#### John 3:16

# For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

God established the law to help humanity recognize and understand sin. To atone for sin and other legal transgressions, unblemished animals were sacrificed. The goal was to prepare the people of Israel for the coming of Jesus Christ, the perfect Lamb of God, as the final offering and sacrifice for all of the sins of mankind. He willingly gave His life for ours on the Cross and paid the moral debt of every sinner, living and dead, who believes in Him as the Son of God.

Sin is an immoral act considered a transgression against divine law. To understand sin, we must learn the divine law, God's law. The first sin committed by humans was disobedience when Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge after being told not to by God. God punished them by banishing them from the Garden of Eden, preventing them from accessing the Tree of Life. Sin and death were unleashed upon the world, and laws were needed.

#### **Romans 7:5-7**

For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law.

The law served its purpose by revealing what sin was to humans, but it could only condemn and punish people for violating it. It was unable to empower us to stop sinning and didn't provide a path for salvation from death. Strict adherence to the law became the measurement of righteousness and purity of faith. Every sin and violation of the law required some form of atonement, usually by animal sacrifice and offerings, but wickedness continued to flourish and multiply. The law was unable to bring us to repentance, and sacrifices were a continual reminder of sin. God wanted humans to obey His laws and to become righteous. New laws were created by religious leaders that had nothing to do with righteousness or faith.

#### Matthew 5:17

# Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

With the arrival of Jesus, God amended the Law of Moses; He didn't replace it. The Gospel of Christ contains everything the new believer needs for salvation! Jesus Christ lived a sinless life in the one life he had; he was unblemished and the perfect Lamb of God. He voluntarily offered Himself as a sacrifice to atone for the sins of humanity. Because God is eternal, His grace and mercy are everlasting and sufficient to forgive and forget any sin from the beginning to the end of time.

# 1 John 5:3-4

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

The law reveals what God considers sin and is contained in both the Old and New Testament scriptures. The Law given to Moses under the Old Covenant, the Ten Commandments, forms the foundation of the law of God for Christians, along with the greatest commandment to love God with all your heart, mind, and strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

The message of the old covenant is the same today; we've just forgotten that God is love. The New Covenant of Jesus Christ is cemented in love for one another. By living a perfect life on earth and becoming the final atonement and sacrifice for our sins, Jesus completely fulfilled the requirements of the law. There are three ways Jesus saved us from death and the curse of the law.

- 1. Christ offered His life to pay the moral debt owed by all people because of our sin. He was an unblemished sacrifice and atonement for our sins; Jesus offered His perfect life to redeem our imperfect lives. Jesus was both divine and human, and His sacrifice was of such a quality that it could atone for the sins of anyone seeking salvation, even the worst sinners among us!
- 2. He promised the Holy Spirit to all people who believe and love Him, repent for their sin, and are baptized when He knows they will no longer sin.
- 3. By giving us the ability to stop sinning, Jesus provided us a way to achieve salvation in the flesh so we can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

This New Covenant is an extension of Old Testament law and doesn't replace the principles of moral law or the Ten Commandments; it embraces them! The Old Testament ceremonial and ritual laws, such as those related to sacrifices and specific dietary regulations, are no longer required or binding for Christians. Jesus's sacrifice on the cross replaced the need for animal sacrifices, rendering them obsolete and unnecessary. Jesus established a new and better covenant that centers on a personal relationship with God, rooted in faith, love, and grace. Through prayer, we have access to the Creator of the Universe, God. He desires a personal relationship with everyone who calls upon Him. Most importantly, Jesus has provided a path that leads to salvation and eternal life in Heaven.

# **Galatians 3:23-24**

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

All the laws of God are the moral laws of Christians! If we obey them, our path to salvation is much shorter and less rocky. Our heavenly blessings can be obtained in the flesh alone when we receive the Holy Spirit, our guarantee of eternal life with God in Heaven!

There are 3 types of laws for Christian society:

- 1. The Divine Law of God; His Commandments and the Gospel
- 2. Moral Laws of land
- 3. Immoral Laws of the land (The Death Penalty is one example)

The Ten Commandments are the foundation of all Christian law with the Gospel of Christ. God spoke to Moses and gave us the commandments in Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. 'You shall have no other gods before Me.
- 2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.
- 5. 'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
- 6. 'You shall not murder.
- 7. 'You shall not commit adultery.
- 8. 'You shall not steal.
- 9. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 10. 'You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that *is* your neighbor's.'

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment is Divine law; Why was it ignored by the church?

# **Hebrews 8:7-9**

For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD.

"A covenant is a solemn and binding agreement or promise between God and humans, or between human parties, that establishes a relationship with specific commitments and obligations." God always keeps His promises!

God made four different covenants with man before the New Covenant of Christ.

- 1) Noah God promised Noah that He would never again destroy the earth by flooding and guaranteed that the four seasons would endure until the end.
- 2) Abraham God promised Abraham the land of Canaan, that his descendants would become a great nation and be as numerous as the stars.
- 3) Moses God promised to make the Jewish His own chosen people and blessed them above all other nations.
- 4) David -God promised David that his descendants would rule over Israel forever, establishing an eternal kingdom. This covenant also included a promise of a future descendant of David who would build God's temple and establish a reign of peace and justice.

