:8 psalm 134:2 exodus 17:11 1 kings 8:22 1 kings 8:38-39 1 kings 8:54 nehemiah 8:6 psalms 63:4 psalm 28:2 lamentations 3:41

### Laying on of Hands

This acts serves as the form of empowering or appointing men for ministry and/or commissioning and for healing or transference of gifting and/or partnership in the LORD. This is when one or more officials in the church lays a hand(s) upon another individual(s) in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST for impartation or anointing or appointing. This will happen with or without anointing oil.

This may happen during prayer for healing/blessing. This may happen during a church ordination/empowerment. This may happen for the common prayer of agreement.

romans 1:11-12 2 timothy 1:6 mark 10:16 1 timothy 5:22 luke 4:40 acts 8:17 leviticus 4:15 numbers 8:10 numbers 27:18 acts 6:6 acts 28:8 1 timothy 4:4 genesis 48:14 matthew 19:15 acts 13:3 mark 6:5 mark 7:32 mark 16:18

### Prophecy

Prophecy is the gift for the edification, exhortation and comfort of the church. We are admonished to covet this gift as it is the heart of GOD overflowing to mankind, and has been the primary way YAHWEY has spoken since the beginning. First HE spoke directly to creation, then through the prophets, then in these last days through HIS SON. When JESUS ascended, He gave gifts to men and through the ministry of the prophets, and the Holy Spirit who gives the gift of prophecy as well, severally and individually as He wills. Prophecy in itself is the supernatural utterances coming from the Holy Spirit. When one prophesies they are not speaking by the will of man but GOD. The testimony of JESUS is the spirit of prophecy.

1 corinthians 14:3 1 corinthians 13:2 amos 3:7 2 peter 1:21 romans 12:6 1 corinthians 13:9 numbers 11:25 joel 2:28 Hebrews 1:3 revelation 19:10

#### Prayer

Starting in the book of Genesis, men began to pray and call upon the name of the LORD. It is this expression and cry from the human soul to have fellowship with GOD and to communicate back to the Creator who created. When believers gather to pray the LORD is well pleased when their hearts are stayed upon HIM. We pray or speak/communicate with the LORD on HIS terms. We cry out with our hearts and HE promises to hear. Every right relationship requires communication. When we ask or speak to HIM with all our heart, HE will answer. Prayer is petition and thanksgiving. It is both asking for our needs to be met and thanking Him for the needs He has already met. Like any relationship, communication is critical for the commitment and the continuity or consistent existence. Like breath to the lungs, prayer is to the believers.

When we pray and agree on earth it will be done by OUR FATHER who art in heaven.

acts 2:42 genesis 4:26 matthew 6:5-6 matthew 18:19 1 thessalonians 5:16-18 philippians 4:6 james 5:16

## Preach the Gospel

When we pursue and proclaim the gospel of the risen CHRIST, power breaks out. It is here that the salvation that has gripped our souls and ransomed us is freely received and freely given. Many say now days we do not need to preach to others, or share our faith as our culture views it as offensive, but I tell you without the preaching of the gospel men cannot be saved.

We heard the gospel and are now saved, sanctified and sanctioned to preach the message that delivered our souls.

mark 16:15-16 acts 10:42 romans 10:13-15 1 corinthians 15:1-2 matthew 10:7 matthew 10:27 matthew 28:19-20

### Fellowship of Believers

As experienced in the book of Acts 2:42 and understanding that it is not good for man to be alone, fellowship or the sharing of time and life is born. It is the ability to meet freely and

practice our relationship with GOD and each other, and is often forsaken in free lands and countries.

This sacred dynamic of redeemed souls spending time together in word and deed is a gift that the blood of JESUS paid for. When we spend time together in the realization and understanding of His presence and converse accordingly we also have a fervent understanding of every good thing we have in HIM.

When two or more are gathered in the name of JESUS, there HE is amidst them.

1 corinthians 14:26 genesis 2:18 Hebrews 10:25 matthew 8:20 philemon 1:6

Foot Washing

Foot washing for ceremonial purposes and as an act of the love of CHRIST, following His example and His stewardship of the grace of GOD. This is literally when a saint will take a tub or basin or bowl, placing another saints feet within with water, soap and/or oil and wash or anoint them, fulfilling all righteousness and love even after the MASTER'S example. As JE-SUS said, He came not to be served but to serve.

genesis 18:4 genesis 19:2 judges 19:21 1 samuel 25:41 luke 7:44 john 13:3-5 john 13:14 john 13:6-10 matthew 20:28 1 timothy 5:10 mark 10:44-45

Fasting

Contrary to popular belief, fasting is a part of typical or traditional practices. In the Old Testament, certain and specific days commanded each and every person, both man woman and child, to abstain to serve and seek the LORD. This is besides from childbirth until three days after and children before the ages of nine. I understand some people have other health issues or stipulations that would direct away from long durations of times of fasting. Such methods of juice fasting or partial fasting such as the Daniel fast are also permitted and biblically validated. The methodology of fasting as a diet or for improper or unbiblical reasons however is always unwarranted.

The overall command and grace to fast is from the LORD, and when HE commands a person or people to fast HE has ultimate consideration.

Now days, people have done and taught that fasting is the absence from media and junk food or sweets, however no such biblical data corroborates such claims in and of themselves. The fasting from certain solid foods and/or solid foods totally with or without water is the way to fast in alignment with the New Testament precedent and the example of JESUS and the apostles. All other forms of denial and buffeting of the flesh are just that.

JESUS said, "When you fast..." implying that we would. The question is now, when and how long. Fasting is a form of intimacy with GOD, to humble ones soul or to draw near to the LORD GOD for direction or for devotion.

matthew 6:16-18 matthew 9:14-17 luke 5:34-35 mark 2:19-20 1 corinthians 7:5 acts 13:2 acts 14:23 luke 2:37 luke 18:12 luke 4:2-4

Giving

A command to set aside a collection as the norm in the New Testament. Stemming from the Old Testament, this act transcends the covenant change and both funds the movement of the local church and develops trust and blessing in the heart and life of the saints. A portion of ones income from several people is enough to make equality in the house of GOD. Each person has to give of what he only already has, not what he or she does not have. JESUS looks at

the intent of the heart, not the amount. Giving moves the heart of the LORD for the LORD HIMSELF is a giver.

Cheerful giving is the way to give. To realize and understand that every good and perfect gift comes from the FATHER of LIGHTS in whom there is no variance or shadow of turning. Whoever gives sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever gives bountifully will reap bountifully. Also, it is needed to name that giving of ones property or possession is the expression of truly sharing and produces a thankful heart to GOD. Giving generously produces and results in the glorification of GOD ALMIGHTY as it fulfills the needs of the saints and results in the overflowing of gratitude/thanksgiving in the body of CHRIST and they that dwell therein.

1 corinthians 16:2 2 corinthians 6:7 2 corinthians 9:11-13 acts 2:44-45

### Good Deeds/Acts of Service

Acts of service are for both person and the community. They are a fulfillment of the royal law of CHRIST, sharing in one another's burdens/tasks. Good deeds/works are not how we derive the life of our salvation/faith but they are the fruit and proof of it. These acts are a source of love manifested and the good will towards men that transpires as a fruit of the believer's heart overflowing towards GOD. As we abide in the nature and the likeness of GOD, HE who while we were yet sinners gave HIS one and only SON, so that we, who were perishing, might have everlasting life, should also give of our time, talent and task, revealing and exposing the kindness of GOD.

Whatsoever you do in word and in deed in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

colossians 3:17 Hebrews 13:16 galatians 6:9 james 2:20-26 titus 3:14 psalm 34:14 Hebrews 10:24 matthew 5:16 2 timothy 3:17 galatians 6:2

### The Poor/Less Fortunate

This command was given by the LORD JESUS CHRIST and by the apostles after Him. The LORD JESUS told the rich young ruler to sell all he had and give to the poor if he wanted to be perfect and to follow Him. We see that a man accumulates much at the detriment of others or one who forsakes his neighbor is not storing treasures up in heaven. Many possessions on earth are able to hinder one from the eternal position or treasure that may wait for them. Whoever is generous to the poor, however honors GOD and stores up treasure in the everlasting. HE who brings good news to the poor completes the gospels promise not only to supply needs but to bring salvation to those in need in word and deed. This involves three categories: sharing of money, giving of finances or goods such as clothes or any other material possessions that may benefit the poor and food by providing groceries or meals as the Spirit leads or methodically, in or out of the corporate assembly. Finally, these items of provision, giving or clothing must be paired with the good news of the gospel itself in accordance with the fullness of its commands. Remember, whatsoever is done to the least of these is done unto the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

galatians 2:10 matthew 19:21 proverbs 14:31 proverbs 22:9 proverbs 28:27 proverbs 31:20 romans 15:26-27 isaiah 61:1 james 2:16 matthew 25:40

## WORK of GOD/Works of GOD

As a result of the grace of GOD, man and woman alike will embark on many deeds and works revealing the redemption and restoration of their souls. This happens as the Spirit of GOD inwardly renews them day by day, inspiring them to love and to go the mile required and the extra mile. It is a commanded but a natural process, as we have been made to partake in the divine nature. This is based and sourced simply on the basis of believing GOD and allowing HIS word and Spirit to dwell richly within the mind and heart of the believer. It produces the works of GOD by simple faith that HE is.

The other mindset is the self-righteous mindset or works/performance mindset which does not point to the personage of JESUS CHRIST for the sourced righteousness within the heart of man. This mentality is based upon performance or deeds and is carried in the heart of man as a means of earning or attaining the things of GOD. They believe they are saved or loved or valued/worthy because of their works, failing to see or acknowledge the source of the activity within them, which is in opposition from the word of grace and the gift of righteousness in our salvation. These works coming from the knowledge of GOD are not to attain the means of righteousness as salvation. It is not from works but reveals the righteousness of GOD in CHRIST JESUS already at work within the individual. It is a proof of the work of GOD.

#### 2 timothy 1:9

That being said, many will do many works and wonders in His name apart from the actuality of knowing GOD in the personage of CHRIST JESUS the LORD and will be turned away on the day of judgement of and by the LORD JESUS HIMSELF. They will attribute their work as if to take credit and glory for what HE has allowed them to do or be. They will focus on the presented platform of power and not the position of love. Forsaking the least of HIS followers, they will chase the gift and not the Giver. Seeking the glory and not the GOD.

Apart from the vine, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, we can do nothing. Taking credit or sourcing ourselves for the strength or goodness that only comes from GOD is removing JESUS from HIS rightful place. Believing works is the source of movement in our lives would only prove that we would be upheld by our works. Meaning the moment they stopped so would the movement. It would be survival of the fittest and the richest and the most attractive or intelligent. This fails each and every time as those categories are taken down by themselves. Records are broken, the beauty ages and the strong grow weak and old and perish. What is valuable and beautiful today fades tomorrow. The works of man are liken to the Titanic ship. In their pride, man exclaimed "not even GOD could sink this ship" and with the most attractive, famous and wealthy individuals, learned and luxurious, all focusing on the glory of man and his works.....sank.

Scripture tells us more than time and history, that all flesh fades like grass, but the WORD of GOD is forever. JESUS is the WORD made flesh and those connected and living in HIM shall not perish but have everlasting life. This is the life and works of GOD to believe on HIM. GOD looks not at the outward appearance but at the heart. HE is a just judge and will recompense mankind according to his motives and deeds and the motives of his deeds.

james 2:18 matthew 7:16-20 matthew 7:21-23 1 samuel 16:7 2 chronicles 16:9

The work of GOD is to believe on HE whom HE has sent.

This means that at the root of all our behavior and works to the LORD GOD our motive and action will stem from the pure origin and simple belief that HE is.

john 6:29 Hebrews 11:6

## DELIVERANCE

Since the fall of man, both men and woman alike have been wrestling with the flesh and sin nature, unable to recover from its effects. We were designed to fellowship and have communion with GOD. In CHRIST JESUS, we have a way more excellent that is restored, healed, mended and reconciled unto the Father, finally resulting in the everlasting life promised. This redeeming power is from the heart of our heavenly Father GOD. This way of salvation/redemption is available to all who call upon the name of the LORD. Knowing the created realm suffers from the lack of this agreement, we have light and understanding to the dilemma. In other words, now in JESUS CHRIST, His precious blood and the work on the cross, every and all who claim freedom calling upon HIS name might have a real relationship with the LORD GOD in spirit and truth, liberated from the pangs of sin and its effects. How might those who do not call upon HIM escape the destruction that is from the fall? Or how about those entangled with unredeemed souls? How might they escape from the corruption that is in them?

Every level from the human spirit and the human soul down to the body of a man is subject to this reality for the good or for the bad. When JESUS came He looked upon the weak, the lame, the broken hearted, the deaf and the lost/poor. HE fixed, healed, ransomed, and redeemed all of them. HE set the captives at liberty so that all who were suffering from the effects of the fall might have a second chance at GOD's original, intended will.

Much of the deliverance is simply the process of appropriated truth. It is the actual casting of cares upon that LORD who cares for us, or the casting out of a troubling spirit or an oppressive spirit. He who the Son sets free is free indeed and again, you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. The LORD delights in our deliverance. He rejoices over us to bring us into victory. Since He has paid the price for our souls with HIS own blood, any entanglement restricting us from FREEDOM needs to be dealt with and handled with care and concern.

Inner healing is the appropriation of forgiveness and grace and / or mercy onto a, or several individuals in the human soul.

james 4:7 matthew 12:43-45 1 peter 5:8 luke 10:17 isaiah 61:1 isaiah 61:3 proverbs 12:18 proverbs 15:22 romans 15:4

Counseling and Deliverance from Oppression/Demons or Devils There are times when the soul is troubled or hard pressed and you might need to counsel them for minutes, reminding the believer of solidified biblical truths. There are other times when you might need to counsel a believer for months regarding the same principles and the application of the finished work of JESUS CHRIST in the human soul. Whether hour long sessions over long durations of time or minutes in passing, the same faith is needed for the breakthrough power of the cross in the area of humanity affected. The deliverance will come immediately or the deliverance will eventually come over time.

JESUS is a wonderful counselor. Often the mind is able to understand or release individuals from un-forgiveness or trauma, but the heart is able to be on a separate motive or timeframe. There are times when we agree mentally that something is right or good yet our heart is wounded or suffering from the effects oftentimes unknowingly. This delays the process of release at times, yet if we will take our thoughts captive to the LORD's word, then we will be triumphant in the area.

There are also times when the soul is troubled directly by an oppressive spirit and you will rebuke the spirit or attitude in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST immediately and the relief/deliverance will come straightway. We never speak to evil spirits or demons/devils on our own behalf but command them straightway in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST to leave the soul they are troubling and seeking rest within. As agents of the devil, these spirits seek to take over the body and soul of the members they are upon or within.

These spirits are fallen and wandering the earth seeking rest. They ride upon or within the human being they have attached themselves to or upon and corrupt heart, soul, mind and

strength, seeking to eventually possess fully and override the individuals until they are completely given over to Satan, taken captive to do his will.

Once delivered and the spirit has been cast off or out, the believer will need to teach truth in the areas affected or lead the person to the personage of the LORD JESUS CHRIST so as to fill the house as its intended purpose, to live as freemen and not slaves in bondage. Any person will be given fully to a life of their choosing or their victimization either in ignorance or will-fully.

Within the stratosphere of created order, we have been given a free will as a gift from GOD our Creator and we can use this gift to serve and exult, enjoying HIM forever in the name of JESUS CHRIST, our RANSOM, or we can doubt till deceived, and destroyed.

psalms 34:17 psalms 107:6 psalms 50:15 joel 2:25-27 john 8:32 john 8:36 psalm 35:9 psalm 13:5 isaiah 9:6 isaiah 61:10 1 peter 5:7 psalms 55:22 matthew 12:43-45 2 timothy 3:16-17 acts 5:16 2 timothy 2:26 2 corinthians 10:5 galatians 5:1 psalm 16:7

exodus 22:22 ephesians 1:5

# CASTING out DEMONS or DEVILS/Evil Spirits

In response to the Great Commission and the freedom purchased by the LORD JESUS CHRIST's own blood, we believers have been endowed with the authority and power in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST to cast out demons and devils. These beings are trespassing and abiding in the lives of many humans throughout the earth seeking rest and refuge. Some think only apostles have this power of authority but it has been granted to all believers who have faith in HIS name. The prince of devils is Beelzebub or Lord of the Flies which is Satan and JESUS cast HIM out on earth as it was in heaven. BLESS GOD. These demons and devils cause infirmities such as seizures, deafness or muteness and maladies in human bodies or souls but are easily cast out in the power of HIS name. Some require fasting as they are deeply rooted in the life of the individual or are simply many in number. Without the authority and knowing of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, demons do not have to obey humans as in the case of the seven sons of Sceva. These men tried to cast out an evil spirit and were left beaten, battered and defeated with no avail over the enemy.