Every new covenant prepared mankind for the coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus sacrificed His perfect life as the Lamb of God as the final atonement for sin and saved us from death. He provided a path to salvation and eternal life for all sinners. We now atone for our sins by repentance, prayer, and faith. Believers commit themselves to following the teachings of Christ by studying the Gospel. Then we commit ourselves to a Christian lifestyle without sin by baptism and our confession of faith. Jesus Christ will approve you when He knows you love Him with all your heart and that you'll serve Him. He will give you the gift of the Holy Spirit as a reward and seal of eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven and you will not sin. You'll also discover your spiritual gift to serve the body of Christ as a humanitarian and servant of God. The Holy Spirit will guide your every step in life and become your helper. You can call on the Helper 24/7 for anything you need!

The law alone cannot help anyone to stop sinning or bring anyone to salvation; it only brings condemnation, punishment, and death. It's impossible to stop sinning without the Holy Spirit of Christ; that's my belief. Believers can appear to be honest, upright, and truthful, even viewing themselves as righteous, yet they still sin in the dark. Christians should know that all unrepentant sin will lead to death.

#### 1 John 3:9

Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

You must be able to stop sinning to receive the Holy Spirit, and when you do, you'll be able to live a life without sin; without the Spirit, this is difficult in the flesh. Christians hold the belief that baptism is the moment you receive the Spirit and are reborn. I've written about Salvation and the Holy Spirit in another discourse, and I do believe some people may be ready to receive the Spirit when they're baptized; I wasn't. It took me many years to receive the gift because I continued to sin, despite my belief and my efforts to become a better person by following God's law. I believe two main obstacles prevent people from obtaining salvation and receiving the gift: the inability to stop sinning and the failure of some individuals to repent sincerely and demonstrate genuine remorse for their sins. God doesn't listen to what you say but to what truth you hold in your heart. He searches the heart and mind! There's no shortcut or workaround to salvation or heaven; you cannot deceive God, so you must examine yourself. It's difficult to look at yourself, especially if you've committed heinous and perverse sins.

Please learn the Law of God by reading the Bible, specifically the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, known as the Gospel. This is an ideal starting point for new believers to learn the Word of God as conveyed through His Son. The four books of the Gospel and the Ten Commandments are the foundation of Christian law.\_They contain everything we need to learn about the Divine Law, sin, and salvation. Christians often use scripture from the Old Testament and other sections of the Bible to support their beliefs about some modern-day laws, but they miss one important point: patriarchal law was the norm 2,000 years ago; men made the rules. Everything in the Bible was composed under these social and legal rules and laws. Using archaic and outdated laws meant for the Jewish people as law today is foolish.

Paul used rules about women within the church to maintain order and prevent conflicts. Women had no authority over men; therefore, they couldn't serve in any form of leadership. The first deacons were men who took on roles traditionally held by women due to this restriction. I always ask, "What did Jesus say about this issue?" and search the Gospel. I don't use the words of Peter or Paul for obvious reasons; this scripture is a wonderful example of archaic law.

#### 1 Corinthians 14:34-35

Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.

The words of Jesus Christ in the Gospel are eternal and endure in all ages!

# 1 Corinthians 3:3-5

for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one?

Paul observed division early in the church at Corinth where it arose from comparisons between teachers, probably based on presentations and speaking styles. Cultural differences in the church began to influence the original laws and doctrine taught by Paul. Men in authority created divisions in the church for power and personal gain, using false doctrines. Today, there are approximately 45,000 Christian denominations throughout the world; 1,000 different churches is an excessive number. Paul wanted unity and cohesion between the churches because there's only one church, one word, and one truth in the Bible.

# **Ephesians 4:4-6**

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Thine Universal Church believes the NKJV Bible contains the Word of God, and the words in scripture were meant to be understood exactly as they're written for us to read in 2025. When I want to understand the meaning of a word, I can easily obtain the definition in seconds from several online sources. I don't need to read other books to understand the original meaning or listen to another person's interpretation; I read it like I read any book. I appreciate having one version of the Bible to study, and I've read it multiple times; every time I read the scriptures, I discover new revelations, even if I have read the text many times before. When I began, my knowledge was limited; I was a babe on milk. Now I eat solid food, and I'm voracious about the Word of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ! Everything you need for salvation is contained within the Gospel!

The New Covenant embraces faith, love, hope, grace, and mercy! The message of the Gospel emphasizes that Christians express their faith through love and serving those in need. Christians demonstrate this expression by being honest, fair, and kind, even when they disagree. Christians are commanded to obey the Divine law of God above all other laws; however, we also have to follow the laws of the land. If you break the law of the land, you must comply with authority without engaging in conflict, making threats, or resorting to violence, even when you believe you are acting righteously in the name of God. A humanitarian who violates a law by helping and feeding the hungry is still subject to it. Christians understand that sometimes fulfilling Jesus' mission necessitates breaking the law of the land, and they must accept the consequences of their actions. God knows our hearts and minds when we're lawless against the laws of the land, so always do what's right and receive your crown in Heaven!

# Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

The Word of God is the moral and Divine law for all Christians. God's Divine law is comprised of three parts, and all of them are contained within the Gospel:

- 1) The Greatest Commandment, love God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself. (Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:39)
- 2) The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20, Matthew 19:18)
- 3) A new commandment from Jesus to love one another (John 13:34

The new covenant opened up access to the Bible for everyone and eliminated the need for the law to be interpreted by men and then spoken to the people. You can talk directly with Father God, the Creator of the Universe, if you didn't know that. I'm sure you've heard it said we need to call out to Jesus when we pray, but the truth is, we're supposed to call out to God in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ. God loves you, too, and wants you to call on Him. God tells us this in scripture. If you trust and confide in Him from your heart, He will listen to you!

# Jeremiah 29:12-13

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Prayer is the only way we communicate with Father God in the name of Jesus.

# Matthew 6:6

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Jesus wants us to repent from the heart with godly sorrow and remorse for our sin. Prayer opens the door to salvation and allows us to ask God to forgive us. The secret place is the heart, where you keep your secrets; nothing is hidden from God. If you can't feel shame and admit your guilt for the things you've done, then no, God's grace won't save you, and you won't be forgiven. He won't hear your pleas or cries for help, because you only want to save yourself from the punishment you deserve. If you can't feel regret, remorse, or empathy for the people you harm or the things you've done, God's everlasting mercy won't save you from the punishment you deserve, and you'll face His wrath for all of your unrepentant sin. You need the faith of a child to repent to an unseen God and trust in His promises!

#### 1 John 5:2-5

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Many individuals claim that following God's commandments prevents the enjoyment of worldly pleasures and fun and that His laws are overly restrictive and burdensome. I disagree! Yes, we have boundaries, but there's so much we can do within the rules. When you look at the Laws of God, they aren't difficult to follow; monogamy and coveting are probably the hardest laws to obey in 2025. God allows us so much freedom to be righteous within His guidelines; He knows what we like and desire when it comes to the world. God isn't forbidding sex, but He does place rules and guidelines around it. God isn't concerned about your wealth but about how you obtained it and plan to use it. He asks for one day out of seven to think only of Him and not of ourselves. Jesus never placed any requirement on us other than baptism and communion, and nowhere in the Bible does it mandate church attendance. God wants you to attend church because you love Him, and He wants you to fellowship with your Christian brethren, not because you feel obligated to worship Him, but because you love them too.

EVERYTHING God wants you to do for Him, He wants you to do from your heart! The Gospel is the Divine Law of Thine Universal Church. I hold the words of the Apostles, such as Paul, in the highest regard; I love the wisdom in their scripture. However, when it comes to understanding the Law, I prefer to return to the source: Jesus Christ and the Gospel, to learn what He taught. Additionally, other scriptures, like this passage from James, assist us in recognizing sin.

James 4:17

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

We usually know when we sin; it's our conscience that convicts us. When you deviate from the righteous path, despite knowing in your heart what the correct decision is, that's sin. It doesn't matter what you profess with your words; God will search your heart and know exactly what you did and why you did it. He never makes a mistake in His judgments and doesn't require any evidence, nor does He need to hear any explanation. God knows everything you've said, thought, and done from the day you were born. Nothing is hidden from God; you can't lie to Him. If you can't be honest and repent, don't waste time praying. The ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes will help you know if something is a sin; it's called cognitive empathy, and you can use it in your daily life. It's a fantastic tool to use in almost every situation, complementing the Golden Rule. If you're unsure if something is a sin, ask how you'd feel if the same were done to you. It works most of the time!

# **Hebrews 10:8-18**

Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

This wonderful scripture from Hebrews is beautiful and important to know.

There's so much knowledge contained in these verses.

- 1. Jesus eliminated the need for animal sacrifice for sin.
- 2. He establishes the New Covenant by replacing the old one.
- 3. Those who are being sanctified have their sins taken away by faith in Christ.
- 4. Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of God.
- 5. He placed His laws within our hearts, giving us consciousness of our sins.
- 6. When you are forgiven, your sin is blotted out and forgotten.

Forgiveness for sin requires you to stop sinning at some point. Jesus Christ knows whether you will sin again after you repent; this is what keeps the Holy Spirit away from believers who aren't quite ready to commit in their hearts. When you call on God, be prepared to stop the actions you're repenting for. Understand that you cannot continue to sin and expect Christ to bless you with His Holy Spirit. Jesus will forgive your sin, but He can't forget it until you're ready to stop. Repenting for the same sin repeatedly is like crucifying Christ again. When you truly regret sin, you're less likely to repeat it, correct? When Jesus sees that you have chosen the righteous path in your heart and have turned to Him completely, He will bless you with the Holy Spirit. As a result, you will no longer sin, and He will never leave you. This is where the real Christian life begins.

#### Titus 3:3-5

For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

#### 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Christians are required to obey the law of the land, which can include both moral and immoral laws. All of the laws of God are the moral law for Christians; the Divine law of Thine Universal Church is the Gospel of Christ. Jesus Christ instructed us to follow the Ten Commandments from the Old Testament. He built upon that rock and taught the law to the Apostles; that's why everyone should read the Gospel to understand the New Covenant and the law. I don't rely on archaic laws to define legal standards in 2025; our understanding has evolved!

#### 1 John 3:4

# Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

The Bible lists over 100 different sins, many of which our society has accepted and made legal. The pornography industry is one example; it's allowed under 1st Amendment protections. The sex industry is a multi-billion-dollar business of the wicked and the main promoter of sexual immorality; Satan is the head of this body. I admit that I've watched some pornography in the past, but very seldom. God's view on this topic is evident from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Bible. We can't discuss every possible sin; the list is endless, but I do want to use the Gospel to illustrate examples of Christian law related to the death penalty, abortion, and sexual immorality. Immigration is another important topic; Christians have ignored the scripture's teaching on being kind to foreigners, immigrants, and strangers. The story of the Good Samaritan is one example of how we show compassion and kindness to strangers; this is the pattern we follow.

The Second Commandment of God concerns likenesses of heavenly things. I've often overlooked the meaning of this scripture, despite reading Exodus numerous times. Christians pray to God in the name of Jesus!

#### Exodus 20:4-5

You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.

Heavenly imagery has surrounded me my entire life, and its impact has influenced my thinking. Throughout my life, I've seen pictures and images of Jesus, and in 90% of those depictions, He's portrayed as a white man, despite knowing that he was not. Racist people use this false representation of Jesus to disparage and demean people of color. Jesus is not defined by His skin color in the Bible; race is not described either. I'm puzzled as to why Christians disobeyed this commandment; it promotes racial superiority and division within the churches.

Islam follows this law to the extreme and will violate another commandment of God by killing people who display images of Allah and the prophets.

#### Hebrews 10:26-27

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Mankind has progressed significantly beyond the production of images and likenesses of heavenly bodies. Religious imagery can be used for both good and evil purposes; it's a powerful tool because people believe what they see with their eyes. No one knows what Jesus looks like, yet His image is consistently depicted as having a white face in pictures across various forms. The cross was made from a tree of the earth; the cross is what Thine Universe Church uses to represent our faith. God also didn't want images or likenesses of anything in or beneath the earth, like Hell. Idolatry is practiced inside and outside of many churches. Our God is a jealous Creator; He wants us to pray to Him. Jesus instructs us to pray to the Father in scripture; our prayers should be directed to the Father in the name of the Son. We don't pray to the saints, angels, or anything else.

The Fifth Commandment of God instructs us to honor our mother and father. This commandment is similar to the Golden Rule, guiding us to act in a way that our parents would approve of. It's important to acknowledge that not all parents are deserving of honor, and some may exhibit harmful behavior; some are just bad parents. I wasn't the best parent to my children. However, if your parents are good people, contemplate how they'd feel about your actions. Would you feel embarrassed or ashamed if they knew? Imagine if your parents could see everything you did. Would you behave better? Christians should behave as if God is watching them 24/7, especially if they claim to have the Holy Spirit!

The Sixth Commandment of God commands us not to murder; other versions of the Bible use the word "kill." Murder is defined as any unlawful killing of a person. I believe that capital punishment and some abortions are sins committed under this law. However, neglecting the needs of the poor and hungry can also be considered murder. I'll begin with capital punishment, which I believe is murder by the government. Christians use two scriptures to support the death penalty for murder; neither of them is in the Gospel of Christ. The Old Testament scripture is "eye for an eye" justice, which Jesus overruled in Matthew 5 by instructing us to love our enemies. Executing a prisoner in custody is inhumane and unnecessary. Jesus is the pattern Christians follow; He was crucified and murdered for speaking the truth and forgave all the people who beat, tortured, and murdered Him. Luke 23:34 - Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Jesus abolished the law of retribution and revenge; Christians should obey Him by always choosing life over death for crime and sin! Why are Christians shortening a life sentence in prison, knowing that criminals will face judgment no matter what? Every prisoner should have the chance to repent and seek salvation in their appointed time on earth. This is how Christians should treat our enemy.

# Jeremiah 17:9-10

"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked;

Who can know it?

I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind,

Even to give every man according to his ways,

According to the fruit of his doings.

Every Christian should remember the phrase, "Vengeance is mine," says the Lord. Capital punishment is intended to serve justice by offering retribution and vengeance for victims. If that were truly the case, victims would have the choice between life in prison and death as the sentence, rather than leaving that decision to a judge or jury. Victims can't stop an execution because it's about maintaining power, not justice. Capital punishment is about politics, money, and votes; that's my opinion. Humans make mistakes in judging lawlessness and sin; innocent people have been wrongly incarcerated and executed for murder. The Lord is never wrong in His judgment of our sins, and that's why we should leave the final sentence of death up to God.

The phrase "We're sending them to God" makes me cry. Some misguided individuals believe they are serving God by supporting capital punishment. In January 2023, John Huffington was pardoned after spending 32 years in prison, including the last 10 on death row, due to prosecutorial misconduct. He was one of the fortunate ones who found some measure of justice; many others have not. When an innocent man is executed, God views that as murder; He would never approve of a flawed and corrupt system! Who bears the burden of this sin?