Demons can speak and do recognize the authority structure of the kingdom and the LORD-SHIP and JUDGESHIP of JESUS CHRIST. Many believe demons are not able to affect Christians but affecting and full possession are two different factors. Affecting can be when the devil entered Judas' heart in the gospels to betray CHRIST or in the case of Peter, to try to hinder the works of GOD. These seek to plant thoughts or intentions in the life of believers causing them to stumble or stray and divert the person or other persons from the activities and plans and will of GOD. In other cases, they may fully posses the will of the human entangled, causing them to hurt themselves, cut themselves or kill themselves. Once freed, those formally influenced or entangled are able to abide in freedom forever, others are also able to be entered and entangled again. Each demon or devil is subject to the same end, the JUDGEMENT and eternal destruction by the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

luke 10:17 matthew 4:10 matthew 8:16 mark 1:34 mark 1:39 mark 5:5 mark 5:5 mark 9:25 mark 16:9 matthew 8:28-34 matthew 8:32 matthew 12:27 acts 19:14-20 luke 4:45 luke 4:41 luke 8:29 luke 11:14 luke 11:20 luke 13:32

## **GENERATIONAL** Curses

Biblically, the term generational curses refers to the passage of sin or the effects of sin to the generations to follow or below from the person that transgressed as judgements from GOD.

In spiritual terms, the conscious agreement with darkness of the un-surrendered life with acts of willingness to sin is a root cause of what the LORD would deem and judge an iniquity or transgression to be punished even to the following generations.

This is two fold in nature.

One, the deed or deeds are focused, purposeful, non-repentant or immoral in the sight of GOD, whether idolatrous, or against the LORD or His people in word or deed. Two, the person(s) committing the deeds have already been warned or have had full knowledge of the transgression before the deed(s) were committed against the LORD.

The term generation biblically refers to a forty year duration but in this case of the term's context it is the line of descendants directly stemming from the accursed.

exodus 20:5-6 exodus 34:6-7 numbers 14:18 deuteronomy 5:9-10

The LORD'S justice and mercy in all this is that regardless of the generations before or behind, WITH REPENTANCE, the LORD has made a way for second chances and destinies that will not be destroyed by others. Now each man will give an account for their sins they alone have committed. Their sins and their sins alone. The LORD is just to make each give an account for their own lives and with the truth of GOD revealed, no man will be held in the New Covenant on account of another's sin. ezekiel 18:4 ezekiel 18:20 deuteronomy 24:16

## **GENERATIONAL Iniquity**

Generational iniquities stem from the un-renewed actions of others or transgressions taught to the generations following. This is most commonly acquainted to the life of a child under the yoke of parents unbelieving or un-surrendered to the commands of GOD or the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. This is more like bad company corrupting good morals, but is not limited to family but including friends, coworkers, acquaintances, peers, kin, people groups, nations or nationalities in a vast array of human population. It is carried on by direct language influence or media and entertainment ruining or corrupting good or innocent/undeveloped moral standards or values by influence, teachings, quotes or statements to the human soul, leaving impressions to be followed, copied or obeyed in our free will and/or in our subconscious mind. First we think, then we speak, then we act. As in agreement to the sin or those practicing the sin, simple time spent with no regard for GOD un-rebuked or corrected has the ability to and will rub off on those near by for whosoever is in agreement.

This happens most commonly when individuals learn bad habits or customs or norms including family traditions, or philosophies stemming from nationality or culture from and to those practicing the ways of the pagan (Godless) and unsaved peoples who act in ways all contrary to GOD. Those named here do not truly regard the way of others but indeed hold a tilted moral value that is right in their own eyes. They wish to be honored and loved, served and esteemed, but do not intend the same for their neighbor. Their morals wavier to fit themselves alone, but have no true power of redemption in that they are all one-sided, serving their own interests and wants or desires.

The issue here is in the Ten Commandments there is a command with promise to obey your parents: "Honor your mother and father, that it may go well with you in the land the LORD GOD is giving you" and again, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." The context of this beautiful promise and proverb is for the heritage of the righteous and the portion of the godly. To those who fear and serve the LORD this is a beautiful pattern of righteousness, trust and obedience in the soul of the child and can allow the LORD to bless the generations to come. In the ungodly it is a hard set of morals and philosophies taught by deceptive practices and family standards that oppose the ways of GOD, that once are instilled in a child, make difficult to disarm later in life. This deems a life of pain, full of remorse and regret for the ungodly, based upon the sin agreements formerly made, believed and taught to the generations to come. Generation after generation, the un-renewed and un-redeemed peoples abide in bondage as JESUS said, "if the blind lead the blind, they will both fall into a pit." This refers to those in slavery themselves who promise freedom while they themselves are slaves to corruption. This deception leads others away from the grace of GOD and teaches contrary to the true doctrines of GOD. What is hard here is when a child is raised up in this way of thinking and way of life, it is hard to retrain them from such things as generational patterns of bondage in the soul.

This dilemma however renders each with severe setbacks but after the gospel has penetrated the human soul, each individual will be parented by the LORD GOD and though they may struggle with sins of the soul and bad morals or habits instilled within them or hypocritical errors, the Holy Spirit will set forth to sanctify them from each and every one of these. At the end, they will stand before GOD by themselves and give an account of the life they chose for themselves. Even if we were taught against GOD in each area of life, HE has faithfully given us HIS word and revealed Himself to mankind leaving us without excuse.

1 corinthians 15:33 ezekiel 18:5-20 proverbs 13:20 exodus 20:12 ephesians 6:1-2 1 corinthians 5:11 matthew 15:14 2 peter 2:19 proverbs 14:12 psalm 26:4-5 psalm 1:1-4 proverbs 22:24-25 proverbs 22:6

The GOSPEL is the message of the cross and the message of the cross is the power of GOD to those of us who are being saved. The gospel when obeyed and applied is the end of such curses legally in the spirit, but if unpracticed, truly may by the person's neglect to have pow-

er or freedom in the area of social behaviors or vain philosophies, if un-surrendered fully to the LORDSHIP of JESUS CHRIST.

galatians 3:13 john 8:36 2 corinthians 5:17

## GENEOLOGIES/Lineage

Through the descendants of Israel, come the peoples to whom the word of GOD first originated along with the worship and the patriarchs and the covenant, even the CHRIST. Several peoples have been chosen for worship service and to implement or pass on the testimonies and teach the Scriptures according to passage of bloodline or esteem others based upon such data. Even to be a priest according to the Law, men needed to prove beyond dispute that they come from certain genealogical lines so in certain regards, this could be very important. However, in the New Covenant, a person is not right with GOD based upon their blood but upon their heart. There are many people claiming to be heirs of eternal life because of this lineage, but this is by no means a claim to salvation apart from the finished works of the Lord Jesus Christ and trusting in GOD through this name.

It is written that, "no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical, but a Jew is one inwardly and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the spirit, not by the letter."

Though the descendants of Israel are whom the LORD first promised, it is FAITH that grafts us into the promises of GOD and not physical blood. The blood that binds us to the inheritance of GOD is the blood of JESUS CHRIST alone. There is now neither Jew nor Gentile, nor Greek, but one new creation in CHRIST JESUS.

romans 2:28-29 romans 9:4-5 matthew 1:1-16 philippians 3:4-5 titus 3:9 1 timothy 1:4

# LAW/Torah

This refers to the law/teachings of Moses revealed in the first five books of the Bible. It contains the Ten Commandments and the 613 precepts contained within it. The law was given to Moses on Mount Sinai pertaining to the nation of Israel. It included hygiene, martial affairs, governmental and economic dealings as well as all moral standings and practices. The instructions of the matters and service of worship and leadership concerning the twelve tribes of Israel and the relation to the surrounding nations.

exodus 17:24 exodus 24:4 exodus 31:18 exodus 34:27 leviticus 26:46

In the law a person who was a stranger or alien/foreigner was able if willing to covert to Judaism. He or she could if he or she was to keep the laws and customs and worship the ONE TRUE GOD.

isaiah 56:6-8 exodus 12:48-49

Though the Law is HOLY and GOOD, it is unable to perfect those in righteousness who trust in it as that it reveals sin but has not the power to eradicate it, or remedy the nature of it. The law in and of itself is GOOD and HOLY. It was given by GOD as a written code so the people would have statutes forever that would keep them from the bonds of iniquity. The law with the proper heart as one to match the One who gave it is PERFECT. IT is like GOD gave His personality in written form to another people with another personality and they externally obeyed or had the words, language and mannerisms down, but they failed to see the heart behind it.

The commands to LOVE the LORD our God with all our heart, all our mind, all our soul and all our strength and to LOVE our neighbor as we LOVE ourselves has itself fulfilled the law and that which hangs upon it. This is the heart of GOD.

The law was the school master. The law is GOOD and is HOLY, its purpose was to reveal sin and point to JESUS CHRIST as the Savior and redeemer of mankind, bringing its fulfillment.

The first five books are identified as the Torah in Hebrew which means teachings. In Greek it is called the Pentateuch meaning the fivefold book.

The book of Genesis means "origins or beginnings." "The start or root." The book of Exodus means "the exit or go forth from." "To withdraw or evacuate." The book of Leviticus means "book of the," or "pertaining to the Levites or Law of the Priests."

The book of Numbers means "in the desert" or "in the wilderness."

The book of Deuteronomy means "the second law" or "spoken words."

-see APPENDIX for a complete list of biblical books.

psalms 119:97 romans 7:7-12 romans 7:12 romans 2:13 romans 7:22 matthew 5:17 luke 24:44 john 19:28-30 acts 15:10 romans 4:14 romans 5:20 2 corinthians 3:7 2 corinthians 3:9-10 galatians 3:1-3 galatians 3:24 romans 13:8-10

## The WEIGHTIER MATTERS of the LAW/Torah

These matters/virtues are the keeping power of the frame of the law. Each and everything established involves these critical and essential matters. These virtues are in the heart of the Giver of the law and are the correct filter and admonished motive of those entrusted to keep it and command it.

Without these virtues, interpretation or understanding of the Scriptures and the giving of the law cannot produce the effects of true righteousness and holiness or sobriety in the heart of a believer. Knowing this, JESUS rebuked those who were merely appearing righteous but were inwardly failing the moral requirements, listing their specific lack.

The law in its nature was to both reveal the personage of GOD in HIS perfection and release a moral compass for the people. It was to protect their freedom. Where we ran into the lack, was that the people had the right words but their hearts were far from HIM. Keeping this in mind, that the LORD who gave the Law to Moses is a GOD of JUSTICE, and FATHER of MERCIES and of FAITHFULNESS, FAITHFUL and TRUE.

matthew 23:23 isaiah 42:3-4

## MATTERS/Justice

This virtue is emanating from the throne of GOD and from HIS unwavering personage to bring that which is right into its proper place. Justice is unbiased, showing no partiality, discerning between what is right and the motives. It is waging war to win its rule to each others cause, yet without bending, it is able to remain true to its nature. GOD designed it to serve HIS purposes, unbiased by the men who yield to it.

hosea 12:6 proverbs 21:15 amos 5:24 micah 6:8 isaiah 61:8-9 isaiah 1:17 psalm 106:3 zechariah 7:9 deuteronomy 16:20 proverbs 29:7 leviticus 19:15 psalm 33:5 isaiah 51:4-5

## MATTERS/Mercy

This divine virtue is birthed of the FATHER GOD HIMSELF. This gift to mankind renders the effects of sin powerless and nullifies their effect in the created order. Shedding HIS own blood to agree with mercy's demand, the sins of the human race are able to be blotted out by

the higher law of mercy for its triumphs over judgment. This virtue is renewed daily and in the proper sense of all commands and foresight to obey.

Hebrews 4:16 matthew 9:13 ephesians 2:4-5 psalm 51:1-2 micah 7:18 psalm 25:6-7 romans 12:1

## MATTERS/Faithfulness

Faith is the substance of things unseen and things hoped for. It is the very door to which our salvation enters the soul. Giving a portion to each and every man, the LORD GOD allows us to steward this great gift into our very own life and cultivate all that the kingdom desires to grow in us. Without this, no man can please GOD, yet unto us a seed was granted. Now the believer has access to see the things invisible and do the things impossible.

hosea 2:20 1 timothy 4:12 galatians 3:22 galatians 2:20 psalm 119:30 romans 1:17 romans 10:10 matthew 17:20 romans 14:1 matthew 21:21 galatians 2:15-16 ephesians 3:16-17 matthew 15:28 matthew 9:2 Hebrews 10:23 ezekiel 18:9 1 samuel 12:24 2 chronicles 19:9 Hebrews 11:1 1 peter 1:21

1 peter 1:7 2 corinthians 5:7 1 corinthians 15:14-17 1 peter 1:5-9 1 john 5:4 james 1:3 luke 17:6 romans 10:17 Hebrews 12:2

### GRACE/Virtue from GOD

This familiar term is widely used in Christendom and applies to the first works of salvation and its processes. It is from GOD our FATHER and applies to every other aspect of our faith experience. It is the unmerited favor or divine assistance/enablement which empowers the believer to accept the Spirit of GOD, thus inheriting salvation.

It alone is also used from GOD to aid believers to source and find their freedom in the personage of the LORD JESUS CHRIST and to go and do all that the inherited life promised by faith allows/commands, not in theaters of the law which do not have the power to save.

romans 6:14 2 corinthians 12:8-9 romans 3:20-24 john 1:14 ephesians 4:7

## MERCY / Strength to our LIFE

The mercy of the LORD GOD is renewed each and every day. It is a divine attribute of the HEAVENLY FATHER, that grants forgiveness to the repentant and salvation to the fallen. Mercy is the lovingkindness of the Living GOD. HE is the FATHER of mercies. The LORD GOD desires this virtue over all sacrifice. It is the seat of HIS establishment and relations to those who dwell upon the earth. On the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament during the wilderness church experience, MOSES was commanded to make a box out of Acacia wood and overlay it with gold. In the box were the Ten Commandments and the staff from Aaron's

rod which was an almond branch and a jar of manna. The box was to be covered by two Cherubim's/Angels and their wings were to spread on the box directly over the Mercy seat. When GOD made covenant with man, the high priest was to smear the blood of all atoning sacrifices of animals rams/lambs on the mercy seat. This is where the literal presence of GOD would abide. Right upon the MERCY seat. It is this virtue/attribute of GOD that allows our sin to be atoned for and that we might be able to be clean and confident to approach GOD who LOVES us and gave Himself for us.

micah 6:8 Hebrews 4:16 matthew 9:13 ephesians 2:4-5 psalms 51:1-2 micah 7:18 psalm 25:6-7

# LOVE/GOD is LOVE/LOVE is everything

It is the first and GREAT command and the very heart of what we do and who we are. LOVE is seen now through the LIVING and radiant personage of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. This virtue is a big deal. In fact, it is the biggest, and without love there is nothing. In it is the fullness of all things for GOD is LOVE. It is the motive of GOD, the fulfillment and the keeping power to HIS WORD. We are to LOVE the LORD our GOD with all our Heart, with all our Soul, all our Mind and all our Strength and we are to LOVE our NEIGHBOR as we LOVE ourselves.

In the kingdom, he who loves overcomes and is ONE with the FATHER and the SON. He who loves not neither knows GOD nor has ever seen Him. GOD is LOVE and has called us to such a calling. LOVE is not the excusing of sin or the condoning of it but rather the obedient perspective of the LORD GOD and His view on every and any such matter.

LOVE covers a multitude of sins and GOD so LOVED the world, that HE gave HIS one and only begotten SON so whosoever believes in HIM might not perish but have everlasting life. It is the attribute of LOVE that hangs the law and the prophets.

This attribute is not selfish, but selfless. It takes no recored of wrongs but instead covers a multitude of sins. It is patient, it is kind. It does not envy or boast. It does not insist on its own way, nor is it irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with

the truth. It believes all things, it hopes all things, and it endures all things, it never ends. LOVE never ends.

matthew 22:40 1 john 4:8 1 john 4:12 1 corinthians 13:1-13

# ANGELS/Servants of GOD

Angel literally means messenger. Angels are servants of God, innumerable in festal gathering. These created beings are created by GOD to do HIS bidding and to serve the affairs of mankind both temporally and eternally. Angels worship the LIVING GOD twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Many angels resemble the image of a man having wings but are not limited to these identifiable images. Others appear as human form or an unseen presence or by vision. Angels are mighty to behold and reside both in spirit form and in actual persons physical forms.

Each encounter with man in the Bible with angels that man was aware of, the presence of angels caused the men to bow, or tremble or be filled with fear. Other times, the Bible portrays the men were unawares as to the angel's presence.

They are magnificent beings. They are able to speak our languages, the languages of all men upon the earth. Harkening to the voice of GOD, they are sent to serve those to whom will inherit salvation, and guard them in all their ways. Angels both ascend and descend from the heavens to the earth as being dispatched as commanded from the throne of GOD from which they perpetually abide.

Hebrews 12:22 genesis 28:12 john 1:51 1 peter 3:22 psalm 78:49 luke 1:18 zechariah 5:9 Hebrews 13:23-34 Hebrews 1:6 Hebrews 1:14 mark 13:27 psalm 91:11 revelation 7:11

Angels surround the throne eternally in constant worship of the FATHER GOD and of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

revelation 5:11-12 matthew 18:10 matthew 24:31-35 revelation 7:11

Angels worship the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Hebrews 1:6

Angels themselves are not worthy to be worshiped.

revelation 22:8-9 revelation 19:10

Men can be disqualified for the act of worshipping angels.

colossians 2:18

Angels are agents/Servants of GOD.

psalm 103:20 psalm 91:11 luke 15:10 1 peter 1:12 Hebrews 1:14 Hebrews 12:22 psalm 78:25 matthew 16:27 luke 4:10 john 20:11-12

Angels are ministering spirits and flames of fire.

Hebrews 1:14 matthew 4:11 Hebrews 1:7

Seven Angels "who stand before GOD".

These angels all have trumpets and perform various tasks in the judgment phase, shaking and sifting the earth and its inhabitants.

revelation 8:2 revelation 8:6

### ANGELS/Archangel/ Chief Prince

The word archangel means "chief angel." These angels are the head of the angelic armies. These archangels are referred to as plural but only the name of Michael is given. He has charge over the people of Israel.

Michael is the chief archangel or prince whose name literally means, "who is like unto GOD" He appears to fight the battles of the saints of the LORD on behalf of the LORD. He is referred to as the archangel meaning he is the chief angel. The archangel Michael is found helping the LORD JESUS CHRIST and battling the prince of Persia. He is found again battling and prevailing over the dragon who is the serpent the devil and his fallen angels, permanently removing them from the heavens.

daniel 10:13 daniel 10:16-21 daniel 12:1 jude 1:9 psalms 91:11 revelations 12:7-8 revelations 1:14-15 1 thessalonians 4:16

#### ANGELS/Messenger

Gabriel, possibly thought to be one of the archangels, such a title is not listed in the New Testament in any of his several appearances. His authority and mission are undeniable and unquestionable. Humanlike in appearance, he speaks the local dialect and appeared in both old and New Covenants to mankind, both to men and woman alike, covering the plans of GOD. Gabriel literally means "the powerful or strong man of GOD," or "The Power or Strength of GOD". He stands in the presence of GOD and appears to be the messenger carrying out the orders and affairs of the LORD on behalf of mankind. The Scriptures do not refer to him as an archangel. Gabriel is found speaking in the Old and New Testaments, both to Daniel about the end times and the Messiah and to Zechariah about his son, John the Baptist and JESUS CHRIST and again to Mary about the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

daniel 8:16 daniel 9:21 luke 1:19-26

While other angels are named in the apocryphal books which are the seven sited in the book of Revelation chapter eight, we will recognize those unnamed in the New Testament proper but will not add or recognize names from sources invalidated or not found in the written text of the Bible.

revelation 8:1-6

#### ANGELS/Cherubim

These two winged creatures are beside and around the throne, worshipping the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY 24/7.

genesis 3:24 ezekiel 10:1 ezekiel 10:9 2 samuel 22:11 psalm 18:10 ezekiel 9:3 ezekiel 11:22-23 revelation 15:7

#### ANGELS/Four Living Creatures

Each of the face of man, face of eagle, face of ox and face of a lion, these angelic beings are ever before the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

revelation 4:8 revelation 15:7 revelation 5:14 ezekiel 1:10

### ANGELS/Seraphim

Seraphim literally means burning ones.

These creatures have six wings and with two they fly, two they cover their feet and two they cover their faces. This is so they may be prostrate before the living God. They are above and around the throne.

revelation 14:6 isaiah 6:2 isaiah 6:3 revelations 4:8

# FALLEN ANGEL/The Devil/Lucifer

These eternal beings are the population who abandoned their first post of duty in the heavens. This being is doomed and banned from the inherited salvation and residence of the first habitation due his pride and rebellion. After a thousand year prison sentence, the lake of fire waits for he who has rebelled against the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

Evil spirits or demons may be upon or within individuals influenced by the devil or who have been taken captive to do his will.

2 timothy 2:26

The devil, that serpent, is lucifer, the fallen angel who was the original worship leader of the heavens and was an anointed guardian cherub. His heart became filled with pride because of his beauty and his position was revoked and he was removed. Because he rebelled against the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY and iniquity was found in him, he was cast from heaven to the ground like a bolt of lightning. This time he eternally lost his position and place of honor in the heavens before the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

Next, Satan the dragon and the angels who rebelled with him were cast out of heaven a second and final time after being defeated by Michael the archangel and his fighting angels. This is like a person losing his or her high ranking job and taking one-third of the staff with him in a bitter attempt to bring down the entire corporation. They would still be able to go to the organization with a complaint or accusation. No longer on staff, no privileges, no position.

No longer welcome in the office but able to picket and protest on the lawn and so forth, so Satan still accuses people night and day before the throne until he is apprehended/arrested and removed by the security team or local police force. This is when he is thrown into the bottomless pit. Then he suffers the ultimate fate as he is thrown into the lake of fire as the final death sentence.

The angels were able to both descend and ascend from and to the heavens after being dispatched from the throne of GOD to serve the affairs of GOD's creation. Once Satan fell from heaven, he lost all honor and glory unto GOD. Still able to ascend and descend from earth and to the heavens, after the battle in Revelation and defeated by Michael, he looses all residence in the heavens and is banished to the earth, he and the angels with him.

ezekiel 28:13-19 isaiah 14:12-15 isaiah 33:1 luke 10:18 job 1:7 revelation 12:7-9 revelation 20:1-3

# FALLEN ANGELS/Demons/Devils/Unclean Spirits

Other fallen angels that also rebelled and were cast out of heaven along with the devil, totaled a sum of one-third of the original heavenly population. Some are already cast in eternal chains below the earth and others banished to the lower heavens and the earth wandering, looking for rest until the day of the final judgement.

No longer in fellowship with GOD, these beings are doomed and banned from the inherited salvation and residence of the first habitation of the heavens due to the rebellion. These have been permanently cast out of the throne room and from the rank of authorized angelic beings. Everlasting chains of darkness wait for these who have rebelled against the LORD GOD and ultimately the lake of fire. There is no redemption or repentance for these beings.

These beings are to be cast out, rebuked and removed from every spirit-filled believer and their path in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. They attempt to disrupt, destroy, deceive,

taunt and tempt the believers away from the will of GOD. These detestable beings attack humans by: physical illness, mental impairment, the spread of false doctrines, spiritual warfare, and oppression/possession. When one is cast out they often come back sevenfold.

revelation 12:9 matthew 8:29 matthew 10:1 matthew 12:22 matthew 12:43-45 mark 3:11 mark 9:29 mark 9:38 luke 8:2 luke 11:14 1 corinthians 10:20 james 2:19 leviticus 17:7 jude 1:6 1 timothy 4:1 2 peter 2:4

## FALLEN ANGELS/Nephilim

Mentioned first in the sixth chapter of Genesis, the Nephilim were a half breed of angels and humans that spawned a race of evil giants living upon the earth. Nephilim literally means "fallen ones" of "violent" or "causing to fall". These Nephilim were said to be ancestors of the angels who kept not their first estate and were around nine cubits in length which is about thirteen and a half feet long or tall. Some larger and some slightly smaller. A product from the one-third population of fallen angels breeding with women spawned a race of giant beings upon the earth.

The majority of the Nephilim were wiped out by the flood but the Scriptures say, "in those days and afterward" meaning after the flood there were Nephilim in those days upon the earth.

genesis 6:4 jude 1:6 2 peter 2:4 numbers 13:33 2 samuel 21:16-22 daniel 2:43

ALL of the Nephilim and their ancestors were destroyed ultimately first by the flood and afterwards by the sons of GOD.

# FALLEN ANGEL GIANTS/Rephaim/Anakim

The Rephiam or Rephaites were giants in the land after the flood era and were said to be abnormally proportionate beings. Called Zamzummims by the Ammonites, these humans seemingly ranging from seven feet and above thirteen feet tall. These descendants were destroyed and expelled from the land except a few who took refuge in the Philistine cities of Gaza, Gath and Ashdod. These giants were said to be defeated by king Chedorlaomer. He defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shavehkiriathaim.

The Moabites called these giants Emims and were great and many, tall as the Anakim. These giant descendants were counted as Rephaim.

Anakim literally means "strength or stature" "long necked or tall". These were descendants of Anak, the son of Arba, which came from the Nephilim tribe and were giants of the land dwelling in Hebron formerly known as Kiriath-arba. Arba is the father of Anak and was the greatest of the Anakim before the arrival of the Israelites, then after being driven out by Caleb and by Joshua from all the hill country of Israel, they only remained east of the Jordan in the land Gaza, Gath, and in Ashdod.

Moses defeated Sihon, king of the Ammorites and Og, king of Bashan, who was one of the remnant of the Rephaim, and whose bed frame was nine cubits long and four cubits wide, according to the common cubit.

The Philistine giants who were at war with David and his men were said to be descendants of the Anakim. These names are the few who took refuge in the Philistine cities of Gaza, Gath and Ashdod when king Chedorlaomer defeated them. Their names were Ishbi-benob, Sappai, Saph, Goliath, and a twelve fingered and twelve toed man. There are still humans on the earth today with six fingers and six toes on each foot, a condition called Polydactyly or polydactylism, also known as hyperdactyly. This is a congenital physical anomaly in humans resulting in extra appendages. These giants were slain by David and his mighty men named Abishia, the son of Zeruiah, Sibbecai, the Hushathite, Elhanan, son of Jaareoregim, and Jonathan, son of Shimei. Elhanan, the son of Jair struck down Lahmi, the brother of Goliath.

All in all, these fallen ancestors were all wiped out by the children of GOD. There remains none today, not even one. The Guinness book of world records tallest man ever only measured to be eight feet and eleven-point-one inches tall. The giants listed in the Scriptures were ten feet to fifteen feet tall.

There Are No Ancestors Of The Giants Alive And On The Earth Today.

genesis 6:4 genesis 14:5 numbers 13:33 deuteronomy 2:10 deuteronomy 2:20-21 deuteronomy 3:11 deuteronomy 3:13 deuteronomy 9:2 1 samuel 17:4 2 samuel 21:20 2 samuel 21:16 2 samuel 21:18-22 1 chronicles 11:23 1 chronicles 20:4-8 psalm 135:10-11 psalm 136:20 joshua 13:12 joshua 14:15 joshua 11:22 deuteronomy 2:10 deuteronomy 3:11 amos 2:9 isaiah 26:14

## HEAVEN

Heaven is the revered idea of the life after this life. It is a complex habitation of innumerable angelic beings and saints from the days of old including the twelve tribes of Israel and an innumerable amount Gentiles who have come to faith in the LORD JESUS CHRIST and GOD through HIM. Although the heavens themselves cannot contain GOD, HE has set up HIS

throne there perpetually. There are many levels to the heavens and many aspects and dimensions. It is referred to as the New Jerusalem which means the city of rest or the city of peace.

Many religions and people claiming to be spiritual who yet deny a life pointing to the true GOD, all claim some picture or presentation of the afterlife. They all fail in this regard, that none of these ideas are corroborated and none of the people have been there or seen the heavens as an eyewitness themselves to HIS MAJESTY. The stories never add up and never coincide with others. The topic is painted as a comforting idea or the substance of jokes or vain imaginations, knowingly or unknowingly to lure people into a marred and blurred reality.

Heaven is GOD's throne and the earth is HIS footstool. It is REAL and indeed for the believers and children of GOD to spend the timeframe known as eternity. JESUS CHRIST has not only been there, HE is from there. HE came from the heavens to the earth to testify to us of it and HIS MAJESTIC plans and heavenly throne. The criteria for mankind to enter is that one must know HIM and to do the will of HIS FATHER. It is the relationship and deeds/works of this life that will be judged by the LORD JESUS CHRIST Himself that after this life and it is an eternal habitation of those who will live forever and reside with GOD our FATHER.

Hebrews 12:22 2 chronicles 2:6 2 corinthians 12:2 isaiah 66:1 isaiah 66:22-23 revelation 3:12 revelation 21:2

JESUS, after making purification for the sins of the world, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High. Having many levels and many rooms for unlimited dwelling, JESUS and The FATHER have set up their throne here in this habitation. The heavens are a complex and complete heavenly habitat.

isaiah 66:1 Hebrews 8:1 Hebrews 1:3 Hebrews 9:24 acts 7:49 acts 7:55 Even though the heavens are the Throne of the FATHER and to JESUS, they are not limited nor constrained to the heavens, for even the High Heavens CANNOT contain GOD.

1 kings 8:27 deuteronomy 10:14

Eternal Habitation/Paradise

Is the residence of GOD for HIMSELF and HIS creation where there are no more limitations or factors that are results or residual effects of the fall. No more sin, sickness, pain, persecution, deceit, disease, tears, tyranny, destruction or death.

john 14:2 luke 23:43 2 peter 3:13 revelation 21:4 isaiah 65:18-19

Heaven has HIGH HEAVENS, multiple levels and many rooms.

2 corinthians 12:2 deuteronomy 10:14 psalm 148:4 john 14:2-3

144,000 the Sons of ISRAEL

Sealed Tribes of Israel numbering 144,000 filling the heavenly courts. These are the saints who follow the LORD JESUS CHRIST and are residing in the heavens around the throne. This is the redeemed as the first fruits of the Lamb and are the nation of Israel and those who come to faith in the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

revelation 7:4-8 revelation 14:1-4

Innumerable amount of GENTILES before the throne and before the LAMB.

revelation 7:9

Martyrs are Redeemed

These all gave their lives for the name and testimony of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

revelations 20:4-6 revelation 6:9-10 revelation 7:14

## PARADISE / Abraham's Bosom

This term has been coined of the world to represent some imagination of the life after life, a beach with beer or some weird extension of nothingness. Others imagine perverse things or the vanities of the earth and hobbies to take their time, however the reality of the term actually describes the exact habitation of the high heavens surrounding the throne of GOD.

JESUS spoke to the thief on the cross during His triumph on the cross, that after he gave an account of his deeds saying also that JESUS was innocent, "truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." This place is designed by GOD for HIS created and for HIMSELF, the CREATOR. In order to share this place, one must be in right relationship with the CRE-ATOR and the LAMB. How this happens is the simple trust and love of GOD, believing of HE whom HE has sent and repenting of each and every sin that is a byproduct of the fall, and the heart of man to turn away from the heart of GOD.

In the beginning, the garden of Eden was the paradise of GOD for mankind to dwell therein. This was the garden where YAHWEH would walk amongst mankind in the cool of the day and fellowship with HIS creation. There were many trees bearing much and many different types of fruit. This paradise was designed for a perfect habitation for the created to dwell. In it was also the tree of knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life. The tree of knowledge of good and evil was forbidden for mankind to eat thereof, and the TREE of LIFE caused eternal life for those who ate the fruit upon it. Because of the choice of Adam and Eve, we were banished from the garden from then on. We were specifically removed from the garden because now due to the fall, if we were to eat the tree of life, we would live forever in a permanent fallen state. This would leave no hope for redemption but would place us as the angels who for the reason of eternal life had to be placed in the outer parts of the kingdom. This is so they would not trouble the obedient and the just. It is like the justice system banishing those whom have committed crimes that threaten society and have no regard for the law and safety of the public, to a life of confinement without hope or chance of parol. Even judged more severely are crimes of passion and premeditation. To know GOD, see HIM and to rebel is different than if we did not know HIM or see HIM. Paradise is not paradise if the unredeemed and un-repented have access to it. It would not be paradise if the presence of GOD was not welcome or acknowledged. For this reason we were banished.