I've stated that politics uses religion to maintain power for one party in the current two-party system. Republicans have managed to co-opt this large voting block by supporting their beliefs with actual policy. More than 200 million Americans identify as Christians, and estimates suggest that more than 60% of them endorse the death penalty. Within that group, 71% of Protestants and 66% of Catholics support it. It's difficult for me to comprehend how this is possible, and I'm genuinely baffled by their misunderstanding of scripture. Where do they believe these criminals go after being executed? Even if Christians believe they will be punished immediately after death, why is there such a rush to kill them? Wouldn't a life in prison sentence without any parole serve the purpose of justice?

# Matthew 5:7 - Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

There are two possible outcomes for someone convicted of capital murder.

- 1. A sentence of life in prison, then death (sleep), and finally, judgment and sentencing by God.
- 2. A sentence of death, some time in prison, then execution (sleep), and finally, judgment and sentencing by God.

#### Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and Io, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen Thine Universal Church opposes all forms of capital punishment based on the teachings of Jesus Christ in the Gospel. I choose a life sentence for murder and treason over execution, regardless of the severity of the crime. The Ten Commandments are the only laws I follow from the Old Testament; I disregard all of the other archaic laws that support death as a penalty for crime. One group of Christians cleverly misinterprets one New Testament scripture to justify their false belief that they have the holy authority to execute criminals for murder.

#### Romans 13:3-4

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

The words "Execute Wrath" don't mean execute a prisoner, especially when they can serve a life sentence for murder. The word "wrath" is defined as extreme anger, which is an important point to consider. The sword represents authority and power; like the Word of God, it isn't a metaphor for execution. Paul wrote this under Roman rule and the persecution of Christians. He worried about the church and Christians being killed for disobeying Roman law and practicing their faith. Paul is simply telling Christians to obey the law; he's not creating law or giving anyone the authority to kill. God's minister obeys the words of Jesus Christ!

Jesus Christ opposed capital punishment in scripture; in Matthew 5, He abolished the "eye for an eye" law with the principle of loving your enemy. Most importantly, Jesus forgave His persecutors and murderers who tortured and crucified Him in Luke 23. Additionally, God did not sentence Cain to death for committing the first murder, and He forgave King David for murdering Uriah. However, David did quite a bit of repenting in the book of Psalms to receive God's grace and mercy for his sins. Vengeance and retribution belong solely to the Lord because His judgments are perfect. Capital punishment for any crime represents an immoral law that violates the Sixth Commandment. We must oppose, protest against, and fight for change without violence while acknowledging that capital punishment is the law in 27 states and at the federal level. 82% of Republicans, 58% of Independents, and 38% of Democrats support capital punishment, according to a 2020-2024 Gallup poll.

I hope that I've clearly expressed my belief about capital punishment. Every Christian has the free will to choose their beliefs by reading scripture for themselves. God wants us to make our own choices and decisions in life!

#### Romans 14:4-6

Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. Thine Universal Church supports both pro-choice and pro-life policies. Romans 14:4 says we can't judge others because they belong to God. We won't always agree, but God is the ultimate judge of sin. Some people will choose this and others that; God knows who obeys and who doesn't. We need to express our free will by making choices in life and deciding which path to take without being forced to do so. Life is both precious and perilous; you reach a fork in the road, and you alone must choose a path. Christians pray for guidance from God to help them decide. I would often choose the wrong path because my decisions were grounded in selfishness and coveting more frequently than I would like to admit. I've made many poor choices and decisions in my life and continue to suffer the consequences of my actions. I'm accountable to God for everything I've done in my life, whether good or bad; they were my choice alone.

Romans 14:4 stresses that we can't choose for others because everyone has free will, especially regarding their religion, bodies, and sexuality. I oppose the abortion of a pregnancy in the last two trimesters, except when the life of the mother or the fetus is at risk and the procedure has to be approved by physicians. A fetus's lungs have matured enough to breathe on their own around 28 weeks of gestation. Aborting a fetus in the last trimester or without medical approval may be considered murder depending on the circumstances. Women should have the right to choose during the first trimester and decide for themselves whether they want to carry a child to full term. We shouldn't deny women access to preventive medical care or the ability to decide on their own whether to abort a first-trimester fetus.

Individuals use Jeremiah 1:5 and Psalm 139:16 to support their anti-abortion position. Both of these scriptures verify that when God creates His sanctified prophets like Jeremiah and His anointed servants like King David, their spirits were created before they were in the womb and were predestined to be born. Why would God create a spirit and place it in a fetus that will die? I'm confident that God is aware of every individual who will be born and those who will not. Jesus Christ was concerned with the living children and spoke about them in several scriptures. He was pro-life because he cared for the people who struggled to live. There are over 25 scriptures about caring for orphans in the Bible. Today, America has over 368,000 children in foster care; more than 100,000 children are available for adoption. Caring for all children in need should be our main priority.

#### Mark 9:36-37

Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

Over 200 million people identify as Christians, yet there are over 100,000 children in need of adoption who require trustworthy, loving homes. American churches possess significant wealth and resources; imagine the massive impact they could have on helping orphans and the homeless if they united. What's the church's purpose if we don't continue the work of Christ? How is it possible that there are hungry children in America despite our wealth? It's estimated that it would take 40 billion dollars per year to end world hunger by 2030. The healthcare cost to America due to food insecurity and hunger was estimated to be \$160 billion per year in 2014; I'm sure it's higher today! The solution is to care and provide for everyone in need, especially our most vulnerable people, as instructed by Christ.