GOD in His infinite wisdom, has pardoned us and granted us life through HIS Son and the blood of the cross. In this, HE has reconciled mankind to HIMSELF through JESUS CHRIST and redeemed us from the fall, and granting to us eternal life to those who repent and receive the Son of GOD to live forever.

In the same manner of grace, the LORD GOD has allowed us who have placed our faith in the LORD JESUS CHRIST and overcome, access to eat of the TREE of LIFE in the paradise of GOD as originally intended. This is a redeemed mankind with the freedom to choose GOD and abide with GOD in their hearts while yet in a temporary body. These then who have overcome may freely eat of the tree of life and live forever in a glorified body, to walk with and enjoy GOD forever.

luke 23:43 genesis 3:8 genesis 3:22-24 luke 23:43 2 corinthians 5:8 revelation 2:7 revelation 22:1-3 revelation 22:19

## THE NEW JERUSALEM

The word JERUSALEM means city of peace or city of rest. The New Jerusalem refers to as the city of GOD eternal. It is commonly referred to as the Tabernacle of GOD, the Holy City, the Celestial City, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and the Jerusalem above.

This city is the place of golden streets and the habitation of angels and the eternal saints from every nation and every tongue. It is where the throne is GOD is and is located in the heavens. The city has twelve foundations, on them were written the names of the apostles of the LAMB and twelve gates, and on them were the twelve tribes of Israel. This city is measurable and made out of precious stones, jasper, sapphire, emerald, onyx, carnelian, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth and amethyst. It is made also of pearls and pure gold, like transparent glass.

The river of the water of life that is bright as crystal will flow from the throne of GOD and of the LAMB through the middle of the street in the city and the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding each month. The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

In this city there is no temple but the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY and the LAMB are the temple. The city needs not sun nor moon to shine on it because the GLORY of GOD gives it light, and the LAMB is its lamp. Nothing impure will ever enter it but those whose names are written in the LAMB'S book of LIFE. The gates will never be shut by day and there is no night here. The nations will bring into the city GLORY and HONOR to the LAMB.

Here, JESUS CHRIST will wipe away every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death, nor mourning nor crying nor pain, for the old things will have passed away.

revelation 21:1-4 revelation 21:10-27 revelation 22:2 ezekiel 48:30-35 galatians 4:26 isaiah 65:17 isaiah 25:8

#### BOOK of LIFE/Lamb's Book of Life

As a real reason to celebrate, as spoken by the LORD to the apostles, this BOOK records the names of those who will both receive the crown of life and gain a resurrected/glorified body and live eternally in the paradise of GOD, even in the New Jerusalem City. This book is the book of all books.

luke 10:20 daniel 12:1 philippians 4:3 psalm 56:8 psalm 69:27-28 psalm 139:16 exodus 32:31-33 daniel 7:10 revelations 3:5 revelation 13:8 revelation 17:8 revelation 20:15 revelation 21:27

#### BOOK of REMEMBRANCE

This book is a perpetual record used of the LORD GOD that is for the activities of the saints and those who fear GOD. This book is accessed on the day of judgement or the day of the LORD.

malachi 3:16 psalms 56:8 daniel 7:10

#### BOOK of GENEALOGY

Recorded the families and the genealogy of the tribes and people that dwelt therein. Like a family tree for the men of the earth since creation. This was a book containing the people and their offspring, like a historic census.

nehemiah 7:5 nehemiah 7:64 nehemiah 12:22 jeremiah 22:30 ezekiel 13:9 matthew 1:1-17

#### BOOK of CHRONICLES

This book was written to capture the historicity of the nation of Israel.

nehemiah 12:23

#### BOOK of the COVENANT

This was the book Moses wrote containing the law and the ordinances to read over the generations perpetually.

exodus 24:7

## HELL/Gehenna

The name Gehenna comes from a deep narrow ravine south of Jerusalem called the son of Hinnom or the valley of Hinnom. Tartartus or Tophet/Topheth is the exact location in the Gehinnom. This is connected to the valley of Kidron. This place was where men burned the bodies of children to sacrifice to their foreign gods. Molech and Baal, who were Ammonite/ Cannonite and Phoenician gods referred to these detestable and abominable acts. This valley was also used for burning garbage with sulfur fires and criminals as an open grave. Though Gehenna was a real location, the term Gehenna unless specifically referred to as the aforementioned geographic location, is to describe and name the eternal habitation of the wicked, the unbelieving and the condemned. As there was a physical city called Jerusalem to keep the people of GOD, so there is also an eternal place called the New Jerusalem referred to in the Heavens. As there was a physical place called Gehenna for the condemned, so also is there an eternal place referred to as the same.

2 kings 16:3 2 chronicles 28:1-3 jeremiah 7:30-33 jeremiah 19:6 leviticus 18:21 isaiah 30:33

Hell is the elaborate eternal prison system designed for the devil and his fallen angles. Though all unredeemed and unrepentant/rebellious individuals who do not know the Lord JESUS CHRIST also shall reside here. This isn't fair! What about my family or my friends? What about the man or woman who lives in a far away place and hasn't heard the gospel?! The LORD is just. HE allows each and every creature the ability and chance to know HIM. If heaven is GOD's home, then we must know HIM or be invited to come to HIS home and more than that, to live with HIM permanently. The LORD is no more unjust to send people or creatures He does not know to hell or to deny them access into HIS home than you are to not allow strangers or strange people into your private residence or home to live with you.

Residents upon the earth have comprised complex prison systems from the isolated island known as Alcatraz to the modern day maximum security penitentiaries to keep the pure and innocent safe from those without the regard for justice or life. Think about it, would heaven be heaven if the idea of pain, crime and suffering was there? No. You cannot have paradise and pain in the same dimension. This is why the LORD has separated them by a great chasm.

revelation 21:8

matthew 25:41 2 peter 2:4 matthew 5:29-30 matthew 10:28 matthew 13:42 matthew 25:46 matthew 25:46 matthew 13:50 isaiah 66:24 mark 9:43 luke 16:26 james 3:6 revelation 21:8 psalm 9:17 2 thessalonians 1:9 jude 1:6

## SHEOL/Hades/The Grave

This is the realm of the dead. Refers to the grave. It is the place for departed spirits and souls. Some thought the reference is for the righteous and the wicked until the judgement but it is commonly understood as the underworld. This is a temporary residing and holding tank for the dead until the final judgement and will itself and its occupants be thrown into the lake of fire.

It is located in the lowest parts of the earth.

psalm 86:13 psalms 88:3 psalms 88:5 psalm 49:14-15 psalm 89:48 proverbs 15:11 isaiah 7:11 isaiah 38:18 habbakkuk 2:5 deuteronomy 32:22 ezekiel 31:14-16 ezekiel 31:18 1 samuel 28:11-15 job 26:5

#### ABADDON/Apollyon/Abyss/Bottomless Pit

Abaddon literally means place of destruction, and Apollyon, the destroyer. He is ruler of the abyss and king over the demonic locusts. He is the angel of the bottomless pit.

And the devil will be kept here in the bottomless pit for a thousand years before he will be thrown into the lake of fire for eternal destruction.

job 26:6 job 28:22 job 31:12 luke 8:31 psalm 88:11 proverbs 15:11 revelation 9:1-2 revelation 9:11 revelation 11:7 revelation 17:8 revelation 20:1-3

#### LAKE of FIRE/The Final Hell/Second Death

In the center of hell, this is a burning pit of fire and sulfur/brimstone. This place is created for the devil and his angels. It will also harbor the antichrist and the false prophets and the beast as well as every soul who rejects the personage of the LORD JESUS CHRIST to be tormented eternally. This torment is a perpetual and eternal occupation to keep those bound whom have no regard for GOD or His ransomed creation.

It is a final destruction for all unrepentant angelic and human rebels to put an end to lawlessness, wickedness and destructive attitudes and actions/behaviors who are at enmity with the LORD JESUS CHRIST, His kingdom and His commands.

revelation 19:20 revelation 20:10 revelation 20:13-14 revelation 20:15 revelation 21:8 isaiah 66:24 jude 1:7 matthew 25:41 matthew 13:42 mark 9:43

#### PURGATORY

While this word derives from the word "Purgare" which means to make clean, the idea of this place is a holding tank or interim where men are believed to be kept until prayed out or payed out for their unpunished sins in the due time, or have suffered for a specific duration. This release happens through prayers for the dead, indulgences and meritorious works on their behalf, or others again until the time and suffering has been completed. This is to state that mortals may make sanctified or sufficient their character or make their mortal sins remittance so that they may be made fit for the heavens. Purgatory is believed to be a state that causes or imposes still a punishment for the sinner to endure. Indulgences or plenary indulgences are remissions of the total temporal punishments still due after the sin absolution. The word means to forgive or be lenient towards, open or allow. These were acquired by granted or given amounts of money or alms paid to the church for the souls of others. The original idea comes from an extra biblical book called Maccabees which is historically valid but not specifically canonized in the Bible due to its lack of divine authorship and that no prophet stood in this time frame.

In the book, a man took up a collection and offered two thousand pieces of silver for a sin offering and sent it to Jerusalem on behalf of those who died in battle, praying for their eternal fate. The men who died were slain because they had objects dedicated to the idols from the enemies camp in their possession. It was written that the LORD revealed these hidden things and that this is the reason these men lost their lives. This was the reason their commander gathered the bodies of the men and took up a collection of the sin offering from the rest of the soldiers that was to be made on their behalf. To carry a foreign idol is against the law of GOD. This man was on a conquest to devour and avenge his fellow countrymen, both in spirit and in truth. He sought to pray and make offerings for these men so that GOD would remember it in concerns to their afterlife.

This story alone with other pagan beliefs and unscriptural interpretations or misguided and un-proportionate teachings caused the idea of both purgatory and the payment for indulgences for men to ransom their souls from the underworld.

The idea of purgatory does not consider that the LORD JESUS CHRIST has paid for our sins IN FULL and punishment/chastisement by giving of His body and the shedding of His pre-

cious blood. Our purification comes from the blood and the sanctifying work of the HOLY SPIRIT which regenerates us and consecrates us while we are alive upon earth. In regard to the works of man being burned up or purified, as cited in the New Testament, this happens on the day of judgment as we give an account before the throne and the JUDGE JESUS CHRIST.

While the idea of this place may inadvertently be referring to Sheol, there is no such place mentioned in the Scriptures and there is no such concept supported by the Scriptures.

romans 5:8 1 john 2:2 Hebrews 7:27 1 corinthians 3:12-15

# END TIMES/Eschatology

These days are referred to as "the last days" in that they are the final days in duration before the return of the LORD. This is when the earth is purified and its inhabitants. When every thing that can be shaken will be shaken and that which cannot be shaken remains. In many regards, tribulation and persecution will reach unprecedented levels in this dispensation but so will the GRACE of GOD. The end times does not refer to certain dates but date ranges by events and the signs JESUS prescribed as symptoms of the last days.

REMEMBER, in the judgement and the preparing of the earth to be purged and burned in its purification process, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF will be destroying all evil once and for all. HE is removing each and everything that is not love or that is against the essence of love. The cause of sin, sickness, sadness and sarcasm. Liars, lust and loneliness. Anger and anxiety and alike. All of them. Greed and gluttony, pride and pretense, fornicators and false. Menace and murder, deceit and depravity. Tyranny and torture, every and any non-repentant soul harboring and hating with or without influence from the fall, shall all be put to the judgement and give an account to the ONE who is able to see the heart of man.

The love of many will grow cold and the ability to do and teach right will be shunned and the ability to do and teach wickedness will be accepted. The good things/moral integrity and biblical conviction will be counted as bad and the bad things/immorality and waywardness or lawlessness will be counted as good. This is due to the cycles of life separated from GOD and the divinely created beings who alone and left to themselves, in that they do not believe,

have created and implemented of their own wisdom. This is no wisdom at all, the effort to live apart from the very thing they were made for. Fallen and dark separated souls, spoiled.

In unprecedented measures the LORD'S anointed shall go forth in these times testifying fearlessly in the face of adversity and affliction due to the GRACE of GOD that is in them, the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

In the last days upon the earth there shall be signs of traumatic shifts in the ecosystem and in the economy and in the governmental systems and alike. Eclipses, earthquakes, famines, fires, wars and rumors of wars and alike shall take place in unprecedented measure. Nation shall rise against nation, and these are yet birth pains before the great and terrible day of the LORD.

matthew 16:2-3 Hebrews 12:27 john 15:5 matthew 24:3-50 luke 21:7-36 revelation 3:3 joel 2:28-32 acts 2:20 mark 13:32

## END TIMES / The DAY of the LORD

This is the day of days. Once and for all vindicating the righteous and doing away with all evil, the LORD JESUS CHRIST will be seen by every eye in created order. Nail pierced hands and spear thrusted side, HE will appear in GREAT GLORY and HONOR before all mankind and every living thing.

For the just, a day of days of splendor and reward and for the unjust and the ungodly, a day of dread unable to imagine. The earth and its works will be burned up.

isaiah 13:6-12 ezekiel 30:3 joel 2:11 isaiah 13:6-9 amos 5:18-20 Hebrews 9:28 matthew 13:49 matthew 24:30-31 2 corinthians 2:14 1 thessalonians 5:2 1 thessalonians 4:16-18 2 peter 3:10 revelation 1:7

## END TIMES/The Last Days

The days listed here are the days before the RETURN of the LORD GOD and the DAY of the LORD. These days are the beginning of the end but not the end. These days are here and they proceed and persevere through the great tribulation. These days ahead will be shortened once the tribulations begins for the sake of mankind.

These days are when the greatest grace comes upon mankind that has ever and will ever come outside of the days He directly walked amongst us bodily. The church will evangelize and prepare the world of what is to come and the devil will deceive and desensitize the masses in the same urgency to undermine.

As students of the LIVING GOD, we shall be guided of dreams and visions and prophesy in unprecedented measures to make ready the bride of GOD.

acts 2:19-20 2 timothy 3:1-5 2 peter 3:3-4 luke 21:8 matthew 24:4-5 matthew 24:22 ezekiel 30:3 acts 2:16-18 1 timothy 4:1 joel 2:28-29 acts 2:21

## END TIMES / The Tribulation

The great tribulation is the events to proceed the great and terrible day of the LORD, when JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF opens the final judgement seals before returning and destroying all evil. In this time the whole world will be tested. Wars and destruction in unprecedented levels will ravage the earth. The antichrist and every action will be in havoc and complete and total lawlessness. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken so that which cannot be shaken en will remain.

matthew 24:21 matthew 24:9-10 daniel 12:1 revelation 3:10 revelation 7:14 Hebrews 12:27 joel 2:11 daniel 12:10 1 john 2:18-19

### END TIMES/The Resurrection

The resurrection is twofold. The first is the blessed and holy. This takes place after the tribulation. This is the resurrection of the just, when we are apprehended from the grave or the sleep of our souls to go up to the LORD on the day of His appearing. These will rule and reign with Christ for a thousand years. JESUS went first as the first fruits. This is the resurrection of life. These will go first, who have died first. Then the martyrs who have died for the LORD and stand in the heavens. Then we are granted a new body of eternal quality to stand in our rightful place forever to worship Him.

The second resurrection is for the dead, the wicked and the unbelievers, they must be resurrected to stand in their body before GOD to give account of what they did while they were in their bodies.

daniel 12:2 john 5:29 luke 14:14 isaiah 26:19 1 corinthians 15:51-53 1 corinthians 5:20 1 thessalonians 4:16-18 revelation 20:4-5

#### END TIMES / The Rapture

This is when the church and the ones marked for salvation are caught up in the air with the LORD at the brightness of HIS coming in the twinkling of an eye. The living will be caught up in the air with the LORD.

This will happen before and during the great tribulation in keeping with GOD's personality to deliver the righteous before the destruction of the deceived and the disqualified. This happened both in the lives of Noah and his family before the inhabitants of the earth were destroyed and again in rescuing Lot and his family from Sodom and Gomorra before judgement destroyed the godless and the cities they dwelt in.

luke 17:34-36 daniel 12:1-2 revelation 7:14 1 corinthians 15:51-54 revelation 11:12

#### END TIMES/The Judgement

The judgment is when we stand before the LORD JESUS CHRIST known as the judgement seat of CHRIST, to give an account for every idle word and deed. To give an account for our lives upon the earth, whether good or bad. Here the righteous will go on to receive their rewards of eternal life and receive the crowns for obedience and overcoming.

It is here also that the wicked, half-hearted and the hypocrites will be judged and go on to everlasting darkness.

2 corinthians 5:10 matthew 12:36-37 mark 10:30 Hebrews 9:27 romans 14:12 revelation 11:18 revelation 20:10-15

### THE RETURN of the LORD

JESUS CHRIST the LORD came and is coming to the earth again to take captivity captive and ransom the sons of men back to the FATHER. As HE faithfully promised according to the sovereign will of HE who subjected HIM, to rise from the dead and indeed did, so also is the PROMISE of HIS RETURN. Once HE came for the remission of sins and a second time HE will come for SALVATION.

JESUS CHRIST is the JUDGE of the LIVING and the DEAD. When HE returns HE is gathering HIS bride and bringing the promised SALVATION to all men believing. As it pertains to the judgments, HE is coming to eradicate the sin and those in partnership with it once and for all. ALL evil and all evildoers will be stopped. HE will protect and preserve the righteous and the just.

HE is coming with thousands and thousands of holy ones to execute judgement on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against HIM.

jude 1:15 1 thessalonians 4:16-17 1 thessalonians 5:1-10 Hebrews 9:28 revelation 1:7 titus 2:13 matthew 16:27 matthew 25:31-46 2 peter 3:9-10

# ISRAEL/Jewish People

Israel is composed of the people of GOD directly descending from Jacob and from Isaac and from Abraham according to the covenant that the LORD our GOD made with Abraham. These descendants are commonly referred to as the Jews (people from Jehudah)-literally means people of praise. GOD changed Jacob's name to ISRAEL for HE wrestled with GOD and was blessed. From Jacob came the twelve tribes of Israel and unto them through Abraham, GOD promised both descendants more numerous than the stars and the real estate known today currently as the state of Israel.

To Israel belongs the the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the CHRIST, who is GOD over all, blessed forever, AMEN.

The Israeli people are referred to as Jewish people. The Scripture tells us that GOD choose the Jews first then the Gentiles but it also tells us that a true Jew is one that is right in his heart with GOD. The inheritance of the land was promised and abides to this day. The Israelites did not inherit the land due to the their righteousness or uprightness of heart but the wickedness of the nations who were driven out by God confirming the word of the LORD promised to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.

ALL who BLESS ISRAEL will be BLESSED.

romans 12:2 romans 9:4-5 genesis 22:17 amos 9:15 genesis 12:3 2 samuel 7:23-24 1 kings 8:53 1 kings 10:9 psalm 105:8-15 psalm 135:4 isaiah 44:21 isaiah 49:3 deuteronomy 9:5 deuteronomy 7:6

#### The TWELVE Tribes of ISRAEL

The twelve tribes of ISRAEL are the sons of JACOB who was the son of ISAAC who was the son of ABRAHAM. Jacob had these twelve children by two wives and two concubines. After JACOB wrestled with GOD, His name was changed to ISRAEL. ISRAEL means "wrestles with GOD," or "Triumphant with GOD."

genesis 32:22-32 genesis 35:10 These are Jacob's/Israel's sons who all multiplied into their own tribes composing the nation and twelve tribes of ISRAEL: The tribes are listed as oldest to the youngest. There is the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Simeon, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of Judah, the tribe of Issachar, the tribe of Zebulun, the tribe of Dan, the tribe of Naphtali, the tribe of Gad, the tribe of Asher, the tribe of Joseph, and the tribe of Benjamin.

genesis 35:22-26 exodus 1:1-4 1 chronicles 2:1-2

ISRAEL promised and zoned land to the tribes as inheritance.

ezekiel 48:1-29 joshua 15-21:45

#### PROMISED LAND and Perimeters

As it concerns modern day ISRAEL, this is the land GOD promised to Abraham and to Isaac and to Jacob for their descendants to dwell in. The technical lines of the establishment of the modern state of Israel, due the political pressures and the warfare over boundaries and borders, these exact details are arguably within the proper context of the exact inheritance promised. The Scriptures tell us of the perimeters belonging to the people of GOD, namely the patriarchs and the twelve tribes.

This is a LAND Covenant to inherit the land and the covenant is good forever.

psalm 105:7-11 isaiah 45:23 deuteronomy 30:1-10 ezekiel 48:1-29

Promised to ABRAHAM genesis 12:1-3 genesis 17:4-8

Promised to ISAAC genesis 26:2-5

Promised to JACOB genesis 28:13-15 genesis 35:9-12 Perimeters to the SOUTH exodus 23:21 ezekiel 47:19 genesis 15:18

Perimeters to the WEST numbers 34:6 ezekiel 47:20

Perimeters to the NORTH genesis 15:18 deuteronomy 11:24 ezekiel 47:17 joshua 1:4

Perimeters to the EAST numbers 34:11-12 ezekiel 47:18

## Biblical Feasts / Feasts of the Lord / Biblical Holidays

Remember these days are holy, hence the term holi-day. This term is designed to render one to pay homage or recognition to the LORD for what He has done on that exact and specific day in the framework and foundation of our faith.

Though these days have historicity and glory unable to be fully recounted, they serve as a shadow of the reality of the personage and ministry of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Messiah and Redeemer of Israel and the nations of the world.

HE has now appeared and rendering the hearts of men bare before the throne in spirit and truth, making just whose hearts are stayed upon HIM. An important note is that every biblical holiday has a hallowed meaning in its origin and that it (to the exact day) fulfills the Messiah's events played out as a role play, or type and shadow of things to come.

The meaning of the seven appointed biblical feasts (four spring and three fall) is prophetically linked to the actions and identities of the Lord Jesus Christ himself and reveal key attributes concerning his personage, chronological timeline and his mission. The Bible says in the New Testament book of Colossians that these days are a shadow of things but the substance is in Christ or belongs to Him.

This means it is not about the birthday party but the Birthday Boy. Having said this the holy days are actually divine appointments set up by GOD Himself to meet us and then teach us concerning a specific attribute or appearance or which characteristic points directly in help-ing understand His personage. The Hebrew word for the biblical feasts or holidays is actually Moedim which means to meet or set a meeting/appointment.

How one keeps or recognizes such, does such to GOD and is unable to be judged by his fellow believer due to the gospels precepts. This is not a time to monitor thy fellow man or to perform but rather to rejoice to GOD MOST HIGH. The measure of inner respect and rejoicing for GOD is unto GOD wether a person is demonstrative or not. It is possible for an individual to show up to synagogue or to church and not to honor GOD from within the confines of his or her heart. It has been said they honor me with their mouth but not with their heart. It is also that the people should be gathered in feasting and in song and dance to celebrate the life of GOD and bring glory to Him and all honor both for what HE has done a who HE is.

colossians 2:16-17 romans 14:5

# FEASTS of the LORD (MOEDIM/MOEDEEM) Introduction

The word for feasts in Hebrew is Moed, for plural Moedim. The root word for (Moed or Moyad is: Yad) which is to meet or have an appointed meeting. There are seven appointed Moedim of the LORD and seven times conceded with the Moedim that the Messiah fulfilled some type of powerful reality among the living or will fulfill. All feast days are Moedim but not all Moedim are feast days. Each commemorates an historic encounter with the living GOD. It is undeniable that the LORD GOD fulfilled four feasts literally by becoming their intended purpose and literal fulfillment. For an example, JESUS died on Pesach/Passover as the lamb slain, was in the grave during Chag HaMatzot/Unleaved bread, resurrected on Yom Bikkurim/First Fruits and fulfilled His promise of the Holy Spirit on Shavout/Pentecost or Feast of Weeks. These all are a prophetic time table or rehearsal for the reality of fulfillment. Like a practice for the platform, for one day, the true Passover lamb would come.

The importance of these times are ordered by the LORD as everlasting ordinances for creation to be with Creator, like an anniversary to the betrothed. Having said that, if one forgets his anniversary or keeps it in remembrance in an unconventional way, is he still married?

Remember, salvation is not in them, the LORD is in them, as the eternal living GOD the substance of all reality, and SALVATION is in HIM.

Exodus 1:15-22 Exodus 4:23 Romans 14:5-6 Romans 14:14 Colossians 2:16-17

#### FEASTS of the LORD - PASSOVER

This is the festival known as Pesach or "Passover". It is mainly celebrated to remember when the angel of death "passed over" our homes while we were in Goshen, Egypt as slaves. This historic event was the entrance of the nation of Israel as a whole onto the world platform.

This festival of PASSOVER was the very first of spring. In fact it marked the ecclesiastical new year as the beginning of months (or the start of the biblical calendar) for the children of Israel as stated in Exodus 12:2. When the LORD inaugurated the Passover, it was the start of observation of the lunar track for the children of Israel. Each month has a new moon, one new moon per month. In the book of Genesis (Bereshit) it states the moon and stars are for seasons and signs. Here we see the LORD establishing this reality to start the very calendar of the people of GOD. Passover was an amazing start to synchronize our calendar forever for we began lives no longer as slaves but as sons.

Passover was the new year and new beginning/new start for the natural word and the spiritual. During spring time, even the trees and crops all start over new and renew in GOD's magnificent and unfolding landscape. It is clear here that the seen testifies to the unseen. The physical in conjunction to the spiritual.

The story of the Exodus crossing was the direct result in obeying the ordinance to keep the Passover. It was the precursor to the exodus from Egypt. This then, so to speak, obedient passage through water became the womb of the believer as does baptism in the new era of the kingdom.

The Passover was referred to as one of the "regalim," a feast/festival requiring a mandatory appearance at the tabernacle/temple for every single believing male. Because of this, record crowds of attendance would gather to obey the LORD, pay tribute and congregate together in song and dance in all gratitude for the things in which the LORD has done. These festivals make it easier to understand why the crowds were at record attendance to understand several passages.

Instituted in the Exodus, the Passover meal is both a physical sign and spiritual sign to believers. In the New Testament, JESUS keeps this very meal when HE institutes the New Covenant. The meal contains lamb, flatbread, wine and bitter herbs.

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Matthew 26:26 In the Passover meal we share history from generation to generation and remember and teach when we crossed over the Red Sea or Sea of Reeds, and were delivered from Pharaoh's armies. It is venerated by the church through the tradition of keeping of communion, as the LORD's institution proceeded the event of the cross at Golgotha.

Though the church specifically and purposefully remains more focused on JESUS' resurrection on this specific day/week, it is the death of Christ that is to be proclaimed until HE COMES. For Christ's promise of eternal life and sacrifices for mankind are commanded to be celebrated/kept in remembrance or reverence by the LORD HIMSELF. "Do this in remembrance of me." This is the beginning and inauguration of the NEW COVENANT.

Having said this, because of the LORD'S glorious resurrection, we are not still dead in our sins and lawless trespasses. Because HE died we can live, and because HE ROSE AGAIN, we are alive in him. Because the perfect became imperfect, we who were imperfect can become perpetual. JESUS by HIS powerful resurrection validated the NEW COVENANT's claims and triumphed over both sin and death, giving us the right to become the sons of GOD.

The command to remember Passover is perpetual. The actual Passover celebration is for seven days. Though the specific passover meal is only one day, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread is to follow, the week is referred to as Passover Week, lumping the two together as one. The western church refers to the events of the end of the week, calling the specific day Easter Sunday. Though, this term Easter actually has its roots deeply in Babylonian culture and custom, which are grossly unbiblical and unproved/unrecognized by the LORD GOD. Some of the western church seemingly unawares to this, keeps this term in reference to celebrate the resurrection of the LORD GOD. Many privy to this and because of this fact have begun to refer to it instead as "Resurrection Day".

Here is an example of ishtar or ashtereh:

Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, the fathers kindle fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven. And they pour out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger. Is it I whom they provoke? declares the LORD. Is it not themselves, to their own shame? Jeremiah 7:17-19

It is evident in the passage above that whether the pronunciation and practice of easter (eggs and bunnies) is a pagan practice made Christian due to the converted former pagan peoples. Others claim the term Easter represents a German way to say springtime or "light bearer" which was another pagan origin that involved newness of life and new beginnings symbolized by chicken eggs and rabbits.

The literal practice of Passover is mainly the offering and meal of a lamb, born and selected, then declared by a priest as the lamb of GOD. This clean and unblemished lamb could then be presented and offered for propitiation or passage for the people and then the second act is the lamb is eaten. John the baptist was a pureblooded Levite Priest in the New Testament era for both his parents were descendants of Aaron (the first requirement of the priesthood) and only a priest could declare if a lamb was fit and clean to be offered for the peoples sins. This is the very reason that it was John who was and he who said, "here comes the lamb of GOD, when he saw JESUS, " he comes to take away the sin of the world". This is also why JESUS later said, "you must eat my flesh…" for the body of the Passover lamb had to be eaten to ensure obedience and passage.

Remember the LORD reached down from heaven itself and gave of Himself that those whom, yes those whom themselves pierced the LORD, may plea the blood that came from the very veins of the lamb upon their lives and be saved. The door of our lives must be covered by the blood of the lamb for death from sin to pass over. This was modeled by our ancestors in Goshen, Egypt, as a rehearsal if you will for the New Kingdom. If one did not personally apply the blood they and their household could not be saved. This is why some denominations orally say, "I plea the blood" in various accounts. They are orally proclaiming atonement. Remember not even the first covenant was inaugurated without the blood. The second, which is superior, is sealed and inaugurated in the very same manner. For without the shedding of blood, there can be no remission of sins/atonement/forgiveness, for the life is in the blood.

Passover was instated by the LORD HIMSELF as a memorial to the LORD forever. We are still commanded to keep this festival in the New Testament as cited in 1 Corinthians 5:8 which reads in part, "…let us keep the feast…." However glorious the day still more, we now have the promise of then Spirit of GOD and newness of life attained through passing one more set of waters, the New Testament baptism inaugurated by John, completed by the hands of the apostles of the LORD HIMSELF. It is this baptism that serves as a gate to the new world.

Matthew 26:28 Hebrews 9:18 Exodus 24:8 leviticus 17:11 Exodus 12:1-13 john 1:29 John 6:35 Matthew 26:57-60 1 peter 1:19 Romans 3:24-25 1 corinthians 5:8 1 Corinthians 11:26-28

## FEASTS of the LORD - UNLEAVENED BREAD

The week in conjunction to follow the Passover meal, no leaven was to be eaten. This is literally bread without yeast, for leaven is a rising agent. The book of Exodus tells us that we had to both eat and leave in haste so there was no time for the bread to be leaved and rise before it baked. It takes only about one-tenth of the time to make unleavened bread versus leavened bread. For example, unleavened bread can be mixed and baked right away for 20 minutes, while leaved bread takes more than three hours to sit, rise and bake after mixing. Unleavened bread was instituted in conjunction with the Passover meal, following its literal date. Its fulfillment was Christ's time in the tomb. Jewish tradition hides a piece of matzo in a napkin. Matzo is unleavened bread. JESUS said, "I am the living bread".

Since no leavened bread can be eaten the entire week or found in an individuals home, there is a festival the week before where you hunt for, find and destroy any leaven in your house. This goes hand and hand with getting the leaven out of our lives as well — the leaven of bit-terness and slothfulness. In this paradigm and time of year, leaven holds a negative connotation, it represents comfort and staying, resting, or relaxing and growing where you are. During the exodus we had to be on the move! So this leaven, which otherwise is a needed and appreciated bread agent, even in Temple and Tabernacle worship, takes a hiatus in the life of the believer.

Remember when the LORD appeared to Abraham, Abraham served unleaved bread. When Melchizedek blessed him, he did it with bread. When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, Gideon offered him bread and the LORD accepted it. When the two angels of the LORD came to rescue Lot and judge the city, Lot served them unleavened bread.

In Jerusalem today, believing and practicing citizens literally publicly burn leaven products and spoons, bowls and other material that touched leaven. Anything in the cabinets or home is cleaned out to ensure obedience to the command. This is also where we get the term spring cleaning, for in the spring, "Passover and unleavened bread transpire". In light of these festivals in the spring, an act of cleaning all the leaven takes place.