I'm a progressive Democrat because I follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. Republican policies contradict their pro-life claims; for instance, they oppose abortion while supporting the death penalty. Additionally, Republicans advocate for automatic weapons and open-carry laws, making it easy for anyone to purchase and carry a gun, which contributes to the rise in mass shootings across America. Additionally, they have eliminated or slashed funding for programs that provide food for children and care for the elderly and poor. Their decision to stop foreign aid could lead to the deaths of thousands of children overseas from famine and disease; they disregard the needs of living children. Republican policies have a disproportionately negative impact on minorities, especially Black and Brown children; the only pro-life stance that Republicans consistently maintain is their opposition to abortion. Some individuals actually advocate for the death or imprisonment of mothers and doctors involved in abortions.

### Matthew 18:10-11

"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

All children have an angel in heaven, even the lost ones that don't know Jesus; they witness directly to God against anyone who harms or feels contempt for a child. Children are precious to the Lord, so they should be precious to all Christians. The devil craves unwanted, unloved children—young souls he can mold. What's the best way to bring more of these lost children into the world? Legalized pornography glorifies, promotes, and encourages sexual immorality, along with highly sexual social media, movies, and TV shows. Alcohol and drugs are the catalyst that helps people lower their inhibitions and do things they wouldn't normally do. Such behavior results in numerous unplanned pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, and various other sins related to sexual immorality.

# 1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever

If people opposed to abortion want to prevent unplanned and unwanted pregnancies, they should start by making pornography in all forms illegal. That's what God wants, but it's not a realistic proposal; the people who make the laws enjoy their pornography too. In my lifetime, I have watched some adult content, but I have never become addicted or enamored by watching others engage in sex. I understand the lust, desire, and passion that such content can evoke in us. Like many boys my age, I grew up looking at women in Playboy magazines; I knew where my dad hid them. When I was eleven, a friend and I discovered some X-rated magazines in a trash can in an alley. Pornography served as my initial visual introduction to heterosexual and homosexual sex. I only kept the magazines with men and women. Today, American society promotes sexual freedom using all forms of media, and we have easy access to pornography 24/7.

In the pursuit of pleasure, I've committed numerous sins and suffered the consequences of engaging in unprotected sex. Before turning 20, I had already fathered two children with different women. I've contracted sexually transmitted diseases because I never wore condoms. I was unfaithful in marriage on multiple occasions and have had encounters with sex workers during my military service. I know I've engaged in sexual immorality; many people have, but I made the decision to stop and sought forgiveness from God for my sins. I vowed to be celibate and waited 6 years before I connected with a beautiful Christian woman and married her. Sex within a marriage is beautiful, sacred, and private.

# **John 8:7**

So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."

This scripture brings to mind the violent mobs and protesters outside Planned Parenthood clinics when abortion was legal. They shouted, yelled, and condemned the women seeking care. The doctors faced the harshest treatment; they were threatened and labeled as murderers and monsters. Anti-abortion fanatics have killed ten people since the 1970s. Jesus taught us how to address sin without resorting to condemnation, threats, or violence: forgiveness. He forgave the woman facing death by stoning for adultery, fully aware that all those condemning her were also sinners. Believers who disregard this lesson expose their hypocrisy by persecuting others. Christians understand the importance of forgiveness and compassion. Only God can discern our hearts and minds and judge our sins justly. Abortion is always a sin when it is used to perpetuate sexual immorality, but every mother has a right to choose. We must love one another!

# **Revelation 22:11**

He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

This scripture strongly supports the concept of free will and may indicate the final opportunity for its use in the last days. God desires for us to choose our own paths, regardless of where they may lead. However, He wants you to hear His Word before making your decision. You can choose to be wicked or righteous; the decision is yours. The righteous elect will enter the Kingdom of Heaven after death; the wicked die and sleep, awaiting judgment in 1,000 years. Christians shouldn't impose their beliefs on anyone by threats, force, or violence; the New Testament has no examples of that.

God will always judge our sins righteously because He knows the truth. For example, He can differentiate between a person who murders out of hatred and someone who kills in self-defense due to fear for their life, even if both claim they acted in self-defense while standing their ground. A judge must accept the testimony he hears, even if the murderer lies under oath, because he has no way of knowing the truth. Lying is perhaps the most frequently committed sin; I can attest to that from my experience as a skilled liar. It serves as a defense and a shield for many other sins, such as theft and adultery. Scriptures reveal that our hearts are deceitful and wicked, but God knows exactly how and why we sin.

God does not rank sins as we do. All unrepentant sin leads to death; it acts like a barrier that prevents everyone from attaining salvation and eternal life. While some laws may be sinful—such as the legality of pornography—other sins, like adultery, are not considered crimes. Adultery is the specific sin that God identifies as sexual immorality in the NKJV Bible; this term appears frequently in the Bible. Infidelity represents a betrayal of the marital oath and is a form of fornication; it destroys families and invariably involves deception. Coveting is often the cause of adultery, as we want what we can't have. In America, adultery is classified as a civil crime, yet society has increasingly normalized infidelity in relationships. Some Christians wrongly see the LGBTQ community as worse sinners, as if God made them judges of sexual immorality.