Leaven in the scriptures is a neutral agent due to its use. In Passover, for an example, it serves as a negative commutation but in regard to the offerings, both daily and annually, it represents the bread brought to GOD to represent a thanksgiving offering by and at GOD's verbal and biblical command. JESUS said the leaven of the hypocritical pharisees was bad but also likened the kingdom of heaven to leaven due to its expanding nature.

Exodus 12:17-20 1 corinthians 5:8 1 corinthians 5:6,8 Deuteronomy 16:3 Matthew 13:33 Exodus 12:21-12:28

Numbers 9:1-3 Deuteronomy 16:16 Matthew 26:30

Psalm 136:10-14 1 corinthians 5:7 2 corinthians 5:21 Galatians 3:13 Exodus 12:19 Romans 14:5 1 john 5:3 Numbers 15:15-19 Numbers 9:9-12 Genesis 18:1-7 Geneses 19:1-3 Judges 6:17-19 Leviticus 7:13 Luke 22:7-8 Iohn 6:32-40 1 timothy 2:5

## FEASTS of the LORD - FIRST FRUITS

First fruits is the offering to GOD of the first fruits of the agricultural year. It was the first fruit literals of the Promise Land and composed both a staple of Israel to this day and the fulfillment of the promise of the Promise Land foods made available and abundant by the LIVING GOD.

\*BARLEY, a staple grain, was the very first crop to mature in the Promise Land. It precedes wheat each year.

To commemorate this feast, an omer, or biblical measure, is waived before the Lord of a sheave of barley.

First fruits was instituted in the Promised Land, for the very day the manna stopped was the first First Fruits offering before the Lord. This was the time in both the Tabernacle and the Temple where the people took the first fruits of the land and brought it to the LORD for blessing. This also allowed them to see with their own eyes that the LORD not only kept HIS promise and gave and granted both land and produce which was and is the greatest of the earth, but also sustains His people who to this day with the first fruits of ISRAEL. It is the first of the seven species blessed and promised of the LORD to sustain the inhabitants of the Promised Land.

This feast is also referred to as Yom Bikkurim, literally the day of first fruits. Yom is day, and Bikkurim is first fruits. It is exactly seven weeks before Pentecost or Shavout (The Feast of Weeks) in the Hebrew tongue.

The prophetic fulfillment was two part, JESUS is "the firstfruits of those whom are asleep" to have permanently resurrected from the dead. All resurrection in the New Testament occurrence for an example were temporary reversals of natural order to repeal the shortened or stolen life span of fellow believers. The LORD JESUS RESURRECTED and IS ALIVE TODAY.

Barley is for an example, the type bread the LORD multiplied off the coast of Galilee. When we crossed over the Jordan to the literal day the manna stopped. Here, we went from supernatural food to natural superfood. GLORY to GOD.

matthew 14:13-21 Exodus 23:19 John 6:9 1 corinthians 15:10-23 Joshua 5:11-12 Leviticus 23:9-11 Job 19:25-27 John 20:24-29

Jesus is not alive by His teachings or alive in our hearts alone or some hopeful wishful demented mentality. HE IS ALIVE. HE IS ALIVE. HE IS ALIVE.

Numbers 15:17-21 Ezekiel 44:30 Nehemiah 10:37 Leviticus 19:23-25 1 corinthians 15:12-17

## FEASTS of the LORD PENTECOST/SHAVUOT

Shavuot is the Feast of Weeks. Shav means week, and the pluralization of Shav, Shavout (weeks) or Pentecost as we commonly know it. It transpires from day 2 till day 50 and on the 50th day is fulfillment. It happens 50 days after Passover and so it is called Pentecost, penti meaning 50. It literally means Feast of Weeks and commemorates the first harvest and prom-

ise of GOD for us to both be sustained by the produce of the land and the outpouring of heaven's blessings in spirit and in truth.

Concerning fruit, the land overflows with literal wheat and barley at this time. It is also a historic and unprecedented event, commemoration of receiving the TEN COMMANDMENTS on Mt Sinai.

Shavuot (Feast of Weeks) commemorates the revelation of the Torah on Mt. Sinai to the Jewish people, and occurs on the 50th day after the 49 days of counting the Omer, (about 2.2 litters of dry weight). Shavuot is one of the three biblically based pilgrimage holidays known as the shalosh regalim. It is associated with the grain harvest in the Torah. And is when the people must appear before the Lord on the Temple Mount. Sivan is the third month on the Hebrew calendar.

This feast exists also to keep chronological times of agricultural cycles, spiritual and physical unity, blessing, corporate prayer and reciting of the testimonies which bring both eternal value to the people and the people of GOD together. It is a testament of GOD's power and a testament of GOD's provision. The Torah is read and recited and the families unite before GOD at HIS own house.

A portion of the ceremony among the other offerings is that two loafs referenced to as the Twin loaves are brought to the temple and waived for the LORD commemorating a double blessing and double potion.

PENTECOST is the literal fulfillment and OUTPOURING of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament era as prophesied by the prophet Joel. It is also the commemoration from the literal receiving of the law at Mt. Sinai.

Luke 24:49 Acts 1:4-5 Acts 2:17-20 Exodus 19:1 Exodus 19:16

Whether you celebrate it or not is not the question, if we understand the days and times YAH has placed in His own prophetic timetable, we will understand the events He has granted us that pertain to our freedom and the fulfillment of each and every precious promise. Shavuot is on the third new moon from exodus or three months in the biblical calendar.

Pentecost/Feast of Weeks is on the third new moon from the Passover month, which is the beginning of months from our exodus. Each month has a new moon, one new moon per month.

Exodus 19:1-20 Genesis 1:14 Deuteronomy 16:9-10 Exodus 34:22 Luke 24:49

Psalm 81:3 Leviticus 25:8-12 Colossians 2:16-19

Acts 2:1

And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

## FEASTS of the LORD - TRUMPETS/YOM TERUAH/ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah is the head of the year, literally meaning "The Head of the Year or the Year's Head".

The term Rosh Hashanah was not the new year ecclesiastically, for this was on Passover according to the written word recording GOD's command, but it did become the civil new year. It was also the crescendo for events so to speak with the LORD's speaking to the children of Israel on Mt. Sinai. Moedim is more than a holiday. It is a divine appointment. An appointment is something you place on the calendar, then you fulfill it. GOD has asked us to meet with HIM and promised to bless us.

This term Rosh Hashannah has completely replaced the term Yom Teruah or Day of Trumpets in today's culture. However, the term remains embedded in the Scriptures for the future ful-fillment which is the consumption of all things in the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

It was inaugurated at Mount Sinai by the sound of trumpets at the appearance of the Lord in which the people trembled. It is commemorated by trumpet blasts from the shofar or ram's horn (shofar is the ram's horn but during the diaspora, we gained the kudu horn). Its fulfillment is realized on the Day of the Lord "at the sound of a trumpet" and the splitting of the skies, the Lord shall return. It acts as a role play year after year in preparation for the Day of the Lord.

Rosh Hashanah is also ten days before Yom Kippur. These days are called the days of awe. These are ten literal days after Yom Teruah until Yom Kippur to prepare and ready the soul for the Day of Atonement. Also, in these times originally the mountain was smoking with terrible fire and the people were in awe and trembling due to the visitation from the CREATOR OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.

Rosh Hashanah, marking the years head, is a civil reality but the biblical mandate to mark the years head was actually referred to as Yom Teruah. The feast/estival is called the DAY OF TRUMPETING.

The word "trumah" is the Hebrew word for shouting and blasting. It refers to the day when we are commanded to blow a trumpet and sound the shofars (rams horns) in obedience to GOD's command. When the LORD spoke to Moses at Mount Sinai, in Saudi Arabia, it was at the sound of a trumpet so mighty so loud and so terrible that the people asked Moses to ask GOD to speak straight to Moses and not to them. So at the beginning of the covenant there is the sound of a trumpet.

Now it is written for our encouragement and our very faith that at the consumption of all things on the day of the LORD, we will ascend and HE will descend to meet together. To which sound does this magnificent event happen? How do we know when it is actually time? 'Thessalonians exactly says, with a, "blast of the trumpet of GOD" so it ends with the same sound it begins. In the middle of this dispensation or time of creation on earth, we are commanded to blow the trumpets in remembrance of what was and in expectation of what is to come.

For the daily and weekly use of the trumpet and the shofar, there were four distinct sounds in multiple patterns and together. By the sounding of the trumpet and the number of times the trumpet or shofar was sounded, the people would know to which end to obey or respond to the call.

Two silver trumpets make their debut in the book of numbers for such a task and were made precisely to be the federal head of the occasion. The trumpets were made by GOD's command to both summon the children of Israel both two and from battle and to gather them for daily tasks such as the start and end of the Sabbath. Like a phone, different sounds mean different things. In its perfect practice the tradition of blowing the trumpet/shofar 100 times each was orally passed down. It was a succession of both long and short blasts.

The blasts are named Teruah, Tekiah, Tekiah Gadolah and Shevarim, which are series of long and short blasts in intervals before and after straight sound. Teruah means to cry loud or

shout. Tekiah is one long straight blast. Shevarim is three medium wailing sounds. Teruah is nine staccato blasts and tekiah Gadolah is a prolonged and unbroken blast. With these variants, the children of Israel could be directed, summoned and sent fourth in an array of any necessary action from the LORD, both in times of peace including the Sabbath signals and in times of war, even in the heat of battle. We have record of the angels blowing trumpets and that the LORD'S voice is like the sound of an increasing trumpet.

The term in the New Testament is used that, "No man knows the day or hour," Which is also a Hebrew Idiom due to the new moon for Yom Teruah, for no one knows the beginning of Yom Teruah. Once the new moon appears, then the two witnesses declare to the temple captain or high priest, then the silver trumpets are blown. Then and only then does Yom Teruah begin. Inaugurating and initiating this specific day, the trumpets are blown at the start of each and every holiday as well, not only this, but they are used in battle and to go in precession before the Ark of the Covenant and in each careful account, the trumpets actually announce the very presence of GOD. This is incredible and constant because when HE spoke to us from the mountain all we heard was a larger and terrifying, ever increasing array of trumpet blasts, in fact, the very resurrection of the dead and the day of the LORD will be announced suddenly at the sound and blast of the trumpet.

Made from pure and refined, solid silver, beautifully tuned and unmatched in holiness and reference during its day to have musical instruments to go before the Ark with song and dance, the silver trumpets also served distinctly as battle trumpets. The LORD told the children of Israel to sound the alarm and blow the trumpet in battle and HE would remember us and come to our aid.

The term "watchmen" also is a very familiar and dynamic term in which indicates that a trumpet or shofar will be assigned to them and be blown to warn and summon the people. They watch and they warn, they watch with their eyes and ears but they warn with the sound and distance sounds to the trumpets. As a matter of fact, there was a specific place on the upper wall of the Temple and surrounding complex that was labeled to "the place of trumpeting" they found the stone as it fell to the ground and now rests in the museum of antiquities in Israel.

Numbers 10:1-14 Leviticus 23:23-27 Hebrews 12:19 Exodus 19:10-12 Exodus 19:16-19 Numbers 29:1-6 Revelation 1:10

Revelation 11:15 1 corinthians 14:8 Numbers 10:10 1 corinthians 15:52 Numbers 10:2-10 Exodus 19:16 zechariah 9:14 Nehemiah 4:16-20 Ezekiel 33:6 Isaiah 27:13 **Revelation 8:6** Ieremiah 6:16 2 Samuel 2:28 (Numbers 10:5,6). Numbers 10:4 Numbers 10:3, Numbers 10:9, 31:6; 2 Chronicles 13:12 Numbers 10:9 2 Chronicles 13:12 Numbers 31:6 1 Corinthians 14:8 Numbers 10:10, Numbers 10:10 1 Chronicles 15:24, 15:28, 16:6, 16:14; 2 Chronicles 5:12, 5:13, 7:6. 13:14, 29:28 Numbers 10:10 1 Chronicles 15:24 Chronicles 15:28 1 Chronicles 16:6 1 Chronicles 16:4 2 Chronicles 5:12 2 Chronicles 5:13 2 Chronicles 7:6 2 Chronicles 13:14 2 Chronicles 29:28 Matthew 6:2 Joel 2:1 Zephaniah 1:14-16 1 Thessalonians 4:16

Matthew 24:29-31 Revelation 8:1-2 Ezekiel 33:6

## FEASTS of the LORD - YOM KIPPUR

### Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement.

The Day of Atonement is the only day of the entire year when a human would enter into the most Holy Place of the sanctuary (the Kodesh Hakodashim or the Holy of Holies). Yom Kippur is revered as the single holiest day on the entire calendar by all believing persons. It is the one day that all of the sins of Israel are atoned for, and atonement/forgiveness is granted and made on behalf of the people for the entire year.

It is a time revered, honored and respected like no other to draw near and to pray and repent and intercede. It is a time to focus and recenter one's life wholly upon the HOLY.

It is the one day of year that anyone would ever go stand before the Lord and before the Ark of His Covenant. This is also referred to as "the ark of GOD's might" and "the ark of the testimony" and "the ark of His strength".

The word for atonement is "kapara". Kapporet literally means, "Cover of atonement" through whom the word derives its root. This is the name of the lid called and/or referred to as the mercy seat. It is referred to and is perfectly known that the LORD would both meet and speak from between the cherubim upon its lid. However, if the contents were looked at or in without the mercy seat or apart from it aside from its original artisan, biblical stories recount the immediate penalty of those whom caught a glimpse of the contents with their very life.

This divine compartment not only holds the only documents we have ever physically received from God, but is a copy of the Ark of the Covenant in heaven itself as the LORD showed both to Moses and to David and to Johnathan or John the Beloved.

On this day historically the sons of Aaron the first high priest entered the sanctuary and burned strange and unauthorized fire before the LORD and died. The LORD commanded thus, that we would no longer go inside as we please but once a year under very precise and exact circumstances. The atonement of sacrificial exchange was that the sins of the nation of Israel were blotted out, and the forgiveness and freedom from sin was grated yet another calendar year. A selection of animals are made for special offering which is both physical and symbolic to both rectify and redeem. The high priest has the most arduous of tasks to offer in addition to the daily rituals in the temple. This is the very day all of mankind would be represented by the priesthood. It was a reality to amend the great distain and distrust caused by the fall, bringing us back into the presence of GOD, to which we had by our own deeds and disobedience had been cast out.

Traditionally, one observes the Day of Atonement with a solemn fast. Everyone in the nation was commanded to partake in this fast through the duration of the entire day from sundown on the prior evening to the sundown on the next. The priesthood engages in a set service and performance of excellent rituals resulting in the sprinkling of blood on the mercy seat which is the cover for the Ark of the Covenant in the literal presence of GOD. The Ark of the Covenant is the literal house of the law, or cabinet/coffin in which it rests. It refers to the literal ten commandment tablets.

On this day the nation would afflict their soul by abstaining from food and water and work, lotion oils and perfume, bathing, physical relations and even wearing leather shoes. Not only this but the people are given to repentance, reconciliation, prayer and fasting, it was to be "at one" as we are atoned. Forgiven.

It is the day the two male goats make their debut. One for the Lottery is made where the priest cast lots, literally two lots, One is for the Lord "LaHashem" and the other "La Azazel" is for the scapegoat. Once the lots are cast, one goat is offered on the altar and the other receives the scarlet rope and then had the hands of the priest laid upon him and imparted the literal sin and symbolic sin of the entire nation of Israel. And through the laying on of hands from the federal head of the priesthood on behalf of the people, it transpired. He would them be condemned and taken on a 12 mile journey to the mountains east of the Temple and backed off of a cliff.

The LORD JESUS CHRIST has become this atoning sacrifice for us by receiving the sins of man upon His very frame and the penalty of death for the entire nation at large. This is exactly what the standing High Priest of the year prophesied about Him. "its better for one man to die for the people, than the whole nation perish" not only this, but here are some parallels between the LORD JESUS and the requirements of Yom Kippur.

On Yom, they cast lots between goats and the leaders chose who would go away and who would be killed. On that day, they choose between JEsus and Barnabas who would go away and who would be killed.

On Yom, the scapegoat a scarlet color was the identifier of the condemned goat. On that day they put a scarlet robe on the condemned JEsus to identify him.