#### **Genesis 19:4-5**

Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally."

Christians often reference the story of Sodom and Gomorrah to condemn all homosexual behavior as sinful. The men of Sodom sought to gang-rape other men, motivated by dominance, sexual gratification, and lust. Sodomites can be viewed as homosexual rapists and sexual predators, and they are portrayed as worshiping Satan.

# Leviticus 18:1-3

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'I am the LORD your God. According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances.

The law was given to Moses in Leviticus 18 and 20; this is the first instance where a same-sex act, described as men lying with other men, is mentioned, alongside other sexual sins such as incest, adultery, and fornication. I recommend reading both chapters to understand the specific sins and their associated punishments; many sins resulted in death. It's important to understand the historical context and the motivations behind God's establishment of these laws. The Jews spent 430 years in Egypt, during which time they were influenced by the surrounding culture and adopted many practices and customs. Every listed sin reflects the diverse sexual practices and preferences of the Egyptians. God observed the sexual sins committed by them and established laws for the Jews in response. Consequently, God needed to separate His people from the Egyptians.

# Leviticus 20:26

# And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.

3,400 years ago, homosexuality was considered a sin punishable by death, similar to adultery and other sins; the list is extensive. God wanted the Jewish people to be holy and distinct from Gentiles and Pagans. He was building a nation and needed them to procreate and multiply. Homosexuality and adultery interfered with God's plan for procreation for the Jewish people; the devil consistently opposed God, using sexual immorality as his primary weapon to destroy families and separate them from God. Satan seeks to destroy God's people by exploiting our passions and choices, leading us into sin and ultimately mocking God's creation. The scriptures in Leviticus prohibit homosexuality and establish laws specifically for the Jewish people. Homosexual men would be killed or shunned if caught, and they would never marry, ending their family line. The scriptures in Leviticus are the only instance where God Himself forbade homosexuality by establishing a law. Other sins that lead to death include child sacrifice, cursing one's parents, murder, adultery, polygamy with a mother and daughter, bestiality, and practicing as a medium. The sins of incest and using mediums result in being cut off from the people. I believe that the devil initially created homosexuality as a sexual sin. In the next example, the men of Gibeah are prepared to gang rape a quest in their city.

# **Judges 19:22**

As they were enjoying themselves, suddenly certain men of the city, perverted men, surrounded the house and beat on the door. They spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may know him carnally!"

# 1 Samuel 20:17

Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

# 1 Samuel 20:41

As soon as the lad had gone, David arose from a place toward the south, fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down three times. And they kissed one another; and they wept together, but David more so.

These scriptures regarding King David and Jonathan may suggest they had a homosexual relationship; however, we cannot definitively know God's perspective on this matter. In 1 Samuel 20:3, David mentions that Saul is aware of Jonathan's 'favor' towards him, implying that their bond transcends a mere friendship. They shared a deep love for one another and even exchanged a kiss. Individuals are free to form their conclusions and beliefs on this topic. If David and Jonathan were sexually involved, they would also be committing adultery, which was punishable by death. The essence of David and Jonathan's relationship was rooted in love. Later, David committed adultery with Bathsheba and arranged the murder of her husband, Uriah, which suggests a lack of control over his desires. Although God allowed David to die naturally after he repented in the Psalms, he still faced severe consequences for his actions. He lost a child and endured various afflictions as punishment for his sins. There are always consequences for our sexual immorality and wrongdoing; this is a lesson I learned from my mistakes. Ultimately, David was restored to his former glory because he genuinely repented.

# Mark 7:21-23

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

### Matthew 15:19-20

For out of the heart come evil thoughts – murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.'

God spoke the Word and the law in the Old Testament; Jesus spoke His truth about the Word of God in the Gospel. In the scriptures above, Jesus lists three sexual sins: adultery, fornication, and sexual immorality. He doesn't use the word "sodomite" or "homosexual," which could mean they're both covered under sexual immorality. If Jesus had used these terms, imagine how they would be used against LGBTQ people in 2025. I agree that homosexuality was forbidden by the Word of God 3400 years ago, specifically for the Jewish people. Jesus possessed the eternal foresight to understand that his words could become weapons in the hands of self-righteous Christians and servants of Satan, undermining our faith.

#### 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God

When I read this scripture, my first thought was about the terms "sodomite" and "homosexual," which are listed as two distinct sins. The fact that Jesus did not use these terms supports my belief that LGBTQ individuals have the same right to salvation as straight people. There's some overlap in the sexual sins, but in this scripture, four specific types of sinners are listed. Sex outside of marriage is referred to as fornication. Adultery may involve homosexual sex, but it applies to a male/female marriage. The other two sinners are sodomites and homosexuals.

The term "sodomite" refers to individuals guilty of acts such as rape, homosexuality, bestiality, group sex, and other perverse sins. "Sodomy" typically pertains to sexual acts between men today. This raises the question: why is homosexuality categorized as a separate sin? A sodomite is specifically defined as a rapist, whereas a homosexual engages in consensual same-sex relationships. Homosexuality is still regarded as a distinct sin because it often describes individuals who are unmarried and engage in casual sexual relationships. Fornication serves as a parallel sin for heterosexual individuals. According to God, all sexual activity outside of marriage is deemed sinful. There are two types of sexual sin associated with heterosexuals and two that pertain to homosexuals.