Lots were cast for goats, lots cast for Jesus garments They played hands upon the goats, they laid hands upon JESUS. The condemned goat led out side the city to be killed. JESUS led outside the city to be killed. Goat had to be perfect to be selected to die. Jesus had to be perfect to be selected to die. Goats death atoned for he sins of the entire nation and who so whoever believed. JESUS died for the sins of the entire nation, and who so ever believed.

YOM KIPPUR is the role play and the teaching model of the gospel here. JESUS is both the atoning lamb and the interceding high priest.

Matthew 27:28 Leviticus 16:8 Psalm 22:18 Matthew 27:35 Leviticus 16:21 Mark 14:46 Leviticus 16:10 Hebrews 13:12 John 19:16-17 Leviticus 16:4 John 20:5-7 2 Corinthians 5:14-16 1 Peter 3:18 John 18:14 John 11:49-52 1 John 2:2 Leviticus 16:16 Hebrews 9:25-28 Leviticus 16 Leviticus 23:32 Leviticus 16:8-10 **Revelation 13:8** Isaiah 53:6 2 Corinthians 5:21 Leviticus 16:29-31 Zechariah 8:19 Psalm 32:1 Leviticus 17:11 John 18:22-23 John 11:50

Hebrews 8:1-2 Hebrews 9:11-14 Rev 11:19 Hebrews 9:18 Exodus 24:8 2 corinthians 5:21 Galatians 3:13 Leviticus 16 Leviticus 10:1-2 John 11:50-52

## FEASTS of the LORD - SUKKOT

Sukkot is the feast of Tabernacles, also known as the Feast of Booths. It commemorates when our humble GOD came and dwelt with us in the wilderness in tents/booths. Later He Himself dwelt also in a booth or tent called the tabernacle/Mishkan. Once we made houses in the promise land, GOD also had a house called the Beit HaMikdash/Temple. Sukkot or the festival of tabernacles was one of, and the final regalim (the three mandatory feasts summoning all men to the temple in Israel).

We are commanded to celebrate for seven days with offerings, food and song and dance. This festival is held as the joyous one. The people are commanded to make a booth or tent like temporary structure with three walls and a thatch or palm like roof to abide in for the duration of the festival. On this very festival Solomon dedicated the temple and during the rebuilding of the second temple it was the first holiday and moedim (divinely appointed day/s) kept since the prior temples destruction.

At the end of the ceremony is the water drawing festival. It is when the priest takes a golden vessel to the pool of Siloam and draws water to take it to the altar and make a libation and or drink offering. This is a prophetic, powerful and literal act of recognizing the promise of the LORD to make a well and/or spring in our midst and serves as archetype of salvation and the cleansing and nourishing provision of the LORD in His fulfilled promises. Preceding the water ceremony, the priests stand on the fifteen steps before the nearest gate to the temple inner court called the Nicanor Gate and sing and recite the Psalms from 121-134. These are called the Songs of Ascent due to the ascending of each step closer to the promise and presence of GOD and HIS dwelling. In nearly every Bible today there is a subtitle over each of the fifteen Psalms called the Songs of Ascent. No other of the 135 Psalms bear these titles.

Historically, this is when the eight day Temple inauguration of Solomon was held also. So much so that when the temple was rededicated to the LORD in the Maccabean revolution, an eight day festival was also held in homage and honor of GOD, and as a rededication of HIS restorative and perfect HOLINESS. It is referred to in the Christian texts as the Festival of Dedication, literally "Hanukkah" in the Hebrew tongue.

In the same manner, Tabernacles is also the origins of Thanksgiving.

It is also known that Christopher Columbus literally meaning "Christbearer" was a Jewish blooded man. After leaving Spain to find refuge for the soon to be exiled Jews, (due to the Spanish inquisition) Columbus landed in the Americas, on October 12,1492, the very week of the seventh Hebrew month was "tishri" at the time of Sukkot, or Feast of Tabernacles. During this feast/festival you take produce from the land and waive it to the Lord and feast for seven days, with all manners of feasting and thanksgiving. One also builds a temporary structure to commemorate the time when our Great GOD, humbly dwelt with us in a tent, for we also dwelt in tents at the time of the first Sukkot.

This time is revered in America as Thanksgiving by nearly everyone around the nation, and each and every family usually and typically shares a meal of the produce of the season, and spends the day together whether near or far. To such the extent wonderful saints will volunteer this specific time to deliver thanksgiving meals the needy and to the poor if they are without food or family.

The "four species" are also important symbols of Sukkot and represent the blessings of nature. These are lulav (a green, closed frond of a date palm tree), hadass (twigs and leaves from a myrtle tree), aravah (twigs and leaves from a willow tree) and etrog (a lemon-like fruit of the citron tree). these samples from the botanical kingdom are gathered and waived towards GOD in the four cardinal directions, as a fulfillment of GOD granting much foliage and fruit bearing greenery in the promise land vs the dry and arid miles of almost waste-like and deserted desert land.

Seventy bulls are also offered on Sukkot, with a certain number being offered each day. Also on Sukkot, the literal offering of seventy bulls in Jerusalem a certain number each day for the seventy nations to be atoned for upon the earth. Interesting enough, there is a prophecy in Zechariah that says all the surviving nations will come up year after year to worship the KING and keep the festival of Sukkot. Here is the last biblical feast of the year concerning the Moedeem, which are the prophetic events both in past and present magnitude.

Its New Testament first fulfillment was when JESUS stood up at the temple on the last day called the Great Day. HE stood up during the water drawing ceremony, called Simchat Beit

Hashoeivah and said if anyone thirsts let him come to me and drink, and whoever believes in me as the Scriptures have said, out of his heart will come rivers of living waters. The very promise of the LORD both is fulfilled not only in the place, but in the personage of the LORD of the PLACE. For this was the crescendo of all celebrations with the largest crowd and the final celebration listed biblically of the year, according to the Moedim. The wells water was not only a promise of salvation from other nations but a literal promise spoken and kept to the children of Israel who began this journey of salvation from the deserts of Egypt so long ago. Now on Israeli soil, with branches of leaves in hand to waive to the LORD GOD, we see that he has kept Hid promises.

It just so happens that in the book of Revelation, countless saints, both Jews and Gentiles alone are seen before the throne of GOD with palm branches in their hands at the temple glorifying and worshipping GOD the LORD.

Sukkot is a massive family gathering with blessing and giving. It would naturally boost the economy in GOD's house and release provision from The LORD GOD as a result and sustain both the people and temple worship and GLORIFY GOD in obedience and reminding the people both that HE kept His promise and this joy and freedom is ours now to cherish and to keep.

Numbers 29:12 Leviticus 23:40 Leviticus 23:33-44 Numbers 29:12-40 Nehemiah 8:17-18 Ezra 3:4 Genesis 33:17 Isaiah 12:3-6 John 7:37-39 Ezekiel 47:1 Zechariah 14:4 Zechariah 14:8 Zechariah 14:16-17 Revelation 21:1-3

## DIET/Exercise

In the Bible, GOD made several covenants with mankind giving them specific foods to eat and others to abstain. In the days of Adam and Eve, they were able to eat any tree in the garden and one to abstain from. In the days of Noah, every living thing could be used for food. Then again in the days of Moses, a more refined diet composed of certain animals deemed clean and others unclean. Again in the New Covenant, although argued and debated much through the ranks of denominations, everything GOD created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving because it is consecrated by the word of GOD and by prayer.

The kosher diet referenced in the Old Testament under the Mosaic Covenant is a sign of the covenant of Moses. The kosher diet for example is indeed proven to be fully clean to the cellular process of digestion and promotes a healthy immune response. However, it is not the means of attaining righteousness before God. In the law, one was required to be made clean through the mandates written in the Torah including strict dietary laws and regulations. This is more likened unto the vehicle manufacturers recommending a car run on certain fuel types such as unleaded or diesel for the vehicle to run correctly. Or even when an engine has specifically been created for certain types of pressure and levels of oxygen demanding for higher fuel ratings such as premium fuel versus other types.

Again, the reality of this from a nutrition standpoint has undisputed value to the human body and yet it fails to make one spiritually clean according to the mouth of God. This can only come from the heart surrendered to the living God. JESUS said what makes us clean is not what goes in but what comes out. To live healthy and be mindful of the diet one takes in is critical to many health issues and the keeping of ones body and immune system, whether living or heathy foods or supplements. Unprocessed and natural foods such as found in Genesis are storming the cultures in our modern day due to much research and practical study and are created by God to fuel the human system in a fashion that is proper and fitting. Factual studies show us that many diseases and health issues are traced to processed foods and poor diets, however again we believe our health and the healing power of God is not limited to our diets and our decisions regarding the foods we eat alone. We exercise wisdom and educate ourselves on the mind of God concerning these issues without passing judgement and have found though often disputed, there is one mind in the word of God concerning food. It has been created to give thanks unto God.

It is also proven that bodily exercise is good for a healthy lifestyle and wise for the longevity of physical stamina and mobility, however it like the diet, also fails at producing fruit eternally and/or in the spirit. Its discipline as a focus and value is little yet measurable. Remember, our heavenly residence and movement towards a life that would be commended by our

Heavenly Father and Blessed Savior has nothing to do with our diet, physical health plan and/or workout regime. It fails at cultivating the love of God in the heart of man and the ability to produce righteousness in the heart/spirit, therefore we have no such practice as to be contentious regarding the convictions regarding such matters.

matthew 15:11 romans 14:5 1 corinthians 10:31 1 timothy 4:8 3 john 1:2 1 corinthians 6:13 1 timothy 4:4 1 corinthians 10:30 genesis 1:29 genesis 9:3 leviticus 11:1-47

## ALCOHOL/Illegal Substance/Drunkenness

Much of the listed data below speaks to the concerns of the human experience to be all that JESUS died for. HE is our PEACE and HE is our surety, our sobriety and will. When given fully to HIM one is granted to overcome all things. Lesser forms of trust or the leaning on substance for our stability or the so called hole in our soul can never suffice, being that it is created not CREATOR.

Abstaining from drunkenness and worldly drinking for pleasure or as a substitute for GOD's peace is found in all the Scriptures. And rightly so, such items in the world today breed immorality and many mistakes are made that are hard to be undone. Our stance is not different from that of the letters in the New Testament, that those who practice drunkenness will not inherit the kingdom of GOD. Whether socially or in compulsion, those who are given to this culture as to practice lawless deeds will not inherit the kingdom of GOD, those non-repentant of this or who mislead and who are led astray by others are not wise.

We acknowledge that some wine is and was biblically permitted for ailments and for the LORD's Passover meal and other communal settings. It is by no means to be consumed in a manner that would cause the wavering of sobriety as the world directs in social gatherings and for the identity of this fallen generation and is vastly different from the wine and strong drink used in such situations.

The wine in the Bible era was trodden in a press for several days and contained for a number of days by vats and wineskins all before a weeks time. This process of preparation does not allow the wine to become saturated and fermented in near the amount as what transpires today. Today wineries add sulfur dioxide and saccharomyces which boost content two to five times higher than any biblical wine at Cana at Galilee. In fact the wine of the Bible was so little in alcoholic content it was hard to drink enough to become unsober. It was more a way to preserve the juice in the absence of refrigeration. For this reason, some boiled grape juice then sealed it, as a concentrate preserved. Others fermented it allowing it to preserve in the absence of refrigeration. Others were able to serve it fresh as new wine straight from the press if one was in reasonable distance from the source. Many accounts of the first century wine and methods of preservation account describe the preparation processes that were commonly known to produce something in the area of a concentrate needing to be mixed with water possessing a total sum of four percent alcoholic content.

There are extra biblical writings speaking of the mixing of water and wine for this exact reason. The term wine is from the Hebrew word yayin, which means to trod out or to ferment or to boil out. All manners of methods are used to preserve.

Further, the official process of distillation was not invented until 13 AD, though some claim it was closer to the turn of the first century. Unbalanced or spoiled drink, bootleg wine and other strong drinks however did have there appearances in biblical times, however each scripture pertaining to such cast a negative connotation upon, even warning disqualification and failure of persons influenced by such to enter the kingdoms gates when unrepented. Righteous men and women were to avoid and abstain from such as these. Kings and priests were also always admonished to abstain and avoid wine and strong drink.

Strong drink was indeed still attainable in the biblical times, however, there are such strong admonitions against it, that those who practice drunkenness will not enter the gates of the Kingdom. In excess, alcohol has consumed many lives and many marriages and we believe the Scriptures warn and strongly admonish against becoming a casual friend to such.

Saying this, many people understand wine and other alcoholic beverages in the context of a cultural norm. The issue with this, is that cultures vary and Hebrew culture is different to say the least, Holy called and consecrated. This culture was revealed first from heaven at Mt. Sinai, and then from GOD HIMSELF when He walked amongst us. Remember it is written "salvation is of the Jews." So we must understand this culture above all others to walk in the expected manner of its granted understanding.

There are major differences from biblical communal wine and the wine made from home or those who would be considered bootleggers or distillers and the wine in our culture. The wine that was drank by many and perhaps most was more like a purified water and or grape juice as a preserving agent, even as one ferments pickles, and or sauerkraut through a systematic process introducing bacteria and probiotics in a low stage and pulling it for bottling before it becomes toxic to the human bloodstream.

Strong drink is just the opposite, it is left out or has other agents added to it just to speed up the process of toxicity making it a drink that has the ability to change the person it enters in ways that are dishonorable, unsober and unwise. Many stories are said how a man or woman makes up his or her mind and morals for life and upon a few sips of a strong drink it all goes out the window. Many callings and vocations, families and jobs have been taken and shaken by a single night of drunkenness which started out by a "single sip".

Countless lives destroyed by a driver, simply driving home with a little alcohol in the blood-stream.

This is why liquor stores are labeled "wine and spirits" for the term spirits was given of old, when people consumed strong drink or heavy wine and became so different, lawless and or temporarily insane they believed actual spirits were possessing and directly influencing them.

Because of this, the agency of wine and strong drink was to be abstained from by both kings and rulers due to the ability to waver the will, discretion and the moral standards of the kingdom and the inner courts of the kings district.

Priests were permanently commanded to abstain from wine when they were at the temple and when they entered into the inner courts of the temple precinct.

luke 21:34 galatians 5:21 proverbs 20:1 ephesians 5:18 leviticus 10:8-9 ezekiel 44:21 numbers 6:1-4 judges 13:2-5 proverbs 31:4-5 luke 1:15 romans 14:21 isaiah 5:11 isaiah 5:22 habakkuk 2:15 romans 13:13 1 corinthians 6:9-10 1 timothy 5:23 matthew 26:27

## AUTHORITIES

Authorities are empowered by the LORD to keep peace. We are to pray for them and submit to them as unto the Lord. However, when the agency of authority goes against the ONE who has placed them into power there is another protocol of obedience. These authorities are still human with free will. Some fallen and some redeemed. There are checks and balances in place due to this very fact, but all in all, it is the LORD who raises up a man or men and the LORD who removes them from power.

The only time we do not obey, or go against the lesser laws of the land/or the men informing them is when they are in direct conflict with the written word or Spirit of GOD commanding men not to speak in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST or forbidding men to worship the LORD our GOD or violating any commands or convictions from GOD.

Any country, king, president, prime minister, judge, magistrate, teacher or any other person, whether lay or in authority, or institution/organization commanding men to worship them or their god(s) or religion(s) are abominable practices and shall not find any compliance with the children of GOD and the disciples of The LORD JESUS CHRIST, the ONE TRUE KING.

This pertains to the school or work place, city, state or town.

acts 4:17-19 acts 5:29 daniel 3:6 daniel 6:7

## LAWS of the LAND/Taxes

The laws of the earth and HE that governs the eternal kingdom is The LORD JESUS CHRIST. Unto us He has delegated His authority over the principalities, powers and rulers, land, lo-

cally and globally. This pertains to the spiritual forces and powers that be. Limited to mankind, the legal systems and precepts set in place also stem from His throne, yet He has again delegated this unto those residing upon the face of the earth. The establishment and foundation of His throne is righteousness. As men, we are given the Bible and a rich history originating from the heart of the FATHER to guide and lead us in the knowledge and discretion to make these laws that would mirror the heavenly rule for peace to prevail upon the earth.

In the biblical New Testament times, Jerusalem was governed by the Roman legion as a province of Rome. These laws then coursed from the rule of Caesar as an outpost for military security untimely governed under ancient Roman law. Knowing that in Jerusalem there was the Law of Moses and the Law of Rome. Reading the narratives in the New Testament, we find some of the technicalities and legalities in play during the climax of the story. GOD is not limited to the confines of the rules of men but is able to work perfectly within and around them to do HIS WILL. Nothing and no one can stop that.

Whether the men upon the earth believe in or fear the LORD GOD, as a facet of our nature, laws will be made. Whether the men who place, introduce or infuse the law are good or not, JESUS admonishes us to obey the laws of the land and to seek HIM with our freedoms as HE alone has the power to make us free. If ever they blatantly go against the LORD JESUS CHRIST or HIS FATHER or the Scriptures, either in the written word or deed, then we are by no means suggested to obey them as they are then to obey GOD rather than men.

The United States of America originated largely from Great Britain, and the common law system derives from England. Though we know all law originated in the heart of GOD who is orderly, we also understand HE has granted us the enablement to counsel, practice and pursue LIBERTY as we abide upon the earth. Our constitution and settlers also sourced much of the origins of law at force during the American revolutionary war. Our forefathers comprised the Constitution in 1787 as a set of founding and guiding principles to define and defend our freedoms as a nation of our own. These were set in place to govern the land and people and originated further back than our countries establishment in 1776. Depending on GOD and granting Him Honor and Glory in pledge and deed, we understand that order is needed and established to protect freedoms of unity and the pursuit of God's will should always remain. We find that from the very first king of Israel, including the priests and prophets, that a system of checks and balances was to be in place to govern the people and the order of the people. Needing the establishment of the law, men have diverted and wavered ever since the fall. Mankind has fought and faltered since the beginning over the idea of peace and over the ideals of men. We are commanded of GOD to practice the laws of the land and pray for the officials who enforce them as unto GOD.

Give unto Caesar what belongs to him and obey the laws of the land. There is no tax charged from the Lord but from the rulers of this land from the Lord.

matthew 17:24-27 matthew 22:21 mark 12:17 romans 13:6-7 romans 13:1-2 romans 13:4-5 ephesians 6:12 psalm 89:14 proverbs 16:12 proverbs 25:5 1 peter 2:18 acts 5:29

## LAWSUITS

Disputes should be taken to the board of apostles and elders in this church to follow biblical protocol as matters should be settled between believers to avoid such matters of court and worldliness, avoiding the contention and ways of the loveless world.

If it is in the strength or power for the person to do good, to reconcile, forgive, lend or solve as kinsmen in the LORD, rather to do according to the Scriptures, that the bond of love and unity be not broken.

The strength of the Christian is the love of GOD and the forgiveness of GOD. In our culture many people for the love of money and the lack of love/the root of offense have become ruthless, beginning to sue and pursue court officials and gain instead of the whole counsel of GOD.

1 corinthians 6:1 exodus 23:6 leviticus 19:15

# APPENDIX

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## BIBLICAL/Historical COVENANTS

These are the Covenants in the historicity of the biblical text that the LORD GOD made with the members of HIS creation. They vary in diet and duty in requirements and variation of rewards and promises. Tokens and symbols to distinctively separate the requirements from the regiments.

It is the great nature of GOD who partners with man and trusts us with the things of GOD in the earth. These are not contracts but covenants, making them unable to be broken.

## ADAMIC/Covenant

This covenant was made with Adam as the first federal head of creation.

This is the covenant GOD made with all of the living upon the earth to be fruitful and multiply and subdue and dominate.

genesis 1:26-30 genesis 2:16-17 genesis 3:17-19

## EDENIC/Covenant

This covenant was made with Eve as the mother of all living.

This is the covenant GOD made with all of the living upon the earth to be fruitful and multiply and subdue and dominate. When Adam and Eve transgressed an amendment was made involving a perpetual change in the response of creation to man. Things would now produce hardship and friction, thistle and thorn. Pain and sin were now in the living.

genesis 1:26-30 genesis 2:16-17 genesis 3:16

## NOAHIC/Covenant

This covenant was made with Noah when the waters subsided upon the earth.

When Noah landed on the dry earth, he built an altar to GOD and God made a covenant with Him among the new world. Noah was righteous before all his generation and through Him the descendants of the New Covenant trace their heritage, it was through his son Shem the children of Israel came.

genesis 9:8-17 2 peter 2:5

## ABRAHAMIC/Covenant

This covenant was made with Abraham promising him land and offspring. Starting with a whisper, the LORD befriended Abraham from the men of the earth. Coming from a culture saturated in polytheism (believing in many false gods) the ONE TRUE GOD began a deep and lasting work of redemption to which we still in JESUS CHRIST THE LORD are fulfilling the very promise to Abraham. The children of this covenant are both by physical blood and spiritual. There is a requirement to believe not only in GOD but that is HE is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

genesis 12:1-3,6-7 genesis 13:14-17 genesis 15:5 genesis 15:18 genesis 17:1-14 genesis 22:15-18

PROMISE Land/LAND Convenant/ISRAEL

This is the land covenant promising the borders of modern day Israel. This was the land covenant promised to Abraham and to Isaac and to Jacob. It was when the LORD Himself promised the land of modern day Israel to belong to the descendants of Abraham forever.

deuteronomy 30:1-10

Promised to ABRAHAM genesis 12:1-3 genesis 17:4-8

Promised to ISAAC genesis 26:2-5

Promised to JACOB genesis 28:13-15 genesis 35:9-12

### MOSAIC/Covenant

This is the covenant the LORD GOD made with Moses on behalf of the people of Israel. This is the covenant that was inaugurated and initiated by GOD at Mt. Sinai. It was initiated by blood as Moses threw blood at the basin of the altar showing that to the old life has come and end and to the new life has begun, from slaves to sons, speaking of new life, even here the LORD reset created order for us forever continuing the covenant of Abraham by starting the believers calendar with this very event.

deuteronomy 11:26-28 exodus 34:28

### DAVIDIC/Covenant

This is the covenant the LORD GOD made with David concerning his house and kingdom. It refers to the sharing of bread and of fellowship meals between two individuals for enemies do not eat with each other. It is also a common fact that each and every offering made to GOD via the altar must have been made with salt. 2 samuel 7:8-16

### SALT/Covenant

This is the covenant the LORD made with David and with the priests, the sons of Aaron. 2 chronicles 13:5 leviticus 2:13 numbers 18:19

### THE New Covenant

This was the New Covenant given to us from the shedding of the LORD JESUS CHRIST'S blood.

The New Covenant is the literal fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy in chapter 36 its when the children of GOD go from possessing the commandments on tablets of stone alone to the commandments being written on the table of their hearts, from external to internal.

The New Covenant is still the continuance of the Covenant of Abraham but deals with the same intent Abraham had to belief and from the stem of believing comes all actions verifying our belief.

In the New Covenant an individual must ascend to the new standard reveled in Jesus to bring pleasure to GOD. Here there is no matter unobserved and no action that will not be taken account of. JESUS is not only the author of this covenant but its perfecter. He finishes what He starts and is a merciful and understanding High Priest that is not only praying and believing for us to enter victory but willing to help us both in spirit and in truth should we lift our call to call upon the name of the LORD. jeremiah 31:31-34 luke 22:20 Hebrews 8:6-8 Hebrews 8:13 1 corinthians 11:25 romans 11:27

### NAMES of the LORD GOD

Jah/Yah

LORD or Kurios in Greek

Psalms 68:4 "Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him."

Isaiah 12:2 "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation."

Isaiah 26:4 "Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength."

#### Jehovah/YAHWEH/Yahway or YHVH/YHWH

LORD, meaning: He will be, eternal, to be, to exist, and always is. Unchangeable. This name is unique to God alone. The covenant-keeping God. (El Shaddai shows GOD as covenant maker.)

Exodus 3:13-14 "And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."

Exodus 6:3 "And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them."

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear O Israel the LORD our GOD is one."

#### YHWH/YHVH

Referred to as the tetragrammaton

LORD. Used with Adonai Lord in Exodus 4:10

Exodus 4:10 "And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue."

Exodus 3:15 " God also said to Moses, Say this to the people of Israel, The LORD, the GOD of your fathers, the GOD of Abraham, the GOD of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

John 8:56-58 "Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I AM."

Hashem Means "the Name." I am Hashem, I do not change.

Psalms 9:9-10 " The LORD is s stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble."

Isaiah 43:1-3 "but now says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, wo who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name and you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."

#### Jehovah - Adon/Adonai

LORD of lords. To judge or rule. Includes meaning of master of owner as well as lord.

Emphasizes God as almighty ruler and covenant-keeper.

Adon is singular/Adonai is plural

Nehemiah 10:29 "They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes"

Psalms 109:21 "But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me."

Genesis 15:2 "But Abram said, 'O LORD GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

Judges 6:15 " And He said to him, 'Please LORD, how can I save Israel? Behold my clan is the weakest of Manasseh"

#### Jehovah - Jireh

The LORD will provide.

Genesis 22:13-14 "And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram\_caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen."

Matthew 21:22 "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Philippians 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

#### Jehovah - Makeh

The LORD who smites, punishes sin.

Ezekiel 7:9 "And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the LORD that smiteth."

#### Jehovah - Mekaddishkem/M'kaddesh

The LORD our sanctifier.

Leviticus 20:7-8 "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you."

Exodus 31:13 "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you."

Exodus 37:28 "then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."

Jehovah - Nissi The LORD my banner or ensign. Exodus 17:10-12 "So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur\_stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were\_steady until the going down of the sun."

Exodus 17:14-15 "And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi."

Jehovah - O'saynu

The LORD our Maker.

Psalm 95:6 "O come let us worship and bow down let us kneel before the Lord our maker."

#### Jehovah - Rapha/Rophe

The LORD who heals.

Exodus 15:26 "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee." Psalms 103:3 "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;"

Psalms 107:20 "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

Isaiah 53:4-5 "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. {5} But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

#### Jehovah - Rohi/Raah

The LORD my shepherd.

Psalms 23:1 "A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Principal of Roi is fulfilled in the New Testament as shepherd:

Mark 6:34 "And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things."

Hebrews 13:20 "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great\_shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,"

#### Jehovah - Sabaoth/Saboath

The LORD of hosts (angelic armies).

1 Samuel 1:3 "And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there."

James 5:4 "Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth." Isaiah 1:24 "therefore the LORD declares, the LORD of Hosts, the Mighty One os Israel: Ah, I will get relief from my enemies and avenge myself on my foes."

Jehovah - Shalom

The LORD our Peace.

Judges 6:24 "Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites."

Principal of Shalom is fulfilled in the New Testament for peace:

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Jesus's peace.

#### Jehovah - Shammah

The LORD is present.

Ezekiel 48:35 "It was round about eighteen thousand <measures>: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there."

#### Jehovah - Tsidkenu

The LORD our righteousness.

Jeremiah 23:6 "In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Jeremiah 33:16 "In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness."

Principal of Tsidkenu fulfilled in New Testament righteousness:

1 Corinthians 1:30 "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

Jehovah - El

Singular form - LORD GOD.

Psalms 31:5 "Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth."

#### Jehovah - Eloah

GOD, Mighty and strong, prominent.

Nehemiah 9:17 "They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a GOD ready to forgive , gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them." Psalm 139:19 "Oh that you would slay the wicked, O GOD! O men of blood depart from me!"

Jehovah - Elohim

Uni-Plural form (3-in-1) - LORD Gods

Strong or mighty and object of fear. The compound emphasizes God as: creator, governing and redeeming man. Also God's direct connection with the nation of Israel.

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 2:4 "These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,"

Numbers 23:22 "God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn."

Genesis 17:7 "and I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be GOD to you and to your offspring after you."

Jeremiah 31:33 "For this is the covenant that i will make with the house of Israel after those days declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on her hearts. 'And I will be there GOD and they will be my people.'"

Jehovah - Elyon

The LORD most high.

Psalms 7:17 "I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high."

#### El - Qanna

Jealous GOD.

Exodus 20:5 " you shall not own down to them or serve them, for I the Lord am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me." Exodus 34:14 "for you shall worship no other God, for the Lord, who's name is Jealous, is a jealous God." Deuteronomy 4:24 "for the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God."

#### El - HaNe'eman

The Faithful GOD.

Deuteronomy 7:9 "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

#### El - HaGadol

The Great GOD.

Deuteronomy 10:17 "For the Lord God is God of Gods and Lord of Lords the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe."

#### El - HaKadosh

The Holy GOD.

Isaiah 5:16 "But the Lord of hosts is exalted in justice, and the Holy God shows Himself holy in righteousness."

#### El - Yisrael

The GOD of Israel.

Psalm 68:35 "Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel - He is the one who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God."

#### El - HaShamayim

The GOD of the Heavens. Psalm 136:26 "Give thanks to the God of heaven, his steadfast love endures forever."

#### El - De'ot

The GOD of Knowledge.

1 Samuel 2:3 "Talk no more so very proudly, let no arrogance come from you mouth; for the Lord God is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed."

#### El - Emet

The GOD of truth. Psalm 31:6 "I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord."

#### El - Echad

The One GOD.

Malachi 2:10 "Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our Fathers?"

#### EL - Elyon

Most high GOD.

To be elevated. It emphasizes God as the exalted, sovereign one.

Psalms 21:7 "For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved."

Deuteronomy 26:19 "this day the LORD your GOD commands you to so these statues and rules. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and soul."

#### El - Gibhor

#### Mighty GOD.

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called wonderful counselor, Mighty GOD."

#### El - Gmulot

The God of recompense.

Jeremiah 51:56 "Because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompenses shall surely requite."

#### El - Olam

Everlasting GOD. (Olam means age, or hidden.)

Isaiah 40:28 "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding." Psalm 90:1-2 "LORD you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are GOD." Genesis 21:33 "Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the LORD, the

Everlasting GOD."

#### El - Roi

The GOD of sight - Who keeps watch.

Genesis 16:13 "And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?"

#### El - Shaddai

GOD Almighty.

Two roots for the word: 1) to be powerful; and 2) breast, nourisher, sustainer.

Genesis 17:1 "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; "Walk before me, and be thou perfect."

Genesis 49:24 "yet His bow remained unmoved; his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel)"

Psalm 132:2 "how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob."

Psalm 132:5 "until i find a place of the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

#### Elah - Yerush'lem

God of Jerusalem.

Ezra 7:19 " The vessels that have been given to you for the service of the house of your God, you shall deliver before the God of Jerusalem."

Elah - Yisrael

God of Israel.

Ezra 5:1 "Now the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and in Jerusalem, in theme of the God of Israel who was over them."

Elah - Sh'maya

GOD of Heaven.

Ezra 7:23 "What ever is decreed by the God of heaven, let it be done in full of the house of the God of heaven, lest His wrath be against the realm of the king and his sons."

#### Elah - Sh'maya V'Arah

God of Heaven and Earth.

Ezra 5:11 "And this was their reply to us: We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and we are rebuilding the house that was build many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and finished."

Elohay - Kedem

GOD of the beginning.

deuteronomy 33:27 "The Lord will strike you with the boils of Egypt, and with tumors and scabs that itch, of which you cannot be healed."

#### Elohay - Misphat

GOD of justice.

Isaiah 30:18 "Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord God is a God of justice: Blessed are those who wait for Him."

#### Elohay - Selichot

#### GOD of Forgiveness.

Nehemiah 9:17 "They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a god ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them."

#### Elohay - Marom

GOD of Heights.

Micah 6:6 "With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall i come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?"

#### Elohay - Mikarov GOD who is near. Jeremiah 23:23 "Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away?"

#### Elohay - Mauzi

GOD of my Strength.

Psalm 43:2 "For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do i go about morning because of the oppression of the enemy?

Elohay - Tehilati GOD of my Praise. Psalm 109:1 "Be not silent, O God of my praise!"

Elohay - Yishi GOD of my Salvation. Psalm 18:46 "The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation."

#### Elohim - Kedoshim

Holy GOD. Leviticus 19:2 "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Joshua 24:19 "But Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.

#### Elohim - Chaiyim

Living GOD.

Jeremiah 10:10 "But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation."

Elohay - Elohim

GOD of GODs.

Deuteronomy 10:17 "For the Lord your God, is God of gods and Lord of Lords, the great, the mighty and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe."

2 corinthians 3:17-18

"...where the spirit of the Lord is there is LIBERTY"

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