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Read Romans 1; verses 24-25 indicate these people served Satan (the creature). The following verses, 26-27, describe homosexuality and are often used to demonize and exclude the LGBTQ community. The terms "vile passion" and "lust" in these verses refer to their carnal natures. The list of sins also includes individuals who are untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, and unmerciful—traits that contradict Christian values! Romans 1 should not be used as the Divine law of God. I don't understand why it's used at all; it exposes the hypocrisy of self-righteous Christians who condemn homosexuality, revealing their lack of love and mercy in the same scripture. Satan created all forms of sexual pleasures to corrupt our bodies, ruin marriages, and disparage God's creation. A lifetime monogamous relationship between a man and a woman or a same-sex couple can only endure with real love; this is the glue that bonds two people together for life, not sexual pleasure, especially after our bodies begin to show their age. Satan counters God by using sexual desire, vile passions, and lust to break the bond of love and to corrupt and destroy everything God has blessed.

# Romans 2:21-24

You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," as it is written.

A homosexual or heterosexual relationship aligns with God's plan if it's grounded in love, fidelity, and obedience to God's laws. Gay people have always hidden within the church, leading righteous lives and serving Christ. It's only when their sexuality is discovered that they are demonized and pushed out of the church. Gender or sexual preference should never exclude anyone from the church or salvation if they adhere to God's Divine law. God's plan guarantees that sexually transmitted diseases will not affect two virgins who marry and remain monogamous, regardless of their sexual orientation. The church falsely claimed that HIV was a punishment for homosexuality; they were mistaken. Sexually transmitted diseases are a consequence of sexual immorality. This is how God counters Satan and people who choose to be carnal and wicked, like I was before I was saved. There's always some consequence for our sexual sins.

#### **Romans 1:27**

Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

The laws of God are not restrictive; I prefer a world without lying, stealing, and murder, for example. If you want to continue enjoying your life and the pleasures of this world, that's your choice. But if you want salvation and eternal life, you have to stop sinning. It's easier to pursue a godly and righteous life after indulging in a carnal lifestyle, which includes casual sex, watching pornography, and doing whatever we desire for our enjoyment and pleasure. I left my immoral lifestyle at the age of 46 and committed my life to Christ at the age of 63.

I encourage everyone to read entire chapters in the Bible when researching scriptures. It is best to read the chapters before and after any specific verse to gain a fuller understanding of the context. For example, the scripture from Romans 2 addresses the hypocrisy of sinners judging other sinners. Hypocrisy resembles greed; it can lead to other sins, particularly lying. Additionally, it contradicts the Golden Rule and serves as a tool of the devil, as God despises hypocrites. Believers without compassion or love for immigrants or the poor ignore the fundamental teachings of Jesus Christ. Christians are called to discern between those driven by carnal and sexual desires and those who love and adhere to Divine law. The freedom to choose our path in life is another message that is often forgotten. Everyone has a God-given right to be who they want to be and choose whom they love; LGBTQ individuals are not a threat to the church.

# **Galatians 3:26-29**

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

God wants a personal relationship with all His children; you have to decide when you're ready. If you continue in sin, you are delaying your salvation and risking death. That's precisely what I did, and it took me 15 years to receive approval from the Holy Spirit. God wants you to love Him from your heart, just as you love your earthly father; He gave you life. Jesus willingly sacrificed His own life as the perfect Lamb of God for the sins of mankind, saving us from eternal death; that's why we love Jesus and obey His Gospel! God commands us to love our brother and sister and to care for one another, especially the weak, the poor, the elderly, and all our children—the meek of the earth, as He loves us.

Real Christianity is pro-choice, pro-life, and pro-love for all of His children!

Jesus Christ calls His followers to engage in a humanitarian mission by serving those who are struggling to live. Christians focus on the inner spirit of a person rather than the physical body it inhabits; this empowers us to serve all people regardless of who they are or what they look like. Racist individuals will not be allowed to enter Heaven because they don't understand the basic foundation of our faith: we are all children of Father God, our Creator, and He loves us.

Thine Universal Church does not have walls or a roof; we're the church of the Holy Spirit. Members are approved and elected by Jesus Christ to become part of the Body. Jesus Christ is our Lord, King, and High Priest. No person or church can stand between you and salvation if that's the path you seek; everyone has access to the Word of God, so please read the Gospel. God will judge you based on the decisions you make after hearing His Word. The Bible says you must make all your choices and decisions; you choose who you are and how you live. Some people choose to be carnal and indulge in pornography, and other people dedicate their lives to Christ and serve the church. We all fall somewhere in between these extremes of good and evil. If you want to have life after death, you must sacrifice and take the righteous path. If this perishable life of earthly pleasures is all you desire, that's your choice. I choose to follow the same path as Jesus Christ and spend 1,000 years in the Millennial Kingdom on Earth with Him and my family.

# Romans 12:9-13

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

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